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# THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting of the Association  
Last Night.

## FIVE TRUSTEES ELECTED

Vice President Gossler Read His Report and Treasurer Reninger Presented a Statement of the Hospital's Finances.

The annual meeting of the Allentown Hospital Association was held last evening in common council chamber in City Hall. John R. Gossler, vice president, presided in the absence of Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster, president, who has moved from the city. The five trustees, whose terms expired last night, were re-elected for a period of three years. Vice President Gossler presented the following report.

### VICE PRESIDENT GOSSLER'S REPORT.

To the Allentown Hospital Association, contributors and friends:—

In presenting the sixth annual report of the Allentown Hospital, it affords us much pleasure and source of congratulations that it exhibits material growth and prosperity at every point.

The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity and has elicited the surprise and admiration of the most sanguine. No one would have ever dreamt that in less than three years after opening the hospital, a large, commodious and beautiful wing would grace and adorn the grounds and add so materially to the usefulness of this charitable institution, which is rapidly nearing completion.

The donation of so large a sum of money, between \$35,000 and \$40,000, by James K. Mosser, given so unselfishly and without solicitation or persuasion for benevolent purposes, must surely entitle him to the profoundest love and lasting gratitude of our community, and thousands of human lips, perhaps unborn at this time, will praise him and offer the sweetest prayers for the alleviation of pain and suffering they would otherwise endure.

The courtesy and magnificent discipline of our head nurse, and well-trained pupil nurses in the different classes are productive of many comments which redound to the benefit of the institution.

The last annual meeting was held January 7, 1901, and re-elected the following trustees for three years: Drs. C. D. Schaeffer and C. S. Martin, Messrs. Abe Samuels, William P. Moyer and Edward H. Reninger, and, after adjournment of the association, the board met and elected the following officers: President, Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster; vice president, John R. Gossler; secretary, W. H. Hartzell, and treasurer, Edward H. Reninger.

The board met every month regularly and during the summer had a number of special meetings as the urgency of the new building demanded.

The administration of the hospital has been so admirably conducted by the head nurse, Miss Clara V. Haring, that comments on my part would tarnish the luster she has put in the institution. Her duties as executive officer of the institution are often exacting, trying and perplexing, but she was equal to all occasions and we sincerely hope her health may be spared and her good work continue.

She is being assisted with five nurses in the senior and five in the junior class.

At a public commencement held last June, Miss Mabel Brown, Miss Lizzie Kratz and Miss Elsie Evans were graduated and have since left the institution to follow private nursing.

The number of patients admitted during the year was 420 and the number treated since the opening of the hospital May 22, 1899, was 988. The highest number of patients in the hospital on one day was 30 and an average per day during the year was about 23.

To the Ladies' Auxiliary we owe an unbounded debt of gratitude for the untiring work they have done. During the past year they have contributed almost \$400 for cement walks and concrete work and \$855.08 for a new electric elevator, besides untold amount of benefits by towing, mullin, pillow cases, sewing and mending. Their good work surely commends itself.

The greatest regret that I have to express is the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster, the president of the board of trustees, which became necessary by his moving to Gettysburg, where his church called him to an important position in the theological seminary.

If any one man did more than the rest of us to make the Allentown Hospital a reality, it was Dr. Singmaster. In its infant days he was eyes, hands and feet, and, like a foster father, he nurtured, guided and instructed it to a matured age, when every one now can feel the necessity of such a charitable institution, which required more time and attention than those less interested can realize.

To counter-balance this loss the board can congratulate itself with the fact of having been so fortunate in obtaining E. M. Young to take his place in the board of trustees, and with this fact we can all rest assured the good work will go on.

The five trustees whose term expires to-night are John E. Lentz, N. A. Haas, R. S. Leisenring, W. H. Hartzell and E. M. Young. It will, therefore, be incumbent on you at this meeting to elect their successors for a period of three years.

Respectfully submitted,  
**JOHN R. GOSSLER, Vice Pres.**

Edward H. Reninger, treasurer, made the following report for the year 1901:

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Balance on hand January, 1901 .....	\$ 1,062 39
To cash received from members, annual dues .....	730 09
To cash, Mrs. Annie E. Hersh, treasurer Ladies' Auxiliary .....	550 00
To cash, Jas. K. Mosser on account of donation for erection of new ward building .....	20,385 80
To cash, account state appropriation .....	1,062 81
To cash, subscriptions, donations, etc .....	1,589 82
To cash, treatment of patients .....	3,177 40
To cash, churches, societies and schools .....	1,804 12
To cash, miscellaneous sources .....	8 80
Deficit .....	111 96
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$30,563 68</b>

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By cash paid:	
On account buildings and grounds .....	632 29
On account furnishing and fixtures .....	512 94
On account general expenses .....	
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ses .....	713 30
On account nurses and labor .....	2,806 84
On account provisions and supplies .....	5,450 51
On account of contracts on new ward building ....	20,385 80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$30,563 68</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
**EDWARD H. RENINGER,**  
 Treasurer.

On Friday at 2 p. m. the trustees will hold a meeting in common council chamber to organize and elect the hospital staff for the ensuing year.

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETING.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association held a largely attended meeting at City Hall yesterday afternoon. Organization for the ensuing year was effected by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. R. A. Diehl; first vice president, Mrs. George H. Kleppinger; second vice president, Mrs. Charles Colum; recording secretary, Mrs. Howard Moyer; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Schlechter; treasurer, Mrs. H. D. Hersh.

Secretary Mrs. E. M. Stearns reported an active membership of 317. During the year the ladies contributed 637 articles of bedding and garments to the hospital, purchased and had installed in the institution an electric elevator at a cost of \$955.09; laid a cement walk and curbing along the Chew street side of the property and contributed \$355.38 for necessary supplies for the hospital. The secretary reminded the members that meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon in City Hall for the purpose of sewing and furnishing articles of bedding and apparel for the new wing of the institution.

The report of Mrs. Henry D. Hersh, treasurer, was made as follows:

DR.

Balance on hand Jan. 2, 1901 .....	\$ 516 64
Receipts of fair .....	1,594 80
Membership dues .....	192 00
Donations .....	26 00
Balance on hand "Ben Hur" entertainment .....	6 25
Total .....	\$2,335 69

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Electric elevator .....	\$ 855 08
Cement walk .....	383 14
Hospital supplies .....	355 38
Expenses of fair .....	246 97
Printing, postals, etc.....	14 50
Freight .....	1 60
Total .....	\$1,856 67

Balance .....

MRS. HENRY D. HERSH,  
Treasurer.