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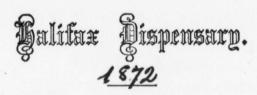
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HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

Directors' Beport,

For the Year Ending Movember, 1872.

The Directors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary have the pleasure of presenting to the Public their Annual Report for the year 1872. In doing so, it cannot be expected that they can have anything of very startling interest to communicate. But yet, all who feel a desire to relieve the sufferings of their fellow-creatures, especially of the poorer classes, must be gratified to know, that there is an Institution in their midst, which, without making any noise or parade about it, has been busy, all the year round, in ministering to the relief of those varied ills which poor human flesh is heir to, by the instrumentality of careful and excellent physicians, who are to be found every day at the Dispensary to receive all who are able to come out for advice and medicine, and to visit at their hovels those who are not. That the poorest in the city, though they may not be able to get a loaf of bread without the cents in their hands, can here be supplied with doses of all kinds and flavor, to their hearts' content without fee or reward. That though they may have no fire to warm them at home, they have here an ante-room and a good stove to cheer them at least once in the day, and kind words to com-It may well be asked where would the poor get all this if there were no Dispensary open to receive them, and no humane physicians to be found at stated place and time, to attend to them without extorting a fee.

When we look at the fearful catalogue of diseases, (200 in number) appended to this Report, which have been here treat-

ed, and successfully treated (as appears by comparison of the rate of mortality with the number of patients) we may estimate the lamentable consequences which would ensue if this Dispensary were suffered to go down for want of means; but this the Directors feel it would be an insult to the religion and humanity of the citizens of Halifax, for a moment It is no sectarian establishment—no poor creature is asked to what Church he belongs, or whether he belongs to any denomination but that universal one of human wretchedness. And so, every poor ragged visitor can open the door without knocking, and tell his tale of woe, sure of such help as his case will allow. Even if he goes in for a little dentistry, which is rather an expensive luxury outside the Dispensary, Mr. Putner can gratify him after the most approved fashion, without at the same time extracting anything from his pocket.

In last year's Report the inconvenience of the premises then occupied was a prominent feature. A removal to Grafton street was effected in May, and enlarged and more convenient accommodation has been secured for the present. But the Directors cordially endorse the recommendation of the Medical Board, that the erection of a suitable Building, for the special purposes of this Institution should be undertaken as soon as means can be provided. It will be seen however by the Treasurer's account, that our present funds are by no means adequate to such a work, and in fact are barely sufficient to keep the Institution in operation. It is hoped that some of our wealthy citizens will take hold of the matter, and thus put their money to good interest.

The excellent Report of the Medical Board will be found in the appendix, and the Directors hope it will receive merited attention from the public, instead of being as is often the plet clear

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meoften The Directors congratulate their fellow-citizens on the testimony of the Medical men as to the improvement in the general health of the poor, which they justly attribute to their improved circumstances, and to this no doubt may be added a sanitary influence from the mere visits of the Medical men, and their hints as to cleanliness and ventilation.

The Directors respectfully call the attention of the Civic authorities to the remark of the Medical Board, as "to a more thorough inspection and purification of the dwellings and yards of the poor, in the more crowded portions of the city. That is a weighty saying in that Report that some of the houses are in a most wretched condition and totally unfit for human habitations."

The framers of the Report strike at the root of the wretchedness as well as the crime of the community when they hold forth the constant use of spirituous liquors as the accursed parent of both. None have a better opportunity of seeing the murderous ravages of the monster Intemperance upon the health of body and soul than these same Doctors who are brought into immediate contact with its victims, and if, in the treatment of their patients, they would peremptorily require them all to become total abstainers, and avoid strong drink as they would poison, no doubt they would do a vast amount of good to the poor and their families.

In conclusion the Directors most earnestly commend this Institution to the continued and increased patronage and support of the community, and especially of those whom the Lord has endowed with ample means to sustain it.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF THE HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary :

Gentlemen,—The Medical Board of the Halifax Dispensary herewith submit for your information the following Report of their labors for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1872:

The number of patients who have been treated by the Dispensary Physicians during the year is two thousand four hundred and twenty-seven. The number of applications has been five thousand one hundred and fifty-three. One thousand three hundred and twenty-eight have been treated at the Dispensary by the Attending Physicians, and six hundred and seven have been visited at their homes by the Visiting Physicians. The dental cases number four hundred and ninety-two. The number of prescriptions dispensed was five thousand five hundred and eighty-three, besides one hundred and thirty-one for other charitable institutions. Twenty-six deaths have occurred during the year. It will thus be seen that each patient treated at the Dispensary has made an average of two applications, while those attended at their homes have received an average of four visits each.

In comparison with the statement of previous years it will be seen that there is a falling off in the number of applications at the dispensary. This may be accounted for, in a great measure, by the change of quarters during the year, which, while it has added to the comfort and convenience of both doctor and patient not a little, yet has been lost sight of by those who were wont to visit the premises in Argyle Street. With a full appreciation of the efforts and intentions of the Board of Directors to increase the usefulness of this valuable charity, and to make it an institution worthy alike of its promoters and supporters and of the city of Halifax, it is to be hoped that they will not lose sight of the necessity which still exists for a proper building, with increased accommodation.

To prove the increasing usefulness of the institution it will only be necessary to point to the gradual diminution in

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the number of applications at the Dispensary for relief, showing a more healthy condition of the city, and a general amelioration of the condition of the poor. From this it must be evident that a good work is being done by the institution and an additional incentive is here presented to the charitably disposed to aid, still further, the good cause by their good will in a tangible form. The diminution in the number of applications would be still more apparent were it not for an epidemic of summer cholera, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough, which prevailed so extensively during Beyond these diseases, prevailing principally among children, nothing of a contagious nature has disturbed the usual health of the city. Most of the cases have occurred among the poor and ill-fed in the more crowded portions of the city, where cleanliness is a secondary consideration, and the constant use of spirituous liquors adds to the miserable condition of the parents, and, as a matter of course, to their poor children. A more thorough inspection of the dwellings of the poor is really necessary,—some of the houses being in the most wretched condition and totally unfit for human habitations.

The vacancies in the Medical Board having been filled, and the removal of the premises from Argyle to Grafton street having been effected, the institution is now in good

working order.

Mr. Putner has performed the duties of Apothecary and attended to the Dental department in a satisfactory manner.

A tabular statement of the diseases and accidents, causes of death, &c., is subjoined:

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All of which is respectfully submitted. By order of the Medical Board, JAMES VENABLES, M. D.,	
Secretary	100

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

From January 1, 1872, to January 1, 1873.

EXPENDITURE.

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	Physicians	477	00
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	Medicines	458	62
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	Coal, wood, Gas, &c., &c	64	57
×	Cost of moving and fitting up new Premises	90	66
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	For New Building Fund	250	
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	RECEIPTS.		
	Donation of Sir Hastings Doyle	10	00
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	" Mr. & Mrs. C. Murdoch	20	1
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