

much more difficult to carry it out satisfactorily at the Dispensary than by co-operation with a distinct society or association.

The directors, therefore, desire to submit the subject to your Association, with the hope that it may have favorable consideration; and they make the suggestion that a certain sum might be set aside annually, upon which (under definite arrangements) the Dispensary could draw as might be needful or most beneficial to patients requiring nutrition.

There are many cases where *mal nutrition* or absence of food altogether, tends to frustrate the efforts of the doctor, or to precipitate fatal results. There may be also instances of persons applying for aid to the Association on the plea of sickness at home where, if the doctors certificates were first required, misplaced charity or imposition would be obviated.

I am, dear sir,

Yours very truly,

WM. H. WISWELL,

*Sec. Halifax Visiting Dispensary.*

#### FOR SEASON OF 1884.

The office will again be opened in 14 Bedford Row, and any correspondence addressed there will receive prompt attention.

Contributions will be received by the Treasurer at the banking house of Messrs. W. L. Lowell & Co., and it is hoped that the same large hearted liberality which has marked the past, and has relieved so much poverty and distress during the winter season, will again respond and enable the directors to carry on the same work.

J. DOULL, *President.*

A discussion took place on the subject of maintaining the stone sheds, as in the past, for winter labor for unemployed men. It was stated that by this means stone could be furnished the city cheaper than by prison labor or any other means. The stone-crushing machine purchased by the city was said to be found unsuitable for the purpose required, not

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