

*John Ennis Jr*

*and Lewis Perkins*

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

OF THE

Department of Correction,

*For the Year Commencing January 1, 1896.*

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## CORRECTION.

Statement showing the average census for 1895, also the amounts allowed for supplies for 1895 and the same asked for 1896.

	Census 1895.	Allowed in 1895.	Asked for in 1896.	Increase per cent.
City Prison (Tombs)....	459	\$23,195 88	\$26,000 00	12.08 per cent.
District Prisons .....	209	12,467 78	13,000 00	4.26 "
Penitentiary .....	1,221	70,554 12	79,000 00	11.97 "
Workhouse.....	1,344	94,329 90	100,000 00	6.01 "
	<hr/> 3,233	<hr/> \$200,547 68	<hr/> \$218,000 00	<hr/> 8.70 "
Central Office.....		\$5,154 61	\$5,500 00	6.70 per cent.
Steamboats.....		9,664 94	10,000 00	3.46 "
Central Office Stables .....		4,832 48	5,300 00	9.67 "
Storehouse .....		2,577 32	2,800 00	8.64 "
Island Improvements .....		2,255 15	2,500 00	10.85 "
		<hr/> \$24,484 50	<hr/> \$26,100 00	<hr/> 5.15 "
Allowed in 1895.....		\$225,032 18		
Asked for 1896.....		244,100 00		
Increase.....		\$19,067 82	or.....	8.47 per cent.

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SALARIES.

CORRECTION.

Commissioner..... \$7,500 00

GENERAL OFFICE.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for various roles like Secretary, File Clerks, Stenographer, etc.

Cost of increasing the number of employees.. \$9,880 00

STOREHOUSE.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for Assistant Storekeeper, Clerks, Laborers, and Guard.

STEAMBOAT MINNAHANONCK.

LAUNCH THOS. F. GILROY.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for Minnahanonck crew and Launch Thos. F. Gilroy crew.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for Gilroy crew: Captain, Engineer, Fireman, Deckhand, Mate.

Salaries increased..... \$700 00
Cost of increasing the number of employees... 4,360 00

BAKERY, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for Master Baker, Assistant Baker, Second Assistant Baker.

Increase in salaries..... \$25 00

STABLE, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for Stable Keeper, Assistant Stable Keeper, Extra employee.

GENERAL OFFICE STABLES.

Table with columns for 1895 and 1896 salaries for General Superintendent of Stables, Drivers, Stableman, Driver for Provision Wagon.

Cost of increasing the number of employees.. \$800 00
Gardener for Blackwell's Island... 900 00
Supervising Engineer..... 1,500 00

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CITY PRISON—TOMBS.

	1895.	1896.
Warden .....	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
Deputy Warden .....	1,300 00	1,300 00
Night Warden .....	1,000 00	1,200 00
Physician .....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Clerk .....	900 00	900 00
Matron .....	525 00	.....
3 Assistant Matrons, at \$500 each	1,500 00	.....
All to be Matrons in 1896, at \$500 each .....	.....	2,000 00
Female Keeper .....	500 00	500 00
Keeper .....	800 00	.....
13 Keepers, at \$900 each .....	11,700 00	.....
5 Gate Keepers, at \$700 each .....	3,500 00	.....
All to be Keepers in 1896 at \$900.	.....	27,000 00
8 Gate Keepers, at \$750 each .....	6,000 00	.....
2 Gate Keepers, at \$800 each .....	1,600 00	.....
2 Gate Keepers, at 900 each .....	1,800 00	.....
Night Keeper .....	.....	1,000 00
Fireman .....	240 00	240 00
Fireman .....	192 00	192 00
2 Helpers, at \$120 each .....	240 00	240 00
Cook .....	500 00	500 00
	\$36,297 00	\$39,072 00
Salaries increased .....	.....	\$1,775 00
Cost of increasing the number of employees	.....	1,000 00

DISTRICT PRISONS.

	1895.	1896.
Warden .....	.....	\$2,000 00
2 Physicians, at \$300 each .....	\$600 00	.....
Four Physicians for 1896, at 500 each .....	.....	2,000 00
8 Keepers, at \$900 each .....	7,200 00	.....
4 Gate Keepers, at \$750 each .....	3,000 00	.....
4 Gate Keepers, at \$700 each .....	2,800 00	.....
All to be Keepers in 1896, at \$900 .....	.....	17,100 00
1 Gate Keeper, at \$800 .....	800 00	.....
1 Gate Keeper, at \$900 .....	900 00	.....
1 Gate Keeper, at \$800 .....	800 00	.....
1 Night Keeper .....	.....	1,000 00
1 Night Matron .....	.....	500 00
6 Matrons, at \$450 each .....	2,700 00	.....

All to get at \$500 each in 1896 .....		\$3,000 00
1 Fireman .....	\$360 00	360 00
1 Van Driver, at \$500 (added to Stable Roll) .....	.....	.....
	\$19,160 00	\$25,960 00
Increase in salaries .....	.....	\$700 00
Cost of increasing the number of employees	.....	6,100 00

NEW DISTRICT PRISON.

FIFTY-THIRD STREET.

3 Keepers, at \$900 each .....		\$4,500 00
2 Matrons, at \$500 each .....		1,000 00
1 Fireman, at \$300 .....		300 00
		\$5,800 00

PENITENTIARY.

	1895.	1896.
Warden .....	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
Deputy Warden .....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Master Mechanic .....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Hallkeeper .....	1,100 00	1,200 00
Stonecutter .....	1,000 00	1,000 00
2 Keepers and Tool Sharpeners, at \$1,000 each .....	2,000 00	2,000 00
23 Keepers, at \$900 each .....	20,700 00	27,000 00
2 Painters, at \$900 each .....	1,800 00	1,800 00
Painter and Decorator .....	900 00	900 00
Painter and Striper .....	900 00	900 00
3 Carpenters, at \$900 each .....	2,700 00	2,700 00
Plasterer .....	900 00	900 00
Blacksmith .....	900 00	900 00
2 Tinsmiths, at \$900 each .....	1,800 00	1,800 00
2 Stonecutters, at \$900 each .....	1,800 00	1,800 00
Mason and Bricklayer .....	900 00	900 00
Cooper .....	900 00	900 00
Cutter .....	900 00	900 00
Rockman .....	900 00	900 00
Butcher .....	900 00	900 00
3 Gatekeepers, at \$800 each .....	2,400 00	.....
To be Keepers, at \$900 each, 1896 .....	.....	2,700 00
Gatekeeper .....	600 00	.....
To be Keeper, at \$900, 1896 .....	.....	900 00
Plumber .....	600 00	900 00
Record Clerk, increase to .....	500 00	900 00

Matron.....	\$500 00	\$500 00
Chaplain.....	450 00	450 00
Fireman.....	360 00	360 00
Guard.....	600 00 ✓	750 00
Orderly.....	300 00	300 00
Orderly.....	240 00	240 00
Nurse, Female Hospital, increase to.....	300 00 ✓	400 00
4 Assistant Matrons, at \$400 each.....	1,200 00 ✓	1,600 00
1 Laborer.....	240 00	240 00
11 Guards, at \$750 each.....		8,250 00
3 Keepers, at \$900 each.....		2,700 00
Housekeeper.....		240 00
	\$54,490 00	\$67,730 00

All Gatekeepers to be Keepers, at \$900 each.  
 The Guards to be increased to 12, at \$750 each.  
 Mechanics to get \$900.  
 Cost of increasing the number of employees. \$11,190 00  
 Increase in salaries..... 2,050 00

WORKHOUSE.

	1895.	1896.
Superintendent.....	\$2,000 00	\$2,500 00
Deputy Superintendent.....		1,500 00
25 Male Attendants or Keepers, \$360 each (under new law).....		9,000 00
31 Female Attendants or Keepers, at \$300 each (under new law).....		9,300 00
Clerk.....	900 00	900 00
Engineer.....	900 00	900 00
Carpenter.....	900 00	900 00
3 Keepers, at \$900 each.....	2,700 00	
4 Keepers, at \$750 each.....	3,000 00	
1 Foreman, at \$675.....	675 00	
10 } All to be Keepers in 1896 at \$900 each.		9,000 00
Deputy Keeper, at \$650.....	650 00	
Guard, at \$740.....	740 00	
2 Foremen, at \$675 each.....	1,350 00	
Foreman, at \$650.....	650 00	
5 } All to be at \$650 in 1896.		3,250 00
Foreman, at \$600.....	600 00	
Foreman, at \$240.....	240 00	
Gatekeeper, at \$650.....	650 00	
3 } All to get \$650 each in 1896.		1,950 00
2 Gatekeepers, at \$600.....	1,200 00	

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Bricklayer.....	\$675 00	\$675 00
Coxswain.....	600 00	600 00
Assistant Coxswain.....	360 00	360 00
Shoemaker.....	480 00	480 00
Apothecary.....	240 00	240 00
Laborer.....	300 00	300 00
4 Laborers, at \$120 each.....	480 00	480 00
Fireman.....	360 00	360 00
2 Male Attendants, at \$240 each.....	480 00	480 00
2 Male Attendants, at \$120 each.....	240 00	240 00
Orderly.....	240 00	240 00
Cook.....	420 00	420 00
Matron.....	600 00	600 00
Hallkeeper.....	360 00	360 00
All to get \$360 each in 1896.....		2,160 00
5 Hallkeepers, at \$300 each.....	1,500 00	
Female Attendant.....	300 00	300 00
Female Attendant.....	240 00	240 00
Laundress.....	300 00	300 00
4 Nurses, at \$240 each.....	960 00	960 00
Harnessmaker.....	750 00	750 00
Office Attendant.....		500 00
	\$27,040 00	\$49,885 00

Cost of increasing the number of employees. \$20,300 00  
 Increased salaries..... 2,545 00

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RECAPITULATION.  
 CORRECTION.

	1895.	1896.
Commissioner.....		\$7,500 00
Central Office.....	\$3,320 00	13,200 00
Storehouse.....		4,000 00
Steamboats.....	5,000 00	10,060 00
Bakery, B. I.....	1,875 00	1,900 00
Stable, B. I.....	500 00	900 00
C. O. Stables.....	8,200 00	9,000 00
City Prison, Tombs.....	36,297 00	39,072 00
District Prisons.....	19,160 00	25,960 00
Penitentiary.....	54,490 00	67,730 00
Workhouse.....	27,040 00	49,885 00
B. I. Gardener.....		700 00
Supervising Engineer.....		1,500 00
New District Prison.....		5,800 00
	\$155,882 00	\$237,407 00
Total increases.....		\$81,525 00

SUMMARY OF INCREASES.

	In Salaries.	In Employees.
Commissioners .....		\$7,500 00
Central Office .....		9,880 00
Storehouse .....		4,000 00
Steamboats .....	\$700 00	4,360 00
Bakery, B. I. ....	25 00	
Stable, B. I. ....		400 00
Central Office Stable .....	200 00	860 00
Tombs .....	1,775 00	1,000 00
District Prisons .....	700 00	6,100 00
Penitentiary .....	2,050 00	11,190 00
Workhouse .....	2,545 00	20,300 00
Gardener and Supervising Engineer .....		2,400 00
New District Prison .....		5,800 00
	<u>\$7,995 00</u>	<u>\$73,730 00</u>
Total increase, as above .....		\$81,525 00

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYEES.

	1895.	1896.	Increase.
Tombs .....	46	47	1
District Prisons .....	28	33	5
New District Prison .....		8	8
Penitentiary .....	66	81	15
Workhouse .....	54	112	58
	<u>194</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>87</u>

Increase in employees, 87.		
Donation to Discharged Prisoners .....	\$4,500 00	\$5,000 00
Transportation—Insane Criminals .....	300 00	1,000 00
Contingent Fund .....		600 00
Amount for the necessary investigation of the City Prison (Tombs) and for preparation of plans ..		3,000 00
Maintenance for 1893-4-5 .....		1,467 33

CORRECTION.

New Buildings, etc., 1896. Issue of Bonds.

WORKHOUSE.

New Bakery .....	\$10,000 00
New Hospital .....	10,000 00
Two New Buildings for Male and Female Help, stone to be furnished by the Penitentiary .....	10,000 00

PENITENTIARY.

New Wing to Penitentiary .....

\$150,000 00 ✓

CORRECTION.

ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS AND APPARATUS.

Sundry Repairs—Grate Bars, Paints, Oils, etc.....

\$2,000 00 \$2,000 00 ✓

DISTRICT PRISONS.

Sundry Repairs—Grate Bars, Packing, Paints, Oils, etc....

5,000 00 5,000 00 ✓

WORKHOUSE.

Repairs to Roofs, Gutters, etc.. Painting Building. Extra Flooring. Steam Fittings, Grate Bars, etc..

\$5,000 00 2,000 00 5,000 00 2,000 00 \$14,000 00

PENITENTIARY.

Steam Fittings, Sundry Repairs, etc.....

5,000 00 2,000

STEAMBOATS.

Thorough repairs to Steamboats, Fittings, etc.....

19,000 00 ✓

\$45,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries .....

\$237,407 00

Supplies .....

244,100 00

Repairs .....

45,000 00

New Buildings—Bond Issue .....

180,000 00

Donations to Discharged Prisoners .....

5,000 00

Transportation Insane Criminals .....

1,000 00

Contingent Fund .....

600 00

Tombs (Plans) .....

3,000 00

Maintenance and Medical Attendance to Insane Prisoners at Matteawan Asylum for 1893-4-5, the appropriation from that year being only \$150 .....

1,467 33

\$717,574 33

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## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR CORRECTION.

	1895.	1896.
Salaries—Included in Charities. ....		\$237,407 00
Supplies.....	\$225,032 18	244,100 00
Repairs to Buildings and Apparatus, included in Charities. ....		45,000 00
Donations to Discharged Prisoners.....	4,500 00	5,000 00
Transportation, Maintenance, etc., Insane Criminals .....	300 00	1,000 00
New Buildings—Bond Issue... ..		180,000 00
Contingent Fund.....		600 00
Plans for Tombs.....		3,000 00
Maintenance, 1893-4-5.....		1,467 33
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		\$717,574 33

Alterations to C. O. Building \$5,000

Saving by Reduction in salary of Deputy Register to amount paid under fee system	\$2,000.
" " do of Assistant Deputy Register	1,200.
" " Abolition of Chief Clerk	3,000.
" " Reduction of Salary of Satisfaction Clerk	1,000.
" " Abolition of Daily Index Clerk	1,500.
" " " of Grantee Clerk	1,500.
" " Reduction in salary of Chattel Mortg. Clk.	✓ 1,800.
" " do Asst. Chattel Mortgage Clerk	✓ 1,200.
" " Abolition of Search Clerk	✓ 1,500.
" " Reduction in salary of one Examiner	✓ 300.
" " Abolition of one Delivery Clerk	1,500.
" " do of Chief Block Index Clerk	2,000.
" " do of Verification Clerk	1,500.
" " do of two Index Clerks at \$1200. and of four at \$1000., leaving one at \$1500. and 7 at \$1200.	6,400.
" " Abolition of Draughtsman	1,400.
" " do of General Clerk	1,000.
" " do of Asst. Record Clerk	1,000.
" <sup>new</sup> 10" } do of one Custodian at \$1500., one at <sub>all</sub> } \$1200. and four at \$1,000.	6,700.
" " Reduction in salaries of two watchmen	400.
" " Abolition of three Messengers	2,800.
" " Abolition of five searchers	10,000.
" " Reduction in amount for recording clerks and clerks on discharges of mortgages, so as to pay all at rate of 5 cents a folio	5,000.
Total	<u>52,700.</u> <del>54,200.</del>

The above saving on Recording Clerks is based on the following estimate:

Recording 40,000 instruments averaging 12 folios	480,000
" 12000 discharges of mortgages	48,000
	<u>528,000</u>

At Five Cents a Folio \$26,400.

Now the Clerks on discharges of Mortgages are paid salaries.

*John P. Faure.*

James R. O'Beirne.  
*For the Pastors of xxx*

Silas C. Croft, Pres.  
*For the Pastors of xxx*

*Department of*



*No. 66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

January 2nd,

1896.

G. F. Britton,  
Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

This Board is in receipt this morning of communications from the Wardens of several of the Hospitals asking for instructions as to what steps they shall take towards complying with the following mandatory words of section 5, Chapter 912, Laws of 1895;-

"but no inmate of the Work-house shall be employed in any capacity whatever, in any ward of any Hospital".

As you are well aware, while the knowledge of the existence of these words in the law above quoted was before the Commissioners who were immediate predecessors, yet they were, owing to lack of an appropriation of sufficient funds by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the year 1895, absolutely unable to take any steps towards preparing or providing buildings necessary to accommodate or care for the paid help called for by the law above mentioned.

By the recent action of the Board of Apportionment, a sum of money was set aside for "necessary alterations and repairs", which will, it is hoped, enable the present Board to give early attention to this matter, and no time will be lost in taking the necessary steps to bring about the desired result.

*John P. Faure.*

James R. O'Beirne.  
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Silas C. Croft, Pres.  
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Department of  
**PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS**  
**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,**

G. F. Britton,  
Secretary.

*No. 66 Third Avenue,  
New York,*

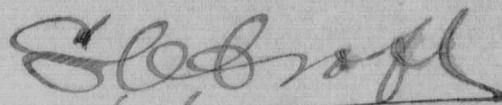
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Meanwhile it is obvious that the Hospital wards must be kept clean and we respectfully submit to your Honor that it will therefore, be impossible to immediately comply with the strict letter of the Law and that until the necessary buildings be either erected or alterations made to properly house the paid help, and until paid help shall have been secured and employed, it will be necessary to continue temporarily the use of Work-house help in the Hospital wards.

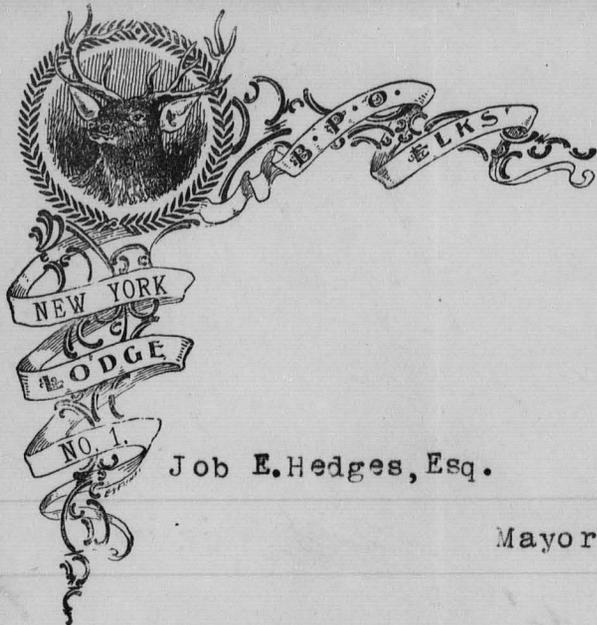
Every endeavor will be used to limit the time of such use of such help to a minimum.

We feel it our duty to advise you promptly and fully in regard to this important matter, and will appreciate your instructions on the subject which we trust, will be in approval of the only course which seems open to us at present.

Yours very truly,



President.



Elks' Hall,

N. E. Cor. Broadway and 27th Street,

New York, Jan. 3d 1896. 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.

Mayor's Sec'y,

City Hall, New York City.

My dear Sir:-

A communication referred by you to New York Lodge No. 1, regarding Mrs. Helen Percy, was read to the Lodge, and I was directed to inform you that, while charity is the object of this institution, it is limited by the provisions of its charter to the assistance of its members and their families; and while it has frequently in times of great calamity, contributed, like similar bodies, to the relief of the afflicted, the act itself was super-official, and the application of Mrs. Percy is one which might, with propriety, be referred to the American Consul at Campeche, rather than to an organization founded for local charities.

New York Lodge No. 1 of the Elks is essentially local in its charities, they being disposed almost entirely to citizens of New York city, by and for whom its charity fund is raised.

Regretting being compelled to refuse Mrs. Percy's application upon the above grounds, and thanking you for the interest manifested I am,

Yours most sincerely,

*John J. Shannon Percy*

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*Jan 2<sup>d</sup> 1896*

To the Editor,

Those who are interested in the public charities of the city (and who of our citizens is not?) should be gratified at the careful consideration which these institutions have received this year at the hands of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mayor Strong and his colleagues have given three whole days to a careful consideration, item by item, of the estimates for the new Departments of Public Charities and of Correction. An explanation of each item in the charities estimate was made by Commissioner Faure, and in the correctional estimate by Commissioner Wright. The wardens and superintendents of the various hospitals, of the almshouse, workhouse, and asylums were present to describe in detail the condition and needs of their institutions.

Representatives of the State Charities Aid Association attended the meetings throughout, to explain the objects which they had in mind in securing the passage of the bill for the division of the former Department of Charities and Correction, and to speak of the particular needs of the various institutions which they had visited. They supported in many cases the requests of the Commissioners for larger appropriations, especially for the almshouse, the hospitals and the asylums for the insane.

A comparison of the total appropriations for charitable and correctional institutions for 1895, and for 1896, exclusive of the appropriations for the insane which are always made separately, gives the following results:

Appropriations for Department of Charities and Correction for 1895(exclusive of insane)-----	<u>\$1,422,521.00</u>
For Department of Charities,1896 (exclusive of insane)	1,213,417.00
For Department of Correction,1896 -----	475,999.33
Total Charities and Correction,1896,	<u>\$1,689,416.33</u>

This shows an actual increase over last year's appropriation of \$266,895. Of this increase, \$179,395 is for running expenses, and \$87,500 represents an increased appropriation for repairs to buildings. The amount appropriated for repairs in 1895 for Charities and Correction was \$50,000 ; in 1896, \$100,000 for Charities and \$37,500 for Correction. This, however, gives no adequate indication of the disposition of the present Board of Estimate and Apportionment to deal wisely and adequately with the problem of the city's buildings. The \$137,500 is intended to provide only the repairs which are immediately necessary. It is understood that the city will ask the Legislature for permission to sell bonds sufficient in amount to raise funds to put in order the buildings which have been shamefully neglected for many years, some of them now being in the last stages of dilapidation, and to erect such new buildings as have been made necessary by the growth of the department.

It is gratifying to the friends of the movement for the separation of the ~~charitable~~ <sup>charitable</sup> from the correctional institutions, that this change has proven much less expensive than was predicted. If the whole \$179,395 increase in running expenses over 1895 had been caused by the division of the Department, the money would be well spent, but as a matter of fact, only \$76,454 is chargeable to this division. This increase of \$76,454 is due to an increase in the cost of maintaining the Central Office, the storehouse and the steamboats, to the employment of competent paid help instead of workhouse prisoners in the wards of hospitals, to

providing an adequate supervision by workhouse keepers over workhouse prisoners when employed in and about charitable institutions, and to the salary of the additional Commissioner. As a matter of fact, exclusive of the appropriations for the insane, the increased expenditure caused by dividing the Department amounts to only about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the appropriations for 1895, and to only  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the appropriations for 1896, though it has been alleged, owing perhaps to a misinterpretation of the terms of the bill, that the new law would double the annual expenditure.

The cost for 1896 of providing extra accommodations made necessary by the new law is estimated at \$72,400, but cannot be definitely stated until after the preparation of the bill providing for the issue of bonds. This amount will be necessary only during the present year.

The remaining \$102,941 of the increase over 1895, has been devoted to securing a more humane care in many ways for the unfortunate wards of the city and to remedying evils of long standing. The appropriation for supplies for the Department of Charities was increased more than five per cent. over that of last year, an addition of \$35,033. This means more and better food during the ensuing year for the thousands of inmates of the almshouse and hospitals. A better nursing service was provided for the infants and sick children on Randall's Island, and for the 350 patients in the almshouse hospitals who have been most shamefully neglected heretofore. A nurse was provided for the sick while on the steamboats. \$10,000 was appropriated at the recommendation of the Conference of Charities, for the expenses of a decent temporary shelter for vagrants and homeless men in which they and their clothing may be cleaned, and labor may be exacted in return for food and lodgings, while their circumstances are being investigated, in order that they may be

returned to their homes if non-residents, sent to the workhouse if habitual vagrants, or cared for by some private charity if proper subjects for such assistance.

The insane are also to fare better than heretofore during what is expected to be the last three months of their support as city charges. The appropriations for the maintenance of the insane in 1895 were \$1,045,000; for 1896, \$330,000, this sum including \$20,000 for repairs to buildings. This decrease is of course due to the fact that provision is made for the first three months of 1896 only, it being expected that by April 1st a bill will be passed transferring the dependent insane of New York County to the care of the State. The allowance for the maintenance of the insane during 1895 amounted to \$3.10 per week. During the next three months the allowance is to be \$3.41 per week, being, however, still somewhat lower than the amount granted by the State to the State hospitals, i.e. \$3.55 per week.

There is every reason to believe, too, that the appropriations which have been made will be wisely and economically expended by those in charge of the two new Departments. Nothing is more certain than that even the insufficient amounts which have heretofore been appropriated have, through lack of competent business supervision, often been spent in needless and unprofitable ways.

There will still be many evils to correct in our city charities, and many more improvements must be provided for before they reach a proper standard, but the problems have at last been taken up seriously, and a good beginning has been made.

For the State Charities Aid Association.

George G. Wheelock, M.D.,  
Chairman, Special Committee on the Division of Department of Public Charities and Correction.

# State Charities Aid Association,

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UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22D STREET,  
ROOM 503,

*File with  
Charities*  
New York, January 6th, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong.

Dear Mayor Strong:-

I told you the other day that we should make a statement as to the cost of the division of the Department of Charities and Correction. This seemed necessary in view of the very erroneous impression caused by Commissioner Porter's misinterpretation of the law, as shown in the Estimates presented by him.

The enclosed letter was sent to the papers last week. The figures were prepared with great care, and are, I believe, perfectly correct.

As no one of the papers published the letter in full, I send you a copy, wishing you to see it just as it was written.

We greatly appreciate the thought and care given by you to this whole matter, and believe that a beginning has been made of a great reform.

Sincerely yours,

*Gertrude S. Rice*

*Please give my kind regards to Mrs Strong.  
I wish you all a Happy New Year.*

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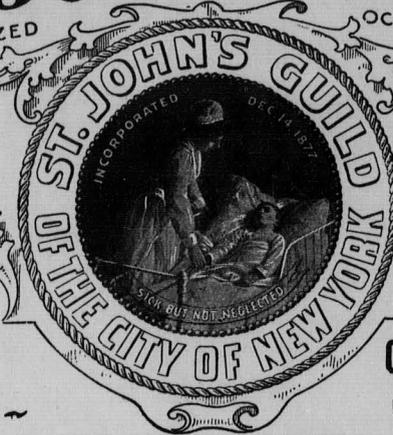
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TELEPHONE CALL, 447-38TH.

January 8th. 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

New York,

Dear Sir:-

The regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of St. John's Guild will be held, in the office of the Guild, on Tuesday evening, January 14th..1896, at 8.30 o'clock.

At this time the Officers for the present year will be elected, as follows:-

President, First Vice-President,  
Second Vice-President,  
Secretary, Treasurer.

Notice is hereby given of an Amendment to the Canons, same having been duly proposed at the regular meeting of the Board held December 3rd., 1895, namely:-

P.5 of Sec.II of Art.VII. To increase the membership of the Committee on Special Relief to Sick Children, from six (6) to nine (9).

Respectfully,

*John P. Faure*  
Secretary.

# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

66 Third Avenue,

New York, January 28th, 1896.



Robert J. Wight,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

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

Dear Sir:

I have this morning visited four different Prisons, and after carefully investigating, I believe that we can accommodate and care for about two hundred and fifty prisoners in the District Prisons, as follows:

Fifth District, (121st St.).....50

Fourth " (57th St.) .....75

Second District (Jefferson Market,) 100

Third " (Essex Market).....25

Total .....250

In order to accomplish this work in the best manner in our power, it will probably necessitate the employment of two extra Drivers, the purchase of two extra Vans, and the appointment of, at least, one extra Keeper in each of the Prisons named. I believe, however, that at this very slight increase of expense, we will be able to greatly relieve the present over-crowded condition of the City Prison.

Very respectfully,

*Robert J. Wight*  
Commissioner.



Department of  
*Public Charities,*

*Out-Door Poor Department,*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

January 28th, 1896.

*William Blake,*  
Superintendent.

(COPY).

Dr. William P. Spratling,

Medical Superintendent, etc.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by our Board to respectfully ask if you will receive a number of patients, now under our charge, and, at what time you will probably be ready to do so. Please give me, also, any other information bearing upon the subject which would be of interest to the Board.

Fully appreciating your kindness in the past, and hoping that I am not troubling you very much,

I am,

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

William Blake,

Superintendent Out-Door Poor.



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

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
 *Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*Geo. F. Britton, Secretary.*

January 30th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your esteemed favor of the 28th inst, with enclosure of opinion from the Corporation Counsel in the matter of transfer of epileptic patients now wards of this Department, I beg to state that steps have already been taken along the lines indicated therein.

I enclose copy of the communication under date of the 28th inst. directed to the Medical Superintendent of the Craig Colony for your information .

Agreeable to your suggestion, this Board will promptly arrange for transfer of as many patients as possible to the Colony.

Yours very truly,

*S. C. Croft*  
President.

(Enclosure.)

THE MARTI CHARITY ASSOCIATION,  
110 Lexington Avenue.

New York, *Febr. 8* 1896

*Dear Sir:*

The Marti Charity Association, founded on the 14th of December, 1895, and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, has for its object the establishment of a Home for the shelter and relief of the sufferers by the present strife in Cuba.

In order to establish this Home, it proposes to give a Charity Ball on Monday, 17th of February, at the Lenox Lyceum, Madison Avenue and 59th Street.

The undersigned Committee, aware of your noble sentiments and being sure that you will co-operate in our laudable project, take the liberty of enclosing *one* tickets, and hoping you will dispose of the same, sincerely thank you in advance for your generous sympathy and support.

Awaiting your favorable reply, we have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servants,

Emilio Agramonte, 110 Lexington Ave.  
Enrique José Varona, 106 W. 61st St.  
Dr. J. J. Henna, 8 W. 40th St.  
Antonio C. Gonzalez, 35 Broadway.  
Dr. Lincoln de Zayas, 346 W. 55th St.  
Dr. Buenaventura Portuondo, 345 E. 116th St  
Dr. S. M. Jimenez, 337 W. 57th St.  
Vicente Diaz-Comas, 301 E. 104th St.  
José R. Villalon, 9 E. 27th St.  
Gumersindo Rivas, 130 E. 27th St.  
Gerardo Forrest, 130 E. 27th St.

Department of  
~~Public Charities and Correction,~~

Office of City Prison, Corner of Franklin and Centre Streets.

HENRY H. PORTER, Pres<sup>d</sup>.  
ROBERT J. WRIGHT,  
~~JOHN D. FAURE,~~ } Commissioners  
JOHN FALLON,  
Warden.

New York February 15th. 1896

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayer, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of yesterday received: And in relation to the subject mentioned, I beg leave to state that we had been doing our best to find the knife, and failing in that, had agreed to pay that party two (\$2.50) dollars and fifty cents, for the same, which he accepted.

We would have made a cash settlement much sooner had he been reasonable in his price, his first demand being seven (\$7.00) dollars. This knife was lost a day or so after I assumed the duties of this office, and was due to the loose manner in which Keepers had in caring for visitors property while visiting prisoners.

A better system has been in vogue since, and I do not think it will happen again.

Thanking you for the kind interest you take in the welfare of all, I remain,

Yours respectfully.

*John D. Fallon*  
Warden, City Prison.

(COPY.)

No. 152 West 34th Street,

New York, Feb. 15, 1896.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,  
President, etc.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of Feb. 14th together with that written to His Honor, the Mayor, by Mr. D. Muir, has been received.

In reply I would say that I first saw Mr. Daniel L. Dowd at his residence, No. 9 East 14th Street, on January 25th 1896. I then made an examination lasting about two hours, at which time I formed the opinion that he was insane, and recommended his commitment to some institution for care and treatment.

In compliance with this advice his wife went before Magistrate Dueul and swore out a warrant for his arrest, on or about Feb. 5th 1896 and he was sent from the Police Court to my wards in Bellevue Hospital. There he was again examined by my colleagues and myself, and in due course of time transferred to the Asylum for the Insane on Ward's Island.

I am informed by his wife that she delayed action as long as she could, and, in fact until he had wrecked his small accumulation of property, making it no longer possible to send him to a private asylum.

A Commission in Lunacy is being applied for by Messrs. Wilder & Anderson, Atty's. No. 45 Cedar St., New York City, which will bring the whole matter before the Supreme Court, and will doubtless end in some one being appointed committee of his person and estate with power to act for him regarding the small amount of property which he still retains, and which as stated by his wife amounts to but a few hundred dollars.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Allen Fitch, M. D.,

Examiner in Lunacy,

Department of Charities, New York City.



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

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jos. B. O'Beirne, "*  
*Geo. F. Brutton, Secretary.*

February 17th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from Allen Fitch, M. D., State Examiner in Lunacy, bearing on the distressing condition of Mr. Daniel L. Dowd, which fully explains the whole case.

Yours respectfully,

Acting Asst. Secretary.

(Enclosure.)

GEORGE E. DODGE,

156 FIFTH AVENUE.

NEWYORK. Feby. 17th, 1896.

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

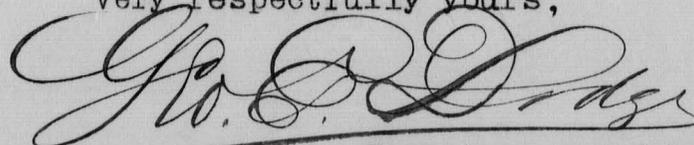
Dear Sir:-

I am requested by the Board of Managers of the Manhattan State Hospital to call your attention to the fact that a notice is about to be sent to the Comptroller of the State by the Comptroller of the City, giving notice to the State of the termination, in 15 years, of the Ward's Island lease, upon the occasion of the transfer of Ward's Island to the control of the State, on the 27th of February; being under Section 2 of an act entitled, "An act for the conversion of the New York City asylums for the insane into a State Hospital, and to establish the Manhattan State Hospital."

The Board considers this a very important step and one which they think should not be taken without careful consideration. They would therefore beg that you would give them a hearing in regard to this matter before any action is taken by the City authorities.

Will you kindly send notice to me, at 156 Fifth Ave., the earliest date that will be convenient for you to meet a Committee of the Board of Managers at your office?

Very respectfully yours,



Secretary pro tem.

Office of the  
*Commissioners of Accounts,*

ROOMS 114 AND 115.

*Stewart Building,*  
280 Broadway.*New York,* February 17, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Sir:-

Pursuant to your request, an examination has been made of the various charitable and benevolent institutions, receiving appropriations from the Excise Fund of the City of New York, for the support of children committed thereto.

The City pays two dollars a week for each and every child so committed, until the child reaches the age of sixteen years. Bills are rendered monthly, by the various institutions to the City and contain the name and age of each child, the name of the committing magistrate, the date of the commitment and the portion of the month during which such child is in the care of the institution. The commitment signed by the magistrate is transmitted to the institution and by it forwarded to the Comptroller with the bill upon which the name of such child appears for the first time. The "Examiner of Accounts of Institutions" of the Comptroller's staff checks the bills rendered with the commitments for the purpose of verifying the age of the child charged for thereon and certifies that he has compared the bill in question with the bill rendered by the same institution for the preceding month and that the same is correct. In making this investigation our examiner was accompanied by such "Examiner of Accounts of Institutions".

This examination was made for the purpose of ascertaining whether the children, for whom the City was paying, were actually in the institutions and whether they had passed the age of sixteen years. The examination was also made for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of law regulating the number of beds had been complied with and whether the buildings and grounds were in a sanitary condition.

Only one bill of each institution was examined, generally

the last one paid, and in almost every instance there was found a number of mistakes in the dates of the commitments, the children's names and the computation of their ages. These errors would have been discovered by the "Examiner of Accounts of Institutions" of the Comptroller's staff in examining these bills prior to payment, if he had performed the work which he certified he had performed.

A statement showing the results of this investigation is annexed hereto. In some instances it will be noticed that the failure to audit the bills properly has resulted in the names of children appearing thereon as of an age less than sixteen years, when they were actually over such age. In these cases the City has paid to the institutions, on whose bills these errors occur, two dollars a week for the time charged in excess of such age. In other instances if these ages had not been corrected and the children had remained in the institutions until reaching the age of sixteen years, computed from the ages as erroneously shown on the bills, the City would have paid for their support an amount in excess of that allowed.

From this and other examinations made by us, it appears that the force in the Auditing Bureau of the Finance Department is insufficient to perform the work required. We suggest, therefore, that an additional appropriation be granted for the purpose of employing additional help in that Bureau.

For the purpose of facilitating the auditing of these bills in the Comptroller's office, we would recommend the adoption of a form of bill embracing the following data, viz: the name of the child, the name of the magistrate ordering the commitment, the date of the commitment, the age of the child at the date of commitment, the date upon which the child arrives at the age of sixteen years and the number of days charged for.

Respectfully submitted,

*Seth Sprague Terry*  
*Robert L. Lewis*

Commissioners.

S U M M A R Y S T A T E M E N T

of corrections made in bills rendered by the various charitable and benevolent institutions examined, together with the overcharges on the same.

Voucher Number.	Institution.	Errors in ages	Errors in dates	Errors in names	Errors in commitments	Total errors	Commitments missing	Amounts overcharged
B 2305	Missionary Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis	64	30	1		95		
B 2772	American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless	30	10			40		
B 2773	Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick	13	5			18		2.00
B 2780	Mission of the Immaculate Virgin	50	152	8		210		150.58
B 2771	Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul	21	10			31		
B 2813	St. Elizabeth's Industrial School	14	7			21		10.57
B 2775	Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans	7				7		
B 2812	St. Agatha's Home for Children	31	41			72		
B 2781	St. James Home	9	14	1		24	2	
B 2779	Institution of Mercy	60	73	9		142		78.86
B 2776	Dominican Convent of our Lady of the Rosary	79	32	2	9	122	5	
B 2774	Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls	68	33			101		
B 3561	St. Joseph's Home	173	78	10	10	271		220.00
B 3559	St. Ann's Home	42	20	1		63	3	111.15
B 3555	Ladies Deborah Nursery and Child Protectory						412	
B 3594	St. Michael's Home	13	4	1		18		19.71
B 3553	Home for Fallen and Friendless Girls							
B 3552	Five Points House of Industry	17	11			28		
		691	520	33	19	1263		592.87

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS,  
Peekskill, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,805 was examined. Sixty-four corrections were made in computations of ages, thirty in dates of commitments and one in the name of the child. Charge was made for nine hundred and forty-five children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY AND HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS,  
New York City.

Voucher No. B 2,772 was examined. Thirty corrections were made in computations of ages and ten in dates of commitments. Charge was made for one hundred and seventy-five children, which number was found to be correct. The dormitories appeared crowded, and in many rooms the required space between the beds was lacking. There were two beds in excess of the number allowed by the permit in the nursery, one in dormitory No. 1, two in dormitory No. 2 and one in dormitory No. 4. The attention of the authorities of the institution was called to these facts, and correction was promised to be made. The buildings did not appear to be in good repair. The sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

ASYLUM OF THE SISTERS OF ST. DOMINICK,  
Blauveltville, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,773 was examined. Thirteen corrections were made in computation of ages and five in dates of commitments.

Charge was made for four hundred and fifty-six children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

Charge was made for one child for one week after such child had reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted two dollars (\$2.00) from a subsequent bill for such overcharge.

MISSION OF THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN,  
New York City and Mt. Lorretto, Staten Island, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,780 was examined. Fifty corrections were made in computations of ages, one hundred and fifty-two in dates of commitments and eight in the names of the children. Charge was made for one thousand and eighty-three children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

Charge was made for two children for thirty-six and one-seventh and thirty-nine and one-seventh weeks respectively, after they had reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$150.58) from a subsequent bill for such overcharges.

ASYLUM OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,

New York City.

Voucher No. B 2,771 was examined. Twenty-one corrections were made in computations of ages and ten in dates of commitments. Charge was made for one hundred and nine children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

ST. ELIZABETH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

New York City.

Voucher No. B 2,813 was examined. Fourteen corrections were made in computations of ages and seven in dates of commitments. Charge was made for sixty-one children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories and the buildings, although old, were in a fairly good condition. The sanitary arrangements were as good as could be expected under the circumstances.

Charge was made for one child for five and two-sevenths weeks after such child had reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted ten dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$10.57) from a subsequent bill for such overcharge.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF COLORED ORPHANS,

New York City.

Voucher No. B 2,775 was examined. Seven corrections were made in computations of ages. Charge was made for one hundred and

ninety children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

ST. AGATHA'S HOME FOR CHILDREN,

Nanuet, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,812 was examined. Thirty-one corrections were made in computations of ages and forty-one in dates of commitments. Charge was made for three hundred and ninety-three children, which number was found to be correct. No permit was found showing the number of beds authorized, but the dormitories were large, light and airy and did not appear to be crowded. Straw mattresses were used, but were changed only once in six months. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

ST. JAMES'S HOME,

New York City.

Voucher No. B 2,781 was examined. Nine corrections were made in computations of ages, fourteen in dates of commitments and one in the name of a child. Charge was made for one hundred and one children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good. Charge was made for two children, for whom no commitments could be found.

INSTITUTION OF MERCY,

New York City and Tarrytown, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,779 was examined. Sixty corrections were made in computations of ages, seventy-three in dates of commitments and nine in names of children. Charge was made for one thousand and thirty-eight children, which number was found to be correct. In this City the number of beds was less than that authorized, but at Tarrytown no permit was found showing the number of beds authorized; the floor space, however, was more than ample for the number of beds in use. At both places the dormitories were large, light and airy and the condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

Charge was made for one child for thirty-nine and three-sevenths weeks after such child had reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted seventy-eight dollars and eighty-six cents (\$78.86) from a subsequent bill for such overcharge.

DOMINICAN CONVENT OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,

New York City and Sparkhill, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,776 was examined. Seventy-nine corrections were made in computations of ages, thirty-two in dates of commitments and two in names of children. Nine faulty commitments were found. Charge was made for six hundred and fifty-three children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. At Sparkhill and in this City, the dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good. Charge was made for five children, for whom no commitments could be found.

ASSOCIATION FOR BEFRIENDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG GIRLS,  
New York City and White Plains, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 2,774 was examined. Sixty-eight corrections were made in computations of ages and thirty-three in dates of commitments. Charge was made for two hundred and sixty children, which number was found to be correct. On the first visit to White Plains, no permits were found showing the number of beds authorized, but on the second visit, the supervisor of the local Board of Health issued permits for the number of beds in use. In this City the number of beds was less than that authorized. At White Plains and in this City, the dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

ST. JOSEPH'S ASYLUM,  
New York City.

Voucher No. B 3,561 was examined. One hundred and seventy-three corrections were made in computations of ages, seventy-eight in dates of commitments and ten in names of children. Ten defective commitments were found. Charge was made for seven hundred and thirty-seven children, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

Charge was made for three children for thirty-three and six-sevenths, fifteen and four-sevenths and sixty and four-sevenths weeks respectively, after such children had severally reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted

two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.00) from a subsequent bill for such overcharge.

ST. ANN'S HOME,  
New York City and Peekskill, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 3,559 was examined. Forty-two corrections were made in computations of ages, twenty in dates of commitments and one in the name of a child. Charge was made for three hundred and sixty-one children, which number was found to be correct. In this City, the number of beds was less than that authorized. At Peekskill no permit was found showing the number of beds authorized, but there appeared to be ample space for the number of beds in use. All the dormitories were large, light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good. Charge was made for three children for whom no commitments could be found.

Charge was made for three children for twenty-four and five-sevenths, twenty-three and one-seventh and seven and five-sevenths weeks respectively, after such children had severally reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted one hundred and eleven dollars and fifteen cents (\$111.15) from a subsequent bill for such overcharges.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY,  
New York City and Roton Point, Conn.

Voucher No. B 3,552 was examined. Seventeen corrections were made in computations of ages and eleven in dates of commitments. Charge was made for two hundred and ninety-one children, which number was found to be correct. One of the buildings in this

City was being rebuilt, and the temporary arrangements for the accommodation of the children were as good as could be expected; although more beds were in use than the number authorized, the space was more than ample. At Roton Point the institution had rented a cottage temporarily, and although crowded, everything appeared to be in good order.

LADIES' DEBORAH NURSERY AND CHILD'S PROTECTORY,

New York City

Voucher No. B 3,355 was examined. Charge was made for two hundred and twenty-four children in the female department and for two hundred and five in the male department, which numbers were found to be correct. The number of beds was less than that authorized. The dormitories were light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good. Only seventeen commitments were examined, the balance were said to be in the hands of the former assistant Secretary, who held them by order of Mrs. de Peyster of the State Board of Charities, and access to them was refused without first obtaining permission from her. This has never been done, although the Secretary agreed to do so.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOME,

Staten Island, N. Y.

Voucher No. B 3,594 was examined. Thirteen corrections were made in computations of ages, four in dates of commitments and one in the name of the child. Charge was made for sixty-eight children, which number was found to be correct. No permit was found showing the number of beds authorized, but the space appeared

ample for all in use. The dormitories were light and airy. The condition of the buildings and grounds and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good. Twenty-one commitments were missing at the time of examination, but they have since been produced and examined.

Charge was made for one child for nine and six-sevenths weeks after such child had reached the age of sixteen years. The Comptroller has deducted nineteen dollars and seventy-one cents (\$19.71) from a subsequent bill for such overcharge.

HOME FOR FALLEN AND FRIENDLESS GIRLS,

New York City.

Voucher No. B 3,553 was examined. Charge was made for seventy-four inmates, which number was found to be correct. The number of beds in four of the rooms was less than that authorized; in ten other rooms, at the time the institution was first examined, no permits were found, but they have since been obtained. The condition of the buildings and the sanitary arrangements appeared to be good.

Commissioners of  
Accounts' Report of  
investigation of charitable  
institutions receiving the  
appropriations from the  
Excise Fund.

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Work-House,

LAWRENCE DUNPHY,

Superintendent.

*Marden*

Blackwell's Island, N. Y.,

*Feb 24* 1896

*Mr. R. J. Wright*  
*Commissioner*  
Sir: - Respectfully beg to report  
that the common beef and  
mutton, and meat for employees  
use, furnished by the contractor  
at present, is in my opinion,  
as good as that furnished  
at the corresponding period  
in 1895.

*Very Respectfully*  
*Lawrence Dunphy*  
*Superintendent*

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DEPARTMENT OF  
Public Charities and Correction.

New York Penitentiary,  
Blackwell's Island,

New York, Febry 24<sup>th</sup> 1896

LOUIS D. PILSBURY,  
Warden.

How Robert J. Wright  
Compr of Correction  
Dear Sir:

I respectfully report that the meat  
furnished the officers and convicts since January 1<sup>st</sup>  
has been of good quality and fully equal to that  
furnished last year.

Very respectfully,

Louis D. Pilsbury  
Warden

File,  
Wright

# Department of Correction.



Office of City Prison,  
Franklin and Centre Streets.

Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.  
John C. Van De Carr,  
Warden.

New York, February 24th. 1896.

Hon. Robert J. Wright.

Correction.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with directions per telephone yesterday, in relation to the quality of meats received at this prison for the year 1895- in comparison to that which we have received since January 1st. 1896.

In reply, I must say that the meat received for the year 1895 was good and no complaints made of same; and that for the year 1896 (since January 1st) was exceptionally good and in accordance with contracts and specifications.

Yours respectfully.

John C. Van De Carr.  
Warden, City Prison.

File.  
R. Wright



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

February 26th, 1896.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

Prest. Dept. Charities:

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Mayor I send you herewith a letter received by me in December, together with typewritten statement which I took on the occasion of Mr. Endre's call at the City Hall shortly after the receipt of the enclosed letter.

Will you kindly have this matter carefully examined and send report here, with the enclosed papers?

Yours truly,

Secretary.

City of New York )  
 ) ss:  
County of New York.)

Ignatz Endres of No.179 Montrose Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Decemter 9th, 1895, made the following statement:-

"Christina Stehle, my sister-in-law, was, on December 25th, 1892, arrested on her way to St. Thomas's Church at 53rd Street and Fifth Avenue. She was then living at No.1115 First Avenue, New York City. She was taken to the Police Station in East 51st Street, near Lexington Avenue, and the next day brought to the Police Court in 57th Street, and from there sent to Bellevue Hospital, and then to Blackwell's Island. In the following May she was pronounced insurable and sent to Ward's Island. Ignatz Stehle is a son of Mrs. Stehle and resides at No.961 First Avenue. In May or June, 1894, I called upon Mrs. Stehle at Ward's Island and she seemed perfectly rational, and said that she did not know the reason for her confinement. Mrs. Stehle has a daughter about nineteen years old, but I do not know where she lives. Mrs. Stehle has a sister, Catharine Lehr, who lives at No.961 First Avenue ; her eldest sister is Mrs. Christina Ropert."

New York  
To Hon. Mayor Strong  
New York City

Refd to the  
Sup of  
the  
P. G. B.

Dear Sir  
12/21/92

on the  
25<sup>th</sup> of December 1892 (in the morning)  
a woman by the name of Christina  
Stehle living at the time at 1116  
First Ave. while on her way to  
Church on 53<sup>rd</sup> Str Ed 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
this city was arrested by a  
Police officer without provocation  
what ever and was taken to  
the station from there to the  
Bellevue Hospital from there  
to Blackwells Island after a  
period of a few months she  
was taken from Blackwells  
Island to Wards Island.  
as incurable - she is perfectly  
sound of mind & health. but.

is still in custody on  
wards Island. We as friends  
of the said woman do  
earnestly beg of you to use  
your Influence by having  
her released from the Institution  
she has a sister living in  
Brooklyn. at 179 Montrose Av.  
who is willing to support  
her if her children do not  
We cannot afford to spend  
money on this case. but we  
beg of you kind sir to help  
us as the poor woman was  
put away Innocent. and we  
hope to get her back again  
the same way. she is a Widow  
and we know it was a  
conspiracy to have her put  
Away for it is a disgrace to  
humanity - to keep her a Slave  
woman there. and it will be

an act of Charity to have  
her restored to her Relatives  
she is confined in Branch  
N<sup>o</sup> 4 Wards Island under  
Dr. Emet. C. Dent.

Kindly help us Dear Sir  
by granting our request  
and oblige yours  
Very Truly.

<sup>Squats</sup> Londres.

179. Montrose Ave  
Brooklyn  
N.Y.

STATE OF NEW YORK—MANHATTAN STATE HOSPITAL

A. E. MACDONALD, M. D.,  
*General Superintendent*

NEW YORK March 1st 1896.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,  
President, Board of Charities.

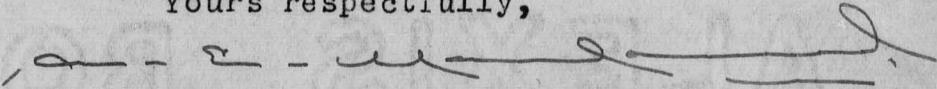
My Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to return the communication of Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary to His Honor the Mayor, and the accompanying papers relating to Mrs. Christina Stehle, a patient in the Manhattan State Hospital, Ward's Island.

I beg to report that Mrs. Stehle was undoubtedly insane at the time of her admission, December 28th 1892, and still continues so, though her general condition has considerably improved. She was suffering from Chronic Melancholia, had delusions of persecution, and was depressed and confused when admitted, and had, under the influence of these delusions, as stated by her Son, created a disturbance in St. Thomas' Church, which led to her being committed for examination.

Mrs. Stehle retains her delusions, but is now more childish and demented, and might be cared for at home under proper conditions. If her family will apply at the Hospital we shall endeavor to meet their wishes in the matter.

Yours respectfully,

  
General Superintendent.



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

*Silas C. Crest, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Beirne, "*  
*Geo. F. Britton, Secretary.*

March 2d, 1896 .

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

Agreeable to your enclosures of the 26th ultimo, pertaining to the retention of Mrs. Christina Stehle, at the Insane Asylum at Ward's Island, now Manhattan State Hospital,- I beg to enclose statement from the Gen'l Superintendent of that Institution received this morning, which would seem to place the matter of her removal entirely optional with the friends of Mrs. Stehle.

Were this Institution not now beyond the control of this Board, we would be pleased to offer any further assistance which may be found necessary in the matter.

Very respectfully yours,

*S. C. Crest*  
Pres't.

(4 Enclosures.)



# The New York Association For Improving the Condition of the Poor

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New York, March 5, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

Will you please accept the thanks and appreciation of the Department of Dwellings for your kindly co-operation in presiding at the Improved Housing Conference?

The Conference has now "cleared the decks for action", and the next step will be the organization of the General Committee for practical and immediate work. Just as soon as possible, I will give myself the pleasure of reporting to you definite steps forward.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm H Tolman*  
General Agent.

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

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New York, March 7, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Constant A. Andrews, I take pleasure in informing you that a meeting has been called for the General Committee on Improved Housing for Friday afternoon, March 13th, at 4:30, at the rooms of the Association, United Charities Building, Room 206. The object of the meeting is to discuss the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and also to project the work for the coming months. As the subject is very important and a few announcements of progress will be made, it is earnestly hoped that you will be present.

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Tolman,

*W. H.*  
General Agent.

Hon. William L. Strong,

6 City Hall, City.

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

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TELEPHONE, 452 SPRING.

EXECUTIVE STAFF.

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 CHARLES S. HIRSCH, SUPT. EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

NEW YORK,

March 17, 1896.

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

My dear Colonel Strong:-

As I have received a notice that the board of Estimate and Apportionment will consider the distribution of the Theatrical License Fund on Thursday next and as I will not be able to be present I write you as agreed in the conversation we had a short time ago on this subject and hope that you will act as a representative of our society.

The United Hebrew Charities last year received but \$750.00 of the Fund, a much less sum than was formerly granted to us, the apportionment having been scaled down every year for a considerable time. This is far less than other societies receive and to me seems wrong.

The expenditure of the United Hebrew Charities for its last fiscal year was \$138895.11 which is very considerable more than was disbursed by any other charitable society in this city. I feel sure that your own good judgment will tell you that we should receive as large a portion of this fund as any other organization in the city.

Our Manager, Mr. Rosenau, will represent our society at the hearing.

Yours very truly,

*Henry Rice*  
 President.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR,

ROOM 33.

NOS. 74 & 76 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK,

MARCH 17TH, 1896.

To His Honor,

The Mayor,

City of New York.

Sir:

I have the pleasure of sending herewith the Annual Report of  
The Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor in the City of New York,  
for the year 1895, as called for by the Act under which the Trust  
was incorporated.

Yours respectfully,

*Wm. W. Bennett*  
*Secretary*

To the Honorable

The Mayor, Aldermen & Community of the City of New York.

The Annual Report of the Comptroller of

The Trusts of the Sailors' Club Harbor in the City of New York

Showing the Receipts & Disbursements of the Trust

from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1895;

Showing also the present state of the Funds.

Receipts

The Balance of Cash on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1894 was	\$35,916 44
For sundries sold by the Governor of the Institution	
For Account of the Trustees	2,871 71
Rents during the year	313,663 81
On Account of Loans on Bond & Mortgage	7,000 -
Return premium on cancelled insurance	26 76
Reimbursement for expenses of Law Suit	1,000 -
Interest on Investments &c	22,633 83
Amount drawn from Trust Companies	4,000 -
Disbursements	
Expenses of the Institution for maintenance of the	
Harbor, including Taxes	\$226,634 68
Improvements & repairs to the buildings & grounds	45,401 64
Purchase of New York City Registered Bonds	101,197 27
Do old buildings Nos 38, 40 & 42 Clinton Place	26,381 25
Balance of Cash 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1895	23,499 71
	\$423,114 55

Statement of the Funds.

Buildings obtained by purchase	\$283,708 16
Loans on Bond & Mortgage	448,750 -
New York City Registered Bonds	100,000 -
Temporary Deposits in Trust Companies	80,000 -
Balance of Cash 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> 1895	23,499 71
	\$935,957 87

The Accounts of the following old buildings, which stood on the Trusts' lots, and which have been demolished to make way for improvements, have been closed during the year by charging the amounts thereof to Investments & Funds Account, viz

Buildings Nos 756, 758 & 760 Broadway	\$40,887 76
Do " 38, 40 & 42 Clinton Place	26,381 25
	\$67,269 01.

New York, Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1895.

Wm. C. Brewster, Comptroller



# LENTEN CHARITY PERFORMANCE

IN AID OF

## ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL

177 SECOND AVENUE

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How Wm L Strong.

NEW YORK, March 18 1896.

Dear Mayor Strong

At request of the Board of Managers of St Marks Hospital. I enclose you box for performance "Cuba Free" Mch 26<sup>th</sup>

The Com respectfully ask you to retain same and send such donation as you see fit to Order "St Marks Hospital" for which they tender thanks in advance.

The writer knows how many times every day you are in receipt of tickets &c for similar purposes. but would state that this hospital is situated in the most densely populated neighborhood down town. receives patients irrespective of sect. Creed or nationality, is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, & the services of the Staff of Physicians are rendered gratuitously.

If you cannot attend in person kindly use the box through your friends.

Hoping you will appreciate my writing this letter instead of sending you the stereotyped letter circular as to others.

I am  
With kind regards  
yours very truly  
A B de Frece  
Pres't

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR,

ROOM 33. Nos. 74 & 76 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK, April 1, 1896.

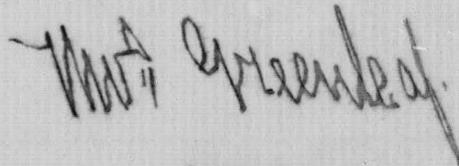
Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting held on Monday last, March 30th, a proposed By Law entitled "Visiting Trustee" was presented for consideration by the Board, and the Secretary was requested to send a copy of same to each member of the Board.

Enclosed please find a copy of the proposed By Law.

Yours respectfully,



Secretary.

### Visiting Trustee.

- I. A Trustee, to be designated the "Visiting Trustee", shall, for and during each and every month of the year, visit the Harbor at least once in every week, and in addition as often and at such times during such month as he may deem proper and necessary for the interests of the Institution.
- II. Such month of visitation, beginning on the first Monday of April, 1896, shall commence on the first Monday of each month and continue until the first Monday of each succeeding month.
- III. Each of the Trustees shall in turn serve as "Visiting Trustee." The President of the Board shall designate the first order of rotation, and thereafter the Trustees shall serve in regular monthly order. The Secretary shall have prepared at each annual meeting a monthly calendar for the ensuing year, with the names of the "Visiting Trustees" assigned for the respective months.
- IV. The Trustees may for their convenience interchange their months of service, but not so as to disturb the regular order of service. In case of failure or inability of a Trustee to serve as Visiting Trustee for the month to which he may be assigned, the President may designate any other Trustee to act as Visiting Trustee for that month.
- V. The "Visiting Trustee" shall inquire into and examine all matter appertaining to the health, comfort and condition of the inmates, and the order, discipline and management of the Institution. Whenever in any of these matters an emergency arises which, in his judgment, requires prompt and immediate action to protect the rights and property of the Institution, its officers, employees and inmates, he shall so act, and his direction in the matter shall be complied with by all concerned until the Board of Trustees acts thereon. He shall at the end of the month file with the Secretary a report on the general condition of the Institution, and the number of visits which he has made, and he shall present to the Board of Trustees such matters as may have come to his knowledge, or in which he may have acted, which require its consideration or action.
- VI. All officers, employees and inmates must respect and regard the "Visiting Trustee" as the representative of the Board of Trustees, and they must aid and furnish to him all information and facilities necessary to a due performance of his duties.
- VII. Wherever the property, revenues or interests of the Institution require attention or protection, the "Visiting Trustee" may act in accordance with the right of the case until the Board of Trustees acts thereon.
- VIII. The "Visiting Trustee" shall be paid his necessary disbursements, and in addition allowed \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for each visit to the Harbor, the aggregate of such allowance, however, not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in any one month.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD,

501 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK,

Apr 3rd 1896

Hon H. L. Strong  
City Hall

Dear Sir:

<sup>Conference</sup>  
A joint meeting of the House Committee of the

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY and the Committee on

THE CHILDREN'S FREE CITY HOSPITAL

will be held at

the Guild Office  
on Monday Apr 6th at 5 P. M.

By order of the Chairman,

J. Henry Frimberger  
Secretary



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

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*Geo. F. Britton, Secretary.*

April 6th, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

and Chairman of the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, City.

Dear Sir:-

We respectfully request that you will present for affirmative action by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment, a provision that excess supplies, etc., consumed by the insane, amounting to \$15,000. during the latter part of the year 1895, be charged to the appropriation for the Insane Asylums during the first three months of 1896 .

Yours respectfully,

*S. Croft*  
(President,



Department of  
*Public Charities*  
*Commissioners Office,*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

April 4th, 1896.

*Silas C. Croft, President.*  
*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*  
*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*  
*Geo. F. Britton, Secretary.*

COPY.

Hon. Silas C. Croft, President,

Department of Public Charities.

Dear Sir:-

I present herewith a statistical report of the operations of the "Lodging House for Homeless Men", as prepared by Col. Wm. White, the Superintendent, from the date of its opening, March 11th up to and inclusive of March 31st.

Total number clean lodgings furnished (after spray baths for each

	lodger) on barge . . . . .	3,417
"	" lodgers discharged - first time applicants, claiming prospect of work, no visible cause for holding, . . .	2,987
"	" applying for lodgings three times or more, sent to Police Magistrates and committed to Work-house as vagrants, . . . . .	108
"	" indigent and feeble sent to Alms House, . . . . .	45
"	" non-resident sent to State Alms House, . . . . .	6
"	" sent to Supt. Out Door Poor for examination . . . . .	68
"	" employed at temporary work on Lodging House, . . . . .	99
"	" sent to permanent employment in response to written applications, . . . . .	10
"	" emigrants returned to homes according to law, . . . . .	5

Total number sent to Wayfarers lodge on tickets kindly furnished  
by Charity Organization Society, . . . . . 225  
" " sleeping in dock rooms because of lack of room  
on barge, . . . . . 1,672

NOTE:- Of this number, 1538 applied between March 11th and  
18th, since which date the dock rooms were wholly unoccupied on nine  
nights, while from the 19th to the 31st, the applications exceeded the  
capacity of the barge only four times.

Total number of cases examined by Investigating Officers, . . . . . 809  
" " of good references found, . . . . . 275  
" " of adverse references found, . . . . . 96  
" " of false references and addresses given, . . . . . 438  
" " of men found to be sick by Examining Physicians ,  
and sent to Hospitals, . . . . . 41  
" " of men put at work removing snow and transporting  
coal about Bellevue Hospital and grounds, from  
2 to 3 hours per day, . . . . . 855.

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The fact that the formerly overcrowded dock rooms have  
been practically empty since the 19th, is regarded by officials who  
have been on the dock for many years, as representing much of en-  
couragement regarding the operations of this important Lodging House.

Much active co-operation has been furnished by Mrs. C. R.  
Lowell, Chairman of the Committee on Vagrancy of the Conference of  
Charities.

Many valuable suggestions as to sanitation, disinfecting  
process, etc., have been kindly made by Dr. A. H. Doty, Health Offi-

cer, Port of New York, Dr. Herman Biggs, Pathologist of the Health Department, City of New York, and Dr. John W. Brannan of the Scarlet Fever and Contagious Hospitals.

The Health Department has kindly loaned a disinfecting plant which is used to sterilize the clothing of all lodgers.

The Dock Department also very kindly assisted in many ways at the time of the opening of this Lodging House.

From all testimony available from those who have closely observed this municipal Lodging House, I am led to believe that the matter has passed beyond the point of experiment and that it may be assumed that it has marked an advance step in the right direction in a very important duty placed upon the Department of Public Charities.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) John P. Faure,  
Commissioner.



Department of  
*Public Charities*  
Commissioners Office,

66 Third Avenue,

*New York,* April 7th, 1896.

*Silas C. Croft, President.*

*John P. Faure, Commissioner.*

*Jas. R. O'Brien, "*

*Gen. J. M. Whittier, Secretary.*

H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

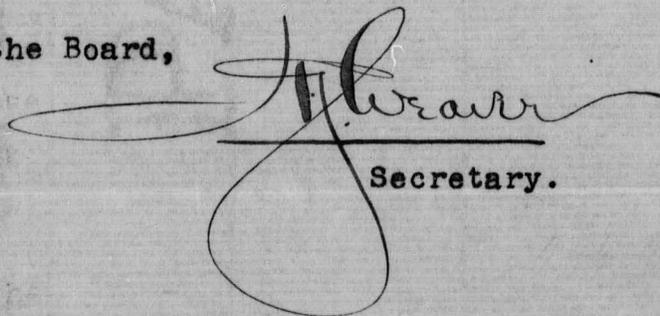
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I beg to enclose to you herewith, a report of the operations of the "Lodging House for Homeless Men" from the date of its opening, March 11th, up to and including March 31st, 1896.

The statistics speak for themselves and on the supposition that possibly you might desire to give them publicity, I enclose three additional copies of the report.

By order of the Board,

  
Secretary.

(Enc.)

32 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1896.

My dear Hedges:

My mother Mrs Lou<sup>e</sup> G. Brown and  
one of the other lady managers of the  
Belleuve Hospital Training School  
for Nurses will call to see Mayor  
Strong tomorrow, Thursday, between  
twelve and one o'clock. And I trust  
you will kindly call the Mayor's  
attention to the matter beforehand so  
that he will be able to see them.  
Dr J. Gill of the Bellevue  
Medical Board will call upon you

32 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

At the same time, upon the same  
matter, connected with the relation  
of the Hospital and the Training  
School:

It is of very great importance to both  
institutions and the ladies especially  
wish to see the Mayor. Because they  
come before the Charity Commissioners  
at 2.30 P.M. upon the same matter.

With kindest regards, I am -

Very truly yours

Henry J. Dobson

\$6000 from the City as Matron  
\$1000 for Managers of Training School  
\$5000 more by Managers toward School  
School pays \$600 & Matron Supp.

32 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK

Bellevue takes rank with the best private Hospitals in the City for death record and care of patients.

Miss Brennan has been in charge of the work there, for the last 8 or 9 years, as Matron of the Hospital & Superintendent of Nurses.

The efficiency of the work is greatly owing to her administrative ability and untiring vigilance.

To show that Miss Brennan really commands the respect of the Commissioners, within

a month she has been asked by them to assume the charge of the Alcoholic Wards with her nurses.

The rooms occupied by the Matron & Superintendent (Miss Brennan) were given to the Managers of the Training School for Nurses by the Commissioners 20 years ago. To take them away and appoint a Matron over Miss Brennan, would cause a constant conflict of authority, and seriously embarrass the working of the Training School for Nurses which is now such a help & comfort to the poor, and such a credit to the city.

~~Mr. Osborn~~  
Mrs. Osborn

St. Luke's Hospital,  
CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS,  
AMSTERDAM AVE. AND 113TH ST.

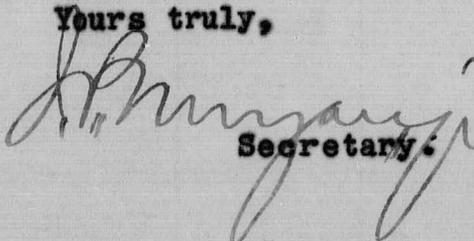
New York, **April 10,** 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
City Hall,

New York City.  
Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the Board of Managers held March 30th, the inclosed resolutions were presented, were laid on the table, and a copy was ordered to be sent to each of the Managers before the next meeting of the Board.

Yours truly,

  
Secretary.

**WHEREAS.** St. Luke's Hospital was founded and has always been supported and maintained as having a two-fold mission in "the cure of the bodies" and in the salvation of the souls" of its patients, and

**WHEREAS.** The union of the ministries of religion and science in the administration of this trust has been found to be not only practicable, but highly beneficial in the care of the patients, and

**WHEREAS.** The Board of Managers, in the construction of the new Hospital building, in their code of Household rules and in their provision for the future administration of this trust, have made provision, agreeably with Article II of the Constitution of the Society to provide the patients, "while inmates of the Hospital, with the ministrations of the Gospel, agreeably to the doctrines and forms of the Protestant Episcopal Church" and

**WHEREAS.** In pursuance of this declared object of the institution, religious services are maintained daily and on the Lord's day in the Chapel, and

**WHEREAS.** The practical carrying out of the declared objects of this Hospital are largely effected by the example set by the officers and employees of the Hospital, in their personal attendance or non-attendance on these religious services, therefore,

**RESOLVED.** That the Managers, recognizing the importance of both of these declared objects of the Hospital, urge that the Medical and other officers accepting duty in this Hospital, and resident within its walls, support these services by loyal attendance thereon, as far as is practicable.

# Harlem Charity Festival,

Under the Management of HARLEM LIFE,

At Harlem Opera House Music Hall,

On Thursday Evening, April 16th, 1896.

(Benefit Harlem's Needy Charities)

Mayor Wm. L. Strong:

My dear Sir:- Enclosed I send you couple sample notices so you may glance at the progress of good work we are doing. Your consent on Saturday last when I called at 10 o'clock has helped us and we have placed a box at your disposal and hope you and party will attend.

Faithfully yours

Willard J. Blomer.

# State Charities Aid Association,

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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105 EAST 22D STREET,  
ROOM 503,

New York, April 22 1896

MR. HOMER FOLKS, - - - SECRETARY.  
MISS MARY VIDA CLARK, - - ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Job Hedges Esq

Private Secy to the Mayor

Dear Sir

When a date has been set for the hearing  
before the Mayor upon Senate bill No. 1187,  
introduced by Mr. French, being "An act to  
amend Chapter 237. Laws of 1895, - an act  
in relation to the commitment and discharge  
of persons convicted of public intoxication,  
disorderly conduct or vagrancy" may I  
ask you to kindly inform me of the  
date of such hearing

Yours very respectfully

Homer Folks

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Department of  
*Public Charities*  
*Commissioners Office,*

*66 Third Avenue,*

*New York,*

April 23d, 1896.

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

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*H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.*

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

In pursuance of section 27, chapter 335, 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 March 31st, 1896.

Yours very respectfully,

President.

DAVID R. COE  
THE BROWN

# Department of Correction.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Commissioner's Office.

~~148 24th Street.~~  
66 Third Avenue,

New York, April 29th, 1896. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that a City Surveyor should be designated to survey and take the level of the City Prison Grounds, on which an addition to the prison is to be erected. As I am in doubt as to whether the Board of Estimate and Apportionment or I should employ such surveyor, your advice in the matter is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Wright".

Commissioner.

105 East 22nd Street.

April 29th, 1896.

To His Honor the Mayor

and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Gentlemen:-

As the undersigned, the Committee on Vagrancy of the Conference of Charities, requested that the appropriation of \$4,500. asked for by the Department of Public Charities should be increased to \$10,000., to enable the Commissioners to try the experiment of establishing a proper Lodging House for Homeless Men, and to carry on a system of investigation into the past history of the lodgers as a basis for a permanent disposition of each individual, it seems to us right to submit to your Honorable Board our conclusions in regard to the results, so far as it is possible to judge of them now.

The Commissioners of Charities left the responsibility in the whole matter to Commissioner Faure, whose experience rendered this this action peculiarly proper, and to him all credit belongs.

There being no building available for a Lodging House, a barge was hired for four months and fitted up to accommodate 183 lodgers nightly, and was opened on March 11th. For several months previous to the opening of the Barge, and for some days thereafter, the number of lodgers was considerably in excess of 183. The overflow from the Barge was accommodated in the Dock House, and the system of bathing, disinfection of

clothing , and investigation was not applied to any except those received on the barge. The lodgers in the Dock House, however, as well as those on the barge, were carefully questioned each morning after March 16th, by Supt. Blake, and disposed of by him in accordance with the result of the questioning.

The number of lodgers on the Dock and on the barge from March 11th to March 31st, were as follows:

<u>Date.</u>	<u>On Barge.</u>	<u>On Dock.</u>
March 11th,.....	104	259
" 12,.....	148	241
" 13,.....	172	244
" 14,.....	173	224
" 15,.....	179	226
" 16,.....	181	149
" 17,.....	183	84
" 18,.....	183	111
" 19,.....	171	--
" 20,.....	175	--
" 21,.....	182	81
" 22,.....	165	--
" 23,.....	135	--
" 24,.....	185	6
" 25,.....	141	1
" 26,.....	136	--
" 27,.....	158	2
" 28,.....	184	33
" 29,.....	183	17
" 30,.....	158	--
" 31,.....	121	--
	3417	1678

Isolated.

(From March 11th to March 16th inclusive, all Lodgers were discharged without examination.)

The decrease in the number of lodgers which immediately followed the adoption of the plan of questioning them individually, shows the necessity and value of investigation, and we are glad to state that the decrease has <sup>generally</sup> continued through the present month, although the statistics for April are not yet available.

The Commissioners have furnished us with the statistics in regard to the 3,417 men received on the barge alone, which seem~~s~~ to us very significant, and we ask your careful consideration of the following points in connection with them.

The most important fact is that 1099 , or nearly one-third , were men who had no claim on New York at all - having been in the city less than sixty days. All these men, having been provided for over night, should have been sent to the State Almshouse at Flatbush to be dealt with under the State Pauper Law.

The other most important fact is that 2706 , or more than three-fourths, were under 40 years of age, that is , in the prime of life, and the personal observation of the Committee also convinced them that these men were able-bodied and strong, "well nourished" , as they were described by a physician who watched them as they bathed.

The facts as to references given and visited (that only 781 were visited out of ~~2701~~ given) show that it was possible to make only a very superficial investigation of the past history and circumstances of the lodgers. This the Committee ascribe partly to the fact that the officers appointed were inexperienced

and lacked the trained intelligence necessary for such work.

The Committee desire, in this connection, to call your attention to the fact that of the candidates on the eligible list for "Investigators" the men appointed <sup>Night Officers</sup> stood 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th and 12th, ~~and 14th (the last being a veteran)~~, for they are of the opinion that, had the spirit of the Civil Service Rules been more strictly complied with, better results would have been obtained. The explanation of the Commissioners of Charities is that the papers of only a part of the candidates were ready at the time, and that consequently the eligible lists furnished by the Civil Service Boards were incomplete, but in the opinion of this Committee no lists should have been submitted to them by the Civil Service Boards, until the names of all the candidates could be included in the order of their rating. By the action taken, the city obtained officers presumably not so competent as those who stood higher on the eligible list, while the latter lost what was theirs by law and by equity, an appointment in consequence of success in a competitive examination.

The conclusion of the Committee on Vagrancy in regard to the experiment of the Lodging House is that, as an experiment, it has been very valuable, but they agree with the opinion expressed by Commissioner Faure, that it is not necessary to keep the Lodging House open during the summer months, for the following reasons:

Humanity does not demand any such provision for able-bodied, homeless men during the hot weather, unless for exceptional cases; the city will be saved a heavy expense by closing it; and one temptation to "homeless men" to come to this city to live in idleness will be removed.

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In order to provide for exceptional cases, the Charity Organization Society has offered to continue to supply the Commissioners of Charities and the Captains of Police Precincts during the months of June, July, August and September, with tickets for lodgings at its Wayfarers' Lodge, where each lodger receives a bath, a bed, supper and breakfast, for which he is required to saw an eighth of a cord of wood, or split twice that quantity.

In view of this offer of the Charity Organization Society, we hope that the City Lodging House will be closed from June 1st. to Oct. 1st. and that the Police Lodging Rooms will never again be opened.

The Committee would ask your Honorable Board to consider the importance of providing some institution for the training in industry and habits of steady work, of the large numbers of young and middle-aged vagrants who are growing up in the city, and we would respectfully suggest that a Farm School on Long Island (where they could be sent, instead of going to the workhouse as at present, and where they could be taught country work) would be the best means of helping them to escape the degrading, wandering life they are adopting.

The statistics referred to are appended.

Respectfully,

*Josephine Shaw Lowell, Chairman*  
*Rosalie Butler*  
*R. H. Dunning*  
*John A. McKim*  
*Charlotte Lindley Cooper*  
*Thomas M. Dewey*  
*Wm. A. Tolman*  
*Homer Folks*

Statistics of "Lodging House for Homeless Men "

From March 11th to 31st, 1896 .

NATIONALITY .

United States, .....	1,503	or	44%
Ireland, .....	1,025	or	30%
Germany, .....	478	or	14%
England, .....	136	or	4%
All other nationalities,	275	or	8%
	<u>3,417</u>		

AGES.

Under 20 years, .....	135
Between 20 and 30, .....	1,434
Between 30 and 40, .....	1,137
Between 40 and 50, .....	440
Over 50, .....	271
Total, .....	<u>3,417</u>

TIME IN NEW YORK CITY.

For life, .....	610
Over five years, .....	957
From one to five years, .....	424
From 60 days to 1 year, .....	327
From 3 days to 60 days, .....	519
Under 2 days, .....	580
Total, .....	<u>3,417</u>

REFERENCES .

Business references given, .....	1,140
Residence references given, .....	1,052
Lodging House references given, .....	539
No reference pretended, .....	686
Total, .....	<u>3,417</u>

References visited, .....	781
False references given, .....	429
Godd references ascertained, .....	260
Adverse references ascertained, .....	92

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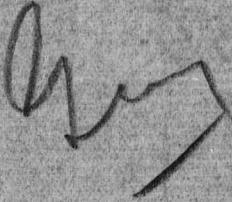
Under 5 days ...  
 From 2 days to 5 days ...  
 From 5 days to 10 days ...  
 Over five days ...  
 For file, ...

Under 50 ...  
 Between 50 and 100 ...  
 Between 100 and 200 ...  
 Between 200 and 500 ...  
 Over 500 ...

TIME IN NEW YORK

Total

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New York, April

1896.

Dear Sir:-

Humanity demands to call your attention to the result of the investigation reported 9th inst., by the State Board of Charities regarding the Deborah Nursery and Child's Protectory.

This Institution received from the City \$40,000.00 yearly for many years, but it is managed by incompetent persons. Many children are infected with contagious eye and other diseases, all the children are quarantined and excluded from the Public Schools, while from a down-town branch healthy children are moved up to remain amongst the diseased. Agents of the Gerry Society stated Feb. 18, 1896, at an examination in the Morrisania Police Court, that the Deborah Nursery and Child's Protectory is a disgrace to the City, and should be closed.

No improvement has been made since; on the contrary the children are neglected, and many will be bodily disabled for life unless other arrangements are soon made.

These facts are most respectfully submitted

by Members of the Society for the

Prevention of Crime.