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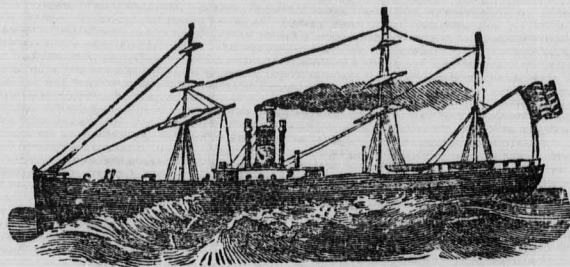
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New York, April 11th 1895

W. L. Strong Esq.

Mayor of

New-York City

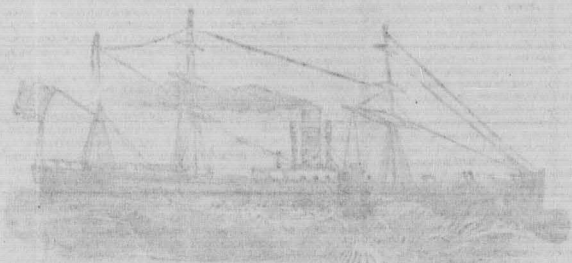
Your Honor!

Concede to me, a citizen and a heavy tax payer one minute of your time: I wish to recall to your memory an episode of the last campaign.

A few days before the election, thousands of Italian citizens presided over by me, as the President of the Italian League, tendered to you a most hearty and enthusiastic welcome. You spoke to them, and you learned from them that the Italian voters would stand by you and the cause of reform like one man. They kept their promise. No less than fifteen thousand Italian voters supported your ticket. That is to say, more than the Grace Democrats and the Sheklers combined.

Excuse my frankness, Mr. Mayor, but allow me to say that the Italians have been too soon for-

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gotten. Every day I read in the newspapers of new appointments, but it never happens to me to single out an Italian name. Still, we have among us lawyers, business people, doctors etc. fit as anybody else to fulfill the duty of any responsible position.

As the Honorary President for life of the Italian League, I can testify as to the valuable support given to the cause of Reform by our Italian citizens. In the same capacity I think it is my duty to call your attention to the treatment inflicted to the Italian voters, in the hope that reparation will be afforded to them.

The Italians are well organized: in the future elections between twenty and thirty thousand of them will participate. Tarva favilla.....

With my best regards, believe me, Sir,

Yours humble servant

Giovanni Lordini
Honory Pres. of the Italian League

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Board of Education,

No. 146 GRAND STREET,

New York, Apr. 11th 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The papers report the passage of the bill for passing the transfer of the School Ship St. Marks from the City of New York to the State. I have been interested in securing the passage of this bill and if a public hearing is accorded by Your Honor would like to be heard.

Very Respectfully
Chas. Buckley Kibbles
Chairman Nat. School
Executive Committee

Law Offices of THORNTON, EARLE & KIENDL,

DOWNING BUILDING,

BROOKLYN OFFICE,

COR. ATLANTIC & GEORGIA AVES.,

26TH WARD BANK BUILDING.

106-108 FULTON STREET,

DAVID THORNTON.
CHAS. M. EARLE.
ADOLPH KIENDL.
THEODORE KIENDL.

New York, April 11th., 1895

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Dear Mr. Hedges:

I regret to say that this A. M. before the Board of Apportionment in speaking for Manhattan Dispensary & Hospital I in my haste made a somewhat erroneous statement.

I said in substance that we had no invested funds whatever. I did not at the moment think that we had some \$7500 given us by certain persons for the endowment of certain beds and pledged to that purpose.

We have, however, also a mortgage for very considerably more than the \$7500, which is a lien on our entire property, I think, and which handicaps us badly, so that we have been brought recently to a point that threatened a temporary closing.

Please bring this correction to the attention of his Honor the Mayor.

Very truly yours,

Chas M. Earle

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156 Broadway, Room 11,

New York April 11, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Chinese Managers of the Chinese concert hall, numbers 5 & 7 Doyers Street, this City I beg to respectfully apply for a special permit or license whereby the Chinese people of this community may hold their religious and sacred exercises in the aforesaid concert hall on each and every Sabbath day during the year.

The concert hall has a regular theatre license but nothing is said therein regarding the uses to which the aforesaid premises are to be put or may be put on the Sabbath Day.

The Chinese are fully aware of the law relating to theatrical performances on Sunday but the nature of the exercises which they wish to place before their own countrymen which are exclusively conducted in the Chinese language and entirely according to the general and customary usages and customs in China, are to be of a strictly religious and sacred nature amounting to in fact and form of worship to the religious teaching that is inherent to their race and their country.

From a lack of comprehension as to the exact meaning and significance of these religious demonstrations and exercises of the Chinese our police authorities have been constrained to charge the managers of the concert hall on several occasions with having violated the law, but if your Honor will examine under Section 273 of the Criminal Code of this State it can be seen at once that the police authorities themselves are restricting the Chinese in the enjoyment of their religious freedom.

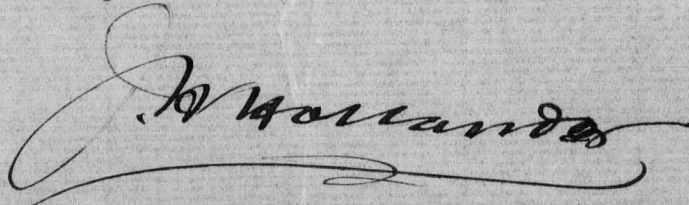
I am given to understand that further annoyance to the Chinese can be avoided by your Honor's permission being given to the Chinese to hold forth such religious exercises, demonstrations or services in the aforesaid premises which exercises are exclusively and wholly for the benefit of the Chinese residents of this City and which are in accordance with the usages, manners and customs of the Chinese in their native land.

I may here state that there has never been heretofore any objection made to these services on account of disorderly conduct, &c., but from the simple reason that the police authorities ignorant of the national dress and bearing of the Chinese in their native country, have catagorized such native garments as theatrical paraphernalia.

The Chinese desire to have the assurance from your Honor that they will be free from molestation in this Sunday's performance as the police have invariably waited a day or two following any Sunday's performance before making arrests and I should be pleased if you could give them this special permission for this and the succeeding Sundays in such due time, so that the proper authorities may be duly notified of your Honor's action in the premises.

Awaiting the favor of your consideration, I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Hollander", with a long, sweeping underline.

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The Trustees of Columbia College
in the City of New York,

No 67 Wall Street,

New York April 11th, 1895

JOHN B. PINE, CLERK.

Job Hedges Esq.,

Mayor's Office.

My Dear Sir:-

There are now before the Mayor two ordinances relating to 116th and 120th Streets, which were passed by the Common Council on April 9th, upon the petition of the Trustees of Columbia College. The College is interested as the streets adjoin its property, and one of them is now being opened and the other is about to be widened by the College at its own expense. We are very desirous of proceeding with the work as rapidly as possible, but before doing so it is necessary that these ordinances should be approved and that we should have permission from the Commissioner of Public Works. I understand that it is the practice of the Mayor to submit such ordinances to the Commissioner, and we should esteem it a great favor if you will kindly have these ordinances submitted as soon as practicable. Commissioner Brookfield is familiar with the facts and I have no doubt that he will give his assent.

Respectfully yours,

Dictated---

John B. Pine

C.H. & J.A. YOUNG & TERRY,
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS,
170 BROADWAY, N.Y.

CHARLES H. YOUNG.
J. ADDISON YOUNG.
CHARLES T. TERRY

Apr 11/95

My dear Mr. Hedges

75 The Bronx River Sewer & Highway bill
will be in the Mayors office in a day or two.
It has passed both houses. Please notify me
48 hours ahead of the hearing.

Truly
Yours
Charles H. Young

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THE Maritime Association OF THE Port OF New York.

Produce Exchange Building, Beaver Street.

P.O. Station P.

New York

April 11th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Your Honor -

We learn from Albany that Cantor's bill transferring the nautical schoolship St. Mary's from the city to the State, has gone to you for your approval.

Will you have the goodness to inform us when a hearing will be held thereon, and much oblige

Yours Very, Resepctfully,

Chairman Law Committee.

STARVING NEBRASKA.

Relief Work for Nebraska Sufferers—A Pitiful Tale of Destitution.

The following letter from Mrs. J. Hewitt Broadbush, of Ewing, Neb., to Mayor McCracken, of this city, explains itself:

"The condition of our people is truly deplorable. We dread the next three months more than we did the months of the winter. Want and destitution are on every hand. Our Legislature has made an appropriation for seed grain. But our people will suffer unless we can obtain aid for them—they must have something to eat, and we take this means to prevent actual starvation. Ohio, Illinois and Indiana have responded nobly, but our supplies are running low.

"Hoping to hear from you, and that you will be able to co-operate with us in helping our suffering people, we are," etc.

Mrs. Broadbush, who is the local relief agent at Ewing, inclosed in her letter several newspaper articles, and even if the half only be true a terrible state of destitution and distress prevails in Nebraska. With farms mortgaged to land sharks at a ruinous rate of interest; with the low prices for grain which have prevailed for several years, scarcely sufficient to pay farm and living expenses, railroad freights and the usurious rates of interest; without a chance to lay by one cent toward paying off the mortgage—all this was surmounted with the excessive drought of last year. Many industrious families are struggling against fate, as it were; they have toiled early and late to provide homes and the necessities of life, and every resource is now exhausted.

When wind and wave swept the oulling islands along the Carolina shores some two years ago, provisions, clothing and money were sent without stint. The same rule and energy should hold good in the case of these starving people in Nebraska.

Supplies can be sent to Mrs. J. Hewitt Broadbush, Ewing, Holt county, Nebraska, the accredited local relief agent.

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Practical Mercy and Help.

One of our Leagues recently furnish the physicians of the city with 100 postal cards, accompanied with this request:

"DEAR DOCTOR—Please use the cards to inform us of cases which come under your observation where we can serve the needy or suffering. We will gladly furnish delicacies of any kind, medicine or watchers when needed. We offer our services without regard to church affiliations of those who need our help."

This is a sample of the ways young people are finding to make their sympathy with the suffering really helpful.

Getting Ready

Chattanooga is preparing for a grand convention in June. The portraits of the local committee are published in the recent issue of The Epworth Era. Hotels on Lookout mountain and homes of the citizens will be utilized. Some are planning to camp out on the mountain. A good time is assured for those who attend. Reduced fares on all railroads are secured, and many excursions are planned. It will be such an occasion as was never before seen. It will be a meeting not for sentimentality, but there will be plenty of deep, true Christian sentiment.

The Ministry of Pain.

Mysterious it often seems that we are called to suffer so much pain of body and perplexity of mind. When tempted to despondency, it is strengthening

Nebraska's Needs.

To-day on the plains of Nebraska thousands of families are destitute. Our legislature made an appropriation for seed grain and feed, but that does not provide food for our people. We are compelled to again turn to the charitable people of the United States and ask; can you help us, will you help us? Our condition must remain the same until a crop is harvested. In your beautiful homes of plenty you can have no conception of our humiliating dependence.

As a Local Agent I wish to say may your dear ones never have to experience the humiliation that I am a witness to every day. Large stalwart men that have worked hard early and late to provide a home for their loved ones come slipping into my office and with all the embarrassment that you would experience under similar circumstances ask, "Mrs. Broaddus can you let us have a little flour and a few groceries; we have nothing to eat. We was told to come to you, that you would not refuse us."

Shall I send them away empty handed to their wives and children? Dear reader it depends upon you. Can you spare them anything from your abundance, have you anything to send them? If you have, send it immediately for it may prevent a great amount of suffering, possibly save the life of a fellow creature. "Do ye not unto others that which you would not that they should do unto you."

Money and supplies should be sent to MRS. J. HEWITT BROADDUS, Local Relief Agent for Nebraska Sufferers, EWING, NEB.

Reference.—G. F. Smith, Rep. 50th Dist., Lincoln, Nebraska.

A. R. Wightman, Prof. Gates College, Neligh, Nebraska.

Rev. David Marquette, Presiding Elder, Neligh, Nebraska.

M. N. Vanzandt, Banker, Ewing.

J. A. Trommershausser, Chairman Town Board, Ewing, Nebraska.

The Wolf at the Door.

The lean gaunt wolf of hunger looks in at the doors of the stricken homes in Nebraska. When the great black winged demon of hunger takes his flight over the land, he points with his bony finger and says: "Nebraska is my masterpiece."

The old saying that "Pestilence walks in the wake of famine," is being verified in the west. The constant use of one kind of food is resulting in a peculiar stomach disease that always precedes the "famine pestilence" of India.

Hungry, despairing mothers, press their little ones to their bosoms, and sadly think of the last sack of flour that is nearly gone. We dread the next three months more than the winter that has passed. The number of applicants has increased 10 fold since we began to distribute. The bright sunshine of spring mocks us with the warning that it is seed time. But where is the seed? Not one farmer in 10 has seed to plant, or feed for his horses through the farming season. If we cannot get seed our last hope will sink behind the dark clouds of despair and dread. In your beautiful homes of plenty, you cannot realize our abject want and humiliating dependence.

Our labor is hard and our duty an unpleasant one, but we cannot turn away from the pleading faces of our neighbors when we know that the noble people of the east will render it possible for us to prevent suffering.

The boomer and land shark have opposed us and caused the iron hand of hardship to oppress the poor women and children of Nebraska. But we thank the Christian people of the east that the glorious mantle of charity has smothered out the base misrepresentations of the cruel boomer.

The cities of Bloomington and Churubusco, Ind., and Wooster, Ohio, have sent gladness to the homes of our stricken people.

An old lady standing at our table said: "Where do you get so much flour Mrs. Broaddus?" I replied, "In the east." With tears streaming down her cheeks she sobbingly said: "God bless the east."

Death is never a welcome visitor but when he comes in the form of starvation, human language fails to describe his terrors. Poor suffering Hagar expressed it in the desert: "O God let me not see the death of my child." The same dreadful thoughts are rushing through the minds of our mothers to-day.

The board of trade has deceived us. The legislature has been powerless to give us permanent relief, and we are forced to appeal to the followers of him who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto these ye did it unto me."

"A noble act is a step toward God
Lifting us up from the lowly sod."

Help us to cast the bread of charity on the broad waters of want, and your reward will come like the sunlight of heaven.

Send contributions to Mrs. J. Hewitt Broaddus, local relief agent for Nebraska sufferers, Ewing, Nebraska.

References: G. E. Smith, representative 50th district, Lincoln, Neb.

A. R. Wightman, Prof. Gates college, Neligh, Neb.

M. N. Vanzandt, banker, Ewing.

J. A. Trommershausser, chairman town board, Ewing, Neb.

J. & T. KYDD,
83 WALKER ST.

New York, April 8 1895-

Mr J Hewitt Broodens

Dear Madam

Enclosed please find our
check for \$5⁰⁰ a little to "help out"
your suffering people as presented
in the New York Times

We trust if you sent an
appeal to Mayor Strong of this
City help would come freely

Yours truly
J. & T. Kydd

J. & T. Kydd

MRS. J. HEWITT BROADDUS,

—LOCAL AGENT,—

Relief Work For Neb. Sufferers.

Reference.

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District, Lincoln, Neb.
A. R. Wightman, Ph. D., Professor Ancient
Languages Gates College, Neligh, Neb.
Rev. David Marquette, Presiding Elder, M.
E. Church, Neligh, Neb.
M. N. Van Zandt, Banker, Ewing, Neb.
J. A. Trommershauser, Chairman Town
Board, Ewing, Neb.

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Ewing, Neb., April 11, 1895.

Honored Sir,

Enclosed you will find
clippings from the "Dorchester J. V. Index"
also the "Ewing Advocate" and letter from
J. Ryce of your city, referring us to you.

Our Condition is truly deplorable.
The Legislature made an appropriation for seed
grain - but the people must have something
to eat. The five hundred thousand dollars given
by the State for seed grain and feed for teams,
only amounts to \$8.00 for each family.

We take this means to prevent actual suffering
and destitution. Our appeals have met with
good results - but it is hard to realize the immense
amount of food required to keep so many people.
If you can co-operate with us in helping our
suffering people your name will be held in
grateful remembrance Hoping to hear from you
in any direct way

Mrs. J. Hewitt Broadbush

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New York Real Estate Guaranty Company,

No. 166 BROADWAY,

EDWARD V. LOEW, PRESIDENT.
LEWIS L. JONES, SECRETARY.NEW YORK, April 11th 1895

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Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have had notice that a meeting of the Board of Education was to be held this morning to appropriate the Theatrical license money among various charitable institutions. I had intended to be present to represent the Wilson Industrial School but owing to a previous engagement of importance cannot attend your meeting. The Wilson Industrial School is located on the corner of St Marks Place and Avenue D. in the very midst of the large German population of the 14th & 17th Wards it is managed by some of the best and socially prominent women of this City and is sustained by private subscription. It has however for many years annually received from the City from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 out of the Theatrical license fund. The school takes in large numbers the children of the East Side who are taught by the Kindergarten method and the girls are also taught to sew.

New York Real Estate Guaranty Company,

No. 166 BROADWAY,

EDWARD V. LOEW, PRESIDENT.
LEWIS L. JONES, SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, 189

and sink and in the ordinary household duties
which includes cooking and laundry work
all the children receive one hot meal in
the middle of the day. Owing to the hard times
the past winter more money has been required
than usual and I sincerely hope you can
see your way clear to giving the school \$1,000.00
out of the fund.

Very truly Yours E. V. Loew

Yours
Wm. L. Strong
May 10

To His Honor The Mayor of N.Y. City.

We, the undersigned florists doing business at our respective addresses, do hereby appeal to your Honor, to suspend the City ordinance, in regards to allowing us to place plants on the sidewalk near the curb stone for the next three days, namely; Thursday, Friday & Saturday April 11, 12 & 13 1895. as it is necessary to display our goods, as this is Easter season.

The ordinance has always been suspended during Christmas holidays, and the same privilege on Easter previous years, but having this matter attended to us before by one of the Councilmen, and thinking it would be the same this year, we did not petition the Board of Common Councilmen at last meeting for privilege.

Hoping that your Honor will grant this petition, as the Board of Common Councilmen will concur with you at next meeting,
We are, respectfully Yours,

A. Copin Florish	222-6 ave
E. Guschid "	296-6 "
W. Traudly "	271-6 "
W. Traudly "	278-6 "
P. Okkerse "	5 E 14 St.
Peter Gerlaich "	51 W 14 St.
J. J. Tucker "	65 St 14 St.
Star Florist Egan's way.	59 St 14 St.

Consulat Général
de France
à New-York

New-York, le april 12th 1895.
35 So William St.

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Dear Sir,

Although I have not the honor of your personal acquaintance may I apply to your kind assistance in favor of the Mayor of the City of Lyons - France. ~~who~~ would be much obliged should you be at liberty to favor him with some information at your command on the system of rapid transit through Trolley. electric street cars.

There is an application presented to him for establishing Trolley-cars in the streets of Lyons, a city of 300,000 inhabitants. But before granting said demand Mr. Gaillieton would like to have a practical information about the advantages & the inconveniences of said system of transit.

As this system is at work in New-York could you kindly favor me ~~at~~ your earliest convenience ^{with} such report that your experience might find useful to impart to your Colleagues of Lyons.

With thanks in advance for anything you could do in the premises I have the honor to remain, Dear Sir, with high consideration

Yours obedient servant

Edmond Bruwaert
French Consul General

Hon.^{ble} Strong
Mayor of the City of New-York
City Hall

Form No. 1.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Received at **599 Broadway, N. Y.**

Dated *Spokane* *Nov 11*

To *Chief of Police*

Sent description of Spokane girl referred to in New York letter published in Chicago times herald
J. D. Gilbert

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

CABLE OFFICE.

599 BROADWAY.

ALWAYS OPEN.

WHO CAN IT BE?

What Spokane Girl Is First Actress in
New York?

The following is taken from a New York letter recently published in the Chicago Times-Herald. As the young girls who have left Spokane to become actresses are somewhat scarce, the question of who can be referred to naturally arises:

A young girl from Spokane, Wash., who left home to become an actress, arrived here recently penniless, and tried to obtain aid from several charitable institutions of this city. To her surprise she was met with insults. The managers of these institutions refused to take her in because she was an actress and would contaminate the other girls. Mr. Crane, in discussing this outrage remarked: "What has been said about the prejudice existing in the minds of the managers of the charitable institutions against actresses I know is perfectly true and I think it is a shame that it should be so. Not long ago a prominent charity sent out an appeal for clothing and money. A young actress I know made up a bundle of all her clothing and sent it, with as much money as she could spare, to the charitable institution. In a day or two the clothing came back to her, with a note stating that the money was thankfully accepted but that the clothing, having been worn by an actress, could not be used. What do you think of that?"

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Spottan Book
The Hon Mayor April 12th
and Jords
City Dear Sir

Will you kindly grant
me a favour by endeavouring
to obtain the name and
description of the young
girl referred to in the
Enclosed Newspaper Clip
being I have reason to believe
it is my daughter Nellie
aged 17 who has lately returned
home from school in Great-
Britain England & Ireland
left here two months since on
her return trip her Aunt in
Ireland Lady Stafford
writes me she has not arrived

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and is at a loss to conjecture
what has happened to her
I telegraphed the Chief of Police in
New York last night to send
me a description of the young
girl referred to in my possibly
not-misunderstood the telegram.
She is fairly well educated
and of good address speaks
French rather late square
built Brown hair worn
Beaver Cape Blue velvet
Hat four ostrich plumes
Dark blue dress narrow
skirts full bottom of skirt
low shoes black gaiters
very small school girl
diamond ring little finger
Cat-Eye pin gold watch &c
I really do what you can
in the matter for me

As you can imagine
my state of mind under
the circumstances having
refrained so far from
communicating with any
one not even my nearest
and dearest friends on
account of injuring my
reputation something has
happened to her she may
have become infatuated with
theatrical life but has had
no opportunities of being in
theater party in school if
it should be my daughter
which I have every reason
to believe it is I will take
the first train upon learning
of the fact please telegraph
at my expense if it is and
if not please write me and
Obliged Yours very Respectfully

J. E. Gilbert-

517 Main St.

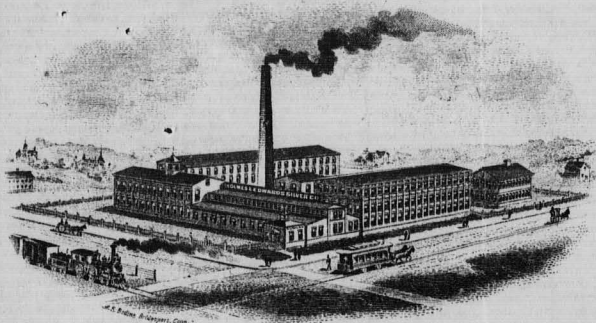
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JOHN CUMMINGS, Secy.



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REPRESENTED BY
A. A. CLARK, 2 MAIDEN LANE.

New York, *Apr 13* 1895

Hon. William L. Strong. *2*
Mayor New York City

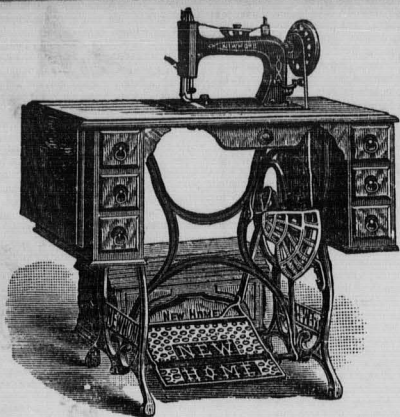
Dear Sir,

We find considerable trouble to have the dirt or sweepings & waste paper from our store taken away. Our porter informs us that the can containing same is set out at night but the ashman will not empty it & in the morning it has to be brought in again full. We should like to know if the men that take ashes are not obliged to take this dirt as well, and without pay. For so doing from us. Your attention & reply will greatly oblige
Yours resp'y

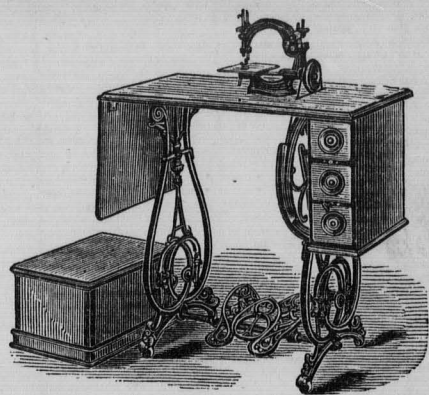
Holmes & Edwards Silver Co

ANSWER TO THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO HOLMES & EDWARDS SILVER CO., NO. 2 MAIDEN LANE, NEW YORK

A. A. Clark



—OFFICE OF—
A. M. KELLY & SON,
ESTABLISHED 1865.
Dealers in all First-Class
SEWING MACHINES,
200 GRAND STREET,



New York, Apr 13 1895

Honorable Mayor Strong. ✓

Dear Sir:

We would like to enter a protest against the granting of a premit to Mr Crough (or any one else) to put storm door at #202 Grand St next door to us as it prevents the view of our show window.

We have also entered complaint to the Bureau of Incumbrance about the storm door which Mr Crough has taken upon himself to build and which the dept notified him to take down over a week ago.

He started anew to build and we sent to the Bureau of Incumbrance the 2nd time, and they have given him (Mr Crough) until Thursday Apr 18/95. to obtain a grant throught the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully
A. M. Kelly & Son

~~Have~~ This is a copy of same sent to the Board of Aldermen.

P.B. If this is allowed we might as well suspend business.

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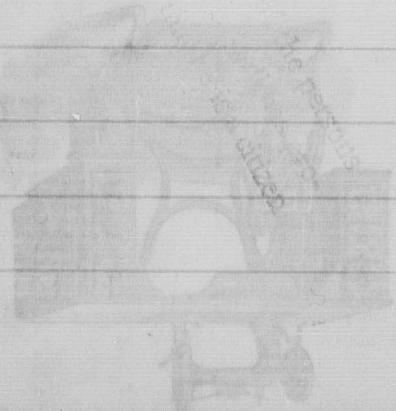
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V. W. KETTA & SON
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M. H. RIEDERS,

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XXX 50. CIGARS.
XXX 100. CIGARS.
XXX DURHAM.
XXX CHEROOTS.
XXX ALL TOB. CIGARETTES

Bet. 64th and 65th Sts.,

New York, April 13 1895

*To the Honorable Mayor
of the City of New York
Dear Sir!*

*Since a few days, the wagons,
sent by the Street Cleaning
Bureau, refuse to accept waste
paper, I can not burn it.
What will and can be
done in the matter.*

*Awaiting your early
reply,
I am*

most respectfully

M. H. Rieders

*4/16/95
MHR*

Wide Awake Republican Club

84 of the City of New York

Rooms: 233 East Tenth Street

New York, Apr. 12 1895
Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor,
Esteemed Sir,

This organization has just completed renovating its club rooms and have steel prints of majority of prominent City officials. Believing our collection uncomplete without one of yourself I thus ask you to oblige us with a copy or two. Awaiting a favorable reply, I remain,

Your obedient servant,
Chas. Vollman

Chair. House Comm.

5065 Perry, N. Y., April 13th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong.

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Dear Sir: - About the 10th of March, 1894, I was subpoenaed as a witness by the Lenox Committee, then about to convene, and in accordance therewith, presented myself in the Court room, although at the time suffering from a severe attack of La Grippe. It was, I believe, at the second sitting of the Committee I gave my testimony in reference to certain violations of the Election Laws in the 15th Assembly District, of which I was the Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal during the Campaign of 1892. The windows of the Court room were opened, and in consequence of the draught thereby created, I suffered a relapse and was confined to my house for ten days with an attack of pneumonia. This sickness necessitated my absence from work, the employment of a physician, and other expenses incidental to sickness, - medicine, delicacies, etc., which I could scarcely afford, having a large family dependent upon me for support. I have deferred asking for any remuneration in the hope that some action would be taken to repay me in part for my trouble, but up

to date, nothing of the kind has transpired.
I beg, therefore, to submit the following as my
claim, which, as a fair-minded man, you
can hardly fail to coincide with:-

Ten days' loss of work, at \$3.50 per day,	\$35.00
Twenty doctors' visits, at \$2.50 per visit,	50.00
Medicines, delicacies, nurse, etc.,	25.00
Total,	\$110.00

Hoping this matter will receive your favorable
consideration, especially in view of the fact that
the counsel in the case is being so handsomely
rewarded for his services, and referring you to
Mr. John Milholland through whose efforts I
was induced to testify, being at that time
a member of the organization known as
the Milholland Movement. I remain,
dear sir,

Very sincerely yours,

Robt. H. Mackin

To Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City, N. Y.

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13th April 1895

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

My dear Sir,

The Governor has signed
the East Side Small Parks Bill (on
April 11th) it is chapter 293 of the laws of
1895 — But Col. Cole cannot
find the other bill which you ap-
proved, — the school playground
bill. — I am fearful that it ~~aboves~~
fail to become a law by mere accident.
It is the one that Mr. Dawson brought
to you, one copy having apparently been
lost. Will you kindly bear the matter
unobscured; & inform the proper authorities
that it is a bill of only a few lines, but
it is of the highest importance. Yours truly,
R. W. Gilder.

Introduced in the
Assembly by Mr. Anisworth Jan. 17.
It is entitled

"An Act to provide for open-air
playgrounds in connection with
school houses in the city of
New York."

New Estate
RECORD & BUILDERS GUIDE.
ESTABLISHED MARCH 21st 1868.

14 AND 16 VESEY STREET,

TELEPHONE, CORTLANDT 1370.

New York, April 13, 1895.

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The Honorable Mayor Strong,

Sir:

86 We take the liberty of forwarding to you by mail herewith a copy of our paper with which, perhaps, you are already familiar. It is the representative and only journal of the real estate and building interests of New York City, --- a position which it has held since 1868. As it is read and consulted by practically all the real estate agents, builders, architects and by fiduciary institutions of this City, we beg respectfully to submit to your attention its claims (under the business administration which you have inaugurated in our municipal affairs) to be designated by the City Board of Record as one of the Journals for such City advertisements as directly appeal to our readers. A large part of these advertisements, you know, has for years found its way into papers without circulation, repute or efficiency. We venture to make this preliminary application to you on business principles, feeling sure that in the matter of advertising as in other expenditures for services rendered to the City, you are desirous that the Municipality should obtain the best available.

Respectfully yours,

Record & Guide.

Clinton W. Sweet
P. M.

Dictated.

LADIES. HEALTH PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

MRS. H. S. BELL, PRESIDENT,
108 W. 44TH STREET.

MRS. IONIA BIRD, REC. SEC.,
1380 BROADWAY.

MRS. M. E. TRAUTMANN, COR. SEC.,
27 BECKMAN PLACE.

MRS. L. A. PALMER, TREASURER,
"PALMER'S THEATRE," 30TH ST. AND B'W'Y.

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New York April 13/95
Hon Mr H. Strong,
Mayor of New York City
City Hall New York

Dear Honor-

I wish to ask a favor
which I hope you will be able to
grant. Mrs C. Errami (one of our members)
and myself desire a short interview
with you at your home - at your earliest
convenience - on a subject relative to
the interest of our association, and the
public benefit.

We know the value of
time and will not lose you. If you can
comply with our request, will you kindly
state day and hour, giving me time
enough to notify Mrs Errami? -

Awaiting your
reply - With great respect
May. E. Trautmann
President

337 Hudson St
New York April 14/95

To the
Honorable Wth Strong Mayor of
New York City
My dear sir

There was a meeting
held at your office the other day
in relation to the assessment
on property within a certain radius
of the proposed park on Hudson &
Leroy streets at which I could not
be present. However I wish to say
that I have been at above number
all my life and in 1858 did a
very successful fancy goods &
furniture furnishing business and
for years thereafter. In 1872 I took
a lease from Trinity church
of the ground of just half my block
and put up 4 story store & tenements
on the same and rented them

from \$1500 to \$2400 a house. Now
I am obliged to rent the same
property for from \$800 to \$1500
because the neighborhood is in
a state of transition between
wholesale and retail business.
Stores that would rent readily at
\$40.00 per month goes begging now at
\$35.00 such is the change in the
population now.

What I have to say about the park
is I never saw a petition. never
asked to have a park there. And do
not know any property owners that
did. am sure it would not be
any benefit to the 11 houses I
own that are all specially taxed
for it if so decided. I believe that
this park is solely the work of the three
representatives to further their own
political ends and nothing more.
But if the city decides that a park
is necessary there. there is one

I should say in as much as the
property owners had no voice in
the matter they should have no
special tax for the same. And
the city should pay it from the
general tax

Hoping you will give this
matter your careful consideration
I am yours very truly

Ebenezer Bailey

P.s.

Every experience comes against me
exactly as my fee properly

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Great Falls Meadows,
Alto. 15th 1895.

Gentlemen:

Better build the
Library of New York as enclosed
figure. - Oriental renaissance.
Front elevation 180 ft. in height;
Library 160. Oriental ^{towers} 100 feet
elevation; Observatory towers 150.
Clock crowns front-center of main
structure; front. Chimney (of Rhine
best bells) ^{60 ft} Oriental tower; arm-
ing opening into story of Library, daily.
Vestibule deepens on oriental pilasters,
arches; middle windows enfoliate;
Small columned balcony over
vestibule; vestibule flanked with
two balconied windows; Towers
balconied and terraced. Towers
corners of Main Building (front ^{part})
support statues groups - of the
best; Lower section of Observatory
towers corners ^{to} single statues.
Front of Main Building flanked
with sunken arcade, balconied; above.
Exterior portion of entire Building
is for business. Have as many stories
as desired; (12 front, 10 rear.) Doors
and windows as represented ^{are} ^{colossal}.
Have best architectural ^{substantive} ^{general}
windows, and keep proportions. The
Edifice bids you, ~~and~~ and its purpose, will
be simple and noble, and will cost \$1,500,000
(over)

Elaboration could not be shown in
 so small and ~~hasty~~ ^{hasty} figure: - Pinnacles
 pilasters in long arches; and band building
 in arches and pinnacles ornamented.
 Tall base of towers, and gilt orient
 dome; with silver stripes; Gold also
 lantern of main dome. Library;
 rear part, octagon.

Rent for esthetic purposes
 mostly; and literary: Rent as low as
 possible. Front columns colonial
 bastions $\frac{2}{3}$ of the base and fluted to
 start height: Capitals as figure below
 polished to perfection: -



Build ^{all} entirely of stone: Roof ought
 to be flagged - if not tiled. Do not
 have any wood outside; if possible
 no metal: all rock. A pretty effect
 will be to have base of observation tower
 same as body of building: Secret division
^{purple} ~~purple~~ ^{third} ~~yellow~~ ^{red} ~~blue~~
 glass should be some difference in
 and exposures, too.

Have the noblest and
 completest library, throughout, in
 the world,

With Respect,

A. O. Houston.

New York, April 15 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor of New York.

Sir.

In the interest of Economical
Capable and honest government
I desire to ask your Consideration
of following facts.

On March 28th the Department of
Charities & Corrections opened bids
for supplies. a proposal was submitted
by a responsible Contractor to
furnish the City with granulated
sugar at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per lb. The bid
was regular deliberate and
unconditional. and subject to

all the necessary guarantees which the board requires. yet after the bids were publicly read. the contractor referred to. finding by comparison, his price too low advanced the plea that his clerk had made a mistake in the figures. and while he wished many items in his bid to be considered. he declined to adhere to his price upon sugar (granulated) with the result that the Board through the action of its President Mr Parter. allowed him to withdraw his proposition to supply sugar and awarded him contract for

other goods in same bid. The granulated sugar was re advertised with the result that on April 11th bids were again opened, and Contract given @ \$4¹². which will result in a net loss to the City of N.Y. upon quantity consumed of not less than \$1500⁰⁰/₁₀₀. A judicial review of this transaction certainly gives rise to the impression. that the Board is in a condition of commercial imbecility. glaringly incompetent or unwilling to discharge its duty to the public. or stands ready to compound alleged

Mistakes with careless bidders, to the detriment of the City. and to the injury and discouragement of intelligent and competent Contractors. It is manifest that the bid referred to should have been Accepted in full or rejected in full. in accordance with the precedent laid down by the Federal Government. and in harmony with business principles. This circumstance should in my opinion promptly disqualify the Board for the operation of responsibilities which it either abuses or misunderstands. 80

Yours with respects
Wm. Bryant Edw. H. Hamilton

THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM ASSOCIATION,

OFFICE, 54 WILLIAM ST.

Everett P. Wheeler,
Chairman.

Silas W. Burt.
Edward Cary.
Charles Collins.
Horace E. Deming.
Richard Watson Gilder.
Alfred Bishop Mason.
Jacob F. Miller.
Geo. Haven Putnam.
S. H. Ordway.
Anson Phelps Stokes.
Wm. H. Thomson.
Chas. W. Watson.
Horace White.
F. W. Whitridge.

Executive Committee.

CARL SCHURZ, *President.*

GEORGE MCANENY, *Secretary.*

SILAS W. BURT, *Treasurer.*

New York, April 15 '95. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,
City.

Sir:

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association, to submit for your consideration the following resolution, adopted at a meeting held the 10th inst:

RESOLVED, That the Civil Service Reform Association of New York protests against the passage of those clauses of the police bill, introduced by Senator Lexow, affecting the Civil Service system. These clauses invest in the Police Board the functions of the present Civil Service Commission. They provide for an examining board of one Police Inspector and four Police Captains: they give to that Board the making of the Civil Service regulations and the sole responsibility for their enforcement, and their effect would be the nullification of the Civil Service Law as far as it affects the Police Department.

It is a noteworthy fact that the abuses in the administration of the Civil Service Law, with regard to the police, were almost entirely due to the participation of police officers in such administration.

It is highly dangerous to allow the Police Department, or any other department of a city government to be the sole judge of the qualifications and conditions of recruiting its own members, since it will greatly facilitate secrecy in concealing abuses, and the exaction of pledges from those who may come into the Department, not to disclose abuses in the future.

I am

Yours very respectfully,

Geo. McAneny
Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

April 15th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

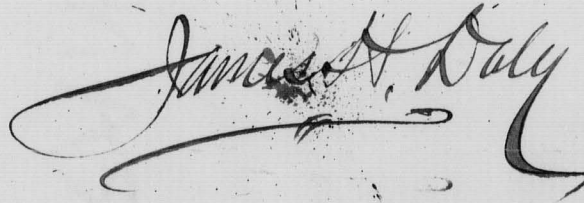
Mayor of the City of New York,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith beg to tender my resignation as Confidential Clerk in the Office of the Mayor of the City of New York, to take effect Wednesday, May 1st, 1895.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James H. Duly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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April 15 1895

Mr Mayor Strong

Up to date, although
an old time Republican, I have
warmly approved all of
your official acts - But
why have you not removed
Henry Porter as well as Simmons
& O'Sheehy? Surely they could
not have given cause for removal
without Porter's knowledge -
He is wholly unfitted for the
office by nature & temperament
and training - Even if honest,
he has no adaptation for the place.
Conceded, obstinate ignorant of the
wants of the poor.

No 38 Park Row } Yours truly
J. L. Young

A Greater Tammany.
New York, April 16th 1895

Hon. William L. Strong

Dear Sir, Permit me in addition to the memo. sent to your office concerning the necessity of an Examination, in legal form, of the accounts of the Finance Department, to refer to the efforts to push a Greater New York Bill, at Albany, the intention being, it is said, to use it as a weapon to oust the Mayors of New York and Brooklyn next fall, and defeat Reform measures.

Should this be attempted you can thwart the plotters by an investigation of the alleged illegal issue of Bonds which has been charged upon certain officials in the Finance Department, and also the Coupon and other frauds, required into by the Citizens' Investigating Committee, (Messrs Judson Lawson, Henry C. Robinson, and others) They have ascertained facts which may thwart the efforts to create a Greater Tammany under the disguise

of a 'Greater New York'.

So long as the Finance Department remains under Tammany control and the Chamberlain a Tammany man, or a "Democrat," Tammany will have the Citadel in its possession.

A thorough investigation reaching from the time of "Malt" Brennan, and "Dick" Conolly, will arouse such public indignation as will sweep Tammany and its allied Democratic office holders, out of power and positions, to the relief of the taxpayers, and the joy of citizens.

No thorough legal investigation of that Department has been made, not even in 1877-78; futile attempts, and even present meetings of Grand Juries have occurred, but the former Comptrollers, ^{and attorneys} being Democrats have always hindered the legal investigation provided for by statute. On this account your nomination was so stubbornly opposed by most prominent Democrats but you should institute a legal investigation,

of a Department which has been under control of "County Democrats," and Tammany Democrats, alternately, for 30 years uninvestigated.

I am, Yours Respectfully
Theo. Bourne

A.B.

The standing of such men as Jackson Lawson Henry C. Robinson, etc. should have obtained the order denied by the Tammany Judges.

Had Henry C. Robinson been elected as Comptroller, in 1894, he would, long ere this, have thoroughly investigated that Department, but unfortunately Tammany obtained full control, and has defied legal investigation.

Mr Robinson, as a business man, would have personally inspected the books and accounts, and not taken, simply, the reports submitted to him by others.

Mr Robinson can explain the connection of the alleged illegal Bond issues, "Greater New York's"
{ Wm. F. Bourne, 23 Murray Street }

LEWIS FRANK & SONS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

SILK, FLANNEL,

SHIRTS,

CASSIMERE, CHEVIOT,

46 & 48 LEONARD STREET,

Col. Strong, New York, April 16 1895
Mayor of City of N. Y.
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly do
us a favor and instruct
Commissioner Waring to have the
rubbish, laying in front of our
building 46 ^{and} 48 Leonard St,
removed. Same has been there
for the past 10 days and we
consider it a disgrace to the
street. By doing this you
will greatly oblige

Your old friends
Lewis Frank ^{and} Sons

4/17/95
J.F.

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City of New York Recorder's Chambers

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New York April 16 1895

Mr. J. E. Hedges

Secretary of the Mayor

Dear Sir

Mr Mackin the writer
of the accompanying letter
was not called as a
witness by me nor during
the time I acted as counsel
to the Senate Committee

Very truly yours
John W. Cothran

The Home Club

1150 SECOND AVENUE.

P. J. CARPENTER, PRESIDENT.
ISAAC KAHN, RECORDING SECRETARY.
THOS. R. MANLY, FINANCIAL SECRETARY.
W. S. STEPHENSON, TREASURER.

New York, April 16, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong .

Mayor of the City of New York .

Your Honor :

Republican Politics in the 20th Assembly District for the past years have been so badly mixed up, owing to the mismanagement of the so called Leaders, with only one thought, (patronage for themselves) that the Democrats secured control of the District. It was impossible to induce respectable citizens to accept a nomination for an Elective office, as it was the general belief, that, if we were not sold out there was surely no activity shown to elect them . At a special Election it was found that Election Districts had only one Republican vote cast with three Republican Election Officers . Nothing was done about it . They did not desire it to be otherwise . Where Tammany Hall men on Election Day would use the Polling places for Electioneering purposes, our Leaders were away - could not be found. Tired of such affairs , several Republicans, Business men and others, decided to make the District Republican again . We tried to strengthen it and gain the respect of the citizens of the District, but of no avail. The same old story - a few honest Republicans among a lot of political Strikers. Were it not for the persistent stand taken by some of us , this 20th Assembly District Organization would have been turned over to the Mullholland Organization, promises being made that they would receive political favors . This was not what we spent our time and money for. We had no personal ambitions, but felt satisfied that the Republican Party deserved to receive the active participation of all true American citizens . Recognizing that we were unable to accomplish this with the body of men controlling the old organization we decided to organize The Home Club, the result of which was more than we expected. Election

Districts were completely changed from Democratic to Republican majorities . The change was brought about by the active work performed , which any Democrat or Republican can testify has never before been accomplished in this Assembly District , and if I say it myself, it was caused by the work of the Home Club, organized by Republicans, not looking for patronage for themselves, but only too anxious to have the party a success . The Home Club was the first Organization in the City of New York to raise the banner for the Hon, Levi P. Morton, on that

The · Home · Club

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New York, 189

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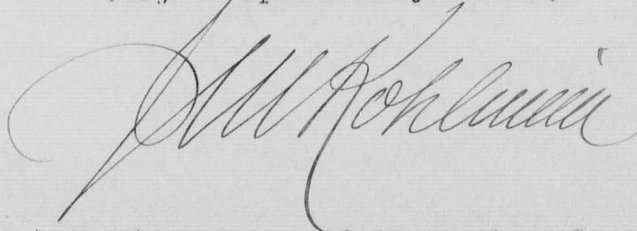
stormy night in 1894. We held meeting after meeting, to which I had the pleasure of inviting you to write a few friendly words to our Club, believing that it was impossible for you to be everywhere. Our Club was then 275 strong. We organized a German and Bohemian Auxilliary Association of about 125. We raised all the funds among ourselves, which was not of small account. We did not receive one cent from any candidate or organization. We stood by your administration from the first day, and have never had any reason to find fault with you.

Our Candidates for Delegates to the County Committee were defeated, because we refused to pledge ourselves to vote for certain individuals, of whom we were satisfied that they would not support the Committee of Thirty. (our predictions in this respect being verified).

We were aware of the conspiracy and unfaithfulness to the republican Party of certain very prominent Republicans in this Assembly District. To day where we only ask that we have an opportunity to give employment to a few men, it seems as if those were to be taken care of who have not been true to the pledges and promises of last Election to the people of New York. If this is to be done in the 20th District, why should honest men interest themselves for the politics of their country?

I, for my part, regret very much that Democrats should laugh at us for not receiving any positions, let them be ever so small, after our hard work and making political enemies among our neighbors and friends. Should we not deserve recognition, above those who do not care for honest government, as long as they can live at the public expense?

I beg to remain Dear Sir
Very Respectfully Yours,



Chairman of the Executive Committee of

THE HOME CLUB.

J. M. KOHLMEIER,
HARDWARE AND HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
ICE AXES & TONGS,
1161 SECOND AVE., COR. 61st STREET,
NEW YORK.

New York, April 17 1895

Hon Wm L Strong
Dear Sir

Permit me
to kindly ask you to read
the enclosed statement
not as an office seeker
but as a citizen interested
in the welfare of his
country and the Republican
Party

Yours Truly
J M Kohlmeier



State of New York,

Attorney General's Office,

Albany,

April 17th,

1895.

William H. Ten Eyck, Esq.,

Clerk of the Common Council,

New York City.

The Comptroller has requested me to advise him as to whether it is your duty as clerk of the Board of Aldermen, occupying a similar position to clerk of the board of supervisors of one of the counties of the State, to state in your report the several incorporated companies liable to taxation in your county and the amount of real and personal property of each, as put down by the assessors, and the amount of taxes assessed on each. You have not separated the real and personal estate in the statement you have made to the Comptroller. You have deducted, however, over \$97,000,000, as being personal property not taxable locally for state purposes; but you do not inform him against what corporations these exemptions were allowed. We hope you may be able to comply with the law at an early date. It is hardly an excuse to say that you have not the data under your control from which you can make this complete statement. The Receiver of Taxes will probably accede to a direction of the mayor or Common Council to furnish this information.

It is no answer either to say that the City and County ~~of New~~ of New York are not amenable to the general laws relating to counties. If it is their duty, as you seem to assume, to make this report to the Comptroller, then it is your duty to make it exactly

William H. Ten Eyck, 2.

as the statute prescribes, and that is all that the Comptroller wants.

There is no necessity for any friction over this matter, and we hope to be advised that you will comply with the Comptroller's request and make it unnecessary for us to take any further steps in the premises.

I enclose copy of this letter to the Mayor, the Receiver of Taxes and the Corporation Counsel.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Hawcock
Attorney-General.

Isidor Nog,
PHOTO,
45 CANAL STREET.

Re Board of Health's
negligence
New York, April 17 1895.

To the Mayor of the City of
New York

Dear Sir:-

Considering you
the highest instance amongst
the public authorities I dare
to call your attention to the
following fact of great
importance not only to me
individually, but to the public
in general. In spite of the
fact that I repeatedly called
the attention of the Board
of Health to the unsanitary

condition of the house I have
the misfortune to live in,
the Board of Health always
managed to pass the case
without notice (I suspect
that hush money is the
cause of it). There seems
to be no improvement in the
relations to ^{the} public needs as
compared with those under
Tammany. The condition
of the house is such that it is
bound to become the source
of contagion of all sorts of
diseases. An inspection
of reliable persons not
taking any hush-money
will persuade of the truth
respectfully
Isidor Yoz

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JURAN & CO.,
627 MADISON AVE.,
CORNER 59TH STREET.

Mr Wm H. Strong
Mayor of the City of
New York

Dear Sir

We have no means
to dispose of our paper
and refuse, which the
Haring refuses to take
the same is heaped up in
our doorway since last
week and is liable to
catch fire any time

We have no furnace in our
house as we have steam
heating by steam company
& cook with gas range
neither have we a grate to
eat the paper as the health
department does not allow
us to keep one.

We earnestly pray of
you to let your street
cleaning commissioners
be more practical & less
theoretical & remain
yours very Respectfully
Yours
April 17. 95

Dr. E. R. DUFFY, Chairman.

W. B. Gonsalves,
SECRETARY.

W. H. Morris,
TREASURER.

REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION

15th. Election District.

19th. Assembly District,

125 West 60th. Street, New York City,

April 17th 1895

To the Hon William L. Strong
Mayor

At a regular meeting
of the Republican Association of the 19th Assembly
District the Chair was requested to forward to you
for honor the following resolution viz
Be and it is hereby resolved that we the Republican
Citizens of the 19th Assembly District unanimously
condemn the action of Col Waring the Street Commissioner
in importing from Chicago men and their families to be
employed in the Street Cleaning Department. While there
are thousands of idle men in the City (who are only too
willing to work) who waited for you last November and
placed you honor in the position you occupy today
in the City Hall. As a well known fact that Waring
is not a resident of New York and has aided
in great measure to injury in thus appointing to office these
non resident tramps from Chicago
Again the Monarchical ideas put into action by this

Man Waring in clothing the Street Sweepers of New York
in the garb of White winged Angels is repugnant to the
declared feelings of the people and should be presented
as a piece of Gross impertinence on his part.
The idea of placing ~~the~~ Immaculate White garments
on Men who are continually dealing with Mud and
dirt present to the mind an immensely ludicrous
picture. As the Conduct of Waring has not been justified
by precedent. we hope for the honor of human nature it
will not be followed as an example by the other
Alleged reform Commissioners

The whims of this man Waring surpass all our comprehension
in the interest of common decency and humanity we
would request your honor to remove this non resident
Waring from the Office of Street Commissioner which he
has disgraced. If not he will petition both branches
of the Legislature now in Session to give us a new Charter
for the City

To my individual understanding as a Physician of 30 yrs
practice in observing this mans whims in all their varying
aspects I am forced to regard them as unmistakable
evidence of a disordered brain. for I can hardly
reconcile such capers as he indulges in as compatible
with the simple information of common sense

Signed on behalf of the Association

Charles R. Duff, A.M. M.D.
Chairman

Dr. E. R. DUFFY, Chairman.

W. B. Gonsalves,
SECRETARY.

W. H. Morris,
TREASURER.

A REPUBLICAN * ASSOCIATION, A

15th. Election District,

19th. Assembly District,

125 West 60th. Street, New York City,

.....1895

The Republican Association of the Twenty-fifth Election District, of the Nineteenth Assembly District, at a special meeting held April 18th, 1895, appointed a Committee to draft a resolution urging the Legislature to pass the pending bill authorizing an appropriation of an additional \$100,000.00 for the Commissioners of Accounts.

The Committee adopted the following and forwarded a copy to our Assemblyman, the Honorable Welton C. Percy.

WHEREAS, there is now before the Legislature a bill which, in its provisions confers authority upon the Board of estimate and apportionment to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the uses of the Commissioners of Accounts in investigating the various departments of the city, in addition to the annual appropriation the the expense of that Bureau, and

WHEREAS, many of the Municipal departments, for years under Tammany control are believed to ^{have} fostered corruptions to such a degree that a searching investigation of them is imperative in order to disclose the frauds that have been the means of plundering the city treasury, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rodney Strong Dennis, Commissioner of Accounts and one of our neighbors and an esteemed republican has communicated the fact that such additional appropriation is absolutely necessary to enable the Commissioners of Accounts to make a proper and thorough

investigation of the Municipal Department running back for several years, and as the Honorable Commissioner has signified his wish that the bill become a law,

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the Republican Association of the Twenty-fifth Election District, of the Nineteenth Assembly District, respectfully and earnestly urges our Representative in the Assembly the Honorable Welton C. Percy to vote for and to use his best efforts to further the passage of the said bill, and be it further

RESOLVED that we respectfully urge all other members of the Legislature to quickly pass this simple enabling act to the end that frauds may be exposed, the right may prevail and incentive given to purer Government.

Samuel Jackson
Chairman

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Committee.

Henry Bloomfield
Secretary

JOSEPH WAMSLEY,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
TRIBUNE BUILDING,
154 NASSAU ST.

Bmmms

New York, *April 17th* 189*8* - *96*

Hon W^m L. Strong
Mayor etc

Dear Sir

A resolution was passed yesterday by the Board of Aldermen adopting a report of the Committee on the Law Department of the Board, in favor of removing a hackstand heretofore located at the N.E. cor of 125th St and 8th Ave.

This action of the Board was based on a petition of the owners of the property in front of which said hackstand was located and others asking that the stand be removed.

As the hackmen appeared by a committee of their number & by Counsel at the public hearing given by the Aldermanic Committee, in opposition to the petition, it has occurred to me that they may request to be heard by your Honor, & in that case or in case you should have any doubt as to whether the resolution should be approved, I respectfully

request to be heard by your
Honor in behalf of the property
owners & other petitioners

Yours respectfully,
Joseph Wamsley
Attorney for the Petitioners

TRUMAN H. BALDWIN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
31 NASSAU STREET,
BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING,
ELEVATOR ENTRANCE ON CEDAR STREET.

New York, April 18th., 1895.

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Job Hedges, Esq.,

Private Secretary, Mayor's Office.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly allow the bearer to take a copy of Mayor Strong's objections to the St. John's park Bill.

I see by the "Sun" to-day, that the Mayor's message stated that the Board of Street Opening had already reduced the Assessment from one-half to one-fourth of the cost. This is certainly an error.

Kindly let me have a correct copy of the entire report,

And oblige,

Yours Truly,

Truman H. Baldwin

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And oblige,
Yours Truly,

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UP-TOWN BRANCH

- OF -

M. KUTNOW,

IMPORTER OF WINES, LIQUORS, ETC.

202 East 58th Street,

*Ans'd
Apr 22/95*
New York, Apr. 18th 1895.

Honorable William Strong
Mayor of the City
of New York.

Your Honor:

I am keeping a Family
Liquor Store at 202 E. 58th
St., about 60 feet from the
S.E. cor. of 3rd Ave.

Since some time the
'Peoples Oriental Moving Van
Co.' of 400 E. 73rd St., made
it a practice to have one
or more of their big mov-
ing Vans standing near
and even before my Place
of business most part

of the day looking out for
jobs, hiding my place
entirely from view from
3rd Ave.

I made a complaint
to Captain Reilly of the 23rd
Precinct, who promptly sent
around a Policeman & had
them remove with the warn-
ing not to encumber the
street again, which is any-
way against the City Ordinance.

As I understand that they
want to take out a Permit
from your Office, I respectfully
request Your Honor, kindly
not to grant such, as it would
injure my business considerably.

Hoping, as a Citizen, to be
afforded your kind protection,

I am, Your Honor

Yours very respectfully
M. Kutnow.

METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY,
CABLE BUILDING,
621 BROADWAY.

NEW YORK, April 18th, 1895.

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Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Mr. Hedges:-

There is to be an advertisement of the sale of railroad franchise sent to the Mayor to designate papers for its publication. I would feel very much obliged to you if you would see that one of the papers is the New York "Times."

Yours very truly,

Henry A. Robinson,
Atty.
per B

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WASHINGTON, D. C."

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

United States
Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1895.

Mayor W. L. Strong,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your note. I am quite content to accept your assurance that my two colleagues, Democrat and Republican alike, will be first-rate men, gentlemen, with whom I can join heartily in endeavoring to do my part toward making your administration a complete success. I shall make my arrangements to come on to New York ^{about} the first of May, ^{I may have to be there or four days later, if the President demands more time.} From your letter I gather that you want me to begin my duties at that time, or within a day or two. I shall inform the President now, and will do my best to keep it out of the papers. There may be some little difficulty about this, however, from the mere fact that it ^{will} ~~would~~ be difficult to prevent people seeing that I am making preparations to leave; and though they won't know where I am going to, they may suspect.

Faithfully yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

The New York Employment Society.

Incorporated June, 1894.

OFFICERS.

REV. JOHN B. DEVINS, President, 339 East 4th Street.
MR. W. D'H. WASHINGTON, Vice-Pres., 145 Broadway.
MR. JOHN SEELY WARD, Jr., Secretary, 1 Broadway.
MR. JOHN P. TOWNSEND, Treasurer, 130 Bowery.

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MR. ROBERT C. CORNELL, MR. FREDERICK NATHAN.

From Certificate of Incorporation.

The object of the Society shall be to procure work for the deserving unemployed without expense to employer or employee, and generally to carry on lines of work designed to better the condition of the laboring classes.

OFFICE OF BUREAU: 25 CLINTON PLACE.
TELEPHONE 1399 Q.

New York, April 18, 1895

Mayor W. L. Strong,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

In the recent interviews concerning the East Side School Commissioner, mention was made of the New York Employment Society, of which I have the honor to be president. In the eleven months since its incorporation, 7,800 men have applied to us for work and we have secured positions without expense to the applicants for 750 at an outlay of about \$2,000. and have given temporary work to a hundred others at an expense of about \$2,600. Ninety of the men for whom positions have been secured ~~has~~ been sent to the country, thus benefiting three classes - themselves, the charitable people who would soon have been called upon to care for many if not for all of them and the people in the country, who were desirous of securing the labor which we have been able to furnish them.

As you will see by the enclosed circular, this is not an East Side matter nor is it a denominational work. The Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rev. Dr. M. J. Lavelle, Dr. Rainsford, of St. George's Church, Dr. Faunce, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, and members of other denominations are among its directors. It is

practically a Free Labor Exchange and to our mind is doing a most effective work - securing employment for men rather than supporting them in idleness which is often the only alternate for the charitable societies.

You will pardon my bringing this Society to your attention, but as it is wholly a benevolent institution and one that has been incorporated and as all its officers serve without remuneration, it has occurred to me that possibly it could be classed with those considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as ~~wo~~ worthy to share the Excise Fund. If you agree with me I should be very glad to present the matter at the next meeting when this subject is considered. An appropriation of \$1,000 would help materially to raise the percentage of those for whom we could secure work. We believe with the Good Book that if a man will not work, neither shall he ^{eat} ~~work~~, and yet we know that many worthy men need a helping hand at times - a cane and not a crutch - and that is what we endeavor to give them. I do not think that this subject is entitled to consideration because it comes from an employment society, but that its force lies in the fact that it is entirely free to the laboring men and so far as I know the only free one. The bills so far have been met by contributions of churches, charitable societies and benevolent individuals, who recognize its value as one of the great philanthropic agencies of the city.

The thousands of men whose business references we have carefully investigated and whose moral character is vouched for by respectful persons, stand behind this ~~approval~~ ^{appeal}.

Very respectfully, *John B. Devine*

THE Maritime Association OF THE Port OF New York.

Produce Exchange Building, Beaver Street.

P.O. Station P.

New York April 19th, 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Your Honor -

Referring to my respects of 5th inst., asking that you unite with the commercial bodies of New York in recommending that the Secretary of the Treasury fix the line of demarcation between harbor waters and sea, as called for by the Act of February 23rd, 1895, I now have to say that the line we recommended has been approved by the Commissioners New York and of Pilotage of New Jersey; by Hon. James T. Kilbreth, Collector of the Port; by the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York; by the Produce Exchange and the New York Board of Trade and Transportation; by the Board of Underwriters of New York; by the Cunard, North-German Lloyd, White Star, Red Star, American Line, and the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Companies; and by the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company.

There has been no other line recommended and we would be glad to have you round it up completely by adding your official approval.

The line which is very simple and marked day and night by prominent points is, from the lighthouse on the Highlands of Navesink, Northeasterly to Scotland Lightship, and thence Northerly direct to Rockaway Beach, passing through the Whistling Buoy off Gedney's Channel,

THE Maritime Association OF THE Port OF New York.

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Hon. W. L. S. (2.)

As the commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury has requested us to forward the recommendation, we hope you will have the goodness to favor us with a prompt response.

Very Respectfully, Yours,

Edward S. Steward

President.

New York City,

April 19, 1895.

My Dear Sir:—

I am very sorry to say that I read an article in the World saying, "that Justice Koch of the Harlem Police Court. fined six little boys for playing ball in an empty lot."

Now if they cannot play in an empty lot, where can they play? "On the Street"? No. If you do not make some public

play ground for Base-
ball, Children ^{will} ~~will~~ ~~not~~
have no exercise at all,
and so that when they
grow up to be men they
will not physical strength
and will be lazy, and
will not be able to
fight for their country.

Justice Koch fined these
little boys two dollars
(\$2) each, now say that
the parents of these chil-
dren havent this money
to pay the fine, what
are they going to do they
will not see their children
taken from them. So they
go and steal to raise
this money and they
too end in jail.

I hope you would come
up to 94th street and
amsterdam about four
o'clock after the children
are let out of school. Here
you will see a lot nearly
a block long. T

The children of course be-
gin to play in it, along
comes a policeman and
drives them out. So of
course they have no
place to play.

You know as well
as anybody else that
to much learning with-
out any physical ex-
ercise, will cause a boy
to fail in health very
soon.

Hoping that you will

investigate the case and
give it a satisfactory looking
into, and also hoping that
you will do something
for us boys.

I remain one of your
obedient servants & one
of your Friends;
Wm H. Clark.

Private

To the Hon. William L Strong Mayor, April 19th 1895.

Dear Sir.

I find that Colonel Waring has appointed a man named John S. Bacon, as Foreman in his Department, who was dismissed by Ex-Senator Hagon from the Department of St Cleaning when he was Commissioner for stealing Harness, and for building a house at 161st St Eagle Ave, with lumber belonging to the Department of St Cleaning, and for procuring Department horses of same, and then on himself as the Concerning official, and then buying them up at the semi-annual auction sales.

It was said at the time that he was to have been indicted by the Grand Jury, but he got wind of it, and fled to his old English home in London, and after he found out that Reform had taken hold and that he would be fully protected, he packed his Grip Sack, and came back again and got the backing of his friends such eminent Reformers, as General Webb, Dr Simmons, and others that I don't remember just now.

When shall this reform humbug cease,

J. W. Boylan

614 East 17th St.

J. H. England
614 E. 17th St.
St. Louis

New York April 19. 95.

Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir

I called at your office for advice. My neighbor built a stable without permit ~~and~~ with 16 Tenements around it. Counting his 6 are on 133rd St. 5 on Trinity Ave. 5 on 134th St. He told me that if we would not let him get the permit, he would close the side windows of our house, that is toilet and storeroom and request one of his Tenants to move and erect a 2 story stable to board 4 horses not running his own.

The piece of ground in the
rear of his house is 25 x 50
feet. Would you kindly
inform me can such an
act be committed according
to the Laws of Dept of
Building and Board of
Health?

Respectfully yours.
Augusta Brechner.

118 Trinity St.

Oct 133 and 134 Eps



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13 Piazza Indipendenza
Rome

April 19. 1895

My dear Sir

The cable reports
your action with reference
to the Commission of Churches.
I desire to express my personal
gratification at the retention
of Mr Porter. I had some time
since learned confidentially
that it was your intention to
retain him, but I did not
then feel at liberty to say
anything even to you.

I do not think it is
my not very close relations to
Mr Porter - his deceased wife
was the half sister of my
first wife - which has chiefly
led me to take an interest in
him. But it is rather that
for years I have seen how
untiring and faithful he has
been in the performance of his
duties; how he has chafed under
inadequate appropriations and
the actions of his associates; how
he has more than once been
tempted to give up in despair.
On such occasions I have en-
couraged him to remain.

I believe that during this

balance of his present term he
will so commend himself that
you will be glad to appoint
him ^{and} with the approval of all
good citizens.

I avail myself of this
opportunity to say to you how
fully your course as Mayor
seems to me to have justified
my humble part in securing
your nomination and how con-
fident I am that, if the Legis-
lature shall not in this and
strengthen your hands, I am the
people will do so even if it
requires the bursting of party ties
to do it. In saying this I do not
mean to be understood as approv-

the dictatorial action of some of the
reform elements, to whom it never
seems to occur that they may not
possess all the wisdom of the
community, particularly in questions
that many of them have never been

before, ^{especially} particularly studied, and
who therefore promptly assume that
those who differ from them are cor-
rupt or interested. Indeed so far as
a single head to the Police is con-
cerned I personally should be put
by them in ^{some of} the latter class. On the other
hand I confess, I cannot conceive
how there can be two direct opinions as to
the general scope of the Police Justice Re-
form bill. As to how the Police can be
best thoroughly reformed there is room,
as it seems to me, for difference of opinion.
The difficulty is that a very large class
does not want any real reform there.

I cannot but hope that before the
Legislature adjourns the Reformers will
feel that its members as the elect of the
People have some right to their opinions
and that, even if they should not be
in some instances honestly enter-
tained, still human nature is so

made up that it does not like to be
driven or to have its motives fully
impugned, while on the other
hand Legislators will perceive
that the success of the Republican
party and the good of the City alike
require a new Breed of Police
Justices, a reedding of the police
force and perhaps a new school
law, though I incline to think
the abuses of the school system
can be chiefly corrected by you.

Y
Your obedient servant
George H. Davis

Hon. W. L. Strong

No. 31 Broadway,

New York, April 19th 1895.

To the
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, etc.:--

Allow me to address to you a few lines upon the subject of the valuable Franchises to which the City is really entitled and which it ought to receive from the many Corporations and from other sources which are now rendered unavailable or entirely lost.

These resources if they could be enforced and made available would realize very large amounts of money which would tend greatly to reduce our City Taxation.

They could be made to produce by determined effort and be enforced so as to realize several Million of Dollars annually.

Allow me to suggest that it would be a good plan for you after considering the matter, to appoint a good Committee of practical business men to examine into this subject and have it determine upon some method to carry out the plan.

One of the best men that I know of is Andrew H. Green, formerly Comptroller of this City, whom I have talked with and who has considered the subject well, and I believe understands the question perfectly.

If he has the time among the multiplicity of his engagements to take up the matter, he is the very best man that I know of at present, he is very practical and thorough in all his business relations; or there is the Committee of ten who may be willing to examine into it.

The importance of this subject is brought home to our Citizens, from the fact of the discovery of the great irregularities brought to the notice of the public by your

Honor's letter upon the subject of the late administration and their wasteful extravagance resulting in a vastly increasing indebtedness of our City which its Citizens will be compelled to meet.

It is believed from the exposure already made that the Taxation of the City for the next and ensuing years will be greatly increased, and that Taxation necessarily will be imposed almost entirely upon the Landed Estates of our Citizens, and comparatively little upon Personal.

Now to keep this Increase down and get some relief the suggestion is made that the valuable Franchises of the City which are now almost given away or rendered unproductive especially those relating to our City Railways, should be compelled to contribute to this relief fund.

There are now before the Board of Aldermen two applications for Surface Railroads Franchises and it is probable there will be others before long, all of which the proponents will expect to obtain these valuable gifts without scarcely any payment to the City for them. These Franchises should not be put up at Auction.

The true plan would be to have the compensation determined fully by the Board with the consent of your Honor: or if the Resolution granting them should be passed, then your Honor might very easily put your Veto upon the Resolution by reason of the want of a proper amount of compensation to the City, and thus enforce full compensation for a valuable Franchise, say Five per cent. of Gross Receipts, and the Resolution should provide for monthly reports and payments or forfeiture of the Franchise at once after thirty days non-payment.

I believe, although I may be in error, that the Ord-

nances of all the Railroads or their Charters provide that they shall be subject to the Ordinances of the Common Council --if that be so the Board of Aldermen could well order that the various Roads be directed to pay say Five per cent. upon the Gross Receipts of each Car.

I have no data before me to govern me upon the subject.

As I understand there are over a Million of Dollars due to the City from the various Railroads which now enjoy the benefits of these valuable grants without any, or but a trifling compensation, and these obligations are now the subject of Law suits, because the various Companies refuse to pay.

If necessary the Committee of seventy or some competent authority should take this matter up and determine what is the best course to pursue to determine the rate of compensation by the various Corporations and the means to enforce payment without various Law suits.

These Railroad Corporations strike me to be the most important sources from which large sums could be enforced, but there are many other sources from which a person very familiar with the subject could suggest should be subject to a similar enforcement, and these other sources should also be enquired into.

Another suggestion that occurs to me is that to avoid any difficulty as to what the compensation should be; that the Common Council may pass an Ordinance, if there be no legal objection to it, that every Railroad Company should charge not more than three cents for each passenger, and every Company should give transfer tickets without extra charge. I

think that would save to the City many hundred thousand dollars.

The effect of this would be that the difference of two cents on a single fare would be a complete substitute for any compensation for the Franchise: that matter should be taken into consideration.

Another suggestion-- I notice by the Daily Press Papers, that the Assembly has passed a Bill transferring the ownership of all the Railroads over to the City: if this Bill should become a Law, it might cost the City vast sums of money for compensation to the Roads: but there is I think no doubt that if the Roads all did belong to the City, it would derive large compensation for its Franchises, and would do away with all troublesome Law suits, for its collection of claims for compensation.

Another suggestion. That should the Common Council, even in the case of the present applications of the two Roads now under consideration by it, be granted, the Resolution granting it, should permit it for a certain term of years, say twenty five or thirty years at a definite rate of compensation, they giving but a reasonably short term of years and at the expiration of the term, either the City become the owner or the compensation be then increased.

These suggestions occur to me as matters for your consideration.

I am very truly Yours,

Thomas J. Powers
36 Broadway N.Y.

Thos. J. Powers

Franklin

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GEO. SHERMAN, Vice Pres't.
E. F. HYDE, 2d Vice Pres't.
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B. G. MITCHELL, Ass't Sec'y.

CABLE ADDRESS
"CENTRUST"

CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY
OF
NEW YORK,

54 WALL STREET, April 19, 1895

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My dear Mr. Mayor:

I suppose that any relief from a personal interview is a great pleasure for you in your present position. Therefore, instead of calling upon you, I write to say that the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company own a considerable block of property on Sixth Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets. I understand that the City is about buying land for the purpose of erecting an up-town Court House. I do not know before whom the question will come, and therefore I write to you asking that the attention of the Board, whoever they may be, is called to this property. It is very central, and I believe would suit the Judges and the lawyers. I would like to say to you that the property is perhaps more valuable for the purpose intended than any other location in the City of New York, for the reason that the Bar Association have purchased the adjoining property and are about to erect a new and handsome building, taking their Law Library with them. I believe that any Judge would feel perfectly satisfied if the new Court House was near that great Law Library.

Most truly yours,

Honorable, William L. Strong,
Mayor, New York.



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April 19th 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong,

Dear Sir,

Assembly bill

No. 679 Kent Ready, No. 233,1356, H 2,200
Introduced by Mr. Amosworth Jan. 17. 95.
"An Act to amend Chapter 410"
etc., is the fourth Settlement
house bill, & is now before
you.

Will you kindly let me
know time of hearing.

Very respectfully

R. W. Gilder.

Mr Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

Though disappointed
in not having yet received
office under you.
notwithstanding the strong
spencers I did and can
further give.

Permit me to again ask
you kind consideration.
whether (if you will take
the trouble to enquire) I
am worthy of your grace.

Very Sincerely
Robert Stewart
Friday April 19th 1895.

Library of Oberlin College.

AZARIAH S. ROOT,
Librarian.

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Oberlin, O., April 19, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have tried three or four times from your predecessors to secure the official publications of New York City for the use of our students, especially those studying Municipal Government. I have not been informed what documents are published by the City, but I should be glad if the Reports of Departments, the Corporation Manual, and in short anything which would give a clear view of the workings of the various departments and the financial affairs of the City, could be sent me. Hoping it may be possible for you to comply with this request,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Azariah S. Root,
Librarian



New York
Brooklyn, N. Y., April 19 1895

Dear Sir;

Your Honor the Mayor

on At the regular meeting of this Local Assembly held April 17th the following resolution were adopted by unanimous vote;

Resolved;

That Local Assembly 2702 K of L protest against the retention in office of Col. Waring as Street Cleaning Commissioner and request his removal on the grounds that he is a bitter foe of organized labor.

Jesse H. Freestone
Recording Secretary.

Madison St. 28,
New York, Apr 20, '95.

Col. Warring
Com. of Street Cleaning
New York.

Dear Sir:

April 1st I made
a complaint against the
ashman in charge of cart No.
491 as he refused to empty
my barrel and told me "pay"
y^d-day the man came to me,
accompanied by another man
who speaks English, plainly,

and explained that just
previous to that date (April 1st)
he had received instructions
not to empty barrels that con-
tained any paper, and as he
understood very little English
he used the word "ray" when
he meant "paper". I write
this explanation hoping he
will not lose his situation
on account of his inability
to speak English properly.

Yours respectfully,

(Mrs.) F. M. Rodriguez,

29 Madison Street

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O'Donohue
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New York, April 20, 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong—
Dear Sir

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I addressed to you a
Statement concerning the Investigation of the
Finance Dept commenced by Hon Judson
Lawson, Henry C. Robinson, and others,
which has been retarded by the refusal of
Tammany Judges Patterson & Andrews to
give them the legal status authorized by Section
60 of the N.Y. City Consolidation Act.

I suggested ^{that} you have the same ample
powers by the Statute, and need no aid of a
"Lexow" Committee to lay bare the secrets of
that Department. I hope that you duly
rec^d that Communication, and an additional
note addressed to your residence

I mentioned in a former note that I was
in the contest against the Tweed Conduy-
Tammany Ring in 1872, and ever since against
its "consins germaines" the "County" &
"State" Democracy! who have alternated

with Tammany in the "Misrule of the City," and Control of the Finances. None of their leaders can be relied upon for Reform, or annihilation of Tammany.

You will notice that in addition to his being a Tammany appointee the Chamberlain appears to be amenable to the proviso of Section 59 of the Act quoted - "against any interest in Contracts" - "Consolidation Act".

Having been appointed Private Secy to Mayor Havemeyer on 1st Jan, 1873 only experience them, and even since, has been that no "Democrat" can "turn the rascals out of any Department" except he be a man like John P. Raure, with whom I became acquainted in St John Guil some years since, and even he will be hampered by "Democratic" influence in the "Committee of 70" Mr Raure was never prominent in any Democratic faction, I think Permit me to suggest very

respectfully, ⁽¹⁾ that only Republicans can be relied upon to carry out fully your desire to put out all Tammany appointees, in accordance with the power given by the People in Nov, and the Legislature in Jan -

(2) That the placing of new series of employees under Civil Service rules in no wise interferes with the "Eminent domain" conferred upon you in the Power of Removal Bill, otherwise the fear would ensue that men appointed by you as Civil Service Commrs, could override both you and the Legislature, and the People, Men whom you cannot remove any time prior to 1st July - Such an opinion is arrant nonsense, and is neither logical nor legal. Their rules, if allowed for, only apply to applicants for places now vacant by your Power of Removal, or in ordinary course hereafter. I am Yours Respectfully
Theo. Bourne

* at least 15000 by Acts of Department
under your authority

N.B.

Please allow me the privilege of thus addressing you because of my solicitude for the success of your administration and the expulsion of those who have misruled New York, so long.

I have had experience, and have known that most Democrats and all Tammany Republicans are politically unreliable -

Perhaps you may recollect that when you were promoting the effort to nominate John Sherman for President, and Gail Fearing had quarters here, and operating with you, I was aiding him for a time and occasionally met you and your Ohio associates in that effort.

Yours truly

Theo. Bourne -

C of T. B. Bourne,
23 Murray Street.

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Hon^{le} Wm L. Strong

Mayor of N.Y. City

City Hall nyc

Dear Sir:

In the interests of reform, and good Government, in the Administration of the affairs of N.Y. City, I have to state, that I am reliably informed, by a party claiming to know, that in the Dept of Charities & Corrections, amounts of purchases, are charged at the rate of 75⁰⁰ per hundred, which can be reduced to at least half the sum. I have the party - whom I have known most favorably for years, as a competent, reliable buyer of great experience, who is willing to come forward personally, and place you in the possession of the facts confidentially, but he will not go to the Dept of Charities & Corrections, while the "personal" re-

mains as it is now, because he alleges, it
would be worse than useless to show his
hand.

If you will kindly inform me, whether
it will be your pleasure to give him a
personal interview, I will send him to you
with an introductory. I deem this matter of
the highest importance, & think your investiga-
tion of it, would be productive of significant
results. I should insist upon going to the
front with my informant, and being pre-
sent all through such investigation, as
is made, under your orders by the Dept of
OVC, to see that their ^{subordinates} officials did not resort
to any whitewashing, or smothering of the facts.

With highest esteem & best wishes, as-
king favor of reply, if you determine to notice
the matter,

Yours faithfully,
J. R. McGuire

BENJAMIN L. BRANDNER,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
171 THIRD AVENUE,
167 BROADWAY, ROOM 40.

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NEW YORK, April 20, 1895. 189

Hon. Wm. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Hon. Sir:--

In behalf of the property owners who are interested in the widening of Elm St., I respectfully call your attention to the following alterations in the plans, which, in my opinion, would save considerable money for the City.

Instead of tearing down the buildings on Centre St., so as to connect it with Elm St., and then widening Elm St. its entire length, and finally at its Northerly end connecting it with 4th Ave., I would suggest the following:

Centre St. being a wide St. would not need to be widened, then widen Marion St., and then continue Marion St. until it is connected with 4th Ave. This would give a good thorough-

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fare from City Hall to 4th Ave., and would save
considerable money for the City.

Trusting your Honor will give this your
careful consideration, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Benj L Brandner.



State of New York.

Attorney General's Office,

Albany, April 17,

1895.

Henry Bradley, Esq.,
436 Grand St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 13th inst. is at hand. It will be necessary for you to call the attention of the local authorities to the matters suggested in your communication.

Yours respectfully,

W. E. Harvey

Attorney General.

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New York April 20th 1895

Hon Mayor Strong. Esq

Dear Sir

Com. Waring is working the Scaupers Eight. and
one Half hour every day. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. with out Extra Pay.
is not the same Eight & Hour.

The Inclosed Note has been received in answer
to a Complaint of Twenty. 20. Scaupers.

Yours Respectfully

Henry Bradley

436 Grand. St
City

Col E. C. Waring

Corn St Cleaning

D. L. S.

New York.
Dr. Mr. Waring
This is a complaint
from the other
side in St. 195

You are to be complimented
for cleaning this street of the trucks &c
2 weeks previous to Easter Sunday - but
sorry to add that Easter Sunday they were
full of trucks & looked very bad -

I presume your office
was bited as usual. will you try again
& clean the street & keep it so daily &
they must have stable room as they
belong to down town merchants. any way
it is very hurtful to property owners. especially
to owners of flat houses. the tenants are
continually complaining & leaving & raising an
eruption about those trucks. also a Livery
Stable at 323 the same St. has its Vehicles
Coaches numbering about 10 to 15 daily also
Sundays cleaning &c. a permit should not
be granted - as it depreciates property, people

will not be tortured daily with such sights.

Please send your men
+ cart every thing they can get hold of
to the pound + cart them see a piece
& they will keep them covered + off the
St.

Do this + oblige the tenants
+ property owners + it will be remembered
Yrs truly E. C. Wilder

319 + 321 West 21st St.

bet 8 + 9 ave

N.B. If this is not attended to the Mayor
will interfere.

88 Charles Street

April 22 1895

To the Hon^{ble} Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

hearing of so much fires
latterly and the difficulty of
saving precious lives and
looking at the poorley fire
escapes of your great City
i think a better plan ought
to be adopted than the present
mode. My plan if adopted
would ^{can} save lives more
easily and greater confidence
in the rescued of all concerned
my plan is this. Build an
extension of iron on the rear of

of the house with iron stairs
to each flat an iron door on
each floor connecting with the
escape with a window on each
landing down to the ground
if the stair ways were cut of
your rear extension would
save all lives with safety



Your Respectfully
James Clark
at Mrs Haynes

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New York April 22 1895

Hon Wm Strong
Mayor of the great and Wealthy
City of New York

Dear Sir

Never before were our streets in such a disgraceful condition, never before did the ash Cartman or garbage collector refuse to take waste paper. Consequently our streets are littered with papers.

Sewers are filling the cellars of tenements with the waste paper and the result is, disastrous fires and loss of valuable lives -

Is it possible that this Great City of New York with all its wealth, cannot support 10 or more crematories, about one mile distant from each other, and along the water fronts, where our ashes, garbage, and refuse of all kinds could be cremated and turned into use for filling sunken lots, etc?

The present condition of things will be a shame and disgrace to your administration if it continues
Very Respectfully
M. L. Hoyer

243 Broadway

Room 20 & 21

April 22, 1895

Hon Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir,

Mr A. R. Conklin, member of Assembly from this City has forwarded ^{to me,} a printed copy of the act, directing the City of New York to execute to the State of New York a lease of Ward Island to the State, while I am not concerned at the City of New York, forcing away its property to the State, for the care of the Insane, for a nominal consideration, except as a Tax Payer; I do object to the City Authorities leasing under the general words, the "whole of Ward Island," which would compel them to lease my water front on the Harlem River side of that Island - so that if you as the Chief Executive of our City, do not intend to send to the Legislature, a protest against such legislation away from the City, the Island valued richly at \$10,000,000 for \$1 a year I

as an owner of property, which I value
at \$107,000 propose to have something
to say - What I wish now to commu-
nicate to you, is, that if this act be
passed and sent to you for approval,
as is now the practice - you will
give me notice, so that, I may be
present before you, and put in
my protest to such legislation
and to your approval of the same,
Trusting you will give me notice
of such hearing, I remain,

Yours Respy,

J. M. McCallum -

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L. L. SUMMERS. J. C. McMYNN.

✓ April 22 1895.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover am mailing
copy of April Electrical Engineering
containing data relative to Garbage
Cremation at World's Fair. If you
are interested shall be pleased to
send remaining numbers, and in
exchange - you may send copy of
official report on Garbage
Cremation

Sincerely
Fred De Land

To Mayor Strong
New York City

Rice, Quay & Co.,
Commission Merchants,

Edward C. Rice.
Franklin Quay.

113 & 114 Produce Exchange,

New York, Apr. 22nd 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor
City of New York,
Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform me, whether
Williamsbridge proper, is under the jurisdiction
and a part of New York City. I understand
that Williamsbridge station is within the
city limits, but to settle a question I desire
this information, by answering, you will greatly
oblige

Yours very truly
John C. Wade

COSMOS CLUB,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 22. 1895
Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor of New York

My dear Mr Mayor

Mr Gilder has
written me of the Hearing
before you on the 25th inst
upon the General bill of the
Tenement House Com. I
cannot be present at that
time, greatly to my regret,
for I would like to ask
in behalf of Good Govt
Club E. for the pen used
by you in giving your

approval to that bill
and to the school bills
already approved.

Should you grant
our request, we shall
frame the pen - which
has proved itself might-
ier than than the sword,
under your portrait which
now hangs upon our
walls.

Those Executive House
Committee bills will in

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My judgment shed
great glory upon your
administration because
of their agency in
uplifting and protecting
the people and the
children, who will
learn to know you
as the Father of their
new born privilege
and the Reformer of
their old time abuses

Yours faithfully
J. Augustus Morris
Pres. of Club E.

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EDWARD GRIBBON & SONS,

IRISH LINEN MANUFACTURERS.

41 WHITE ST.

WAREHOUSE, BELFAST, } IRELAND.
WORKS, COLERAINE, }

New York, April 22nd 1895

Col W. L. Strong.
Sir.

Mayor of New York

I take the liberty of asking you (as one not altogether unknown to you) if you will have the kindness to grant permits to two friends of mine to preach the Gospel on the Streets of the City at desirable points. My friends names are Andrew R. Steven and Jas Taylor. both young men of discretion & integrity & I know that the privilege will not be abused.

I make this application to save troubling you personally, but if you would like to have a personal interview with my two friends I will be glad to bring them to your Office at any time you may be pleased to mention.

Trusting this matter will receive your favorable Consideration.

Remain Sir
Yours respectfully.
John S. Moore

BOARD OF TRADE
OF
THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON,
NEW YORK.

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Mount Vernon, N. Y., April 22, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The committee in charge of the details of the second annual banquet of the Board of Trade of the City of Mount Vernon, to be held Thursday evening, May 9th, feel highly honored at your acceptance, subject to health and other engagements, to attend as a distinguished guest and speaker.

You will perhaps be glad to be advised that speeches are to be limited to fifteen minutes duration.

The committee will greatly appreciate being informed by you as to the topic you will speak upon. Trusting that nothing will prevent your attendance and enjoying fully the pleasures of the occasion, I am sir,

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. L. Strong

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The New York Employment Society.

Incorporated June, 1894.

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The object of the Society shall be to procure work for the deserving unemployed without expense to employer or employee, and generally to carry on lines of work designed to better the condition of the laboring classes.

OFFICE OF BUREAU: 25 CLINTON PLACE.
TELEPHONE 1399 Q.

New York, April 22, 1895

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter conveying the Mayor's message regarding the New York Employment Society, and the information that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has divided the Excise money for this year.

May I trouble you to tell me when the meeting is held at which that division is made, I had the impression that the Board after its Annual Division of the money sometimes took supplemental action, *I would like at the proper time to* ~~that I may~~ present a formal application.

Very truly,

John B. Devins

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130 Bowery.

Principles of the New Free Labor Exchange.

THE NEW YORK EMPLOYMENT SOCIETY has been incorporated, with a humane spirit as its basis, and business principles behind it, and an office opened at 25 Clinton Place, near Broadway. In the Board of Directors of the new Labor Exchange are Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen, a Hebrew, a bank president, three lawyers and two or three business men. The books are open to all applicants who can furnish proper references, and several thousand names are registered. To make the movement a success, co-operation on the part of churches, societies and individuals desiring to help worthy men preserve their manhood and support their families will be necessary. Members are entitled to send all applicants for labor to this office. Other things being equal, preference will be given to the applicants coming with tickets from members of the Society. Employers of labor will help materially in the work by using the advantages of the office, with its thorough system of investigation.

The tramp, who is not anxious to work, the rescued man willing to work, the ex-convict, trying to live down his record, the professional applicant, who uses his introduction as a means of securing money, the workman who holds sixteen references

obtained in the last five years, and the foreigner, who has the advantages of the immigrant employment bureau—these classes are provided for already. But there are many men idle due to illness, or a change of firms, or dulness in certain lines of trades, and others who are willing to work, but spend days looking for a vacancy, till their clothes are frayed and their hearts sick, and still others who have first-class references, and need merely a word of introduction from some one who has taken the trouble to verify the references, and has made the inquiries in a friendly manner. Scores of men have been placed in good positions during the last few weeks, a larger number have secured temporary employment, and hundreds more, whose references have been found satisfactory, stand ready to accept any reasonable salary.

Employers of labor have shown that they are glad to have an office where they may secure employees with the assurance that the men will be efficient in business, and entirely worthy of confidence. The result has proved that a Free Labor Exchange is needed in this city which shall relieve churches, benevolent societies and individuals of all applicants for labor, make thorough inquiries into the business ability and moral character of every person registering his name, and secure positions for those whose records will stand the fullest investigations.

To two features of our work we call special attention and invite hearty co-operation :

1. The officers of the Society are extremely anxious to secure out-of-town employment for a large number of men who are willing to leave the city. A fund for sending capable workmen with their families to the country has been started. More than forty workmen have already secured positions in the country through the efforts of the Society. We desire especially to develop this branch of our work.

2. Realizing the present stress that many people are under to find suitable work which warrants giving wages to the poor men in whom they are interested, we present this temporary plan of co-operation. Any church, society or individual wishing to assist a worthy resident of the city will receive in return for checks, tickets entitling the bearer to work, at one dollar a day, under the superintendence of the Society. All of the money thus contributed will be paid out directly in wages, to the worthy unemployed.

These tickets may be given out at the discretion of the donor, with the following exceptions : No tickets should be given except after careful investigation ; nor should tickets be given to homeless men, nor to men without families dependent upon them ; nor, in general, to men chronically needing aid. The men thus employed may become applicants for permanent positions when the usual investigation will be made. While receiving this temporary relief, which they earn, under our system they frequently secure regular work.

Correspondence relative to the general work of the Society, or these special features upon which emphasis is laid, the establishment of new bureaus in this city or in the country, the raising of permanent funds, etc., should be sent to the president, at 339 East Fourth St., or the secretary, at No. 1 Broadway. Checks should be drawn to the order of the treasurer, Mr. John P. Townsend, president of the Bowery Savings Bank, 130 Bowery. Applicants for labor and employers desiring workmen should apply at the office, No. 25 Clinton Place.

The Finance Committee desires to secure ten persons who will give \$100 annually, for three years, to see the work established ; twenty who will give \$50 each ; forty who will give \$25 each ; one hundred who will give \$10 each, and two hundred who will give \$5 each on the same condition. Several subscribers in each class, who become members by their contributions, have already been found, but more are needed to perfect the plan. Cards are issued to members which may be given to deserving men applying for work.

MR. CHARLES D. KELLOGG, General Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, says : " I am very glad you have started the New York Employment Society and have so many excellent associates. Of course this Society will want to co-operate with you so far as practicable. . . . I can see no objection to your stating in your proposed circular to the churches and societies that you will have the co-operation of the Charity Organization Society in consulting its records and its help in making investigations."

The pastor of a prominent church in this city offers to make a liberal contribution to the funds of the Society for the privilege of sending all men applying for work, and says that he will print on his weekly calendar the statement that applicants are thus referred. Other churches are invited to co-operate in this manner.

A number of employers have consented to send to the office of the Society whenever a vacancy occurs in their force of employees, and already a large number of men have been placed in permanent positions, without further solicitation. Similar co-operation is respectfully invited.

D— B— came to the office stating that on January 23d, 1894, his wife became insane from want of food, and that she died two weeks later in the Charity Hospital. One child four months old and another two years old were placed in an asylum after her death. At first it was thought that the man was simply making an effective plea for

work, but after a thorough investigation the story was found to be absolutely true. As soon as the inquiry was completed employment was secured for him without delay.

P— P— came to the office saying that he had been out of employment for a year. He was sent by the Charity Organization Society. Investigation showed that he had been in the Army and had been honorably discharged, owing to an injury which he had received in the service. All that he had to depend on for a living was a Government pension of \$2 a month, and he was almost destitute. The day after his investigation was finished, a permanent position was secured for him as a driver.

J— F— is an electrician by trade, but the hard times made it impossible for him to get anything in the last eight months when he was laid off by the firm for which he had worked for four years. His last employer recommended him highly as to character; his habits seemed to be very good. It was a great relief to the man and his wife when the Society secured a position for them on a gentleman's place in Westchester County.

One of the men for whom we secured a position writes: "Having tried in various parts of the city for a long time to find employment, but without success, my attention was called to your Society through an article in one of the daily papers. I therefore applied to it and at once procured a situation, for which I feel exceedingly thankful."

"Say not, 'It matters not to me,
My brother's weal is *his* behoof.'
For in this wondrous human web,
If your life's warp, his life is woof."

"Woven together are the threads;
And you and he are in one loom,
For good or ill, for glad or sad,
Your lives must share one common doom."

Office of Bureau: 25 CLINTON PLACE, New York.

TELEPHONE 1399 Q