

## The hospital fair

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ALLENTOWN, PA., APRIL 21, 1896.

### The Hospital Fair

Rev. P. F. Donegan, the rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on Sunday preached a special sermon, taking for his subject the proposed Allentown Hospital. Father Donegan strongly urged his congregation to attend the fair which will shortly be held and also stated that every family should contribute something to this worthy cause. The reverend gentleman expressed surprise that so little interest has been manifested in the project by people who could well afford to contribute thousands of dollars. He has good cause to be surprised. There are hundreds of men and women in Allentown who have not contributed one cent to the fund, although they are abundantly able to do so. It shows a selfish spirit. These same people when they hear of an opportunity to make a dollar fairly fall over each other in trying to get the first chance, but when they are appeal to to do something for their fellow-beings they are not within sight. And yet some of these people are foremost in the church and are just brimful of sympathy for others when that sympathy does not touch their pocketbooks. This may be Christianity, but we doubt it.

The MORNING CALL does not want to be understood as casting a reflection on church members. Far from it. Some of the most substantial contributions came from and some of the hardest and most telling work has been done by members of the various congregations; but we do say that there are people who are loud in their professions of Christianity who have been and are still maintaining a most decided indifference and in some instances antipathy towards this most noble of causes.

In asking the members of his congregation to do all in their power to make the proposed hospital an assured fact Father Donegan has set an example which the other ministers—at least those who have not already done so—can well emulate.

The men and women who are laboring so earnestly to make the fair a success should receive every encouragement possible and the MORNING CALL hopes that the same indifference will not be shown toward the fair as in the case of the combined concerts of the Allentown Band and the Oratorio Society and Euterpean Club several months ago.

Allentown needs the hospital and if the people will only do their duty the hospital will be an assured fact ere long.