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Halifax Dispensary, 1889.

President.

W. C. SILVER.

Vice-Presidents.

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

Directors.

WM. DUNBAR,	A. M. BELL,
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HON. SENATOR POWER,	ADAM BURNS,
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Consulting Physicians.

DRS. HON. W. ALMON,	DRS. EDWARD FARRELL,
HON. D. McN. PARKER,	J. F. BLACK.
D. A. CAMPBELL,	

Attending Physicians.

DRS. S. A. DODGE,	DRS. M. M. CURRY,
F. R. MARSHALL,	M. CHISHOLM.
A. MORROW.	

Visiting Physicians.

DRS. P. M. RYAN, North District 1.
R. H. CRAWFORD, " 2.
A. C. HAWKINS, Central District.
D. A. FRASER, South District.

Apothecary.

DR. F. R. MARSHALL.

Dentist.

S. D. MACDONALD.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

REPORTS &C., FOR 1888.

The Annual Meeting of the directors and friends of the Halifax Dispensary was held on the afternoon of January 7, 1889. The President, W. C. Silver, Esq., in the chair.

The Chairman addressed the meeting upon the great and successful undertakings of the Dispensary, and matters connected with its progress.

The Secretary then read the

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 1888.

The greater number of the charitable and humane institutions in the city submit at or about this season, a statement of their undertakings and finances; and in accordance with custom the directors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary have now to present their report for the past year. So far as relates to the supervision and prudential management of its affairs they have not any matter of great importance to speak of, and therefore prefer to direct special attention to the more practical and interesting reports of the Medical Staff, including the Eye and Ear and Dental departments.

THE INSTITUTION A NECESSITY AND A SUCCESS.

These will show that the main objects of the Dispensary

are being fully effectuated, that the work while annually increasing is faithfully performed, and that the very large demands upon the labors and skill of the physicians, as well as upon the contents of the medicine chest, establish the important fact that the institution is now a public necessity for the benefit of a large class in the community not otherwise provided for or attended to. Notwithstanding occasional faultfinding, or perhaps what is worse (as manifesting no interest in benevolent institutions of this kind) indifference—the Dispensary commends itself to its beneficiaries, and must be a source of satisfaction to those who regularly contribute toward its support as subscribers, as well as those who occasionally aid its funds. So long as money comes into the treasury in sufficient amount to cover the very moderate expenditure in each year, it may be said the Board ought to be satisfied. The Directors are indeed thankful, first to Divine Providence, who ensures the continual success of the work performed, and next to those who feel it a duty and a pleasure to help their afflicted fellow-creatures in sickness and poverty.

DISPENSARY SUNDAY DEMANDS SPECIAL ATTENTION.

The plan of setting apart one Sunday in the year upon which the congregation in each and every church in the city and near vicinity could have the opportunity of contributing voluntarily to this excellent Charity, was adopted in 1875, and was a great success then and for several succeeding years. But for five years past there has been a lack of unanimity in observing the day, and effecting the desired result. The Board having tried July and September, and subsequently October, have latterly been unable to fix upon a Sunday which will secure general acceptance, so that collections may be simultaneously made, and the requirements, objects and special work of the Dispensary may be fully laid before the church going public at least, and such appeals be liberally responded to. The calls upon the institution grow rapidly with the increase of population, and in some years are out of ratio to receipts owing to epidemics, hard times, etc. The Medical Staff has been added to, and

the supply of drugs increased, and in addition so much more of the time and attention of the physicians is occupied as to seriously interfere with their private practice.

DUTY OF SUBSCRIBERS—MEMBERSHIP PRESENT CONDITION, &C.

If subscribers and casual donors would only take the trouble of dropping in at the Dispensary or would carefully read and ponder over the medical reports issued yearly, they would be deeply impressed with a desire not only to give more themselves, but to induce others to contribute toward object so worthy and philanthropic. Four dollars per annum, constitutes membership and the Dispensary should number at least 500 members. Forty dollars in one sum makes the payer a life member. The generous contributor this year of "\$50 as a birthday donation" is entitled to this honor, and sets an example which others may, and the Board trust will speedily imitate. Meanwhile the directors strive by care, economy and judicious management to keep everything systematized and in good working order. The building is free of debt and in good condition, the several departments are in competent and trustworthy hands, and the equipments are to be augmented as circumstances demand. Tendering to all friends and supporters cordial thanks for their continued aid and sympathy - the directors present the following:

SYNOPSIS OF THE WORK FOR THE YEAR 1888.

City.

Number of patients treated at their homes and the dispensary	4,157
Visits and consultations	12,496
Prescriptions dispensed	14,265
Dental operations	957

Dartmouth.

Number of patients treated	170
Visits and consultations	786
Dental operations	28

STAFF.

Number of visiting physicians.....	4
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Eye and ear department.....	1
Dispenser.....	1
Dentist.....	1
Dartmouth, attending and visiting.....	1
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There is also a consulting staff of five city physicians.

W. C. SILVER, *President.*

W. H. WISWELL, *Secretary.*

 ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT.

DR. FRASEB, President of Staff, read the Annual Report :

The following tables give the report of the dispensary for the year ending December 31, 1888, including the Dartmouth branch, as compared with that of the previous year :

	1887.	1888.
Patients visited.....	4,051	4,157
Visits and consultations.....	11,299	12,496
Prescriptions dispensed.....	13,333	14,265
Teeth extracted.....	890	957
Deaths.....	30	33

The following is the full report for the year 1888 :

INDOOR REPORT.

Department.	Doctor.	Patients.	Consults.
Medical.....	Hawkins,	1,133	2,743
Surgical.....	Chisholm,	442	1,082
Women and children....	Curry,	679	1,796
Eye and ear.....	Dodge,	167	645
Dental.....	McDonald,	—	957

OUTDOOR REPORT.

District.	Doctor.	Patients.	Visits.	Deaths.
South.....	Fraser,	245	1,044	9
Central.....	Lathern,	480	1,764	9
First north....	Ryan,	460	1,934	8
Second north..	McKay,	215	872	3

Dartmouth Branch, 1888.

No of patients.....	170
“ Visits.....	431
“ Consultations.....	185
“ Teeth extracted.....	23
“ Deaths.....	4

DEATHS.

Carcinoma, stomach... ..	2
Gangrene, senile.....	1
Senectus.....	1

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

It will appear from the above that the work done during the past year has been above the average. This is partly due to the prevalence of an epidemic of whooping cough and measles during the latter half of the year. The complications and sequels of whooping cough and measles among the poorer classes required for more attention than the number of these diseases reported in the annexed tables would seem to indicate. As another cause of the increased work of the year the staff would mention the fact that many besides *bona fide* paupers take advantage of the gratuitous work of the institution. Under the present regulations the power of weeding out the well-to-do is vested in the members of the staff, but experience has shown that the exercise of this power is always accompanied with a great deal of uncertainty and unpleasantness; it is seldom therefore resorted to, and the staff would recommend some other method of dispensing public charity than that now in vogue in the institution. It would be well in this respect to follow the method of similar institutions abroad. The large number of prescriptions, 14,265,

give an average of 40 per day, including Sundays, and is of itself the best evidence of the onerous duties devolving on the dispenser, Dr. Marshall. In performing these duties he has given entire satisfaction to every member of the Board. It remains for the staff to say that in order to overtake the increased work of the institution during the past year, Dr. Marshall has encroached very considerably upon his private hours. The number of deaths for the past year, though slightly in excess of the year before, is still below the average. Although contagious diseases of a virulent type have not disturbed the usual health of the city during the past year, largely due to the enforcement of improved sanitary regulations, particularly in the crowded localities occupied by the poorest class, still experience has shown that health laws carried out with care can accomplish a great deal more in that direction. The janitress, Mrs. McCarthy, performs her duties carefully and to the entire satisfaction of the staff.

D. A. FRASER, M.D., *President.*

M. CHISHOLM, M.D., *Secretary.*

THE EYE AND EAR REPORT.

DR. DODGE then read the Eye and Ear report.

To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary :

GENTLEMEN.—The number of patients in the Eye and Ear department during the year 1888 was 167—a slight excess over the previous year. Five cases of cataract were operated upon. In four of these the operation was performed for the purpose of restoring vision and was successful. In the fifth a young man had lost his sight some years ago—in one eye completely and in the other he had sufficient sight to make his way around, but with difficulty. The cornea of this eye was somewhat opaque, and the lens was dislocated into the anterior chamber of the eye. In this position it was producing irritation and acting as a foreign body. He was gradually losing the little sight that he formerly had. I removed the lens not for the purpose of restoring vision but with the object of preserving the amount of sight already existing.

In this I succeeded, and his eye is now in a state of quietude with some improvement in vision. Two operations for artificial pupil were performed. A child was under my care with a very interesting case of disease of the ear involving what is called the mastoid process. There was profuse suppuration from the auditory canal, as well as behind the ear caused by disease of the bone. I finally succeeded in removing a piece of dead bone nearly as large as a marble, and the discharge has now nearly ceased. Several cases of obstruction of the ear passage were under treatment—some attended with suppuration, others without. Besides the foregoing, many minor operations were performed during the year.

STEPHEN A. DODGE, M.D.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT REPORT.

In this department 932 patients have been treated during the past year. Among those who visit this institution none show more actual suffering, or evince more gratitude when relieved than those belonging to this department, while next to the Medical it has now the greatest number of patients. Unfortunately for want of proper instruments this department is in every thing but an efficient state. I would therefore renew a suggestion made in my last report that the present crude instruments be replaced by more modern dental appliances.

S. D. MACDONALD,

Dentist.

Classification of Diseases.

	Outdoor.	Indoor.	Dartmouth.		Outdoor.	Indoor.	Dartmouth.
Anæmia.....	14	74	2	Dog Bite.....	1	2	..
Acne Rosacea....	..	4	..	Dropsy.....	10	2	..
Acne.....	1	7	..	Dysentery.....	..	1	..
Abortion.....	4	..	..	Dysmenorrhœa.....	2	5	..
Abscess.....	7	33	4	Dyspnoea.....	24	89	..
Alcoholism.....	4	19	..	Dysuria.....	2	1	..
Alopœcia.....	..	1	..	Diphtheria.....	6	2	..
Adenitis.....	..	14	..	Dysphagia.....	..	1	..
Ambustio.....	8	8	1	Dilatation of Stomach.....	..	1	..
Amenorrhœa.....	11	45	3	Echymosis.....	..	16	..
Apoplexy.....	2	..	..	Eczema.....	19	42	..
Arthritis.....	..	17	..	Emesis.....	2	7	..
Asthma.....	29	9	2	Enteritis.....	..	..	1
Balanitis.....	1	..	..	Emphysema.....	5	1	..
Bright's Disease.....	17	9	..	Endometritis.....	..	5	..
Bronchitis.....	114	242	34	Epilepsy.....	8	4	..
Bursitis.....	1	4	..	Epistaxis.....	..	1	..
Bubo.....	5	2	..	Epithelioma.....	..	2	..
Calculus.....	2	2	..	Erysipelas.....	9	14	..
Carcinoma.....	2	1	2	Febriœula.....	9	4	..
Cardiac disease.....	14	23	1	Fever Typhoid.....	..	1	..
Catarrh.....	..	13	..	Fistula.....	..	5	..
Cephalgia.....	5	25	2	Fracture.....	5	6	..
Chancre.....	..	4	1	Furunculus.....	1	..	..
Chancroid.....	1	1	..	Felon.....	1	..	..
Cerumen.....	..	..	1	Fistula in Ano.....	..	..	1
Chlorosis.....	1	..	2	Gangrene Senile.....	..	1	..
Carbuncle.....	..	1	..	Gastralgia.....	3	4	..
Cirrhosis.....	1	..	2	Gastritis.....	2	4	..
Chorea.....	..	4	..	Gelatio.....	..	4	..
Colic.....	8	4	..	Gonorrhœa.....	2	22	..
Conjunctivitis.....	1	..	..	Gummata.....	..	3	..
Constipation.....	29	167	..	Gingivitis.....	..	1	..
Contusion.....	..	5	..	Hæmatemesis.....	..	2	..
Croup.....	3	5	..	Hæmoptysis.....	5	4	..
Cystitis.....	4	5	..	Hæmaturia.....	2	9	..
Cartilage loose.....	..	2	..	Hæmorrhoids.....	4	12	1
Coryza.....	6	155	..	Hepatic Congestion.....	4	..	5
Convulsions.....	5	..	..	Hepatitis.....	..	5	..
Chilblains.....	..	1	..	Hernia.....	4	6	1
Cysts.....	..	10	..	Herpes.....	..	2	..
Debility.....	28	38	..	Herpes Zoster.....	..	3	..
Diabetes.....	..	1	..	Hydrocele.....	1	..	..
Dentition.....	26	8	..	Hypochondriasis.....	..	..	1
Diarrhœa.....	22	44	..	Hysteria.....	2	2	1
Dislocation.....	1	6	..	Insomnia.....	..	..	1

DISPENSARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, 1888.

North Baptist Church.....	\$ 17 42
Robie St. Methodist Church.....	4 00
Brunswick St. Methodist Church.....	44 30
Grafton St. Methodist Church.....	21 00
St. John's Village Church.....	5 69
St. Mary's Cathedral.....	164 17
St. Patrick's Church.....	49 45
St. Joseph's Church.....	13 85
St. Luke's Cathedral.....	82 85
St. Stephen's Church.....	40 53
Beech St. Methodist Church.....	3 00
St. Andrew's Church,.....	34 13
Chalmer's Church.....	25 00
First Baptist Church.....	17 73
St. Matthew's Church.....	68 50
Fort Massey Church.....	60 00
Park St. Church.....	50 00
St. John's Church.....	30 00
St. Paul's Church.....	183 81
Tabernacle Church.....	9 13
St. George's Church.....	51 67
St. Matthias Church.....	8 00
Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	18 05
St. John's Church, Dartmouth.....	22 90
St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth.....	27 00

J. F. KENNY, Treasurer.

Per P. E. C.

HALIFAX, January 14th, 1889.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. F. KENNY, TREAS., in account with the HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

1888. DR.

Jan. 1.	To balance cash on hand.....	\$4977 54
	Collections at churches on Dispensary Sunday	1002 18
	Subscriptions from "Anonymous".....	1 00
	do "Thanksgiving".....	20 00
	A "Birthday Donation".....	50 00
	Amount collected by Messrs. Wm. Robertson and Adam Burns.....	178 50
	Amount collected by Messrs. Fuller and Dunbar, including \$29.80 from Messrs. Pickford & Black received from visitors to S. S. "Thingvalla.".....	163 80
	Received from Mr. J. Scott Hutton's Adult Deaf Mutes Sunday Class.....	7 50
	Dartmouth Grant for 1888.....	60 00
	City of Halifax ".....	750 00
	Government ".....	400 00
		\$7610 52

1888. CR.

Jan. 1.	By 12 months insurance at Acadia.....	\$ 18 75
	Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co's acct. for drugs.....	794 79
	Salaries of Medical Staff.....	750 00
	Salary of Dispenser.....	600 00
	Salary of Secretary.....	75 00
	Gas and Fuel account.....	107 00
	Medical Sundries, Books, &c.....	41 11
	Repairs.....	34 45
	Printing, Stationery, &c.....	58 80
	Cleaning.....	36 85
	Water Rates to May, 1889.....	36 90
	Sundries.....	5 25
	Investment account.....	3000 00
	Cash balance on hand for 1889, expenses....	2051 62
		\$7610 52

J. F. KENNY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

ROBT. TAYLOR,
WM. ROBERTSON, } Auditors.

Halifax, Jan. 14, 1889.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1887.

His Worship the Mayor.....	\$ 5 00	C. E. Creighton & Co.....	\$ 5 00
H. H. Fuller.....	5 00	Mahon Bros.....	5 00
Wm. Dunbar.....	4 00	Thos. E. Kenny	5 00
J. F. Kenny.....	5 00	Adam Burns.....	5 00
Pickford & Black.....	10 00	E. B. Sutcliffe.....	5 00
Brown & Webb.....	10 00	Jas. Butler & Co.....	5 00
Farquhar, Forrest & Co.....	10 00	M. B. Daly.....	4 00
J. Gibson.....	10 00	E. P. Archbold.....	5 00
J. S. McLean.....	5 00	H. Hesslein & Sons.....	5 00
A. & W. Smith & Co.....	5 00	M. P. Black.....	5 00
James Morrow.....	5 00	Sir Edward Kenny.....	5 00
G. E. Smith.....	3 00	M. S. Brown & Co.....	4 00
Smith Bros.....	5 00	F. C. Elliot.....	4 00
W. J. Coleman.....	5 00	Wm. Chisholm.....	4 00
A. & W. MacKinlay.....	5 00	Jairus Hart.....	4 00
R. W. Fraser.....	5 00	J. R. Lithgow.....	4 00
T. C. Allen & Co	4 00	W. H. Pallister.....	3 00
John Lyle.....	1 00	Austen Bros.....	2 00
Alex. Stephen.....	5 00	Clayton & Sons.....	5 00
A. McDougall & Son.....	2 00	Reilly & Davidson.....	2 00
Chipman Bros.....	3 00	Stephen Tobin.....	1 00
E. Morrison & Co.....	2 00	F. J. Phelan.....	2 50
Freeman Elliott.....	2 00	W. B. Reynolds & Co.....	3 00
M. F. Eagar.....	2 00	B. G. Gray.....	5 00
A. G. Jones.....	5 00	J. C. McIntosh.....	5 00
Chas. H. Harvey.....	5 00	Jno. P. Chetwynd.....	2 00
W. H. Neal.....	4 00	H. A. Taylor.....	2 00
W. K. Kennedy.....	1 00	W. D. Harrington.....	2 00
Wm. Holloway.....	1 00	Levi Hart.....	5 00
Boak & Bennett.....	5 00	Geo. E. Boak.....	4 00
Jas. Gordon.....	3 00	A. M. Bell.....	10 00
Geo. E. Forsyth.....	2 00	Wm. Robertson.....	8 00
J. Cornelius.....	2 00	W. C. Silver.....	5 00
W. J. Stairs.....	5 00	Hon. Senator Power.....	5 00
W. C. Delaney.....	2 00	Robert Taylor.....	5 00
J. G. Smith.....	1 00	G. P. Mitchell & Sons.....	3 00
Andrew Jack.....	1 00	E. J. Hart.....	5 00
Gordon & Keith.....	3 00	W. Crowe.....	1 00
J. P. Mott.....	5 00	Hon. R. Boak (2 years).....	8 00
Murdoch Nephews.....	10 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co...	5 00
J. A. S. DeWolf & Co.....	1 00	Macdonald & Co.....	5 00
A Widow's Mite per Rev. Dr.		J. E. Morse.....	2 00
Hole.....	25	John Taylor & Co.....	4 00