

A CITY INFIRMARY.

One of Pittsburgh's Needs, and One Which Chief Elliot Hopes the Next Legislature Will Assist in Establishing.

No Adequate Provision at Present for the Sick of the City, to Say Nothing of What Would Be

NEEDED IN CASE OF A BIG CALAMITY.

Some New Laws Desired by General Directors, League Deputies and Others.

Chief Elliot, of the Department of Charities, strongly urges the necessity for a city hospital.

He points out the unsuitableness and inadequacy of the City Farm as an asylum for unfortunates of all degrees, and declares that the time has come when Pittsburgh should provide for the sick of its population, not alone in the matter of everyday accidents and sickness, but also in cases of maternity and lunacy.

The latter he declares to be on the increase.

Mr. Elliot is emphatic in declaring that the Legislature should enable additional funds to the hospitals to enable them to provide for the needs of the people.

He advocates a system of consular examination into the case of every would-be emigrant, and says that the Federal Government should take some such measure to prevent the wholesale transportation of evil doers and the decrepit from Europe to these shores.

He does not think a "Sheltering Arms," or temporary lodging home for stranded strangers, because of its tendency to increase the wandering and vagabond class.

NOTHING MORE NEEDED.

"There is nothing more urgently needed in this city than a hospital," said Mr. Elliot.

"Such an institution should be within the control of the city, and all accidents reported to the police should be brought there by police ambulances, instead of, as now, depending on the resources of the other institutions.

Pittsburgh is peculiarly a city—from the nature of its surroundings, the character of its population, because of its being a great railroad center, and because of the enormous number of factories within it—which has absolute need of a large city infirmary.

Sudden accidents are always liable to occur in a city where so many people are engaged at dangerous work, as in the factories, on the railroads, and which contains so large a foreign element as this city, and the hospitals are all now so overcrowded that, were any unforeseen accident to occur, it would be a calamity.

It is certain they could not be accommodated in the public institutions.

To enable the hospitals to provide the needed additional accommodation, in the meanwhile, the Legislature should enact a sufficient sum. It is absolutely necessary that the accommodation be found, for the hospitals are at present crowded to their utmost.

I had thought of suggesting the foundation of a city hospital this year, several things have prevented me from doing so in the past.

The city has been in debt, which is now being paid off, and within the last four or five years Pittsburgh has made quite a wonderful show.

COULD BE TO BE FURNISHED.

"I think the time has come when the idea of a city hospital should be pushed.

The City Farm is no longer capable of receiving the patients who are daily sent to it. Numbers of these only get there with great difficulty and much danger to life.

Only the other day we sent out on a stretcher a patient with asthma, who could not get up his carriage, and had to be sent in an ambulance.

The poor woman had to stand the jolting over the eight miles or rough road to the hospital, and she was confined in a few minutes to the city hospital.

In winter time matters are much worse, owing to the condition of the roads and the length of the journey.

"We have, on an average, 420 people in the home, and generally about 50 people in hospitals. All winter cases are reported to us, and we must take them, because of the unfortunate cases which are reported to us, here, again, is the necessity for a city hospital, controlled and operated by the city.

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SPEAKERS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Request to Pittsburgh Merchants to Close Their Stores To-Morrow

IS RESPONDED TO BY MAYOR GOURLAY

Local pride, stimulated by a spirit of enterprise, has led the citizens of Allegheny to

put forth their best efforts to make the occasion of their Semi-Centennial celebration to-morrow a grand success, that will inspire feelings of patriotism in the hearts of young and old, who number themselves among the population of that fast-growing city.

The exercises arranged for the day are of the local character, that will appeal to the dearest emotion and holiest passion common to the brotherhood of earth.

Preparations for the coming event have been going on daily. Each individual citizen has already commenced on the process of construction.

A skilled decorator, F. J. Snyder, in connection with Ludwig & Richter, the florists, will arrange a device of "White and Allegheny," 1840-1920.

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