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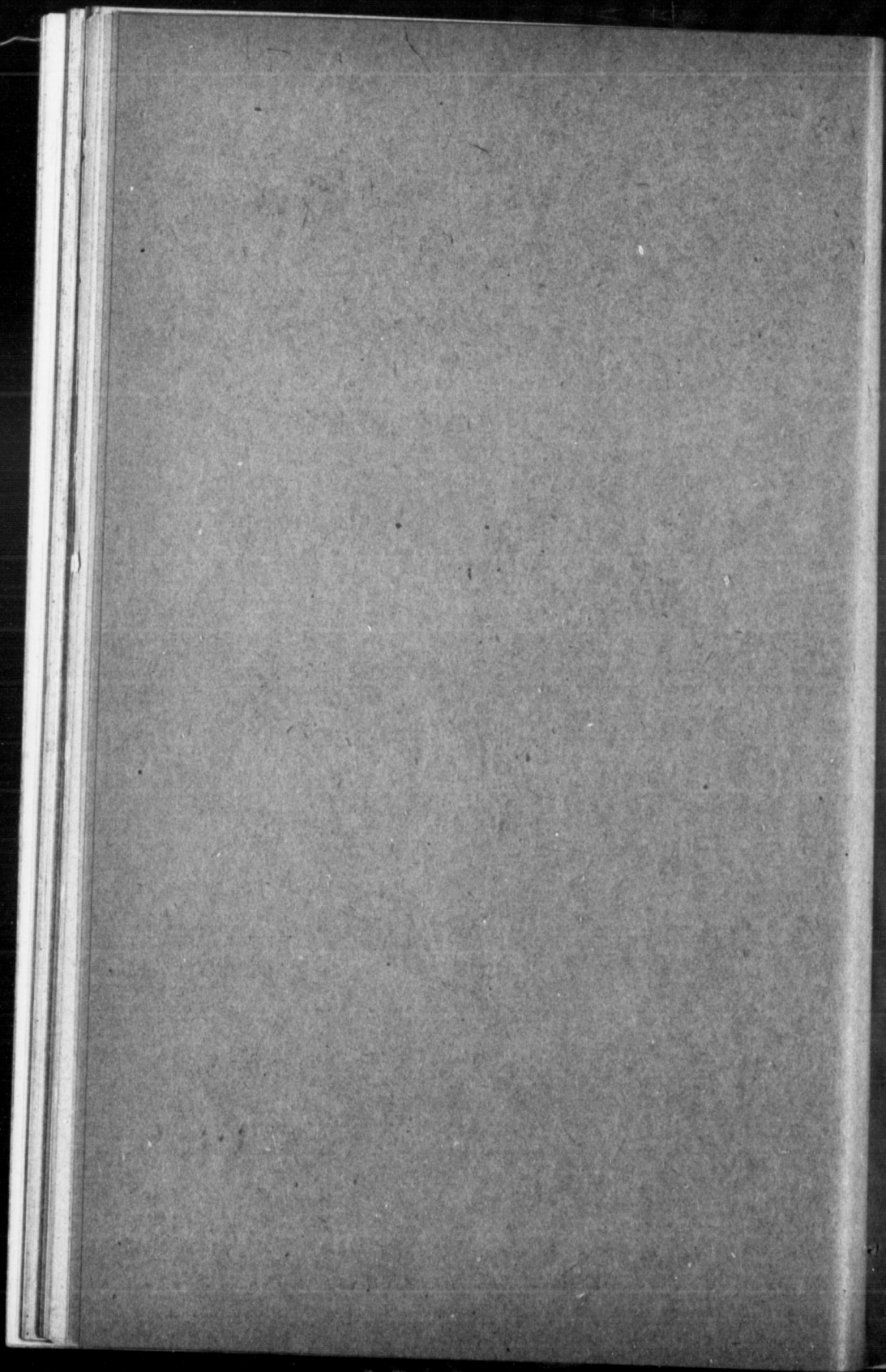
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Halifax Dispensary; 1895.

President.

W. C. SILVER.

Vice-Presidents.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,
HON. H. H. FULLER.

Directors.

WM. DUNBAR,	A. M. BELL,
ROBERT TAYLOR,	WILLIAM ROBERTSON,
HON. SENATOR POWER,	ADAM BURNS,
J. F. KENNY,	Hon. Treasurer.

Secretary.

W. H. WISWELL.

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DRS. HON. D. McN. PARKER,	DRS. EDWARD FARRELL,
D. A. CAMPBELL,	J. F. BLACK,
M. A. CURRY.	

Attending Physicians.

DRS. S. A. DODGE,	DRS. THOS. McGEORGE,
F. U. ANDERSON,	W. D. FINN.

Visiting Physicians.

DRS. C. D. MURRAY,	North District 1.
T. W. WALSH,	" " 2.
LOUIS M. SILVER,	Central District.
W. A. P. TERNAN,	South District.

Apothecary and Dispenser.

E. F. LUGRIN.

House Committee.

WM. DUNBAR,	W. ROBERTSON,
R. TAYLOR,	HON. L. G. POWER.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.

Auditors.

ROBERT TAYLOR AND WM. ROBERTSON.

The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1894.

The annual meeting of the above corporation was held at their building, South Brunswick St. on Monday, January 14th, 1895, at 4 p. m. The President, W. C. Silver, Esq., in the chair. The following reports were severally read and adopted:

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

With the entrance upon another year of the Dispensary's existence the Directors have to fulfill their annual duty of stating its past operations and present position. In doing this they desire, while grateful to Divine Providence for the success achieved in 1894, also to thank the supporters of the institution, whose material aid has enabled them to effect all its benevolent purposes.

A YEARLY REPORT NECESSARY.

As, however, this Charity is partially assisted in that respect by money grants from the Government and the City, it is proper that the board should afford such information as will testify to the public that the different objects for which the Dispensary was reorganized several years ago are being regularly fulfilled, and in such a manner as to commend it to the good will and financial aid of all who feel an interest in the sick poor of the city and vicinity. This is a very numerous class, whose numbers increase with the growth of our population. But the Active Medical Staff are daily (it might be said hourly) attending to the relief and comfort of these people at their own homes, as well as at the building on South Brunswick Street. Any one who has leisure and inclination can easily verify this fact.

FULFILLING ITS SPECIALTIES.

The Directors therefore have pleasure in repeating the assurances of former years, that all applicants entitled to the benefits of the institution, as well as the transients in distress, have been carefully and faithfully treated by the members of the Active Medical Staff, whose practical statistics are hereto appended. A glance at their summary of work in its several departments will afford sufficient evidence of the continued usefulness and beneficence of this charity, and dictate the necessity of sustaining it liberally.

PROOFS OF DISPENSARY'S BENEFITS.

During the last twelve months over 4,000 patients have had medical advice and treatment together with all required prescriptions; surgical and dental operations have been performed as required in those departments, and Dr. Dodge has administered to eye and ear troubles. The five visiting physicians made 4,891 visits to patients in their homes in the north, south and central districts of the city and Dartmouth, and at the Dispensary itself 4,855 consultations were held and 744 dental operations performed. For other interesting details the reports of the Medical Staff are worth a perusal. The Directors finding the work of the several members thereof so satisfactory and extensive, and it being their desire to continue, it have reappointed them for the current year.

HOW "DISPENSARY SUNDAY" HELPS.

The Treasurer's abstract will account for the receipts and payments for the year, including the collections on "Dispensary Sunday," and subsequently in those churches whose congregations kindly complied with the arrangement and appeal. There are some yet to be heard from and it is hoped they will respond at an early day.

It remains for the Board to thank very heartily all who have contributed to make the Dispensary a successful charity, thus appreciating and furthering its essential and indispensable undertakings.

(Sgd.) W. C. SILVER, *President.*
W. H. WISWELL, *Secretary.*

Halifax, January 14th, 1895.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT 1894.

The Hon. Treasurer then read his report and received a note of thanks for the interest he always manifests in the Institution.

RECEIPTS.

1894.	
To balance from 1893.....	\$ 601 96
Church Collections.....	1007 77
Bureau of Information, Exhibition.....	66 78
Friends.....	6 12
His Grace the Archbishop.....	10 00
Sir William Young's Bequest, Interest.....	535 03
Rent.....	88 00
Provincial Government Grant.....	490 00
Halifax City Grant.....	750 00
Dartmouth City Grant.....	60 00
Interest.....	105 42
Collections by Burns & Kenny.....	229 10
" Fuller & Robertson.....	139 00
" Dunbar & Bell.....	86 50
Bequest, Executors of Miss E. Cronan.....	100 00
	\$4185 68

EXPENDITURE.

1894.	
By Balance.....	\$ 18 75
Physicians, Visiting and Attending.....	880 20
" Eye and Ear.....	50 00
" Dentist.....	39 60
Dispenser.....	800 00
Secretary.....	75 00
Medical and Surgical Appliances and Requirements.....	74 02
Drugs.....	585 23
Gas.....	30 80
Telephone.....	15 00
Fuel, etc.....	197 05
Stationery, Printing, etc.....	57 25
Postage.....	2 10
Repairs and Improvements on Building, Roofing, Plumbing, etc.....	302 21
Painting.....	40 70
Cleaning Building and Morgue.....	22 00
Assessment for Sewer, 4th Instalment.....	6 22
Bequest carried to Endowment Fund.....	100 00
Balance carried to 1895.....	89 55
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Halifax, Dec. 31st, 1894.

ADAM BURNS,
Hon'y. Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE ACTIVE MEDICAL STAFF, &c.

Statistical Statements.

INDOOR.		Consultations.
Medical Department, Dr. Anderson.....		1,760
Surgical " Dr. Finn		1,012
Women and Children's Department, Dr. Ternan		1,321
Eye and Ear Department, Dr. Dodge.....		394
Dartmouth, Dr. Smith.....		368
Total.....		4,855
OUTDOOR.		Visits.
North District, No. 1, Dr. Walsh.....		1,348
" " No 2, Dr. MacGeorge		898
Central District, Dr. Murray		1,464
South District, Dr. Silver		738
Dartmouth, Dr. Smith		443
Total		4,891
Dental Department, Teeth Extracted, Dr. Ennis.....		744
DISPENSERS DEPARTMENT.		
Charity Prescriptions		390
Dartmouth Prescriptions		654
City Prescriptions.....		9,875
Total.....		10,919

GENERAL REPORT.

The foregoing synopsis briefly indicates the amount of work that has been done by the Dispensary staff during the past year and shows little variation in the number who from year to year avail themselves of the aid afforded by the Institution.

The past year has been fairly free from epidemic diseases. La grippe, which for several years has returned each winter season, shows no sign of recurrence. From the scourge of diphtheria, for a number of years prevalent in Halifax, the city is now happily free. A mild epidemic of whooping cough has prevailed throughout the year, but seems now to have almost exhausted itself. Scarlet fever of a very severe type appeared in some quarters, and has caused several deaths, but has not yet assumed epidemic proportions.

KINDNESS OF KINDRED SOCIETIES, &c.

In a city like Halifax there will always be a large amount of sickness, the indirect result of want. The visiting staff desire to call attention to the kind manner in which the officials of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, of the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and of the National Charitable Societies have always responded

to applications made to them on behalf of the sick poor, and to the benefit which many sick and deserving poor have received from these Societies. The visiting staff have exceptional opportunities of discovering the necessities of deserving sick and are always willing to communicate with the officials of these and other societies concerning cases which come under their observation.

TRIBUTES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

The staff would express their great regret at the early demise of their colleague, Dr. Crawford, whose kindly and conscientious work on the Dispensary staff is still the subject of grateful reference by his former patients. We are glad to welcome back among us Mr. Lugin after his late very severe illness. His few weeks absence served to show us how difficult it would be to satisfactorily fill his place, and how thankful we all are that he has been spared to resume the duties he so efficiently performs.

The staff note with pleasure the appointment of a practising dentist to the dental department.

The staff desire to record the harmony which has existed in the working of the various departments, and thank the Directors for their continued confidence as indicated by their re-appointment for the ensuing year.

The janitress continues to keep the various departments scrupulously clean and comfortably warm.

STEPHEN DODGE, M. D.

President of Medical Staff.

C. DICKIE MURRAY, M. B. C. M.,

Secretary to Medical Staff.

EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

The report submitted shows that 159 patients have been treated by me during the year.

It is proper to note that nearly all of the eye patients were affected with acute inflammation of some part of the anterior part of the eyeball, or of the lining of the lids; and I have to report that not a single case resulted in blindness. Some of those in which the cornea became ulcerated recovered with more or less opacity, which it is impossible to avoid when ulceration of that tissue has occurred. That I am able to report favorably is mainly owing to the early application for treatment. Notwithstanding the proverbial

carelessness of any dispensary patients, the importance of following my advice not to put off coming for treatment is being recognized. Setting aside those pupils in the Institution for the Blind who have congenital blindness, nearly all the rest have lost their sight from diseases affecting this part of the eye to which I have referred. Statistics of the blind in Europe show that 100,000 (about one-third of the total number) have lost their sight from purulent ophthalmia, which is one of the diseases affecting this part of the eye ball.

During the year several cases of purulent ophthalmia of infants were treated and with complete recovery. Some of these were seen by the medical students attending the Dispensary, and they had an opportunity not only of becoming acquainted with the characteristics of the disease, but of following the treatment employed. Such a privilege they will appreciate more fully when they engage in medical practice. As this is a disease occurring very soon after the birth of the child, it follows that very few of such cases are likely to be seen by any one except the family physician, unless in large centres of population. A recent author puts down the proportion of blind in the United States from this form of eye disease as 32 per cent. Yet recent statistics show that it is a disease almost wholly preventable, and under proper treatment, provided the case is promptly dealt with and assiduously cared for. I may say almost wholly curable when the disease occurs. Since my connection with the Dispensary I have had infants brought to me with one eye blind and disorganized on the first visit, and in a few both eyes. A physician seldom meets with a sadder sight, yet the friends appeared to be living in a sort of "fool's paradise," arising from the "cheerfulness of complete ignorance," to quote the words of a recent writer.

Since my connection with the Dispensary the number of cases of chronic suppurative disease of the ear has been gradually diminishing, simply because the acute disease has been attended to. It is strange how anyone with chronic discharge from the ear can allow it to go on unattended to, even on the ground of cleanliness, independent of the increasing impairment of hearing consequent on the continued inflammation which produces the discharge.

During the year three cases of cataract were operated on successfully. In two of them the other eye was blind from disease in one case, and the other from cataract nearly matured.

STEPHEN DODGE M. D.

Dec. 31st, 1894.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The report of Dr. E. P. Ennis, who is in charge, shews that there was a large increase in the number of operations over previous years. The number of teeth extracted was 744.

DARTMOUTH BRANCH, 1894.

Number of patients	205
Visits	433
Consultations	368
Teeth Extracted	25
Deaths	5

The above report indicates a slight increase of 10 patients, 75 visits and 64 consultations over last year. There has been more surgical work than usual, which involves an amount of time spent by the physician in dispensary work not indicated in the above figures. It will be noticed in the Halifax report that the Dartmouth branch has received 654 prescriptions. These at a drug store would not cost less than \$250. They are prepared accurately, and with pure drugs. The branch has therefore nothing to complain of in its relation to the central Dispensary.

M. A. B. SMITH, M. D.

The election of Directors resulted in the same Board as last year being continued in office. (See 1st page.)

W. C. Silver was appointed President; Adam Burns, Honorary Treasurer; W. H. Wiswell, Secretary.

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COLLECTIONS FOR HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

St. Matthias, for 1893.....	\$ 13 00
St. Matthias, for 1894.....	17 41
St. Josephs, for 1893.....	17 40
• Charles Street Methodist, for 1893.....	18 00
Charles Street Methodist, for 1894.....	24 65
• Brunswick Street, for 1893.....	13 22
Brunswick Street, for 1894.....	27 16
St. Patrick's.....	65 43
St. Mary's.....	175 00
St. Stephen's.....	5 60
• First Baptist Church.....	23 74
St. Andrew's.....	49 00
St. Matthew's.....	76 00
Fort Massey.....	66 20
• Chalmers Church.....	20 00
Salvation Army.....	5 00
St. Mark's.....	20 36
Grove Street Presbyterian.....	11 00
St. Luke's.....	67 70
Park Street Presbyterian.....	36 00
Trinity Church.....	6 61
Garrison Chapel.....	13 16
Kaye Street Methodist.....	5 00
St. Paul's.....	82 02
St. John's Presbyterian.....	19 70
St. Peter's, Dartmouth.....	34 60
Union Meeting, Dartmouth.....	44 81
Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	30 00
Baron DeHirsch Hebrew Benevolent Society.....	10 00
Exhibition Bureau of Information.....	66 78
An Officer of the Garrison.....	1 00
His Grace the Archbishop.....	10 00
Collected by Burns and Kenny.....	229 10
" Fuller and Robertson.....	139 00
" Dunbar and Bell.....	86 50
Bequest per Executors of the late Miss E. Cronan.....	100 00
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MEMO.—The names of Annual Subscribers included in the above annuity will be found on succeeding page.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE
HALIFAX VISITING DISPENSARY, 1894.

His Grace the Archbishop.....	\$10 00	W. Schwartz.....	1 00
W. C. Silver.....	5 00	McDonald & Co.....	10 00
Black Bros. & Co.....	5 00	Geo. Boak & Co.....	5 00
Wm. Robertson.....	5 00	Levi Hart.....	5 00
Pickford & Black.....	20 00	Geoffrey Morrow.....	5 00
Wm. Chisholm.....	4 00	Chas. Archibald.....	5 00
Geo. Pyke.....	2 00	A. N. Whitman.....	5 00
S. B. & Co.....	5 00	Boak & Bennett.....	5 00
W. J. Coleman.....	5 00	B. G. Gray.....	5 00
A. & W. MacKinlay.....	10 00	Hesslein & Sons.....	5 00
Smith Bros.....	5 00	Austen Bros.....	3 00
A. & W. Smith & Co.....	5 00	J. C. Mackintosh.....	5 00
C. W. Outhit.....	1 00	W. L. Lowell & Co.....	10 00
Brown & Webb.....	10 00	Hon Senator Power.....	5 00
J. W. Allison.....	5 00	Farquhar & Forrest.....	10 00
Kelly & Glassey.....	5 00	W. J. Stairs.....	5 00
Longard Bros.....	5 00	Jas. Fraser.....	5 00
M. Dwyer.....	5 00	Forsyth Sutcliffe & Co.....	5 00
E. Morrison & Co.....	2 00	H. B. Clarke.....	5 00
A. Hobrecker.....	5 00	Geo. E. Smith.....	5 00
Thos. Fordham & Co.....	2 00	Barnstead & Sutherland.....	4 00
R. J. Sweet.....	2 00	Mahon Bros.....	2 00
T. C. Allen & Co.....	4 00	Cragg Bros.....	3 00
Wood Bros. & Co.....	4 00	A. Stephen & Son.....	5 00
W. C. Sarre.....	3 00	Gordon & Keith.....	5 00
J. F. Kenny.....	5 00	Geo. Rent.....	2 00
Burns & Murray.....	5 00	Drysdale & McInnis.....	5 00
Adam Burns.....	5 00	James Thomson.....	10 00
J. Hart.....	4 00	T. E. Kenny.....	5 00
R. B. Seeton.....	5 00	W. H. Wiswell.....	5 00
W. B. Arthur.....	5 00	E. P. Archibald.....	5 00
G. P. Mitchell & Sons.....	3 00	Murdock Nephews.....	10 00
Jno. Butler Co.....	5 00	A. Keith & Son.....	5 00
Wm. Dunbar.....	4 00	Jas. R. Lithgow.....	5 05
A. J. Grant & Co.....	5 00	Geo. R. Hart.....	5 00
Simson Bros.....	5 00	Jno. McInnis & Son.....	5 00
Jno. E. Morse.....	2 00	R. I. Hart.....	5 00
Reagh & Carroll.....	1 00	A. M. Bell.....	5 00
Fulton & Foster.....	2 00	Clayton & Sons.....	5 00
G. E. Smith & Co.....	5 00	David Roche.....	2 00
Jno. Taylor & Co.....	3 00	Davidson & Co.....	5 00
T. A. S. DeWolf & Co.....	2 00	E. W. Crease.....	2 00
W. R.....	4 00	S. Bertram.....	50
Black & Flynn.....	2 00	Hutchinson & Power.....	1 00
S. Cunard & Co.....	5 00	Friends.....	6 12
J. N. Duffus.....	2 00		