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DISEASES OF THE EYE AND EAR.

DR. DODGE'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE DISPENSARY.

During the past year, ending Nov. 30th, 1879, 186 patients have been under my care; 141 of the eye, and 45 of the ear—a larger number than in any previous year. The operation for the removal of cataract was performed once upon a man, whose lens had been injured by a nail; the operation for capsular cataract once; and tridictomy, or the operation for artificial pupil, twice,—once upon a young woman from the country, and in the next case upon a patient in the city. These were all successful. Various minor operations were likewise performed.

As a rule, I have found the patients regular in their attendance, and ready to follow out any directions given them. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining steady employment, some were obliged to forego their regular visits rather than lose a day's work. But many are so indifferent and careless that they allow days, and even weeks, in many instances, to pass by, before they apply for treatment. It seems almost incredible that any mother, living not further away than two blocks from the Dispensary, should neglect her infant until it became hopelessly blind, and even allow it to remain in that state for almost three months before she took the trouble to obtain any advice: yet such is the fact.

In my report of last year I called attention to the number of cases of chronic suppuration of the ears. It will be seen,