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TO ENLARGE THE HOSPITAL.

It Is So Much Crowded That an Addition Will be Built.

When the plans for the Allentown Hospital were drawn the architect, in accordance with the desire of the trustees, who had an eye to future possibilities, and who also had an eye on financial conditions, provided for a central building, which allowed for the erection of two wings, should the needs of the institution demand them. That need has arisen. The hospital is filled with patients to an extent which makes more room an imperative necessity. The hospital has more than met expectations. It has been a source of inestimable blessing to hundreds of poor people who, through the skill and devotion of its physicians and nurses, have been restored to health and strength. In the main the responses made to the appeals issued from time to time for financial aid have been liberal and although there has occasionally been low tide in the exchequer, help always came when most needed.

Last week a meeting of the Board of Trustees was held and the crowded condition of the hospital was one of the main items of consideration and it was the unanimous sense of the trustees that the time had arrived when additional room was required and it was resolved that a wing be erected either to the east or the west side of the building. On Friday evening another meeting was held and a committee was appointed consisting of Hon. Edward Harvey, E. H. Reninger, Esq., and Dr. C. D. Schaeffer, to secure the necessary subscription for the erection of this wing. The dimensions and its location have not yet been decided upon, but will be shortly. It is to be hoped that the public will be generous in its response.

In this connection it can be said that the greatest beneficiaries of all hospitals are the wage workers, and this hospital is no exception. Many a poor man in this city has experienced the tender care of the nurses and the skill of the surgeons and physicians and they have not been ungrateful. But the highest expression of gratitude is in the concrete form of financial contribution. No man knows what hour he may need the services of an ambulance and that care which only a hospital can give. Therefore, let the wage worker give his mite. It will be as welcome as the contribution of the rich. If every employe of the industrial establishments in this city would each contribute only twenty-five cents it would prove a tremendous lift toward erecting the new wing. Let the employers present this matter to their employes, not a matter of compulsion, but as an appeal to their good sense and justice. The work which this hospital has done proves the necessity for its existence. It has saved life, relieved suffering, assuaged misery; now let the public show its sense of gratitude by meeting the committee half way. He gives twice who gives quickly. The well-to-do should also remember that many of the poor, to whom such an institution is as a harbor to a storm-tossed sailor in time of stress, would be only too glad to give were they able, and that out of their abundance they should generously contribute, (and many of them have) to that which is the noblest of all charities.

Thanksgiving Day is rapidly approaching. Thousands have cause for thanks and there are many modes of expressing them. The Allentown Hospital is crowded with the maimed, the sick and the suffering, and additional room must be had. Let those who have their daily work, who rejoice in their health and strength, remember those who are less fortunate and contribute something to the institution which is striving to restore the afflicted to their former health and strength. And as the rich sit down to their turkey and sauce let them remember the noblest local institution that ever appealed to the public for aid—the Allentown Hospital.