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Twenty-Nine Patients.

It is two years to-day since the Allentown Hospital has been opened, and when one looks over the long list of patients that have been treated in these two years the conclusion must be that the hospital has proven itself to be one of the most necessary institutions in the city. During these two years 701 cases have been treated.

In 1900 there was an average of eighteen patients at the hospital and thus far in 1901 the average has been twenty-three patients a day. It will be noticed that the average of patients is increasing very rapidly, and, during the last year, the capacity of the hospital has frequently been taxed. There have been days when six cases were admitted and three and four new cases are a frequent occurrence.

The capacity of the hospital, including the receiving wards, is twenty-nine patients. There are frequently from twenty-seven to twenty-nine cases to be taken care of and in April the highest number treated was thirty. The hospital has thus been frequently overcrowded and those in charge have, at various times, been at a loss as to where they would find place in case there should be some accident that would require hospital service.

Eight of the local physicians are in attendance there and Miss Haring, the head nurse, has eight pupil nurses as her assistants. She has been very successful and has proven a very efficient head.

The institution has the remarkable record of never having had any debt. Just at this time the funds are little low and the liberally inclined will favor those in charge if they make contributions at present, as the state appropriation will not be available until September.

The first class of nurses will be graduated in the Lyric Theatre on June 13, the class consisting of Misses Mabel E. Brown, Elsie G. Evans and Lizzie E. Kratz.

The Woman's Auxiliary, which has proven a strong staff for the hospital, is ever alert to the needs of the institution. On Saturday they will open a fair in the Lehigh Valley Hall to equip the new wing which is to be erected. In their efforts the public will undoubtedly accord its usual liberal patronage.