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VERY ENCOURAGING

The Project Will Surely be Car-
ried Through.

MANY PLEDGES WERE MADE

One Hundred and Thirty People Will
Contribute Ten Dollars Each and
Become Members of the Associa-
tion—The Reading Organization
Has Only One Hundred and Forty
Members at Present—Reports of
the Committees That Visited Read-
ing and Easton.

Last evening at the public meeting in the Court House one hundred and thirty people pledged themselves to pay \$10 each to become members of the hospital association and by doing this further pledged themselves to pay \$5 annually to maintain the hospital. This is a splendid showing and the hospital is now a certainty. Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster presented a list of eighty names, Dr. W. H. Hartzell had ten and the remainder subscribed last evening.

Mayor Allison was again selected as Chairman of the public meeting. James F. Gallagher was selected Secretary. Mayor Allison read the reports of the committees that had gone to the Reading and Easton Hospitals.

THE READING HOSPITAL,

The report of Dr. W. H. Hartzell and Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster, who were at Reading, is, in brief, as follows: The property is valued at \$63,000. The hospital contains three wards, each about 30 by 50 feet in dimensions, and containing twelve beds, also a smaller ward with six beds and a number of rooms for charity and pay patients, making its capacity about sixty-four beds in all. The necessary auxiliaries are there. A home for nurses is now in the course of erection on the grounds. A dispensary is also maintained in the heart of the city. The working force consists of a medical staff of six surgeons, each serving two months, and of a pathologist, a resident physician and a head nurse. Miss Mary L. Rose is head nurse and left in charge of the internal management. She has about twelve assistants, who fit themselves in two years as trained nurses. Eight servants and one man for the boilers are employed. During 1894, 419 patients were treated. At the dispensary 1735 persons received prescriptions and medicines free. The expenditures were \$14,000, including dispensary and building additions. Actual expenses for hospital were \$11,000. The physicians and surgeons give their services free. The head nurse receives \$480 and board a year and the resident physician \$100 and board. The nurses in training receive \$50 the first year and board and the second \$100 and board. The wages of the servants amount to an average of \$4 a week. The state appropriated \$25,000 towards the erection of the building and has made regular appropriations since. In 1894 \$10,000 became available and this year \$7000. Donations in 1894 amounted to \$1000 cash and \$1200 in supplies. Nearly \$1000 came from pay patients and \$467 from services of nurses in private families. The Ladies' Auxiliary raised \$1800 toward the payment of the home for nurses now in process of erection. The erection was promoted by private gifts. Mr. Wooten alone erected one wing. The average cost of the thirteen nurses with what they earned averages \$70 a year.

The Reading Hospital Association now numbers 140. The fee eligible to membership is \$25 or more and \$5 a year. The association elects fifteen members to administer affairs. The Reading Medical Association also elects an additional member of the Board. The Ladies' Auxiliary works with the board, but does not seem to have a voice. About 275 ladies are identified. Their annual dues are \$1. The report closed with the resolution: "That immediately after the close of the next public meeting an effort be made to form an association of all persons promising to contribute \$10 within ten days as a membership fee, and \$5 each year after the first as annual dues, which association shall duly organize, adopt a constitution and become incorporated for the purpose of founding and maintaining a hospital in this city.

THE EASTON HOSPITAL.

The report of Leonard Selig and W. R. Lawler, who visited Easton, was, in brief, as follows: The hospital was organized in 1890 as the Easton Hospital Association under a Board of Trustees, consisting of sixteen ladies and an Advisory Board of eight gentlemen and a Treasurer. Besides a medical staff of consulting physicians of six prominent doctors, one surgeon and two attending physicians. The hospital was opened in a private house costing \$7000, including two acres of ground. They think of buying more ground. The hospital is in charge of one chief and two assistant nurses. Two men, one of whom assists during the day and the other during the night, besides servants and laundry women. Receipts during the year ending May 26, 1895: State, \$2675; other sources, \$3195; expenses, \$6271. The deficit is made up by available contributions.

MAYOR ALLISON'S REMARKS.

Mayor Allison said: "It will be observed that the hospitals at Easton and Reading have received liberal aid in their maintenance from the state and it is not doubted but that if a hospital is established here and opened for the reception of patients it will also receive from the state in the future such aid as may be needed."

Dr. Cawley, in a neat speech, moved the adoption of the resolution with reference to the feasibility of the hospital. It carried and Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster then told of his success and confidence and moved the resolution making membership fee to association \$10 and annual fee \$5 be adopted. Also carried.