

THE HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

The Annual Meeting of the Dispensary was held Monday, January 9th, 1899, at their rooms at 4 p. m., when the customary Annual Reports were read and adopted and the Directors and Officials elected for the current year.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT for the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

The Directors of the Dispensary, in common with other incorporated societies are expected to report annually.

Herewith they submit the undertakings, doings and condition of this old and useful Charity whose affairs they supervise and regulate.

So far as they personally represent the Institution, their yearly reports might be stereotyped, and to say anything new or interesting from their special standpoint is difficult and doubtless unnecessary.

They delegate to the Active Medical Staff, composing the several Departments, the duty of informing the subscribers and friends, past, present and to come, the statistics of the work done during the past twelve months, with such explanations and comments on the results of that work as may seem useful and desirable.

A WORK OF MERCY.

The main features of the excellent and extensive duties performed by the visiting and local Physicians, the Eye and Ear Department, the Dentist and the Dispenser, should command the careful attention and approbation of the general public and elicit greater sympathy and material financial assistance for the indigent sick and distressed Poor of the City, Dartmouth and surroundings. While satisfied with the manner in which those duties are effected, the Board are not unmindful of the gratitude, due to Divine Providence, without whose blessing nothing prospers. In the past, relief in suffering, restoration to health and strength, have been greatly manifest; the catalogue of deaths is small—and probably many, who, without Dispensary treatment at South Brunswick Street and in their homes, must have succumbed to the great destroyer, are now living and at work.

THE DISPENSARY A BENEFIT.

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