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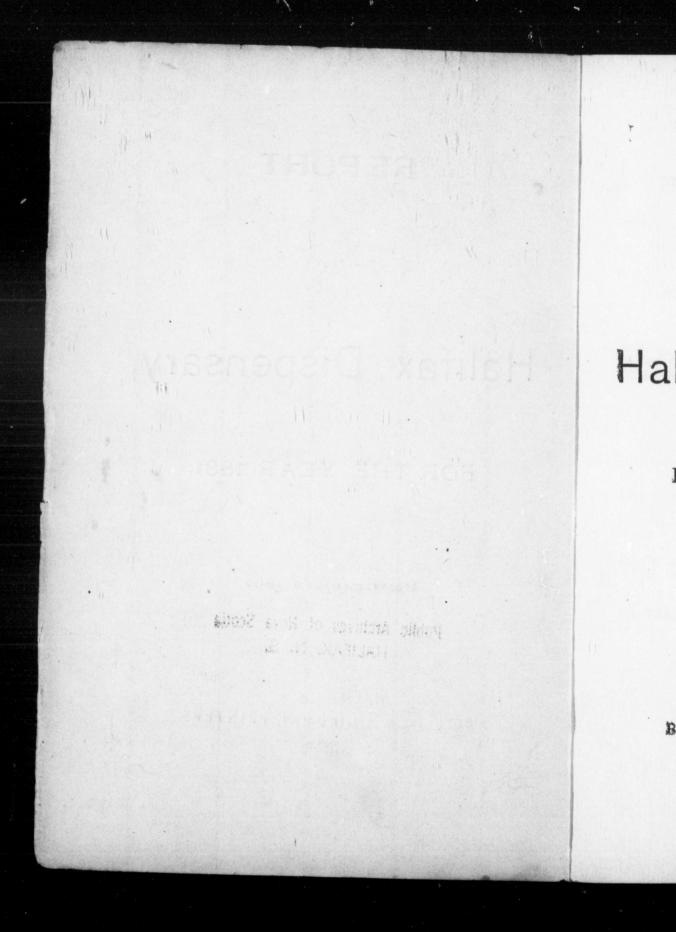
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HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

Bresident. W. C SILVER.

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Directors.

WM. DUNBAR, ROBERT TAYLOR, M. DWYER.

H. H. FULLER, EDWARD SMITH, WM. ACKHURST.

Bon. Treasurer. J. F. KENNY.

Secretary. W. H. WISWELL.

Consulting Physicians.

DRS. HON. W. J. ALMON, HON. D. MCN. PARKER, RUFUS BLACK,

DRS. ED. FARRELL. J. F. BLACK,

Attending Physicians.

DRS. S. DODGE, J. SOMERS. DRS. C. D. RIGBY.

R. McFATRIDGE.

Disiting Physicians.

DR. TRENAMAN, South District. Dr. D. A. CAMPBELL, North District. DR. A. W. H. LINDSAY, Central District.

> Apotheeary and Dentist. DR. D D W. HARRINGTON.

Dartmouth Branch -- General Physician. DR. N. F. CUNNINGHAM.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1881.

The special work of the Dispensary appears monthly in the newspapers, but as customary, the Directors, at the close of the year. summarize them, and present their own Annual Statements with those of the Medical Board and that of the Treasurer for the information of the Legislature, the City Council, and all friends who kindly contribute from year to year towards its support and usefulness.

At the last annual meeting several propositions were made and referred to the Directory. The first was to unify the several periods at which the work and fiscal arrangements should terminate, to avoid the confusion, inconveniences and expense, attendant upon the system hitherto existing. The Directors have decided that the Dispensary year shall end on the 31st December for all purposes, and the quarterly payments and other matters be regulated accordingly. The Treasurer's account will this time cover a period of thirteen months to meet this change.

The suggestion relative to an ambulance for patients to be sent to the Hospital has not been adopted, as the cases where itwould be required are few, and the funds at disposal too limited.

The suggestion with regard to supplying certain articles of diet to patients in cases of mal-nutrition or otherwise, cannot be assented to, as not having been contemplated and provided for in the objects of the Dispensary. Desirable as it might be it is obviously not feasible at present.

The recommendation of the Medical Board concerning a better system of City health inspection, commended itself to the directors, but being a matter over which they had no control, they could only | ring it to the notice of the City Council, for that body to take such steps as they considered advisable.

The suggestion to let the large vacant apartment in the second story of the building, has not been acted upon, as it is neither finished nor fitted up. Considerable outlay would have to be made for the necessary changes and improvements to complete it for use, so as at the same time to preclude interference with the work and regulations of the dispensary. In the future the space may be more suitably devoted to object, now held in abeyance for want of larger income.

It has been the earnest wish of the directory for some years to reduce or if possible pay off the mortgage on the Dispensary, so that the annual payment of interest may be saved and the property be unincumbered. By the kindness of the City Council in placing the Directors in funds for back dues, and by careful economy in every department throughout the year, they have succeeded in paying off one thousand doll its of the mortgage, which leaves one thousand due thereon.

Several changes have occurred in the administration of the Dispensary since last report. In the medical staff Mr. Charles E. Puttner, whose regular and satisfactory services and careful attention in the dispensing department extended over the long period of fifteen years, resigned that position to take another one more lucrative and prominent in the United States. His place is now filled by Dr. D. D. W. Harrington, whose skill and zeal in fulfilling the duties of the office give promise of satisfactory success. Drs. Moseley and H. P. Clay removed from the city, and their positions were taken by Drs. Campbell and Harrington until the regular time for filling the vacancies occurred.

Under the direction of the House Committee the premises have been fully looked after, and are now in very good condition, requiring no special expenditure for repairs or improvements.

The following synopsis of the reports will shew the work done by the Medical Staff, and proves the great value and utility of this charity for the year ended Nov. 30:

Number visits Do.	(city)4,712
	(Dartmouth) 536 Total 5,248
Number consul	Itations (city)
Do.	(Dartmouth), 838
	Total 6,671
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one this The foregoing includes the work of the Medical, Women and Children's, Surgical, Dental, Apothecary's and Eye and Ear Departments. Dr. Dodge generously continues his services without charge in the last named department. The number of cases treated by him was 921. With regard to income the Directors have pleasure in reporting that they have been able, in addition to the special payment already mentioned, to meet the current demands of the year, having received the old balance due by the City, the usual grant from the Government, and part of that from the City.

The private contributions were liberal, but the list of contributors might and should be greatly extended.

The Hospital Sunday collections were made in most of the churches on 16th October. These shew in most cases, as formerly, a considerable decrease, though a few are in advance of last year, notably in Fort Massey Church, where the collection was more than double that of 1880. This seems to have been a result of the special earnest appeal of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Burns. Quite a number of the congregations applied to, and from whom the Dispensary received contributions in past years, have not favored us at all this year. A few have explained the cause, but the rest are silent, leaving it conjectural whether they are unable, or, (from some cause unknown to the directors) unwilling, to help an institution, whose mainstay for support is in voluntary donations.

The total amount from the Churches this year is \$985.89 as against \$1,090.14 in 1880, which was also less than the preceding year. The withdrawal of a customary benefaction from any source is much to be regretted, as it cramps the resources of the Dispensary. limits the extension of its charities, necessitates appeals elsewhere, and renders precarious the most essential portion of the income applicable to the relief of that large section of the community whose sole resource it is in cases of disease and accident.

The great work of the Dispensary goes on steadily and quietly, but those who help it along may rest assured that it is well and faithfully performed, and that the funds they bestow are judiciously applied to the parposes of such an institution.

The Directors would prefer that all who so generously give of their substance towards the institution should visit it occasionally, or at least read the reports from time to time published.

While grateful to the Great Physician for granting success to the institution, the Directors also thank all contributors to its support and welfare, particularly the City Press and Clergy, for their frequent ad vocacy of its claims, and to yearly Subscribers for means bestowed to carry on its special undertakings.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

The Medical Board of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary beg to submit. for the information of the directors, the following report of the work done by them during the thirteen months ending Dec. 31st, 1881.

Medical Department Surgical "	Consultations.
Surgical "	2,083
Surgical " Women's and Children's Department	···· I,028
	624
North District	Visits.
Central District	2,429
Central District South District	2,903
South District Dartmouth District	····· I, 156
"Charity Dental Department Total Consultations	
Total Consultations Total Visits	662
Total Visits	4,792
Total Visits	7,35I
Total Prescriptions	4,277
Dental Department	662

Attention is again directed to the want which exists in the city of properly qualified *Health Officers*, or Inspectors; the police officials, while doing the extra work imposed upon them to the best of their abilities, are yet totally unfit, either by training or education, to do it efficiently or even satisfactorily, and many cases of sickness are greatly aggravated, if not rendered fatal, by uncleanliness.

As in many cases, where the services of a Dispensary Physician are required, proper nourishment is more necessary than medicine, it is again recommended that the attending physicians be authorized to provide such nourishing food as they may deem necessary for the welfare of their patients.

The Medical Board are glad to know that the suggestion made by them in their last annual report, that the beginning of the year allotted for Dispensary work correspond with the New Year, has been accepted.

During the past year the Dispensary has lost, through removal, the services of Mr. C. E. Puttner, who, for a period of fifteen years, efficien dentist. Dr given e Th ner in v duties. efficiently and satisfactorily performed the duties of apothecary and dentist.

Dr. Harrington, who has been appointed to succeed him, has given every satisfaction.

The Medical Board has every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the janitress, Mrs. Webber, continues to discharge her duties.

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CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

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Abscess 42 Chlerosis 4 Hernia 17
Adentis 31 Dementia 2 Hœmaturia
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Aniprolapsus 2 Dysentery 8 Hepatitis 4
Aneurisins
Apoplexy I Debility 49 Influenza
Arthritis
Bladder Irritable. I Epistaxis 2 Impetigo
Burns and Scalds. 44 Erythema o Injuries & wounds 158
Bubo 14 Eczema 47 Larvngitis
Rite of Dog 2 do Impetigmodes 6 Long
Bursitis E Frysipelas
Catarrh Nasal 12 Epilaper
" Gastric A Entavitie
Constipation 170 Febricula 11 Marasmus 4
Chaucre 5 Foreign Body in Morbilli
Cardiac Disease 35 Esophagus I Melancholia I
Cephalalgia 24 Fever Intermittent, 1 Neuralgia 38
Chorea 4 I Vphold 5 Necrosis
Climacteric
Conjunctivitis 4 Frost Bite o Menorrhagia
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Convulsions 19 Frankrise Older
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Pharangitis II Tongue-tie 4	
Pleuritis 10 Tape Worm 1	

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REPORT OF THE EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

To the Board of Directo's of the Halifax Dispensary :

GENTLEMEN,—The following report shows the amount of work done by me during the past year, viz. : 147 cases of diseases of the eye and 46 of the ear. Of course a few of these have not been benefitted, but a large number have been improved and a still larger number cured.

To show the benefits of the Dispensary from a money standpoint, I may cite one case as an illustration. A married man came with disease affecting the front part of one of his eyes, ultimately involving the whole of the transparent part of the eyeball, and causing it to become so opaque that he only had perception of light remaining. Unfortunately the other eye became similarly affected, as so often occurs in this disease, and the sight so much reduced that he was obliged to grope his way. Local and constitutional treatment gradually removed some of the opacity, and I subsequently operated upon both eyes, so that now he has very fair sight. Although this man was a long time under treatment, the whole amount expended upon him for drugs did not exceed two dollars; yet, if he had been neglected, he would have become blind, and a charge upon the city during the rest of his life. In the medical and surgical departments cases similar to the one related, though perhaps not as striking, are repeatedly occurring, in which timely interference removes diseases, which, if neglected, would prevent the individuals affected from earning their livelihood, and render them a burthen upon the community. The physicians, of course, have the best opportunity of becoming acquainted with this feature of dispensary work; but it is proper that every individual who contributes to the support of this institution, in fact that every ratepayer should realize that it is a money-saving institution, on the principle that "a stitch in time saves nine."

On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that the Dispensary is a *charitable* institution, designed for the treatment of the poor alone. There appears to be a misconception in the minds of some as to its real character. It would hardly seem credible that the son of one of our most imposing machinery establishments would apply for treatment at a public charity, yet such a case has actually happened, nor is it an isolated instance.

The usual classification of diseases has been appended, all of which is respectfully submitted. STEPHEN DODGE, M. D.

Halifax, Dec. 31, 1881.

The reports were adopted and a vote of thanks passed to Dr. Dodge for his valuable and gratuitous services.

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Halifax Dispensary in account with J. F. Kenny, Treasurer.

EXPENDITURE.

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To	salary of Apothecary (13 months)	541.60
	Services of substitute for Apothecary during vacation	
11	Salary of Medical Staff (13 months),	15.00
	" " Secretary do	650.51 81.25
	Medicine account to Sept. 30 (13 months)	767.88
	12 months Insurance	
	12 months interest on mortgage	18.75 120.00
	Printing, Advertising and Stationery	
	Gas and Fuel	31.38
	Repairs, Alterations, Painting, and Miscellaneous	78.25
	Expenses	120.08
	Water Rates	32.50
	Paid on acct. Mortgage	1,000.00
"	Balance Cash on hand	388.24

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	Donation	from	Charitable Irish Society	40.00
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11		on a	acct. 1881-82	400.00
11	Provincia	l Grar	nt	400,00
11 .	Dartmout	h Gra	nt	60.00
**	Collected	by M	essrs. Dunbar and Smith	
	Provincia	land	City Hospital for Devenue 1'	423.50
	Divincia	and	City Hospital for Drugs supplied	29.10
**	Donation	s from	Mrs. Edward Binney	5.00
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J. F. KENNY, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

W. H. TAYLOR, Audit Committee,

Halifax, January 3rd, 1882.

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Bishop's Chapel				75.00
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Granville Street				25.65
Grafton Street Methodist	• • • •			20,00
Lion D. M. Church.	** * * *			4.00
St. John S				40.67
Poplar Grove				15.60
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COLLECTIONS HOSPITAL SUNDAY

\$985.89 J. F. KENNY, Treasurer.

Halifax, January 3rd, 1882.

Subscriptions to the Halifax Dispensary, 1881.

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Farquhar and Forrest	5	00
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