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Last Evening,

THE ATTENDANCE WAS SMALL

New Trustees Were Elected—The
Treasurer's Report—The Presi-
dent's Encouraging Statement
—The Officers Elected.

The Allentown Hospital Association held its annual meeting last evening in the court house. President Singmaster was in the chair. The attendance was small. John E. Lentz, the treasurer, reported as follows: Cash received: Cash balance (including bonds) January 1, 1897, \$4535.87; collections week of prayer, \$55.50; Ancient Order of Hibernians, District I, \$10; Improved Order of Heptasophs, No. 120, \$10; thread mill and silk mill excursion, \$36.88; dues from seventy-two members for 1897 at \$5, \$360; dues from one member for 1898, at \$5, \$5, from Ladies' Auxiliary, \$3894.50; interest on city of Atchison bonds, \$193.35; total, \$9101.10. Cash paid out: Janitor at annual meeting, \$2; for postage, \$2.95; for printing, as per receipted bills, \$19.75; John H. Ritter, for seal, \$2.59; estate of Solomon Griesemer for site, \$5297.57; total, \$5324.71, balance January 1, 1898, bonds \$3500; cash, \$276.39; total, \$3776.39.

The following were elected trustees: Dr. Orlando Fegley, Dr. Charles Martin, E. M. Young, A. Samuels, William P. Moyer. They succeed James F. Gallagher, H. W. Allison, Orlando Fegley, H. S. Shimer and Colonel H. C. Trexler. A vote of thanks was tendered to Tilghman Buskirk for janitor services. The following is the report of the president:

TO THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—In behalf of the board of trustees the second annual report is hereby respectfully submitted:

ORGANIZATION.

On the 15th of January, 1897, your board met and organized, electing the following officers: President, Rev. J. A. Singmaster; vice president, Hiram S. Shimer; secretary, Dr. W. H. Hartzell, and treasurer, John E. Lentz. Fifteen meetings were held during the year, at which the utmost harmony prevailed.

SITE.

A year ago the association instructed the board to accept the site offered by Henry Leh, if, upon further investigation, it met with their approval. After a most thorough consideration of the matter in its various aspects the board unanimously agreed that it would not be to the best interests of the hospital to accept the offer. Our long and persistent effort to secure a site was finally rewarded. Providentially a tract of land in the western end of the city came into the market early last spring. Your board was fortunate in being able to purchase, for the sum of \$5297.51, certain lots opposite the fair grounds, bounded on the north by Gordon street, on the south by Chew, on the east by West street and on the west by Seventeenth, embracing somewhat less than three acres.

BUILDING.

Immediately upon securing the site steps were taken toward the erection of a suitable building. Four competitive plans were offered by competent architects. Of these the board selected those made by Seymour Davies, of Philadelphia. These provide for a main or administration building, with wings, from which the wards extend rearward. The dimensions of the main building are 60 by 80 feet, and the length of each wing $57\frac{1}{2}$ feet, making a front of 195 feet. The wards will be 130 feet in depth. The style of architecture is

known as English colonial, beautiful in appearance and well adapted for a hospital.

It is proposed to erect the main building only at the present time. Detailed working plans and specifications are already in the hands of the board. Pending their examination by a committee, has occurred at this meeting of the association. It is hoped that no serious obstacles may intervene to prevent the letting of contracts in the near future and the erection of the building in the coming spring. The board would welcome any inquiries and suggestions from the association concerning this matter.

STATE APPROPRIATION.

A year ago the association appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Pascoe-Trexler and Martin, to urge the claims of our hospital before the state board of charities. The final outcome was an appropriation by the legislature of \$2500 for each of the two years following June 1, 1897, for the purpose of maintenance. Hence, this appropriation becomes available only after the hospital is in active operation.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

We desire to make special mention of the invaluable services rendered by our Ladies' Auxilliary, composed of several hundred ladies. They have undertaken to pay for the site and have already paid into our treasury the sum of \$3894.50 and have a balance on hand of \$773.83. They contemplate holding a fair beginning February 19, to continue eight days. We bespeak for them the hearty support of the association and the community.

FINANCES.

The treasurer's report will show a balance on hand of \$3776.39, which, with \$773.83 in the hands of the auxilliary, makes a total cash balance of \$4550.22. In addition to this Mr. Keck, of the Allentown National Bank, holds in trust for the hospital about \$600, and Captain Schaadt about \$315, making a total of a little over \$5500. Adding this to the cost of the lot it will show that the association has raised about \$11,000, principally during the past two years, and this without soliciting any subscriptions beyond the membership fees and dues. We are sorry to say that out of 258 members on our roll, only 164 have paid their dues during the last year. This is partly owing to losses by death, removal and inability to pay; but in larger measure to indifference and lack of interest. No doubt some of the delinquents will pay when again reminded. We will, however, need to make a new canvass to increase our membership. But, beyond this, the incoming board will have to appeal for subscriptions for the erection of the hospital.

ELECTION.

The term of the following trustees expires with this meeting: Messrs. James F. Gallagher, H. W. Allison, Orlando Fegely, H. S. Shimer and H. C. Trexler. It devolves upon the association to elect their successors for a term of three years.

OUTLOOK.

The prospects of the association appear to be bright. Nevertheless, earnest work and self-sacrifice will be needed to realize our hopes. We believe that we have gone

forward as rapidly as our circumstances permitted. The coming year will show the tangible results of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SINGMASTER, President.

After the meeting of the Hospital Association last evening the new board reconvened and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. A. Singmaster; vice president, John Gossler; secretary, Dr. W. H. Hartzell; treasurer, John E. Lentz.