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HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

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Apothecary and Dentist.

DR. D. D. W. HARRINGTON.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. N. F. CUNNINGHAM.

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Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

DIRECTORS' REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1882.

The record of the great and good work done in this community, and on behalf of transient persons, by the Dispensary for the past year, will be seen stated definitely in the reports of the medical staff, hereto annexed, while the means by which it has been so far sustained, appears in the financial statement of the honorary treasurer. As these documents prove clearly the necessity and value of the Institution, the Directors have little to add beyond expressing thanks to the donors, and to those who are particularly engaged in the fulfilment of the special objects and duties of the Dispensary, and making a few comments in connection with the work, and ways and means for carrying it on. To free the property and premises from encumbrance entailing annual outlay without tangible return, has been the special aim of the directors for several years. By carefully husbanding their resources, and through the increased liberality of individual subscribers, as well as larger collections on Hospital Sunday in many churches last October, they have been able to accomplish this desirable object.

The balance of the mortgage on the building has thus been paid, but the necessary yearly expenses must be met. To provide for these sufficiently and regularly, as circumstances demand, and to the extent which may be required, will be the chief anxiety and main business of

the directory in future, and the basis of their appeals to the public.

The payment mentioned leaves a bare exchequer, and it must be admitted that the income of the corporation is limited and precarious, being largely dependent upon the voluntary donations of benevolent and liberal citizens who are helping other institutions also. The nature of the undertakings of the Dispensary is such as to demand greater liberality and an increased number of benefactors. Established to supply a specific want in the city and surroundings, its work should not be hampered for lack of funds.

Another consideration which presents urgent reasons for enlarged finances, is the ever increasing demand for the peculiar benefits conferred by the institution. As compared with the previous year the number of persons attended at the Dispensary is greater by 652. The number of those attended outside by 248. The number of prescriptions by 1,010, and the dental operations by 105.

The time and labour thereby caused to the medical staff is out of all proportion to the remuneration granted them, which is merely an honorarium to each physician, and it cannot be expected that the work which is now double what it was formerly can be carried on without augmenting the number or pay (or both) of the doctors who are expected to perform their duties skillfully, faithfully and well. It has already been found necessary to add another to the number of the visiting physicians, and divide the North District of the city into two sections, so that the work may be properly fulfilled. Dr. Dodge kindly continues his valuable services gratuitously as heretofore.

A memorial signed by the directors, together with a statement prepared by Dr. Harrington, showing the number of transient persons benefitting by the Dispensary, was forwarded to the committee on Humane Institutions,

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&c., of the Legislature, asking that as the facts submitted warranted an increase of the annual provincial grant, and the amount drawn for the several objects was much less than the vote—the allowance to the Dispensary be greater. The Directors look for a favorable reply in due time from the Government

In regard to the private subscriptions, the directors have pleasure in stating that most of the old and several new subscribers appear on the list. A lady friend sent in the first subscription unsolicited, and a gentleman who has always been a contributor donated this year fifty dollars. Both examples will it is hoped be followed and multiplied. Hitherto the ladies have not aided this good work in this or other ways and they are respectfully invited to do so at their early convenience.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Dispensary is a society as well as a Corporation and that four dollars and upwards constitutes membership, a thing not generally known to the more recent subscribers. The list shows a large number of vacancies caused by the decease and removal of former contributors. As special subscriptions the only public body contributing annually is the Charitable Irish Society (\$40,) and the directors have pleasure in acknowledging the sum of \$20.00, proceeds of an entertainment on behalf of the Dispensary by the North Baptist Church at the suggestion and under management of Mr. J. L. Parsons.

It remains to refer to the result of the Hospital Sunday collections for 1882. Through the earnest and eloquent appeals of various clergymen on that occasion the contributions were much greater than in the previous year, in some churches double the amount. But a few have fallen off and several have so far done nothing toward helping us. (See annexed statement.)

It must be surely now well known that the Dispensary depends very largely for its sustentation and work upon

the benevolence of the general public, and that it is wholly undenominational. It is enough that the applicant for its special benefits, whether man, woman or child, be sick or disabled and too poor to pay for relief. Neither Doctor, Dispenser or Directors will seek to know the religious belief or church attended by the patient, and in the official register there is no column wherein such information can be entered.

This declaration may, however, be necessary to substantiate the annual appeals made to and in all our churches on Hospital Sunday, and to induce every congregation in the City and vicinity to do their part in aiding a public charity which claims the support and co-operation of all creeds and classes alike on behalf of their poor and sick brethren.

To all who have in any way contributed towards the finances and carrying out of the objects of the Dispensary, the directors tender their hearty thanks, including the favors granted by the local press as heretofore.

Hospital Sunday Collections.—Comparative Statement.

	1881.	1882.
St. Mary's Church	\$195.55	\$298.63
St. Patrick's	72.13	123.18
St. Joseph's	20.00	37.60
St. Luke's.....	75.74	93.98
St. George's.....	25.50	59.67
Third Baptist	5.14	.. .
St. Matthew's	84.50	100.00
Brunswick Street Methodist	36.40	40.00
Kaye Street Methodist	2.00	.. .
African Baptist (Cornwallis St.).....	.. .	6.00
Garrison Chapel.....	.. .	67.20
St. Andrew's.....	39.00	33.34
St. Paul's.....	136.20	153.05
Fort Massey Church.....	75.00	50.00
Bishop's Chapel	31.53	20.45
St. Mark's Church.....	20.17	20.00
Chalmers' Church.....	20.00	38.00

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 Christ Church
 St. James' Church
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Granville Street Church.....	25.65	20.89
Grafton Street Methodist.....	20.00	25.00
Zion B. M.....	4.00
St. John's Church.....	40.67	42.00
Poplar Grove Church.....	15.60	40.34
Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	16.21	13.57
St. James' Church, ".....	18.00	18.71
St. Peter's (new) ".....	....	20.45
	<u>\$985.89</u>	<u>\$1321.79</u>

J. F. KENNY,
Hon. Treas.

Halifax, Dec. 30, 1882.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

The following is the report of the Medical Board for the year ending December 31st, 1882.

The table annexed shows the work of the present year as compared with that of the previous year :—

General Summary.

	1881.	1882.
No. Patients treated by Dispensary Physicians.....	3316	3968
" Visits and Consultations	12061	12309
" Deaths.....	45	67
" Teeth Extracted	650	755
" Prescriptions Dispensed	13066	14076

Indoor Department.

The Indoor Physicians report as follows :—

	Patients.	Consultations.
Medical Department.....	1154	2145
Surgical ".....	489	1052
Women's and Children's Department..	537	839
Total.....	<u>2180</u>	<u>4036</u>

The attending physicians of the "Halifax Visiting Dispensary" submit the following report:—

The number of applicants for aid exceeded that of last year by 292; whilst there was a decrease of 82 in the number of consultations. This may be partly accounted for by the fact that a larger number of applicants came from the outlying country districts than in previous years. During the past year no fewer than 157 patients resided in various parts of the county outside the city limits, receiving 390 consultations; and residents of all parts of the Province are numerously registered on our books.

It may be as well in this place to call the attention of the public to the fact that because a man pays city or county rates he is not therefore entitled to Dispensary services, the Institution being merely intended for the poor. The attending physicians feel it necessary to call attention to this fact, as many well-to-do persons apply, taking it for granted that because they pay taxes they should receive gratuitous attendance. The same remarks are applicable to those who give of their means on Hospital Sunday for the support of the Institution, some of whom imagine that because they put into the plate in church they are entitled to all the privileges of Dispensary patients. The physicians of the Dispensary hold that they have the best means of judging of the claims of those who apply to them for medical aid.

OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

The outdoor physicians report as follows:—

DISTRICTS.	CALLS.	VISITS.	DEATHS.
North Districts . . .	643	2,328	30
Central District . . .	541	2,375	27
South . . .	254	1,226	6
Total . . .	1,438	5,929	63

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In comparing the statistics of this with previous years, there is evidence of a marked increase in the number of applicants for attendance. This increase is probably due to the exceptional prevalence of measles and of pneumonic and bronchial affections during the earlier months of the year, and to the epidemics of dysentery and diarrhoea during the summer months. Climatic influences, particularly the continuous raw winds of a delayed spring, produced a very much larger percentage of lung affections than usual. Seventy-five cases of pneumonia were attended, which is more than double the number treated in any former year. Many instances occurred where whole families were severally attacked—a circumstance which would tend to strengthen the belief maintained by eminent medical men that the disease is at times contagious.

About the middle of August after a long spell of hot weather the city was visited by a severe epidemic of dysentery, which continued for some weeks, and in many instances proved fatal. There is no record of a similar epidemic having occurred during the time the Dispensary has been in existence. The disease was for the most part confined to that section of the city lying immediately north and south of Sackville Street, only one case being reported north of Jacob Street. The cause we believe to be imperfect sewerage of that section of the city, with more particularly the illegal custom of connecting receptacles of excrement with surface drains. Diarrhoea was very prevalent during the same time.

The following table indicates the number of cases of acute and infectious diseases, during the present and previous years, which have been treated by the various physicians of the Dispensary.

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Year.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Scarlet Fever.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
1868.....	1	54	18	4	30
1869.....	1	57	11	78	17
1870.....	0	48	1	7	0
1871.....	0	41	6	9	1
1872.....	0	11	27	20	38
1873.....	0	19	0	21	2
1874.....	3	12	0	8	0
1875.....	0	7	0	43	24
1876.....	19	10	42	64	10
1877.....	58	7	56	5	12
1878.....	36	14	3	0	17
1879.....	16	0	9	68	90
1880.....	47	30	30	5	37
1881.....	51	5	41	6	17
1882.....	23	20	38	61	5

Diphtheria, that disease so much dreaded by the public, has not prevailed to the same extent as in former years, though the mortality has been proportionately greater. Twenty-three cases are reported with five deaths.

There is a subject to which the attention of the public and directors is requested, that is, the occurrence of occasional complaints due to a neglect on the part of applicants, to give their correct names and addresses. During the past year forty persons were not visited on account of their neglect in this particular. To prevent the continuance of this source of dissatisfaction, we would suggest this plan, viz., that printed cards be handed to each applicant or his messenger, stating that:—

- (1.) Patients able to come to the Dispensary will not be treated by physicians of the outdoor department.
- (2.) Application must be made each day before one p. m. at the Dispensary, and not at the residence of the doctor.
- (3.) In cases of emergency the prescription of the nearest or any doctor will be dispensed.
- (4.) If the doctor has not attended before six p. m.

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The Medical Board are glad to find that one suggestion which they were about to make has already been anticipated by the directors, namely the addition of a fourth physician to the visiting staff. Great difficulty and inconvenience has been felt for some time in satisfactorily overtaking the work in the North District owing to the large excess of the poor population in that part of the city, and particularly its very scattered character. With a division of the district the work will of course be rendered much less laborious and at the same time more efficient.

In former reports attention has been called to the fact that in many cases proper nourishment was of greater necessity than medicine.

We suggest that a basis of co-operation should be established between the visiting physicians and the "Societies for Improving the Condition of the Poor," so that the physicians might be in a position to supply nourishment when needed, as agents of the societies, and at the same time inform them concerning persons who feign sickness to obtain relief,—a very common practice. And we make one formal suggestion which is, that some means be arranged by which, in emergent cases, a patient may be sent *directly* to Hospital by the simple order of the visiting physician, without the delay which is necessarily occasioned by formal application; also that a card be furnished each member of the Board with the names of the attending physicians and surgeons of the Hospital for each quarter.

DARTMOUTH DEPARTMENT.

The physician of the Dartmouth branch reports as follows :—

No. of Patients	189
Consultations	536
Visits	887
Deaths	4
Number of teeth extracted	54



PRESCRIPTION AND DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The physicians of the Dispensary have great pleasure in testifying to the ability of the Apothecary, and in expressing their satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of the dispensing department are conducted. His report is as follows :—

Prescriptions dispensed -City	12,796
“ “ -Dartmouth	701
“ “ -for other Institutions	579
Number of Teeth extracted	701
Total Prescriptions dispensed	14,076

Mrs. Webber the Janitress continues to give every satisfaction, and her duties are performed in a manner which is highly praiseworthy.

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CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

	In-door.	Outdoor	Dartm.		In-door.	Outdoor	Dartm.
Abortion		3	...	Chlorosis	28	1	...
Abscess	23	24	6	Chorea	6	...	...
Acne	13	...	...	Clavus	1	...	...
Adenitis	7	12	...	Colic	2	3	1
Alcoholism	13	8	2	" Hepatic .....	...	5	...
Alopecia	1	...	...	Concussion, cerebral .....	...	2	...
Amenorrhœa	44	12	4	Conjunctivitis .....	...	1	2
Anæmia	169	7	5	Constipation	31	24	5
Aneurism	2	...	...	Contusion .....	...	5	4
Ani prolapsus	3	1	...	Convulsions	2	5	2
Anthrax	2	2	...	Cystitis .....	...	4	...
Anuria	3	...	...	Dacryocystitis .....	...	1	...
Aphonia	1	...	...	Debility	6	3	2
Aphthæ	2	...	3	Delirium Tremens .....	...	1	...
Arthritis	3	2	...	Dentition	6	7	3
Ascites	1	...	1	Diarrhœa	68	141	12
Asthma	25	9	2	Diphtheria	1	23	...
Bite, dog	3	...	...	Dislocation	2	2	...
Bladder, irritable	1	...	...	Diuresis	1	...	...
Bright's Diseases	3	4	1	Dysentery	8	47	...
Bronchitis	381	210	16	Dysmenorrhœa	1	2	2
Bubo	5	...	...	Dyspepsia	163	23	13
Bulla	1	...	...	Dysuria	8	...	...
Bunion	1	...	...	Eczema	21	6	3
Burns and Scalds	16	4	3	" Impetiginodes	10	...	1
Bursitis	1	2	...	Emesis	1	5	...
Caries	2	...	...	Emphysema .....	...	2	...
Cancer	2	2	1	Endocervicitis .....	...	3	...
" of Jaw	1	...	...	Endometritis .....	...	1	...
" of Liver	3	...	...	Enteritis	1	2	...
" of Oesophagus	1	...	...	Epilepsy	2	...	2
" of Stomach	1	...	...	Epistaxis	2	...	...
" of Uterus	1	...	...	Erysipelas	13	10	...
Cancrum Oris	1	...	...	Erythema	22	...	...
Cardiac Disease .....	...	15	1	Favus	1	...	...
Catarrh	26	...	...	Febacula .....	...	4	...
Cephalalgia	7	...	...	Fever, Intermittent .....	...	...	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	2	...	...	" Typhoid .....	...	20	3
" Softening	2	...	...	Fracture	9	6	...
Chancre	1	...	...	Furunculus	1	1	...

	Indoor.	Outdoor	Dartm.		Indoor.	Outdoor	Dartm.
Gastralgia	4	2		Menorrhagia	16	22	4
Gastritis	1			Metritis	3	1	
Gelatio	6			Metrorrhagia	2	1	1
Gonorrhœa	17	3		Morbilli	1	61	7
Hæmatemesis	5	1		Morbus Coxæ	1	1	
Hæmaturia	2			Muscular Atrophy	1	1	
" Paroxysmal	1			Necrosis	5		
Hæmoptysis	5	2		Neuralgia	133	17	2
Hæmorrhoids	12			Neurasthenia	11		
Hemiplegia	1	3		Odontalgia	1		
Hepatic Congestion	4			Edema	1		
" Cirrhosis	1			Ophthalmia	6		
Hepatitis	1			Orchitis	2		
Hernia	8			Ostitis	1		
Herpes	2			Otalgia	1		
" Circinatus	2			Otitis	2		
" Zoster	7	1		Ozaena	1		
Hydrocele	1			Paralysis	3		
Hydrocephalus	1			Parametritis	2		
Hydrothorax	1	1		Paraphymosis	1		
Hyperlactation	1	1		Paronychia	17	3	
Hysteria	1	6	1	Parotitis	3		
Icterus	1	1		Parturition	2	9	
Idiocy	2			Perimetritis	10		
Impetigo	13			Perineum, ruptured	1		
Injuries and Wounds	121	20	9	Peritonitis	7	1	
Insanity	4			Perityphlitis	1		
Insolation	1			Pertussis	1	5	
Insomnia	1			Pharyngitis	1	14	
Laryngitis	8	2		Phlebitis			
Laryngismus Stridulus	2			Phthisis	54	4	
Lead Poisoning	1			Phymosis	1		
Lepra	3			Placenta Prævia	1		
Leucorrhœa	43	1	1	Pleuritis	1	15	
Lichen	1			Pleurodynia	9	2	
Lochiæ Suppressio	1			Pneumonia	75	2	
Lumbago	21	1	1	Porrigo	5		
Lupus	1			Pregnancy	12	10	1
Mania	11			Prurigo	13		
Marasmus	2			Psoriasis	2		
Mastitis	1	3		Pulmonary Congestion	1		
Meningitis	3			Purpura Simplex	1		
" Tubercular	4			Pyæmia	1		
Menopause	2			Rheumatism	46	45	2

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Scrofulo

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Scarlatina.....	..	38	10
Scrofulo.....	7	4	1
Senectus.....	3	..	2
Septicæmia.....	..	1	..
Spinal Caries.....	1
Sprains and Strains ..	19	3	..
Stomatitis.....	6	1	..
Sycosis.....	1	..	..
Synovitis.....	1	6	..
Syphilis.....	38	34	3
Tabes Dorsalis	2	..	..
Talipes.....	..	1	..
Tetany.....	..	2	..
Toe-nail, ingrowing ..	1	..	..
Tongue-tie.....	9	..	..
Tonsillitis.....	29	20	3
Torticollis.....	..	1	..
Tumour	6	..	..

	Indoor.	Outdoor	Dartm.
Tussis	2	..	..
Ulcer.....	22	13	3
Urethral Stricture.....	1	..	..
Urticaria	11	..	..
Uterine Fibroid.....	..	2	..
“ Displacement	16	3	..
“ Subinvolution .....	..	3	..
Vaginal Tumour	2	..	..
Vaginitis.....	..	3	..
Varicella.....	1	4	..
Varix.....	3	..	..
Vermes.....	72	15	6
Vulvæ Pruritus.....	2	..	..
No. Diagnosis.....	34	71	1
Able to come .....	..	42	..
Transferred.....	33	..	..
Able to pay.....	14	17	..
Sent to Hospital.....	9	13	..
Wrong Address.....	..	40	..
Doctor in attendance..	..	11	..
Dismissed.....	3	..	..

DEATHS.

Bright's Disease.....	2	..	Dysentery	8	..
Bronchitis, Chronic ..	1	..	Hydrocephalus.....	1	..
Cancer of Jaw.....	1	..	Meningitis Tubecular. ..	4	..
“ of Liver.....	3	..	Morbilli.....	1	..
“ of Oesophagus. ..	1	..	Muscular Atrophy ..	1	..
“ of Uterus	1	..	Phthisis.....	11	2
Cardiac Disease.....	3	..	Pneumonia.....	7	..
Cerebral Hæmorrhage ..	2	..	Pyæmia	1	..
“ Softening	1	..	Scarlatina.....	1	..
Convulsions.....	1	..	Septicæmia.....	1	..
Diarrhœa.....	4	1	Found Dead.....	..	1
Diphtheria.....	5	..			

DISEASES OF THE EYE AND EAR.

DR. DODGE'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS.

Gentlemen,—The report herewith annexed shows that during the year ending Dec. 31st, I have had 161 patients—118 of the eye and 43 of the ear. By far the greatest number of those were cured, some were improved; and some were incurable receiving no benefit from treatment. The proportion of the first or curable class was larger than in any previous year, from the fact that it comprised more recent cases of disease. The greater number, in fact nearly all, of those who received little or no benefit from treatment belonged to disease of the ear, which had existed a long time, in many cases for years. Now, it is a strange fact, and a somewhat extended experience in private practice enables me to verify it, that people in general really attach less value to the functional integrity of the organ of hearing than to that of sight. Various reasons may be given in explanation of this fact. Impairment of hearing does not interfere with the daily avocations of the great majority of people as much as impaired sight. In most cases when the hearing is defective, the disease is progressive and painless, hence such persons are not compelled to seek relief from suffering. Again, it is very easy for the most careless observer to test his sight so as to know whether it is failing or not. I am often consulted when the hearing power is reduced to 1-10, 1-20, etc., of the normal standard, and yet this failure would be spoken of as a slight defect. Very little trouble, however, would enable any one to make a rough test of his hearing compared with that of his friends or associates. Yet I find this is seldom done. Everybody knows, if diseased action is allowed to go on in any of the joints of the body until structural changes are pro-

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duced, the normal function of the joint is permanently impaired, and limited motion is the result. Now it only requires a little reflection to understand that impaired functional power in the organ of hearing is the result of diseased action occurring in a much more delicate organ than in the joints of the body. It does not follow because it is painless, that organic changes do not occur; and when the latter exist they are often permanent. Hence why so many chronic cases are not susceptible of more than slight improvement, or perhaps none at all. Again, take those cases attended by suppurative discharge, which is the result of inflammation. When recent they are usually satisfactory to treat; but when they become chronic, are tedious, and the hearing is seldom restored to the normal standard. The wonder is not that they are not cured in the proper sense of the term. For with an opening in the drum membrane usually existing in these cases, and inflammatory action, causing serious structural and organic changes, and profuse, frequently offensive discharge, often continuing for years before any serious attempt is made to have proper treatment, the greatest wonder is that any hearing power remains.

During the year two cataract extractions were performed, both of which were successful; two operations for capsular opacity arising from cataract; one operation for artificial pupil; four cases of obstruction of the tear passage were treated; and several minor operations were performed.

It affords me much pleasure to testify to the care and kindness shown by Mrs. Webber to the patients.

DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Lid, oedema of	1	Keratitis, from injury	1
Lid, abscess of	1	Cornea, foreign body in	1
Blepharitis Ciliaris	5	Chalazion	1
Hordeolum	2	Iritis	1
Lachrymal Sac abscess of	1	Cataract, immature	2
" Obstruction of	4	" traumatic	1
Conjunctivitis, acute	29	Cataract mature	3
" chronic	9	Lens, dislocation of	1
" purulent	2	Aphakia	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	Optic Nerve, atrophy of	2
Pterygium	1	" " inflammation of	2
Palpebral Conjunct., polypoid growth of	1	Neuro Retinitis	1
Corneal Opacity	3	Retinitis	1
Keratitis	1	Asthenopia	3
" interstitial	3	Contusion of Globe	1
" with Hypopyon	1	Choroiditis	1
" phlyctenular	16	Retina, detachment of	1
" ulcerative	8	Hypermetropia	1
" from burn	1	Phthisis Bulbi	1
" vascular	1		
		Total	118

DISEASES OF THE EAR.

Auricle, eczema of	3	Membrana Tympani, perforation of	1
Impacted Cerumen	3	Chronic Aural Catarrh	11
Auditory Canal Inflam. diffus'd	1	Tinnitus Aurium	1
" Inflam. circumscribed	5	Onaena Foetid	1
Auditory Canal, foreign body in	1	Eustachian Tube, catarrh of	3
Middle Ear, acute sup. Inflam.	3		
" " acute Inflam.	3	Total	43
" " chronic sup. Infl. with perforation of drum	7		

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1882. EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Apothecary	\$ 500 00
Salaries of Medical Staff	600.00
Salary of Secretary to 30th June	37.50
Forsythe, Sutcliffe & Co., Medicine acct. to 30th Sept....	482.39
Surgical Appliances	20.36
12 months Insurance	18.75
Interest on Mortgage	95.34
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	60.05
Gas and Fuel	49.30
Repairs, Cleaning Morgue. and Miscellaneous Expenses..	23.52
Paid Thomson & Bullock, balance due on Mortgage	1000.00
Balance Cash on hand	688.65
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1882. RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 1st, 1882	\$ 388.24
Donation from Charitable Irish Society	40.00
“ “ Sir Edward Kenny	50.00
“ “ D. Cronan, Esq.	5.00
“ “ J. R. Lithgow, Esq.	4.00
“ “ A Friend, per E. Smith, Esq	4.00
“ “ M. H. Richey, Esq.	2 00
“ “ Hugh Hartshorne	4.00
“ “ G. E. Forsythe	2.00
“ “ R. W. Fraser	5.00
Proceeds North Baptist Sabbath School Entertainment... ..	20.00
Amount Collected by Messrs. Silver and Smith	394 15
Balance City Grant for Year ending April, 1882	350.00
Provincial Grant	400.00
Dartmouth Grant	60.00
Deposit Receipt Cashed	500.00
Interest on Deposit Receipt	25.68
Hospital Sunday Collections (see page 8)	1321.79
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J. F. KENNY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

W. DUNBAR, }
EDWARD SMITH, } *Audit Committee:*

Halifax, Jan. 1st, 1883.

LIFE MEMBERS — HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

The Marquis of Lorne.
The Bishop of Nova Scotia.
Sir Edward Kenny.
Rev. G. M. Grant.
Michael Dwyer, Esq.
Jno. S. Maclean, Esq.

John Doull, Esq.
Thomas A. Ritchie, Esq.
Elliott & Busch.
James R. Lithgow, Esq.
Thomas E. Kenny, Esq.

Subscriptions to the Halifax Dispensary, 1882.

Mrs. Edward Binney.....\$5.00	A. Nelson	3.00
Edward Smith.....	R. Morrow.....	5 00
W. C. Silver.....	W. J. Stairs.....	5 00
Geo. Fraser.....	T. A. Ritchie.....	5.00
Bauld, Gibson & Co.....	John F. Stairs.....	5.00
C. A. Stayner.....	T. E. Kenny.....	5.00
Joseph Sæton.....	B A. Smith.....	5.00
H. H. Fuller.....	Buckley & Allen.....	2.00
Pickford & Black.....	M. S. Brown & Co.....	4.00
S. H. Black.....	Sir Edward Kenny.....	5.00
W. L. P.....	Smith Bros.....	5.00
J. S. Maclean.....	Jas. Scott.....	5.00
Adam Burns.....	A. Smith.....	5.00
E. B. Sutcliffe.....	A. K. Mackinlay.....	5.00
Doull & Miller.....	Jas. A. Moren.....	5 00
L. J. Morton.....	H. Y. Clarke.....	5.00
Sir William Young.....	Peter Ross.....	5.00
Brown & Webb.....	M. Dwyer.....	10.00
S. Tobin.....	A. M. Bell.....	10.00
Farquhar, Forrest & Co...10.00	W. J. Coleman.....	4.00
W. L. Lowell.....	Robert Taylor....	4.00
M. P. Black.....	T. L. DeWolf & Co.....	5 00
J. C. Mackintosh.....	J. Morrow.....	5.00
Bishop of Nova Scotia.....15 00	G. E. Franklyn.....	5.00
E. P. Archbold.....	Lawson, Harrington & Co.	5.00

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An Act to incorporate the Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

(Passed the 18th day of April, A. D. 1872.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows :—

1. James C. Cochran, James Cochran, William Dunbar, John S. Maclean, George M. Grant, Henry N. Paint, Thomas E. Kenny, William H. Neal, D. Henry Starr, John Doull, and their associates, for the medical treatment of the sick poor in the City of Halifax known at the "Halifax Visiting Dispensary," and such other persons as shall be members of the Association according to the rules and bye-laws thereof, are hereby incorporated under the name of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

2. The corporation may purchase, take, hold and enjoy real estate to the value of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, and may sell, mortgage, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of the same for the benefit of the Dispensary and the furtherance of its objects.

3. The present constitution and bye-laws of the Dispensary shall be valid and legally binding until altered or repealed.

4. All property, real and personal, and all debts and liabilities of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, are vested in the corporation hereby created, who may collect all arrears due to them under the present bye-laws and rules of the Dispensary.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "The Halifax Visiting Dispensary."

II.

The object of this Society shall be to provide and furnish medical and surgical aid, and medicines, to such persons as may be in need thereof, and unable, by reason of poverty, to procure the same.

III.

Any person paying annually the sum of Four Dollars shall be a member of the Society, and a subscription of Forty Dollars constitutes membership for life.

IV.

The Society shall be governed by a President, two Vice-Presidents, and seven Directors, who shall appoint a Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board.

V.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to enforce the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and to call special meetings when required. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform these duties.

VI.

The duty of the Secretary shall be to collect all subscriptions and dues to the Society, to pay over all monies received by him to the Treasurer, and report to the Directors annually or as often as they may require it, and keep reports of all meetings. Also to give notice of the

same, examine accounts, and conduct correspondence as may be required.

VII.

The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive all monies payable to the Society, to keep all financial accounts, and make payments as directed by the President and Secretary.

VIII.

There shall be a Board of Consulting Physicians composed of five members.

IX.

A code of Bye-Laws shall be appended to the Constitution, embodying necessary details.

X.

A general meeting of the Society shall be held annually on the second Monday in January, at which the President and Directors shall submit a Report of the proceedings of the previous year, and a Board of Directors for the ensuing year shall be appointed.

XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and not unless one month's notice shall be given to the Society through the Secretary of the proposed alteration.

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The Directors shall have power to make By-Laws and Regulations for the management of the Institution.

II.

The Board of Directors shall meet at the Dispensary at least once a quarter to inspect the rooms and transact such business as may be brought before them. At such meetings they shall appoint two of their number an Executive Committee to attend to any business that may come up during the succeeding quarter and report thereon at next meeting of the Board. At all meetings of Directors (unless at the Annual Meeting) four shall be necessary to form a quorum.

III.

No Director personally interested in a matter under debate shall be entitled to vote at such debate.

IV.

The Directors shall appoint—

1. Attending Physicians for each class of patients.
2. Visiting Physicians.
3. An Apothecary.

V.

All patients treated at the Dispensary shall be divided into four classes as follows: but the Board may make such modifications thereof as they think proper—

1. General medicine, including Diseases of the Heart and Lungs.

2. Surgical cases.
3. Diseases of Women and Children.
4. Eye and Ear Department.

VI.

To each of the above classes shall be appointed by the Board of Directors one attending Physician whose duty shall be to attend at the Dispensary daily for at least one hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock, and treat patients of the respective classes, with exception of the Physician to the Eye and Ear Department, who shall attend Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 12 to 1 p. m.

VII.

There shall be kept at the Dispensary the following Registers:—

1. Visiting Physicians' Register.
2. Register of patients of each class.
3. Files of the prescriptions of each Physician for the year.
4. File of the prescriptions of Charitable Institutions.

VIII.

The Physicians shall reject such applicants as are not entitled to the benefits of the Dispensary. The reasons for such rejection shall be entered upon the Register.

IX.

Lying-in women ordinarily are not patients of the Dispensary, but in extraordinary cases of labor, or when medical aid may be necessary after delivery, they may be attended by the visiting Physicians.

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If any patient shall continue absent from the Dispensary for the space of two weeks, such patient shall be considered as discharged.

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Each attending Physician shall enter in a Register to be kept for that purpose in the prescribing room, such particulars of each case treated as may be deemed necessary by him.

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The attending Physicians may bring students to the Dispensary to witness the treatment when the patients do not object. No student shall operate or prescribe in the Dispensary. They shall conform to such rules as the Board may consider necessary.

XIII.

The attending Physicians of the Dispensary shall draw up such rules for the conduct of students and patients as they may deem necessary. Such rules to be approved of by the Board of Directors and prominently exposed on the walls of the Dispensary.

XIV.

The City may be divided into four Districts and there shall be a Visiting Physician for each, viz:—*South District*—South of Sackville Street, East to Harbour, West to N. W. Arm. *Central*—South Sackville Street; North, Jacob Street; West, N. W. Arm; East, Harbour. *1st North District*—South, Jacob, Cogswell Streets to N. W. Arm; East, Harbour; West, N. W. Arm; North, Gerrish Street, through Maynard to West Street, through West to Robie Street, through Robie to Cunard Street, through Cunard Street to Chebucto Road, thence through North Street to N. W. Arm. *2nd North District*—All North of 1st North District within City limits.

XV.

Each visiting Physician shall take charge of and give adequate attention to all Dispensary patients residing within the district to which he is appointed, needing

medical aid at their dwellings. He shall call at the Dispensary at least once each day between 1 and 3 o'clock, except Sunday, and at each call he shall copy the entries of all such patients from the Register of out-door applicants, and sha'l indicate against each name on the Register previously copied the result of his visit.

XVI.

The attending and visiting Physicians shall, one week previous to the Annual Meeting, send to the Board of Directors a report of all patients treated during the year, giving the statistics and results, with such remarks in regard to the diseases treated by them, and the causes thereof, as the public health may seem to require.

XVII.

The Apothecary sha'll attend at the Dispensary daily from 10 a. m. till 1 p. m. and from 6 to 7 p. m., and on Sundays from 12 to 1 p. m. It shall be his duty (1st) to classify the patients that come to the Dispensary to be treated; (2nd) to receive and record all applications for out-door treatment; (3rd) to compound medicines and dispense the prescriptions of the attending and visiting Physicians; (4th) to make up prescription for a poor patient coming from any of the consulting Physicians; (5th) to perform such other duties in the Dispensary as the Board may direct.

XVIII.

The compensation to the attending and visiting Physicians and the Apothecary shall be determined from year to year by the Board of Directors, and shall be proportionate to the work requiring to be done by them.

XIX.

No Physician, nor the Apothecary, shall appoint another to take his place should he retire. Before resignation each shall give three months notice.

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XX.

These By-Laws shall not be altered unless the proposed alteration shall be submitted in writing to the Board at least one stated meeting previous to that at which the action of the Board shall be had thereon.

XXI.

The foregoing By-Laws shall commence and take effect on the first day of April, 1883, and all previous Bye-Laws shall thereupon cease and become void.

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