

THE PREVALENCE OF AN EPIDEMIC.

If we compare these figures with those of the last report, it will be seen that there has been an increase of patients in every department. This is owing to the prevalence of an epidemic of Measles and Whooping Cough during the past summer, and the depression of business and consequent difficulty of obtaining employment, which compels many persons to seek relief at the Dispensary who, under other circumstances, would be both able and willing to pay a Doctor for his services.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE DISPENSARY.

To give an idea of the increased and increasing usefulness of this charity, it is only necessary to glance at the following figures, taken from previous reports :—

Year.	No. Patients Treated.
1868.....	3635
1869.....	3073
1870.....	2667
1871.....	2088
1872.....	1935
1873.....	1543
1874.....	1602
1875.....	2181
1876.....	2640
1877...	2839
1878.....	2948
1879.....	3552

THE PREVALENCE OF ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The following table of statistics, compiled from the Annual Reports, is intended to show to what extent the more common forms of Zymotic Disease prevail among Dispensary patients :—

RD.
st, 1879.
or the year
.... 3552
.... 10031
.. 38
.... 4376
... 3
... 2222
... 4779
... 211
... 1176
... 3
... 13565
... 11506
... 1413
as 646
672

Deaths.