

and the relief of their poverty an economic advantage not to be overlooked.

While during the past 12 months there has been no great epidemic in the city, there has been a considerable prevalence of the various zymotic diseases. Scarlet fever has been more or less constant throughout the year. Whooping cough, measles and German measles have been prevalent during the summer months and sporadic cases of diphtheria have recently occurred. Typhoid fever of a very malignant type broke out in No. 1, North District, in a tenement which was subsequently condemned by the health authorities as unfit for habitation and by care an epidemic was averted.

"STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS," NOT DENIED TREATMENT.

An increasing number of people from the outlying districts of the county and even from outside the county attend the indoor departments. Although such have no claim on the institution no such applicant for relief has been rejected.

In the dental department Dr. Ennis reports an increase of work. In this department there is a tendency for people to send their children to the Dispensary to have their teeth extracted who are in far from necessitous circumstances, but the same precaution has been taken in this as in other departments to err rather in the direction of liberality and few have been refused relief.

PERSONAL REFERENCES.

The staff again record with regret the death of one of their colleagues—Dr. McGeorge. The resulting vacancy has been most acceptably filled by the appointment of Dr. Gow.

The work of the institution during the past several years has been much facilitated by the harmony and good feeling which has prevailed among the members of the staff. The value of such feeling in an institution of the kind is inestimable. The staff desire to thank the Directors for their continued confidence as shown by their reappointment for 1896.

They desire to express their obligation to the dispenser, Mr. Lugin, for the obliging and skillful manner in which he has always met their wishes and requirements.

The janitress continues to keep the building clean and comfortable and gives every satisfaction.

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