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A GENERAL STATE

OF THE

WHITEHAVEN DISPENSARY,

For the YEAR 1786.

THE confiderable increase in the number of registered patients, admitted to the benefits of this CHARITY in the former part of this year, may principally be imputed to the prevalency of certain epidemic affections. The Small-Pox and Measles (contagions fingularly obnoxious to the rising generation) were of these, in every respect, the most important and alarming.

The former, at different seasons, from various contingencies, frequently recurred; and though necessarily limited to those habitations where the disease accidentally took place, was too often distinguished by the deplorable characters of pain and danger. The Measles, an universal and interesting epidemic, might unquestionably be accounted one of the most dreadful distempers of Mankind. Since the artificial introduction of the Small-Pox, by Inoculation, it has proved not only more pernicious in its immediate tendency, but also more capable of inducing

future highly baneful consequences.

This disease appeared early in the month of July, and continued to rage generally and powerfully the whole of the Summer, Autumn, and part of the Winter. During the space of seven years this country had been rarely liable to the destructive influence of this contagion: hence the objects of it were very numerous. The poor, however, fortunately experienced a remarkably mild species, five only of three hundred and eighty five being fatal cases. The Hooping Cough occasionally prevailed at different periods and fituations, in the course of this year; yet was neither a frequent nor a potent disorder. It always, indeed, occurred with confiderable violence when the patient had been debilitated and relaxed by any previous epidemic, or inflammatory affection. The only remaining contagion of any consequence was that of nervous Fever. In the month of June last, the town was perfectly free from its influence, and remained fo till the latter end of August, when a Boy, (who took the disease in Dublin | unhappily conveyed it into a very confined, yet well

well inhabited, situation. Several persons in the neighbourhood were soon after seized with its urgent symptoms,

suffering a tedious and dangerous malady.

This Fever has fince been generally communicated, and notwithstanding every exertion, to prevent or mitigate its malignancy, became in many instances a not less painful than destructive distemper. The diet of the poor, with the want of cleanliness and free ventilation, inevitably exposes them to an active and powerful insection.

With a view to anticipate or remove these disadvantages, every requisite attention and admonition have been affiduously recommended, and in most cases exactly fulfilled. The impropriety and hazard of vifiting the fick were strenuously insisted upon; since perhaps no circumstance has more certainly contributed to diffuse the contagion than this incautious and unnecessary connection with infected persons and places. To dissipate and correct its virulency, the frequent admission of a full stream of air, and the application of the usual antidotes, especially the various fumigating articles, were always particularly enjoined. In order also to enable the attendants upon the fick, and their families, to refift the power of that contagion they are unavoidably and constantly exposed to, the instant removal of the linen, &c. replete with the noxious effluvia, and, where possibly admissible, the use of a more generous diet, with the liberal employment of Cordials and the Bark, would be eligible. This last, as the best mean of restoring the energy of the system, may certainly be deemed equally efficacious in supporting it. To

To superfede any further observations respecting these contagions, and at the same time accurately display the general and especially satal terminations of disease, from the earliest to the latest periods of life, a TABLE of the DISPENSARY CASES, agreeably to the ingenious system of the celebrated Doctor Cullen, is annexed to this introduction, and it is hoped may prove an acceptable appendage to it.

The peculiarly mild and temperate state of the weather, during the Winter, had a sensible effect in diminishing the number of chronic indispositions; and the occasional recurrence of acute, inflammatory diseases

was chiefly owing to the frequent mutations of it.

The MIDWIFERY PATIENTS, though less numerous than might have been expected, were generally objects highly meritorious of charitable assistance.—
When soliciting the succours held forth and secured to them by this institution, they had still further claims to the muniscence of the opulent; their situations being frequently discriminated and distressed by every circumstance of extreme penury. At a season when nature demands the greatest indulgence, incapable of acquiring the comforts, they were for the most part deprived of the frugal necessaries of life. In extending, therefore, the salutary aim of this DISPENSARY to such truly miserable objects, whilst their cares and their calamities are prevented or removed; public and private beneficence, amply providing for the solicitudes of the indigent, will thus sensibly alleviate, or totally avert, the most exquisite woes of suffering humanity.

With regard to the advantages evidently refulting from the various operations and reliefs of Surgery, in circumstances poignantly distressful, as they perfectly evince the beneficial effects of this CHARITY, so it is presumed they will prove most persuasive advocates in recommending it to the continuance of that extensive and generous support it has already attained, and which can alone render this humane establishment eminently conducive to the Public Good.

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An Account of the Patients admitted, from June 12th, 1786, to June 11th, 1787.

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