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ALLENTOWN, PA., JAN. 26, 1895.

An Object Lesson.

Patrick Caven, a brakeman on the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad, met with an accident near Stroudsburg on Friday. He died. He might have recovered if there had been a place in Stroudsburg where an amputation could have been performed on his crushed leg. But there is no such place in the town and his life was sacrificed.

There is an object lesson in the above for the citizens of Allentown. Such accidents are of frequent occurrence. Where shall the victims be taken? To St. Luke's at South Bethlehem? But suppose there is no train for an hour or so, what then? The poor fellow would have to endure his pain and misery until a train is due, as was the case not so very long ago.

St. Luke's Hospital has done a power of good in the Lehigh Valley, but it is too far away to receive the sick and wounded of Allentown. There is hardly a city of the size of ours that is without a hospital. Some day there may be a stronger object lesson than the one above quoted. Then the need of such an institution will be felt. Do the people of Allentown want to wait for so costly a lesson?

Allentown needs a hospital and we believe will have one. It can come any too soon.