

THE HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

The annual meeting of the friends and subscribers of the Society was held at their building on South Brunswick Street, Monday, Jan. 13th, at 4 p. m., when the following reports were read and adopted and the same Board of Directors re-elected.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31ST, 1895.

The Directors' of the Dispensary beg to present to the supporters and friends of the Society the several reports of the work undertaken and accomplished during the past year. For the success thereof sincere thanks are due to Almighty God and to those whom He has inspired to assist in its special objects. This will be the fifty-third yearly publication of the Dispensary's affairs, and the twentieth since its reorganization and location in its present substantial edifice. As the customary report of the board is for the most part a yearly record of the same matters in regard to the prudential and financial management and the results of their oversight, the Directors' merely continue the formality as an introduction to things essential recorded herewith.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND REQUIREMENTS.

The important practical doings of the active medical staff will be found clearly and briefly detailed in their various reports, and the honorary treasurer's financial abstract will show whence the necessary funds have been derived, and for what services and requirements disbursed. The treasurer is ever ready to receive donations from liberally disposed individuals or bodies, and has often been heard to regret that more and larger gifts are not "cast into the treasury" in order to provide for increasing demands. As the blood is the life of the body corporal, so money is the vital element in the body corporate, and as is the case with this and other chartered institutions, when that current (or currency) ceases to flow, the subjects of their special benevolence must suffer accordingly.

REDUCED SUPPORT MEANS CURTAILED BENEVOLENCE.

In this connection the board have to report a falling off in the amounts of Dispensary Sunday contributions, and the failure of a number of congregations in the city and Dartmouth to whom the notices and printed special appeals were sent, so far to make any