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HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

Directors' Beport,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

The duty of setting before the subscribers, and the public some account of the progress, and present condition, and prospects of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, again involves upon the Directors at the beginning of another year, and they are happy to say that that condition is one of unmixed gratification.

Each day has brought increasing work in the various departments of the Institution, shewing faithful attention on the part of the medical attendants to the unfortunates, indoors and out, requiring their aid whose numbers are now to be reckoned by the thousand, instead of the few stragglers who, at first, presented themselves to the medical staff, who were with us at the beginning.

It may well be doubted whether, in any of the Medical Institutions in the Dominion, or even in those of the Republic beside us, there is a more faithful, conscientious band of skilful and united workers than those who weekly and daily in our beautiful building are doing their part in mitigating the evils which flesh is heir to, our faithful dentist can

shew, for one item alone, 673 teeth as the trophies of his handy work, to say nothing of the 10,000 or more of prescriptions which have passed through his hands, and then consider from the admirable reports of the Medical Board, the summaries of the respective branches of other kinds of ailments, and let it be asked, what the condition of the Poor in this City would be if the Halifax Dispensary ceased to send forth its healing balm on the thousands of the poor, the lame, halt and the blind who now resort to its spacious and comfortable halls, where they meet the medical fraternity ready to minister to the wants of all.

Ten years ago was our day of small things when it was doubtful whether the Institution would succeed, but we trust there is no fear now of our doors being closed, but that long after we, who are now connected with the Institution, have passed away, it will remain a blessing to God's poor in this city and vicinity, and to Him be all the praise.

The accounts of our worthy Treasurer, and the reports of the Medical Board and Eye and Ear Department are so clear and minute that no detailed reference need be made to them —only a request that they may be read and studied and not cast aside or put in the waste basket.

There is still a mortgage of \$3000 on the building which, it is hoped, some of our wealthy men will make it their charge to take up, and do it while they live, that they may enjoy the satisfaction of seeing the good they have been instrumental in doing.

We may also add that the Directors would be delighted to be the medium of such a noble gift as would free the Dispensary from debt for ever, let it be asked what friend of poor surer

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poor suffering humanity will be the first to send our Treasurer at least a good instalment of the required amount.

This reminds us of that friend who, for years past, has been so active in behalf of this Institution, and has been so instrumental in raising it to its present gratifying position, viz., Rev. Mr. Grant, now of Kingston, Ont. Subjoined is a copy of the farewell address which was forwarded to the Bev. gentleman:—

HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on 21st Dec., 1877, the following resolution was moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded, and passed unanimously:—

"Resolved, That the Directors of the Halifax Visiting Dispen"sary, at this their first meeting since the appointment of the Rev.
"G. M. Grant, A. M., to the Principalship of Queen's College, Onta"rio, and his departure from Halifax to assume the duties of that
"office, desire to record their sense of the great extent to which
"this Institution has been benefitted, and its efficiency promoted
"through the able council afforded, and active interest evinced by
"him in the management of its affairs, whilst he occupied a seat
"at this Board. They will ever gratefully cherish a lively recollec"tion of the general sympathy and unvarying assiduity by which
"his participation in their efforts was characterized, and of the
"large measure in which his labors contributed to their possession
"of the edifice, in which they are now assembled, and to the pre"sent satisfactory position of the Dispensary financially."

They direct this expression of their esteem to be entered upon the minutes of the meeting, and request the Secretary to transmit to Mr. Grant a copy, accompanied by the assurance that he is followed to his new sphere of labor by the united and hearty wishes for his happiness of those with whom he was here associated.

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REPORT OF MEDICAL BOARD.

Halifax, Dec. 1st, 1877.

To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary :-

Gentlemen,—The Medical Board of the Halifax Dispensary beg to submit the following report of its work for the year ending November 30th, 1877:

There have been treated by the Dispensary Physicians, during the year, patients to the number of 2839, of whom 1641 have been treated at the Dispensary by the Attending Physicians, and 1198 have been attended at their home by the Visiting Physician. The number of applications for relief by those able to attend at the Dispensary is 3804, while 4980 visits have been made by the attending Physicians to those too ill to leave their homes. An appended tabular statement shows the proportionate numbers of the in-door departments and the out-door districts.

Number of teeth extracted, 673.

There have been dispensed 11,046 prescriptions, besides 670 for other charities, and 58 for the poor of Dartmouth.

The number of deaths is 18.

The Board points, with pleasure, to the gratifying exhibit shown in the above statement, as an indication of the steadily growing sphere of usefulness of the Dispensary. Already the record shows sign of an abundant harvest, from

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the good seed sown among the sick poor. With a largely increased number of patients in every department, there have been comparatively fewer consultations and visits required, while the death rate has been reduced one-fourth. In this we see an evidence that the efforts put forth from day to day, by the several physicians, not merely in the care of disease, but in the enforcement of those sanitary rules which determine its prevention, are meeting with their natural and legitimate results, and that in the success which has followed in the wake of treatment of these, the poorest classes of our city, whose homes and surroundings are, many of them, wretched beyond description, and the best of them bad enough, we reap the fruit of freely proffered advice of improved hygienic conditions, of systems more amenable to treatment.

The recent establishment of a Branch of the Dispensary in the Town of Dartmouth, for the benefit of its sick poor, is a new departure, and though the time during which it has been in operation, is comparatively limited, yet, the wisdom of the course and its need are demonstrated by the large number of applicants who presented themselves for relief, during the only month of the year in which it was in opertion. The new building continues to give entire satisfaction, and answers its requirements admirably. Some additional instruments and apparatus are needed in the different departments to add to their efficiency, but with this exception, the equipment generally is good. The large waiting hall, which serves its purpose so well, continues to be crowded with applicants for relief, whose deportment is all that can be wished for, and whose appearance in the matters of clean-

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hibit the sary. liness and tidiness of apparel is gradually undergoing a transformative process, so much so is this the case, that an ill-mannered, unkept, and dirty patient is the rare exception rather than the rule.

The Dispensing department continues to be faithfully and efficiently filled by Mr. Puttner, who, with the added relays from the Dartmouth branch, finds the prescriptions pouring in upon him "thick as autumn leaves in vallambrosa." To him is also entrusted the Dental Chair, whose occupants are treated "with neatness and despatch."

The Board cannot close this report without a word of praise in favor of the Janitress, Mrs. Webber, whose diligent handiwork shows itself in the continued clean and neat appearance of the several departments, and whose obliging manner is deserving of this recognition.

MEDICAL REPORT, 1876-7.

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Medical Department	Consultations. 1921
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Asthma29	Epilepsy1	Melancholia
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Anthrax4		
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Bubo4		
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Cirrhosis of Liver1	Gonorrhoea 16	Phlabiti
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Catarrh142	Gastrodynia7	Period I CVCI
Cephalalgia9	Hæmorrhoides 20	
Coughs40	Hæmaturia4	camonia 16
Convulsions2	Hernia4	
Cystitis 6	Hemiplegia 2	
Contusion28	Hypochondriasis 6	rieurodynia 163
Constipation62	Hysteria13	rodagra 4
Climacteric 6	Hydrocele6	Plueuritis 10
Conjunctivitis1	Hemontrais	Paralysis 3
Cardiac Disease41	Hæmoptysis8	raronychia
Caries2	Hopatic Dis28	rediculi Cap10
Chlorosis6	Herpes, Lab 10	Peritonitis
Cholera Infantum5	Zoster10	Periostitis10
Chorea	Hordeolum6	Porrigo 2
Diarrhœa 131	Indigestion35	Psoriasis
Delirium Tremens15	Impetigo 4	Rubeola
Diphtheria58	Influenza11	Roseola
Droney (overien)	Inanition3	Rheumatism84
Dropsy (ovarian)2	Injury 45	Syphilis27
Dysentery6	Intertrigo5	Synovitis
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REPORT OF THE EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT

To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary : -

Gentlemen,—During the year ending Nov. 30th, 1877, the number of cases treated by me has been 172—137 of the Eye and 35 of the Ear—about one-fifth more than in the previous year. The total number of visits made by these patients to the Dispensary, including some visits made by me at the houses of some of them, was 949; averaging a fraction less than six visits for each patient. No diagnosis was made in 6 cases, the patients living out of town and could not return.

During the year 1876 the total number of patients was 145, and the total visits made were 1037. This year the total number of patients, as already stated, is 172, and the total visits for the year 949; so that while there has been an increase in the number of patients over 1876, there has been a decrease in the total number of visits of 1877 compared with the previous year. This fact arises from the diminution, since the first year of my connection with the Dispensary, in the number of old and chronic cases that require a more prolonged period of attendance than acute and recent cases. The great majority of those treated by me during the past year has been of the latter class; and it is

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Eczema Impacto Foreign Inflam.' Acute I Nasal C Chronic pleasing to know that the poor are so ready to avail themselves of treatment at the outset of their diseases.

During the year two cases of Cataract were operated upon—one by extraction, and the other (a case of Capsular Cataract) by discission or the needle operation. Both were successful. A third case of Lamellar Cataract in both eyes was treated by Iridectomy, or the operation for artificial pupil, and with good results. The latter operation was also performed in four other cases with improvement of vision in all except one. Five cases of obstruction of the Tear Duct were treated; and three of Abscess of the Tear Sac, one of which was complicated with a fistulous opening upon each cheek. One case of Naevus, of the subcutaneous variety, involving the nasal passages and the end of the nose, producing a disagreeable deformity, as well as obstructing the nostrils, was treated by electrolysis. The needles were introduced at three different times.

Before closing I have to bear testimony to Mrs. Webber's careful nursing of those patients who were admitted within the Dispensary for operation and treatment. No expense has been incurred by the Institution for their board this year.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

Halifax, Nov. 30th, 1877.

DISEASES OF THE EAR.

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Nasal Catarrh	Total 25

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DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Conjunctivitis Acute	10	Neuro-Retinitis (syph)	1
Conjunctivitis Purulent	2	Neuro Retinitis	ī
Conjunctivitis Phlyctenular		Atrophy of nerve	1
Keratitis	2	Retinitis (Bright's)	1
Keratitis Parenchymatous	2	Phthisis Bulbi	1
Keratitis Phlyctenular	35	Stye	1
Keratitis Ulcerative	3	Chalazion.	4
Foreign body in Cornea	1	Epithelioma	1
Wound of Cornea	1	Eczema of Lid	1
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act	1	Contusion of Lid	2
Corneal Opacity from wound.	1	Granular Lids	6
" with Nystagmus	1		2
Kerato-Iritis	1	Tinea Tarsi	6
Cataract Incipient	2	Pterygium	1
Cataract Mature	2	Contusion of Globe	3
Cataract Capsular	ī	Strabismus Cenvergens	1
" with Ant. Synechia	î		5
Cataract Lamellar	î		3
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Bishop's Chape	al	4		
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St. Andrew's	16	15	•	28
Chalmer's	"	3		28
Fort Massey	"	2	_	28
St. John's	"	5	0	28
Poplar Grove		4	1	80
St Mann's		2		80
St. Mary's		29	3	80
St. Joseph's	"	2	1	11
St. Patrick's	**	91	0	20
Grafton St. Mo	ethodist Church	46	3	20
Brunswick St.	***************************************		3	50
Charles St.	46			69
Kaye St.	"			33
Granville St. B	aptist "	21		33
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Halifax, Dec. 31st, 1877.

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J. F. KENNY, Treasurer.

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J. F. KENNY,

Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1877.

Avery, James F., M. D			Gastonguay & Dompierre	\$2	00
Albro, Edward	5	00	Hannan, Rev. Dr., V. G	5	00
Archbold, Edward P	5	00	Hesslein, H. & Sons		00
Akins, Thomas B	5	00	Howlett, & Co., L	5	00
Almon & Mackintosh	10	00	Hogan, Peter	4	00
Anderson, Billing & Co		00	Halliburton, John C	4	00
Bishop of Nova Scotia	15	00	Hart, Jairus	4	00
Binney, Edward	20	00	Howard S., & Son	4	00
Bauld Gibson & Co	8	00	Harrington, W. D	2	00
Burns, Adams	5	00	Jones, A. G., M. P	4	00
Butler, Hon. James	5	00	Kenny, Sir Edw	10	00
Boak, Hon. Robt	5	00	Kenny, J. F	5	00
Black, Wm L	4	00	Kinnear, T. C	4	00
Brown, M. S., & Co	4	00	Silver, W. C	4	00
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Brown, Thomas A	4	00	Sircom & Marshall	4	00
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Black Bros. & Co	5	00	Wilkins, Judge	4	00
Black, W. A	5	00	White, S. A	5	00
Burton, John W	4	00	Walsh, Patrick	5	00
Bremner, J. J	4	00	Watson & Myers	1	50
Bayne, John	2	00	Taylor, Robert	4	00
Cochran, Hon. James	20	00	Lithgow, James R	5	00
Cronan, D	5	00	Lawson, Harrington & Co	10	00
Chisholm, William	4	00	Lowell, W. L. & Co	2	00
Carney, Michael	4	00	Morrow, Jas. B	5	00
Creighton, J. G. A. & Son	2	00	MacLean, J. S	5	00
Doull & Miller	10	00	McLeod, A., & Co	5	
Dwyer, Michael	7	00	McLeod, Alexander	5	
Duggan, James & Son	4	00	Mott, John P	5	
Duffus & Co	5	00	Moran, James A	5	00
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