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ALLENTOWN, PA., OCT 3, 1895.

The Hospital Fund.

It was with feelings of extreme pleasure that we announced in the local columns yesterday the receipt of a check for \$179.45 as a contribution to the MORNING CALL hospital fund. The money was the profits of the excursion to Mountain Park last August under the auspices of the employes of Adelaide Silk Mills.

Not since Captain James L. Schaadt sent a letter announcing that part of the proceeds of the estate of Barbara Schaadt would be devoted to the fund has the project received such a boost. It only demonstrated what can be done if the people care to do it. Those who went with the excursion to Mountain Park had a good day's enjoyment and at the same time contributed towards a most worthy cause.

There are others who could well emulate the example of the Adelaide silk workers. They have the same means at hand to do just as well as the former did. Only it requires work; but it is a noble work; one which any one should be proud to perform. Allentown has many extensive manufacturing concerns. Where there is machinery there accidents are bound to occur at one time or another, and when such accidents do occur, where are the victims taken to? If you do not know we will tell you. They are taken to Lehigh Valley station, where they lie in pain and misery until a train comes along to take them to St. Luke's Hospital in South Bethlehem, five

miles away. There have been instances that injured men have been kept lying at the station for more than an hour waiting for a train. Not so very long ago a man died while waiting to be conveyed to St. Luke's.

That such a state of affairs should exist in Allentown, a city noted for its enterprise and progressive spirit, is not creditable. On the contrary, it is a disgrace. Other cities point the finger of scorn at us. They call us selfish. They say we think only of ourselves. And who can blame them? Are these rebukes not justified?

There is not a city of the size of Allentown in the state that is without its hospital. Why, then, should we be without one?

If there were more people in Allentown like the Adelaide silk workers and those who patronized their excursion we would not be without a hospital much longer.