

added: "Mother wants the oil to grease Tommy's boots with." There is, however plenty of evidence, besides this to show that the advantages of the dispensary are appreciated by its patrons.

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EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

The report of the eye and ear department was presented by Dr. Dedge, as follows:

During the past year I have had under treatment, for the eye and ear, 151 cases. As I have stated in former reports, the diseases met with in dispensary practice differ but little in character from year to year. In my department they are mostly acute, many of them being of a catarrhal nature. Under proper treatment such cases soon recover as a rule. Chronic cases are usually the result of negligence. Their treatment is less satisfactory in many cases, on account of irregular attendance. Only those who are brought in contact with the daily work of this institution can form an adequate idea of its benefits to the poor. Timely treatment from the inside staff or those visiting outside often suffices to restore to health the bread-winner of a family. The recent improvement in the manner of heating the building has contributed very much to the comfort of the patients while waiting in the large room. The adjoining rooms in which the treatment is conducted have also been rendered comfortable.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH read the Dartmouth Branch Report:

Patients treated	184
Visits	400
Consultations	287
Deaths	7
Teeth extracted	14

The work in this branch has been the usual work of other years. There has been no special epidemic, unless a few cases of diphtheria. Two children are numbered among the deaths from this cause. Up to two years and a half ago diphtheria was almost unknown here. There are two or three old dispensary pensioners who for several years have been regularly getting their special mixture weekly or fortnightly, and who say they couldn't well live without it. In one case the mixture is something for a spasmodic cough and shattered nerves; in another something for "fluttering of the heart"; and in another the "little eye water." I believe it is a help to them, and the only comfort they have. There would be trouble if they did not get it. But these are no great burden to