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ALLENTOWN'S HOSPITAL

**The Annual Meeting Was Held
Last Evening.**

VERY WORTHY INSTITUTION

**The Reports Show That the Institution is in a Healthy Condition —
Various Reports Were Presented Last Evening.**

The Allentown Hospital Association last evening held an annual meeting in common council chambers. There is no change in officers. The out-going trustees were re-elected for five years. Miss Clara V Haring was elected chief nurse. Immediately after the meeting of the association the trustees met and elected these officers: President, Rev. Dr. J. A. Singmaster; vice president, J. R. Gossler; secretary, Dr. W. H. Hartzell; treasurer, J. E. Lentz.

The appended reports of the board of trustees and the treasurer were read.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Allentown Hospital Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:—In behalf of your board of trustees the following fourth annual report is respectfully submitted.

ORGANIZATION.

Immediately upon their election the members of the board met and organized by electing as its officers, J. A. Singmaster, president; John R. Gossler, vice president; W. H. Hartzell, M. D., secretary, and John E. Lentz, treasurer. Thirteen meetings of the full board were held during the year, besides numerous meetings of committees.

THE BUILDING.

The hope was expressed in our last annual report that the hospital would be ready for occupancy by the first of April. It was not, however, until the 22nd of May that the building was completed. The delay, however, is more than compensated for by the character of the edifice—beautiful, substantial and convenient. We do not hesitate to say, after somewhat extended observation, that our hospital is unsurpassed by any of its size in the state of Pennsylvania. We congratulate the association upon the general plan and scope of its work. The entire cost of the plant—including the lot, the building and the furnishing—amounts to \$30,000, which was the exact estimate made a year ago. The hospital is fitted out with the most approved appliances for the welfare of the patients. A superb operating-room is the leading feature. There are twenty-three beds and two cribs in the wards, five beds in single rooms, one in the receiving ward, and twelve for employees; making forty-three in all. This gives the hospital a capacity of thirty beds for patients.

THE MANAGEMENT.

The management of the hospital is in the hands of the trustees, through its executive committee, which is in constant touch with the institution. The executive officer in the hospital is the head nurse, Miss Annie B. Gibson.

THE MEDICAL STAFF.

After due consideration the following medical staff was constituted: Surgeon in chief, Dr. Orlando Fegley; assistant surgeons, Drs. C. D. Schaeffer, A. J. Yost, Daniel Hestand and R. E. Albright; physician in chief, Dr. W. H. Hartzell; assistant physicians, Drs. C. S. Martin, H. H. Herbst, C. J. Otto, and I. F. Hubner; ophthalmologist, Dr. G. F. Seiberling; pathologist, Dr. M. F. Cawley; consultants; surgeons, Drs. John B. Deaver and H. Y. Horn; physicians, Drs. H. H. Riegel and William B. Erdman. The services of the staff have been cheerfully given without any compensation. The surgeon in chief, Dr. Fegley, has not been able to serve on account of sickness. Dr. Schaeffer, therefore, was appointed, temporarily, to take his place. The president wishes to bear his testimony to the courtesy, skill and general efficiency of the staff. They deserve our grateful thanks.

EMPLOYEES.

The nursing force of the hospital consists of a head nurse, two graduate nurses and four probate nurses, seven in all. The help consists of one man and four women, five in all. The total number of employees is twelve. The probate nurses are in a course of training covering two years.

PATIENTS.

The hospital has been in operation six months, during which time 169 cases have been treated. The largest number of patients at any one time was 21, and the average number 12. An emergency arising from accident or an epidemic will fill the hospital to overflowing. The character of the patients and the nature of their ailments has more than justified the existence of the hospital. The homeless and friendless have here found healing and

FINANCES.

The treasurer's report shows that he has received \$20,167.89 and disbursed \$17,402.93 during the year, leaving a balance of \$2764.96. The grand total expenditures through our treasury since our organization amounts to \$33,283.71, not counting many donations of work, material and expenditures, nor much that has been contributed by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Thirty-five thousand dollars seems to be a moderate estimate of the total outlay. Of the above amount \$5000 was received from the state of Pennsylvania. This was the sum appropriated for the two years ending June 1, 1899. The hospital was, fortunately, completed just in time to prevent the forfeiture of the appropriation. Too much praise cannot be given a committee consisting of Walter L. Jones, Esq., Hon. Harry G. Stiles and C. S. Martin, M. D., who interested themselves in securing the appropriation when it seemed lost. This timely help prevented the necessity of making a loan. Indeed, your board has not needed to borrow at all. We have paid promptly every bill. The hospital is to-day without debt. This is quite unprecedented in the history of such institutions and speaks well for the association and the patrons of the hospital. But it must not be forgotten that we have drawn upon the future to the extent of \$3750 by using the appropriation at once. This amount really represents the present needs of the hospital, which ought to be donated by our wealthier fellow-citizens. Money has come to us in many ways and always just in time. We trust that the same spirit of benevolence that has supported this noble charity hitherto will sustain it in time to come.

Beside the regular contributions in the shape of dues and church collections the hospital will need the support of our industrial establishment, and the gifts of the wealthy and generous. There ought to be several perpetual endowments of \$5000. A number of beds ought to be

ought to look forward to the extension of the building by the erection of wings. What nobler memorial could be erected to the memory of a friend than a ward in the hospital?

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has rendered very efficient service during the past year. It has contributed \$639.89 to our treasury, has solicited many gifts, has been tireless in providing linen, utensils and furniture, and has had a general supervision of the housekeeping of the hospital.

ELECTION.

The term of the following trustees expires at this time by limitation: Messrs. Henry Leh, John R. Gossler, James F. Hunsicker, Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass and Hon. Edward Harvey. Their successors will be elected for the term of three years.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the board of trustees,

J. A. SINGMASTER.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 1, 1900.

poor widows have in several instances found willing hands to smooth their dying pillows. That the hospital does not pauperize its patients is evident from the fact that they have paid about \$900 during six months.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash received:

Cash balance on hand	
January 1, 1899.....	\$ 669 52
From members and annu-	
al dues	825 00
Subscriptions and dona-	
tions	8658 60
From Ladies' Auxiliary..	639 89
From cement mills.....	957 47
Patients treated.....	795 93
Church collections, "Hos-	
pital Sunday".....	953 43
Collection, "Week of Pray-	
er"	39 01
J. R. Gossler, Soldiers'	
Monument Fund.....	31 73
State of Pennsylvania....	5000 00
From the tin boxes.....	547 06
H. S. Shimer, monument	
dedication balance.....	700 00
Allentown Turf Club,	
races	350 25
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	\$20,167 89

Cash paid out:

To account of James M.	
Ritter, contractor.....	7101 48
For building and grounds	2276 91
Furnishings and supplies	3856 36
Postage, printing, books	37 38
Freight and cartage.....	25 79
Expenses, including coal	
and telephone.....	196 56
Gas and electric light to	
October	150 38
Pay rolls and monthly	
expenses from June 1..	2903 64
Laundry and cook from	
July.....	237 00
Insurance	151 50
Digging sink and materi-	
als	23 46
Architect.....	283 31
City of Allentown, water	
mains.....	96 00
Ladies' Auxiliary, sick	
soldiers	30 91
Commissions, collecting	
dues.....	32 25
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	17,402 93

Balance January 1, 1900 2,764 96

In cash, on hand and in	
bank	2356 32
In orders for merchandise	408 64
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	\$2,764 96

JOHN E. LENTZ,
Treasurer.

Allentown, Pa., January 1, 1900.