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IS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE DISPENSARY EVERY MORNING; (SUNDAYS
EXCEPTED,) AT NINE O'CLOCK, TO PRESCRIBE FOR SUCH
OF THE POOR AS ARE AFFLICTED WITH DISEASES
OF THE EYE OR EAR.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Toronto Eye and Ear Dispensary.

- A. T. McCORD, - - - *President.*
- A. DREDGE, - - - *Vice-President.*
- W. T. MASON, - - - *Secretary-Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS :

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| A. T. McCORD, | W. T. MASON, |
| WM. ELLIOTT, | E. J. PALMER, |
| JOHN WALLIS, M.P.P., | W. J. MACDONNELL, |
| A. R. McMASTER, | J. T. SHAPTER, |
| R. WILKES, | J. L. BLAIKIE, |
| A. DREDGE, | J. H. MASON. |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

- A. DREDGE, W. J. MACDONNELL, W. T. MASON.

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- A. M. ROSEERUGH, M. D., *Surgeon.*
 - R. A. REEVE, B. A., M. D., *Assistant Surgeon.*
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

TORONTO EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY.

ARTICLE I.

This institution shall be called the Toronto Eye and Ear Dispensary.

ARTICLE II.

All annual subscribers shall be members of this institution, and entitled to vote at general meetings and elections.

ARTICLE III.

Any person subscribing and paying at one time fifty dollars, shall be a member for life, and entitled to the same privileges as annual subscribers.

ARTICLE IV.

An election shall be held in the first week in May in each year for the choice of twelve Directors from among the members. Those members receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared directors for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE V.

An executive committee of three shall be annually chosen by the Directors from their own number, who shall, in conjunction with the Surgeon, make such arrangements and regulations for the management of the Dispensary as shall by them be deemed best adapted to promote the objects of this charity. These arrangements and regulations to be reported to the Board of Directors at their stated meetings, and to be adopted or rejected at their discretion.

ARTICLE VI.

The Surgeon of the Dispensary shall be *ex officio* a Director.

ARTICLE VII.

Stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly, in the first week of February, May, August and November. Special meetings of the Directors shall be called at other times by the Secretary, at the request of three Directors. Five Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, shall be chosen annually by the Directors from their own number.

ARTICLE IX.

The Surgeon, an Assistant Surgeon and the consulting Surgeon or Surgeons, shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X.

The Surgeon or the Assistant Surgeon shall be present at the Dispensary every day (Sundays excepted), at a certain hour, to examine such patients as may apply for aid or advice, to prescribe for them, and to perform such operations as may be considered necessary.

ARTICLE XI.

The consulting Surgeon or Surgeons shall give their opinion and advice in all cases upon which they may be consulted by the Surgeon.

ARTICLE XII.

Students of Medicine attending the Dispensary shall be subject to such regulations as the Surgeon shall from time to time direct and prescribe, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

This Constitution must be considered as merely provisional. The Annual Meeting shall have the right to revise, alter and amend it at their discretion, in such a manner as shall be suggested by mature reflection and experience, provided, however, that no change shall be made injuriously affecting the rights of Life Members.

RESOLUTIONS

Passed at the FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the Toronto EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY, held at the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday evening, the 20th of July, 1869.

His Worship the Mayor, Samuel B. Harman, in the chair.

Report of the Directors read by W. T. Mason.

Report of the Surgeons read by Dr. Rosebrugh.

Moved by D. Thurston, seconded by Rev. W. Jamot,

That the report just read be adopted, and that four hundred copies of it, with the Constitution of the Dispensary embodied, be printed for circulation. Adopted.

Moved by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Wilkes,

That the exposures to which the poor amongst us are subject, render them peculiarly liable to eye diseases, and its invariable accompaniments of want and dependence, where poverty exists. That the records of the Dispensary show it to have been largely beneficial in its treatment, thereby not only removing much personal suffering, but also conferring great indirect social benefits, and therefore entitled to the sympathies, confidence, and continued support of its patrons, and the public generally. Adopted.

Moved by Dr. Caniff, seconded by Dr. Hall,

That the following gentlemen be the Directors of the Dispensary for the ensuing year:—A. T. McCord, R. Wilkes, A. Dredge, W. J. Macdonnell, E. J. Palmer, J. H. Mason, A. R. McMaster, Wm. Elliott, W. T. Mason, J. T. Shapter, J. L. Blaikie, and Jno. Wallis, M.P.P. Adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Medical Officers for their gratuitous services, and also to His Worship the Mayor, for presiding at the meeting.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the subscribers the first report of the Toronto Eye and Ear Dispensary, to May 20th, 1869, which covers a period of two years, although the institution has only been sixteen months under its present constitution and management.

In giving effect to the intentions of the promoters of the charity, the Directors, on their appointment, prepared a register in which to tabulate such items of information, in respect of each case receiving treatment, as it was thought desirable to record, and from which could thereafter be obtained correct statistics of the benefits the institution had conferred. The Subscribers are invited to inspect the register for fuller details than is necessary to furnish in this report; it will, however, be of interest to state here, that out of the two hundred and nine eye patients admitted since the opening of the Dispensary, one hundred and seventy-three were discharged either perfectly cured or much improved in their vision. The number of ear patients has been fifteen. The experience of the past has served to show the benefits of this charity to the poor, suffering from eye and ear diseases. Under the most favorable social conditions, the total or even partial deprivation of eye-sight is lamentably afflictive; but when to this, poverty and dependence are added, an institution such as this, which affords gratuitous and skilled treatment to those so afflicted, must strongly commend itself to the sympathies and support of all who are right-minded in the cause of human suffering. Professional observation has taught that for the successful treatment of so sensitive and delicate an organ as the eye, it is indispensable in most cases that it be conducted in connection with favorable external circumstances, a disregard of which is sufficient to neutralize the best professional skill. Ready and frequent access to medical advice, pure air, freedom from exciting causes, wholesome and nourishing food, judicious arrangement and supply of light, are a few of the many things that may be named in this connection, and which are least likely to be available in a large majority of cases of the dependent poor. Impressed with this, and with a view to make the institution more widely beneficial, a Committee waited upon the Attorney-General, the Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, who listened with interest to the representations made to him by the Committee, of the character of the charity, and of its claims to receive aid from the public funds, but up to the present time neither Government nor Municipal aid has

been received. While still keeping this more extended object in view, the Directors are not unmindful that in its present more humble and limited sphere, a good work is being done, and confidently rely upon those who have already sustained it, and the public generally, for the future sustentation of the Dispensary. The detailed financial statement of the Treasurer shows that the amount received from subscribers is \$475 12.

The amount expended, of which the following is a summary, is:—

For rent, fuel and caretaker's attendance.....	\$375 00
For medicines	40 90
For advertising and preliminary expenses	37 62
For books	6 38
For four weeks' board for poor man (special) ...	12 00
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	\$471 90
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Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$3 22
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There are unpaid accounts amounting to about \$30. It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to mention that the daily services of the Dispensary Surgeons, Doctors Rosebrugh and Reeve, have been gratuitously afforded, and with this report the Directors beg leave to submit that of the Surgeons, which will be found to contain many additional items of interesting information, which, together with the suggestions it offers, are commended to the favorable consideration of the Subscribers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. T. McCORD,

President.

W. T. MASON,

Sec'y and Treasurer.

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

The dispensary was opened May 20th, 1867, and the number of patients admitted during the first two years was 224. The number of eye patients was 209; of ear patients 15; the number of males was 125; of females 99; the number of residents of Toronto was 175, and of different sections of Canada and the United States 49. The number of patients discharged cured was 110; improved 91; unimproved 3, and incurable 4. Five patients left, and in one case the result was unknown. The number attending the dispensary May 19, 1869, was 10. Of the eye patients, when admitted, 28 were quite blind; 16 nearly blind; 50 practically blind, and 107 had impaired vision. Of the first-class (quite blind, 28), 8 were discharged with good vision; 8 with vision improved; 4 with sight unimproved. Seven were incurable, and one left. Of the second class (nearly blind, 16), 12 were discharged with good, and 4 with improved sight. Of the third class (practically blind, 50), 33 were discharged with good, and 15 with improved vision, and 2 left. Of the fourth class (impaired vision, 107), 43 were discharged with good, and 58 with improved vision. Five left, and in one case the result was unknown. Of the 209 eye patients, therefore, 96 were discharged with good sight (cured), and 77 with improved sight; but it should be remarked that the number of cured would undoubtedly have been much larger had not many discontinued treatment too soon, from their anxiety to resume work and again earn a livelihood. In some instances also complete recovery was retarded or prevented by the irregular attendance of patients. A large percentage of the diseases under treatment was due to a depraved condition of the system, occasioned by the lack of proper food or by exposure to injurious hygienic influences, and to free the patient from these fruitful sources of disease was often as necessary as was the application of appropriate medication to the diseased organs.

Notwithstanding, however, certain disadvantages incidental to dispensary treatment, an opinion has been confirmed, to which practical expression was long ago given in Great Britain and the United States, viz:—that diseases of the eye and ear are more likely to be successfully treated at institutions especially designed for, and adapted to their treatment, than at general hospitals. The superiority of dispensary treatment merely is of course less marked than that of an eye infirmary, where patients can be received and at once placed under the most favorable conditions for securing a good result.

It should be noted also that 49 patients, or 24 per cent., came from different and sometimes distant sections of Canada and the United States; and that many of these were quite poor and unable

to pay for their board. Applications for grants to defray the expenses for board were successfully made for some of this class to their respective township councils; and in other cases accommodations were provided at the House of Industry and House of Providence, through the kindness of the directors of those institutions. There are, doubtless, many poor persons in the province who would gladly avail themselves of the treatment here afforded, but who are unable to pay for board during their attendance.

Attention is directed to these facts, to indicate the necessity for superseding the dispensary by an infirmary, which, while furnishing daily gratuitous treatment as heretofore to the poor of the city and country, will also accommodate cases of graver disease and of greater need.

It is a fact greatly to be regretted that there is not an Ophthalmic Hospital in Ontario; for to this fact must we mainly attribute the rapidly increasing numbers of our blind paupers, pensioners on the public bounty who already number, it is believed, more than 600. We must not forget, too, that when a father in poor circumstances loses his sight, want and misery are almost certainly entailed upon his family. Until the establishment of an infirmary, the usefulness of the dispensary might be greatly extended by placing a fund at the disposal of the committee, with which to assist patients in paying for their board, or in procuring necessary food, &c.

Appended is an abstract of the diseases under treatment during the first two years, and of the operations performed during the last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ABSTRACT OF DISEASES.

(Diseases of the Eye).

Atresia Pupillæ.....	2
Cataract, idiopathic.....	2
congenital (lamellar).....	2
traumatic.....	2
Blepharitis, chronic.....	1
ciliaris.....	4
Choroiditis, chronic.....	2
Conjunctivitis, simple.....	6
catarrhal.....	5
phlyctenular.....	13
purulent.....	3
Distichiasis.....	3
Glaucoma.....	3
Hypermetropia.....	2
Iritis.....	4
Irido-choroiditis.....	1

Keratitis, phlyctenular.....	51
vascular.....	9
diffusa.....	3
punctata.....	4
pannosa.....	3
ulcerosa.....	1
Leucoma.....	6
Nebulae.....	5
Ophthalmia sympathetic.....	6
Panophthalmitis.....	1
Retinitis pigmentosa.....	1
Retinal Hæmorrhage.....	1
Strabismus convergens.....	1
Trachoma.....	33
" and vascular keratitis.....	7
Trichiasis.....	2
Tumor Tarsi.....	1
Ulcer of Cornea.....	18
Wound of cornea.....	1
Unnamed.....	2
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Total.....	209

(Diseases of the Ear).

Catarrh, chronic aural.....	6
tubal.....	1
Cerumen impacted.....	3
Otitis purulent.....	4
Ulcer mem. tympani.....	1
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Total.....	15
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Diseases of Eye.....	209
" Ear.....	15
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Total.....	224

ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 19TH, 1869.

Excision of the eye.....	1
Iridectomy for atresia pupillæ.....	3
" leucoma.....	11
" juvenile lamellar cataract.....	2
" glaucoma.....	3
" kerato-iritis.....	4
" ulcer of cornea.....	1
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Keratonyxis.....	6
Opening abscess.....	1
Paracentesis corneæ.....	8
Peritomy.....	3
Tenotomy.....	1
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Total	44

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LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

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Bryce, McMurrich & Co., \$10 00	Fisken, John & Co.....\$ 2 00
Beardmore, Geo. L..... 4 00	Forbes, H. R..... 2 00
Blaikie & Alexander..... 2 00	Friends (several)..... 3 56
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Matheson, Hugh.....	1 00	Taylor, C. C.....	2 00
Mumford, James	1 00	Wilkes, R.	5 00
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Morrison, S.....	\$ 1 00	Wood, R. A.....	5 00
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