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The Hospital Concert.

It would be useless to deny that the concerts given for the benefit of the proposed Allentown Hospital were not a disappointment. We do not mean artistically, for in that respect they were all that could be desired; but the financial result is what is disappointing. Those who had the matter in charge had reason to hope that the two houses, the Academy and the Central Market Hall, would both be filled. That they were not is to the everlasting disgrace of those people of Allentown who were amply able to give the project their encouragement, but who did not do so. There are about 33,000 people in Allentown, but only a very small per centage of that number attended the concerts.

That this indifference was displayed is by no means the fault of those who managed the enterprise. No one ever labored harder or more earnestly than the committee. No time or expense was saved. We do not believe that there was a man or woman in Allentown that was not aware of the fact that the concerts would be given. The newspapers kept the matter constantly before the public. What more could be expected or done? You can not compel people to open their hearts and purses.

It is a disgrace to the city that so much indifference should be manifested towards so worthy an object. We confess that the attitude of the people of Allentown toward the proposed hospital is an enigma. It appears to belie their reputation for openheartedness and charity. Hardly a week passes that there is not an example of the need of a hospital in Allentown. Such lessons, however, appear to have no effect on them. The time may come when those who are able to aid the project but do not will wish that there was a hospital in Allentown.

Those who assisted in the concert and those who labored so assiduously to make it a success are deserving of the heartfelt thanks of the entire community. If there were several thousand more like them enough money would have been realized on Tuesday evening to make the hospital an assured fact. As it is it seems that the people of Allentown prefer to wait for a visitation of Providence in the form of an epidemic of sickness or some terrible disaster to bring them to a realizing sense of the duty which they owe to their fellow-beings.

Do the people of Allentown want so sad and costly a lesson?

