### TWELFTH

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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# Æge and Kar Plispensary,

65 QUEEN STREET EAST,

1879.

The Surgeon is in attendance at the Dispensary Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at 10.30 a.m.

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# Toronto Lyc and Lar Dispensary,

#### 1879.

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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors of the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary, when presenting their Tenth Annual Report, recommended, as a consequence of the withdrawal of Government aid, the closing of the institution as an infirmary, at the end of the then current year, (October 1878,) and its continuance as a Dispensary, should circumstances warrant such a proceeding. This recommendation has been carried into effect; the Infirmary was finally closed on the 1st February last, the lease of the premises was commuted, and the furniture disposed of as follows:

The greater portion was sent to the "Andrew Mercer" Eye and Ear Infirmary, its receipt was acknowledged on the 6th May last by a complimentary letter from Mr. Justice Patterson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the General Hospital.

A portion was sent to the Hospital for Sick Children, and a few articles were allowed to the late Superintendent. The remainder, consisting chiefly of medical appliances, was moved to the Dispensary, which is now in operation at the South Eastern corner of Church and Queen Streets, under the direction of Dr. Rosebrugh, whose services are entirely gratuitous. The Dispensary depends for its maintenance on a small annual grant from the City Corporation, with such trifling payments for medicine as the patients may occasionally be able to afford, together with the balance remaining on hand at the close of the Infirmary.

For the two years ending September 30th, 1879, the number of new patients admitted to the Eye and Ear Infirmary was 859. Of these 859, 658 were from Toronto, 35 from the County of York, and 165 from other counties in Ontario. There were 441 males and 418 females. Eye patients 660, ear patients 199.

During the six months that the Institution has been carried on exclusively as a Dispensary, there were 184 new patients admitted to treatment, as against 167 during the same period the previous year.

There is an average of about 25 patients constantly under treatment. Some are seen only once a week, some daily, and frequently there are special cases requiring to be seen twice a day.

The experience of the six months, from April to October, dur-

ing which the charity has been conducted exclusively as a Dispensary, shows conclusively the need of such an institution in the city. During that time 184 new patients were admitted to treatment, and there has been an average attendance of from 10 to 20 patients daily.

The Directors would therefore recommend the continuance of the work.

Subjoined is a report of the cash transactions for two years ending 30th September last.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. T. McCORD, President.

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# W. J. MACDONELL, Secretary.

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W. J. MACDONELL, Secretary-Treasurer.

Toronto, September 30th, 1879.