

CHESTER TIMES – August 9, 1913 – CHESTER HOSPITAL MOTOR AMBULANCE

The Times presents to its readers today a good illustration of the new auto ambulance, which arrived this week from Rochester, New York for the Chester Hospital. This ambulance, the latest design in the country, was purchased by public subscriptions given largely through the Times. The makers and the Board of Managers of the local institution say that it is the only one of its kind built in the United States so far, and is complete in every detail. It was placed in actual service this morning, and will answer the accident and sick calls in the future for this worthy institution. The ambulance was on exhibition in front of the times building on Market Street this morning, and was viewed by hundreds of citizens from all parts of the city. For several days it has been driven over the streets of the city to give the people an opportunity of seeing what a fine up-to-date conveyance for the benefit of suffering humanity was purchased with their money. A demonstrator from the factory at Rochester has been in charge of the machine since its arrival and at the same time instructing the local driver in the art of manipulating it.

The running gears of the ambulance are painted red; the lower part of the body is green with red stripes and the upper part is painted black. Robert Brown, the barber who gave the first dime for the purchase of the ambulance, was the first person to be given a ride in it, not as a patient, but as a hero. The picture from which this illustration was made was taken while the ambulance was standing in front of the Hospital at Ninth and Barclay streets. The ambulance cost a trifle less than \$4,000.

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