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THE CHRONICLE'S GOOD WORD

It Endorses the Critic's Action and Asks the Citizens of Allentown to Help the Project--Send in Your Mite.

For the last few days the CRITIC Hospital fund has received no additional contributions. Why this lethargy on the part of the people of Allentown is hard to understand. The need of such an institution is known, and has been felt on more than one occasion in the past, and will continue to be felt more each day.

The city of Alientown is growing rapidly. It has a reputation for enterprise which is not confined to the State of Pennsylvania by any means. Its people are known for their hospitality and the cordial manner in which they treat and welcome strangers who chance to come within our gates.

Our resident point with pride to the large and varied manufactories in Allentown. Thousands of people are employed in these mills and factories. Day after day they toil and those who have large families to support cannot afford to lay aside much, if anything, out of their earnings. Should any of these people meet with an accident could they afford to pay for the attendance that is required in such cases? Hardly. Therefore in the matter of a hospital the city of Allentown is behind the age. The CRITIC, realizing the necssity of having such an institution, has started a fundfor the erection of a hospital. There have been some responses, but we want more.

In this connection it may be well to say that our evening contemporary, the Chronicle and News, unselfishty endorses the CRITIC's course, and in last evening's issue the following appeared:

The hospital fund started by a local contemporary is a very commendable one and worthy of generous support. Our people should heartily subscribe to the fund till enough has been realized to erect and run an institution so much needed as this one is. With a population of 30,000, it is a sad commentary on our enterprise and humanitarianism that we are lacking such an institution. So contribute your dollars, dimes and nickels and lend a helping hand. A hospital is a boon to suffering humanity, and no one knows when the hour may come for him to be called upon to travel that painful, dreary journey to South Bethlehem. because there are no facilities for treatment at his own home. So be liberal with your contributions and let not the matter of raising enough money to erect such a building rest in the hands of few.

To the Chronicle the CRITIC returns thanks for the words of commendation. It shows a friendly spirit, something which too often is wanting among newspapers, especially those of a small city.

The CRITIC hopes that the people of Allentown will give it substantial encouragement in the work which it has undertaken—that of raising \$10,000 for the Allentown Hospital.

No matter how small the contribution is, it will be thankfully received.