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NOBLE WORK BY WOMEN

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies
Auxiliary of the Hospital.

IT WAS HELD YESTERDAY

Reports of President, Secretary and
Treasurer Read—Synopsis of the
Work Done During the Year—
Officers Elected.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association held its annual meeting yesterday. Interesting reports were read by the officers, showing the good work the women are doing. They are as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

The report for 1900 is presented to the auxiliary to-day, which may be claimed, and to which we refer with pardonable pride after five years of work. In presenting this report of the Ladies' Auxiliary we are pleased to say that the year was fraught with activity and gratifying results. The usefulness and efficiency of our hospital has become wide spread, in town and country, causing a demand for private rooms and at times trying the capacity of the wards and as our institution grows, that before very long, we must have a larger hospital with increased facilities, our greatest need being more private rooms to meet the increasing demand.

The training school for nurses, under the guidance of Miss Clara V. Haring as superintendent, is in a most flourishing condition. All household matters are also under her direct supervision and marked improvement is noted. The activity of the ladies, in and outside of the auxiliary in this charitable work, have performed a wonderful mission in helping to educate the community. Through these ladies new friends of the institution have been made and the future of the hospital more securely guaranteed.

The pressing need of the institution is a new laundry. Our present facilities are sadly deficient. While every other department is so thoroughly complete as to call forth the highest praise, in this branch of hospital work we are far behind. The ladies hope to receive contributions from some charitably-disposed people to enable reference could be made to the free-laundry-room.

It is with the greatest pleasure we are able to say there is increasing interest in the churches of this city, as it gives me hope and courage for the future. Many thanks are extended to the Needle Work Guild for donations. Surely the cause must appeal to every heart. We lost two members by death. Mrs. Rev. S. G. Wagner and Mrs. Eliza Quiler. They were beloved contributors and greatly interested in the work of the hospital. "Our loss is their eternal gain."

We take this opportunity to thank the public for their liberal support to the success of our various undertakings. Thanks are due to the Clover Club, Mishler Worman, for entertainments furnished for the benefit of the auxiliary.

At the close of the annual county fair, liberal donations were given by exhibitors from the fruit and vegetable houses. At Easter-tide and the Christmas holidays a special effort was made to provide potted plants and laurel decorations for the beautifying of the wards, adding much to the pleasure of the patients. The committee found the hospital well supplied with papers and magazines and desire to render their special thanks to the daily press of the city and county for favorable notice of the institution and the work and particular acknowledgments to the proprietors of the "Call," Chronicle, Leader and Item for gratuitous copies of their daily papers. This is the first report in which a reference could be made to the free-will offering of the school children. We are happy not only over the gifts but the motive that prompted them to give to this worthy cause.

This report closes with the urgent call for active participation in the great and noble cause. May it please the Lord thereby to strengthen the interest in our work on the part of those who love it already and to gain friends for active co-operation in the work. And now, as my official connection with the hospital is to close, I desire to express to the members of this auxiliary my appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me while in the office of president and to assure them of my continued interest in the welfare of the institution.

MRS. R. A. DIEHL, President.
REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association was organized February 1, 1896, with thirteen members, their object being co-operate with the Hospital Association in establishing and maintaining a hospital. The present membership enrolled is 289.

We have realized large sums from fairs, entertainments, membership dues and donations, have paid \$5297.51 for the lot and during the year paid to the trustees \$803.80. During the year we purchased linen, bedding, furnishings for the kitchen and other parts of the hospital to the amount of

\$215.42.

In February the Clover Club gave a minstrel performance for our benefit, by which \$334.50 was realized.

In June a strawberry festival was held, at which time we realized \$152.16, out of which amount we paid \$144.00 toward the completion of the cement walk around the hospital.

In December, through the kindness of Messrs. Mishler and Worman, Lyric Hall was obtained free of charge, at which time Dr. A. G. Rogers gave his picture recital on "Ben Hur," by which \$158.30 was realized.

The Sewing Society has an enrolled membership of forty-eight and cash on hand, \$49.15. During the year they made 772 garments besides doing the mending at the hospital.

Three of our members passed away during the year, Mrs. Eliza Quier, Mrs. Dr. S. G. Wagner and Mrs. David Sanders.

We are indebted to the various church societies and King's Daughter Circles for assistance rendered in many ways.

To all those who have given in donations or assistance we extend our sincere thanks, hoping that they will work with renewed effort to carry on the good work and that many more may be enrolled with us. Respectfully submitted,

MISS ABBIE E. LEISENRING,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand January 1, 1900	\$ 724.23
Membership dues	276.00
Miss Schlechter fund	72.47
Clover Club Minstrels	334.50
Strawberry festival	233.08
"Ben Hur" entertainment	198.30
Interest on bond	15.00
Four-Leaf Clover Club	13.50
Donations	7.97
Cook book	6.30

Receipts	\$1,881.35
Expenses	1,364.71

Balance

Balance	\$ 516.64
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The expenses were:

Cash to trustees	\$ 803.80
Hospital supplies	215.42
Allentown Paving Co.....	144.00
Expenses of strawberry festival	80.92
Rent for room	45.00
Expenses of "Ben Hur"	40.00
Ever Ready Circle, King's Daughters	9.12
Marble slab	4.60
Freight and hauling	4.65
Bolling soap	4.40
Flowers	3.00
Carpenter work	2.00
Printing postals, etc.....	7.80

Total

Total	\$1,364.71
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MRS. ANNIE E. HERSH, Treas.

The officers elected were as follows:

President, Mrs. R. A. Diehl; first vice president, Mrs. George Kleppinger; second vice president, Mrs. R. B. Leisenring; secretary, Mrs. E. M. Stearns; corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Schlechter; treasurer, Mrs. Henry D. Herah. Mrs. George Kleppinger succeeds Mrs. A. E. Leisenring, who declined re-election.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Needle-Work Guild of North America for their donation of towels, sheets, etc., and to the press of the city and county of the many favors shown, and to the various church societies and Kings' Daughter Circles for their cooperation with the auxiliary in its work.