

poor how different is their case from those who have the means of providing themselves with every comfort which they require. How different the work of the physician too in the case of the poor. He has often to be physician, nurse, friend and advisor; for in very many cases there is a history behind the illness. Improvidence, want of thrift, and worse than these, intemperance and vicious habits account for much of the poverty, others again are poor because of circumstances over which they had no control. In too many cases mothers with their children have been deserted by their husbands.

(The remaining portion of the report was not adopted as relating to matters not within the jurisdiction of the Directors.)

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#### REPORT OF PHYSICIAN OF THE DARTMOUTH BRANCH.

Dr. M. A. B. Smith presented the report of the work in Dartmouth, which was adopted as follows:

Number of patients .....	190
Visits .....	306
Consultations .....	303
Teeth extracted .....	22
Deaths .....	5

The above represents the work done for the branch in Dartmouth, and on comparison it will be found to be slightly less than the average of former years. Judging from the health of Dartmouth as indicated by dispensary work and otherwise, the past has been an exceedingly healthy year. There has been no epidemic of any sort.

I would beg to refer to the suggestion which I made last year of the need of some local druggist from whom medicine could be obtained for a dispensary patient in an emergency at another hour than that one in the morning when it can be got at the central dispensary. If a local druggist could be selected by the board, from whom medicine could be obtained at cost for a poor person in a sudden case of need, the Dartmouth dispensing service would be more effective.