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#### **For the Hospital Fund.**

Last week, through the kindness of the management of the Star Lecture Course, the people of Allentown were given an opportunity of doing something substantial for THE MORNING CRITIC hospital fund. Leland T. Powers gave an entertainment and it was advertised that the proceeds would be devoted to the fund which this paper has started for the erection of an hospital.

The managers of the lecture course and the publishers of THE MORNING CRITIC had good cause to expect that a nice sum would be realized. We believed that the people of Allentown fully knew the need of such an institution; we believed that they also had enough feeling for the many unfortunates who suffer because they cannot procure the treatment and attention which they would receive in the hospital to patronize the entertainment liberally, and we were, therefore, justified in expecting to see the spacious Market Hall well filled.

It is almost with a feeling of shame that we are compelled to state that there were only about seventy-five persons in this city of over 30,000 inhabitants who showed interest enough in the matter to attend the entertainment. It is not to the credit of the people of Allentown that such was the case. It does not sustain their reputation for hospitality and charitableness which extends even beyond the borders of the state. We confess that we are unable to explain this remissness on the part of our people. It is but charitable to suppose that it is due to thoughtlessness; it is hard to believe the indifference is occasioned by penuriousness.

The people of Allentown will be given another opportunity of showing whether they want an hospital in this city. Manager Buckley, of the Food Exposition, has offered to THE MORNING CRITIC a booth in the exhibition now in progress in Central Market Hall. Whatever is realized therefrom is to be devoted to the hospital fund. We have accepted the kind and thoughtful offer made by Mr. Buckley and nothing will be left undone to make it a success. We will do our part; will the people of Allentown do theirs?

THE MORNING CRITIC is booming the hospital fund from purely unselfish motives. We have observed what it is to be sick and helpless without friends, and many a man lives to-day thankful for the haven a hospital brings. Don't let the fund lag.



