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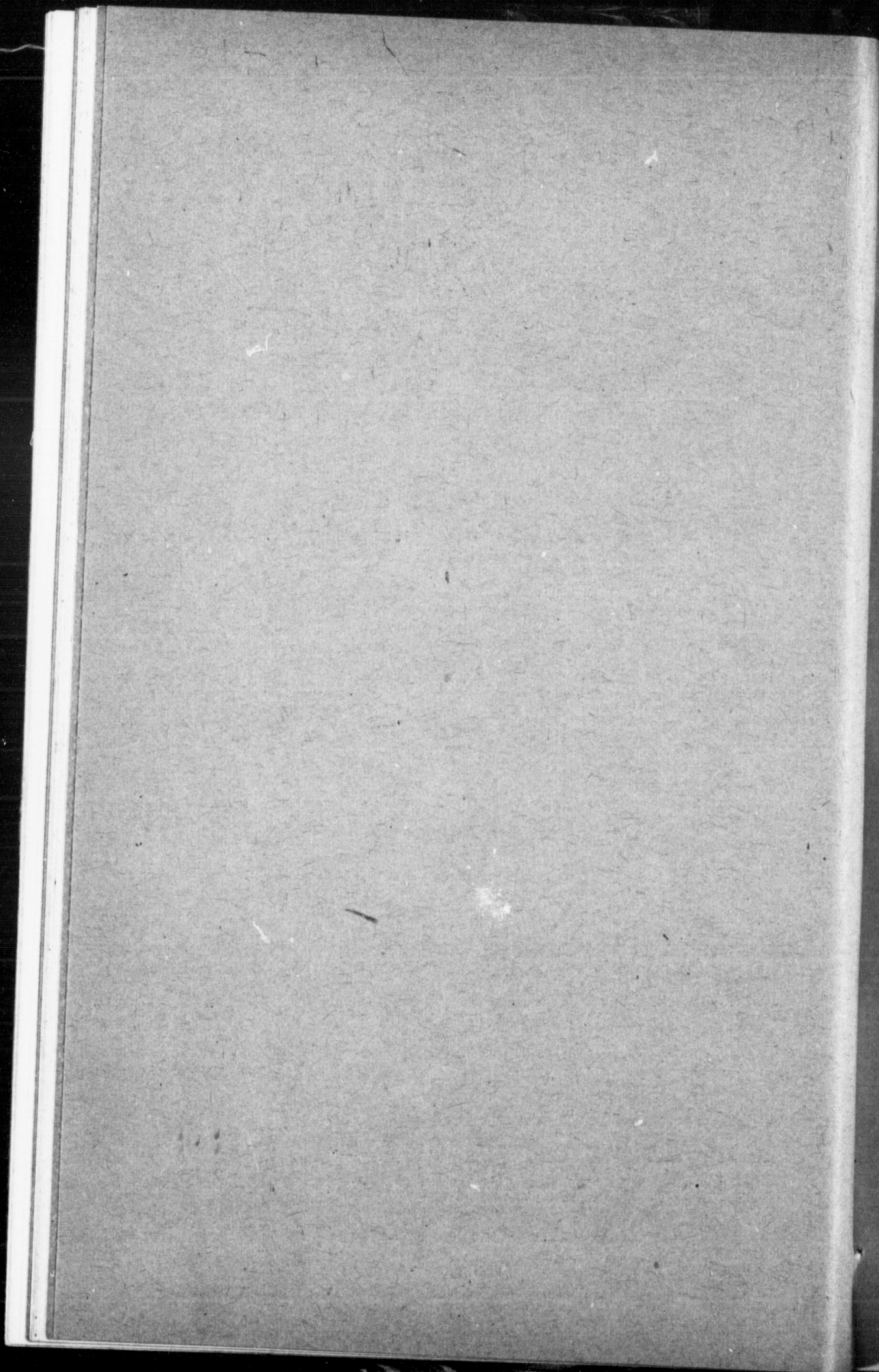
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Halifax Dispensary, 1894.

President.

W. C. SILVER.

Vice-Presidents.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
HON. H. H. FULLER.

Directors.

WM. DUNBAR,
ROBERT TAYLOR,
Hon. SENATOR POWER,
J. F. KENNY,

A. M. BELL,
WILLIAM ROBERTSON,
ADAM BURNS,
Hon. Treasurer.

Secretary.

W. H. WISWELL.

Consulting Physicians.

Drs. Hon. D. McN. PARKER,
D. A. CAMPBELL,

DRS. EDWARD FARRELL,
J. F. BLACK,

M. A. CURRY.

Attending Physicians.

Drs. S. A. DODGE,
F. A. ANDERSON,

DRS. R. H. CRAWFORD,
W. D. FINN.

Visiting Physicians.

Drs. C. D. MURRAY, North District 1.
T. W. WALSH, " " 2.
LOUIS M. SILVER, Central District.
W. A. P. TERNAN, South District.

Apothecary and Dispenser.

E. F. LUGRIN.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.

Auditors.

ROBT. TAYLOR AND WM. ROBERTSON.

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1894.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Dispensary was held Monday afternoon, Jan'y. 8th, at 4 o'clock, and was fairly well attended. W. C. Silver, President, occupied the chair.

Following is the director's report, which was read and adopted :

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

One of the duties of the Directors of the Dispensary is to present to its supporters and friends an annual statement of its doings, progress and position—financial and otherwise—in order to show what has been accomplished and what is desired. The annexed reports of the active medical staff in conjunction with this, and the abstract of the Treasurer, will afford such information as will prove the value of the institution in this community, and the necessity of its sustentation and extension.

STEADY WORK AND PROGRESS.

It affords the Board much pleasure to state that the Dispensary, as hitherto, has done a great and good work among the sick poor in all parts of the city and in Dartmouth, as well as for casual patients, such as sailors, indians and others applying for relief without ability to pay a doctor. Its "work goes bravely on" day after day, alleviating pain, restoring health and assisting distress wherever needed. That the doctors perform their duties faithfully and well is shown in the table of statistics and by the absence of any legitimate complaints of neglect or dereliction of any kind. Those practical results which fulfil the design and proclaim the benefits of this noble charity accrue so noiselessly that judging from the lack of enquiries and interest therein (except on the part of the numerous beneficiaries treated at the building on South Brunswick street and elsewhere) the institution is in danger of having its usefulness curtailed through insufficient support. The Board endeavor to obviate the latter disaster by appeals to all the various church congregations in the city and vicinity on a "Dispensary Sunday" in every year, and by personal canvass among our citizens; and the medical staff publish monthly synopses of the work done by them. As will be seen in their annual summary the number of

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consultations was 5,945 and of visits north, south and central 5,285. Prescriptions made up, 12,333, and teeth extracted, 579, all of which would seem to be a satisfactory equivalent for the contributions that the public bestow.

INCREASING WORK DEMANDS MORE FUNDS.

The Treasurer's abstracts, however, from year to year do not exhibit a corresponding ratio of supplies to demands ever increasing as the population of the city grows greater. The Divine blessing has so far rested upon this work, and the building and the essentials for carrying out the objects of the Dispensary being unincumbered, the Board rely upon the voluntary and liberal contributions of the public to enable them to meet all expenses and if possible to create a surplus. Special donations, an occasional legacy, or the creation of an endowment fund would be most acceptable. Present needs may be supplied, but suppose the cholera or some equally dreaded epidemic should visit Halifax, what then?

The Directors close their report with thanks to all who have helped to make the Dispensary a success in the past and intend to do so in future.

(Sgd.) W. C. SILVER, *President*,
W. H. WISWELL, *Secretary*.

TREASURERS REPORT--HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

The Honorary Treasurer read his report for 1893.

ADAM BURNS, Hon. Treasurer, in acct. with HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

1893.	Dr.		
To balance from 1892...			\$ 845 15
" Hospital Sunday, additional, 1892.....		\$ 32 95	
" Do. Do. 1893.....		842 86	
		-----	875 81
" Collections by Burns & Kenny....		209 00	
" Do. Fuller & Robertson.....		144 00	
" Do. Bell & Taylor.....		82 75	
		-----	455 75
" Halifax District Royal Orange Lodge, proceeds col- lection at sermon preached in Charles St. Methodist Church.....		22 28	
" Mrs W. A. Black.....		\$ 10 00	
" Friend, T. E. Kenny.....		15 00	
" The Archbishop.....		10 00	
		-----	35 00
" Sir Wm. Young's Charitable Fund.....		\$258 51	
" Do. Do.		250 00	
		-----	508 51
" Halifax Medical College, rent, &c.....		58 00	
" Provincial Grant (9 months).....		300 00	
" Dartmouth Town Grant.....		60 00	
" Halifax City Grant.....		750 00	
		-----	1168 00
" Interest City Bonds.....		45 00	
" Do. Deposit Receipts.....		30 75	
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		-----	116 00
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By Insurance.....			\$ 18 75
" Dispenser bonus.....		\$ 25 00	
" Do. Salary.....		800 00	
		-----	825 00
" Visiting Physicians.....		500 00	
" Attending Physicians.....		400 00	
" Dentistry.....		50 00	
" Eye and Ear.....		50 00	
" Secretary.....		75 00	
" Drugs.....		581 29	
" Gas.....		34 10	
" Ice.....		6 00	
" Water Rates, &c.....		57 03	
" Telephone.....		15 00	
" Coal, Wood, Truckage, &c.....		184 25	
" Repairs.....		37 55	
" Cleaning, &c.....		42 18	
" Printing, Advertising, Postage, &c.....		56 53	
" Plumbing.....		25 99	
" Supplies, Soap, Brushes, &c.....		24 26	
" Painting fence.....		7 00	

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" Electric Bells	24 15
" Mrs. McCarthy, Janitress, (bonus).....	10 00
" Turner bequest transferred to Endowment Fund, 11 } January, 1893.....	400 00
" Balance.....	601 92
	<u>\$4026 50</u>

The report was received and adopted and a vote of thanks unanimously passed for the service of the Honorary Treasurer, also to the Orange Lodge for their voluntary liberal donation as above.

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF.

Dr. Murray read the annual report of the Medical Staff, 1893.

STATISTICAL.

INDOOR.	Consultations.
Medical Department, Dr. Anderson.....	1,961
Surgical " " Finn.....	1,430
Women and Children Department, Dr. Ternan.....	1,605
Eye and Ear Department, Dr. Dodge.....	630
Dartmouth Department, Dr. M. A. B. Smith.....	319
Total.....	5,945

OUTDOOR.	Visits.
North District, No. 1, Dr. Crawford.....	1,587
" " No. 2, Dr. Walsh.....	960
South District, Dr. Silver.....	1,024
Central District, Dr. Murray.....	1,372
Total.....	5,285

No of prescriptions including 522 charity ; and Dartmouth 629.....	12,333
Dental Department, Dr. Crawford—extractions.....	579
Total Visits, Consultations and Dentistry.....	11,809

The above is a synopsis of the work done by the Dispensary staff during the year just ended, and the amount of work done has been well up to the average of past years, in spite of the fact, that the city has been unusually free from epidemic and other disease. Diphtheria which has been so prevalent during the past few years has, owing no doubt to the care exercised by the sanitary authorities, during the last few months been entirely absent from the practice of the Dispensary.

It has from time to time come to the notice of the staff that persons receiving the benefits of the institution are not such as should be the recipients of medical charity. Doubtless many more such cases pass unnoticed, no means being at present available for

ensuring the worthiness of applicants. The staff have had this matter frequently under discussion and would suggest that all applicants should be provided with a form of certificate to be filled in by some responsible party having a knowledge of their circumstances. In consequence of the wide spread abuse of medical charities it has been found necessary to introduce this system in many institutions of a similar character on both sides of the Atlantic. Another abuse is the frequency with which persons well able to attend at the Dispensary request the services of the visiting physicians. This also might be remedied by the form of certificate.

The staff regret the departure of Dr. Morrow whose long and valuable work in connection with the institution was highly appreciated and with whom they always had most cordial relations. They are happy to be assured of his success in his new home.

The severe illness of Dr. Crawford deprived us for some months of his services but the duties were efficiently performed by other members of the staff. We are glad to welcome him back.

The staff desire to acknowledge the obliging and attentive manner in which Mr. Lugin has at all times met their wishes and the care and skill which he has shown in the performance of his responsible duties.

The staff desire to thank the directors for their continued confidence as evinced by their reappointment for the coming year.

In connection with the Indoor medical department Dr. Anderson would bring to the notice of the directors that the presence of the dental chair in the medical room is a source of annoyance to nervous and timid patients and interferes greatly with the work of that the most busy department.

In connection with the Surgical department Dr. Finn reports an unusual prevalence of skin diseases and a decrease in the amount of venereal diseases.

In the Women and Childrens department, Dr. Ternan reports that he refused to attend several applicants on account of their inability to pay.

The staff cannot close this report without bringing the attention of the Directors to the efficient manner in which the Janitress has performed her duties, the various departments have been kept scrupulously clean, and the heating of the building has been also satisfactory.

R. H. CRAWFORD, M.D., *President,*

L. M. SILVER, M.D.,

Secretary of the Medical Board.

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The Secretary, (Dr. Dodge being unable to attend) read the report of the Eye and Ear Department, 1893 as follows :

EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

The attendance in the Eye and Ear Department for the year 1893, has been greater than in any previous year—194 in all. Besides these, several were refused as having no claim for treatment at the Dispensary.

With the exception of children, the patients generally come direct from their work to the Dispensary, their clothes and hands are often soiled from the character of the work in which they have been engaged. All mingle together on the same benches as there can be no social or class distinctions. And from a professional stand point all are entitled to the same consideration. In the case of a visit from one who had "seen better days" I advised that the hospital was a preferable place for treatment especially as an operation was necessary. To my surprise her friends objected to the Hospital. Now, as a rule, the patients at the Hospital are of a better class than at the Dispensary, the beds and bedding are kept clean and tidy, the room and its appointments are similarly kept. In the female eye wards there are but 7 beds; and if desired any patient can be screened off from the rest. Besides trained nurses have charge of them and the house physician or surgeon is on the alert if any thing goes wrong. Our ordinary private patients are not as well looked after as the Hospital patients. So well known is this fact that the Hospital is taken advantage of in too many cases by persons who have no claim to its benefits. I have no hesitation in saying that if I were obliged to have an important operation performed I would prefer to have it done at the Hospital than at my own home.

From having been connected with the Dispensary for many years, I believe I can safely say that never at any time since it was founded has the work been carried on more thoroughly, or more harmoniously than at the present time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

Dec. 31st, 1893

The Secretary read the report of the Dartmouth Branch, 1893. The following presents a summary of the work performed in 1893.

Number of Patients	195
Visits	358
Consultations	304
Teeth extracted	22
Deaths	7

There has been, during the past year, the usual amount of

sickness among the poor of Dartmouth. The number of patients is slightly increased. In a town of this size, where every one is known, it is not difficult for the physician to decide who should be furnished with dispensary treatment. Consequently it is given, and only given, to those in need of it. During my absence of two months in New York, Dr. Milson faithfully attended to the work of the branch. Some remarks have lately been made among a few citizens, and printed by one in the *Halifax Mail*, favouring a proposal to establish an independent Dispensary in Dartmouth. Although desirous of real progress, I think it can very easily be shown that such a move would eventually be disastrous. That such would be the case is, without doubt, the sense of the town at large.

M. A. B. SMITH, M.D.

All the reports were received and adopted unanimously.

The Board of Directors was re-elected, viz.: W. C. Silver, H. H. Fuller, Wm. Dunbar, Robert Taylor, Hon. Senator Power, J. F. Keany, A. M. Bell, William Robertson and Adam Burns (Hon. Treasurer.)

At a subsequent meeting of the directors W. C. Silver was re-elected president, and Hon. H. H. Fuller vice-president, his worship the mayor being ex-officio the other vice-president. W. H. Wiswell was re-elected secretary. W. Dunbar, R. Taylor and W. Robertson were re-appointed house committee.

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DISPENSARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR 1893.

Jan. 21.	St. Mark's Church, on acct. 1892.....	\$ 10 00
Feb.	St. John's Presbyterian Church on acct. 1892.....	17 95
	Robie Street Church on acct. 1892.....	5 00
	Received too late to acknowledge last year.....	<u>\$32 95</u>
Nov.	St. Mary's.....	\$163 00
	St. Paul's.....	87 11
	St. Matthew's.....	76 25
	St. Luke's.....	75 75
	St. Patrick's.....	71 21
	Fort Massey.....	67 33
	Union meeting, Dartmouth Churches (St. James', Baptist and Methodist).....	40 01
	St. Andrew's.....	32 97
	Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	\$32 24
	" " Sunday School.....	1 40
	" " Blue Ribbon Society.....	3 00
	" " Mrs. Mott's Primary Class.....	3 00
	St. Peter's Dartmouth.....	— \$ 39 64
	St. George's.....	29 05
	Chalmers Church.....	25 00
	Tabernacle (Orangemen).....	20 00
	St. Stephen's.....	18 00
	First Baptist.....	16 55
	St. John's.....	13 38
	Grove Church.....	12 40
	St. John's.....	12 00
	Grafton Street Church.....	11 61
	St. Agnes'.....	9 60
	Trinity.....	6 71
	North Baptist.....	6 00
	Kaye Street Church.....	6 00
	St. James, North West Arm.....	5 00
		4 25
		<u>\$ 842 86</u>
		<u>\$ 875 81</u>

25 Churches 875-81

MEMO.—The above appear in the Treasurers Report. Several churches had not responded up to its date but will probably do so later on.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE
HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY, 1893.

His Grace the Archbishop... \$10 00	Loyal Orange Lodge..... \$10 00
Mrs. W. A. Black..... 10 00	W. J. Colman..... 5 00
J. F. Kenny..... 5 00	Smith Bros..... 5 00
Burns & Murray..... 5 00	O. W. Outhit..... 1 00
Geo. Mitchell & Sons..... 3 00	J. W. Allison..... 5 00
Wm. Robertson..... 8 00	Longard Bros..... 5 00
Augustus West..... 5 00	A. Hobrecker..... 2 00
W. Y. Kennedy..... 2 00	J. Cornelius..... 1 00
Levi Hart..... 5 00	T. C. Allen..... 2 00
Geo. E. Boak..... 5 00	M. S. Brown & Co..... 4 00
A. N. Whitman..... 5 00	H. H. Fuller..... 5 00
J. Y. Payzant..... 5 00	Wm. Chisholm..... 4 00
Jno. Doull..... 5 00	A. & W. Mackinlay..... 5 00
R. I. Hart..... 5 00	Bauld, Gibson & Co..... 10 00
E. P. Archbold..... 5 00	Wm. Dunbar..... 4 00
J. R. Lithgow..... 5 00	A. Keith & Son..... 5 00
B. G. Gray..... 5 00	Boak & Bennet..... 5 00
H. Hesslein & Sons..... 5 00	Jno. McInnes & Son..... 5 00
Austen Bros..... 3 00	R. L. Borden..... 5 00
Geo. M. Greer..... 2 00	Farquhar & Forrest..... 10 00
J. C. McIntosh..... 5 00	Murdochs Nephews..... 10 00
W. J. Stairs..... 5 00	A. W. Redden..... 2 00
W. L. Lowell & Co..... 10 00	Barnstead & Sutherland..... 4 00
James Fraser..... 5 00	Drysdale & McInnes..... 5 00
T. & E. Kenny..... 5 00	Fulton & Fiske..... 2 00
Jas. Thomson..... 10 00	Lawson & Harrington..... 10 00
Cragg Bros. & Co..... 3 00	Jno. Cronan..... 2 00
Gordon & Keith..... 5 00	Brookfield Bros..... 2 00
Geo. Rent..... 2 00	Shatford Bros..... 1 00
A. Stephen & Co..... 5 00	T. A. S. DeWolf & Co..... 2 00
Hon. R. Boak..... 5 00	Wm. Roche..... 4 00
Jas. Butler & Son..... 5 00	S. Cunard & Co..... 5 00
Geo. R. Hart..... 5 00	Clayton & Co..... 5 00
F. D. Corbett..... 5 00	J. A. Crease..... 1 00
Jairus Hart..... 4 00	E. W. Crease..... 2 00
H. D. McKenzie..... 2 00	W. G. Brookfield..... 5 00
Mahon Bros..... 2 00	McDonald & Co..... 10 00
A. J. Grant & Co..... 2 00	J. P. Cox..... 1 00
Reagh & Carroll..... 1 00	Pickford & Black..... 20 00
J. E. Morse..... 2 00	J. A. Chipman..... 2 00
G. E. Smith & Co..... 5 00	Billman, Chisholm & Co..... 2 00
M. O. Crowell..... 1 00	G. M. Smith..... 5 00
Jno Taylor & Co..... 3 00	T. J. Hamilton & Son..... 3 00
Robt. Taylor..... 4 00	A. & W. Smith & Co..... 5 00
A. M. Bell..... 5 00	Brown & Webb..... 10 00
M. E. Keefe..... 2 00	R. J. Sweet..... 2 00
H. M. Smith..... 2 00	Kelly & Glassie..... 5 00
H. W. Wentzel..... 75	W. C. Silver..... 5 00
S. Heisler..... 50	E. Morrison..... 2 00
A. Duffield..... 1 00	W. C. Sarre..... 3 00
— Lewis..... 50	Wood Bros..... 4 00
W. E. Schwartz..... 1 00	Geo. J. Troop..... 4 00
Thos Forhan..... 2 00	S. Oland & Son..... 5 00
R. B. Seeton..... 4 00	Simson Bros..... 5 00
R. M. S..... 2 00	Michael Dwyer..... 5 00
Geo. A. Pyke..... 2 00	A Friend per T. E. Kenny.. 15 00