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Halifax Dispensary,

FOR THE YEAR 1873.

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HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

Directors' Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1873.

THE Directors of the Halifax Dispensary have now to discharge their Annual duty of reporting to the Subscribers and the Public, the operations of the Institution during the year 1873. It gives them pleasure to be able to testify that all has been going on harmoniously, and well, fulfilling the benevolent purpose for which it was established. The Physicians and Apothecary have been faithful and diligent in their respective duties; and it is believed that they have ministered successfully and kindly to the wants of the suffering under their charge. The amount of work performed by them will be seen by the annexed excellent Report of the Medical Board, to which indeed it seems hardly necessary for the Directors to add anything in the way of argument for a continued and increasing support, from all who have hearts to feel sympathy for the bodily wants of their suffering fellow-creatures. The figures in the Tabular Statement of the Medical Board are surely enough to convince all who look at the matter with half an eye, that this Institution is now an indispensable necessity for the benefit of the afflicted poor. To be informed that 981 patients have been treated at the Dispensary; 562 at their houses North, South and Central, and 410 dental unfortunates relieved, the whole involving 3,707 separate applications. That no less than 5513 prescriptions

have passed through the hands of the Apothecary—and that all this work has been carried on under the daily, and sometimes nightly, superintendence of six careful Physicians, and that the number of deaths has been only 24—to be assured of all these facts, ought certainly to be enough to extract a handsome yearly donation from the most close-fisted miser in the community, and it ought to be his ambition, if he is a christian man, to come down, at once, with some of his thousands of dollars to insure the permanency of such a useful Institution, by enabling the Directors to erect a suitable Building (to be called by his name if he pleases) for all generations. ✕The late William Murdoch, once President of the old Dispensary, has set a noble example in this respect, to all among us, whom the Lord has entrusted with his temporal gifts. It would be no harm, however, if any should so far deviate from that example as to give—while they are yet *alive*, that they may enjoy the sweets of the act before they are gone from our midst. Be it remembered, that as there is nothing denominational in our Institution, so there need be no scruples about giving, on the part of Church of England folk, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Universalists, &c., &c., as assuredly there will be none, on the part of our worthy Treasurer in receiving their gifts.—In connection with these remarks, the Directors express the confident hope that from the Legislature and the City Corporation they will receive a larger sum than hitherto, in view of the great number of patients both from the City and other parts of the Province.

Of course it is well known that no fees are allowed to be taken from any patient applying for relief at the Dispensary.

The Directors are happy to report with respect to the Medical gentlemen, that they frequently hear expressions of satis-

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faction from their patients, for the treatment of their various maladies, of which such a frightful catalogue of unpronounceable names is given in the appendix. The Directors have pleasure in adding their testimony to that of the Medical Board, in regard to Mr. Putner's attention to his work during the year. He is always found at his post from 10 to 11 in the morning, and 7 to 8 in the evening.

It cannot be too often reiterated, in all appeals in behalf of the poor, that as the chief cause of their poverty and the misery of their families is **INTEMPERANCE**, so is it with most of the ailments which bring applicants to the Dispensary. Hence arises a strong argument for more strenuous efforts to diminish that monster evil, by all proper means, and especially by the influence of personal example, in promoting the cause of total abstinence, and thus lessening the amount at once of poverty and of disease among our population. It is hoped that our Doctors are contributing in some measure to this desirable result, by coupling seasonable admonitions with their professional doses. In conclusion, the Directors humbly hope for the blessing of the Great Physician on the future career of the Institution, as in the past.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, January 18, 1874.

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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 the following Report for the year ending November 30th, 1873 :

The number of patients who have been treated by the Dispensary Physicians during the year is one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three. The number of applications has been three thousand seven hundred and seven. Nine hundred and eighty-one have been treated at the Dispensary by the Attending Physicians, and five hundred and sixty-two have been treated at their homes by the Visiting Physicians. The Dental cases number four hundred and ten. The number of prescriptions dispensed is five thousand four hundred and forty-four, besides sixty-nine for other charitable institutions. Twenty-four deaths have occurred during the year.

We are happy to say that the usefulness of this Institution has not lessened, and deserves, more than ever, the continued support of the Citizens of Halifax. It must be evident to any one who will observe the workings of an Institution of this kind, that it has a tendency to lessen the number of sick poor who would, were they not at once treated, become so ill, that want and privation would press heavily on whole families, and compel them to seek relief from the Commissioners of the Poor, and by thus increasing the number of inmates of our eleemosynary Institutions, add considerably to the taxation necessary for their support.

The Medical Board regret that notwithstanding the efforts made to secure a suitable building, the coming year still finds us occupying the temporary premises on Grafton Street. We would again urge the Directors to still greater efforts, to secure a building adequate to our wants. We think that this might be brought about by adopting the system of making

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an annual collection, in all the churches, for the special object of raising a fund, to be devoted to the erection of a building for Dispensary purposes. At present a large portion of the funds is applied to the payment of a yearly rental which, otherwise, could be devoted to the furtherance of the objects of the Institution.

The Medical Board again feel it their duty to call attention to the sanitary condition of the premises occupied, more particularly, by the labouring classes, which are, in very many cases, unfit for human habitation. A large amount of the disease amongst the class referred to may be attributed to these conditions. We do not, of course, expect that a remedy can at once be applied by the Directors of this Institution, yet we believe that their influence might be used and proper legislation be obtained, which would tend to remedy an evil the immensity of which is not apparent to a casual observer.

We think that the benefits of this Institution might be extended by establishing, in connection with it, an Infirmary for the treatment of lying-in women and the diseases of children, a want which is very much felt at present, and which is very inadequately supplied by the Poors' Asylum. In a large number of cases of this kind, the want of proper nursing, combined with the unsuitable accomodation afforded at their homes, renders futile, in a great measure, the efforts of the Physician to alleviate or cure the patient, and we have no doubt but that any action, by the Directors, in this matter, would receive the support of the community at large.

The Medical Board cannot conclude their Report without referring to the continued zeal manifested by the Apothecary, Mr. Puttner, in the discharge of his duties, in addition to which he still performs the duties incident to the Dental department.

The usual tabular statement of diseases and accidents, causes of death, &c., is subjoined :

The entire number of Patients treated who have applied at the			
			Dispensary more than once.....1953
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The entire number of Applications at Dispensary.....	1877
“ “ “ “ Visits made.....	1830 3707
“ “ “ “ Prescriptions dispensed.....	5444
“ “ “ “ Prescriptions dispensed for other charitable institutions.....	69 5513
“ “ “ “ Deaths.....	24

DISEASES AND ACCIDENTS.

Abscess.....	50	Diarrhoea.....	37	Herpes.....	2
Acne.....	1	Dysentery.....	5	Hydrocele.....	1
Adenitis.....	6	Delirium Tremens... 1		Hypopion.....	1
Anthrax.....	4	Debility.....	24	Icterus.....	3
Amenorrhœa.....	24	Dyspepsia.....	76	Indigestion.....	8
Anæmia.....	35	Dysphagia.....	1	Influenza.....	82
Ascites.....	9	Debauch.....	8	Injury.....	8
Asthma.....	8	Dentition.....	10	Impetigo.....	3
Aphonia.....	3	Dysmenorrhœa.....	6	Iritis.....	2
Abortion.....	4	Dementia.....	1	Insanity.....	1
Accouchement.....	3	Dislocation of Sh'lder. 3		Inanition.....	1
Alcoholism.....	2	Epilepsy.....	4	Keratitis.....	8
Bite of Dog.....	1	Enteritis.....	1	Lactation.....	5
Bursitis.....	5	Eczema.....	17	Lumbago.....	8
Bronchitis.....	110	Emphysema.....	9	Lencorrhœa.....	10
Bubo.....	4	Erysipelas.....	9	Laryngitis.....	2
Bright's Disease.....	3	Erythema.....	3	Lichen.....	3
Burn.....	2	Ecthyma.....	1	Lupus.....	3
Carcinoma.....	4	Elephantiasis.....	1	Menorrhagia.....	13
Cataract.....	2	Febricula.....	15	Malingering.....	1
Cephalalgia.....	2	Frostbite.....	1	Metritis.....	1
Chancroid.....	3	Fever.....	1	Myelitis.....	1
Chilblains.....	3	Fracture—Ribs.....	6	Mastitis.....	2
Conjunctivitis.....	15	“ Clavicle... 2		Melancholia.....	1
Contusion.....	28	“ Humerus. 2		Meningitis.....	1
Cystitis.....	3	“ Radius... 1		Neuralgia.....	34
Cong. of Brain.....	1	“ Cocey... 1		Nephritis.....	1
Constipation.....	33	Furunculus.....	7	Necrosis.....	1
Colic.....	12	Gastrodynia.....	12	Ophthalmia Tarsi... 12	
Cardiac Disease.....	18	Gonorrhœa.....	14	“ Neonatorum 2	
Catarrh.....	24	Gelationes.....	4	Otalgia.....	1
Cholera Infantum... 6		Gravel.....	1	Otitis Externa.....	6
Condylomata.....	2	Hæmoptysis.....	14	Ovarian Dropsy.....	1
Chorea.....	2	Hepatic Disease.....	5	“ Tumor.....	3
Chlorosis.....	1	Hæmatemesis.....	2	Old Age.....	1
Cirrhosis.....	1	Hypochondriasis... 1		Ovaritis.....	2
Coryza.....	5	Hernia.....	5	Orchitis.....	2
Convulsion.....	2	Hysteria.....	6	Porrigio.....	3
Cerebro-Spinal Menin. 9		Hemiplegia.....	3	Periostitis.....	5
Climacteric.....	4	Hæmorrhoids.....	4	Pharyngitis.....	7

Pertussis.....	2	Quinsy.....	3	Sarcocele.....	1
Pleurodynia.....	17	Ranula.....	1	Tonsillitis.....	10
Pityriasis.....	1	Rupia.....	1	Tongue-tie.....	1
Prurigo.....	4	Rubeola.....	21	Tumor of Maxilla....	2
Psoriasis.....	5	Rheumatism.....	33	" of Orbit.....	1
Palpitation.....	2	Retention of Urine... 3		Typhoid Fever.....	19
Paronychia.....	21	Roseola.....	2	Ulcers.....	31
Pediculi Capitis....	4	Rachitis.....	1	Urticaria.....	5
Pregnancy.....	12	Sciatica.....	3	Vomitting (of Preg-	
Pleurisy.....	7	Syphilis, Primary... 8		nancy).....	1
Pneumonia.....	6	" Secondary... 21		Vermes.....	27
Phthisis.....	36	" Tertiary... 29		Varicose Veins.....	1
Paralysis.....	4	Stomatitis.....	3	Wounds.....	28
Phlegmasia Dolens..	1	Scald.....	1	No Diagnosis.....	30
Parotitis.....	1	Scabies.....	8	Able to come to Dis-	
Phymosis.....	1	Synovitis.....	7	pensary.....	2
Puerperal Fever....	1	Sprain.....	23	Wrong address.....	32
Prolapsus Ani.....	1	Scrofulosis.....	7		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Bright's Disease....	2	Diarrhoea.....	3	Old Age.....	1
Bronchitis.....	1	Meningitis.....	3	Scirrhus.....	1
Cardiac Disease....	1	Phthisis.....	4	Typhoid Fever.....	2
Cirrhosis.....	1	Puerperal Metritis... 1			
Cholera Infantum... 2		Pneumonia.....	2	Total.....	24

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Medical Board,

J. VENABLES, M. D.,

Secretary.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,
FROM JANUARY 1st, 1873, TO JANUARY 1st, 1874.

Expenditure.

Salary of Apothecary, (1 yr. & 1 mo.).....	\$433 29
“ Secretary.....	75 00
“ Physicians.....	525 00
Printing.....	16 00
Medicines.....	197 06
Fuel.....	36 75
Rent.....	260 00
Sundries, Gas, &c.....	39 63
	\$1582 73

Receipts.

Donations—James Thomson, Esq., Custos.....	\$25 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Murdoch.....	20 00
C. Irish Society.....	40 00
North British Society.....	40 00
Collected by D. Henry Starr and Secretary.....	659 00
Provincial Grant.....	400 00
City Grant, balance half-year 1872.....	250 00
Coroner's Jury Fees.....	2 20
Balance from 1872.....	41 51
Due Treasurer for excess of Expenditure over Receipts.....	105 02
	\$1582 73

THOMAS E. KENNY,
Hon. Treasurer.

Halifax, 1st January, 1874.

*Salary Dispenser 400 }
 Medicine Cost — 197 }
 Rent 260 }
 Doctors 525 }
 Secretary 75 }*

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1873.

COLLECTED BY D. HENRY STARR AND SECRETARY.

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525 00	✓ Anderson, Billing & Co..... 4 00	Clemen Brothers..... 1 00 ✓
16 00	✓ Anderson, T. A..... 2 00	Connolly & Kelly..... 1 00
97 06	✓ Anderson, C. & W..... 1 50	Cook, Henry..... 1 00
36 75	✓ Almon, M. B..... 1 00	Cornelius, Julius..... 1 00 ✓
60 00	✓ Bishop of Nova Scotia..... 12 00	Chipman, Mutch & Co..... 1 00 ✓
39 63	✓ Bauld, Gibson & Co..... 8 00	C. A. S..... 1 00 ✓
	✓ Burns, Adam..... 5 00	Doull & Miller..... 15 00 ✓
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	✓ Butler, James..... 5 00	Dwyer, Michael..... 5 00 ✓
	✓ Boak, jr., Robert..... 5 00	Donaldson, James..... 5 00 ✓
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25 00	✓ Brown, Thomas A..... 4 00	Dunbar, William..... 4 00 ✓
20 00	✓ Bliss, W. B. <i>Mudge</i> 4 00	Daley, M. Bowes..... 4 00
40 00	Bremner, James J..... 4 00	DeWolf & Son, T. A. S..... 4 00
40 00	✓ Barron, William..... 4 00	DeWolf & Co., T. & E..... 2 50
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41 51	✓ Buckley, M. A..... 1 50	Elliott, F. C..... 2 00
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	Brookfield, Romans & Co.... 1 00	Ead, John..... 2 00 ✓
	Bligh & Co., A. B..... 1 00	Fairbanks, W. B..... 5 00 ✓
	Brennan, W. C..... 1 00	Farquhar & Forrest..... 5 00 ✓
	✓ Connolly, Archbishop..... 20 00	Fraser, R. W..... 5 00 ✓
	✓ Cochran, Hon. James..... 10 00	Fraser, W. J..... 2 00 ✓
	✓ Cunard, William..... 10 00	Fuller, H. H..... 2 00 ✓
	Collins, B. H..... 5 00	Fordham, A..... 2 00
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	✓ Coleman & Sons, W. J..... 4 00	Fraser, John T..... 2 00 ✓
	✓ Cronan, John..... 2 50	Fraser, Wm..... 1 00 ✓
	✓ Chipman Brothers..... 2 00	Grant, Rev. G. M..... 5 00 ✓
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✓ Hamilton, R. C.....	2 50	Parker & Grant.....	2 00 ✓
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✓ Hunter, James.....	2 00	Payzant, Lewis S.....	1 00 ✓
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✓ Jennings & Clay.....	4 00	Ritchie, Thomas A.....	5 00 ✓
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✓ Mooney, Matthew.....	1 00	Thomson, Abbott & Co.....	5 00 ✓
✓ Morley, W.....	0 50	Taylor & Co., John.....	5 00 ✓
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✓ McLean, John S.....	5 00	Taylor, Robert.....	4 00 ✓
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✓ McNutt, W. B.....	4 00	Tully, William H.....	1 00 ✓
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Total No of Subscribers ----- 190.

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Of the above in Oct Service only 46.

In 1911 22 Survive -----

{ Archbishop Connolly - - - 20 "

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Drugs best quality latest Toxines?

- The Society in re Sanitation -----
- in Acclimation -----
- Prevention & Cure -----
- Allopathic Germ -----
- Temperance -----
- Patients & workes ^{100%} -----
- So progressive up to date

2 Trustees 1855 Bylaws amended 1875
 { Directors pay Hon Treasurer 5 cents
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