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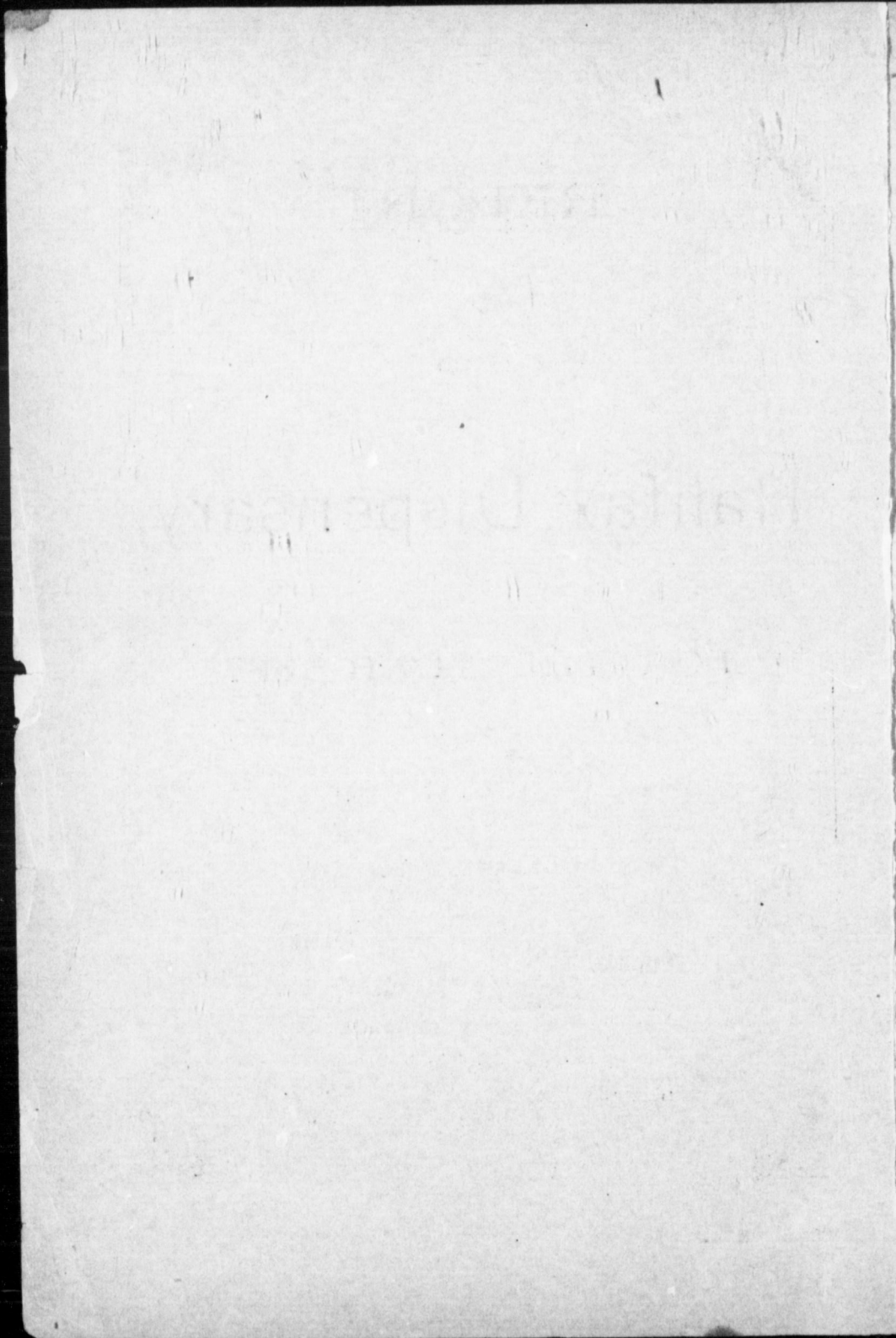
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Halifax Dispensary

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BY GEORGE B. BROWN

HALIFAX DISPENSARY.

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Apothecary.

DR. F. R. MARSHALL.

Dentist.

S. D. MACDONALD.

Dartmouth Branch—General Physician.

DR. M. A. B. SMITH.

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The Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

DIRECTORS' REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

As customary at this season, the Directors, for the information of the members, subscribers and friends of the Dispensary, as well as for the satisfaction of the public in general, present their statement of its practical and financial affairs for the past year.

It is presumed that the parties above named, feel interested sufficiently to read these reports, to which the city press kindly give extended circulation by publication in their columns. It is the desire of the Directors, that all who bestow money or otherwise assist and countenance this useful and indispensable charity, should discover whether their substantial aid and philanthropic intentions are properly and successfully applied by those to whom the management of the Institution is entrusted.

While the Board, from year to year, endeavour to fulfil this responsibility, and to supervise the fiscal and general business of the Dispensary, its truly beneficent and useful work, as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws, is solely effectuated by the continuous and faithful exertions of the Active Medical Staff. The details of their daily labours among the indigent sick of the City, Dartmouth, and vicinities, and also for strangers and transient persons unable to pay for medicines or medical assistance, are set forth in the special reports furnished by them, and hereto annexed.

The following summary will suggest to all friends of suffering humanity the value of this and similar Institutions in the alleviation of much misery and sorrow, the prevention of greater troubles, the limitation of epidemics, and the restoration of many to health and ability to earn an honest living when their exertions to that end are suspended by accidents or disease:—

SUMMARY OF WORK.

No. of Patients visited at their Homes.....	1,394
“ “ attended at Dispensary.....	2,567
Total	4,051

This is rather above a tenth part of the city's population.

Consultations at the Dispensary.....	5,967
Visits by out-door Staff.....	5,332
	—11,299
Prescriptions to Patients.....	13,333
“ for other Doctors.....	146
“ for Dartmouth Branch.....	600
	—14,079
Dental Operations, &c.....	852

The mortality among the classes of patients administered to, by, or through the Dispensary, is less than heretofore, the deaths in 1887 being only 22.

The Directors consider that the city has reason to be proud of an Institution like this, which, under Providence, has been, and will be, the means of doing so much good through the almost gratuitous services of a Medical Staff, capable, willing and ready, to perform the important and onerous duties assigned to them.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

In matters of Finance, the Directors have been greatly

of favored during the past year. The City has paid up its indebtedness so long unsettled, and the Committee on Subscriptions report an increase over last year, and that these were cheerfully given. By Legislation the annual grant from the City has been converted from an uncertain into a regular source of income; while the munificent bequest of the late Sir William Young, and that of Mrs. Edward Binney, added to previous legacies to be invested shortly, will ensure annual interest from a fixed endowment, to help out needful and increasing outlay.

The returns from the Churches for the Collections on Dispensary Sunday are, from various fortuitous causes, smaller than usual, but still indicative of the sympathy and confidence of the Christian public. The Treasurer's Report gives the details of all Receipts and Expenditures. The Balance in hand will be required to meet the amount of expenses for this year.

Profoundly thankful to Him who puts it into the hands and hearts of so many of our citizens, to assist in the support of this benevolent work by their regular or occasional donations, the Directors feel sure that its continuance, efficiency and progress will not be interrupted.

REGRETFUL MEMORIES.

In common with our Sister Charitable and Benevolent Societies, the Directors lament the removal, by death, of a number of well-known citizens and friends, but "they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

By the decease of Dr. D. W. Harrington early in the year, the Dispensary lost an efficient and painstaking official, and the poor a steady and sympathetic friend.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The gratitude of the Board is herewith recorded toward all who join with them, or have done so in the past, in

maintaining and furthering the objects of the Institution, accepting that definition of the word which makes it "a sense of thankfulness for *past*, and an expectation of *future* favors."

(Sgd.) W. C. SILVER,
President.

W. H. WISWELL,
Secretary.

Halifax, January 9th, 1887.

THE MEDICAL REPORT.

The following statistical tables will briefly indicate the amount and variety of work performed by the Dispensary during the past year, including the Dartmouth Branch. Comparison is also made with corresponding figures 1886:—

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	1886.	1887.
Patients Visited.....	4,150	4,051
Visits and Consultations.....	11,941	11,299
Prescriptions Dispensed.....	15,955	13,333
Teeth Extracted.....	821	890
Deaths.....	56	30

INDOOR REPORT.

Department.	Doctor.	Patients.	Consultations.
Medical.....	Chisholm	1344	2521
Surgical.....	Hawkins.....	501	1204
Women and Children.	Currie	650	1514
Eye and Ear.....	Dodge	162	568
Dental.....	S. D. Macdonald...	870 teeth.	

OUTDOOR REPORT.

District.	Doctor.	Patient.	Visits.	Deaths.
South.....	Fraser.....	240	976	7
Central	Lathern	490	1707	8
1st North.....	Ryan.....	456	1785	5
2nd North... ..	McKay	208	623	3

The Dartmouth Branch, through Dr. M. A. B. Smith, furnishes the following synopsis of work performed during the year:—Patients, 175; Visits, 507; Consultations, 154; Teeth Extracted, 22; Deaths, 7. The Apothecary Dispensed 600 Prescriptions for that Branch.

The above combined figures indicate a general equivalent to the work performed by the Dispensary the previous year, as evidenced by similar statistics, although not so apparent in some of the separate departments. The year 1886 was an unusually heavy one with the Outdoor Staff, owing to the greatly increased amount of sickness among the poor. Last year, however, the work has been somewhat reversed, and the Indoor report shows a decided increase. This fact is due to the usually healthy state of the city, and its freedom from any special form of epidemic. Diphtheria, usually a prominent item in the report of previous years, seems to be lying dormant, although ready and willing to awaken when occasion requires. Towards the end of the year, Typhoid Fever, of a decided, though not very fatal nature, broke out. During the couple of months in which it appeared prominent, at least 24 cases were reported against 9 the previous year; many of these with chest complications, doubtless due to the open and damp state of the weather. Only one case proved fatal. The mortality was unusually small as compared with previous years, the number of deaths last year being 30, and in 1886, 56, another proof of the general healthy state of the city, especially among the Dispensary class of patients.

The large increase of work in the Indoor Departments is evidence of the large number of Consultations given to people able to come to the Institution for attendance, and points either to a great depression in business and difficulty of obtaining employment among the poorer and even middle classes of the population, or else a need for remedy in the present system of giving medical aid.

The Active Staff of the Dispensary desire to express sincere thanks to the Directors for their kindness in awarding a grant towards the formation of a Medical Library in the Dispensary, which will be greatly appreciated by the Physicians in connection with it.

The Medical Board have in this year's Report the melancholy duty of expressing great regret at the loss, by death, of their colleague, Dr. D. W. Harrington. Always watchful over the interests of the Institution, many improvements were due to his care. And possessing as he did an extensive knowledge of Dispensary management in other cities, his advice and services are missed even at the present time. The Dispensary Staff never had one on its personnel who took a greater interest in its welfare, and we all regret his early removal from among us.

The office of Dispenser has received a worthy successor to its late occupant, in the appointment of Dr. F. R. Marshall. His medical skill, together with a well-known reputation as a Chemist and Druggist, specially adapts him for the position. The Staff take great pleasure in bearing witness to the ready willingness with which Dr. Marshall has always rendered assistance to them during the year in performing work altogether apart from his ordinary duties, and which has very often greatly encroached on his own private time and practice. In his position as Apothecary, he has given entire satisfaction to the Medical Board, and has earned their thanks for advice given and practical aid afforded.

The thanks of the Medical Staff are due to the Bell Tele-

phone Company for their kindness in placing an Instrument in the Institution, a valuable assistance in event of emergency in ordinary cases.

The Janitress continues to perform her duties satisfactorily.

J. S. LATHERN, M.D.

President.

N. E. MCKAY, M.D.

Secretary.

Halifax, January 7th, 1888.

DARTMOUTH BRANCH.

The following presents a summary of the work performed

No. of Patients.....	175
“ Visits	507
“ Consultations.....	154
“ Teeth Extracted.....	22
“ Deaths.....	7

*There has, this year, been comparatively little serious sickness among the poor of Dartmouth Dispensary treatment has not, as may be supposed, been furnished to every applicant, but to those only who seemed in need of it; and in doubtful cases, the poor have always been allowed the benefit of the doubt. The complaint used to be made that the Dartmouth Branch was inefficient, because it took so long, sometimes days, for medicine to be got from the Halifax Dispensary. Now, at any rate, by a better arrangement, the Dartmouth messenger goes for Dispensary medicine every day, and even twice a day when necessary.

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

EYE AND EAR DEPARTMENT.

During the past year 164 cases have been treated in this department, a larger number than in the previous year. The diseases with which these were afflicted differed but little from those of other years. In a city like Halifax, whose population is not subject to many changes, the work of the Dispensary in one year is largely a repetition of former years. Three cases of cataract were under treatment during the year, and the results were satisfactory. One occurred in a boy 16 years of age, and was congenital. Another in a young girl, who had a cataract in one eye and a large opacity of the cornea in the other eye. In addition to the operation for cataract in one eye, an operation for artificial pupil was performed upon the second eye, and with manifest improvement. The third patient was one on whom a successful operation for cataract had been performed at the Dispensary three years before. Besides the foregoing, several operations of more or less importance were performed upon other cases.

STEPHEN DODGE, M.D.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

During the past year 852 patients have been treated in this department. In my last report, I referred to the benefits derived from substituting for indiscriminate extraction that of preservative treatment. This treatment to the poorer classes must prove a lasting benefit. For if deprived of the only means of mastication, and unable to bear the cost of an artificial substitute, they are exposed to all the ill-effects of impaired digestion and its attendant evils. I have endeav-

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ored, as far as possible, to carry out this form of treatment, instead of extraction, but regret that the appliances for this purpose are very inadequate. I would, therefore, suggest that a few more instruments for this department be obtained, in order to increase its efficiency.

S. D. MACDONALD,
Dentist.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

	Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.		Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.
Abortion	2	1	2	Chlorosis	8	..	..
Abscess	28	18	1	Chorea	..	3	..
Abscess post aural	..	..	..	Colic	3	8	1
Adenites	5	..	..	Conjunctivitis acute	..	3	1
Alcoholism	10	..	..	Calculus vesical	..	1	..
Ambustio	4	..	..	Constipation	150	14	7
Amenorrhœa	34	7	2	Contusion	36	..	3
Anæmia	89	4	7	Cramp	..	4	1
Aneurism	..	..	..	Cystitis	12	..	2
Anœrexia	12	1	..	Carbuncle	3	..	1
Aphasia	2	..	..	Condolymata	2	..	..
Aphonia	2	1	..	Coryza	3	..	1
Apoplexy	..	..	1	Debility	57	29	8
Arthritis	4	..	..	Dentition	7	19	2
Asthma	22	11	2	Diarrhœa	62	21	5
Ataxia Locomotor	..	..	..	Dislocation	1	..	..
Atrophy Optic Nerve	..	..	..	Dog Bite	1	..	..
Balanitis	3	1	1	Dropsy	4	..	1
Bright's Disease	8	2	..	Dysentery	..	..	..
Bronchitis	404	138	22	Dysmenorrhœa	2	9	..
Bursitis	4	..	..	Dyspepsia	158	17	11
Bubo	..	2	..	Diphtheria	3	9	1
Burns	7	1	..	Dysuria	..	..	..
Carcinoma	..	9	..	Diabetes	..	..	..
Cardiac disease	33	6	2	Eczema	96	13	..
Catarrh	10	..	..	Ecthyma	..	3	..
Cephalagia	56	4	1	Emphyccema	..	..	..
Chancre	..	..	..	Endocarditis	2	1	..
Caries	1	..	..	Emplyccema	..	1	..
Chancroid	2	..	1	Epilepsy	9	4	4
Cerebral Concussion	..	1	..	Epistaxis	2	1	..

	Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.		Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.
Erysipelas	11	6	..	Maligner	..	4	..
Erythema	3	1	..	Masturbation	1	..	..
Epulis	1	..	..	Menorrhagia	15	..	..
Enteritis	3	3	..	Myalgia	15	..	..
Febricula	..	24	..	Metritis	3	..	..
Fever Typhoid	..	24	1	Necrosis	1	..	..
Fracture	6	11	1	Neuralgia	16	7	5
Furunculus	1	..	1	Neurosis	7	..	..
Fistula in ano	2	4	..	Nipples fissured	..	..	..
Gastralgia	..	..	1	Nephritis	..	..	..
Gastritis	12	9	1	Odontalgia	8	2	..
Gelatio	3	1	2	Ophthalmia	..	1	1
Glossitis	..	..	..	Orchitis	..	1	..
Goitre	..	..	..	Otitis	3	..	..
Gonorrhœa	12	..	4	Ovaritis	6	3	1
Gingivitis	..	..	..	Ozœna	..	..	..
Hematemesis	..	2	..	Opacity of Cornea	..	..	..
Hematuria	3	1	..	Onychia	1	..	1
Hæmoptysis	4	..	..	Puerperal Fever	..	..	..
Hemorrhoids	25	8	1	Paralysis	3	4	..
Hæpatic congestion	5	9	5	Paramitritis	..	..	..
Hernia	4	2	..	Parulis	..	..	..
Herpes	..	2	..	Parturition	..	..	1
Herpes Zoster	3	..	..	Paronochia	..	..	1
Hydrocele	3	..	..	Periostitis	2	..	2
Hydrocephalus	5	..	..	Pregnancy, disease of	22	10	..
Hypochondriasis	3	..	..	Pertussis	..	7	..
Hysteria	2	3	2	Pharyngitis	19	11	..
Influenza	..	2	..	Phlebitis	..	..	..
Injuries	14	39	7	Phthisis	39	55	6
Insanity	..	2	..	Phymosis	3	3	..
Iritis	..	..	..	Piletyriasis	..	2	..
Iris, wound of	..	..	..	Pruritus	3	4	8
Inflammation of middle ear	..	..	..	Pleurodynia	3	6	2
Indigestion	15	2	3	Polypus nasi	1	..	..
Icterus	2	..	..	Prurigo	3	1	..
Incontinence of urine	3	..	1	Pruritis	7	7	..
Ingrowing toe-nail	2	..	1	Poisoning	..	..	..
Insomnia	2	..	..	Psoriasis	5	3	..
Laryngitis	12	..	..	Purpura	..	4	..
Leucorrhœa	14	..	..	Pediculi	..	..	..
Lumbago	23	11	4	Prostrate Hypertrophy	3	..	..
Lupus	..	..	..	Pulmonary Congestion	..	2	..
Mastitis	6	3	1	Potts disease	1	..	..
Malaria	2	..	..	Prolapsus Uteri	3	..	..
Meningitis Tubercular	..	1	..	Paranyclied	9	..	..
Menopause	5	1	..	Papilloma	3
Metrorrhagia	3	Rheumatism	95	59	2
Morbili	5	Rachitis	6	..	1
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	Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.		Indoor.	Outdoor.	Dartm.
Salivation	Urethritis
Scabies	13	2	2	Ulcer Gastric	2
Scarlatina .....	..	6	1	Vaccinia .....	..	..	..
Scofula	37	3	..	Varix	3	2	..
Senectus .....	..	13	..	Varicella	5	6	..
Shock .....	..	..	..	Vertigo	10	..	..
Spinal Curvature.....	3	..	..	Vermes	60	45	2
Stomatitis	4	1	..	Varicocele	2	..	..
Synovitis	16	2	1	Vaginitis	5	..	..
Syphilis	49	14	2	Vomiting	2	..	..
Strabismus .....	..	..	..	Wounds	60	1	..
Staphyloma .....	..	..	..	No diagnosis	99	18	1
Sprains and Strain.....	22	9	5				
Sciatica	2	2	1	CASES UNTREATED.			
Scalds .....	..	4	..	Wrong address .....	..	37	..
Tabes mesenterica.. ...	..	2	1	Able to come .....	..	18	..
Talipes .....	..	..	..	Able to pay	3	11	..
Tinea capitis	1	..	..	Another Dr. in attend..	..	10	..
Tinea tonsurans	2	..	..	Sent to Hospital.....	..	10	..
Tongue tie	2	2	..	Sent to Poor House.....	..	2	..
Tonsillitis	37	27	9	Out when visited.....	..	8	..
Tumours	8	1	..	Died before seen.....	..	3	..
Tinea circinata	1	..	..	Not ent:red by the Dis-	..	2	..
Ulcer	13	15	3	penser .....	..	2	..
Urine retentives.....	..	3	..	Cases transferred.....	6	..	..
Urticaria	10	1	..	Refused to be treated...	2	..	..
Uterus, disease of.....	..	2	1				

DISPENSARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, 1887.

St. Luke's Cathedral.....	\$ 125 76
Grafton Street Church.....	30 00
St. John's Village Church	5 02
St. Andrew's Church.....	29 05
Fort Massey Church.....	60 00
Brunswick Street Methodist Church.....	53 86
St. Stephen's Chapel.....	38 37
St. Mary's Cathedral.....	156 90
St. Patrick's Church ..	64 00
St. Joseph's Church	15 20
St. Matthias Church	8 10
Christ Church, Dartmouth.....	18 17
First Baptist Church.....	25 00
Park Street Church.....	40 00
St. George's Church	60 60
St. Matthew's Church.....	86 50
St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth	30 25
St. James' Church, Dartmouth.....	21 08
St. Mark's Church	36 56
Chalmers' Church	20 00
St. John's Presbyterian Church.....	27 40
Charles Street Church.....	26 00
African Methodist Church.....	4 00
North Baptist Church.....	15 27
Beech Street Church	4 00
St. Paul's Church.....	126 20
Total.....	\$1,127 29

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Mahon Bros.	\$2 00	H. H. Fuller	\$5 00
Thos. E. Kenny	5 00	Wm. Dunbar	4 00
Adam Burns	5 00	The Mayor	5 00
E. B. Sutcliffe	.....	5 00	J. F. Kenny	.....	5 00
Jas. Butler & Co.	.....	5 00	Doull & Miller	.....	10 00
M. B. Daly	.....	4 00	Pickford & Black	.....	10 00
E. P. Archbold	.....	5 00	Brown & Webb	.....	10 00
L. E. Hesslein	.....	5 00	Farquhar, Forrest & Co.	.....	10 00
Robie Uniacke	.....	5 00	J. Gibson	.....	10 00
M. P. Black	.....	5 00	Michael Dwyer	.....	5 00
Sir Edward Kenny	.....	5 00	J. S. McLean	.....	5 00
Hart & Murray	.....	4 00	James Scott	.....	5 00
M. S. Brown & Co.	.....	4 00	Lawson, Harrington & Co.	.....	5 00
F. C. Elliot	.....	4 00	James Morrow	.....	5 00
Wm. Chisholm	.....	4 00	Geo. E. Smith	.....	5 00
Jairus Hart	.....	4 00	Macdonald & Co.	.....	5 00
J. R. Lithgow	.....	5 00	Davidson Bros.	.....	5 00
F. D. Corbett	.....	5 00	A. & W. Smith & Co.	.....	5 00
W. H. Pallister	.....	3 00	Smith Bros.	.....	5 00
R. J. Sweet	.....	2 00	C. & W. Anderson	.....	5 00
Austen Bros.	.....	3 00	W. J. Coleman	.....	5 00
Theakston & Angwin	.....	4 00	A. & W. MacKinlay	.....	5 00
Peter Hogan	.....	2 00	Peter Jack	.....	5 00
Clayton & Sons	.....	5 00	R. W. Fraser	.....	5 00
Alex. Gunn & Co.	.....	5 00	T. C. Allen & Co.	.....	4 00
P. F. O'Connor	.....	5 00	Brookfield Bros.	.....	2 00
Wm. Roche, jr.	.....	4 00	John Lyle	.....	1 00
Reilly & Davidson	.....	2 00	Alex. Stephen	.....	5 00
A. W. Redden	.....	2 00	D. Cronan	.....	5 00
Stephen Tobin	.....	1 00	A. McDougall & Son	.....	2 00
F. J. Phelan	.....	2 50	J. A. Chipman	.....	2 00
W. B. Reynolds & Co.	.....	3 00	B. W. Chipman	.....	1 00
Wm. Muir	.....	4 00	E. Morrison & Co.	.....	2 00
B. G. Gray	.....	5 00	Freeman Elliot	.....	2 00
J. C. McIntosh	.....	5 00	M. F. Eagar	.....	2 00
Jno. P. Chetwynd	.....	2 00	A Friend	.....	1 00
H. W. Barnes	.....	2 00	A Friend	.....	3 00
H. A. Taylor	.....	2 00	A. G. Jones & Co.	.....	10 00
J. Y. Payzant	.....	2 00	Chas. H. Harvey	.....	5 00
W. D. Harrington	.....	2 00	W. H. Neal	.....	4 00
A. N. Whitman	.....	2 00	W. J. Kennedy	.....	1 00
Levi Hart	.....	3 00	Wm. Holloway	.....	1 00
A Friend	.....	1 00	Boak & Bennett	.....	5 00
McIntosh & McInnes	.....	4 00	J. M. Herkmer	.....	1 00
R. S. & Co.	.....	2 00	T. A. S. DeWolf & Son	.....	1 00
Geo. E. Boak	.....	4 00	W. E. Schwartz	.....	1 00
A. M. Bell	.....	10 00	F. Schwartz	.....	1 00
Wm. Robertson	.....	8 00	A. M. V.	.....	2 00
W. C. Silver	5 00	W. H. Simpson	2 00
Hon. Senator Power	5 00	E. W. Crease	2 00
Robert Taylor	5 00	Jas. Gordon	3 00

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1887.

J. F. KENNY, Treasurer, in Account with Halifax Dispensary.

1887.		DR.		
Jan. 1.	To Balance Cash on hand.....		\$3286	29
	" Amounts Collected by Messrs. Fuller and Dunbar.....		409	00
	" " " " " Dunbar and Bell.....		98	00
	" " " " " Robertson and Mitchell.....		175	50
	" Amount of Collection on Hospital Sunday, 1886, at N. W. Arm Presbyterian Chapel.....		1	25
	" Interest on Deposit Receipts.....		15	15
	" Received from M. B. Daly, being half proceeds of two Amateur Theatrical Entertainments at Government House.....		61	25
	" Bequest from Estate late Mrs. Edward Binney.....		500	00
	" City Grant, 2 years.....		1500	00
	" Donation from Anonymous.....		8	00
	" Hospital Sunday Collections, per statement.....		1127	29
	" Additional amount from J. Scott Hutton's Adult Deaf Mutes Sunday Class.....		12	00
	" Dartmouth Town Grant.....		60	00
	" Provincial Grant for 1887.....		400	00
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	By 12 Months' Insurance at Acadia.....	\$	18	75
	" Gas and Fuel Account.....		91	40
	" Forsyth & Sutcliffe's Account for Medicines to 1st Oct.....		846	93.
	" Salary of Dispenser.....		600	00
	" Salaries of Medical Staff.....		850	00
	" Salary of Secretary.....		75	00
	" Paid for Nutrition.....		5	81
	" " Instruments and Medicines.....		9	70
	" Ice Account for the year.....		5	00
	" Repairs, Painting, etc.....		51	62
	" Water Rates.....		36	90
	" Cleaning Morgue.....		25	70
	" Printing, Advertising and Stationery.....		59	38
Dec. 21.	" Amount transferred to Investment Account.....		2500	00
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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX
VISITING DISPENSARY.

(Passed the 18th day of April, A.D. 1872.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. James C. Cochran, James Cochran, William Dunbar, John S. Maclean, George M. Grant, Henry N. Paint, Thomas E. Kenny, William H. Neal, D. Henry Starr, John Doull, and their associates, for the medical treatment of the sick poor in the City of Halifax, known as the "Halifax Visiting Dispensary," and such other persons as shall be members of the Association, according to the Rules and Bye-Laws thereof, are hereby Incorporated under the name of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary.

2. The corporation may purchase, take, hold, and enjoy real estate to the value of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, and may sell, mortgage, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of the same for the benefit of the Dispensary and the furtherance of its objects.

3. The present Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Dispensary shall be valid and legally binding until altered or repealed.

4. All property, real and personal, and all debts and liabilities of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, are vested in the corporation hereby created, who may collect all arrears due to them under the present Bye-Laws and Rules of the Dispensary.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "The Halifax Visiting Dispensary."

II.

The object of this Society shall be to provide and furnish medical and surgical aid, and medicines, to such persons as may be in need thereof, and unable, by reason of poverty, to procure the same.

III.

Any person paying annually the sum of Four Dollars shall be a member of the Society, and a subscription of Forty Dollars constitutes membership for life.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to enforce the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and to call special meetings when required. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform these duties.

VI.

The duty of the Secretary shall be to collect all subscriptions and dues to the Society, to pay over all monies received by him to the Treasurer, and report to the Directors annually, or as often as they may require it, and keep reports of all meetings. Also to give notice of the same, examine accounts, and conduct correspondence as may be required.

VII.

The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive all monies payable to the Society, to keep all financial accounts, and make payments as directed by the President and Secretary.

VIII.

There shall be a Board of Consulting Physicians, composed of five members.

IX.

A code of Bye-Laws shall be appended to the Constitution, embodying necessary details.

X.

A general meeting of the Society shall be held annually on the second Monday in January, at which the President and Directors shall submit a Report of the proceedings of the previous year, and a Board of Directors for the ensuing year shall be appointed.

XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and not unless one month's notice shall be given to the Society, through the Secretary, of the proposed alteration.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The Directors shall have power to make Bye-Laws and Regulations for the management of the Institution.

II.

The Board of Directors shall meet at the Dispensary at least once a quarter to inspect the Rooms and transact such business as may be brought before them. At such meetings they shall appoint two of their number an Executive Committee to attend to any business that may come up during the succeeding quarter and report thereon at next meeting of the Board. At all meetings of Directors (unless at the Annual Meeting) four shall be necessary to form a quorum.

III.

No Director personally interested in a matter under debate shall be entitled to vote at such debate.

IV.

The Directors shall appoint—

1. The Consulting Physicians.
2. Attending Physicians for each class of patients.
3. Visiting Physicians.
4. An Apothecary.

V.

All patients treated at the Dispensary shall be divided

into four classes, as follows ; but the Board may make such modifications thereof as they think proper :—

1. General Medicine, including Disease of the Heart and Lungs.
2. Surgical Cases.
3. Diseases of Women and Children.
4. Eye and Ear Department.

VI.

To each of the above classes shall be appointed by the Board of Directors one attending Physician, whose duty shall be to attend at the Dispensary daily for at least one hour, from 12 to 1 o'clock, and treat patients of their respective classes, with exception of the Physician to the Eye and Ear Department, who shall attend Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 12 to 1 p m.

VII.

There shall be kept at the Dispensary the following Registers :—

1. Visiting Physicians' Register.
2. Register of patients of each class.
3. Fyles of the prescriptions of each Physician for the year.
4. Fyle of the prescriptions of Charitable Institutions.

VIII.

The Physicians shall reject such applicants as are not entitled to the benefits of the Dispensary. The reasons for such rejection shall be entered upon the Register.

IX.

Lying-in women ordinarily are not patients of the Dispensary, but in extraordinary cases of labor, or when

medical aid may be necessary after delivery, they may be attended by the Visiting Physicians.

X.

If any patient shall continue absent from the Dispensary for the space of two weeks, such patient shall be considered discharged.

XI.

Each attending Physician shall enter in a Register, to be kept for that purpose in the prescribing room, such particulars of each case treated as may be deemed necessary by him.

XII.

The Attending Physicians may bring students to the Dispensary to witness the treatment when the patients do not object. No student shall operate or prescribe in the Dispensary. They shall conform to such rules as the Board may consider necessary.

XIII.

The Attending Physicians of the Dispensary shall draw up such rules for the conduct of students and patients as they may deem necessary. Such rules to be approved of by the Board of Directors, and prominently exposed on the walls of the Dispensary.

XIV.

The City may be divided into four Districts, and there shall be a Visiting Physician for each, viz :—*South District*—South of Sackville Street, East to Harbour, West to N. W. Arm. *Central*—South Sackville Street ; North, Jacob Street ; West, N. W. Arm ; East, Harbour. *1st North District*—South, Jacob, Cogswell Streets to N. W. Arm ;

East, Harbour; West, N. W. Arm; North, Gerrish Street, through Maynard to West Street, through West to Robie Street, through Robie to Cunard Street, through Cunard Street to Chebucto Road, thence through North Street to N. W. Arm. *2nd North District*—All North of 1st North District within City limits.

XV.

Each Visiting Physician shall take charge of and give adequate attention to all Dispensary patients residing within the District to which he is appointed, needing medical aid at their dwellings. He shall call at the Dispensary at least once each day, between 1 and 3 o'clock, except Sunday, and at each call he shall copy the entries of all such patients from the Register of out door applicants, and shall indicate against each name on the Register previously copied the result of his visit.

XVI.

The Attending and Visiting Physicians shall, one week previous to the Annual Meeting, send to the Board of Directors a Report of all patients treated during the year, giving the statistics and results, with such remarks in regard to the diseases treated by them, and the causes thereof, as the public health may seem to require.

XVII.

The Apothecary shall attend at the Dispensary daily, from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m., and from 6 to 7 p.m., and on Sundays from 12 to 1 p.m. It shall be his duty (1st) to classify the patients that come to the Dispensary to be treated; (2nd) to receive and record all applications for out-door treatment; (3rd) to compound medicines and dispense the prescriptions of the Attending and Visiting Physicians; (4th) to make up prescription for a poor patient coming from

any of the consulting Physicians; (5th) to perform such other duties in the Dispensary as the Board may direct.

XVIII.

The compensation to the Attending and Visiting Physicians and the Apothecary shall be determined from year to year by the Board of Directors, and shall be proportionate to the work requiring to be done by them.

XIX.

No Physician, nor the Apothecary, shall appoint another to take his place, should he retire. Before resignation each shall give three months' notice.

XX.

These Bye-Laws shall not be altered unless the proposed alteration shall be submitted in writing to the Board at least one stated meeting previous to that at which the action of the Board shall be had thereon.

XXI.

The foregoing Bye-Laws shall commence and take effect on the first day of April, 1883, and all previous Bye-Laws shall thereupon cease and become void.

XXII.

GENERAL MEDICAL BOARD.

1. There shall be a Board in connection with the Dispensary, to be made up of the Consulting, Visiting and Attending Physicians, and to be known as the General Medical Board.

2. Such Board shall have power:—

a. To make such Bye-Laws and Rules as may be deemed advisable for the efficient transacting of the business of the Board, which Bye-Laws and Rules, when approved by the Directors, shall bind all the members of the Board.

b. To consider proposals and suggestions for the better conducting of the work of the Dispensary, whether such proposals and suggestions be original or be based upon the experience of other places.

c. To report such proposals or suggestions, if approved by the General Medical Board, to the Directors, with or without alterations, and to recommend action thereon by the Board of Directors.

d. To report to the Directors the views of the General Medical Board upon any matter connected with the working or organization of the Dispensary.

3. There shall be appointed annually an Executive Committee of the General Medical Board, composed of three members, (one of whom shall be elected from the Consulting Physicians, one from the Visiting Physicians, and one from the Attending Physicians.) It shall be the duty of such Executive Committee to carry out the directions of the General Medical Board as to all matters within the jurisdiction of the Board, and to give particular attention to the details of the professional work of the Institution. Provided always that no action involving any material change in such professional work shall be taken, except upon a resolution of the General Medical Board, passed at a regularly called meeting, and approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting summoned in the regular way.

4. The Active Medical Staff shall prepare the Annual Report, dealing with the proceedings of their section and general work, which, with any other matter that they may deem expedient, shall be submitted at a meeting of the General Medical Board before it is transmitted to the Directors.

5. Nothing in this Bye-Law shall be construed to take away or impair the right of the existing Medical Board, composed of the Visiting and Attending Physicians, viz:—

a. To select, subject to the approval of the Directors, for each member of the Acting Staff, his position in connection with the Dispensary for the year; or—

b. To refer any charge against itself, or any of its members, to the Directors for adjudication.

6. So much of any existing Bye-Law as is inconsistent with this Bye-Law is repealed.