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Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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

December 18th, 1896.

TELEPHONE, No. 380 18TH STREET.

CABLE ADDRESS, "CHARITY, NEWYORK."

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

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, etc.,
City Hall, N. Y. City.

My dear Sir:-

We take pleasure in sending to you a copy of the new edition of our Charities Directory for the year 1897, of which we ask your acceptance.

We think it quite likely that the book may be of much practical use to some of your subordinate officers, and if so we shall be glad to have your order for as many copies as you may desire.

Yours faithfully,

Chas. D. Kellogg
2nd Vice Pres.



Department of
Public Charities
Commissioners Office,

66 Third Avenue,

New York, Dec. 19th, 1896.

Silas C. Croft, President.

John P. Faure, Commissioner.

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Geo. F. Britton, Secretary.

H. G. WEAVER, Secretary,

~~Hon. Wm. L. Strong,~~

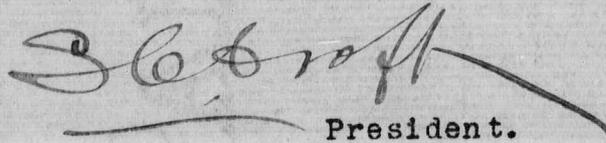
Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable to your reference of Dec. 11th of a communication from the Honorable Seth Low, requesting reply direct to the correspondent copy to yourself,- I beg herewith to enclose the same.

Please pardon my delay in replying, which has been due to pressure of important departmental business.

Yours truly


President.

(Enclosure.)



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Dec. 19th, 1896.

Hon. Seth Low,

President, Columbia College, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th inst. to the Mayor, upon the question of "medical supervision of the wards of the Bellevue Hospital", and under control of this Department, has been by him referred to this Board for direct answer.

This question is one that confronted the present Board at once they entered upon their duties and has been constantly agitated since. Grave doubts exist in the minds of the majority of the Board of Commissioners as to their right to place the supervision and control of any portion of the public institutions under their charge, and maintained by the tax payers, in the hands of private or college interests. Especially does it seem unjust that the profession at large should be excluded from the visiting privileges, the students of a college not within the controlling group denied its teaching facilities, or that the graduate from said college ^{be} debarred from competition for a position on the house staff.

The present plan of organization of Bellevue is, no doubt,

familiar to you. Four interests are represented, each holding one-fourth, as follows:- The College of Physicians and Surgeons, University Medical College, Bellevue Medical College and the Fourth Division of Bellevue Hospital.

The Bellevue Medical College some years ago was granted extraordinary privileges and permitted to build within the Bellevue grounds. Later the University erected its College opposite the Bellevue gates; thus both were close to the clinical field, with the College of Physicians and Surgeons at 23d St. and Fourth Avenue.

The struggle for control of the privileges in the Hospital was for many years waged among the three colleges named, resulting finally in the much discussed reorganization of 1895, by which these colleges obtained three-fourths of the visiting, staff and teaching privileges. The proximity of two of these colleges,- the University and the Bellevue Medical College,- to Bellevue Hospital (the only clinical field within practical limits) would seem to render a continuance of these privileges necessary to their existence. This fact, however, should be considered only in so far as the public service may be benefited by the continuation of the grants already accorded these colleges, virtually making them a part of the system.

The same conditions would seem to apply to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Located at a great distance from the Bellevue Hospital, renders the use of its clinical facilities impracticable,

if not impossible; and it is frankly admitted that it has not for years availed itself of them, but removed some time since to its present location, in order to be near an available and ample clinical field. If, therefore, the claim by the profession at large that they are unjustly excluded in the interest of the three colleges has any force, it is greatly emphasized through the fact that the College of Physicians and Surgeons controls a one-fourth interest it does not and cannot use.

The plan suggested does not affect the two active college interests, but does transfer the idle interest of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to a proposed First Division representing the profession at large and the college interests other than those of Bellevue and the University, without displacing any of its present visiting staff, so that the Hospital loses nothing of any benefit that may be claimed for it through the present ministrations of the alumni of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Therefore, in that particular, the change could not be unfortunate to patients, as suggested in your letter. Quoting from the same, you say "Last spring, out of 28 hospital appointments taken by competition in this city and neighborhood, 26 were taken by graduates of the College of P. & S., the other 2 by men from the University of Virginia. I do not think, Bellevue Hospital can afford to shut such men out."

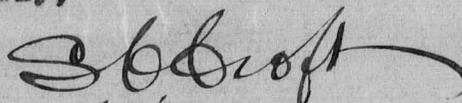
It would appear that the proposed plan would rather result in letting more in, for the following reason. At present the graduates

of the College of Physicians and Surgeons have opportunity to compete for only one-fourth of the staff positions at Bellevue, while under the proposed plan, one-half would be open to them. Maintaining so excellent a standard in competition, as shown by your reference, they should, under the new plan, secure a larger per cent. of the House Staff appointments as related to the whole, than they now do under the old. It would seem, therefore, that the graduates of the College of Physicians and Surgeons would be the gainers, and upon the theory advanced we ought not, in the interest of the Hospital, limit the competition from this college. Should they not be successful, then it becomes evident that other colleges (now deprived of the right to compete) turn out the better men; and surely the Hospital should have the benefit of the best obtainable. The Hospital is not likely then to get less than the standard set by the graduates of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and it might get higher. Surely an open field works no injustice, but would rather be such an incentive to the students of other colleges as would produce results more helpful to medical education, than the present restrictive competition. The same principle would seem to apply to the appointments on the Visiting Staff in that it offers a wider field for selection.

In conclusion would say, that nothing will be done without careful consideration for all real interests now represented, and they only in their relation to the efficiency of the service. Beyond that,

no encroachment should be permitted by corporate interests upon the right of competition for the clinical opportunities in institutions maintained with public moneys.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Croft". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

President.



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Gen. H. Matthews, Secretary.
H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.

Dec. 19th, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the president, I have to state in reply to your letter of the 18th inst. that the census of Randall's Island received this A. M., is for the Hospital and Schools, 93 children, 467, Feeble-minded and Idiots, 462. Infants' Hospital, Children, 205 Mothers with Children, 76. (For more detailed information see weekly report.)

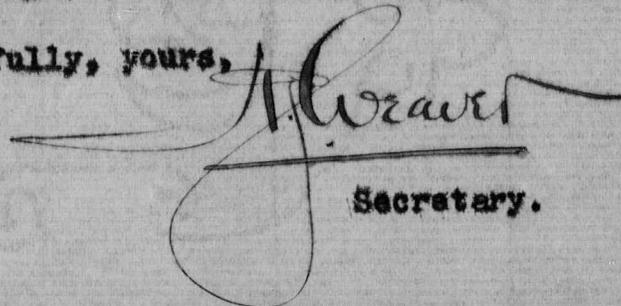
The death rate, comparatively, is as follows.

For Infants' Hospital, in 1895, 511; for 1896, 460.

For the Hospital & Schools, in 1895, 46; in 1896 74.

For the first nine months of 1895 at the Infants' Hospital alone, the number of deaths was 429, and for the same period of 1896 it was 383.

Respectfully, yours,


Secretary.



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~~*Geo. F. Hamilton, Secretary.*~~
 H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.

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Hon. Silas C. Croft,
 President.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith transmit to your Honorable Board, an account of all bills to and including the 14th day of December, forwarded to the Finance Department from this Office for payment, chargeable against the appropriation for supplies for the year 1896.

January	\$3,388.08
February	65,709.85
March	44,903.15
April	60,280.09
May	65,033.28
June	97,458.75
July	55,675.53
August	45,013.57
September	61,170.47
October	71,326.81
November	28,865.45
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December to the 14th	49,853.84
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	648,678.87
Bills forwarded to Finance Dept. since Dec. 14th	5,795.10
Bills received from Dec. 14th to 18th inclusive, audited & being prepared for transmission to Finance Dept.	10,247.91
Bills received from Dec. 18th to Dec. 21st inclusive	18,583.29
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	\$683,305.17

Hon. S. C. C.

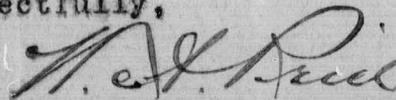
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Leaving a balance of \$26,694.83 of the Supply Appropriation of \$710,000.00 - 1896, available towards payment of contracts and open purchases for bills not yet rendered.

\$28,568.62 in addition will be needed to pay contracts existing and open purchases made and yet to be made.

A request for a transfer has already been made by your Honorable Board.

Very respectfully,



Gen'l Book-keeper & Auditor.

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Board Estimate

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SIXTH AVENUE.
13TH TO 14TH STREET.
NEW YORK.

Dec. 22, 1896.

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My dear Mr. Mayor,

My attention has been called to a statement recently made by you in opposition to the appropriation of public funds for hospitals, that a great deal of the money thus appropriated is used to pay interest on mortgages, to pay extravagant salaries and to pay sinecures held by relatives and friends of the managing board.

As Vice President of the J. Hood Wright Memorial Hospital, formerly Manhattan Hospital, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the fact, that however much truth your charges may contain with respect to some institutions, not one of them applies to ours. We are extremely poor, supported entirely by voluntary contributions. We spend

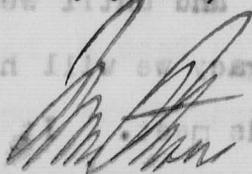
\$20,000.00 per year, and our cash account on the first of the month was less than \$200.00

A mistaken idea prevails with respect to our wealth, which is all in prospect. Mr. J. Hood Wright left us a legacy which will probably prove a large sum of money, but it is all contingent on the life of the direct legatee, and until we come in possession of this legacy we will have a hard struggle to make ends meet. It is therefore of the utmost importance that any false impression that may exist in the minds of the Board of Apportionment with respect to our coming under your general charges, should be corrected. There are no salaries paid by this hospital except for superintendant, orderlies, nurses, cook, laundress and ambulance driver. There is not a single employe on the payroll who is either a relative or friend of any of the directors. The highest salary

paid is to the superintendant, \$1,000.00 per year. The total wages paid is \$6,200.00.

I must repeat that we are in need of any appropriation to which we may be entitled by virtue of the large amount of free hospital work we do, (85% of entire work) and the awfully impoverished condition of our treasury.

Very truly yours,



Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

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St. Luke's Hospital,

54th STREET AND 5th AVENUE,

NEW YORK,

January 8 1886

The President calls a special meeting of the Board of Managers of St. Luke's Hospital, to be held at the office of Mr. George M. Miller, in the Drexel Building, Wall Street, on Monday, January 11th at 12 o'clock.

The object of the meeting is to take necessary action in the matter of receiving Mr Wm A Vanderbilt's legacy.

George Macauloch Miller

Secretary

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

New York, DEC 22 1896 189

A Meeting of the Board of
Managers of
St. Luke's Hospital
will be held at the Hospital
on Monday next the 28th inst
at 4 o'clock p.m. to receive the
Committee of the American Humane
Society, through whom Mr. Zabriskie
will present medal to commemorate
opening of the Hospital.

The Stated Meeting of the
Board of Managers will be
held immediately afterwards.

J. Pierpont Morgan Jr.
Secretary
J.P.M.

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE
OF THE
HEBREW INFANT ASYLUM,

NEW YORK,

Dec. 23, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

"For Charity's sake" is the excuse
I make for my presumption in
addressing you, and charity of the
noblest, purest kind.

Our League was organized for the
purpose of assisting the Hebrew Infant ^{Asylum}
an Institution regularly chartered by
this State, for the purpose of sup-
porting deserving orphaned infants
of the age of four years and under,
and thoroughly endorsed by all
charitable authorities of the State.
Each year we tender the proceeds

of a large affair to the Institution, and
thus far have been extraordinarily successful.
As our Touvenir forms an important
feature of the Affair, we hope this year
to outdo all previous efforts by inviting
the most prominent men of the Country
to subscribe an autograph letter en-
dorsing our work, which will be
published in fac-simile in our Touvenir
thus greatly enhancing its value.
Already we have received favorable
replies from a number, including
Pres. Cleveland, Pres. elect Wm McKinley,
Gov Levi Wallace, Dr. G. C. Hale, and
others equally as prominent, and
we dare hope Sir, to include your
valuable autograph also, for it is
a charity that must appeal to
every heart. Of the sick,
crippled and poor need help, if

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HEBREW INFANT ASYLUM,

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the orphans need protection and shelter, then surely none can begrudge the sick, helpless orphaned little ones the care, attention and comfort which they receive in the Hebrew Infant Asylum.

Sir, I hope I have not appealed to you in vain, and that you will favor me with a reply, which believe me would be thoroughly appreciated.

Your Obedient Servant,
Jules Hart
Chairman of the Entertainment Committee
Young Folks' League.

WOMEN'S PRISON REFORM COMMITTEE

Of New York Monthly Meeting of Friends.

MARIANNA W. CHAPMAN, CHAIRMAN, 160 HICKS ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y.
ANNA M. JACKSON, NEW YORK CHAIRMAN, 335 W. 18TH ST., N. Y.

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Dec. 28th 1896.

To the Police Magistrates'

Gentlemen:-

For several years, the members of this Committee have visited some of the Precinct Station Houses, and have learned from the Matrons that the young women arrested for disorderly conduct regard a fine with entire indifference, but are somewhat afraid of a Commitment to the Work House. In fact, to impose a fine which some bad man will promptly pay, is a mere pretence.

The demoralizing effect on these girls is so disastrous, leading them, as it must, to believe that society counts their offence as a very trifling one, that we feel at liberty to urge you, in every case, to impose the heaviest penalty the law will permit.

We all know that some poor girls are the victims of circumstances, but a very large proportion of them seem quite unconscious how wicked and how degrading a life they lead.

Does it not become the duty of society, through its trusted officers, to take every possible means to check the great stream of immorality that flows through our streets?

While we acknowledge with shame, how great is the number of these poor creatures, we learn that under the Law of ^{Summa}~~Communi-~~ tative sentences the number of arrests of new prisoners, such as come in for the first time, is comparatively small. Could you then secure from the temptations of life in this City, a considerable part of those who are too wicked or too weak to resist, the whole community would be permanently benefitted.

We are sending this letter to each of your body, and to his Honor the Mayor, begging in each case its careful consideration.

Respectfully,

*On behalf of New York Committee
Anna M. Jacobsen
Chairman.*

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

Enclosed is a letter prepared
by the Committee which we represent,
and sent to each of the Police Magistrates
in this city. It asks, that when women are
arrested for disorderly conduct, they shall
be sent to the Workhouse, instead of being
released upon the payment of a fine.

This, very probably, seems, in some cases,
the part of mercy, but more careful thought
will show, that if the punishment can be
made a preventive, a larger end will
be attained.

We ask that you will use your
influence to secure this change.

Respectfully, On behalf of Committee
Anna M. Jackson, Chairman.

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New York, 10th, 23d 1896.

To the Honorable Mayor Strong
of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

You will excuse me if I write you these lines but I have been forced to do it as I am the victim of an injustice.

I have been engaged as cook for the service of Dr. Freelant on Blackwell's Island some time ago, this Gentleman disappeared all of a sudden without payieng \$16.10 he owed me. After this Warden Jas. S. Knowles employed me for 15 days, and still did not get paid of \$30. I now ask, I have written to the latter but did not get any answer, now you will understand why I write to you, it is for justice and I am sure if you read these lines, to have it, for it is a shame for people like these gentlemen having a public "job" and not paying a workingman for the services given.

Hoping dear si, you will take this into consideration, thanking in advance and to have an answer at your earliest convenience, I am

Your most devoted

Signed) F. Blanc, chef.

152 West 25th St.

City.

(COPY.-

New York, Dec. 29, 1896.

Hon. S. C. Croft,

President.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the enclosed communication from His Honor, the Mayor, transmitting to this Board for investigation, a letter from F. Blanc, will say that this man Blanc was employed in the City Hospital as Doctor's Cook. He entered the service on or about July 18th of the present year and resigned on December 4th. His salary was \$30. per month and he has been certified to on the pay-rolls for every day that he has been employed, and if he says the Department owes him \$30. it is because he has not been to the Paymaster's Office to receive it, as he has been given an order for the amount.

Regarding his remarks concerning Dr. Freeland, will say that the Doctors offered among themselves to pay this man \$10. per month extra in addition to the salary paid him by this Department. It was a matter of private arrangement, and an agreement your Honorable Board cannot possibly be responsible for.

Dr. Freeland's term expired December 1st, and if he has left any unpaid bills behind, I am sure that if communicated with he will rectify the error at once, as my short acquaintance with him convinces me that he was a man of honor and would not willingly cheat any person out of a cent.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Jas. S. Knowles,

Gen. Inspector.



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Dec. 30, 1896.

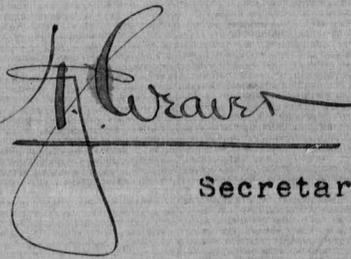
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I enclose herewith copies of letters from one F. Blanc in regard to alleged salary due, and report from General Inspector Knowles in regard to the matter.

I have written Mr. Blanc in reply to his communication forwarded to this Office by you.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

(Enc.)

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105 EAST 22D STREET.

December 31st, 1896.

TELEPHONE, NO. 380 18TH STREET.

CABLE ADDRESS, "CHARITY, NEWYORK."

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

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

My dear Sir:-

On December 30th of last year my predecessor wrote you asking that licenses should be refused to deformed and mutilated persons to peddle articles, play upon hand organs, etc., unless previous investigation as to their circumstances and as to the availability of any means of relief or support had been made.

The experience of the past year confirms our own belief that the mercantile occupation of such persons is the merest pretence and that their deformities are exposed to the public gaze simply to excite sympathy and as a means of begging. On 23rd Street near 3rd Avenue I noticed recently one such licensed peddler with his license, bearing your own name in conspicuous letters, framed and hanging across his chest. This would naturally strike a casual almsgiver as a special recommendation of this particular beggar to public sympathy.

There is no doubt that the important work of suppressing street mendicancy is made more difficult by the practice of licensing such persons of this class as are willing to pay the small fee charged.

These considerations are respectfully urged upon your attention as a reason for modifying as far as possible the present practice of the city administration in this respect.

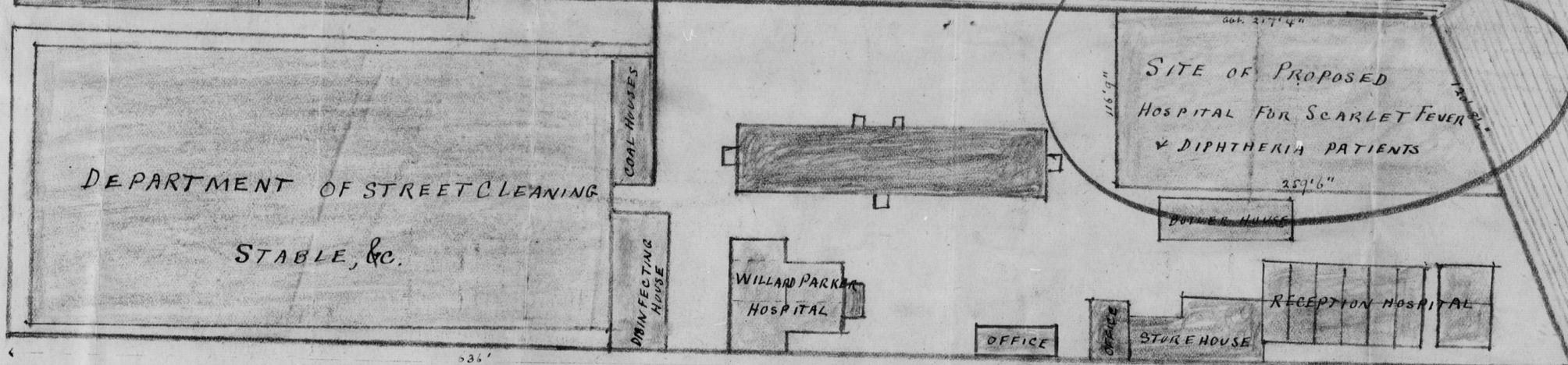
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Gen'l Sec'y.

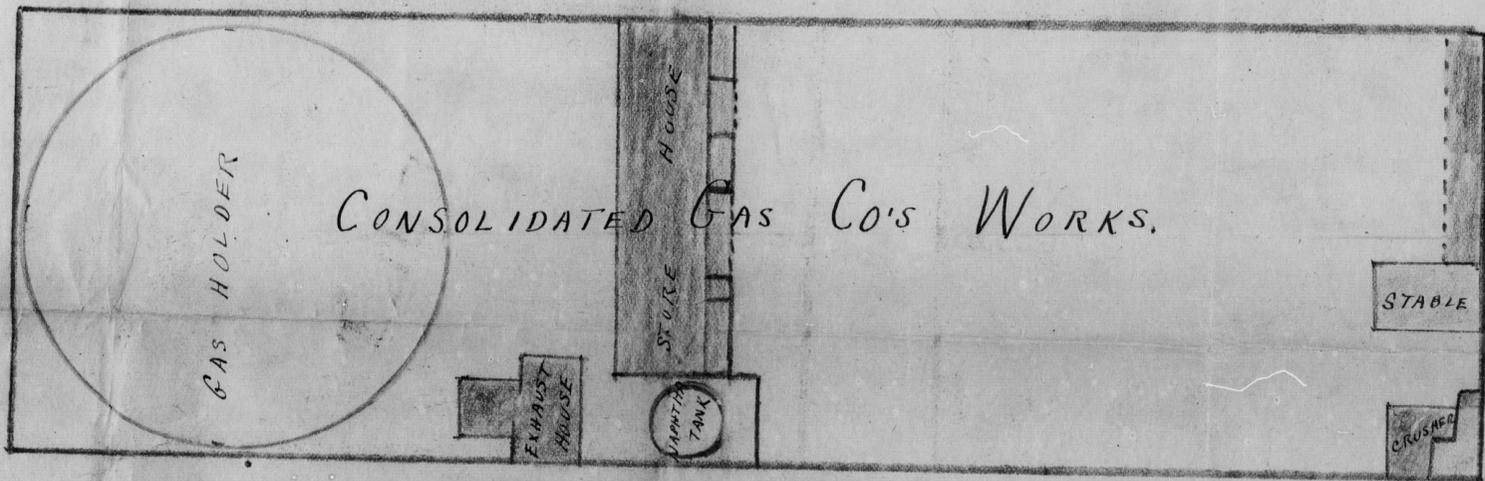
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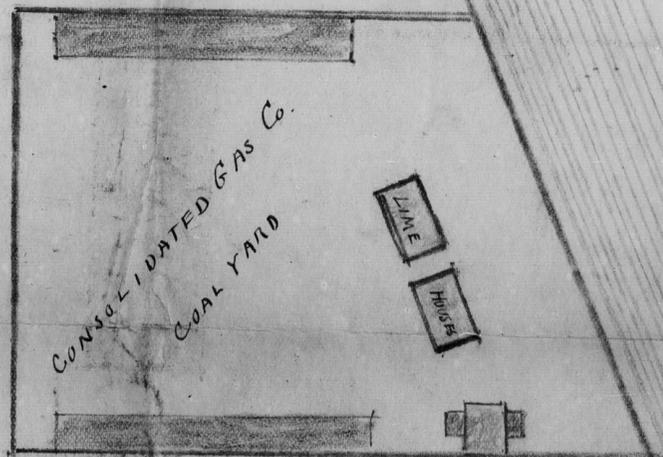
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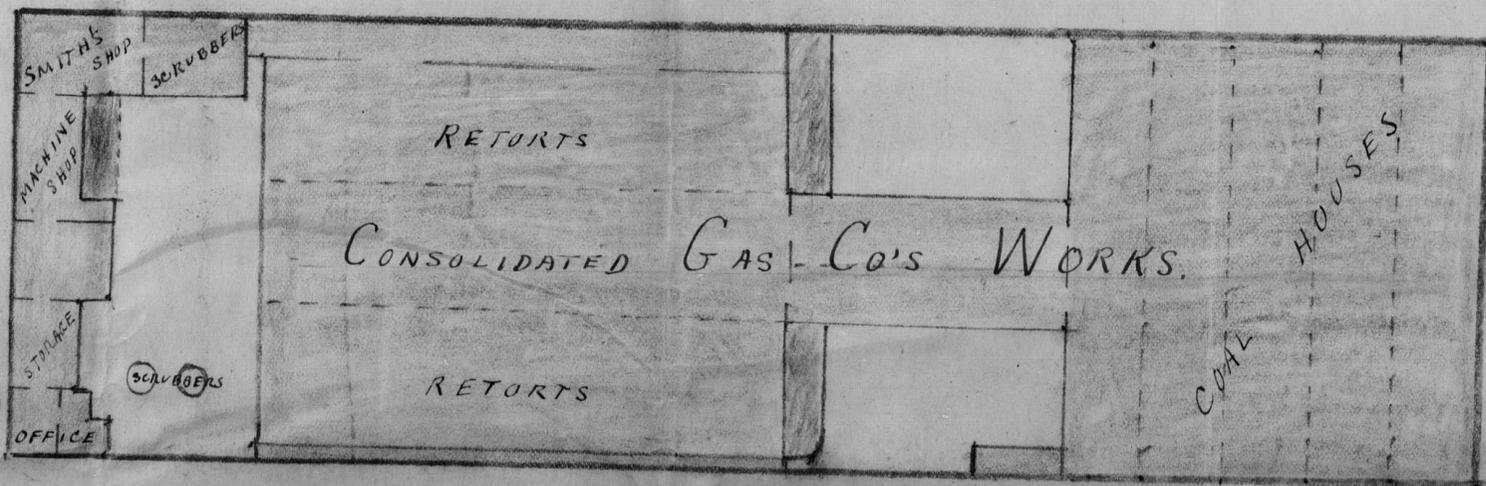
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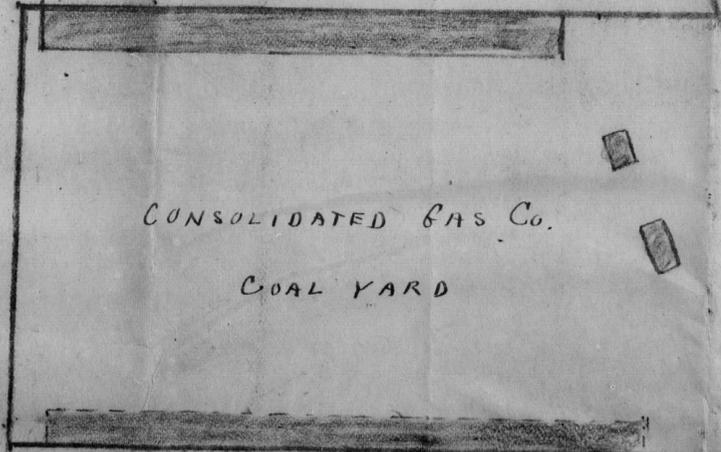


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GAS

EXHAUST HOUSE

WATER TANK

CRUSHER

EAST 15TH STREET.

SMITH'S SHOP

SCRUBBERS

MACHINE SHOP

RETORTS

CONSOLIDATED GAS CO'S WORKS.

HOUSES

STORAGE

SCRUBBERS

RETORTS

COAL

OFFICE

AVENUE D.

CONSOLIDATED GAS Co.

COAL YARD

EAST 14TH STREET

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HOSPITAL FOR SCARLET FEVER

AND DIPHTHERIA PATIENTS

PLAN OF NEIGHBORHOOD 1896.

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Lebanon Hospital,

Westchester and Cauldwell Aves.

EAST OF THIRD AVENUE.

NEW YORK, Jan 3rd 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of N. Y. City

Esteemed Sir

We desire to make an earnest appeal to you for assistance in the maintenance of our hospital. We are situated on Westchester and Cauldwell's Aves, and are the only institution of this kind in several miles, being an absolute necessity in this location. We handle any accident case which may arise, are non-sectarian, and have forty to fifty free patients here. A policeman on the Broadway Squad, who met with a serious accident and a boy who broke his leg were treated by us, which we narrate to illustrate our scope.

We desire to promote the usefulness of one of the worthiest charities with which our great city abounds, and we ask you for such aid as may lie in your power. Awaiting a favorable reply we beg to remain

Very respectfully

Appeal Committee Lebanon Hospital

Sudore Fichtenstein
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DO NOT DISCLOSE, EITHER TO THE POOR THEMSELVES, OR TO ANY PERSON NOT CHARITABLY INTERESTED IN THE CASE, THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION GIVEN YOU THROUGH THIS SOCIETY, AND THE INFORMATION ITSELF SHOULD BE USED WITH GREAT DISCRETION.

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OF THE

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,
105 EAST 22D STREET (COR. 4TH AVE.)

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT.

INVESTIGATIONS OFTEN REQUIRE VISITS AND LETTERS TO PERSONS WIDELY SEPARATED,
CAUSING MUCH DELAY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12th, 1897.

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report as follows in answer to the letter forwarded by you to this Society referring to Mrs. Mary Erickson of #79 James Street.

Since the receipt of your communication one of our visitors has called upon the woman, who is a widow 70 years old poor, and a sufferer from rheumatism. All information received regarding her has been only in her favor.

Our First District Committee office #9 Chambers Street has the case in charge and has conferred with a relief Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and learned the latter is extending assistance to Mrs. Erickson and considers her thoroughly deserving.

Yours truly,

(Miss) E. J. Scott.

Registrar.

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New York, Jan. 14, 1897.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report as follows concerning the family of Levi and Fannie Finer, Austrian Hebrews, three children, living at 52 Pitt Street, about whom you wrote us at the request of his Honor, Mayor Strong.

I find upon consulting the Registration Bureau of the Charity Organization Society, that its Third District Committee is at present interested in the family, and, therefore, as by an arrangement between the two Societies, a case coming to the notice of both, shall be left in charge of the one first undertaking it, we will leave this family to the before mentioned Committee's care, aiding if it requests.

I would say that the couple was previously under our notice in Dec. 1893, and Jan. 1894, when temporary help was extended as there was evident need, and they were subsequently referred to the United Hebrew Charities upon which they had a claim being Hebrews.

The Charity Organization Society reports that the family has been under its care since Dec. 8th, 1896; that its record is favorable, and they are endeavoring to secure employment for the man; that the United Hebrew Charities has been consulted and assisted the family with \$7.00 on Dec. 31st, 1896, and will probably render additional aid.

Trusting that this report may be satisfactory,
I am,

Very respectfully,

M. Fullerton
Supt. of Relief.

Board of Estimates Money 16th

57 WEST 68TH STREET.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Dear Sir - Mayor.

Probably better than
any letter I could write -
information as to the workings of
the "Brightside Day Nursery and
Kindergarten," can be gleaned
from this report.

When I had the pleasure of call-
ing upon you, you suggested
that I give you details: these
are offered herewith, with a
few extracts of salient points.

- 1st Society - is supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions.
- 2nd Salaries are paid only to one kindergarten, one nurse, one matron and one servant. No officers or collector receiving any pay.
- 3rd About 1000 children are housed, cleaned, instructed and fed, in a month.
- 4th In the most crowded tenement portion of the city, where school accommodations are inadequate, the society instructs beginners and files them for admission to the 5th Primary grade.
- 6th Members of the State Board of Charities, and officers

of the Board of Health - have expressed satisfaction at the way our work was conducted, and the condition and management of the house.

I therefore respectfully ask, that some portion of the funds at your disposal for charitable work of this nature, be granted to this society.

Yours respectfully

Helen C. Northal

Vice President

January 18/97.

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The Love Series, the
Helen Industrial School
to be remembered a little
more fully than last year,
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Mrs. M. Fullerton, Sup't of Relief

New York, Jan. 19, 1897.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report, as follows, concerning Mayer and Lizzie Bierenbach, Austrian and Russian Hebrews, two children, living at 27 Columbia Street, referred to this Association by your letter, at the request of his Honor Mayor Strong.

It would appear from the couple's statements that the man is a peddler of dry goods and their income varies; that he has made application and passed examination for employment on the Street Cleaning Department, and that he had written to his Honor, Mayor Strong, hoping that he would use his influence in placing him immediately; that he does not wish his wife to assist in maintaining the family, as he is strong and perfectly able to work; that they were not requiring aid.

The family is occupying three clean, comfortably furnished rooms at a monthly rental of \$9.00, and upon investigation their record is favorable.

As they represented they were not in need, assistance was not given, but the man was advised to apply to the United Hebrew Charities, upon which they have a claim being Hebrews, for possible help in securing employment, while awaiting the appointment for street cleaning.

Trusting our report may be satisfactory,

I am,

Very respectfully,

Supt. of Relief.

State Charities Aid Association,

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105 EAST 22D STREET,

ROOM 503.

New York, Jan. 21st, 1897

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I notice a statement in the press to the effect that you are to transmit to the Board of Aldermen a message upon the departments of Public Charities, and of Correction next week. It occurs to me that in this connection you may be interested in looking over our last report upon the Charities Department, and I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy under separate cover.

I beg to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Homer Folks

Secretary.

NEW YORK INFANT ASYLUM,

AMSTERDAM AVENUE AND 61ST STREET.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

New York, January 22, 1897.

At the request of the President a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Infant Asylum is called to meet at the Manhattan Hotel, at the corner of 42nd street and Madison Avenue, on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, at half past eight o'clock.

At this meeting the question of erecting a new building at 61st Street will be considered, and authority to mortgage the property of the Infant Asylum for this purpose will be brought up for consideration. At the same time authority to sell the property of the Infant Asylum at 61st Street will be asked for.

The President earnestly desires that all members of the Board of Managers be present, in order that a full discussion of a general scheme for improving the property at 61st Street may be had.

Gherardi Davis,

Secretary.



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

Eliaz C. Croft, President.
John P. Faure, Commissioner.
Jas. R. O'Beirne, "
H. G. Weaver, Secretary.

Jan. 22d, 1897.

COPY.

Hon. Wm. R. Stewart, Pres't,

State Board of Charities, 54 William St., City

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of the 11th inst. requesting us to prepare a report on the subject of examiners in cases of children in institutions under private management supported by public moneys, was duly received and referred to Supt. Blake of the Out Door Poor, under whose Bureau this work is performed. Owing to his illness and absence from his office for several days, your communication did not receive that prompt attention we had expected it would, and in fact until you called on the 20th inst. we had supposed you had received a reply.

Owing to the fact that some opposition was met by the Commissioners in their request for an appropriation in December 1895, the same was disallowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In the meantime, in obedience to the rule laid down by the State Board of Charities, the bills from the different institutions were accumulating in this Department, pending examination and certification before transmission to the Comptroller for payment.

At a meeting of the officials of the different institutions

interested held, as I recall, early in January, it was explained by the Commissioners that they were unable to proceed with the work through a lack of appropriation of funds for that purpose. At a subsequent meeting held with your Board, it was agreed that you would so far modify the rule as to make it operative March 1st, '96, instead of October 1st, 1895, and that with the sanction of the Mayor we would employ examiners and proceed with the investigation, pending a re-consideration as to funds by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Pursuant to this agreement, five examiners were appointed and assigned to duty March 1st, '95. From that period to December 31st, 1896, 2,255 adults were visited and of this number, 1,385 were refused. Covering the same period, 11,384 children were visited, and 2,376 refused. On September 1st, '96, nearly 30% of the total amount submitted remained to be investigated, as the new names submitted rendered it impossible to keep up with the work with the force then employed.

One additional appointment has since been made, making the total number six, and this, together with the examiners being more accustomed to their work and the same better systemitized, it would appear would soon enable us to keep abreast of the current work.

Considering the fact that the average cost to the City of each adult is \$150.00 per annum, and of each dependent child \$110.00 per annum, it will be seen that an enormous annual saving to the City is being accomplished,- say \$460,000.00 on the present basis of examinations.

We believe the above facts will be of interest to the general public, as it shows results consequent to the operation of a rule laid down by the State Board of Charities and its enforcement by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities of the City of New York.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) S. C. Croft,

President.

Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

148 East 20th Street,

New York, January 28, 1897



Robert J. Wight,
Commissioner.

My Dear Mr. Story.

I hope you will use

your influence with Mr. Proctor Clark

to try and have the Corrections

Deputy-Bair Janned this winter.

This weather is sending Vagrants

to us by the score & occasionally

clubs of the Ricker Island scheme.

Our only relief at a very little
outlay.

Yours & Rpt Wright-

From
Rpt Wright
to Mr. Story
Wright



Department of
Public Charities,
Commissioners Office,
66 Third Avenue,
New York, Jan. 28th, 1897.

Silas E. Croft, President.
John P. Faure, Commissioner.
Jas. R. O'Beirne, "
H. G. Weaver, Secretary.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the Fordham Hospital matter and the request of this Board to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for additional facilities at this Hospital, the enclosed report from General Inspector Knowles may be of interest to you.

It is apparent that some early action is necessary with reference to this question, and we hope for early action by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Very respectfully yours,

Silas E. Croft

President.

(Enclosure.)

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Jan. 30th 189

Honorable W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York

My dear sir:-

I beg you will excuse my trespassing upon your valuable time, but I am compelled to ask you, and trust if it is in your power, not to deny me the privilege.

On Feb. 11th, the Beth Israel Hospital, a poor and struggling institution gives an entertainment and reception at the Lenox Lyceum, and I am requested to ask you, whether you will give them ten minutes of your time to simply address the assemblage with very few remarks.

The officers have lately purchased three lots of ground corner Jefferson & Cherry St. and this entertainment is given to aid them in paying the first installment on the lots. If you can consistently spare that much time, I would respectfully ask you to grant it. I am,

Yours very truly,

R. Mandell



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Mrs. M. Fullerton, Sup't of Relief

New York, Feb. 1, 1897.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,
To the Mayor of New York,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report, as follows, concerning Anthony and Amelia Vlahovich, the man an Austrian and the woman an Italian, Roman Catholics, living at 203 East 117th Street, referred to this Association by your letter stating that his Honor, the Mayor, desired to call our attention to the case.

The woman presented your letter on January 28th, and when interviewed stated through a friend who interpreted for her, that her husband is ill with rheumatism; that they are to be dispossessed as they are indebted for room rent, and that they are in need of food. Assistance in an order for groceries for immediate need was given and the woman was told that our Visitor would call later.

When visited they were found occupying a furnished room at a rental of \$3.00 weekly, and the man who was found in bed, stated that they came to this city from New London, Conn., three months ago; that he had been very ill, causing present trouble; that they came to this country six months ago from Italy, but he had previously been in this country and lived in Texas, also Chicago, Ill.; he requested temporary assistance.

It was learned upon investigation at a previous address that after being there a short time, they were asked to move, as they annoyed the family by constantly cooking in the kitchen; that the friend who interprets for them was always with them in the day time; that the woman from whom they rent the furnished room stated that neither of them were sick; that both were able to work and believed they could manage if they made proper effort.

As there was evident need, of fuel, coal and wood were provided.

The order for groceries had not been filled, and they were desirous of substituting wine for some of the articles mentioned on the order, but this was refused, as it would appear

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if their need was as great as represented, they could manage without the stimulant. Our Visitor advised, as they are Italians and have a claim upon the Italian Benevolent Society, that they apply to it for assistance, but the man stated that when he previously applied to the Society mentioned, aid was refused because he is an American citizen.

Mrs. Vlahovich is but sixteen years of age, and seems only a child, and the woman from whom they rent the room stated that there is some question regarding the couple's being married, but our Visitor has been unable to corroborate this statement.

As both are able bodied and have been in this country and city so short a time, they do not come within our governing rules for further aid, and it is believed that if left to themselves, they will manage.

Regretting that under the circumstances we could give only emergent aid,

I am,

Very respectfully,

M. Fullerton
Supt. of Relief.

(Copy.)

DISTRICT PRISONS,

New York, Jan 30th, 1897.

Hon. Robert J. Wright,

Commissioner of Correction.

Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the number
of Vagrants committed daily at the District Prisons.

The number of this class of Prisoners averages from forty
to fifty per day, and, in consequence, the Prisons are
kept very full.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

(Signed) John Kerr,

Warden.

(COPY.)

W O R K - H O U S E,

Blackwell's Island, N. Y., Jan'y 29th, 1897.

Hon. R. J. Wright,

Commissioner of Correction.

S i r :-

While referring you to my communication of yesterday relating to the crowded condition of the Work House, I must reiterate and emphasize the necessity of making immediate arrangements to accommodate prisoners.

Nearly all the available space in the building is now occupied, cots have been crowded and tiered up in the cells until there is room for no more, and my resources are now narrowed down to the use of the main hall floor and Chapel.

My usual resource to relieve the house has been by transfers to other Institutions. This I am using to its fullest extent, but my power in this direction has lately been limited to the extent of the 30 men used at Bellevue Hospital, which Institution procures its help from other quarters.

Our average daily Male commitments are 100. Average discharges, 40; Average transfers, 30; which leaves 30 per cent. of the prisoners received here, to be cared for in the Work House. There are no means at my command by which these prisoners can be provided for, and I must again repeat the extreme necessity of immediate action in this matter.

Very Respectfully,

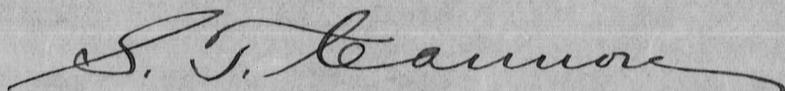
(Signed) E. F. Mead,

Warden.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sidewalk in front of premises No. 231 West End Avenue, New York City, is in a slippery and dangerous condition, and is a menace to the life and limb of the public passing thereover, caused by accumulation of snow and ice allowed to remain thereon, uncared for since the fall of snow on Jany. 27th and 28th last.

The object of this notice is to hold, jointly and severally, each, every and all of the parties hereby addressed to a strict accountability in case any one may suffer injury from the negligence of said parties in respect to said premises.

Very respectfully yours,



223 West End Avenue, in behalf of self and others, owners and occupants in the block facing West End Avenue, between 75th and 76th Streets.

To

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

Chester W. Chapin, (owner of premises.)

David Geraty, (person having authority over and in
(charge of premises.)

Seton & Wissman (real estate agents, having their
(sign in the window of premises.)

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COMMITTEE ON VAGRANCY,
Appointed by
THE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 28th, /97

Hon. Robert J. Wright,
Commissioner of Correction,
148 East 20th St.

My dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Vagrancy held on the 26th inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:-

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Vagrancy earnestly approves the proposition of the Commissioner of Correction to transfer vagrants from the workhouse to Riker's Island to be there employed in erecting temporary accommodations, in preparing the island for agricultural or other uses, and, as soon as the season permits, in the cultivation of the land, and

RESOLVED, That this Committee recommend to the Commissioner of Correction that he request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide at the earliest possible date for a transfer of funds, such as will enable the Commissioner to erect temporary quarters on Riker's Island for workhouse prisoners, and

RESOLVED, That this Committee hereby offers to support such a request before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and

RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend to the Commissioner that as soon as temporary quarters are pro-

vided, he fix the term of commitment of all vagrants who are able to work at from three to six months, according to the season.

I need only add to these resolutions that if you need the assistance of our Committee before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and will notify us of the date of the meeting at which the matter is to be considered, we shall be glad to send representatives to support your request.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Homer Folks,

Secretary.

Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.



Robert J. Wright,
Commissioner.

Charles Benn,
Genl. Book-keeper & Auditor.

~~66 Third Avenue,~~
148 East 20th Street.

New York, February 2nd, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:

I beg to enclose copies of letters in relation to the employment of Vagrants, on Riker's Island, and, of which I was speaking to you yesterday.

Very respectfully,

Robert J. Wright

Commissioner.



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Feb. 3rd., 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

Below please find names of the Trustees, composing the "Committee on Children's City Hospital" for the year 1897, appointed by the President, at the meeting held last evening, and approved by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Section 1, of Article VII of the Canons.

James Speyer, Esq.,
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Hon. W. L. Strong,
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John T. Ijams, Esq.,
William R. Warren, Esq.

You are further notified that the first meeting of this Committee is hereby called, for the purpose of election of a Chairman, at the Guild office, on Thursday, February 4th., at 5.30 P. M.

This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, of Section 1, Article VII of the Canons.

The "Committee on Law and Legacies" has been convened to organize at the same time and place, in order that a

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meeting of the joint Committee, created by the Board at its meeting held last evening, may be held without delay.

Yours very truly,

John P. Lane
Secretary. *m*

THE UNITED HEBREW CHARITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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NEW YORK, February 4, 1897.

Estimate

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

My dear sir:-

I beg to transmit herewith a copy of the formal application of the United Hebrew Charities for a share of the Theatrical License Fund this day sent to the comptroller by our manager.

I trust that you will use every effort to obtain as large an allowance as possible for our Society as we find great difficulty at present in meeting the demands that are made upon us owing to the extreme destitution which now prevails in the city.

Thanking you in advance for any effort you may make for us, I am

Yours very truly,

Henry Rice

President.

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NEW YORK, February 4, 1897.

(Copy)

Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch,
 Comptroller, of the City of New York,
 280 Broadway,
 City;

Sir:-

The United Hebrew Charities respectfully requests to be included in the annual distribution of the Theatrical License Fund. As you will note from our Annual Report which is herewith transmitted to you our receipts during our last fiscal year were \$147,623.21 and our disbursements \$146,265.37.

Since the opening of the present fiscal year the demands upon us for charity have been heavier than ever which makes it important that we receive all the funds possible in order to allow us to perform our work effectively.

Trusting that you will lay our request before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and will give it due consideration, and thanking you in advance for any efforts you may make in behalf of our Society, I am

Yours with great respect,

Nathaniel S. Rosenau.

Manager.



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New York, Feb. 8, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

When I saw you Saturday you informed me that you had sent the Association a check for \$250. No check has yet been received at this office and I am writing you in order that I may be informed if the check has been sent, and if possible trace it. The hard times are pressing on the Association and \$250 is worth tracing.

Trusting that I may be able to report its receipt to you very soon, I am,

Very respectfully,

General Agent.



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New York, Feb. 9, 1897.

Mr. Job Hedges, Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report as follows concerning Robert and Ann Gallacher, the man English, and the woman Scotch, Protestants, no children, living at 421 West 39th Street, referred to this Association by your letter, enclosing one from the woman, stating that his Honor the Mayor requested you to send the case to us for consideration.

When visited the couple were found occupying three rooms at a rental of \$7.50 per month, and when interviewed the woman stated, that they came to this city three months ago from Boston, Mass.; that her husband had been employed by the Atlas Line of steamers as cook, but he gave up his position, as the Company reduced the salaries, and he refused to work for lower wages; that he regretted his action, applied for re-instatement, and was accepted two weeks ago; that she was stewardess on the same Line of steamers eight years, but gave it up; that they are in arrears for rent, and are also indebted for furniture purchased on the installment plan, and she fears it will be taken from them; that she applied to his Honor, as she was known to him through a gentleman who directed her and a friend to his Honor, to make application for a position as Police Matron, and hoped that in her present condition of health and destitution, he would assist her.

The woman evaded direct questioning, and while she claimed to have been in this city but three months, and denied having been visited before, it is believed that the couple were under our notice in Jan. 1896, when the woman claimed that she was a widow with four children, who were with her mother in Scotland, when she married her present husband; that they were in trouble owing to lack of employment for both, and the circumstances were almost identical regarding the Police Matronship, except that she had applied for the position for herself, and expected to be appointed. We furnished the man with Woodyard work at that time, and also referred him to St. George's Society, upon which he had a claim, be-

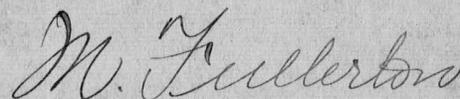
ing of English birth.

While our Visitor felt on Feb. 6th, that the woman was not truthful, nevertheless, owing to her expected illness, assistance in groceries and coal was given, but as she stated that her husband expected to secure an advance on his salary, and remit it to her from New Orleans, La., she will probably be able to manage the matter of rent and furniture.

Our Visitor will remain interested, and extend such further help as the circumstances may warrant.

Trusting this may be satisfactory,
I am,

Very respectfully,


Supt. of Relief.

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Feb. 3, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

We enclose herewith our check for \$500.00 which we will ask you to kindly add to the city's fund for relieving the poor people of New York. The recent heavy snows and present cold weather have caused much suffering in many localities, and we take great pleasure in joining the movement to relieve those who are in want of the necessities of life.

Yours respectfully,

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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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as a Contribution to the funds of the Society.

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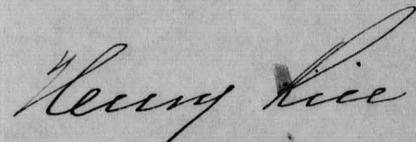
Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor of the City of New York,
 City Hall, City;

My dear sir:-

I am directed by resolution of our Executive Committee to convey to you the deep thanks of the United Hebrew Charities for your allotment to it of the sum of \$250.00 out of the donation of the Siegel-Cooper Company made for the benefit of the poor of New York. Not only because it was needed and a welcome addition to our relief fund, but also because of the recognition of the work of this society to which it bore evidence.

Again thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,



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Mrs. M. Fullerton, Sup't of Relief

New York, Feb. 16, 1897.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secy.,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to report as follows concerning Louis Ungerleider, an Hungarian Hebrew, living with his wife and two children at 113-Lewis Street, who applied to this Association with a letter addressed to him from you, stating that his Honor the Mayor suggested that he call upon us for assistance.

When visited the family was found occupying two clean, comfortably furnished rooms at a rental of \$7.00 per month, and when interviewed the man, a furrier by occupation, stated that he had been unemployed, except for occasional work, nine months; that he is willing to do anything by which he can maintain his family; that his wife, who was absent, assisted in their support by sewing furnished by the United Hebrew Charities, for which she receives fifty cents a day; that the before mentioned Society had also assisted with cash for rent in Dec. 1896.

Upon investigation the couple is favorably spoken of, and as there was evident need, relief in groceries was given. A card to the Cooper Union Labor Bureau was also given the man, which may be helpful to him in securing work.

As the United Hebrew Charities are interested, we will leave the family in their care, believing that they will do all that is necessary.

Trusting that this may be satisfactory,
I am,

Respectfully yours,

M. Fullerton
Supt. of Relief.

Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

66 Third Avenue,
148 East 20th Street,

New York, February 16th, 1897.



Robert J. Wright,
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,
Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to report that a fire occurred at the Office Building of this Department, No. 148 East 20th Street, on the morning of Sunday, the 15th inst. Upon the discovery of the fact that there was fire in the basement, (at 3.45 A. M.) an alarm was promptly sent out by the Janitor, in a few moments the engines were on the spot, and what might have proved a disastrous conflagration was averted. As it is, the damage done was confined to the Building, the City's property receiving little or no injury.

Knowing the importance of carrying on our work, I had men sent from the Work House on Sunday, putting in glass, making water connections, &c., so as to make the place habitable for Monday morning, and I am glad to say that no one has been put to inconvenience, who has had business with the Department,

Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.



Robert J. Wright,
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Arthur Phillips,
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66 Third Avenue,
148 East 20th Street,

New York, _____ 189

as Passes were issued, and all work done as usual.

The fire seems to have started in the ceiling of the cellar, near the furnace, but no cause can be stated for it, until the matter is investigated.

Very respectfully yours,

Robert Wright

Commissioner.



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New York, Feby., 23d, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
City Hall,
N. Y.

Dear Sir:--

There will be a special Meeting of the Committee on Children's City Hospital, held at the Office of the "Guild", #501 Fifth Ave., Wednesday Evening, Feby. 24th., at 8.30, O'clock. You are earnestly requested to be present, as business of great importance is to be brought before the Committee for consideration, pursuant to the following quotation from a communication received from the President.

"I deem it imperative that matters at the City Hospital receive immediate attention, and I therefore advise that the Secretary of the City Hospital Committee, call a meeting of that Committee, stating that the chairman, Mr. Speyer, has resigned, that a temporary chairman, at least, be appointed and the most urgent matters referred to that committee be given attention and a report prepared to be presented at next meeting of the Board."

Very respectfully,

J. Henry Fruitnight
Secretary,



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

Elas C. Croft, President.
John P. Faure, Commissioner.
Josh. R. O'Brien, "
H. G. Weaver, Secretary.

March 3rd, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death of Mr. William Blake, Superintendent of the Out Door Poor Bureau of this Department, which occurred at 1.30 this A. M.

Mr. Blake's record as an exceedingly efficient public officer extending over a period of 27 years in this Department, is well known not only in this City but throughout the Country, and sorrow at his death is felt by all especially by the poor to whose needs he so ably ministered, and even though at a sacrifice of health continued for so long a time.

Yours truly,

S. Croft
President.

SOCIETA' ITALIANA DI BENEFICENZA.

ITALIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

20 VARICK PLACE.



NEW YORK CITY.

New York, March 3, — 1897.

To the Hon. Board of Estimate and Apportionment of
New York City.

The undersigned President of the above named Benevolent Society respectfully represents that said Society was organized in 1881 and incorporated Sept. 18, 1882 to assist the Italians of this City with food, lodgings and otherwise when in distress and without means. Nevertheless said Society does not turn anyone away when applied to for food or shelter or sickness, and at times money is given in small quantities after due investigation.

No one is refused on account of nativity, creed or color if found worthy to the extent of the means at our disposal.

Therefore we ask from your Hon. Body a portion of the Excise fund at your disposal to aid us in the good work we have undertaken in the interest of humanity, morals and society.

The annexed statement referred to your Hon. Board for your information, hoping you will ~~be~~ under your consideration



Very truly yours,
Louis V. Sugazy
President.

SOCIETA' ITALIANA DI BENEFICENZA.
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NEW YORK CITY.

New York, March 3, 1897.

*Statement
 of reliefs given by said Society during the year 1896.*

<i>1. Relieved with food, coal, etc.</i>		
	<i>304 families composed of persons . . .</i>	<i>1256</i>
<i>2. " with food and shelter in the Society</i>		
	<i>52 persons for days</i>	<i>329</i>
<i>3. " with food only</i>		
	<i>8 persons for days</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>4. " with money for medicines, clothes, rents, etc.</i>		<i>210</i>

Total of reliefs No. 1846



*The President,
 Louis C. Vergara*



Department of
Public Charities,
 Commissioners Office,
 66 Third Avenue,

New York, March 6th, 1897.

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

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of yesterday, referring to the vacancy caused by the death of Supt. Blake, received this morning.

The Commissioners concur in your suggestion that the place is an important one and had determined after the funeral exercises were concluded to confer with you with reference to the matter. The place is a Civil Service one and no appointment can be made except certified from that source.

After conferring with Commissioner Faure, - Commissioner O'Beirne not being in town, - I find it will be convenient to both to call upon you to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, your letter stating this will be agreeable to you .

Yours respectfully,

President.



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

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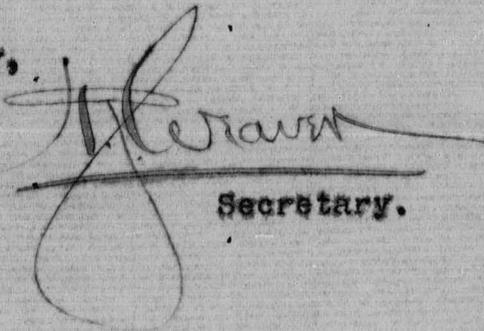
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I enclose herewith copies of letters from Architects Withers & Dickson, and J. W. Marshall, showing status of work for this Department under their control;- this for your information.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

(Enclosures.)

COPY.

W I T H E R S & D I C K S O N ,
A R C H I T E C T S .

New York, March 8th, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President.

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with your instructions, to report to you the status of the work under our control for your Department, we beg leave to say, that we have met the Contractors of the following work upon the sites of same, to arrange for preleminaries for starting.

At Bellevue Hospital.

The Boiler House & Laundry Building,
" " " " Plant, etc., etc.
" Isolated Pavilion.
" Erysipelas Hospital.

At. City Hospital, B. I.

The South Lavatory Tower,
" West " "
" New Dome Kitchen.

We have ready for Consulting Architect's approval,-
the Steel Pier and department Offices, 26th St., The Receiving House,
City Hospital, B. I., and the New, up-to-date "Morgue, to be ready for
his appearance at same time.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) Withers & Dickson,
Architects.

COPY.)

New York, March 8th, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,
Pres., Dept. of Public Charities,
City of New York.

Sir:-

In accordance with your request for a report as to status of all work under my control for your Department, I beg leave to state that work on six brick and stone Pavilion Dormitories at Blackwell's Island is in progress - excavation of five (5) foundation being well nigh completed. Work of removing building, on site of sixth structure is not quite finished but expect same will be entirely removed by the 9th instant. Materials for the several buildings contracted for are arriving daily in quantities.

Work on boiler House Addition is progressing favorably. Excavating being completed, and part of foundation wall and chimney being laid.

The foundation for central kitchen and laundry is also under way and concrete is being laid in the trenches.

Contract for subway and sewers is not yet commenced.

Repairs and alterations to the Male and Female Alms House Barracks, is not yet commenced.

The above comprises all the work on Blackwell's Island, Alms House division.

Metropolitan Hospital.

I hope to have estimate for repairs to roof of Hospital and Music Hall ready on the 9th inst.

Work of improvements suggested by Chief of Medical Staff, Metropolitan Hospital, referred to me during month of October, have not been acted upon by your Honorable Board. Estimate of cost of same was submitted to your Board.

Referring to the progress of work on the buildings at Randall's Island, I have to report that Contractors inform me they will commence work, Wednesday morning, March 10th on the A.B.C. Pavilion dormitory.

(2)

Mr. P. J. Byrne will commence on the Extension to Industrial School by Thursday next, 11th proximo.

The two contagious pavilions will also be commenced on same date.

Work on tin roofs and repairs to same (old buildings) included, is completed. Also alterations to Alcoholic Ward Bellevue Hospital except plumbing.

Respectfully submitted,

(John W. Marshall,

Architect.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK:)

Charles L. Coppins, a resident of New York City, deposes and says, that he was appointed to, and held the position of Deputy Warden of the New York County Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island from the 12th. day of August 1895 until the 15th. day of January 1897; and during that time knew that irregular practices were indulged in by his principals at divers times to wit.

Work was performed by prisoners of the said Penitentiary other than required by law, from materials belonging to the city, and after said work been completed was removed from Blackwell's Island, and delivered to private parties.

Employees of the Institution were detailed to perform duties other than those prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Department of Correction, and the Institution to which they were attached.

The Civil Service Laws have been set aside, and ignored by the Commissioners at various times.

The deponent further says, that he passed the Civil Service Examination, and was appointed to the position of Deputy Warden of the Penitentiary by the Department of Public Charities & Correction, and reported for duty to Louis Pillsbury, Warden, on August 12th. 1895; and always performed his duties in a thoroughly conscientious manner; very often receiving the commendation of his superior officers, but upon the above department being divided on Jan. 1st. 1896; he coming under the control and direction of the Department of Correction, Robert J. Wright Commissioner, he became aware in a few months, that his position was desired by the Commissioner for a man who was and still is a member of the political organization known as the Tammany Hall Democracy, and finally on Dec. 1st. 1896 his life becoming almost unbearable he decided to tender his resignation to take effect Jan. 15th. 1897; knowing full well (from previous experiences) that it was only a matter of time when something would be brought against him, either by fair or foul means, to deprive him of his position, with and thinking that should he desire in the future to re-enter public life, his chances of securing a position, with a clean record will be preferable.

Deponent further says, that on May 1st. A second Deputy Warden of the Penitentiary was appointed, notwithstanding the fact that such officer was unnecessary as deponent had always had time to attend to his duties as Executive Officer of the Institution, and so informs his superior; the expense incurred in this extra office was for the second Deputy Warden, amounting to about \$350. per annum and a salary of \$1000. per year.

Deponent further says, since he severed his connection with the Penitentiary, the position of Second Deputy Warden has been abolished, and the salary of the Deputy Warden has been increased to \$1500. per annum, this sum having been the regular salary of the position prior to Feb. 1st. 1896.

Deponent further says, that while he appreciates fully the fact that he has been wrongly dealt with; these facts have been only made public by him after mature deliberation, and does not know why a Republican whose father and grandfather was Republican also should be hounded to such an extent, that he was compelled to resign his position to make way for a member of Tammany Hall, simply because the latter

happened to be a cousin of the business partner Commissioner Robert J. Wright.

Deponent further says, that he has worked hard for and used his means to assist the Committee of Seventy in the arduous duties during the campaign of 1894 as can be certified to by a great many prominent members of that Committee, among the many he will mention Hon. John.P. Faure L. J. Callaman Esq., W. Harris Roome. Hon. Anson MC.Cook, and thinks he can recall circumstances that will even bring to the memory of the Hon. W. L. Strong Mayor, his labors.

Deponent further says, that prior to holding the before mentioned position, he was employed by the U.S.Navy for 4 years & 7 months receiving the highest credentials. The Old Dominion S.S.Co., for ten years, and the Adams Express Co., for two years, leaving tha latter company to assume the duties at the Penitentiary, this latter fact I present to show that Public Office was a novelty.

Deponent further says, that there have been nemerous evasions of the laws pertaining to the Government of the Department of Correction, which he is willing to swear to, and substantiate by reliable witnesses, people holding high position have exacted services of persons that are not allowed, and after having drawn attention to these facts to his superiors; no notice has been taken of them.

Deponent further says, that high officials of the Department have been guilty of actions prejudicial to discipline, and not in accord with the dictations of morality.

Sworn to before me
this 9th. day of
March 1897.

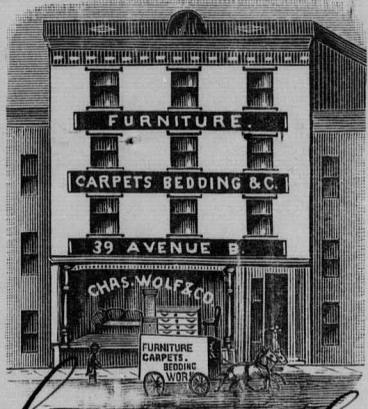
(Signed) George B. Douglas

Notary Public,

N. Y. Co.

(Signed)

Charles L. Coppins



Chas. Wolf.

Chas. Rathfelder.

Albert Wolf.

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New York *March 10* 1897

Hon. Wm L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City... N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Strong:

Your letter of yesterday addressed to Mr. Adam J. Ackermann with your check of \$50⁰⁰ was duly laid before the Directors of the East Side Charity Bureau and in noting the manly and humane sentiments expressed by you we can hardly find adequate words to extend to you our deep appreciation for the prestige and encouragement you have bestowed upon us in our charitable undertaking -

In times of hardship

and adversity our neighborhood is the first to be affected - and it is the last portion of the city to recover - and feel the effects of better times.

Your handsome contribution is in reality the nucleus of our fund - and we will always take pleasure in keeping you fully advised of our actions.

Enclosed you will find a circular (which we intend handing to the press,) which in substance gives an informal report of our first meeting held last night.

On behalf of the Directors permit me to sincerely thank you for your kindly endeavors in our behalf.

Yours very truly,
Chas. Rathfelder
Chairman

The first meeting of the directors of the East Side Charity Bureau was held Tuesday evening, March 9, and the following officers elected: Charles Rathfelder, Chairman; Samuel A. Sancier, Secretary; Frederick Schwarz, Treasurer. Directors: Hon. Jeremiah J. Sullivan, 328 - 6th St., Hon. Frederick L. Marshall, 73-7th St., Chas. Vetter, Jr., 152 - 2d St., Franz Odendahl, 115-E. 3d St., Fred. Schwarz, 180 E. 3d St., Samuel A. Sancier, 341 - 6th St., Chas. Rathfelder, 37 Ave. B.

Mr. Adam J. Ackermann of 181 E. 3d St., was elected as Superintendent of the Bureau.

Suitable headquarters will be opened about the 17th of this month somewhere on the East Side.

Donations of money, food; and clothing will be thankfully received by any of the directors and also by the Superintendent.

Articles of incorporation are in preparation and will be filed within a few days.

A number of prominent citizens and city officials have signified their intention of aiding the Bureau, and the directors feel confident that their efforts and labors among the extreme and needy poor will be crowned with unlimited success.

Mayor Strong knowing the condition and circumstances of the East Side poor feels especially interested in this worthy charitable undertaking.

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METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL.

New York, March 9th, 1897.

Henn Silas C. Croft,
President.

Dear Sir:-

At the last monthly meeting of the Medical Board, I sent a list of the Patients to their Chairman of the Inspection Committee, showing the large percentage of Phthisis cases in the Wards which were assigned to Medical cases. You will receive this report in the minutes of said meeting, calling your attention to the same, and asking for relief from this extremely dangerous condition in which we find ourselves.

The danger which we ourselves invite by allowing such a condition to exist, is nothing to that which a poor helpless patient runs who is obliged to live and eat in the same atmosphere, as do our Tubercular cases. The cases of incipient Phthisis which should be guarded are in still greater danger for they are the natural receptacle of the germ. In trying to solve the problem of this terrible condition, I find but one thing to do in order to combat this disease, and that is isolation. Here in this Institution we have no facilities, for in the exchange from Ward's Island to Blackwell's Island, the Insane Asylums absolutely refused to give up what really belongs to us by right of word. These same insane are a menace and a danger to our patients. Again and again have I reported the injuries inflicted, and the danger run by having them not only in one section of our Building, but by being surrounded on all sides by them. Their patients are daily, hourly crossing our grounds; their most violent cases are exercised right up to our doors, and no one can tell who may be the next victim of their insanity. Such should not be, that they be permitted to remain upon this Island, when this Department is straining every nerve to supply a bed for the suffering poor, and the bereft phthisical patients who unconsciously destroy life.

I would, therefore, earnestly request that some action be taken whereby we may regain what we lost through the moving, and exchange with the Insane, and that the same be devoted to our poor Phthisis patients.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. T. Stewart,
Chief of Staff & Supt.

COPY.

New York, March 15, 1897.

Hon. S. C. Croft,
President.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto is a communication from the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital in reference to the excessive number of Phthisis patients in said Institution, and calling upon your Board to provide some means whereby the danger caused by their proximity to other patients may be eliminated, also calling attention to the recent rulings of the Health Board.

He again calls the attention of your Honorable Board to the fact that the Insane Department still occupies buildings adjoining the Hospital, much to the annoyance and danger of inmates of the Metropolitan Hospital. He has previously reported injuries inflicted by their maniacal patients.

While your Honorable Board are putting forth every energy to make room for the sick poor of the City, the Insane Asylum Officials empty a building of its patients and proceed to turn it into a stable.

Contracts have been recently let for construction of new buildings and reconstruction of old ones at the Alms House. This work will necessitate providing temporary quarters for at least nine hundred of the Alms House inmates, which must be done immediately. All these inmates, as well as the Phthisis patients, must be cared for.

I would therefore respectfully suggest that the only visible way out of the difficulty would be by special act of the legislature requiring the removal of all insane patients from Blackwell's Island forthwith. If the Manhattan State Hospital cannot provide in its several Departments for these insane patients, they should be transferred to the several State Hospitals throughout the State.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Jas. S. Knowles,
Gen. Inspector.

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ALMS HOUSE.

New York, March 15th, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President, Dept. of Public Charities, New York City.

Sir: -

In compliance with your telephoned request, I have the honor to submit the following for your information and consideration:-

You are informed that the census of this institution to-night is 2609 inmates and 118 employees, making a total of 2727 persons (inmates and employees.) I submit herewith tables showing the capacity of wards properly enumerated, showing normal capacity and the actual number of persons who are housed therein.

A review of the tables will at a glance show you that we are in a dreadful overcrowded condition. We place our normal capacity of most of the wards at 22 inmates per ward, these wards are not properly ventilated, nor yet have they any conveniences whatsoever, not even running water; yet in these wards where we place the normal capacity at 22 persons, which for hygienic reasons is too great a number, we find that in some cases we must house 44 persons; this extra number must find room upon floors of the aforesaid wards, the beds to accommodate this number are ranged side by side, while the floor beds occupy all avail-

able space, necessitating inmates standing in beds to disrobe, and compelling them at the same time to sleep upon their respective wearing apparel.

You will also notice by these tables that inmates sleep in the smoking sheds, boathouse, cellars and steamboats, while some are in the City on pass; otherwise we could not possibly accommodate in any way this number shown by our census.

The employees are even in a more deplorable condition as to quarters than inmates, in some instances three or four are packed in rooms which are designed but for one; whilst others are forced to sleep in wards with inmates. The Smoking Shed as shown by the recapitulation, houses 140 (normal capacity but 70) inmates in double decked beds. This shed is a wooden structure erected many years ago; it is not by any means weather proof, each storm finding its way into the interior as well as to the exterior. This condition of affairs is very serious and may result in an epidemic of contagious diseases; but to add to our troubles, on account of the renovation of our Main Buildings, I am informed by the Contractor that to perform the work we must vacate these buildings.

You are informed that unless other quarters are provided this cannot be allowed: we cannot vacate these buildings, simply because we cannot possibly find quarters for these poor inmates, nor can we arrange for temporary quarters. I have given this matter and condition of affairs my most serious consideration and cannot devise any scheme whatsoever for the housing of these inmates, -temporary or otherwise,- unless

your Honorable Board will provide me with the Buildings and Pavilions located on Blackwell's Island now occupied by the insane of the Manhattan State Hospital.

The buildings and pavilions now occupied by the insane on this Island would accommodate at least 900 inmates. If it were possible to secure these quarters we could proceed with necessary renovations and additions to these inadequate and delapidated buildings, otherwise the contractor cannot possibly proceed. In this connection permit me to say, that I am informed that the insane could be readily transferred to the various hospitals located in the State of New York, (Manhattan State Hospital) without hardship, at least temporarily, and by thus doing afford us the use of quarters which are so much desired at present and the only solution of our present difficulty.

I cannot say more: our condition is deplorable at best; your Honorable Board has striven to relieve our distress by ordering necessary buildings and alterations to the old Barracks. We are violating all laws and have for many years past: danger of contagion and fire are many; contractors must proceed with necessary work as per specifications and contracts; for them to comply it is imperative that we vacate at once at least one of the Main Barracks, and to hasten the work so that a strict compliance with contract could be possible, both Barracks should be vacated; therefore I submit the foregoing for your Honorable Board's consideration and advice.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John W. Terry,
Superintendent.

(Enclosure.)



Supreme Court

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New York March 15th, 1897.

My Dear Sir:-

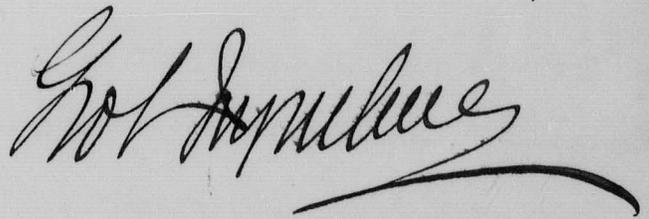
The St. Mary's Hospital has made an application for a renewal of the grant made to it last year from the Theatrical License Fund, and I expected to appear before the Board of Apportionment to-day to ask that the Board be as liberal to this institution as possible, but my official duties require me to be at the court house to-day, and I shall, therefore, be unable to be present at the meeting of the Board.

I have taken great interest in this institution, being aware of the invaluable services it renders to the sick and suffering little ones who are unable to care for themselves, and whose parents are from ignorance or poverty unable to care for them. The institution depends entirely upon voluntary contribution for support. Services rendered to it by the officers and physicians are rendered without compensation; no one is refused admittance or as-

sistance, and no pay is received from any patient. Its resources have been strained to the utmost this winter to relieve the sick and suffering, and every dollar that it will receive from the city will enable it to give additional aid and relief to those who otherwise would have to suffer and perhaps die without it.

I earnestly beg you to give to this institution as large an allowance as is possible, and to excuse my not being present to urge it in person, as nothing but imperative official duties prevents.

I have the honor to be &c.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. J. Simons", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Hon. William L. Strong,

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New York, March 15th, 1897.

Hon. Silas C. Croft,

President, Department of Public Charities,
City of New York.

Sir:-

For the information of your Honorable Board, I beg leave to offer the following report as to the progress of work on Blackwell's and Randall's Islands for your Department, for week ending March 13, '97.

Addition to Boiler House:-

Entire area has been excavated to depth required, and stone foundation walls are well nigh completed, also foundation for brick chimney.

Central Kitchen and Laundry:-

The excavating for cellar and trenches is about finished, portion of stone foundation walls is completed and ready for blue stone water-table.

Six Brick and Stone Pavilions.

Stone work on cellar walls of three of these buildings is progressing rapidly. The removal of Gas House and Gasometer not yet commenced. Excavating of cellars it is expected will be completed during coming week and portion of stone wall erected.

Randall's Island:-

Work of excavating cellar for extension to A. B. C. Pavilion is progressing favorably.

Industrial School.

Work of building foundation walls will be completed by Saturday, March 20th inst.

Quarantine wards, Randall's Island, work in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) John W. Marshall,

Architect.



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

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John P. Favre, Commissioner.
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March 16th, 1897.

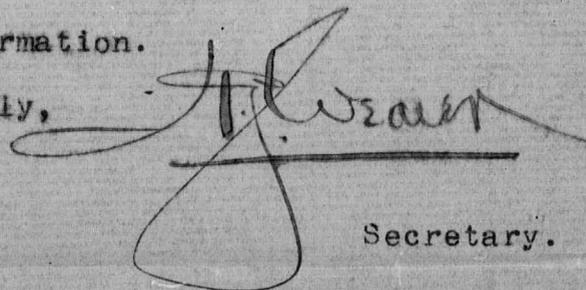
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

By direction of the Board, I enclose herewith copy of letter from Architect Marshall reporting on the progress of the work at Blackwell's and Randall's Islands.

This is sent for your information.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

(Enc.)

East Side Charity Bureau.
Headquarters #49 Second Street.

New York, March 18, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

The East Side Charity Bureau has been organized with headquarters at #49 Second Street and will be duly incorporated. The officers are: Chas. Rathfelder, Chairman; Samuel A. Sancier, Secretary; Frederick Schwarz, Treasurer. Directors: Hon. Fred. L. Marshall, 73-7th St.; Hon. Jeremiah J. Sullivan, 328 E. 6th St.; Dr. Chas. Vetter, Jr., 152-2d St.; Dr. John F.R. Roeloff, 311 E. 6th St.; Fred. Schwarz, 180 E. 3d St.; Samuel A. Sancier, 341 E. 6th St.; Chas. Rathfelder, 37 & 39 Ave. B.; Superintendent, Adam J. Ackermann, 181 E. 3d St.

The objects of this organization shall be the distribution of food, clothing, and money to the extremely and needy poor where worthy of assistance.

The directors are all well-known men and citizens of the East Side, and will spare no means and efforts to make the Bureau a permanent success, for they are fully aware of the necessity and worthiness of this undertaking and the hard work that is entailed upon them to launch this Bureau rightly before the charitably disposed public.

We shall be extremely careful and painstaking in the distribution of the food, etc. which will be carried in stock at our headquarters and goods will be delivered to anyone unless a written order is presented from one of the directors or members of the East Side Charity Bureau which written order will suffice as a voucher bearing the name and address of the recipient and these orders shall be duly placed on file and entered in books provided for that purpose. Our main intention in the beginning will be to confine ourselves to the dispensation of substantial and wholesome articles of farinaceous food and cereals and canned goods.

We respectfully ask you and your friends to extend to us that aid and encouragement which an undertaking of this humane magnitude may merit and we earnestly and sincerely hope that we may hear favorably from you.

Samuel A. Sancier,

Very truly yours,

Chas. Rathfelder,



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New York, Mch. 19, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

The initiation of what were known as "Vacation Schools" in the City of New York, was begun at the instance of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, through the hearty and intelligent co-operation of the Board of Education.

These schools have commended themselves to the best judgement of officials and private individuals in other cities, so that New York has again served as an object lesson to other municipalities for a new idea in education.

Should you desire any extra copies of this brochure, it will give me great pleasure to comply with your request, or to send them to any names and addresses that you may furnish me with.

In the meantime I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

General Agent.



Department of
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66 Third Avenue,
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Silas C. Croft, President.
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H. G. WEAVER, Secretary.

March 20th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Agreeable to the conversation had with you some days ago with reference to an early acquisition of the buildings on Blackwell's Island, now occupied by the Insane Department,- I requested the Counsel to the Corporation to draw up a bill for this purpose.

You will no doubt recall that the reasons given for the necessity of this action were that it was important this Department provide separate hospital service as related to the care of Phthisis patients, and for which these buildings are admirably adapted. Since this conversation, the question for providing temporarily,- say three or four months- for about a thousand inmates of the Alms House Barracks, has been brought to our attention. The building operations at this point contemplate the alterations and additions to the old Alms House Barracks, and the work renders it necessary to completely depopulate these buildings, one at a time. If the buildings now occupied by the insane could be acquired at once, it would relieve the situation.

Herewith enclosed you will find reports from Dr. Stewart,

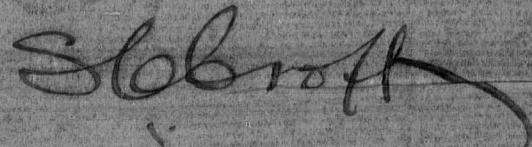
Medical Chief of Staff of the Metropolitan Hospital, and Superintendent Terry of the Alms House, with recommendations from the General Inspector.

The bill also provides that the Manhattan State Hospital transport their own dead, relieving this Department of a large expense, as under the existing law we are compelled to send at once and remove bodies, on receipt of notice by telegram. It was urgently claimed that the removal by this Department was necessary, as the Insane Department had not at that time acquired the necessary facilities. They have now, and have had for months, a boat for this service, and the city should be relieved of this duty and expense.

This information is forwarded to you with the belief that you will use your good offices in having the bill pressed to an early dispatch .

Yours respectfully,

(Enclosures.)



President.

The Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions, ^{being desirous} to ascertain the sanitary condition by personal inspection of the different institutions on Blackwells Island and also in Bellevue Hospital this city, selected a committee from its number to pay a visit to these institutions on the 22nd day of March 1877.

The following is the true condition of Affairs as the said Committee found them at the institutions above named

Charity Hospital

At the Island the first place inspected was the small out building at present used as wards for the reception of Erysipelas patients. The building has a generally dilapidated appearance and is improperly ventilated, or rather is not ventilated at all, the boards with iron bars attached used for that purpose are inadequate; The windows to the wards though large are unprotected from the direct rays of the Sun, except by shades; having neither inside nor outside blinds; The male and Female Departments are alike in this respect.

The condition of the Water closets is both appalling and disgusting, the night soil has been allowed to accumulate and

the odor therefrom penetrates even into the wards where the patients are lying. This could be effectually remedied by placing a small pump over each water-closet, taking the water directly from the river. The cost of the alteration should not be more than \$4⁰⁰ for each water closet.

— It may here be appropriately noted that all the water closets in the Charity Hospital and in the Bellevue Hospital sadly need more careful supervision, and a copious use of disinfectants.

— The grounds about the Buildings for the reception of Erysipelas patients, as also about the Dead House are encumbered with an accumulation of rubbish and filth, which shows a lack of cleanliness and vigilance, on the part of the Authorities in charge.

— The baths adjoining these wards (and in fact those throughout both Hospitals) were found to be of iron, and to be both black and rusty; and entirely unfit for use; As they now are they may be a means of spreading instead of checking disease.

— The cooking arrangements in the Kitchen of the main Building of the Charity Hospital are inadequate to properly and promptly prepare the food necessary for the number

of patients now in the Hospital, Another set of large boilers is absolutely needed in the Kitchen that the cooking may be done satisfactorily.

The Arrangements for Extinguishing fire are conspicuously wanting, excepting a preparation in one of the Halls of an iron pipe, for which it was ascertained upon inquiry that hose had never been provided; And which was so securely fastened as to be unserviceable for immediate use.

It is earnestly recommended that at least one hundred and fifty feet of 3 inch best quality hose with proper water connections be placed in each of the Halls of the building.

The iron doors enclosing the fire proof part of the building and protecting the Stairway are only secured by a small bolt at top and bottom, An additional heavy swinging bar turning on a swivel, and catching in the wall at each end to be placed on the centre of the door is necessary in case of fire.

The Atmosphere in the upper part of the building is both heavy and impure, and without any perceptible means of ventilation, Ventilators placed in these parts of the building, would give a free circulation of pure air,

A Careful inspection is most earnestly recommended of an immense tank containing a large body of water situated at the top of the building, and which by bursting would surely deluge the Hospital.

The lower or main hall of the Hospital is both dark and unventilated; while the insertion of a window at each end of the hall would give the necessary light and air. The same condition in regard to inadequate ventilation is observable in the cellar, while it is also observable that the furnaces or heaters are unprovided with cold air boxes, by introducing 4 x 12 inches galvanized iron pipes to run close along the top of each heater, one end of each pipe being turned down the wall, the other end to extend into the open air; the foul air would be carried off. Cold air boxes 2ft 6in wide and 8 inches deep with check valves should be placed in the cellar, to supply cold air to the furnaces to receive the draught from the North.

The main sewer of the Hospital has not been sunk sufficiently to discharge its burden into the river beneath low water mark; as a result of this blunder the building is filled with foul air and sewer gasses at each ebb tide.

Bellerus Hospital is in a most deplorable condition, the wards are simply over crowded and the atmosphere in them stifling.

In all the wards throughout the Hospital the means of ventilation were found to be entirely inadequate to supply the patients with pure air.

By close inspection it was found that most of the ventilators were entirely closed shutting out all the pure air from these wards,

All the ceilings are much too low making the necessity greater for the introduction of pure air with adequate means of creating currents of air through each and every one of the wards.

A visit to the cellar disclosed the same unwholesome atmosphere, while the soil pipe was leaking and emitting an unsupportable stench.

Penitentiary

1st We find insufficiency of accommodation, seventy two of the cells containing two prisoners each.

2^d Necessity, on sanitary grounds of a separate room or building for serving the prisoners meals.

3^d In both the male and female departments, especially the latter we recommend most urgently the entire separation by day and night of the younger and less depraved from the older and more

hardened offenders, as otherwise on being discharged they are morally worse than when they entered.

4th The propriety of continuing and extending the present system of workshops where boys are taught trades suitable for their after maintenance

5th The necessity in the Woman's prison Hospital of a few rooms for the isolation of any cases of contagious diseases puerperal fever &c.

6th The necessity of a woman of respectability and some knowledge of illness as night-keeper of the woman's dormitory.

Workhouse

1st The employment of women as night-keepers in the woman's wing in place of men; also the enlargement of the present force of keepers which is inadequate.

2^d We would recommend that no persons supposed to be insane should be sent to the Island until properly examined by Doctors (experts) at Bellevue, that they may at once go to the proper building for that class of patients.

Almshouses.

The food which is supplied to the inmates is entirely insufficient, as we found that bread and coffee is all that is allowed for breakfast, tea and bread for supper, and oatmeal and bread for dinner, except on Friday when Cod fish is supplied. The inmates of the Almshouses being aged and infirm people, need meat at least once a day.

Female Lunatic Asylum

Every ward was overcrowded especially so in the lodge, containing 100 of the worst cases. Then the rooms were very overcrowded and in one hall two nurses only were assigned to 90 insane women, the number being far too small for the requirements of the case. On inquiry we learned that there was a total number of 1400 patients with but one resident physician, whose staff of assistants and nurses was totally inadequate to the needs of so large a number. The small proportion of nurses as well as the limited grounds of the building make it impossible for the patients to obtain the open air and exercise so necessary for their well being. This institution is now carried on at an expense of £1. ⁶⁶ per week

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for each patient. The usual estimate of the cost of such an asylum is \$3.⁰⁰ to \$3.⁵⁰ per week. These estimates include food, clothing, fuel, wages and salaries.

We believe that the authorities are doing all that they can with the limited allowance at their command and we urgently recommend that a larger appropriation be made

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