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In this season of good resolutions there is one which every Allentonian should make and it is that everybody take a hand and push the proposed Allentown Hospital to completion. The time has to come when the matter can no longer be delayed. Two years ago Senator Stiles introduced a bill in the senate for a conditional appropriation, but it failed to pass because the hospital had no existence yet. The "Morning Call" then urged that the people of Allentown should go to work so that when the legislature met again the hospital would be built and then the appropriation asked for could not be refused. Two years have rolled by, the legislature is on the eve of assembling and the hospital is not yet built. Consequently we can expect no aid from the state.

The men and women who have labored so earnestly and unselfishly in behalf of this worthy cause no doubt realize by this time that there are things in this world which are a great deal easier to do than the raising of a fund for the erection of a hospital—in Allentown. In cities of less importance than Allentown the task has been a comparatively easy one, but the average Allentown dollar is hard to entice from the purse which is tied together very tightly with the string of selfishness. In other respects this city has shown enterprise which has caused its neighbors to marvel and won for it the proud title of "Queen City of the Lehigh Valley," but to raise money for charity is like "pulling teeth."

Let us all resolve to do our share, and it is necessary that each one should do only a very little, and a year hence the Allentown Hospital may be a thing of reality and a comfort for suffering humanity.