

HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

Directors' Report,

For the Year Ending November, 1872.

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The Directors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary have the pleasure of presenting to the Public their Annual Report for the year 1872. In doing so, it cannot be expected that they can have anything of very startling interest to communicate. But yet, all who feel a desire to relieve the sufferings of their fellow-creatures, especially of the poorer classes, must be gratified to know, that there is an Institution in their midst, which, without making any noise or parade about it, has been busy, all the year round, in ministering to the relief of those varied ills which poor human flesh is heir to, by the instrumentality of careful and excellent physicians, who are to be found every day at the Dispensary to receive all who are able to come out for advice and medicine, and to visit at their hovels those who are not. That the poorest in the city, though they may not be able to get a loaf of bread without the cents in their hands, can here be supplied with doses of all kinds and flavor, to their hearts' content without fee or reward. That though they may have no fire to warm them at home, they have here an ante-room and a good stove to cheer them at least once in the day, and kind words to comfort them. It may well be asked where would the poor get all this if there were no Dispensary open to receive them, and no humane physicians to be found at stated place and time, to attend to them without extorting a fee.

When we look at the fearful catalogue of diseases, (200 in number) appended to this Report, which have been here treat-