

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Among the duties pertaining to the management of its prudential affairs, the Directors of the Dispensary submit an Annual Report for the information of subscribers and friends.

Since the establishment of the Institution under a Charter, and upon substantial conditions as to premises, objects and efficient working staff, these yearly Reports of the Board might be stereotyped in regard to its continued usefulness and success (under the blessing of Almighty God) in its daily work among the sick poor of the city and vicinity. The accompanying abstracts of that work prepared by the active Medical Staff will afford practical illustrations of the nature and value of the results obtained by their humane and skillful endeavours, not only to alleviate pain and restore health among the indigent poor, but in the limitation and prevention of the spread of epidemic, and the relief of endemic diseases.

The past year has been remarkable for the prevalence of Diphtheria and Typhoid and Scarlet Fevers in all parts of the city, owing to unsanitary conditions, and yet among Dispensary Patients (the more likely subjects from their surroundings and privations to succumb to those fatal ailments) the mortality has been very much less than among those of the better classes.

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

The Board direct attention to the fact that in the existence and continuance of the Dispensary, the community has to a large extent a safeguard against the extension of infectious, and the fatalities of contagious disease. The Visiting Phy-