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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, January 15th, 1895

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

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held on Tuesday, January 15th, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:-

WHEREAS, an application has been to the Honorable, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the removal of the Health Department from the Criminal Court Building for the alleged reason that its presence is dangerous to other occupants of such building, therefore

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Board and of its chief medical officers there is not the slightest possible danger to the occupants of the Criminal Court Building from the location and operations of the Bacteriological Laboratory now located therein.

RESOLVED, That the Honorable, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be and are hereby informed that during the twenty-eight years

this Board occupied the much frequented building Nos. 300 Mulberry Street and 301 Mott Street, Police Headquarters,(during most of which period the Division of Contagious Diseases was in the same building) no case of contagious disease occurred which was or could be attributed to the presence of the Health Department in said building.

RESOLVED,

That in the opinion of this Board and its chief Medcal officers the presence in the building at all times of one or more of its expert diagnosticians of contagious disease, and of other medical officers, is a protection to the officers of the Criminal Courts and other occupants of the building, as well as to those who visit it on business, as the presence of any person in the court rooms or any other part of the building who is in the early stage of contagious disease would probably come or be immediately brought under the observation of such expert medical officers and they would be able to secure the prompt removal of such sick person from the building.

RESOLVED,

That the opinions as above expressed are not intended to be an objection to the removal of the Health Department from the Criminal Court Building, as it is greatly desired by this Board and the unanimous wish of its officers that a suitable building should be erected for its exclusive use which shall be specially constructed for and adapted to its important public purposes.

3-Hon. William L. Strong, January 15, 1895.

RESOLVED,

That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Honorable, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to His Honor, the Mayor, and to the Comptroller and the Recorder.

A TRUE COPY,

Simmons Clerk

Secretary.

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Yellow Springs, Greene Co., Ohio,
January 14, 1895.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be sent to the Honorable the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

Geo. Gebhart.

Geo. Gebhart

FORM No. 301 G. 1596.

Health Department,

of the City of New York,

Sanitary Bureau,

Division of Vital Statistics,

No. 301 Mott Street,

Office of the Register of Records. New York, January 15, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.

Secretary &c.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of January 14th, I have the honor to state that the records of this office show that on July 9, 1870, Samuel P. Wreford of Elizabeth, N.J., aged 27 years, was married to Lillie E. King of Elizabeth, N.J., aged 16 years, by the Rev'd John E. Cookman.

I am,

Very respectfully,

Your Ob'dt Serv't,

John T. Nagle, M.D.

Register of Records.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, January 25th, 18 95

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of January 24th with communication from George Hojer, No. 1258 Third Avenue, in regard to fumigating his house, and referred to this Department by His Honor, the Mayor, for attention and report was duly received. It appears from the record of the Division of Contagious Diseases that the house referred to was fumigated on the 24th instant. The Chief Inspector has been directed to investigate and ascertain whether there has been any unnecessary delay in the case by his subordinates and to report the result to the Board for such action as may be necessary.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, January 29th, 18 95

(Enclosure)

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Sir:-

Yours of January 26th to the President of this Department enclosing a communication from Frank Mangam, Esq., No. 236 Ninth Avenue, complaining of delay in fumigating the rooms of a tenant who has diphtheria and requesting a report, was duly received, and has received special attention. I return herewith the complaint, together with a copy of the report of Dr. C. S. Benedict, Chief Inspector of Contagious Diseases, which explains the peculiar circumstances in this case and indicates that there has been no neglect on the part of the officers of this Department. The case will continue to receive special attention, and at the earliest possible moment the necessary permit required by the Board of Education for the admission of the child of Mr. Mangam to the public school will be issued.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

Health Department,
Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)
New York, January 29th, 1895

General Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

Sir:-

In response to your request for an investigation as to the delay in fumigating the rooms of Adams, 236 Ninth Ave nue, I have to report that after a careful investigation, I find that the delay was caused entirely by the refusal of the family to allow the taking of cultures from the throat of the child, and the failure of the physician in attendance to furnish the Department with cultures, and also the refusal to allow the necessary fumigation following convalescence.

The rules of this Division require, in tenement houses, a terminal culture from the throat of the patient showing the absence of the Loeffler bacillus before fumigation can be done; while the rules of the Board of Education require that such fumigation shall be done before children living on the same floor shall receive permission to return to their schools. The case has been properly visited by the inspector in charge of the district, and the complaint of Frank Mangam, Esq., of the same address, that this Department has been guilty of neglect or inattention is without foundation.

This Department is not yet satisfied that the disease has terminated in this case so as to render it safe to permit children exposed to attend the public school. As soon as circumstances will permit, the premises will be fumigated and the necessary school certificate issued.

(Signed) Respectfully submitted,

Chas. S. Benedict, M.D.,

Chief Inspector.

A TRUE COPY,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner.

New York, January 30th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of January 28th in respect to the application of certain undertakers for an arrangement by which burial permits may be issued at all hours of the night and at Harlem. At the present time the office for burial permits in this(the Criminal Court)building, is open from seven A. M. to six P.M., excepting on Sundays and legal holidays, when the hours are from eight A.M. to five P.M. Permits can also be procured at any hour of the night for bodies in transitu arriving at the Grand Central Depot from the police officer in charge at that station.If a body arriving at any point in this city is accompanied by a permit issued anywhere in the states of New York, New Jersey or Connecticut, no additional permit is required. Burial permits and permits for the removing of bodies within the city limits can be procured at any hour of the night by application at the residences of the Medical Health Commissioner, No. 9

West Forty-ninth Street, the Sanitary Superintendent, No. 69 East Fifty-fourth Street, the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, No. 636 Lexington Avenue, the Register of Records, No. 47 East Twenty-first Street, the Deputy Register of Records, No. 74 West Forty-sixth Street, and from the Medical Inspectors residing in Morrisania and at Kingsbridge. The above is a statement of the present methods of conducting this business and of the accommodations afforded undertakers for obtaining burial permits both at day and night.

The undertakers can be further accommodated without expense to the city by authorising the medical inspector in the Division of Contagious Diseases who is on duty in this building during the night to issue burial permits, and such an arrangement,which can be made at once, will doubtless remove to a great extent all reasonable cause for complaint in respect to lack of accommodations in this particular.

This Department is of the opinion that the circumstances justify the additional expense necessary for two clerks (a day clerk and a night clerk) who must be physicians and who shall be located in Harlem, and approve of the application of the undertakers in the northern part of the Island and in the annexed district for such additional accommodations. This Board is informed that a room in the Harlem Court House could be obtained as an office for this purpose, and whenever an appropriation is made for furnishing such room and for the salaries of the necessary clerks, it will be

3-Hon. W.L.Streng,January 30,1895.

pleased to establish such a branch office for burial permits. As the law of the state requires that the certificates of death received by this Department shall be numbered and recorded in the order in which they are received, it would be necessary to secure an amendment to that provision of law before such branch office could be established.

Very respectfully,

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President.

3-Hon. W.L.Strong,January 30,1895.

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Very respectfully,

Theodore Roosevelt

President.

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Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner.

New York, February 9th, 1895

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

Sir:-

In further reply to yours of the 28th ult. referring to complaints of undertakers as to want of facilities for obtaining burial and transit permits at night I respectfully state that the two medical inspectors who are on duty from four P. M. to eight A. M. daily in the Division of Contagious Diseases have been authorized and instructed to issue burial and transit permits while the Burial Permit Office is closed and at all hours of the night. This will remove the chief cause of complaint, and the New York City Undertakers' Association has been notified of this arrangement and its Secretary has personally expressed his satisfaction therewith.

Very respectfully,

Ola Leo, Brien.
President.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

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New York, February 15th, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of February 14th to Dr. John T. Nagle, Register of Records, has been referred to me to answer. Your communication to Dr. Nagle of January 25th was referred by him to the Secretary of the Department, who is charged by law with the care and custody of its records. From the language of the communication, viz; "I am directed by the Mayor to enclose to you for such "attention as you may deem proper the within communication from "Mrs. Lamb, 1628 John Street, Baltimore,"etc., it was inferred that you did not desire am answer or you would have called for a report. It has been the practice of this Department not to answer communications from the Mayor's office which enclosed complaints, communications, etc., and which asked for "such attention as may be deemed proper" unless a report upon such complaint or communication is requested. Should you think a change in this practice desirable, please so indicate and the change will be made.

2- J. E. Hedges, February 15, 1895.

The communication of Mrs. Lamb, received January 26th, was answered on that day. The records were searched and on January 31st she was informed that there is no record in this Department of the marriage of William Rafter in January last, or of any person with a name resembling Rafter.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, February 18th, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held on the 13th instant, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:-

WHEREAS, it is important and essential to the proper performance of the duties of this Department that it should have the information to be obtained from a census, to be taken yearly through the Police Department and to be tabulated by this Department, of the population of this city by wards and districts, showing ages and sex, with number dwelling in tenement houses, the number of children under five years of age and of the public school age, and such other valuable imformation as will be useful to the city, such yearly census to be taken in April in the same manner as in the large European cities, and without additional expense to the city except for the necessary printing of blanks, therefore

RESOLVED, That the President be and is hereby directed to com-

municate to His Honor, the Mayor, the opinion of this Board upon this subject, with the reasons therefor, and to respectfully request him to take such action as he may think desirable and necessary to secure the required result.

A TRUE COPY,

Secretary.

TO THE OCCUPANT OF THIS HOUSE:

It is necessary to the proper performance of its duty to the public that the HEALTH DEPARTMENT should know every year how many people there are in the city, with their ages and sex. For this purpose please FILL OUT CORRECTLY this blank form, which will be called for by the police on April 5, 1895.

Street. No.

How many families live in this house?

How many children were born in this house during 1894?

* Kind of house.		Number, sex and age of all persons who live in this house.		
			Male	Female.
Private dwelling,		Under 5 yrs. of age.		
Boarding house,		Between 5 and 15,		
Hotel,		" 15 " 25,		
Lodging house,		" 25 " 45,		
Apartment house,		" 45 " 65,		
Tenement house,		Over 65,		
Carriage house (stable),				
Public institution,				
Private institution,				
Office building or store,				
Workshop or factory,				
Station house,				

* Indicate the character of the premises by a mark in the opposite space, thus (X).

* State the number and sex at each age in the blank spaces.

Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, February 18th, 1895

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

Sir:-

In compliance with a preamble and resolution of the Board of Health adopted February 13th, (a copy of which please find herewith) I respectfully submit the reasons for the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners that a census by wards and districts and of ages and sex shall be taken yearly of the population of this city. This census can be taken by the police in a very short time, without material interference with their regular duties and without expense to the city, except for printing of blanks therefor. These blanks should be prepared by the Health Department and when the returns of the census are collected they should be delivered to the Health Department to be tabulated. This census would also answer the purpose of the Board of Education, which desires an annual census of the children of school age in the several wards and school districts. It should be taken early in April, before there is any migration of the people to the rural districts.

It is necessary for a Health Department to know the number, ages and sex of the population under its supervision, in order to be able to direct its operations with intelligence, for the following reasons:-

1. A death-rate cannot be considered a trustworthy indication of the sanitary condition of a town unless it is known to be correct. As the death-rate represents the ratio of the deaths to the living, it is evident that the number of the latter must be known and not merely calculated. If the estimate of population is too high, the death-rate will be too low, and vice versa. The uncertainty of the present method of calculating the inter-censal population was very clearly shown by the latest census in England (1891) where such calculations are carefully carried out. In

twenty out of twenty-eight large towns the estimated population was found to be too high, the excess ranging from one-third of one per cent in Leeds to more than twenty-six per cent in Salford, and the deficiency in the remaining eight ranging from one-fiftieth of one per cent in Manchester to twelve per cent in Newcastle. If these variations can occur in England where the movement of population is comparatively regular and the immigration is small, what must be the variations in New York, where immigrants come in hordes in one year and perhaps return to Europe by the thousand in the following year.

2. Even if the total population be known, the death-rate is not a scientifically true guide, and is especially defective for comparing different localities, on account of the modifying effects of age and sex. The mortality is always greater at some ages than at others. Infants and aged people die of slight causes, while youth rarely die excepting from violence or contagion. If a population contains a large proportion of very young and very old people, and a small proportion of persons in the prime of life, the death-rate will be higher than in a community where the reverse is the case, even although its sanitary condition may be better. It is that fact which accounts to a certain extent for the comparatively low death-rate of the newer towns at the West, where there are fewer old people and infants than in the older Eastern cities, and a larger proportion of persons in the prime of life.

3. The sex also has an influence on the death-rate. Females, excepting at one period of their lives, are more healthy than men. The death-rate among them is lower. A town with a great preponderance of females will therefore have, in so far, a smaller death-rate than one with a preponderance of males.

4. An apparent increase of scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, and others of the so-called childrens' diseases, may be due not to their greater prevalence, but to an increase in the proportion of children in the total population. An increase of these

diseases may therefore be absolute, but not relative. So, too, with the local death or sickness rates. A greater prevalence of these diseases in one part of the city than in another may be entirely due to the greater proportion of children.

5. The best test of the sanitary condition of a community is generally held to be the death-rate of children under five years of age. The proportion of such deaths to the total number of deaths is misleading, for if the proportion under five decreases, there must be a corresponding increase of those over five. The death-rate, to serve its proper purpose, must be made out on the total number living at each age.

Thus, it is necessary to know accurately the number of the population in order to calculate the general death-rate properly; and it is necessary to know the ages and sex, in order

1. To compare the death-rate with rate of other cities.

2. To compare the death-rates of this city for successive years.

3. To compare the death-rates of different sections of the city with one another.

4. To compare death-rates from particular diseases in this city and elsewhere.

5. To compare death-rates from particular diseases in different sections of this city.

6. To obtain an accurate child-death-rate, as a test of the health of the city in successive years and in different localities.

Without a trustworthy census, all such comparisons are guesswork, and are practically worthless. The ages and sex of the population must therefore be known, not only for a comparison of the death-rates of one city with another and of the same city in different years, but for comparing different sections of the same city. And this latter comparison is especially necessary for the intelligent direction of the operations of a Health Department.

4- Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, February 18, 1895.

The Board of Health of this city has been continually hampered by a lack of this knowledge.

Enclosed please find a form of blank to be used by the police in taking the proposed census.

Very respectfully,

Ella Lee Wilson

President.

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the Board of Health
— Hon. WILLIAM

New York, February 19th, 1895.

Mr. Chas. G. Wilson, President,
Board of Health of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I am authorized to inform you that Mrs. John W. Minturn of this city has at her disposal the sum of $25,000. to be applied to the building of a hospital for pay patients who are suffering from diphtheria or scarlet fever, provided the Board of Health will give the land upon which to erect the building.

It is believed that sufficient additional subscriptions can be promptly secured so that the enterprise may be begun this spring.

The only conditions attached to the gift are, first, that the money shall be used solely for the purpose for which it is given, and not applied to the support of the institutions already under the charge of the Board of Health, and, second, that the management and control of the hospital shall be divided, as may hereafter seem best, between the Board of Health and a Board of Trustees representing the subscribers to the endowment fund.

(Signed) I have the honor to remain

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Brannan.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
of the City of New York.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

CHARLES G. WILSON,
President & Commissioner.

New York, February 21st, 1895.

Dr. John Winters Brannan,
No. 54 West Eleventh Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 19th instant, containing the information that Mrs. John W. Minturn of this city, has at her disposal the sum of $25,000. to be applied to the building of a hospital for pay patients who are suffering from diphtheria or scarlet fever, provided the Board of Health will give the land upon which to erect the building. I have no doubt that a site for such a building can be furnished by the Board of Health at the foot of East Sixteenth Street, and the conditions attached to the gift seem to be entirely reasonable and proper.

A hospital for this purpose has long been greatly needed in this city and I know of no other way in which the charitable can use their money to greater advantage and with better results. Please express to Mrs. Minturn my high appreciation of her charitable intentions and of her generous contribution to this important object. I hope to hear from you that sufficient additional subscriptions have been pledged, so that the object may be speedily accomplished, and that the hospital may from the outset be in so independent a position financially that it cannot fail to accomplish all that is intended.

(Signed) Very respectfully,

Chas. Geo. Wilson,
President.

A TRUE COPY,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

New York, February 19th, 1895.

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John W. Brannan.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
of the City of New York.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

CHARLES G. WILSON,
President & Commissioner.

New York, February 21st, 1895.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building,)

New York, February 27th, 183

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department held on the 26th instant, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:-

WHEREAS, a proposition has been received by this Department(a copy of which is hereto annexed)for the erection of a hospital in this city for persons sick with contagious diseases who are able and willing to pay for care and treatment,and the sum of $25,000. has been pledged by one person (Mrs.John W.Minturn)and other subscriptions are promised to this purpose, provided a site for such hospital can be furnished by the Health Department,and upon the following conditions: "(1)that the money shall be used "solely for the purpose for which it is given and not applied to the sup-"port of the institutions already under the charge of the Board of Health; "(2)that the management and control of the hospital shall be divided,as "may hereafter seem best,between the Board of Health and a Board of Trus-"tees representing the subscribers to the endowment fund;" therefore

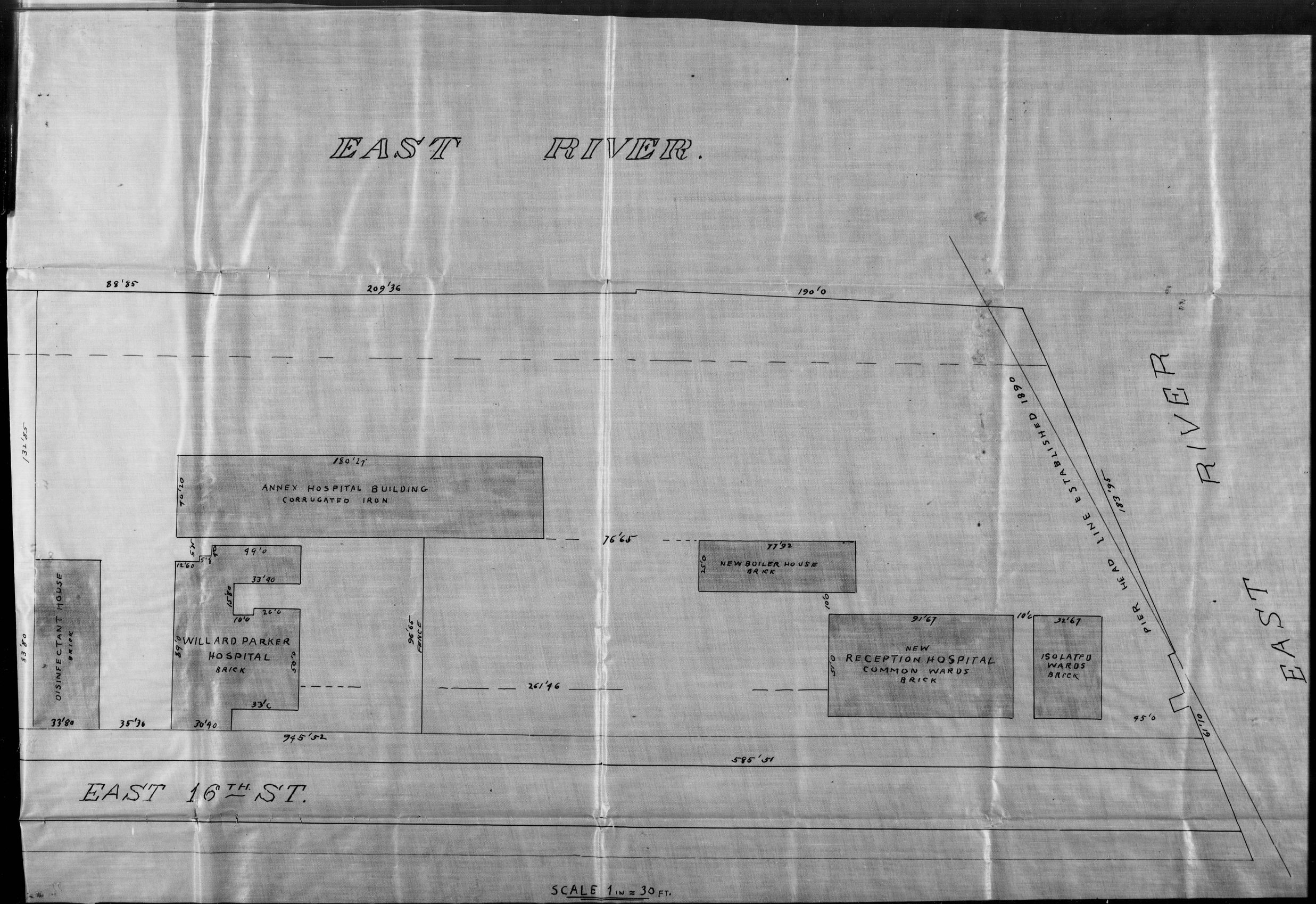
RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Board of Health such a hospital is desirable and needed in this city,especially for the care of strangers who become sick with contagious disease in hotels,and for persons sick in boarding and apartment houses, where they cannot be properly isolated.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Board of Health the most suitable and unobjectionable location for such a hospital is upon the city property now in the custody of the Health Department at the foot of East Sixteenth Street,and that there is ample room for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be, and are hereby respectfully requested to grant permission for the erection under the direction of the Health Department of such a hospital at that place,when a sufficient sum has been contributed for that purpose,and arrangements have been made for the government, management and support of said hospital which are satisfactory to and have the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Health Department.

A TRUE COPY,

Emmons Clark Secretary.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Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner.

New York, April 5th, 189 5

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

Sir:-

I respectfully call your attention to the following facts:-

On the first day of April a case of measles was reported to this Department in the family of the janitor of Grammar School No. 32, at No. 355 West Thirty-fifth Street. As permission to remove the child to the Contagious Disease Hospital of this Department was refused by the parent, it was necessary to order the school closed for two weeks, thereby excluding 1,719 children from a public school for that period. It is the opinion of this Board that no janitor of a public school should be allowed to occupy such building with his family, for the reason that a case of contagious disease occurring in the family of the janitor is dangerous to the pupils of the school, and may (as in this case) require such public school to be temporarily closed. In the opinion of this Board this is a subject of so much importance that I deemed it proper to respectfully submit the above for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

Chas. Geo. Wilson.

President.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

Office of the
Sanitary Superintendent.

New York, April 11th, '9 189

Gen. Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

Sir:-

In regard to a communication from his honor, the Mayor, on April 10th, 1895, enclosing a complaint from D. Oppenheimer, 104 East 92nd Street, in regard to a nuisance existing at 1351 Park Avenue, I have the honor to report as follows:

Between February 11th and 27th, 1895 several citizens' complaints were received in regard to the above named premises and inspection was made on the 12th of February, and an order was issued by the Board, as follows:

"That all onstructions be removed from water closet, and said closet properly flushed at all times."

Service of the same was made on the alleged owner, Mr. Alderdyce of 38 Park Row. This order was not properly complied with, but the nuisance was partially abated by the tenants bringing water from neighboring premises while the pipes were frozen and broken, and notice of suit was served on the owner. Mr. Alderdyce answered the same by saying that he was not the owner, and that the property was under contract of sale to Mr. Jennings of 31 West 125th Street. Mr. Jennings denied ownership, and the question of ownership was not settled until last Saturday, April 6th, 1895, when Mr. Eugene Bennett of 212 East 122nd Street took title to the property, and he at once commenced compliance with the order of the Board. On my inspection to-day I found the order fully complied with, and the closets in good condition, and there is no cause for further action on the part of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. F. Roberts M.D.

Sanitary Superintendent.

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Gen. Benoni Gibbs,

Secretary.

April 11th, '3

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building.)

New York, April 13th, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 10th to the President of this Board with complaint of D. Oppenheimer in respect to premises 1351 Park Avenue, and requesting a report upon the same, was duly received. Enclosed please find a report of the Sanitary Superintendent of his inspection of the premises on the 11th instant. The delay in this case seems to have been due to the uncertainty or dispute as to the ownership of the premises, and it is difficult in such cases to secure prompt compliance with the orders of this Department. The complaint of Mr. Oppenheimer is returned herewith, and a copy of the Sanitary Superintendent's report has been forwarded to him this day.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK.

Complaint and Report of Inspection *in reference to premises* Broadway and Fourth Avenue, bet. 9th and 10th Sts.

TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

I, Fred'k Sprenger, *holding the position of a* Sanitary *Inspector in the HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, do report; That on the* 16th *day of* April, *1895, I personally examined and carefully inspected the premises situated* Broadway and Fourth Ave. between 9th and 10th Streets, *and found the facts as follows: Said premises consist of a* Dry goods store, *of which* Hilton, Hughes and Co., *of* premises, are owners, *and in violation of Section* ..... *of the Sanitary Code, were found in a condition dangerous to life and detrimental to health, for the following reasons, viz.*

There are about 76 water-closets, 11 urinals, 24 basins and 3 slop sinks on these premises, the most of which are for the exclusive use of the employes. The fixtures are located in the basement and on each floor above the first on the 9th and 10th Street side of the building. With a few exceptions the water-closets are pan water-closets, and those above the first floor are flushed by valves. A number of the bowls are loose from the containers and some of the containers are corroded and offensive. The safes beneath water-closets and basins are enclosed and covered in places with water and liquid filth. Some of the safes beneath water-closets are sewer connected. A number of the bowls of basins are loose from the slabs, allowing water to escape between basin bowls and slabs. Several of the wash basins are not trapped close to the fixtures, leaving unnecessary lengths of foul, untrapped pipe. The main soil pipes with one exception, are insufficiently ventilated above the roof with 2 in. lead pipes.

REDOMMEND, That all loose bowls of water-closets be made fast to the containers and adequately flushed. That all corroded containers of water-closets be replaced by new water-closets flushed from separate, water supplied cisterns, placed over the same. That all water be removed from the safes beneath basins and water-closets, and the safes cleaned and disinfected. That all sewer connected safes be made to discharge into properly trapped, sewer connected, water-supplied, open sinks. That all loose basins be secured by a water tight joint to the slabs connected therewith. That the basins having traps removed over 2 feet from the fixtures be properly trapped within 2 feet of bowls of basins. That each main soil pipe be ventilated by extending the same, in full calibre, with properly lead-caulked joints, at least two feet above the roof.

NOTE.- A number of the water-closets are new, and it is said considerable change in plumbing is to be made. Some alterations and repairs are now in progress.

(Signed) Fred'k Sprenger,

Sanitary ..... *Inspector.*

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Complaint and Report

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New York,.....*189*

Respectfully referred to **ALFRED LUCAS,** *for inspection and report.*

CHAS. F. ROBERTS, M. D.,

Sanitary Superintendent.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, April 17, 1896

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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 15th to President Wilson enclosing complaint of Mrs. S. B. Yerxa, No. 218 East Thirty-first Street, in respect to defective condition of sewerage in the toilet rooms of Messrs. Hilton, Hughes and Company, was duly received, and I enclose a copy of the report of Sanitary Inspector Frederick Sprenger thereon. An order has been this day issued by the Board of Health in accordance with the recommendations of the inspector. The complaint of Mrs. Yerxa is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, April 22, 1895

Job E. Hedges, Esq., Secretary,
Office of the Mayor, City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 20th, with copy of communication from Augusta Brehmer, No. 114 Trinity Avenue, concerning a certain stable has been received, and I enclose a copy of the answer to the same, which was this day mailed to the complainant.

Very respectfully,

Edmond Leach

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, April 22, 1895

Augusta Brehmer,

No. 114 Trinity Avenue,

New York City.

Madam:-

Yours of April 10th to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. The Board of Health has no authority to prevent the erection of a stable of any kind within the city limits, jurisdiction in all cases being with the Department of Buildings; nor has it any authority to prevent the use of or to vacate a stable, provided it is properly drained and the manure and stable refuse properly cared for and removed and is otherwise in a sanitary condition. Should there be any reasonable complaint to this Department as to the sanitary condition of this stable, it would receive prompt attention and the sanitary ordinances in respect to stables, stable ma nure, etc., will be duly enforced.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

A TRUE COPY,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, April 25th, 1895

J. E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 24th, enclosing a complaint from Mrs. F. Blank of 185 Monroe Street, was duly received. A similar complaint was received by this Department from Mrs. Blank on the 12th inst. and the reply to the same appears in the enclosed copy of a communication written to her this day.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, April 25th, 189 5

Mrs. F. Blank,

185 Monroe Street, New York.

Madam:-

Yours of April 22nd, to his Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. On the 13th inst. in reply to a similar complaint addressed to this Department, I wrote you as follows:

"Yours of April 11th has been received. The Board of Health has never been able to establish the fact that the ailanthus tree is "dangerous to life or detrimental to health," or that it has any authority to order the removal of a tree of that variety. The right for you to destroy that or any other tree so far as it overhangs your premises can hardly be questioned."

There seems to be nothing additional that can be said upon this subject, and I have sent to his Honor, the Mayor, a copy of this communication.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

secretary.

(A TRUE COPY.)

Emmons Clark Sec'y

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Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner.

New York, April 29, 1895

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

Sir:-

In compliance with your instructions, the census of this city, as taken by the Police Department during the present month, has been compiled and tabulated by Assembly Districts, and I forward the result herewith. The total population, as it appears from the 1,141 Election Districts of this city is 1,849,866; the number of males being 925,310 and of females 924,556. It will require considerable time, say two or three months, to ascertain the number of males and females of each age, as the clerical force that is at command for this purpose is limited, and a supplementary report containing the population by ages will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Your attention is respectfully called to the following facts:- By the United States Census of June, 1890, the population of New York appeared to be 1,515,351. This number being considerably less than the estimated population, several election districts were canvassed by order of the Mayor of this city and from the re-

sult it appeared that many of the names of residents had been overlooked and omitted. The Mayor thereupon ordered in October, 1890, a complete census of this city to be taken by the Police Department, which resulted in ascertaining the population to be 1,710,715. By the State Census taken in February, 1892, the population was reported to be 1,801,989, which, if correct, indicated that the Police Census of October, 1890, gave less than the actual population, as the increase from October, 1890, to February, 1892, a period of sixteen months, could hardly be 91,274. The State Census of February, 1892, has been accepted by the Health Department as the basis of its estimate of weekly increase in the population of this city from that date to this. A census of the tenement house population of the city taken by the Health Department in 1893 indicated that in that part of the population the State Census was excessive, and the Police Census of April, 1895, confirms that opinion. It is not reasonable to suppose that there could be an increase of the population of the city from October, 1890, (Police Census) to February, 1892, (State Census) a period of sixteen months, of 91,274, and that the population increased only 47,877 from February, 1892, (State Census) to April, 1895, (Police Census) a period of three years and two months, being an increase of 68,460 per annum for the first period and of only 15,130 per annum for the second period. The inevitable conclusion is that the Police Census of

October, 1890, and of April, 1895, are approximately correct, and this is confirmed by comparisons made of the results of the census of 1890 (Police) and of 1892 (State) and of 1893 (Health Department) and of 1895 (Police), by election and assembly districts. It is also apparent that the increase in the population of the city has been less during the past three years than in previous years, due mainly to the largely increased immigration and the unusual emigration consequent upon the depressed condition of business and the impossibility of obtaining employment by those attracted from other countries to this by the high price of labor and the hope of improving their condition.

The increased population of this city from October, 1890, (Police Census)to April, 1895, (Police Census) is 139,151, making the annual increase 30,996, which is believed to be approximately correct. Some omissions can hardly be avoided in any enumeration of the people of this city, and although a census is carefully taken the reported result will be less than the actual population. From a careful study of the returns of the present census, April, 1895, I am unable to discover any material or important errors, and believe that the enumeration by the Police Department has been carefully made and that the result is approximately correct.

Very respectfully,

Alex. Lee Moore

President.

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3- Hon. William L. Strong, April 29, 1898.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building,)

New York, May 9th, 1895

B. L. Burrows, Esq.,

Confidential Clerk, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Sir:-

Herewith please find copy of letter this day mailed to Arnaud Sarrebeyrous, Biarritz, France, in compliance with your request of May 7th. Enclosed also, find the letter referred to this Department by His Honor, the Mayor.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, May 9th, 1895

Mr. Arnaud Sarrebeyrous,
Avenue de la Négresse, Biarritz,
Basses-Pyrenees, France.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 20th to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department to answer. The records of births in this Department have been searched from January 1, 1873, to January 1, 1875, for the name of Jennie Baker Sarrebeyrous, and from July 1, 1878, to July 1, 1880, for the name of Terèse Sarrebeyrous, and neither of the names is found. The physician or midwife present at these births doubtless neglected to make a return of the same for public record as required by law.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,
Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

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New York, May 10, 1892

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 8th with complaint of William Kemer, 45 East Thirty-first Street, was duly received, and I enclose copy of a report of Ernst J. Lederle, Assistant Chemist, of an inspection made May 9th. A copy of this report has also been forwarded this day to Mr. Kemer, whose communication to His Honor, the Mayor, is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, May 10, 1895. 189

Office of
THE CHEMIST.

Edward W. Martin,

Chemist.

Sir:-

I have the honor to make the following report in relation to a complaint made by William Kemmer, of No. 245 East Thirty-first Street, of offensive odors at above premises on May 5th. I visited premises this day at 3.30 P.M. and found that complainant was not at home. Mrs. Kemmer, wife of complainant, informed me that on Sunday, May 5th, at about nine o'clock in the evening, she and other members of the family noticed offensive odors in street and in such rooms where windows were open. The odors were somewhat like illuminating gas. Thersame odors had not been noticed before this time and not since. At the time of inspection the wind was from southeast. There were no odors at or in the vicinity of premises. I informed Mrs. Kemmer that in case of a recurrence of the nuisance if she would notify this Department directly(having with her written directions) an inspector would at once be sent to investigate the complaint.

At the time of my inspection there was no nuisance and no cause for complaint.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Ernst J. Lederle,

Assistant Chemist.

A TRUE COPY,

Secretary.

(Copy)

New York, May 13, 1895.

To the Board of Health

of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:-

In reference to the dead dog reported by your department on the 8th inst. We find upon investigation, that one was removed from East 148th Street, between Willis and Brook Aves., on the afternoon of that day, and as a consequence, when it was again reported on the 9th inst. it was supposed to be the one already removed, our man having reported that there was nothing else on that street and the repetition of reports being of frequent occurrence.

When a report was received on the 10th inst. a special trip was made and a dog found covered with stones, lying behind a large pile of lumber opposite a vacant lot, which one would have passed unnoticed had not their attention been called to it.

Upon receiving a complaint from your Mr. Golderman this A.M., I made a personal inspection of that district and could find no dead animal of any description, but saw evidence of one having been behind pile of lumber mentioned.

In both instances these animals were lying in front of vacant property.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) G. W. McClintick, Supt.,
for Thos. F. White, Contractor.

A TRUE COPY, Emmons Clark Secretary.

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"Not good enough Mr. Jones."

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, _____ 189__

May 13, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 9th with complaint of Robert Ficker in respect to dead dog was duly received and I enclose a copy of the report of the offal contractor. A copy of the same report has been sent to Mr. Ficker, No. 796 East 148th Street. The complaint is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, May 15, 1895 189

Robert Hirsch, Esq.,

c/o Wm. Openhym and Sons,

50 Greene Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 9th to His Honor, the Mayor, respecting offensive odors from a restaurant in rear of your premises, has been referred to this Department, and an inspection of the premises was made on the 14th instant by Ernst J. Lederle, Assistant Chemist. I enclose herewith a copy of his report. This Board will spare no effort to abate any nuisance in the premises which may appear to be detrimental to health.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, May 15, 1895 189

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 10th with complaint of Robert Hirsch(Wm. Opehhym and Sons, 50 Greene Street)was duly received and, as requested, I forward herewith copy of communication addressed to Mr. Hirsch this day. The complaint of this party in respect to the restaurant referred to received great attention from the officers of this Department during the year 1894, and at that time there seemed to be no special cause for complaint or for action on the part of the Board of Health. This complaint will again receive very careful consideration. The communication of Mr. Hirsch to His Honor, the Mayor, is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

Simon Deale

Secretary.

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Form No. 5.

Department of Health

Commissioner's Office

T. Taylor Emery, M. D., Commissioner.
R. M. Wyckoff, M. D., Dep'y Com'r.

38 & 40 Clinton Street.

Geo. S. West, M. D., Secretary.
Alex. H. Van Cott, Counsel.

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Brooklyn, N. Y., May 21, 1895.

Hon. Charles A. Schieren,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

I am compelled to call your attention to the fact that I am every day receiving reports from the shore front going to show that there are constant violations of law by those having charge of the refuse scows of New York City, namely, that "short dumping", as it is called, is being continuously practiced. Last week there were more than 110 animals of considerable size found on the sea-beaches, also, numerous pieces of offal, house-refuse, garbage, etc. This morning's reports show that 20 carcasses and other refuse matters of considerable size were found in the last 24 hours.

I suggest that this complaint be called to the attention of Mayor Strong, with a statement that it is the belief of this Department that the "short dumping" of New York City scow-captains is chiefly chargeable for the offense.

With the approach of warm weather this nuisance will demand strenuous efforts for its abatement, and I think it timely now to begin to move in the matter.

Respectfully yours,

T. Taylor Emery M.D.

Commissioner of Health.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Buildings)

New York, May 31, 1895

E. L. Burrows, Esq.,
Confidential Clerk, Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 29th is received and I enclose herewith a transcript of the record of the marriage of August Cazes (August, 1868) as requested.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

Office of the
Sanitary Superintendent.

New York, June 3rd, '95 189

Gen. Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report the following facts in regard to premises #470 Grand Street.

A complaint in regard to the condition of the premises was made to the Board of Health in January, and an order was issued on the Fourteenth day of January, 1895. The premises were occupied as a factory building. The complaint was made on the freezing of the waste and supply pipes on the second floor. The order was not complied with, and after several notices, the premises were ordered vacated by the Board on the Thirteenth day of February, 1895. Prior to the expiration of the five days, work was commenced and the order was complied with. Another complaint was made to the Board of Health in regard to the condition of the premises, and two orders were made (Nos. 10845 and 10856) on the Fifteenth day of May, 1895. One on Mendel Alterman, a Receiver duly appointed by the Court, who is in charge of the property, and one on the Lessees, Messrs Rosenberg Bros., who were then in occupation of the premises. The order served on the Receiver was complied with, except repairing the skylight. Personal service was made on the Lessees by the Officer of the District on the 22nd of May, and he was informed that the work would be commenced on the 24th inst. The premises were reinspected on the 24th of May and the order was found not complied with. Suit was begun against the Lessees on the 27th of May, 1895 at the 5th Judicial District Court to recover a penalty of Two hundred dollars. On the 26th inst. our Inspector again visited the premises and found that the

plumbers were at work repairing the pipes and complying with the order.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Chas. F. Roberts, M. D.

Sanitary Superintendent.

SANITARY BUREAU.

New York, June 3rd, 1895.

Chas. F. Roberts, M. D.

Sanitary Superintendent.

Report in relation to premises #470 Grand Street.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

Office of the
Sanitary Superintendent.

New York, June 3rd, '95 189

Chas. F. Roberts, M. D.

Sanitary Superintendent.

Sir:-

I respectfully report that I have this day visited the premises #470 Grand Street, and found order #10845 on Mendel Alterman complied with, except reglazing the roof over the second floor water closet apartment; also order #10856 against the Lessees, Messrs Rosenberg Bros. is complied with, except that part requiring a condenser to the exhaust pipe of the engine. Messrs Rosenberg Bros. informed me that this work had been ordered the day they received the order from this Department, and that they would see that it was done at once. The premises are occupied by Rosenberg Bros. who are butchers and sausage manufacturers and by a printing office on the second floor. There are no families residing on the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) F. H. Dillingham, M. D.
Ass't Sanitary Superintendent.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, June 3rd, 1895

Hon. Charles G. Wilson,

President Board of Health.

Sir:-

I have the honor to report that on the 27th day of May, 1895 Sanitary Superintendent referred to this office Order No. 10856 on premises No. 470 Grand Street, and that I forthwith on said day commenced an action atthe Fifth Judicial District Court against Henry Schweisheimer and Henry Gertzug, lessees and occupants of those premises, for a violation of Section 92 of the Sanitary Code and that the summons and complaint were delivered to the City Marshal for service.

Said action is now pending and will be heard and determined before the Justice of said Judicial District Court on the 11th day of June.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. Steinert,

Attorney and Counsel.

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Hon. Charles G. Atson,

Washington, D.C.

Hon. Charles G. Atson,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find a letter addressed to Hon. Charles G. Atson, Washington, D.C.

Yours Respectfully,

Charles Phillips

Jones Bend.

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Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner

New York, June 3, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

Sir:-

Yours of June 1st, calling attention to an article in the Morning Journal in respect to premises No. 470 Grand Street, was received this A.M. I enclose herewith a report of the Sanitary Superintendent in respect to the action of this Board in the premises, with a report of an inspection of the premises made this day by the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, together with a report of the Attorney of the Department, from which it appears that the case has received due and special attention; that the orders of this Board have been in the main complied with, and that a suit has been commenced by the Attorney for non-compliance with those portions of the order referred to in the report of the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent.

Very respectfully,

Chas. G. Wilson

President.

(Enclosure)

Health Department,
of the City of New York.
President's Office.

Charles G. Wilson,
President & Commissioner.

New York, June 4, 1895

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

Sir:-

The cleanliness of the public streets and the prompt removal of house garbage from the city during the past few months has doubtless been an important factor in the preservation of the public health. The Board of Health has noticed with considerable apprehension that from the want of the necessary amount of money it is possible that this important work may not be prosecuted as thoroughly and effectively during the remainder of the present year. Such a misfortune to the city should be averted, and the present cleanliness of the streets should be maintained, in the interest of the public health and for the comfort of the people; not to speak of the welfare and reputation of the city. So long as the money appropriated for this purpose is honestly and economically expended and the officers and employes of the city engaged

in this important public work are faithful in their service, I believe, as President of the Board of Health, that there can be no question of the advisability of such expenditure as is necessary to secure the desired result. In the interest of the public health I most earnestly urge that the Department of Street Cleaning be furnished with whatever means are necessary to continue during the present year the cleaning of the streets and the removal of the garbage from the city in the same satisfactory and commendable manner as during the past few months. If the Board of Health can, directly or indirectly, further this object and aid in any way in securing the secired result, its services in that direction can be freely and fully commanded.

Your attention is respectfully called to chapter 535, Laws of 1893, which is intended to provide means for preserving the public health when threatened from any cause whatsoever.

Very respectfully,

Olla Leo Wilson

President.

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Health Department

208 W 64th St
New York, N.Y. June 1895

Col Strong
Mayor N.Y. City

Dear Sir,

Knowing well that you are heavily tax'd with unnecessary Correspondence I feel reluctant to impose on your time, but I really know of no other means to get out of the dilemma I am at present placed in

I sent on the 21st inst. a Complaint to the Board of Health in a letter addressed to the Prest.

also one to the S. P. C. A. on account of the nuisances created in this tenement by at least six dogs, unlicensed, & of all sizes & ages. The only result was the visit of a uniformed Metropolitan police officer on yesterday who questioned the housekeeper, as to the location of my apartments, & also told his business to her as well as several of the tenants. In a loud voice he told my wife that I did not act rightly in the Matter, & that I should have made an affadavit & sent it to headquarters, wherever they are. And all this though in both letters I requested the concealment of my identity for obvious reasons.

As a result, my wife has

been threatened by the owner of one of the animals, who politely told her he'd "fix her", which, coming from an Italian leaves her in a nervous state of anxiety. It has created a bad feeling among the other dog owners as well.

But still the dogs are there & to-day committed nuisance twice at my door. This sort of annoyance as well as their howlings at night renders life anything but pleasant.

As my name has received such publication I do not object to any use you may make of this communication

Yours Sincerely
Peter A. Murray

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING,
CENTRE, ELM, WHITE AND FRANKLIN STREETS,

New York, June 5, 1895.

Peter A. Murray, Esq.,

No. 208 West Sixty-fourth Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 1st to His Honor, the Mayor, has been referred to this Department for investigation and report. It appears from the records of this Department that upon your complaint the premises(No. 208 West Sixty-fourth Street) were inspected May 31st by Sanitary Policeman E. Weissberger, and that the only dog he found upon the premises was one kept by Joseph Cantor in his apartments on the third floor. He rpported the halls and apartments clean and that he "informed the complainant that if this dog "disturbs his repose or the repose of his family to the detriment "of their health he should forward an affidavit to that effect to "the Health Department and the dog would be ordered removed."

The action of the officer was in accordance with the regulations of this Board in respect to dogs in this city, as it is not within the province of the Board to interfere with the keeping of these and other domestic animals, unless on account of their barking or for some other reason they are detrimental to the health

of people in the vicinity. As to the action of the officer in revealing, directly or indirectly, the name of the complainant to the other tenants of the building, or any person whatsoever, he violated a standing regulation of this Board, which forbids giving or making known the name of any complainant in any case. His offense in this particular will be thoroughly investigated and he will be reprimanded or more severely punished for his want of care or indiscretion, as the case may be. The premises were inspected again today by Roundsman Walsh, of the Tenement House Squad, who found three dogs on the premises, one on the second, third and fourth floors, each. He visited every family and found no one who was willing to substantiate by affidavit that either of the dogs disturbed the repose of the tenants to the detriment of their health, nor did he find any uncleanly conditions which would justify any action on the part of the Board of Health.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Emmons Clark,

Secretary.

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building)

New York, June 5, 1895

Joh E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary, Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir :-

Yours of June 4th enclosing a communication from Peter A. Murray, No. 208 West Sixty-fourth Street, and requesting a report thereon "direct to complainant and to this office also" was duly received. I forward herewith copy of the communication sent this day to Mr. Murray, and also return the original complaint.

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.

(Enclosure)

CANAAN LODGE, No. 29, I. O. B. B.

Wohlthätigkeit, Bruderliebe und Eintracht.

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Secretary's Address, ...

Send it attention of Mr. Hall report on this case report to Col. Sun. 25 June

New York, June 1895

To The Mayor of New York City

Honorable Sir

I would ask of you to kindly pardon my presumption in addressing you, but circumstances are such that compel me to forgo this authority. My complaint is as follows: — About a year ago we the residents of 114 st. made a complaint to our honorable Mayor in reference to a terrible stench coming from a stable at 234 & 236 East 114 st at which time there were about four horses in the stable. The result was the horses had to be removed, and the place stood unoccupied for a time; but since that time a rich contractor (an Italian as it were) has taken the place and boards as many as 40 horses, and now as the summer is on us, we are doomed to a terrible fate unless your Honor comes to our assistance.

Aside from the stable is a blacksmith shop and being built of wood the whole place is rotted out, and the natural consequence is a terrible smell.

I write to you in the name of the many people residing on this square and I hope and trust, and would beg of your Honor to come to our assistance.

Respectfully

Julius Cohen
242 East 114 st

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Health Department,

Centre, Elm, White & Franklin Streets,
(Criminal Court Building,)

New York, June 5, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find complaint of Joseph Cohen, No. 242 East 114th Street, which you handed to me personally June 3rd, for investigation and report. This stable, located at Nos. 332-334 East 114th Street, was vacated last year because of its unsanitary condition, due to want of drainage, etc., and without the knowledge or consent of this Department was reoccupied. Upon a complaint made March 11, 1895, by Charles E. Le Barbier, an inspection was made March 15th, and an order was issued upon the alleged owner requiring complete drainage and the other improvements necessary to place the stable in a proper condition. As the order of the Board was not complied with, the Attorney was directed to commence a suit against the owner, but the Marshal was unable to serve the summons to court as the owner could not be found. A warrant has been obtained for the occupant of the stable and he has promised to remove the horses and close the stable without unnecessary delay.

2- Hon. W. L. Strong, June 5, 1895.

So far as the complaint of Mr. Cohen relates to the blacksmith shop in the rear of this stable, there seems to be no cause of complaint. Assistant Chemist Lederle inspected the premises June 3rd, and reports as follows:- "In the rear of the yard there is a "small shed containing a forge where one man was engaged in light "blacksmith's work. The workman claims to work from seven A.M. "to five P.M. only. At the time of inspection there were no of- "fensive odors in or near the shed and I was unable to find any- "thing which would cause a nuisance from this source."

Very respectfully,

Emmons Clark

Secretary.