

district of 20 per cent. The figures for the other districts do not call for special comment. The work for Dartmouth shows some decrease, perhaps partly accounted for by the absence for a time of Dr. Smith in England.

The visiting physicians have been called upon to treat a large number of cases of diphtheria, and as usual several cases of this disease were discovered among the inside patients.

#### WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The sphere of usefulness of the department of women and children has been limited, owing to the lack of certain instruments and appliances, and the directors will be asked to make a small provision for these articles. A prominent feature of the dispensary registers is the large proportion of patients who give Newfoundland as the place of their birth and recent residence.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE DISPENSER AND JANITRESS.

The medical staff have pleasure in stating their appreciation of the courtesy, regularity and general faithfulness of the dispenser, Mr. Igurin. They have also reason to express their satisfaction with the way in which the janitress does her duty, the rooms being very clean and tidy.

The only change on the staff during the year was the resignation of Dr. Stoddard, the state of his health necessitating a change of climate. He carries with him the good opinion and wishes of his confreres.

ARTHUR MORROW,

*President Acting Staff, 1891.*

#### STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Consultations.
Medical department.....	1,966
Surgical ".....	1,613
Women's and children's department.....	1,113
Eye and ear ".....	596
Dartmouth.....	262
	Visits.
North district No. 1.....	1,838
" " No. 2.....	1,190
Central ".....	1,259
South ".....	1,016
Dartmouth (teeth extracted).....	343
Dental department.....	700
Charity prescriptions.....	295
Dartmouth ".....	456
City ".....	11,449
Total.....	12,200

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