

as detailed in the annexed list, is perused, the Directors feel that no further argument is necessary to elicit the continued and enlarged support of the charitable community of Halifax. What indeed, it may be asked, would have become of these thousands of sick and suffering poor if the doors of our Institution had been shut against them? Some might have had their wants relieved gratuitously through the well known humanity of our city practitioners; but it would have been utterly impossible for them, in addition to their private practice, thus to overtake one-tenth part of the work now performed at the Dispensary, even if the same certainty and readiness of access could have been insured to the applicants. Now, however, they all know where to find relief, and when the mid-day gun gives the signal that their Bethesda—their house of mercy—provided for them by the public and private bounty of our country, is open, they may be seen, of all ages, and both sexes, the lame and the halt and the blind, wending their way to the place where they are sure to find those in attendance who will do their best to help their infirmities, and, from the plentiful stock of medicines at their disposal, will send home with the poor patients, the needful remedies for their manifold ills. Whoever desires to satisfy himself of the necessity of this Dispensary, and of its practical working, should drop in between 12 and 1 o'clock, and take note of the class of applicants there to be daily found, and of the systematic attention which is promptly given by the Physicians in the front, and the Apothecary in the rear, to the motley group that come to be relieved. And here, in the first place, the Directors feel bound to acknowledge on their own part, and to impress, upon the whole community, the obligation due on theirs

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