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ALLENTOWN, PA., NOV. 20, 1895.

Have You Done Your Duty?

What have you done toward establishing a hospital in Allentown? If you haven't done anything, don't you think you should do so at once? Do not be derelict in your duty. Many of the citizens of Allentown have within the past week given most substantial proof that they realize the need of a hospital in this city. But those who have done so are a very small percentage of those who are amply able to do so. It is not at all creditable for any one who has the means of becoming a member of the Hospital Association to hold back or refuse to become a member. It is a duty they owe alike to themselves and to suffering humanity; it is a duty they owe to the city. For years neighboring towns have pointed the finger of scorn at us because we have no place to take our sick and injured. Newspapers in other towns have criticised the people of Allentown very sharply on this account, and who will say that the criticism was not deserved? They called us selfish, and said that we thought only of ourselves and not of those who may meet with misfortune. These are not pleasant things to hear, but such rebukes have frequently been offered.

The MORNING CALL has always said that it believed that the apparent indifference shown towards the hospital was not due to any apathy toward the project, but was rather due to thoughtlessness; that in time the people of Allentown would awaken to a sense of their duty to their fellow-beings, and that when that time arrived the hospital would be built. We believe that the people are now thoroughly aroused. There is every indication that they are. It is apparent on every hand. But a great deal of work remains to be done yet and a great deal of money is needed. Yet when the large population of Allentown is considered the task should be an easy one. If every one would give in proportion to his or her means Allentown could boast of as fine and complete a hospital as there is in any inland city or borough in Pennsylvania.

Will those who have not yet done so do their duty?