

or more friends, who have taxed themselves in the past for the benefit of the community in this matter.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Directors have in this Report a sorrowful duty to perform. One of their number was summoned away by death in the course of the year, and they desire to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. All who knew the late James Duggan respected his sterling worth. No member of the Board took a more active and intelligent interest in the Dispensary, or evinced a greater anxiety to see such a building erected as would ensure the permanence of the Institution. Even when in failing health he was sure to be present at every meeting, and at the meetings of the Charitable Irish Society he never forgot to press its claims. Halifax had few more public spirited men than James Duggan, and the friends of the Dispensary have special reason to mourn his loss.

The Directors learn with regret that another member of our Board—whom old age has kept from our meetings for some time back—is on a sick bed, from which he is not likely to rise again. The Hon. James Cochran is one of the oldest friends of the Institution. He retires from the Board this year by regular rotation. We shall esteem ourselves fortunate if we secure successors in the Directory equal in ability to James Duggan and Hon. James Cochran. We cannot expect to get men who will take a deeper interest in its success.