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LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT GOOD YEAR

And Show a Willingness to Continue
Hospital's Aid During Next Year.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association was held in the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., No. 722 Walnut street, yesterday afternoon, when the former officers were re-elected to serve during the ensuing year. They are: President, Mrs. R. S. Leisenring; first vice president, Mrs. Mary E. Heilman; second vice president, Mrs. Annie Schock; recording secretary, Miss Laura V. Keck; corresponding secretary, Miss Abbie E. Leisenring; treasurer, Mrs. Henry D. Hersh.

At this meeting it was decided that the Auxiliary will pay for the new Roentgen Ray apparatus to be placed in the hospital to-day at a cost of \$998. The hospital will then be prepared to do any kind of x-Ray work offered.

The report of the secretary, Miss Keck, showed in detail the work done by the organization during the year just closed, while that of the treasurer showed the results in the financial standing of the organization of the work done by the ladies during the same period of time. At the beginning of the year, the treasury contained \$578.46. During the year, \$442.44 was received from various sources and expenditures, including supplies for the hospital, amounted to \$315.37, leaving a balance of \$695.53 in the treasury at the present time.

Mrs. R. S. Leisenring, president of the Auxiliary, presented her annual report, which follows:

To the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association:—

The thought occurs at the close of our work for the year just ended, that perhaps we do not fully realize that the act of giving gladly is largely a matter of cultivation, whether it be in the nature of bestowing money or some part of our efforts towards the relief of the sad and suffering.

The saying, "It is better to set ten persons to work than to do the work of ten persons," applies with force to our auxiliary, and is one of its purposes, for a large number of good workers is preferable to the few, even though the few be exceptionally faithful, the many should be brought in touch with this noble charity, and if each active member should take this view and make the effort many others would be induced to aid us and the good work would progress far beyond our present expectations.

Our labor during the past year has gone along in the same encouraging manner as heretofore. The appeals from the hospital, however, continue to come with greater frequency and more earnestness, and our association should show an increasing active interest, in order that we may meet the growing demands and accomplish our full share of the work expected of us.

Sewing plain garments may not be specially attractive, but it is none the less our duty to provide these most necessary articles.

In course of time the endowment fund may reach such proportions that it will no longer be expected of us to labor as we are doing now, but that time has not yet arrived.

Our meetings must necessarily mean work and our members generally should act with the idea that the active interest is not intended for a few only, but for each member enrolled.

Two of our members died during the year and we sincerely lament our loss. Our association greatly appreciates the liberality of the Allentown Crockery Co., in having granted us the free use of their building for the holding of our annual ice cream festival, as well as the other favors extended to us at that time by C. A. Dorney & Co., Jacob Daubenspeck, Allentown Electric Light and Power Co., J. C. Bitterling, E. Kroninger, Allentown Gas Co., and the daily newspapers.

Hon. C. A. Schieren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., generously donated a number of fine Luther family pictures, which were sold by Miss Lennie Keck, and as a result of her active efforts in this direction, \$25 have thus far been added to our treasury.

We held ten monthly meetings and one special meeting during the past year and cut and made about three hundred garments, purchased hundreds of towels and furnished many other ready made goods.

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of three hundred miscellaneous articles by the Needle World Guild of America, and the willing help given by the Guild of the Episcopal Church and the Ever Ready Circle of Kings' Daughters.

Donations made by Mrs. Mary E. Heilman (one piece of outing flannel), Mrs. Frank Held (one piece of muslin), and Miss Kate Grim (one piece of muslin) were especially appreciated.

At Easter carnations were presented to each patient. The usual decorations were attended to at Christmas. Mr. Wm. Miller, of 1402 Linden street, gave fifty laurel wreaths for decorative purposes.

Am pleased to be enabled to say that the officers of the auxiliary severally served with great fidelity. Personally I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all of the members for the warm and hearty support given me during my term of office. As an association, we wish to express our gratitude to all friends who have kindly favored and assisted us.

We can again congratulate ourselves on having substantially aided a most worthy and noble institution by faithful and untiring efforts. May the good work continue.

MRS. R. S. LEISENRING,
President.