

are being fully effectuated, that the work while annually increasing is faithfully performed, and that the very large demands upon the labors and skill of the physicians, as well as upon the contents of the medicine chest, establish the important fact that the institution is now a public necessity for the benefit of a large class in the community not otherwise provided for or attended to. Notwithstanding occasional faultfinding, or perhaps what is worse (as manifesting no interest in benevolent institutions of this kind) indifference—the Dispensary commends itself to its beneficiaries, and must be a source of satisfaction to those who regularly contribute toward its support as subscribers, as well as those who occasionally aid its funds. So long as money comes into the treasury in sufficient amount to cover the very moderate expenditure in each year, it may be said the Board ought to be satisfied. The Directors are indeed thankful, first to Divine Providence, who ensures the continual success of the work performed, and next to those who feel it a duty and a pleasure to help their afflicted fellow-creatures in sickness and poverty.

DISPENSARY, SUNDAY DEMANDS SPECIAL ATTENTION.

The plan of setting apart one Sunday in the year upon which the congregation in each and every church in the city and near vicinity could have the opportunity of contributing voluntarily to this excellent Charity, was adopted in 1875, and was a great success then and for several succeeding years. But for five years past there has been a lack of unanimity in observing the day, and effecting the desired result. The Board having tried July and September, and subsequently October, have latterly been unable to fix upon a Sunday which will secure general acceptance, so that collections may be simultaneously made, and the requirements, objects and special work of the Dispensary may be fully laid before the church going public at least, and such appeals be liberally responded to. The calls upon the institution grow rapidly with the increase of population, and in some years are out of ratio to receipts owing to epidemics, hard times, etc. The Medical Staff has been added to, and