

# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York,

July 1st, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner

(Dictated)

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I trust that my every action since you made me a Commissioner has shown that I appreciated your trust in me, and that I have tried to prove myself worthy of your confidence and regard. You cannot know, however, how deeply I appreciate the fact that the studied attempts of political enemies and dismissed employees to prejudice you against me, have failed in their purpose, and have failed because you were just.

I want to thank you, too, for your letter in my behalf, to the President. Whatever may be his decision in regard to the Collectorship, I am prepared to say that I accept it as what he believes to be best for our Party's interests, and that, with all true Republicans, is the end most to be desired. I fully and firmly believe that you and the element in the Party represented by yourself, Mr. Brookfield, General McCook, and other men of broad, unselfish Republicanism, will lead the way

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to victory, in the first election in our Greater City. Believing this, and hoping for this, I am prepared to be content.

It only remains for me to say that I trust my lifelong gratitude, and sincere devotion to your interests will prove me to be, always,

Yours faithfully,

Robert J. Wright



# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York,

July 3d, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, and Chairman,

Board of City Record.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of June 29th, in regard to superfluous supplies of Stationery, Blank Books, etc., I beg to say that all Books ordered have been used for Department purposes.

All cuttings, Pads, &c. are made at the Department Printing Bureau, at the Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island.

Very respectfully,

*Robert J. Wright*

Commissioner.



New York, July 7, 1897.

Hon. Commissioners of Accounts,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

An examination of the books and accounts of George E. Stewart, property clerk of the Department of Charities, and of those bureaus in that department having dealings with him as the custodian of money and properties, discloses the fact that he has failed to account for the sum of \$4573.29, received from the following sources:

Storekeeper Blackwells Island, from sales of old material	1657.99
Purchasing Agent, from deposits on sales of old material	1101.40
Superintendent Bellevue Hospital, for board alien patients	552.50
Superintendent of Docks, for sale of ferry tickets	247.40
Commissioner Faure, cash belonging to insane patients in Commissioner Faure's hands as trustee of fund turned over to him by the late Secretary Britton to reim- burse the City for his embezzlement of same property	800.00
Superintendents various institutions, cash taken from packages containing properties belonging to inmates	214.00

The above mentioned total may be increased after an examination is made of the packages belonging to inmates of various institutions which were examined by this office to determine the late Secretary Britton's shortage. This will take about two months.

Respectfully submitted,

Examiner.



**Statement of Receipts from Auction Sales Storekeeper**  
**Blackwells Island, turned over to George E. Stewart, Property Clerk**  
**Department of Charities.**

1896

Apl. 10	Received from A.J. Dickerson, Storekeeper B. I.	365.92
May 26	" John T. Eagan	100.72
Jun. 30	" "	90.08
Aug. 24	" "	115.57
?	" "	750.40
Nov. 12	" "	1173.67

1897

Mar. 9	" "	303.83
May 13	" "	784.16
Jun. 7	" "	324.59
		<u>\$4008.94</u>

1896

May 4	Deposited with City Chamberlain	19.90
" 11	" " (Error May 2)	.04
Jun. 1	" "	607.64
" 15	" "	753.10
Aug. 31	" "	60.09
Nov. 16	" "	<u>910.18</u>
		<u>2350.95</u>
	Balance not accounted for	<u>\$1657.99</u>



Deposits on sale of old material turned over in cash to  
George E. Stewart and not accounted for by him.

April 2, 1896.	263.00
May 28, 1896	226.00
September 29, 1896	132.00
February 16, 1897	235.40
February 17, 1897	105.00
June 1, 1897	<u>140.00</u>
	\$1101.40



BOARD ACCOUNT  
BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

	Rec'd.	Deposited with Chamberlain.	Not accounted for
May 7, 1896,	198.50	May 11, 1896,	198.50
Jun 3 6, 1896	171.50	Nov. 16, 1896,	171.50
July 9, 1896,	127.00	Jul. 13, 1896,	127.00
Aug. 15, 1896,	153.00	Aug. 17, 1896,	153.00
Sept. 14, 1896,	72.00	Oct. 13, 1896,	72.00
Oct. 13, 1896,	29.00	Nov. 10, 1896,	29.00
Nov. 7, 1896,	93.50	Nov. 16, 1896,	93.50
Dec. 7, 1896,	120.50	Jan. 14, 1897,	120.50
Jan. 8, 1897,	105.00	Feb. 16, 1897,	105.00
Feb. 10, 1897,	193.00	Apl. 1, 1897,	193.00
Mch. 11, 1897,	170.00		170.00
Apl. 13, 1897	74.50		74.50
May 13, 1897,	163.00		163.00
June 1897,	<u>145.00</u>		<u>145.00</u>
	1815.50		1263.00
Balance not accounted for			\$552.50



Receipts from Sale of Ferry Tickets not accounted for by  
property clerk George E. Stewart.

Mar. 29, 1897,	4.50	Forward	106.80
" 30, 1897,	3.80	May 5, 1897,	3.60
" 31, 1897,	3.90	" 6, 1897,	2.50
Apl. 1, 1897,	2.70	" 7, 1897,	1.50
" 2, 1897,	2.40	" 8, 1897,	2.80
" 3, 1897,	4.40	" 10, 1897,	2.00
" 5, 1897,	2.80	" 11, 1897,	4.40
" 6, 1897,	3.70	" 12, 1897,	3.50
" 7, 1897,	3.50	" 13, 1897,	2.20
" 8, 1897,	2.70	" 14, 1897,	2.80
" 9, 1897,	2.10	" 15, 1897,	4.70
" 10, 1897,	2.40	" 17, 1897,	5.10
" 12, 1897,	4.10	" 18, 1897,	5.50
" 13, 1897,	2.90	" 19, 1897,	3.30
" 14, 1897,	4.60	" 20, 1897,	4.00
" 15, 1897,	3.00	" 21, 1897,	2.00
" 17, 1897,	5.20	" 22, 1897,	3.50
" 19, 1897,	8.70	" 24, 1897,	3.10
" 20, 1897,	3.80	" 25, 1897,	2.60
" 21, 1897,	2.80	" 26, 1897,	3.30
" 22, 1897,	3.20	" 27, 1897,	2.80
" 23, 1897,	3.20	" 28, 1897,	2.20
" 24, 1897,	1.60	" 29, 1897,	4.80
" 26, 1897,	3.80	June 1, 1897,	4.40
" 28, 1897,	3.80	" 2, 1897,	2.60
" 29, 1897,	2.30	" 3, 1897,	2.80
" 30, 1897,	3.10	" 4, 1897,	3.90
May 1, 1897,	3.60	" 5, 1897,	2.90
" 3, 1897,	5.40	" 7, 1897,	5.40
" 4, 1897,	2.80	" 8, 1897,	3.90
	<u>106.80</u>		<u>204.90</u>



Forward	204.90
June 9, 1897,	1.40
" 10, 1897,	2.40
" 11, 1897,	2.70
" 12, 1897,	6.50
" 14, 1897,	9.80
" 15, 1897,	3.50
" 16, 1897,	4.30
" 17, 1897,	4.10
" 18, 1897,	2.10
" 19, 1897,	<u>5.70</u>
	\$247.40



# FERRY ACCOUNT.

April 13, 1896, to June 19, 1897, George E. Stewart's term of office

	Rec'd.	Deposited with Chamberlain.	Not accounted for
Apl. 13-18, 1896,	36.80	Apl. 20, 1896,	36.80
Apl. 20-25, 1896,	45.30	Apl. 27, 1896,	45.30
Apl. 27-May 2, 1896,	55.60	May 4, 1896,	55.60
May 4-9, 1896,	51.24	May 11, 1896,	51.24
May 11-16, 1896,	41.00	May 18, 1896,	41.00
May 18-20, 1896,	38.90	May 25, 1896,	38.90
May 25-29, 1896,	20.20	June 1, 1896,	20.20
June 1-6, 1896,	60.70	June 8, 1896,	60.70
June 8-12, 1896,	35.90	June 15, 1896,	35.90
June 15-20, 1896,	49.60	June 22, 1896,	49.60
June 22-July 3, 1896,	77.80	July 6, 1896,	77.80
July 6-11, 1896,	66.20	July 13, 1896,	66.20
July 13-Aug. 1, 1896,	163.60	Aug. 3, 1896,	163.60
Aug. 3-15, 1896,	54.10	Aug. 17, 1896,	54.10
Aug. 17-29, 1896,	60.20	Aug. 31, 1896,	60.20
Aug. 31+Sept. 12, 1896,	60.00	Sept. 14, 1896,	60.00
Sept. 14-26, 1896,	55.00	Sept. 28, 1896,	55.00
Sept. 28-Oct. 10, 1896,	48.10	Oct. 13, 1896,	48.10
Oct. 12-24, 1896,	46.30	Oct. 26, 1896,	46.30
Oct. 26-Nov. 7, 1896,	43.60	Nov. 10, 1896,	43.60
Nov. 9-Dec. 31, 1896,	159.80	Jan. 4, 1897,	159.80
Jan. 4-Feb. 13, 1897,	146.80	Feb. 16, 1897,	146.80
Feb. 15-Mar. 27, 1897,	158.70	Apl. 1, 1897,	158.70
Mar. 29-June 19, 1897,			247.40



Moneys paid George E. Stewart, in checks to his order,  
by Commissioner Faure, trustee of the fund turned over by late  
Secretary Britton on account of his shortage in cash taken from  
packages belonging to insane patients.

Sarah Dolan	Admitted July 7, 1893,	90.00
Eliza Deegan	" July 30, 1892,	150.00
Mary Collins	" Sep. 29, 1892,	80.00
Mary Tiedermann	" Jan. 26, 1895,	75.00
Ely Miner	" Jan. 4, 1871,	30.00
Sammeon Pataska	" Feb. 18, 1890,	205.00
Peter Conaghan	" Dec. 24, 1889,	170.00
		<u>\$800.00</u>



Property delivered to George E. Stewart, Property Clerk  
Department of Charities, found to be abstracted from packages (upon  
examination) subsequent to his taking charge of this bureau April  
18, 1896.

1896.

Apl. 18	James Reilly	Metropolitan Hospital	19.00
Nov. 6	Frank Sellar	" "	40.00
Dec. 9	Paolo Mondoni	Bellevue	12.00
"	Daniel McDonald	" "	9.00

1897.

Feb. 11	Jacob Rubricht	Metropolitan	"	19.00
Apl. 1	Fredericka Schmidt	City	"	7.00
"	Ann Morgan	"	"	5.00
May 13	Thos. Archer	Bellevue	"	10.00
" "	Jno. H. Tingley	"	"	5.00
" "	Unknown Woman	"	"	40.00

1898.

Oct.	Patiener Brassell	Alms House	38.00
"	Eliza Johnson	" "	6.00
Jul. 1	Mary Keeley	Charity Hospital	4.00
			<u>\$214.00</u>





WALTER STANTON, *President*.  
 LLOYD I. SEAMAN, *1st Vice-President*. WILLIAM F. KING, *2d Vice-President*.  
 JOHN P. FAURE, *Secretary*. HENRY MARQUAND, *Treasurer*.

# ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

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THE FLOATING HOSPITAL,  
 NEW YORK HARBOR.

TELEPHONE CALL,  
 2034 - 18<sup>TH</sup>

THE SEASIDE HOSPITAL,  
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THE CHILDREN'S CITY HOSPITAL,  
 155 AND 157 WEST 61<sup>ST</sup> ST.  
 SPECIAL RELIEF IN NURSING FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES.  
 OFFICE, NO. 1 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK.  
 DUFF G. MAYNARD, GENERAL AGENT.

July 6th., 1897.

Hon. John P. Faure, Secretary,  
 St. John's Guild.

Dear Sir:-

I venture to ask, through you, the Board of Trustees, to give me the names and addresses of as many of their friends who are at watering places as possible, in order that I may write them, using the Trustee's name as reference, with regard to placing the illustrated appeal, now in process of publication, in the various summer resorts. I think that perhaps a great deal of good will be accomplished by writing to the personal friends of members of the Board, asking them to interest themselves in placing these appeals, as well as writing to the friends of the Guild as an organization.

Thanking you for any assistance you can give me in this direction, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) Duff G. Maynard,  
 General Agent.



COP Y.)

Bellevue Hospital. Superintendent's Office.

New York, July 9, 1897.

Hon. S. C. Croft,

Pres. Depta Pub. Char.

Sir:-

Regarding the communication of Hon. John Jeroleman, Acting Mayor in reference to the transfer wagon used for taking patients from this Hospital to 26th Street Dock, I desire to state that this wagon was condemned some time ago and was only in use on the day that the Acting Mayor saw it, while another wagon was being equipped for the purpose. It is now out of use and has been sent to the Island as condemned.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos. F. Murphy,

Superintendent.





*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

*Department of*  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

July 12, 1897.

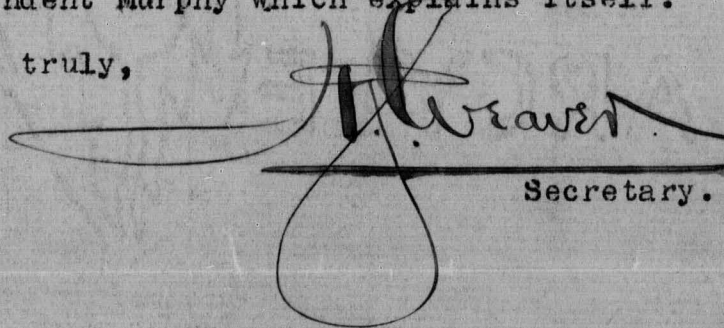
Hon. John Jeroleman,

Acting Mayor, New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. regarding condition of the wagon used for transferring insane at Bellevue, and in reply I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter from Superintendent Murphy which explains itself.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary.

(Enc.)



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

## PURCHASING AGENT'S OFFICE,

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

SILAS C. CROFT, President,

JOHN P. FAURE, JAS. R. O'BEIRNE.

GEORGE W. WANMAKER,  
Purchasing Agent.

66 THIRD AVENUE,

New York, July 31st, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Nearly two years ago, without solicitation on my part, you kindly secured my appointment to the position of Purchasing Agent in the then Department of Charities & Correction. Upon assuming the duties of the office I was astounded at the magnitude of the work to be performed and the importance of the office. Since that time I have tried to perform the duties of the office honestly and conscientiously, and I believe my acts have met with commendation by my superiors the Commissioners.

I am now about tendering my resignation to this important post having been honored by the President of the United States by an appointment as Asst. Appraiser of the Port of New York.

I desire to say that I have always felt very grateful to you for the kind consideration shown to me, and will ever be ready to show my appreciation in the future should an opportunity present itself.

I will withhold presenting my resignation to the Commissioners of Charities until such time as you may express to me your wishes in the matter. Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Geo W. Wanmaker



Copy.

New York, August 3, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President.

Dear Sir:-

The comments of certain New York papers, on what they are pleased to call the "starvation of infants on Randall's Island", has prompted me to send you the accompanying information to the death rate at this hospital.

The death rate is nothing like that which has been stated in the papers. The rate given by the papers refers to bottle-fed foundlings under six months of age, and seems to be intended to excite critics and philanthropists as the death rate of all the infants of all ages admitted to this Hospital. A newspaper writer has stated that nine die out of every ten admitted. The actual deathrate of 88%, for infants under 6 months of age, is what might be expected. These children are often received in a dying condition, and die frequently within a day after their arrival. Other hospitals send them here to diminish their own death rate, and so make of this Institution a sort of anti mortem Morgue for their infant patients, until it is hardly an exaggeration to state that one function of this Hospital, in the matter of children specifically under six months of age has been to provide a death and burial place; hence bringing upon this Hospital an odium for a death rate, no way warranted. Many here, are the children of the lowest; most vicious; criminal and radically diseased parents. Their parents having no love for them, have promoted their death by every means. In this class of newly born, the death rate may never be lowered. It must be obvious however, that since the death rate of children, including those



reared under the most favorable circumstances that wealth can control, is very nearly 50 per cent, why should it cause wonder that new born, abandoned children, whose death is sought by criminal parents by every means that will evade the law, should equal 88 per cent under conditions I have detailed. It is therefore unfair to cite this this class (children under 6 months) as any test of the charitable work of this institution.

But regarding the general death rate here, the tables enclosed will prove that it never was so low as now. For the first six months of this year it is the lowest in eight years, excepting only the year 1893, which was the same as this year. It is three per cent lower than the years 1896 and 1895, and six per cent lower than 1894. These figures apply to the total children under 2 years old within this hospital; and includes the unfortunates under six months whose mortality so aggravates the mortality of the whole.

It is well known to all sanitarians, that 32 per cent for children is a very low death rate. The death rate for children under five years old as given by the Honorable Mr. Straus, for New York City for the three years 1890, 1891 and 1892 (this means all children sick and well) is exactly the rate for this Hospital this year.

Our rate, kindly remember, is for sick children only and these under two years of age, including bottle-fed foundlings under 6 months of age.

In conclusion, and I mention this at the risk of repeating what you know, there are under my care on this Island 700 children. Inasmuch as the newspaper imputations are concentrated against the class under the age of 6 months, I desire to say we have of these but 51 out of a total of 203 under two years of age.



In European Hospitals for Foundlings, those under six months of age nearly all die. With us, 88 per cent are lost by death. This would mean that out of 50 children, 44 would die.

Now when we remember, as I have said above, that those unfortunate are, in every case, repudiated, wither for the crimes, the poverty, this disease of the parents, and in many cases for the diseases of the child itself, the infants coming here commonly in a moribund condition sent here to die, I beg to add, that since our death rate is no worse, but even better, than that of similar great European Hospitals, we should not be condemned but rather congratulated upon the results.

The mortality or death rate among all the children here (including those under six months of age) up to the time they are discharged from this Institution is only 32 per cent. for the six months of 1897, which are fatal months for Cholera Infantum, Diphtheria, Measles, and other contagious disease, developed by the winter. The death rate however for the year 1896 was 39 per cent. or 7 per cent. greater than half of this year. The mortality of children of similar ages in the Hospital at Naples is over 99 per cent. according to the "London Lancet."

Regarding the allegation that the food is inadequate or unwholesome, an investigation would easily disprove that charge.

Since this Hospital was built the population of the city has more than doubled; consequently the number of patients here have also doubled. This means that the patients have now only half the air space in the Hospital that was originally intended. This is a powerful factor against their recovery.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) E. Kershner,

Medical Chief of Staff.



Janet."

The Hospital at Naples is over 33 per cent, according to the London  
 Sanitary Commission. The mortality of children of similar ages in  
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Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

August 4th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

I send you a copy of report from Dr. Kershner, Medical Chief of Staff, Randall's Island, which I think will be of interest to you and of service for the tables which you advised us yesterday you were preparing.

Yours very truly,

President.

(Enclosure.)



# INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

Table showing number of infants treated and number of mothers in the Infants' Hospital, Randall's Island; also the percentage of mortality and the air space for each person for the first six months of every year from 1891 to 1897 inclusive.

Year	Number of infants treated.	Percentage of Mortality.	Number of Mothers.	Air space.
				Cubic feet
1891	276	18.67%	86	668
1892	241	19.01	68	783
1893	253	16.50	89	707
1894	235	22.14	82	763
1895	231	19.28	77	785
1896	222	19.87	87	783
1897	297	16.98%	109	596

N. B. Please note the large decrease in percentage of mortality for 97 notwithstanding the increase in number of infants treated and the very considerable decrease in the cubic feet of air space.



INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

Table showing the rate of Mortality for the first six months of every year from 1891 to 1897 inclusive.

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
January	9.73	12.96	13.36	29.83	13.55	26.89	15.63
February	11.03	13.30	16.32	16.66	21.64	17.68	10.74
March	16.33	22.65	15.77	25.89	21.09	18.66	29.73
April	24.60	21.06	16.40	21.11	22.93	19.59	22.44
May	26.66	15.80	16.10	16.19	15.38	22.37	11.42
June	23.70	28.34	21.09	23.20	21.13	14.06	11.96
Average	18.67	19.01	16.50	22.14	19.28	19.87	16.98%

N. B.

Particular attention is called to the high rate of '94, '95 and '96 and the considerable decrease in the rate for 1897.

Attention is also called to the fact that the years of the lowest mortality are those which were under the control of a Medical Officer.



# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York,

August 7th, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

(COPY).

Hon. R. J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report of the condition of the Institutions of your Department, for the week ending this day:--  
I feel sure that you will be pleased with its contents.

City Prison: The high standard set by Warden O'Shea, when he assumed control of this Prison, has been fully maintained this week. I carefully inspected it, on my several visits, and found the tiers, cells, dormitories, &c., clean and in good condition. The Keepers seem to vie with each other as to who shall keep their respective tiers in the best condition. There is some complaint about the number of Roaches in the New Prison, but as Borax has been ordered, they will, undoubtedly, soon be exterminated.

Second District Prison: I am pleased to be able to report great improvement here, this week. I made two visits, and with one trifling exception, I found it in most



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excellent shape. It looks once more as it formerly did.

Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth District Prisons were all found to be in very satisfactory condition. The Cells of the Fifth District Prison were being whitewashed, which caused some disarrangement in its otherwise good and neat appearance.

**Penitentiary:** This Prison was, as I have always found it, satisfactory everywhere. No prison could be kept in better condition. The ceilings of the Male Keepers' Mess Hall & Kitchen have been kalsomined, which has much improved their appearance.

**Work House:** Many of the soiled cots in the Male Department, about which I complained in my report two weeks ago, have been removed, and clean substituted, and others are being changed as rapidly as possible. I presume when I go there this week, I will find all of them as I desire. The Mess Hall of the Female Department has been nicely painted and kalsomined, and presents a much improved appearance. Prepara-



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148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York,



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

tions were being made last Tuesday, to paint the Main Hall in this Department, which badly needs it, and to which I have so frequently called attention.

The room used for surgical operations, in this Department, also needs painting and kalsomining very much.

Nowhere in the Department did I hear any complaint of any kind. The Meats, &c., were reported as being fully up to your contracts.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Geo. H. Davis,

Inspector, &c.





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jos. R. O'Brien,*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

August 10th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Advisory Board of the New York City Training School has presented your name for appointment as one of their number to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Rosalie Butler. This Board honors itself in confirming this nomination, and beg herewith to advise you of your appointment.

Yours truly,

*S. C. Croft*

President.

*Cross 17*  
*over*



# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York, August 10th, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

It gives me great pleasure to say that the Steamer "W. L. Strong" is awaiting your orders, and on any day when you think you would enjoy a trip, I will be most happy to place it at your service.

I enclose Mr. Davis' report for last week, which may possibly be of some interest.

Yours very truly,

Robert J. Wright





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. C. Beirne, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Aug. 14th, 1897.

Hon Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the fact that the Dock at the foot of 26th St. and East River is now used jointly with the Correction Department, this Board deems it proper at this time to call your attention to the following:-

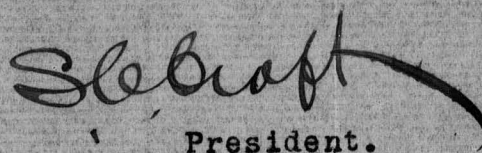
With the completion of the Shed and Office Building on this Dock, for which bids have been accepted, the management of the Central Office together with the very large business of the Out Door Poor Department will remove thereto, and with the transfer of the Storehouse from Blackwell's Island to this pier, there will be concentrated such a large volume of business as would seem to preclude further joint use of this pier without overcrowding and confusion. Further than this, it would bring the sick, unfortunate and worthy poor constantly in degrading contact with the criminal, vicious and depraved; and as the separation of the two Departments was brought about through a public demand that this co-mingling should cease; and for the proper regard for the



existing law and respect for the sentiment it represents, it would seem that the separation should be absolute.

We have deemed it best to call your attention to the suggestion in order that you might, if you thought best, confer with the Correction Commissioner, and if your views coincide with ours, give ample time for the Correction Department to make arrangements for a separate pier.

Yours very truly,

  
President.





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*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
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*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Aug. 24th, 1897.

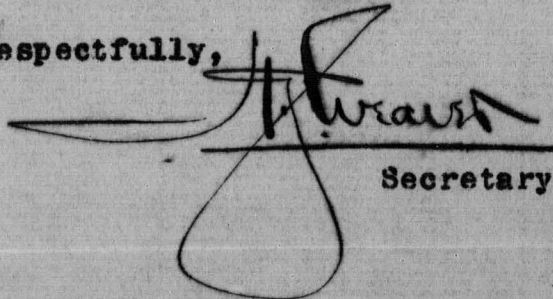
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a portion of the report made by the Inspectors of the Health Department as to the condition of our Randall's Island cows and milk..

Yours respectfully,

  
Secretary.

(Enc.)



Material of which stable is built - wood.

Size - 44.4 x 20.4 x 12. \_\_\_\_ 40.8 x 18.9 x 9.4

Ventilation - Fairly good, windows are all on one side in rear of cows.

Cubic feet of air per cow - 1470

Drainage - No provision for drainage except holes in floor allowing all liquids to run on ground.

Disposal of Manure - removed from stable daily and used on premises.

Number of cows - 10 - 1 heifer and 1 Bull.

Care of cows - Are well cared for kept in pasture and plentifully supplied with water; stable is old and in bad repair, and is kept as clean as circumstances will permit.

Food - Grass, hay, Bran, and stale bread.

Storage of food - in feed room.

Breed of cows - native.

Water supply - Croton.

Water used for washing utensils - croton.

Care of utensils - 3washed in heated croton water.

Disposal of milk - used in Infants' Hospital, and all pasturized before using.

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# The Cows.

Number of cows.	Age.	Time of last calving,	Quarts of Milk per day.	Condition of Cow.
1788	9	March 1897	13	Good.
1789	7	Feb. "	15	"
1790	8	" "	4	"
1791	6	" "	17	"
1792	10	March "	13	"
1793	11	" "	14	"
1794	5	Feb. "	18	"
1795	6	" "	10	"
1796	12	March "	11	"
1797	10	Dec. 1896.	13	"
1798	8 mos.			"
Bull.	18 months			"
			Total	118.





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*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept. 10th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

For your information I beg to enclose report of the Examiner in charge of the Bureau of Dependent Children, from March 1896 to July 1st, '97, and think you will agree with me that it is a very remarkable showing for this Bureau.

Very respectfully yours,

President.

(Enclosure.)





Frederick E. Bauer,  
Superintendent.

Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
Out Door Poor Department,

66 Third Avenue,

New York, Sept. 10, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President, Dept. Public Charities.

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable to your request I have the honor to submit to you the investigations conducted by this Department through the Examiners of Dependent Children, from the time this Bureau was opened, March 10, 1896, up to December 31, 1896, inclusive. I trust it is what you require.

Total Number of Investigations for the nine months  
ending December 31, 1896.....14,053

Children in Institutions, Approved.....5,094  
Disapproved.....5,224  
Total.....10,318

Children in Hospitals, Approved..... 457  
Disapproved..... 545  
Total..... 1,002

Maternity Cases, Approved..... 874  
Disapproved..... 810  
Total..... 1,684

Adults in Hospitals, Approved..... 182  
Disapproved..... 186  
Total..... 368

Mothers with Babies in Institutions,  
Approved.....122  
Disapproved..... 204  
Total..... 326

Homeless and Fallen Women, Approved..... 159  
Disapproved..... 196  
Total..... 355

TOTAL.....14,053





Frederick E. Bauer,  
*William B. P. L.*  
Superintendent.

Department of  
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*New York,*

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The reasons for disapproving of the above cases are as follows

CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS.

Non-residents.....	58	
Emigrants.....	2	
Able to pay.....	900	
Not Proper Charges.....	944	
Unknown.....	3,320	
Total.....	5,224	at
\$104.00 per year.....		\$543,296.00

CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS.

Non-residents.....	35	
Able to pay.....	59	
Unknown.....	321	
Not Proper Charges.....	130	
Total.....	545	at
\$3.00 per week.....		1,635.00

MATERNITY CASES.

Non-residents.....	86	
Emigrants.....	10	
Able to pay.....	109	
Unknown.....	461	
Not Proper Charges.....	144	
Total.....	810	at
\$25.00 each for treatment.....		20,250.00

ADULTS IN HOSPITALS.

Non-residents.....	24	
Able to pay.....	14	
Unknown.....	105	
Not Proper Charges.....	43	
Total.....	186	at
\$7.00 per week.....		1,302.00

MOTHERS WITH BABIES IN INSTITUTIONS.

Non-residents.....	12	
Emigrant.....	1	
Able to pay.....	6	
Unknown.....	144	
Not Proper Charges.....	41	
Total.....	204	at
\$360. per year.....		73,440.00





Frederick E. Bauer,  
*Superintendent.*

Department of  
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HOMELESS AND FALLEN WOMEN.

Non-residents.....	9	
Emigrants.....	1	
Unknown.....	163	
Not Proper Charges.....	23	
Total.....	196	at
\$78.00 per year.....		\$ 15,288.00

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FINAL TOTAL.....\$655,211.00

This is the amount saved the taxpayers of this City by our investigations for the first nine months, ending December 31, 1896, and added to this amount, there has been saved for the first six months of 1897, \$581,284.00, making a grand total of \$1,236,495.00.

Very respectfully,

*Katherine F. Hall*  
Examiner in Charge.



Catholic Boys' Association,

312 West 16th. Street.

Report of the House Committee of the  
Catholic Boys' Association.

During the past Summer months, when schools and similar institutions have been closed, and active work in many of the charitable organizations of this great city has been suspended, an unpretentious little club house in West 16th. Street, has had its doors wide open every evening, bidding welcome to the much neglected "Street Boy".

Yes, we are glad to say that we have been able so to arrange as to make it possible to keep our club rooms open during the heated term, when, after all, boys on the streets of our great metropolis are subjected to as many temptations as at other seasons.

In our last report we gave an account of the beginning of the "Catholic Boys' Association"; and how one year ago today (September 12th. 1896), we opened our first club room, small it is true, and with a rather crude gymnasium as its principal figure, but nevertheless very attractive to the boys, as evinced by the large numbers which gathered there every evening. Our progress since then, though not rapid, has been steady and very encouraging. At the last General Meeting of the Association a very complete constitution, prepared by a special committee, was adopted; thus definitely mapping out our course towards the successful management of the present boys' club, and the establishment of others throughout the City.

It is now our intention to briefly review what has been done since May last, and we hope that many may feel encouraged to take up this work of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul - a work of Catholic Charity.



IN ADDITION <sup>to the</sup> ~~to the~~ gymnasium we have a library of over four hundred books, all of which have been donated; a room, where games such as checkers, crokinole etc. are played, and prove to be a cause of great amusement; a loft, for drill, the practice of a Fife and Drum Corps, and where the boys can indulge in tumbling. We have also provided a Room for the holding of classes. Previous to the hot weather, classes in Catechism and Book-keeping, and also a debating class have been founded. We <sup>feel</sup> ~~feel~~ that a salutary impression has been made upon the scholars, and hope soon to resume our labors in this line, and to receive hearty support from the boys. We realize that any boy, who is willing to make some little sacrifice, to educate himself stands a great chance to make for himself <sup>himself</sup> in this large city of ours a position both lucrative, respectable and an honor to his citizenship. We have endeavored to provide special entertainments with the view of offering at intervals some attractions, so that the interest of the boys in their club might not, be allowed to slacken. For this purpose we have used the Drill-room, provided for on these occasions with movable benches, (a donation of a member of the Association). A Stereopticon Lecture exhibition was given by Rev. Father Dougherty of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin on May 20th. last. The lecture was both instructive and amusing, and listened to with deep attention. On another occasion some ladies and gentlemen kindly helped to make a pleasant evening for our boys by piano playing, singing and recitals. If one could judge from the noise and hearty applause of the two hundred and fifteen boys present, he would have concluded that the boys had had a very enjoyable time. We are glad to say that the members of the Nativity Conference have kindly promised to provide in future an entertainment every month.



We were very happy to receive this offer, not only on the boys' account but also as it shows that our cause is spreading among the different Conferences of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

In order to encourage good behaviour among the boys, and a just pride in the maintenance of their club rooms, we have instituted a monthly auction sale. For this purpose tickets are distributed every evening to those boys who have not misbehaved. At the end of the month a number of articles are procured, which are then sold at auction, the tickets distributed during the month being received in payment. These auctions are very exciting and even rival the pandemonium of the Stock Exchange.

For the purpose of inculcating in these poor boys the spirit of economy and saving, we have established a station of the Penny Provident Fund. This enables the boy to deposit any amount, however small, as in a Savings Bank. So far the pennies saved by the boys and deposited amount to over thirty-six dollars (\$36.00).

In the line of amusements our greatest success has undoubtedly been in the summer outings we have been enabled to give the boys through the kindness of members and friends of the Association. In June last twelve boys were taken by two of the members to Coney Island, where they enjoyed a ride in the Merry-go-round, a bath in the surf, a stroll on the beach, and a luncheon on the Iron Pier. Rev. Father Dougherty of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin very kindly offered to entertain our boys at Mount Loretta on Staten Island on Sundays of the Summer months. One hundred and sixty boys profited by the invitation, going in bands of from twenty-five to fifty on four different occasions. They were treated royally and they all returned greatly pleased. They had two bounteous meals, a bath in the bay, and a good game of ball on something more than a city Street.



Through the Charity Organization Society, one delicate boy spent two weeks on a farm at Florence, N.Y. He was with a Catholic family, and doubtless enjoyed every moment of his time, as could be judged from his enthusiastic letters home. During the month of August, eighteen boys spent a whole week at Morristown, New Jersey. One of the members of the Association was good enough to throw open his cottage to receive them. They were under the direct supervision of himself and family, and on their return were wild with joy at the manner in which they had been welcomed and the good time they had had.

The good done these boys both physically and morally by a stay in the country, under auspices so propitious, is incalculable. We are ~~gl~~ glad to say that our efforts have been rewarded by gratifying results. The conduct and deportment of the boys have greatly improved. The use of bad language, so common three months ago, has become a rare occurrence.

The attendance at the club during the last four months has been remarkably good:

Month	Total No. of Attendances	Daily Average.
<del>May</del> June	1920	76
June	1808	69
July	1965	75
August	2409	92

These figures show a Total Attendance for the four months of eight-thousand one hundred and two, making a daily average of seventy-eight.

We might state here that the attendance in the months of February and March were twenty-five hundred respectively, and in April thirteen hundred and forty-four, making a grand total of fourteen thousand eight-hundred and thirty-one, not including the large attendance for the five months in the old club rooms in West 13th. Street.

The total attendance for one year from September 12th. 1896 to Sept-



ember 12th. 1897 amounting to the encouraging number of twenty-seven thousand six-hundred and forty-five (27645).

We are grateful to our friends who have in any way seconded our efforts to achieve permanent success.

We thank General O'Beirne <sup>for</sup> the very interesting and instructive Lecture he delivered on June 6th . last. It was in every way a grand success. We are grateful to the Most Rev. Archbishop, and to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Farley, for having encouraged us by their presence, and we esteem it an encouragement to our work to have had the Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, as presiding officer of the evening.

Before concluding we wish to present the following letter, which we have received from the Rev. Father Tandy of Saint Jerome's Parish, New York City. It shows that our cause is growing, and we hope it may be an encouragement to others to take up the work.

" Saint Jeromes Rectory,

230 Alexander Avenue,

New York, July 29th. 1897

Mr. Thomas M. Mulry:-

Dear Sir:-

Herewith enclosed please find Check for thirty dollars (\$30.00) , amount received from two Sunday collect-ions for the "Boys' Catholic Club" in charge of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. Pardon me for not sending it earlier, but hope it will be of some little service, even at this late hour. The cause is a worthy one, and I heartily wish it every success, and pray the blessing of God upon it and those in charge of it.

Yours Sincerely

Rev. P. W. Tandy . "



This work of Boys Clubs is undoubtedly a great field of labor, and what we need more than anything else is real active work. We need men, who are willing to sacrifice some of their leisure time to lend their assistance in conducting these clubs.

At present the outlook is encouraging, but our success is yet to be permanently established.

Our principal need now is real active assistance, which can at all times be depended upon.

Respectfully Submitted

The House Committee.

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Catholic Boys' Association of the City of New York.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from August 27th. 1896 to  
September 15th. 1897.

Receipts.

Donations from Particular Council

Soc. St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 600.00
Subscriptions and donations from	
Associate members and others	854.93
Church Collections, St. Jerome's	
Parish, Rev. Fr. Tandy, Pastor	30.00
K. B. Robinson Musical	96.00
Boys' Initiation Fee, Club Buttons,	
and tickets (dupl.)	74.65
Building Fund	6.00

\$ 1461.58

Expenditures.

Rent	\$ 510.00
Furniture - Benches 116.54 - Stools 3.50 -	120.04
Carpentering Work	100.84
Gas for light and heat	36.20
Salary to Superintendant - 3 months	75.00
Pipe and Drum Corps Equipment	68.90
Gymnasium Equipment	15.98
Gas fixtures - pipes etc.	22.00
Plumbing	20.00
Club Buttons	43.50
Pipe and Drum Lessons	26.75
P. O. Printing and Postage	42.70
Printing circulars etc.	25.50
House Committee Appropriations	50.00
Cash Sundries - Incidental Expenses	43.97
Penny Provident Fund	10.00
Eng. Indust. Savings Bank - B'lding Fund	6.00
Cleaning	45.00
Repairs	7.10
Freight	7.25
Hardware	2.50

\$ 1329.23

Balance 132.35

\$ 1461.58

Edward H. Peugnet, Treas.  
(pro. tem.)



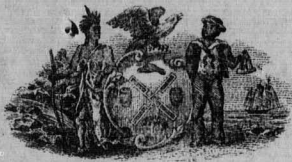
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Reception from

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Sept. 17, 1897.

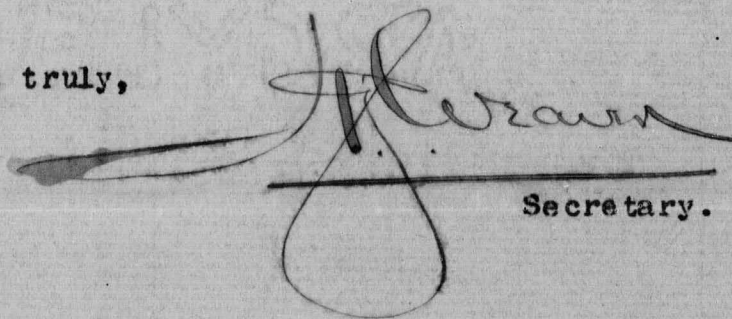
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I beg to acknowledge receipt of a letter from your Secretary dated the 9th inst. regarding the whereabouts of certain children inquired for by Mrs. Hopkins of Minnehaha, Minnesota, and I enclose herewith copy of a report from our Superintendent of Out Door Poor stating that he had located them at the Catholic Orphan Asylum.

I have written Mrs. Hopkins direct, giving her all the information we had in the matter.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary.

( Enclosure.)



COPY.

Out Door Poor.

Sept. 17, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President, Dept. of Public Charities.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to the annexed communication received from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a letter from Mrs. W. A. Hopkins, who resides at Minnehaha Park, Minnesota, regarding Mamie, Tessie, Sadie and Washington Gleason, I would say that after careful investigation I have located the three younger children in question at the Catholic Orphan Asylum, 51st St. & Fifth Ave. Mamie, the oldest child, is employed and is self-supporting. I have requested the above Institution to discharge Tessie, Sadie and Washington Gleason to my care that I may send them to their Aunt, Mrs. W. A. Hopkins. I have been in communication with Officer McQuade of the Third District Court, their uncle, with a view to having him furnish their transportation to Minnesota. He informs me that he will communicate with the Children's Aid Society with a view to getting reduced rate tickets.

The question of discharge, however, from the Catholic Orphan Asylum will not be acted upon until the last Wednesday in September when the matter will be laid before the Board of Managers of the said Institution, and I will let your Honorable Board know the result of their communication.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Frederick E. Bauer,

Supt .

P. S.--Kindly return enclosures.



## THE UNITED HEBREW CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, NO. 128 SECOND AVENUE.

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 I. S. ISAACS, SECRETARY.

TELEPHONE, 452 SPRING.

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 MISS LILLIE H. BOEDICKER, REGISTRAR.  
 CHARLES S. HIRSCH, SUPT EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

NEW YORK,

September 17th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
 Mayor,  
 City Hall, City;

Dear Sir:-

The Charity Organization Society has referred to us Mr. A. Hoffman of Chicago whom you sent to it for the purpose of obtaining assistance for Mrs. Leah Teitelbaum, 22 Monroe Street.

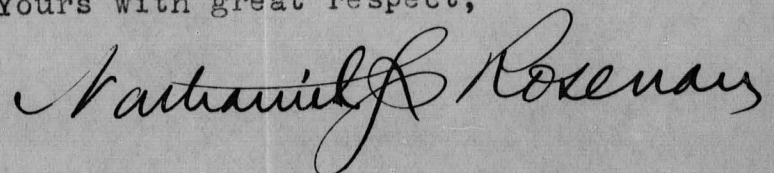
An investigation of the circumstances of Mrs. Teitelbaum discloses these facts: She is forty-five years of age, a nurse by occupation, and has eight children. Two of these are married, one is in Europe, and of the remaining five three are able to work and assist in the support of their mother.

Mr. Teitelbaum came to this country about twelve years ago with one daughter, who is now married, and four years later married a second time and left New York for Chicago. Immediately afterwards his original wife and the remainder of his children arrived from Europe. She apparently made no effort to live with her husband until three years afterwards when she applied to this Society for transportation to Chicago for herself and children which was granted. Shortly after she returned to New York.

Had she intended to punish her husband for his bigamy she should have accomplished that when we first sent her to the west. But it appears from the statement of Mr. Hoffman that her idea in going to Chicago is, if possible, to obtain money from the husband through the use or the threat of criminal proceedings and not for the purpose of punishing him.

What interest Mr. Hoffman has in the case is hard to determine. He gives an explanation which is decidedly unsatisfactory. But in any event it is not a case for charitable interference as the family is capable of self support and is in comparatively comfortable circumstances.

Yours with great respect,



Manager.





Frederick E. Bauer,

~~William T. B. B.~~  
Superintendent.

Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
Out Door Poor Department,

66 Third Avenue,

*New York,*

September 18, 1897

Hon. S. C. Croft,

President, Department of Public Charities,

66 Third Avenue, City.

Dear Sir:-

The delay in my acknowledgement of your letter of the 10th instant covering report to you of Catharine F. Hall, Examiner in charge of examination of cases of dependent children in New York County from March 10, 1896 to December 31, 1896, is due to my absence on an inspection tour in the central part of the State.

The results of the work of the examiners of your Department are astounding, and, provided that their work has been carefully prosecuted and has not resulted in hardship either to the institutions whose inmates are disapproved, or to the inmates disapproved themselves, must be not only a source of great pride to you, but will relieve the taxpayers of New York County.

The State Board of Charities whose rule requiring annual acceptance, by the officers charged with the relief of the poor in each of the counties of the State, of destitute children retained at public expense in private charitable institutions, has set in motion the machinery which has produced the marvelous results you show, has reasonable ground for self congratulation.

I shall present the report of your Examiner to the State Board at a meeting which it will hold on the 2nd Wednesday in October. Will it be possible for you prior to that date to send me the detailed statistics for the six months from January 1st to June 30th of this year?

May I inquire (a) Have the rulings of your Department been accepted in the institutions without objection, or on the contrary have they been generally contested? (b) What has been the





*Frederick E. Bauer,*

~~William R. Stewart~~  
Superintendent.

*Department of*  
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attitude of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children  
to this work?

Your reply to these queries will be considered confidential  
if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WILLIAM R. STEWART,

PRESIDENT.





*Frederick E. Bauer,*

*William Blake,*  
Superintendent.

Department of  
*Public Charities,*

*Out Door Poor Department,*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,* Sept. 22, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President, Dept. Public Charities.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to the annexed communication from the Hon. William R. Stewart, President of the State Board of Charities, I have the honor to submit to you the information required. The statistics for the six months beginning January 1, 1897 and ending June 30, 1897, are annexed.

Our reasons for disapproving of these cases have been numerous but I will state that Examiners investigating this work have been always cautioned not to oppress any family by disapproving of the case. I have not heard in one single instance where, upon investigation we have disapproved of the case, that our report on such has caused hardship to any inmate.

President Stewart asks if our work has been accepted without objection by the institutions, and I will say that I have conferred with the heads of all the institutions and they are satisfied that our rulings and investigations are just. In any instance where they have contested our final decision in their cases, I have always re-investigated such cases, with the understanding that the institution must abide by the decision rendered by another Examiner, and in this they are quite pleased, as formerly the late Superintendent Blake did not permit any cases to be re-investigated but it is only just, where further data can be furnished for us to work upon, that we re-open the cases.

In reply to the question relative to the attitude of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to this work, I will say that they are very much averse to our investigations of all cases that have been committed through them, but as I have impressed them very forcibly that in the discharge of my duties I cannot consider any information derived through their agents, I have ordered the discharge of all inmates where upon investigation I have found them not proper charges. At present the Society is saying very little as they have been made aware that I have taken up the admission of destitute children, working under Chapter 225 of the Laws of 1896, whereby the Superintendent of the Poor or other officer is authorized to commit children to charitable institutions of their Faith. This step has been anxiously looked for by the various institutions in this City for many years, and it was their intention that, if it was possible, to have legislation relative to destitute children coming through the Superintendent of the Poor to them and not through the Courts, therefore they are very much pleased with this work, and have expressed very candidly their opinion that all oppression upon their institutions will now cease, as it has been customary until of late that any institution which might have a controversy relative to their inmates with the Society were very much neglected by not having their quota of commitments.

I take great pleasure in informing you that the various Magistrates in this City have, upon learning of my step in this matter, sent to me many of the children brought before their Court to be committed for destitution, and by October 1, 1897 cards, which we have printed requesting Magistrates to send all applicants who apply to be committed, to be respectfully referred to this office where prompt and immediate action will be taken on each case according to its merits, will be distributed among the various District Courts, thereby relieving the Magistrates of committing charges which, upon investigation by this Department have been





Frederick E. Bauer,

~~William J. Hall~~  
Superintendent.

Department of  
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found to be not proper charges upon this County. Our investigations will be made before the admission of the inmate, thereby relieving the Institution of accepting a charge, not knowing whether it will be retained.

Trusting this will cover any information which President Stewart might desire, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

*Katherine F. Hall*

Examiner in Charge.





Frederick E. Bauer,  
*William Brewster*  
Superintendent.

Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Out Door Poor Department,*  
66 Third Avenue,  
*New York,*

Number of Applications Submitted and Investigated.....9,162  
Of which this Department approved of.....3,970  
Total Number Disapproved of.....5,192 9,162

DISAPPROVED, AND REASONS WHY.

Children in Institutions.....1,683  
Disapproved as Not Proper Charges.....341  
Non-resident.....43  
Unknown.....606  
Able to pay.....518  
Returned Home.....176 1,683

Children in Hospitals.....506  
Disapproved as Not Proper Charges.....310  
Non-residents.....29 29  
Unknown.....117  
Able to pay.....50 506

Mothers with Babies in Institutions.....1,000  
Disapproved as Not Proper Charges.....507  
Non-residents.....59  
Emigrants.....28  
Unknown.....305  
Able to support themselves outside of  
Institutions.....101 1,000

Adults in Hospitals.....600  
Disapproved as Not Proper Charges.....220  
Non-residents.....11  
Emigrants.....2  
Unknown.....124  
Able to pay.....243 600

Maternity Cases.....1,300  
Disapproved as Not Proper Charges.....581  
Non-residents.....69  
Unknown.....264  
Able to pay for confinement.....316  
Refused to enter Institution after  
application.....70 1,300

Homeless and Fallen Women.....103  
Disapproved as not proper charges, but as  
proper cases for the Workhouse, on  
Blackwell's Island.....93  
Unknown.....10 103





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jos. R. C. Beirne, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept. 22d, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Having accepted an appointment under the federal government, I hereby tender to you my resignation as a Commissioner of the Department of Public Charities, with appointment of which you honored me on December 21st, 1895. In doing so I beg to express my deep appreciation for the never denied and always cordial support and wise counsel accorded me during my incumbancy of the office.

With kindest wishes for your health and happiness, crowned by well earned honors, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

*S. C. Croft*





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Craft, President.*  
*John P. Fawcett, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. C. Beirne, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept. 22d, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Accompanied herewith please find my resignation as Commissioner of the Department of Public Charities, which I am free to say I send with much regret, and only a proper regard for my personal interest impels me to take this step.

While the work here has been arduous and often vexatious, yet I have become greatly interested in it, finding so much that was capable of development and improvement from time to time; a work, however, I feel that my successor, so wisely selected by yourself, will carry on, perhaps better than I could have done. I had an extended interview with him yesterday, and it now appears that I will be able to complete the important work in hand so that the office could be properly transferred by the 28th; and should it be agreeable to you, you may accept my resignation to take effect on that date. I shall, however, in the meantime confer with Dr. Smith at different times and will spend most of time after the 28th and prior to October 1st in a like manner.



I could not express in a formal resignation just how much I have felt the value of your always kind and cordial treatment, and the reliance that I have placed upon your good counsel; and whatever measures of success that may have attended the administration of this department during the last two years I am free to say has been largely due to that;- and I believe the same will apply to every Department in the City.

The citizens of Greater New York would be greatly to be congratulated should the situation ultimately result in your selection as the head of the larger city. I know that you would prefer that it be otherwise, and yet I cannot help but hope that the situation will so develop that you will be called upon to exercise your usual patriotism and self-denial.

With kindest wishes for a long life of happiness, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

W. B. Croft





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

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*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. C. Brine, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept 23d, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

For your information, I beg to enclose communication (copy) from President Stewart of the State Board of Charities, and copy of the report requested therein.

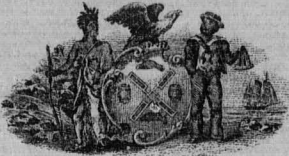
Yours respectfully,

*S. C. Croft*

(Enclosure.)

President





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*H. A. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept. 24th, 1897.

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

Sir:-

I take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of Miss Sarah J. Dornan, No. 11 VanNess Place (Charles Street) New York City, as a suitable person to fill the existing vacancy in the School Inspectors for the Eleventh School District of the City of New York.

Miss Dornan was formerly Principal of Primary Department of Grammar School No. 3 and was retired about a year ago after efficient and faithful service. Miss Dornan has for many years been a resident of the Ninth Ward, and enjoys the respect and confidence of a large number of the residents of that Ward, and I have every reason to believe that her appointment at your hands will be welcomed by all in that vicinity, and recognized as a step in the interests of the Public Schools.

The fact that I was a scholar in that Ward 35 years ago, that I was a Trustee for six years until appointed by you to other duties in the municipality, testify to my continued interest in the School system in that Ward, and impel me to make this suggestion to you.

Assuring you of my firm belief that the interests of the system will be furthered by your appointment of Miss Dornan, I remain, my dear Mr. Mayor, with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

# 238 West 11th Street.





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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York.*

*Silas C. Croft, President,*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner,*  
*Jas. R. C. Beirne, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Sept. 25, 1897.

Bion L. Burrows, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge receipt of yours of yesterday's date acknowledging my letter of that date referring to my recommendation of Miss Sarah J. Dornan as Inspector of Common Schools of the Eleventh District.

Will you be good enough to convey to the Mayor my appreciation of his affirmative response to the suggestion which I ventured to make, and my appreciation of his prompt action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.



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You are cordially invited  
to be present at the  
Presentation  
from the  
Officers and Employees  
of the  
Department of Public Charities  
to  
Hon. Silas C. Croft,  
Monday, September 27, 1897,  
at 3 P. M.  
to be held in  
Executive Board Room,  
66 Third Avenue, City.





ROBERT W. DE FOREST,  
PRESIDENT.

CHAS. S. FAIRCHILD,  
1ST VICE-PRES.

CHAS. D. KELLOGG,  
2D VICE-PRES.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN,  
TREASURER.

EDWARD T. DEVINE,  
GEN'L SEC'Y.

## CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CENTRAL OFFICE,  
UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22D STREET.

} October 2nd, 1897

TELEPHONE NO. 390 18TH ST.

CABLE ADDRESS, "CHARITY, NEWYORK."

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO "THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY."

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

#12 West 57th Street, City.

Dear Sir:--

On the toast card of the banquet given October 1896 by the Railway Conductors' Club of North America your name is opposite the toast "Welcome," and it also appears in the published list of the honorary members of the club. Will you kindly inform us if you are familiar with the methods and purposes of this club? We have received several inquiries from honorary members who have been solicited for contributions. Can you tell us for what purpose such contributions are being used?

Yours truly,

Edward T. Devine,  
Gen'l Sec'y.





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
66 Third Avenue,  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Fiske, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

October 11th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith, for your information, certain statistics and data in connection with the Department of Public Charities, for the week ending Oct. 2nd.

Yours respectfully,

President.

(Enclosure.)



REGISTRATION BUREAU  
OF THE  
CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22D STREET (COR. 4TH AVE.)

TELEPHONE, 380 18TH ST.

NEW YORK, October 18th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Mrs. Inez Pinder, 156 West 32nd Street, has applied to one of our members for assistance. She states that her husband, a Cuban, left her in June to go to the war and she has recently learned that he was shot in an engagement. She is expecting confinement in a few weeks and states that she wrote to you and you took up a collection for her, besides helping her yourself, and that every week you send her some money to pay her board and lodging, but she fears the fund that you collected is nearly exhausted.

Will you kindly tell us if this woman's statement is correct, and at the same time give us your general opinion of her? Whatever you may choose to write us will be considered confidential and will enable us to act intelligently.

Please accept our thanks in advance,

Yours truly,

(Mip) E. J. Scott  
Registrar.





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
66 Third Avenue,  
*New York,*

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O. Rivine, "*  
*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

Oct. 18th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to Section 27, Chapter 355, Laws of 1871,  
I have the honor to transmit the following report of the operations and transactions of the Department of Public Charities for the three months ending September 30th, 1897.

Respectfully yours,

*Lufton Smith*  
President.

(Enc.)



# Department of Correction.

## Commissioner's Office.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

66 Third Avenue,  
148 East 20th Street,

New York, October 17th, 1896.

Oct. 22, 1896,  
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Hon. R. J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

Please find, herewith, my report of the condition of the Institutions of your Department, for the week ending this day:

City Prison, -- I visited this Prison twice during the week, and am pleased to report, found it in a satisfactory condition. There seems to be a scarcity of Bed Spreads; I found some soiled, and was told it was because there were none in the store-room. No doubt, I will find clean spreads on these beds when I visit the Prison next Monday.

The Second District Prison I found as clean as it can be kept while the plumbers are at work; -- it does seem that they are making very slow progress with their work.

The Third District Prison is in most excellent condition; the new heating arrangement seems to be very satisfactory.

The Fourth District Prison was, as it always is, very satisfactory. The recent painting which it has received, has added much to its appearance.



# Department of Correction.

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Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

Commissioner's Office.

66 Third Avenue,

148 East 20th Street,

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

*Warden's Report*

**Fifth District Prison:** With the exception of one cell in the Female Department, which needs painting or whitewashing badly, the Prison is in most excellent condition. In my last report, I mentioned that there was some trouble about heating it, I am pleased to be able to state that the difficulty has been removed, and I found it very comfortable when I visited it last Tuesday.

Canvases for the beds are badly needed there. Some were sent from the Island some weeks ago, but they evidently were not intended for such beds as they have there, but were made for the Steamer "Minnahanonck", as they are branded with her name. These canvases are entirely too short and narrow for the beds at the Fifth District Prison.

The Work House was, as usual, in excellent condition. The painting of the Male Department is about completed, and the change that it has made (for the better) in the appearance of that Department, is astonishing. Next week the painting of the Female Department will be commenced, and when finished, I am sure that Department will be equally improved. The entire building is as clean as you could desire.



# Department of Correction.<sup>3</sup>

Commissioner's Office.

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148 East 20th Street,

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Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

The Penitentiary I found, as usual, clean everywhere. I do not think it possible for any place to be kept in better condition.

There have been occasional rejections of beef, but satisfactory substitutions were promptly made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo H Davis

Inspector, &c.





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
Commissioners Office,

*Stephen Smith, Pres.*

*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*

*Jas. R. O. Beane, "*

*H. G. Weaver, Secretary.*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York.*

Oct. 18th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your information,  
certain statistics and data in connection with  
the Department of Public Charities, for the week  
ending October 16th.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Smith*

President.

(Enclosure.)



# Department of Correction.

## Commissioner's Office.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

66 Third Avenue,  
148 East 20th Street,

New York, October 24th, 1896.

Hon. R. J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report of the condition of the several Institutions of your Department, for the week ending this day.

**City Prison:** This Prison is, at the present time, in as good condition as such an old building can be kept. The cells, tiers, corridors, dormitory, store-rooms, offices, beds, bedding, &c., &c., are as clean as you could desire. The food furnishes to prisoners is of good quality and abundant. I hear of no complaints, nor can I discover cause for any. Its present condition is in marked contrast to what it was early in the year. Sheets are badly needed, for want of them, the new wire cots, intended for the "New Prison", cannot be used, though on the premises. There is a lot of old iron in the yard, which should be removed and disposed of.

**Second District Prison:** I can only repeat what I have reported for some weeks, viz.- that it is kept as clean as it is possible while the plumbers are at work. The interior of the cells and the beds are very clean, but it is impossible to keep the tiers, &c



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in like condition, on account of the workmen. I am pleased to report that much better progress has been made in the work now going on, this week than heretofore.

Third District Prison: Except the floors of some cells in the Male Department, notably 13, 17, 23, & 25, which were not as clean as they should have been, and usually are, the condition of this Prison was satisfactory.

The Fourth, Fifth & Sixth District Prisons were all in good condition, except the cell in the Female Department of the Fifth District Prison, which, last week, I reported needed painting or whitewashing, which has not been attended to. The canvases which I reported were too small for the beds are yet there, and none have been sent in their stead. Canvases for the Male Department are badly needed.

Penitentiary: As usual, I found this Institution clean and in good condition everywhere. I do not think it possible it can be improved.

The Work House: This Institution I also found in a very satisfactory state. The painting which has already been done, has greatly improved the appearance of the Male Department. The interior



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of the cells on the second tier has not as yet been painted, but will be as soon as those on the other tiers are finished. The Work House, everywhere, is scrupulously clean. Few private houses are kept in as good condition.

There continue to be rejections of meat every week, by Mr. Dickerson, but he tells me that such meat is speedily replaced by that which is satisfactory.

I feel satisfied that if you could personally inspect the present condition of the various Prisons, you would be gratified. They bear testimony to the care bestowed on them by your Keepers and their assistants.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Robert Wright  
Wm H Davis

Inspector.





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

Oct. 25th, 1897.

*Dr. Stephen Smith, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Treasurer.*  
 *Jas. R. O'Brien, Commissioner.*

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your information, certain statistics and data in connection with the Department of Public Charities, for the week ending Oct. 23d.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Smith*

President.



TELEPHONE, 380 18TH ST.

**CABLE ADDRESS: "CHARITY," NEWYORK.**

NEW YORK,.....October 30th., 189 7

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Dear Sir:--

Referring to your offer to place the balance of your collection (about \$35.00) in the hands of this Society I would say that I am requested by the Chairman of the Committee mentioned, to inform you that finding that aid is needed they will gladly accept the money and use it for Mrs. Pinder's benefit as may seem advisable.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Miss) E. J. Scott

Registrar.

*M. J. Jones*





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Dr. Stephen Smith, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Treasurer.*  
*Jas R. O. Beirne, Commissioner.*

Nov. 1st, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your information, certain statistics and data in connection with the Department of Public Charities, for the week ending Oct. 23d.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Smith*  
President.





Department of  
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*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Dr. Stephen Smith, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Treasurer.*  
*Jas R. O'Brien, Commissioner.*

November 8th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your information, certain statistics and data in connection with the Department of Public Charities, for the week ending Nov. 6th.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Smith*

President.

(Enc.)



ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE SCRIP &c.  
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**JOHN M. GILLESPIE,**  
**ROOM No. 31 INSURANCE BUILDING,**  
**No. 51 WALL ST. NEW YORK.**



OUTSTANDING SCRIP OF  
The Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company.

1892	1.368.360
1893	1.359.400
1894	1.273.140
1895	1.082.060
1896	929.430
1897	956.540
1898	<u>756.540</u>
Total, \$	6.918.930



JOHN M. GILLESPIE,  
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Atlantic Mutual  
Insurance Corp., Inc.

111 Wall St

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1897

Honorable W. L. Strong

Mayor of New York &  
Trustee of Sailors' Lung Hospital.

City Hall N. Y.

Dear Sir: I beg respectfully to ask  
your support in the event of a  
change in the governorship of  
Sailors' Lung Hospital. I am well known  
to the Ship Owners, Bankers & Merchants  
of this City, and my record as an Ameri-  
can Captain of Ships from 1852 to 1862  
member of the Marine Society of New  
York since 1855 and residence on Staten  
Island since 1842 will fully satis-  
fy you that I am competent.  
I was a candidate for the office  
when the present incumbent was  
selected. If appointed, I will administer  
the affairs of the Institution in a  
broad and intelligent manner as  
instructed by the board of trustees.

I am

Very Respectfully  
Your Obelient Servant  
John M. Gillespie.

Enclosed please find my card.



New York, Nov. 8th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

Dear Sir:-

Being satisfied that some of the members of this Board are wholly unacquainted with the true condition of affairs at the Sailor's Snug Harbor at the present time, as well as what has occurred in past years leading up to the charges that have been made against Governor Trask, pending the investigation of the physician, I desire to make a brief statement of the facts. During the years 1889 and 1890 the newspapers of New York and vicinity without regard to politics united in assailing Gov. Trask, charging him with being guilty of the most atrocious cruelties, and absolutely unfit for the position he held. These newspapers specifically charged that he had put in the streets old and crippled inmates, without the slightest compassion. These inmates afterwards formed in procession and paraded the streets, thereby enlisting the sympathy of the public. The Board of Supervisors of the County united in this assault and every known method possible was used to induce the Trustees to remove the Governor from office. The attacks finally led to an attempt to take the Governor's life by an inmate who fired three shots at him in November 1890.



Throughout this period the Governor never opened his mouth to contradict these false statement, until the following document was given to the press by the Trustees of the Harbor: in this the Trustees said,

"For twenty-five years or more, until about a year ago, the Sailor's Snug Harbor has been made an open market for the buying and selling of votes at the local, state, and national elections. Last Spring the Trustees learning for the first time of the enormous and shameful proportions to which this evil had grown determined as far as possible to put a stop to it. They ordered an investigation into the conduct of elections at the Harbor. That investigation was conducted by a committee from their own number consisting of the Hon. F. Smythe, Recorder; Mr. Chas.S. Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Captains Ambrose Snow and F.S. Martin, president and vice-president of the Marine Society; and the Rev. Richard D. Harlan, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church. The facts revealed were appalling. Out of 500 witnesses examined about one-half frankly admitted that they had received bribes at the previous election and it was evident that such has been the condition of affairs for many years. The Trustees realizing that the presence of so large a number of purchasable votes was sufficient to debauch the entire local politics and might often be enough to turn the scale of state and even of the national election determined to take vigorous steps and root out the evil. They concluded to grant a general amnesty in this one instance to those who had simply received bribes but resolved to punish those inmates who upon the evidence given had been connected more or less with the giving of money or its equivalent: accordingly they passed a resolution permanently expelling some of the ring leaders in this corruption and suspending other for indefinite terms. The governor of the Harbor was ordered to carry this resolution into effect. In view of the facts above mentioned the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS: the Board of Trustees of the Sailor's Snug Harbor are determined to do all in their power to present this wholesale bribery of the inmates of the Harbor in the local, state and national elections and so to join hands with good citizens of all parties in attempting to mitigate the evil which is corrupting the very life blood of the Republic, and

WHEREAS: in the expulsion and suspension of certain



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inmates of the Harbor found guilty by the Board of these corrupt political transactions the present governor has simply been the representative and instrument of the Trustees, and

WHEREAS: in the faithful discharge of the painful duty imposed upon him by the Trustees, Gov. Trask's life has been imperiled and his reputation as a man and an officer has been attacked and the security of his official position has been persistently threatened, and

WHEREAS; the Board of Trustees deem it to be their duty under the extraordinary condition of affairs in some signal and public way to show their determination to support a faithful officer in the discharge of duties assigned to him by the Board, therefor be it

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees in reelecting Gov. Trask place on record on their minutes the foregoing statements of the causes which have lead to the present assaults upon him together with an expression of their confidence in him as an efficient and honest executive."

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This prompt and decisive action of the Board was the means of bringing about a more peaceful condition of affairs at the Harbor and it was possible thereafter to enforce proper discipline until at a more recent period there came a change in the membership of the Board. Then some of the same disturbing element, reenforced by other inmates of equally bad records, began to renew their unreasonable and



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in most cases false statements to the new Trustees and it became evident that it was only a question of time when a fresh outbreak would occur. It is unnecessary to state that it has now arrived in the form of charges against the physician made by his retired assistant, and the former officer has been notified to appear to answer to these charges.

During this investigation, called for a specific purpose, two members of this Board have taken up a large portion of the time in examining witnesses, who came here for no other purpose than to malign the Governor of the Harbor--inmates have been examined who have been known for years to be inimical to the Governor, and who in his presence here have denounced him in the strongest possible language, and have made it now evident for the first time to other members of the Board, that this is an investigation directed against the Governor rather than the physician.

It is now known to this Board that one of its members has stated that he came into it prejudiced against the Governor, and that another has at nearly every meeting since March last shown strong prejudice against him. The cause of this condition is doubtless largely due to these gentlemen giving credit to the complaints of the malcontents and grumblers who are in the habit of renewing their complaints upon the incoming of new members to the Board who do not know their character and will listen to them. This was the condition of affairs when his Honor the Mayor, who is a trustee, was induced to attend his first meeting of this Board, and the statements made by members of this Board derogatory to the Governor on this occasion, were apparently



made to influence his Honor against that official.

Governor Trask for many years has been well known in this community to be a man of integrity and possessed of remarkable executive ability, a qualification that has made his 14 years as Governor of the Sailor's Snug Harbor an eminent success. There is not an institution in the United States that will begin to compare with it in magnificence of conditions as well as in management, notwithstanding the fact that the inmates are of such a mixed character that men can here be found adapted to the manning of a desperate pirate ship, as well as those who have the capacity to man a first class merchantman. Fortunately the former are largely in the minority, but none the less sufficiently strong and cunning, at stated times, to bring about the conditions which this Board has now to confront.

Right here allow me to state most emphatically, that the mutinous condition which now exists at the Harbor, would never have occurred had those who understood dealing with the mixed sailors had a majority voice in this Board. Few complaints come to the marine members from the inmates, because they know too well that they can tell an honest sailor just as quickly as a criminal lawyer can make a correct estimate of a criminal, or a minister of the gospel of a christian.

The founder of the Sailor's Snug Harbor was a mariner and he showed his confidence in master mariners by making provision for two of them serving on the Board of Trustees: selected from a Society of masters, not from the mixed



mariners, that his last will so munificently provides for.

It may not be known to every member of this Board that the Governors of the Harbor preceding the present Board had even a more serious time with this same class of men. The first of these, Capt. De Peyster, bore his trouble as long as he could, and one morning, no doubt unbalanced in mind by outrageous attacks of a similiar nature as the present, committed suicide by jumping off the dock in front of the institution where he had had so much trouble. His successor, Capt. Melville, was found dead in his bed.

This way out of these difficulties has been open to Gov. Trask, but although sorely tried there is little danger of adopting such measures, the Board of Trustees having always stood by him and held up his hands because they believed, as previously stated that he never did an intentional wrong. He has given fourteen of the best years of his life to the institution, and if at any time during that 14 years, he has erred in judgment, it has been because he thought he was acting in the interest of the institution and its inmates. My colleagues may not agree with me, but I am thoroughly convinced, that no man other than a shipmaster and a thorough disciplinarian can manage the Sailor's Snug Harbor in view of the wicked element that gets into it from time to time. Some characters as disreputable as can be found outside of a penitentiary are in that institution, and some of these have testified before this Board on this occasion. We should be thankful however that the number is small in comparison to the great whole who are contented and



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happy, and are seldom seen in conversation or affiliation with the disturbing element to which I have referred.

It was not long since that the Steward of the Institution told me that he often saw the light burning in Gov. Trask's office at two and three o'clock in the morning, and on many of these occasions he was working over the problem of how to aid in the care of the Sailors Destitute Orphan Asylum, situated on our grounds and which he had planned for this worthy object. This institution contains 90 little unfortunate tots that I have seen surround the Governor when visiting them, reminding one of a brood of chickens that had learned where to look for shelter. The Governor during his fourteen years stay on the Island, has also lent a helping hand to the Destitute Seamen's Widows Home in the vicinity, and they look for his visits as eagerly as do the little ones. Not only this but the hundreds of aged inmates with honest hearts all honor and respect him. Right here I venture the suggestion that ~~a large majority of~~ <sup>the</sup> inmates of the Harbor will testify to his kindness of heart,

It has been his custom every Sunday after church to visit the hospital and exchange greetings with the occupant of every bed. I witnessed this scene once, and it was touching to see the countenances of these inmates light up while cheerfully answering the questions he put to them.

Although the youngest member of this Board, when it comes to the management of seamen, and especially wicked seamen I think I know what I am talking about. That was my principle business during my early life and it has been said by those I sailed for, that I did it well.



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As for the Sailor's Snug Harbor, I have had a general knowledge of how it has been conducted for many more years than any member of this Board, excepting only Dr. Dix and Capt. Jayne, and if I have made any misstatement I would thank them to correct me now.

I have herein endeavored to make a plain statement concerning the true condition of affairs as I see them at the present time.

Very respectfully yours,

*Geo L. Norton*

Vice-president of the Marine Society  
and Trustee of the Sailor's Snug Harbor.



Department of Public Charities

Bellevue, Harlem, Fordham and Gouverneur Hospitals



Superintendent's Office,

Foot of East 26th Street.

Thos. F. Murphy,  
Superintendent.

New York, November 15th, 1897

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

My dear Sir:-

Anticipating a possible change in the management of Sailors' Snug Harbor on Staten Island, as a result of the investigation now going on, I take the liberty of writing you knowing that as one of its Trustees, you will naturally be interested, in case of such an event, in securing competent and efficient officers to manage the said institution.

As Superintendent of Bellevue, Harlem, Fordham and Gouverneur Hospitals during the past two (2) years of your administration, I have served the Department of Charities well, and have endeavored to reflect credit on this branch of your municipal family.

I have had quite a conversation with Mr. Alexander E. Orr President of the Board of Trustees, and while he thought I was a little premature in the matter, he said he would give due consideration to my application, should the occasion arise.

I have the ability and experience necessary to take hold of an institution of that kind, and as one of your servants who has endeavored to serve your interests well, I respectfully solicit your kind offices in my behalf.



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Superintendent's Office,

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Thos. F. Murphy,  
Superintendent.

New York, ..... 1897

Hoping for your favorable consideration in the event of  
a possible vacancy in the Governor-ship of the Harbor, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos. F. Murphy". The signature is written in dark ink and features long, sweeping flourishes.





Department of  
*Public Charities,*  
*Commissioners Office,*  
*66 Third Avenue,*  
*New York,*

*Dr. Stephen Smith, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Treasurer.*  
*Jos. R. O. Bevine, Commissioner.*

November 15, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

About a week ago, your letter addressed to Dr. Stephen Smith, President of our Board, referring to and introducing Mr. Egerton Brown, was handed to me by the President, as all matters connected with the buildings have in the past few weeks been referred to me for examination and report.

Two or three days later Mr. Brown called during the President's absence from the office, and I had a chat with him. I gave him cards of introduction to the various Architects supervising the erection of buildings connected with this Department, and also one to one of the Contractors with whom I have come in the closest contact. Mr. Brown seemed very much pleased and impressed that I had done all for him that was possible under the circumstances.

Trusting that this action will be satisfactory to you, and that its results will be affirmative, I am,

Very respectfully yours,





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*Jos. R. O'Brien, Commissioner.*

November 15, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your information, certain statistics and data in connection with the Department of Public Charities, for the week ending Nov. 13th.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Smith*

President.

(Enc.)



# THE SOCIETY OF THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL

## OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Founded in 1798.

HOSPITAL:  
2ND AVENUE AND 17TH STREET,  
SUB-STATION:  
NO. 314 BROOME STREET.

NEW YORK, November, 17, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor of sending you herewith the report of the Society of the Lying-In Hospital for the year ending October 1st, 1897.

Our appropriation for the year 1898 of \$12,000, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 385 of the Laws of 1895, will shortly come before the Board of Estimate & Apportionment for final consideration, and as our Society depends almost entirely on the amount allowed to continue its work in this City, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact that during the past year we have cared for more than 5% of the total births reported to your Board of Health, and were obliged to turn away nearly one thousand destitute women who applied for assistance.

For the year ending October 1st, the Society has cared in childbirth for two thousand seven hundred and ninety-two applicants for relief, treating them in their own homes and in its hospital building, at a cost per capita of only \$9.97.

I venture to present these facts to your Honor, so that when your Honorable Board takes action upon our appropriation you may be inclined to grant us what the law allows to enable our Society to continue the work of relief among the most destitute class in New York.

I have the honor to remain, with much respect,

Yours faithfully,

*J. M. H. H.*  
Secretary.





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SPECIAL RELIEF IN NURSING FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES.

OFFICE, NO. 1 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK.

DUFF G. MAYNARD, GENERAL AGENT.

Nov. 18th., 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

It becomes my duty, in accordance with Article VII of the Canons, to notify you that, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Tuesday, the 16th. inst., you were unanimously elected President of St. John's Guild for the year ending September 30th., 1898.

It affords me much pleasure to be the medium of communicating to you this action of your associates.

Very truly yours,

*John H. Hinton*  
 Secretary.



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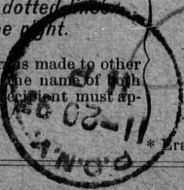
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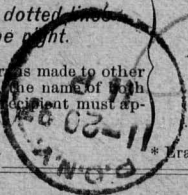
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MAYOR'S OFFICE.

New York, November 19<sup>th</sup> 1897.

To Hon. James A. Roberts,  
Comptroller of the State of New York.

S i r :-

Pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of chapter 2 of the laws of 1896, entitled "An Act for the conversion of the New York City Asylum for the Insane into a State Hospital and to establish the Manhattan State Hospital", I, WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor of the city of New York, do hereby give notice in behalf of the said city of New York, that the lease heretofore made pursuant to said statute, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New York, to the State of New York, of the island known as Ward's Island, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and the equipment, furniture and fixtures of the Asylum for the Insane located on said island, will terminate at the expiration of fifteen years from the date of this notice, to wit, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November. A. D. 1912.

*W. L. Strong*  
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Mayor.

Gard's Island  
Lease.