

PRESCRIPTIONS DISPENSED.

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| Charity prescriptions..... | 485 |
| Dartmouth prescriptions..... | 673 |
| City prescriptions..... | 9119 |
| Total prescriptions..... | 10277 |

GENERAL SUMMARY.

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| Patients visited at their homes..... | 748 |
| Number of visits..... | 2479 |
| Patients attended at Dispensary..... | 2656 |
| Number of attendances..... | 4831 |
| Total number of patients..... | 3404 |
| Total number of attendances..... | 7310 |
| Total number of prescriptions dispensed..... | 10277 |

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EYE AND EAR REPORT.

Dr. Dodge submitted the report of the Eye and Ear department as follows :

During the past year 177 patients were treated in the Eye and Ear Department. In no previous year has the work been as satisfactory with the eye cases as during the past year. One case alone was very much neglected, and the result should have been much better. Two or three other cases were incurable, since the disease from which they suffered has not yet been known to yield to any treatment. The great majority of the patients fully recovered, while some had sight more or less impaired from their disease. There was not a single case of blindness.

SIGHT AND HEARING.

It is surprising how much more regard is paid to the sense of sight than to that of hearing. As a rule I find those whose eyes are affected, ready to seek advice. The progress of the disease may be rapid in some cases, who have a poor physique, are not well fed, nor properly nourished. Within 48 hours the transparent part of the eye may become so much afflicted that permanent injury is done to the sight. These cases are, however, exceptional. But in diseases of the ear, the following is a typical case: A child, for example, may suffer severely for a day or so, and then suddenly get relief. Matter has formed in the drum cavity, causing so much pressure on the drum membrane that the latter bursts, giving exit to the pus, with relief to the pain.