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OF THE

TORONTO GENERAL DISPENSARY

AND

LYING-IN HOSPITAL,

1852.

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# TORONTO GENERAL DISPENSARY

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## LYING-IN HOSPITAL,

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# TORONTO GENERAL DISPENSARY

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### GENERAL REPORT FOR 1852.

The Committee of the Toronto General Dispensary and Lying-in-Hospital respectfully submit to the Public their Annual Report of the progress and finances of the Institution for the year 1851 :

Your Committee have to acknowledge, with gratitude to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, that during the year this city has been peculiarly exempt from epidemic diseases of a malignant character, and, indeed, from disease in general. Still, the applications for relief at the Dispensary have nearly attained the former yearly average. Your Committee refer to the Annual Report of the medical attendants for the details of this department. One circumstance is worthy of remark,—although the direction of the institution has been assumed by the Church of England subscribers: the proportion of other denominations who continue to seek for and obtain relief, remains the same as formerly.

In the Lying-in-Hospital, it will be observed, that the total number of patients delivered is not as great as last year,—a result arising from the unfortunate occurrence of a fearful and fatal disease, which rendered it necessary to close the institution for a period of ten weeks, at a time when applications for admission were very numerous; a precaution which Dr. Hodder, the medical attendant of the charity, considered indispensable for the purification of the building and the safety of all future applicants. While your Committee deeply deplore the mortality which ensued, and which every exertion of professional skill and careful nursing could not avert, they are fully aware that it was one of those dispensations of an all-wise Providence to which similar establishments are liable in every country. It is with a sense of great thankfulness that they record the fact, of this being the first visitation of the kind which has occurred since the commencement of the institution. Your Committee refer to the subjoined Report from Dr. Hodder for the details of this department.

Your Committee would also direct attention to the admirable Report of the Committee of Ladies, by which it will be seen that their praiseworthy exertions for the interests of the institution have been unremitting, and that, as visitors, the comfort of the patients and the general discipline and efficiency of the establishment have been materially promoted.

In consequence of the deficiency in the revenue of the institution at the end of last year, an appeal was made to the Clergy of the city, which was promptly responded to, and the handsome sum of £58 was realized, by collections in the several churches, which enabled your Committee to pay off the existing debt.

Your Committee would also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of £30 from Mademoiselle Jenny Lind, in aid of the funds.

Your Committee again confidently appeal for a continuance and extension of that generous support hitherto given to this useful institution.

H. J. GRASSETT, *Chairman.*

HENRY MELVILLE, *Secretary.*

Toronto, January 1st, 1852.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES VISITORS.

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The Ladies Visitors to the Lying-in Charity feel it their duty to submit to their friends and the public generally the Annual Report of the Institution over which they have presided. To promote as far as possible its interests in its internal regularity and propriety, as well as to enlarge its usefulness, having been their ultimate end and aim; and they acknowledge with much thankfulness to Almighty God the success with which their efforts have been crowned. At the same time they have to deplore the loss of no less than four of the patients admitted, who died from the fearful spreading of an infectious disorder. The Ladies beg publicly to attest to the high moral courage of the Matron during this season of sad calamity, who with praiseworthy and untiring patience paid unremitting care and attention to the sufferers. They regret to add, she herself became affected with the same disease. The House was then closed for a period of ten weeks, notwithstanding which sixty-one women received the benefit of the Asylum during the past year, and several were attended at their own houses, who also received nourishment from the Institution and were visited by the Matron.

The Ladies Visitors have great pleasure in acknowledging the humane and charitable aid given by the Managers of the Provincial Lying-in Hospital, in receiving two patients whose admission to this Asylum became impossible, from the necessity that existed of closing the house.

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The Committee regret to find, from a letter addressed to the Secretary by the Hon. H. Sherwood (through whose kindness a petition was presented to the Legislature, praying for a grant in aid of the Funds of the Hospital) that he was unable, though he had used every exertion in his power, to procure them any assistance from Government; though at the same time he assured them, that Mr. Hincks had promised to assist the Charity out of the balance of some surplus fund at his disposal— which the Ladies confidently hope may be remitted to them. From the serious nature of the disorder which broke out in the House, the funds of the Hospital were greatly exhausted, and would have been entirely so, but for the relief afforded by the collections made in the Churches, which amounted to £58; also £12 10s. from several members of the Legislature, which the Ladies gratefully acknowledge; also the sum of £30, being a portion of £250 left to be distributed among the different charities of Toronto by the benevolence of Mademoiselle Jenny Lind, for which the city is greatly indebted.

Among the class of persons admitted to the benefits of the Institution, the Ladies are happy to remark, that by far the greater number of patients have been married women, several of whom have been admitted twice. The Committee, in extending their benevolent aid to unmarried females, do it with the Christian hope of reclaiming them from the misery into which they are fallen; and by procuring situations for them in respectable families, on leaving the institution, they have had the satisfaction of knowing that many have become reformed characters. By thus affording the guilty a temporary home, a deeper sin is decidedly prevented.

The Ladies, in thus submitting at the close of the year the affairs of the Institution, confidently appeal to their friends for a continuation of that liberal support which alone has enabled the Committee to carry out and extend the usefulness of this benevolent Charity.

(Signed)

AUGUSTA DRAPER,

Secretary.

## TORONTO GENERAL DISPENSARY.

The Medical Attendants of the Toronto General Dispensary beg to submit the following Statistical Report of the patients relieved at the institution during the past year:—

Total number relieved up to January 1st, 1851..... 3025  
 Number relieved up to January 1st, 1852 ..... 446

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Church of England .....	196
Roman Catholics .....	206
Presbyterians .....	27
Methodists.....	11
Baptists.....	4
Congregationalists .....	2

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There has not been any epidemic of a general or fatal character; but they cannot refrain from expressing the disappointment they frequently experience in treating ordinary disease at the residences of pauper patients, devoid of the means of procuring proper nourishment and clothing, and whose dwellings are improperly ventilated or insufficiently protected from the inclemencies of the weather.

The following table will afford some idea of the variety and extent of disease which has been treated during the year:—

Abscess.....	4	Erysipelas.....	6	Pneumonia .....	14
Ascites .....	3	Febris Cont. ....	11	Psoriasis .....	4
Amenorrhœa.....	7	“ Inter.....	19	Pleuritis.....	13
Bronchitis .....	14	“ Remit. ....	12	Phthisis .....	9
Chlorosis .....	5	“ Catarrh. ....	10	Pertussis .....	11
Constipatio .....	21	Gastritis Ac. ....	4	Pericarditis .....	3
Cephalalgia .....	17	“ Chron. ...	26	Rubeola.....	12
Contusio .....	11	Hæmorrhoids .....	4	Scarlatina .....	11
Diarrhœa .....	31	Icterus .....	4	Ulcus.....	7
Dysentery .....	29	Luxatio .....	2	Vermes .....	20
Dysmenorrhœa....	11	Menorrhagia .....	4	Varicella .....	14
Eczema.....	4	Neuralgia .....	18	Variola .....	5
Epistaxis .....	2	Ophthalmia.....	7	Vaccinatio.....	18
Extract. Dentis ...	19				

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Toronto, January, 1st, 1852.

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## TORONTO LYING-IN-HOSPITAL.

The Medical attendant of the Lying-in-Hospital begs to submit the following Report of the Patients delivered in the Hospital and at their own dwellings during the past year:—

Total number delivered up to January 1st, 1851....		127
Number delivered up to January 1st, 1852.....		61
		188
Total .....		188
Number delivered in the Hospital .....		58
Number delivered at their dwelling .....		3
		61
Number of married women.....		51
Number of unmarried women.....		10
		61
Church of England..	34 .... Married 29 .....	Unmarried 5 ... 34
Roman Catholics....	15 ..... " 14 .....	" 1 .. 15
Presbyterians...	8 ..... " 4 .....	" 4 .. 8
Methodists .....	3 ..... " 3 .....	" 0 .. 3
Baptists .....	1 ..... " 1 .....	" 0 .. 1
61		51
From 18 to 25 years.....		33
From 25 to 30 " .....		16
From 30 to 35 " .....		2
From 35 to 40 " .....		9
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During the year there have been four deaths of mothers, and one still-born infant.

The deaths among the mothers were occasioned by a very aggravated form of puerperal fever. Subsequent enquiry proved that the first woman attacked had come from a part of the country where the disease had been prevailing,—a circumstance entirely unsuspected at the time of her admission. The other three victims were in the house at the time, and were all delivered much about the same time, a fact which may in some measure account for the spreading of the disease; although I attribute the extension of the disease in a great degree to epidemic influence,—many cases of a similar kind having been reported to me from various parts of the Province about the same date. I at once determined to refuse admission to future applicants for some time, until such precautionary measures had been adopted as seemed necessary to purify the house and secure the safety of future inmates. I am happy in being able to report that this proceeding has been successful, as no patient admitted since the re-opening of the establishment has suffered from any untoward symptoms.

E. M. HODDER.

Toronto, January 1st, 1852.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH P. PATTERSON,  
TREASURER.

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1851							
Jan. 20.	To Cash paid Beckett & Co.....	16	10	0			
"	" " A. Ogilvie & Co. ....	2	7	11			
"	" " Mrs. Buchanan .....	3	3	0			
"	" " J. C. Bettridge .....	5	7	0			
Feb. 1.	" " Mrs. Buchanan .....	7	19	2			
"	" " Smith & Macdonald .....	6	6	8			
" 1.	" " Thomas Anderson.....	17	10	0			
					59	3	9
" 6.	" " Patriot account for Printing	1	10	4			
" 6.	" " Mrs. Buchanan, Cur. Exp.	5	0	0			
" 22.	" " " for Wood.	3	8	9			
" 24.	" " Current Expenses, £5; Margaret Jones's Wages, £1 5s.....	6	5	0			
" 11.	" " 24yd. cotton at 6d. per Mrs. Buchanan	0	12	0			
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Mar. 7.	" " Cur. Expenses, £3 15s.; 17th, do. £5.	8	15	0			
" 31.	" " Wood .....	2	2	6			
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April 4.	" " Mrs. Buchanan's Salary, 1 quarter ..	7	10	0			
21.	" " Current Expenses .....	5	0	0			
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May 12.	" " Wood, £3 15s.; Whitewashing, 17s. 6d	4	12	6			
17.	" " Current Expenses .....	5	0	0			
					9	12	6
June 3.	" " Mrs. Buchanan's Salary, £7 10s.; Ser- vant's Wages, 15s.....	8	5	0			
" 16.	" " Cur. Ex. £5.; Ridout Bros. £1 11 1	6	11	1			
					14	16	1
July 1.	" " Cur. Exp. £5; H. B. Williams, £1.	6	0	0			
" 16.	" " Rent, £17 10s; Dr. Hallowell, £1 10s.	19	0	0			
" 30.	" " Wood, £2 5s.; Cur. Exp. £4 .....	6	5	0			
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" 8.	" " 30 yards striped tick, at 1s., Mrs. B..	1	10	0			
Aug. 28.	" " Servant's Wages.....	1	5	0			
Oct. 1.	" " Mrs. B.'s Salary, £7 10s; 24th, Ellis'						
	Account £3 15s 2d.....	11	5	2			
" 31	" " Current Expenses .....	4	0	0			
					16	10	2
Nov. 15	" " Wood, £3; A. F. Plees, printing £1	4	0	0			
" 26	" " Stationery, 14s. 5d.; 29th Cur. Ex. £5	5	14	5			
					9	14	5
Dec. 11	" " Wood, £4 17s. 6d.....	4	17	6			
					187	13	0
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	By Cash Received at sundry times from Collections and Churches, Mad <sup>lle</sup> Lind, &c.....	225	16	9			
	Balance in Treasurer's hands....	£38	3	9			

Toronto, Dec., 1851.

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