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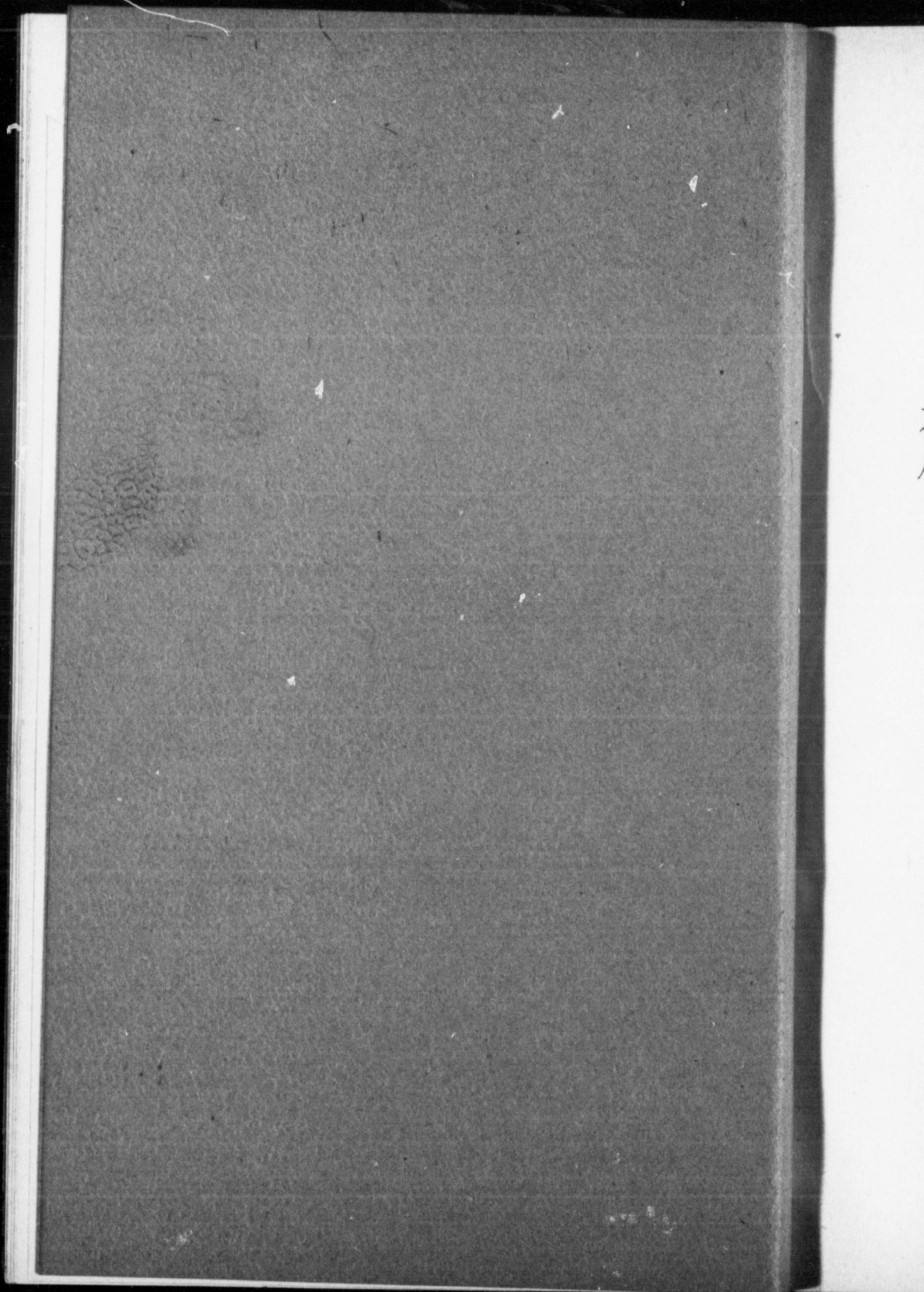
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Halifax Dispensary, 1893.

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. A. MORROW,
W. D. FINN.

Visiting Physicians.

DRS. R. H. CRAWFORD, North District 1.

T. W. WALSH, " " 2.

LOUIS M. SILVER, Central District.

W. A. P. TERNAN, South District.

Apothecary.

E. F. LUGRIN.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.

Auditors.

ROBT. TAYLOR AND WM. ROBERTSON.

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY, for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1892.

The Annual meeting of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary was held Monday, Jan. 9th, 1893, at 4 p.m. Among those present were W. C. Silver (President), Hon. H. H. Fuller, J. F. Kenny, Senator Power, William Robertson, A. M. Bell, Wm. Dunbar, Adam Burns (Hon. Treasurer), Robt Taylor, M. Carney, Drs. Crawford, Anderson, M. A. B. Smith and Dodge, W. H. Wiswell (Secretary),

The Secretary read the directors' report as follows :

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

As an essential part of their duty to the subscribers and friends of the dispensary, the directors beg to submit a brief report in connection with its general management. For the actual and practical work performed during the past year by the physicians connected with the institution, they refer the public to the annexed reports of the medical staff. These reports will show the

GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL WORK

among the indigent poor of the city which is accomplished by this institution. A very large number have had the benefit of medical treatment and prescriptions. All applicants entitled (and some not entitled, possibly, the doctors being disposed to interpret the rules liberally) have received those benefits and not a single complaint has been made to the board in this connection. In fact the medical staff have so satisfactorily performed their duties that the directors deemed it good policy and an act of justice to re-appoint them all for the coming year.

The number of cases requiring medical treatment has been greater than usual.

THE GROWING FINANCIAL NEEDS

of the dispensary and the lessening yearly response from voluntary sources to meet them, cause the directors much anxiety. The year 1892 shows a decrease, as will appear in the treasurer's report annexed, in subscriptions and donations; also the dispensary Sunday collections in several churches show a large falling off in this respect, and a number have made no appeal or returns up to the present date. It must be understood that the annual grants

from the government, city and Dartmouth are only sufficient to meet one-third of the current expenses—the balance must come therefore from

THE PURSES OF THE BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE.

With a view to utilizing the large portion of the building which has remained unfinished since its erection, the board deemed it advisable to have it put in the same order and condition as the other apartments heretofore occupied. The completed space has been let to the Halifax Medical College library for a term of years. The necessity of a more suitable and efficient mode of heating induced the directors to adopt the hot water system, which has proved as anticipated more comfortable, cleanly and healthful than the old furnace and stoves. The outside of the building likewise required repairs, which have been made as far as at present needed. These expenditures.

DREW UPON THE SMALL RESERVE FUND

heavily, and the board earnestly hope that kind friends will make a note of this and assist in replacing the amount used. The directors are gratified to observe that the city fathers reconsidered their intention to cut off or reduce the annual grants for charitable purposes and have continued the grant to the dispensary. Any material diminution of the income now received would seriously impair the usefulness of the institution. Aside from the regular daily attention to the requirements of the sick poor the active staff, in conjunction with the consulting physicians, stand

READY TO GRAPPLE WITH ANY PREVAILING EPIDEMIC

among the poor of the city. Close the dispensary and where, how and when would that large class of our people obtain, as now, medical advice and treatment free of cost?

While offering sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the support of the dispensary, the directors hopefully ask for the continued sympathy and financial aid of all good citizens, so that its work may be carried on uninterruptedly in succeeding years.

W. C. SILVER, *President.*

W. H. WISWELL, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT—HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

ADAM BURNS, TREASURER.

1892.	DR.	
Jan'y 1.	To balance forward.....	\$1478 15
7.	" Sir Wm. Young's Charitable Fund, 6 mos. .	\$225 16
August.	" Do. Do. Do.	250 00
March.	" Executors of Jas. W. Turner—Bequest.	\$ 475 16
	" Interest	400 00
	" Mrs. W. A. Black	5 23
	" The Archbishop	10 00
Dec.	" Collections by Messrs. Fuller & Robertson.	10 00
	" Do. Burns & Kenny.	181 00
	" Do. Bell & Taylor.	204 00
	" Church Col., Hosp'l Sunday—add'l., '91.	91 00
	" Do. Do. '92.	21 65
	" Annual Grant from Town of Dartmouth.	898 63
	" Do. from Provincial Government.	60 00
	" Do. from City of Halifax.	400 00
		750 00
		\$4984 82

1893.	Jan'y 1. To Balance in hand.	\$845 15
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1892.	CR.	
	By Fire Insurance—12 mos.	\$ 18 75
	" Drugs	766 83
	" Dispenser	800 00
	" " Bonus.	25 00
	" Visiting Physicians.	825 00
	" Attending "	400 00
	" Eye and Ear "	500 00
	" Dentist	50 00
	" Secretary	50 00
	" Gas	75 00
	" Ice	34 40
	" Water Rates.	3 00
	" Telephone	34 10
	" Coal.	15 00
	" Hot Water Pipes and Radiators	87 20
	" Fitting up Room for Medical Library, etc.	555 00
	" Instalment of Sewage Rates	498 70
	" Repairs, Cleaning, etc.	6 74
	" Advertizing, Printing, Papers, etc.	125 61
	" Surgical appliances, etc.	43 57
	" Fencing and Cleaning up the Lot adjoining Dispen- } sary, and recording Deed. }	17 56
	(This lot of land was a free gift from Wm. Rhind, Esq.) By Balance.	33 21
		845 15
		\$4984 82

Jan'y 9th, 1893. Examined and found correct.

WM. ROBERTSON, }
J. F. KENNY, } *Auditors.*

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF.

The reports of the Medical Staff were read by Dr. Crawford as follows. They were adopted :

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	INDOOR.	Consultations.
Medical Department.....		2,175
Surgical ".....		1,497
Women and children's department.....		935
Eye and ear ".....		520
Dartmouth ".....		308
	Total.....	5,435
	OUTDOOR.	Visits.
North District, No. 1.....		2,075
North District, No. 2.....		933
Central District.....		1,144
South District.....		961
Dartmouth.....		391
Dental Department.....		658
	Total.....	6,162
	PRESCRIPTIONS.	
Charity Prescriptions.....		624
Dartmouth Prescriptions.....		540
City Prescriptions.....		11,515
	Total.....	12,679

R. H. CRAWFORD, M. D.

DR. MORROW'S REPORT.

In the past year's work there is little that calls for special comment. The work of the institution has gone on quietly and harmoniously throughout. The total number of patients treated in the different departments do not differ from the numbers in recent years more than can be explained as an ordinary annual variation. The number of visits paid by Dr. Crawford in North District No. 1, is very large, and there is a decided increase in the number of inside medical consultations. At present, the dental department is not on a satisfactory basis in regard to accommodation. The Medical Staff would recommend that the dental chair be removed to the eye and ear room. On three days of the week this room is entirely unused; on the other days there would be no difficulty in getting both the eye and ear and dental work done within the hour. In any other room, on account of the number of patients, the dental work must interfere with the ordinary work or itself be delayed.

The medical room is badly off for an examination table. One day, in the women and children's department, a little miss of about 9 or 10 summers came in and asked for a little liniment and some castor oil for her mother. I was about to give both when she

added: "Mother wants the oil to grease Tommy's boots with." There is, however plenty of evidence, besides this to show that the advantages of the dispensary are appreciated by its patrons.

A. MORROW, M. D.,

Presdt. Medical Staff.

EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

The report of the eye and ear department was presented by Dr. Dedge, as follows:

During the past year I have had under treatment, for the eye and ear, 151 cases. As I have stated in former reports, the diseases met with in dispensary practice differ but little in character from year to year. In my department they are mostly acute, many of them being of a catarrhal nature. Under proper treatment such cases soon recover as a rule. Chronic cases are usually the result of negligence. Their treatment is less satisfactory in many cases, on account of irregular attendance. Only those who are brought in contact with the daily work of this institution can form an adequate idea of its benefits to the poor. Timely treatment from the inside staff or those visiting outside often suffices to restore to health the bread-winner of a family. The recent improvement in the manner of heating the building has contributed very much to the comfort of the patients while waiting in the large room. The adjoining rooms in which the treatment is conducted have also been rendered comfortable.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH read the Dartmouth Branch Report:

Patients treated	184
Visits	400
Consultations	287
Deaths	7
Teeth extracted	14

The work in this branch has been the usual work of other years. There has been no special epidemic, unless a few cases of diphtheria. Two children are numbered among the deaths from this cause. Up to two years and a half ago diphtheria was almost unknown here. There are two or three old dispensary pensioners who for several years have been regularly getting their special mixture weekly or fortnightly, and who say they couldn't well live without it. In one case the mixture is something for a spasmodic cough and shattered nerves; in another something for "fluttering of the heart"; and in another the "little eye water." I believe it is a help to them, and the only comfort they have. There would be trouble if they did not get it. But these are no great burden to

the service. Occasionally some one says it would be better if Dartmouth had its own dispensary. I do not think any change in this direction advisable. While I do not believe that Halifax loses by us, I am positive that the cost of dispensing here and of keeping on hand a large variety of drugs would involve a much greater expense than Dartmouth is under now. I do not find any difficulty in obtaining timely medicine for the sick poor of Dartmouth from the dispensary in Halifax.

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

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

During the past year 658 dental operations have been performed. I would recommend some better accommodation for the central department than the present, as it is found to be inconvenient and interferes with the work of the medical department.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Adam Burns, Esq. It showed receipts amounting to \$4,984, including the J. W. Turner bequest of \$400. It was decided to invest the bequest and use only the interest. The expenditure, including improvements mentioned in the Directors' Report, amounted to \$4,139, leaving a balance on hand of \$845. The list of contributions from the churches, showing a decrease of \$200, was appended to the Treasurer's Report.

On motion of M. Kearney, Esq., seconded by Dr. Dodge, the Reports were all received and adopted.

REMARKS, OFFICERS RE-ELECTED, &c.

Mention was made of the great benefits conferred upon the poor by such an institution as the dispensary, and the question asked what would they do without it. The belief was expressed that the citizens of Halifax would not allow it to become crippled for want of financial assistance.

The Treasurer expressed pleasure at the kindly way in which the committees who solicited subscriptions were received.

The election of Directors resulted in the same gentlemen who served last year being continued on the board. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the officers were also re-elected.

COMPARITIVE STATEMENT OF THE DISPENSARY SUNDAY
COLLECTIONS, 1891-92.

	1891	1892.
St. Luke's Cathedral.....	\$ 75 02	\$ 73 22
St. Paul's Church.....	168 05	104 00
St. Stephen's Church.....	6 31	6 15
St. Mark's Church.....	26 94	10 00
Trinity Church.....	7 19	6 39
St. Mathias Mission.....	15 86	17 00
St. George's Church.....	34 16	.....
Garrison Chapel.....	25 00	.....
Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	30 00	30 00
St. John's (Presbyterian) Church.....	.....	.....
St. Matthew's Church.....	95 00	73 08
St. Andrew's Church.....	46 55	65 30
Chalmer's Church.....	20 00	20 00
Park Street Church.....	34 52	42 00
Grove Church, Richmond.....	.....	.....
St. James' Church, Dartmouth.....	23 07	16 00
Fort Massey Church.....	50 00	50 00
St. Joseph's Church.....	21 60	18 00
St. Mary's Cathedral.....	159 78	172 36
St. Patrick's Church.....	74 72	69 03
St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth.....	30 00	36 40
Grafton Street Church.....	18 00	13 00
Brunswick Street Church.....	31 50	28 00
Robie Street Church.....	5 50	.....
Charles Street Church.....	30 76	23 10
Beech Street Church.....	2 11	1 75
Baptist Church, Dartmouth.....	6 00	5 00
First Baptist Church (City).....	29 31	7 85
North Baptist Church.....	.....	7 00
Church of the Redeemer.....	.....	6 50
Methodist Church, Dartmouth.....	4 32	.....
Charles Street Sunday School.....	2 00
St. James' Mission, N. W. Arm.....	5 05	4 00
Zion (Methodist).....	3 00

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HALIFAX DISPENSARY, 1892.

His Grace the Archbishop..	\$10 00	T. A. S. DeWolf	2 00
W. C. Silver	5 00	R. McDonald	5 00
Mrs. W. A. Black	10 00	T. & E. Kenny	5 00
H. H. Fuller	5 00	M. Carney	5 00
Pickford & Black	20 00	Jas. Fraser	5 00
J. P. Cox	1 00	J. F. Kenny	5 00
Wm. Chisholm	4 00	H. B. Clarke	4 00
L. H. Mathers	2 00	Wm. Robertson	8 00
J. A. Chipman	2 00	Mahon Bros	2 00
Thos. Forhan	2 00	Gordon & Keith	5 00
Geo. A. Pyke	2 00	Jas. Gordon	3 00
A. McDougall & Son	2 00	Geo. Rent	2 00
W. H. Hamilton	1 00	B. G. Gray	5 00
Robt. Taylor	5 00	Hon. D. Parker	5 00
G. M. Smith	5 00	Austen Bros	3 00
A. H. Redden	2 00	H. Hesslein & Sons	5 00
G. O. & Co	2 00	Geo. E. Boak & Co	4 00
A. & W. MacKinlay	5 00	F. D. Corbett	5 00
W. H. Pallister	3 00	Levi Hart	5 00
A. & W. Smith	5 00	Wm. Miller	10 00
T. C. Allen	4 00	Adam Burns	5 00
Foster Elliott	2 00	Burns & Murray	5 00
Brown & Webb	10 00	Craiggs Bros & Co	3 00
S. Oland Sons & Co	5 00	E. P. Archbold	5 00
J. Walter Allison	5 00	Jas. R. Lithgow	5 00
Hon. L. G. Power	5 00	A. N. Whitman	5 00
R. J. Sweet	2 00	R. I. Hart	5 00
Kelly & Glassey	5 00	Jas. Thomson	10 00
Doull & Gibson	5 00	Simson Bros	5 00
W. J. Coleman	5 00	A. J. Grant & Co	2 00
A. Hobrecker	2 00	J. E. Morse	2 00
Edward Morrison	2 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co ..	10 00
M. S. Brown & Co	4 00	G. E. Smith & Co	5 00
Levy & Michaels	2 00	Shatford Bros	1 00
Wm. J. Stairs	5 00	W. E. Schwartz	1 50
Farquhar & Forrest	10 00	Clayton & Sons	10 00
W. L. Lowell & Co	10 00	Davidson & Co	5 00
J. C. McIntosh	5 00	A. Gunn & Co	5 00
Geo. M. Greer	2 00	A. M. Bell	5 00
Jno. Doull	5 00	W. H. Wiswell	5 00
Jairus Hart	4 00	Wm. Roche	4 00
J. Y. Payzant	5 00	E. W. Crease	2 00
Jno. White & Co	2 00	Foster & Foster Co	1 00
Geo. Mitchell & Sons	3 00	J. A. Crease	1 00
Drysdale & McInnis	5 00	W. E. Hyde	1 00
Bauld Gibson & Co	10 00	Geoffrey Morrow	5 00
A. Keith & Son	5 00	Sandford Fleming	3 00
Augustus West	5 00	Alex. Stephen	5 00
W. Y. Kennedy	1 00	C. S. Lane	2 00
Stephen Tobin	1 00	C. W. Outhit	1 00
T. W. Mitchell	2 00	Wood Bros	4 00
W. C. Sarre	3 00	Longard Bros	5 00
S. B. & Co	5 00	J. Cornelius	1 00
M. O. Crowell	1 00	Jno. Taylor & Co	3 00
N. & M. Smith	1 00	S. Cunard & Co	5 00
H. Fulton	1 00	Power & Co	5 00
		T. Grace	1 60