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The request by the police department for motor-driven patrol wagon and ambulance is in the line of progress for the city, particularly as far as the ambulance is concerned.

For years there has been dissatisfaction with the ambulance arrangements. Most of the patients handled by it are taken to the hospital. Consequently it has often been argued that the ambulance should be stationed at the hospital and an interne sent out with it on every call. However it has never seemed possible to effect this arrangement, much as it was to be desired on account of the slowness of the horse-driven vehicle.

The motor driven apparatus, given the right of way everywhere, will be a distinct improvement. It will make it possible to quarter the apparatus in the centre of town and dash to the remotest point tirelessly and speedily. Patients can be hurried to the hospital and much time gained for the sick and the injured for whom medical and surgical assistance is needed imme-

diately. Apart from the increased speed and efficiency the element of cost enters in. The life of the modern auto is greater than that of the horse in hard service and it is likely that the upkeep of the motor-driven police patrol and ambulance will be less than that of the present horse-driven vehicles. Still speed and efficiency are the thing. Allentown is getting too large and too up-to-date to continue the antiquated horse-drawn vehicles. The police department expresses the progressive tendency of the city when it asks for motor driven apparatus.