

Dr. Dodge read the Report of his work in the Eye and Ear Department, and other matters. The whole being published elsewhere, the following is a synopsis of it relating to the

EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary :

GENTLEMEN,—The report which I now submit, and the annexed classified list of diseases, summarize the work performed by me during the year 1885. The attendance has been larger than in any previous year. There were 188 patients—134 to the eye and 54 of the ear. Not a single instance of destructive inflammation of the eye occurred during the year, whereas in former years one or two cases had advanced of disorganization of the eye with total blindness before presenting for treatment.

Taking the whole number in attendance, I do not suppose that an equal number of patients in private practice would attend more regularly. Some were careless, but usually when remonstrated with were ready to follow the advice given. Severe cases of disease, such as required to be seen more frequently than on the regular dispensary days, were also seen at my private office. As usual, a number of patients with offensive discharge from the ears applied for treatment. I cannot understand how people can allow their children to continue for weeks, months and even years in this condition. This is the most unfortunate feature of my work, as the supply of patients of this class never seem to diminish. New ones are continually coming forward to take the place of the old.

During the year one patient with strabismus or squint was operated upon. Two cases of cataract from the country were operated upon with most satisfactory results. Besides these, seven minor operations were performed.

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