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# HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

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North District.

## DENTIST AND APOTHECARY.

C. E. PUTNER.

## DARTMOUTH BRANCH—PHYSICIAN

DR. THOS. MILSOM.

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# HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY.

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## Directors' Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1878.

THE Directors of the Halifax Dispensary, with the beginning of another year, again assume the duty of reporting to the subscribers a brief account of the working of the Institution, since the date of their last report, and are pleased to announce that the public interest in the welfare of the Dispensary is in no wise diminished. This fact is shown that the Collections on Hospital Sunday contributed by all creeds and classes would nearly suffice in addition to the other sources of revenue to efficiently maintain the Institution, were the present debt paid off.

In order to accomplish this desirable object, the Directors have carefully husbanded the special donations, and gratefully acknowledging one of Fifty dollars from their Excellencies H. R. H. the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, received through His Worship the Mayor, are happy to state that they have been enabled this year to reduce \$1000 of the mortgage on the building, leaving only a sum of \$2000 to be provided for.

The City Grant has we regret to say been reduced from \$750, to \$600, although in giving the use of the Basement

to the Civic authorities for the Morgue, a special agreement was made that the yearly sum of \$500 thus contributed by the city for the work done gratuitously by the Dispensary in aid of the sick poor should be increased to \$750, the additional sum to pay for the rent of the Morgue and the cost of keeping of the same in readiness for use whenever required. We have, however, honestly carried out in good faith, our part of the agreement, and trust this year the Committee of the City Council in preparing the Estimates will also in like good faith carry out their portion of the same, and give us the amount we are legally entitled to receive, until other arrangements are made.

It is our pleasing duty again to refer to the Medical Report as an evidence of the good work performed under the roof of the Dispensary—and again to ask, were our Institution to go out of existence, or even crippled in its sphere of usefulness, how would the wants of the sick poor be provided for; and if not attended to would not the whole community suffer from the neglect; our special mission being to arrest, as far as possible, all diseases in their first stage.

We believe this work has had our Heavenly Father's blessing, and our present satisfactory position is a mark of his approval, and to Him we render our thanks for the continued success that has crowned our labors.

We earnestly hope the liberality of the community will enable the Directors ere long to free the Dispensary from debt; meantime the effort made in this direction during the past year will compel us again to ask our subscribers to continue their generous aid until the balance due on the mortgage is wiped out.

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The Branch opened in Dartmouth, in compliance with a request from the authorities there, has now been in successful operation for over a twelve-month.

The Resident Physician has paid to the poor of that place 414 visits, and we have put up 1709 prescriptions in compliance with the request made by him. The amount received from Dartmouth has nearly covered the expense connected with this Branch of our operations, and we trust as the benefits must now be very manifest that the municipality will increase its Grant to an amount to cover the salary paid the Physician in attendance, thus leaving the private contributions to cover costs of the medicines furnished.

Our special thanks are due to the press for their kindly notices from time to time ; to Dr. Dodge who so generously attends to the eye and ear department without remuneration, and the clergy generally for the interest manifested, as Hospital Sunday comes round, in presenting our claims before their respective congregations ; the response this year being almost an unanimous one, and we are still in hopes to hear favourably from the two or three who have not yet responded, our object being to get all to contribute in this way according as they feel able so to do.

In conclusion the Directors would earnestly commend the claims of the Dispensary to the continued support of the public, and ask all to help in a work so full of benefit to the sick, poor.

## REPORT OF MEDICAL BOARD.

HALIFAX, Dec. 1st, 1878.

*To the Directors of the Halifax Dispensary:—*

GENTLEMEN,—The Medical Board of the Halifax Dispensary herewith submit the following report for the year ending November 30th, 1878 :

The number of patients treated during the year at the Dispensary by the attending Physicians, has been one thousand eight hundred and three (1803), and the number attended at their homes by the Visiting Physicians has been nine hundred and sixty-six—making a total of two thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine (2769). The number of consultations at the Dispensary amounted to three thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight (3858), while four thousand eight hundred and twenty-four (4824) visits have been made by the out-door or Visiting Physicians.

Twelve thousand five hundred and forty-eight (12,548) prescriptions have been dispensed, of which one thousand and eighty-three (1083) were for other charitable Institutions. Seventeen hundred and nine (1709) prescriptions have been dispensed for Dartmouth.

The number of deaths is eighteen (18) ; (679) six hundred and seventy-nine teeth have been extracted by the efficient

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and *pains-taking* Dentist. It will thus be seen that the Dental department is by no means a *drawback* on the resources of the Institution, though an occasional *cheque* (check) is found absolutely necessary.

At the Dartmouth Branch of the Dispensary, one hundred and seventy-nine (179) patients have been treated,—four hundred and fourteen (414) visits have been made,—and four hundred and fifteen (415) consultations held.

There is but one death reported by the Physician in charge.

According to the above statement it will be observed that there has been a slight diminution in the number of patients attended during the past year. This very slight decrease is doubtless owing to a more healthy condition of the city generally and the emigration of many families from the previously overcrowded portions of the city to the more remote and healthy suburbs. There have been but few cases of diseases of a Zymotic origin, which fact may also help to corroborate the foregoing opinion, which is likewise borne out by Physicians in their private practice.

We have no doubt the establishment of the High School in the immediate vicinity will also tend to diminish the number of applicants by producing an increased *moral* atmosphere, and influencing in no small degree the hitherto overcrowded condition of the section of the city in which it has been established.

A number of patients are annually refused Dispensary aid,—their circumstances being such as would enable them to pay for the services of a Physician,—many persons imagining that the payment of their taxes entitle them to gratuitous medical or surgical attendance.

The Dispensary department, under the care of Mr. Puttner, whose efficiency requires no eulogium from us, is still ably conducted, while the Dental chair also under his peculiar care, still claims its quota.

The Board cannot allow this opportunity to pass without again referring to the great comfort and convenience of the Dispensary building and to the continued tidy appearance of the several departments under the able supervision of the Janitress, Mrs. Webber.

Abscess.....  
 Abortion .....  
 Albuminuria.....  
 Acne.....  
 Adenitis .....  
 Alopecia.....  
 Amenorrhœa.....  
 Anthrax.....  
 Aniprolapsus.....  
 Alcoholism ..  
 Anemia.....  
 Aphonia .....  
 Asthma .....  
 Ascites.....  
 Arthritis .....  
 Blenorrhœa ..  
 Bronchitis ..  
 Burns and Sc.....  
 Bursitis .....  
 Caries.....  
 Catarrh, nasal.....  
 Catarrh.....  
 Cardiac disea.....  
 Cancer .....  
 Cephalalgia ..  
 Chorea .....  
 Climacteric ..  
 Contusions...  
 Constipation.....  
 Cough.....  
 Colic.....  
 Convulsions.....  
 Conjunctivit.....  
 Cystitis.....  
 Debility.....  
 Dentition ..  
 Diarrhœa ..  
 Diphtheria ..  
 Dislocations.....  
 Dysuria .....  
 Dysmenorrh.....  
 Dyspepsia ..



## CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Abscess.....	52	Dysentery .....	4	Lichen .....	2
Abortion .....	6	Eczema .....	32	Mastitis.....	1
Albuminuria.....	6	Elephantiasis .....	1	Menorrhagia .....	21
Acne.....	3	Erysipelas .....	24	Marasmus .....	2
Adenitis .....	28	Erythema .....	6	Meningitis .....	1
Alopecia.....	1	Emphysema.....	8	Necrosis .....	5
Amenorrhœa.....	65	Epilepsy .....	10	Neuralgia.....	50
Anthrax.....	5	Epistaxis .....	1	Naevus .....	6
Aniprolapsus.....	1	Febriacula .....	55	Odontalgia .....	1
Alcoholism .....	13	Fractures.....	5	Ophthalmia neona-	
Anemia.....	25	Fever, typhoid... ..	14	torum .....	2
Aphonia .....	6	Fever, intermittent..	1	Orchitis.....	7
Asthma .....	14	Frostbite.....	1	Ovaritis.....	2
Ascites.....	2	Furunculus.....	8	Onychia .....	4
Arthritis .....	1	Fissure of Lips .....	1	Ozœna.....	2
Blenorrhœa .....	1	Gastralgia.....	18	Periostitis .....	2
Bronchitis .....	395	Gonorrhœa .....	17	Phlebitis.....	1
Burns and Scalds... ..	14	Glossitis.....	2	Phymosis... ..	1
Bursitis .....	4	Goitre.....	1	Polypus, nasi.....	1
Caries.....	1	Hemoptysis.....	2	Phlegmon.....	2
Catarrh, nasal.....	7	Hepatitis Ar .....	3	Pityriasis.....	1
Catarrh.....	73	Hernia .....	6	Paraphymosis.....	1
Cardiac disease .....	38	Hydrocele.....	5	Prurigo .....	9
Cancer .....	4	Hydrocephalus .....	1	Psoriasis .....	10
Cephalalgia .....	11	Hysteria.....	17	Paralysis.....	11
Chorea .....	7	Hordeum .....	1	Pharyngitis .....	10
Climacteric .....	7	Herpes.....	20	Phthisis... ..	129
Contusions.....	8	Hemorrhage post	Pleurodynia .....	43	
Constipation.....	91	partum.....	1	Pleurisy .....	19
Cough .....	3	Hepatic disease.....	15	Pregnancy disor-	
Colic .....	12	Hemorrhoids.....	15	ders .....	20
Convulsions .....	8	Impetigo.....	7	Pneumonia .....	15
Conjunctivitis... ..	2	Injury .....	112	Pyrosis.....	1
Cystitis.....	1	Icterus .....	2	Poisoning .....	1
Debility .....	68	Indigestion.....	24	Pertussis .....	17
Dentition .....	31	Influenza .....	21	Peritonitis.....	1
Diarrhœa .....	118	Ingrowing toe nails..	1	Pelvic cellulitis.....	1
Diphtheria .....	36	Insomnia .....	6	Phlegmasia dolens... ..	1
Dislocations .....	4	Leucorrhœoa .....	12	Pregnancy.....	10
Dysuria .....	1	Laryngitis sub-	Ranula.....	1	
Dysmenorrhœa.....	7	acute.....	35	Rheumatism ... ..	106
Dyspepsia .....	142	Lumbago.....	13	Rachitis .....	3

Retention of Urine...5	Tinea .....10	Varicella .....1
Scarlatina .....3	Tonsillitis.....75	Vomitus.....3
Scrofula ... ..19	Tongue-tie.....6	Whitlow... ..21
Sprain .....3	Ulcer.....53	Warts .....2
Syphilis .....39	Urticaria.....12	Wounds.....4
Scabies .....8	Uterine disease.....24	No diagnosis.....73
Sciatica .....16	Uvula, elongation	Wrong Address.....53
Sun Stroke ... ..1	cf.....3	Able to pay.....18
Sycosis .....1	Varicose Veins.....2	Able to come to
Synovitis.....3	Vermes. . . . .85	Dispensary .....12
Spine, curvt. of ....1	Vertigo.....5	
Tumor.....12	Vulvitis.....3	

### CAUSES OF DEATH.

Bronchitis.....2	Marasmus.....1
Cerrhosis.....1	Old Age .....1
Dentition (diarrhoea).....2	Phthisis.....4
" (convulsions).....1	Pneumonia.....1
Diarrhoea .....1	Typhoid Fever.....1
Diphtheria... ..3	

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## REPORT OF THE EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

GENTLEMEN,—The report herewith annexed shows that, for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1878, 154 cases have been under treatment; 118 of Eye and 36 of the Ear.

The operation for cataract extraction was performed once; the removal of capsular cataract once, and Iridectomy or the operation for artificial pupil once. All of these were successful. Various minor operations were also performed.

It is much to be regretted that many of those who are the subjects of disease of the Ear neglect to seek relief until the hearing has become seriously, often permanently impaired. Even when restoration of hearing is possible under such circumstances, a long and tedious course of treatment is necessary. As a rule, I have found in dispensary practice, that persons with disease of the ear fail to apply for relief, until sufficient deafness has been produced to become a serious inconvenience, provided there is an absence of pain. The latter symptom seems to be regarded by many as the only evidence of diseased action. It never occurs to them that impairment of hearing is the result of disease in the ear, notwithstanding the entire absence of pain. What makes the matter still worse is, the diminution of hearing is often so gradual, that a long time elapses before any marked change is noticed by the individual affected.

Again in those cases where suppurative discharge exists,



it is astonishing how long they are neglected before relief is sought. In every case of this kind under my care during the past year, the disease had already existed for months, and in several cases for years. It even appears to be a popular opinion that these discharges are healthful--acting as a sort of safety valve and not to be interfered with. This idea is to be met with among those whose intelligence should guard them against such an absurdity; which seems to imply that every individual should have been born with a discharge from the ear. This is not the place to discuss the nature of suppurative inflammation of the ear, and the extent of its ravages upon that organ; but it may suffice to say, that owing to the neglect of proper treatment to arrest such diseased action, a certain percentage of such cases proves fatal in consequence of the inflammatory process extending to the brain. Moreover, in many of the most carefully conducted Life Insurance Companies, the lives of such persons are not considered even second class risks.

To render effective the object had in view by the foregoing remarks, I would ask of your Board, to recommend all who take an interest in the poor to urge upon them the importance of early treatment in this disease.

I have much pleasure in referring to the satisfactory manner in which the duties of apothecary are performed by Mr. Puttner, and those of matron by Mrs. Webber.

Subjoined is a classified list of the various diseases of the Eye and Ear that have been under treatment during the past year, as well as the number affected with each disease.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

Halifax, Nov. 30th, 1878.

Abcess of  
Chalazion.  
Blepharitis  
Orbital cell  
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DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Abcess of Lid.....	1	Cornea, wound in.....	1
Chalazion.....	4	Cornea, foreign body in.....	2
Blepharitis ciliaris.....	7	Ciliary neuralgia .....	2
Orbital cellulitis.....	1	Iritis.....	2
Lachrymal sac. suppuration of	1	“ suppurative.....	1
Granular Lids.....	4	Cataract incipient.....	2
Pterygium.....	1	“ mature.....	2
Conjunctivitis acute.....	21	“ capsular.....	1
“ chronic.....	10	“ with corneal opacity	1
“ purulent.....	1	Neuritis optici.....	2
“ phlyctenular...	2	Optic nerve, atrophy of.....	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	3	Choroiditis.....	1
Keratitis .....	3	Night blindness. ....	1
“ phlyctenular.....	23	Iris, hemorrhage from.....	1
“ parenchymatous.....	4	No diagnosis.....	4
“ ulcerative.....	7		
Corneal opacity.....	1		
			118

DISEASES OF THE EAR.

Eczema aurium... ..	1	Inflam. M. Ear with Polypus ...	2
Impacted Cerumen.....	5	Perforation of drum.....	4
Otitis externa (diffused).....	1	Chronic aural Catarrh.....	10
“ (circumscribed) .....	4	Tinnitus aurium.....	1
Inflam. Middle Ear, acute.....	2		
“ “ chronic....	1		
“ chronic suppur. with } perforation of drum }	5		46



STATEMENT.

J. F. KENNY, TREASURER.

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1878.	By Balance Cash on hand Jan'y. 1st, 1878.....	\$ 575 76
"	Donation from S. T., per Rev. J. C. Cochran.....	20 00
"	" " " Town of Dartmouth.....	60 00
"	" " " Councilor Stairs, Dartmouth....	5 00
"	" " " " Mott, " ....	5 00
"	" " " " Turner, " ....	5 00
"	" " " " Farrell, " ....	5 00
"	" " " " Walker, " ....	2 00
"	" " " Charitable Irish Society.....	40 00
"	" " " Friendly and Benevolent Scty. } Halifax Gas Co..... }	10 00
"	" " " Judge Marshall .....	4 00
"	Amounts collected by Wm. Dunbar & Secretary	340 00
"	Annual City Grant.....	600 00
"	Annual Provincial Grant.....	400 00
"	Donation from His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, through His Worship the Mayor.....	50 00
"	Amounts collected in the Churches on Hospital Sunday, as per list.....	1255 65
"	Interest on Deposit Receipt.....	15 45
		<u>\$3392 86</u>
1879.	Jan'y. 2. By Balance brought down... ..	\$ 274 08

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*Treasurer.*

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HOSPITAL SUNDAY, 1878.

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St. Paul's Church.....	61 00
St. Luke's " .....	285 65
St. Mary's " .....	41 55
St. Joseph's " .....	101 25
St. Patrick's " .....	55 30
Garrison Chapel, per Rev. A. J. Townend, Senior Chaplain...	30 05
St. George's Church.....	3 50
St. Mark's " .....	5 36
Colored Baptist " Cornwallis St.....	41 00
Grafton St. " .....	40 00
Fort Massy " .....	25 25
Bishop's Chapel.....	65 00
Brunswick St. Methodist Church.....	5 00
Kaye " " " .....	8 24
Charles " " " .....	7 00
North Baptist Church.....	29 60
Church of the Redeemer.....	4 50
Third Baptist Church.....	30 00
St. Andrew's " .....	116 00
St. Matthew's " .....	2 00
Beech St. " .....	25 28
Granville St. " .....	29 25
Chalmer's " .....	23 75
Poplar Grove " .....	43 83
St. John's " .....	7 50
St. James' " Dartmouth.....	19 00
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Halifax, Jan. 2nd, 1879.

J. F. KENNY,  
Treasurer.

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Cronan, D  
Chisholm  
Doul & M  
Dwyer, M  
Duffus &  
Duggan, J  
Dunbar, V  
Daly, M. J  
Esson & C  
Fuller, H.  
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## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1878.

149 79	Avery, James F., M.D.....\$10 00	Halliburton, J. C.....	\$4 00
61 00	Almon & Mackintosh..... 10 00	Jones, Hon. A. G.....	4 00
285 65	Anderson, Billing & Co.... 4 00	Kenny, Sir Edward.....	10 00
41 55	Archbold, Edward P..... 5 00	Kenny, J. F.....	5 00
101 25	Bishop of Nova Scotia..... 15 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co.	4 00
55 30	Bauld, Gibson & Co..... 8 00	Lithgow, James R.....	5 00
30 05	Boak, Hon. R..... 5 00	MacLean, J. S.....	5 00
3 50	Butler, Jas. & Co..... 5 00	Moren, James A.....	5 00
5 36	Black, W. A..... 5 00	Morrow, J. B.....	5 00
41 00	Brown, Thos. A..... 4 00	McLeod & Co.....	5 00
40 00	Black, W. L..... 4 00	McLeod, Alex.....	5 00
25 25	Black, M. P..... 5 00	Northup, Hon. J.....	5 00
65 00	Burns, Adam..... 5 00	Neal, White & Co.....	5 00
5 00	Black Bros. & Co..... 5 00	Pickford, Robt.....	5 00
8 24	Brown, M. S. & Co..... 4 00	Peters, Henry.....	5 00
7 00	Black, S. H..... 4 00	Power, P., M.P.....	5 00
29 60	Burton, John W..... 4 00	Pallister, W. H.....	3 00
4 50	Cronan, D..... 5 00	Ritchie, Judge.....	5 00
30 00	Chisholm, William..... 4 00	Richey, M. H., Mayor.....	10 00
116 00	Doull & Miller..... 10 00	Robertson, Wm.....	3 00
2 00	Dwyer, Michael..... 7 00	Reilly & Davidson.....	2 00
25 28	Duffus & Co..... 5 00	Sinclair, John A.....	5 00
29 25	Duggan, Jas. & Son..... 4 00	Stairs, Wm. J.....	5 00
23 75	Dunbar, Wm..... 4 00	Scott, James.....	5 00
43 83	Daly, M. B..... 4 00	Starr, G. H.....	5 00
7 50	Esson & Co..... 6 00	Smith, Edward.....	5 00
19. 00	Fuller, H. H..... 5 00	Silver, John.....	4 00
	Farquhar, Forrest & Co... 5 00	Silver, W. C.....	4 00
	His Grace the Archbishop. 10 00	Stirling, W. S.....	4 00
	Hesslein, H. & Sons..... 5 00	Taylor, Robt.....	4 00
	Houlett, L. & Co..... 5 00	White, S. A.....	5 00
	Hogan, John & Sons..... 4 00	Walsh, P.....	5 00

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