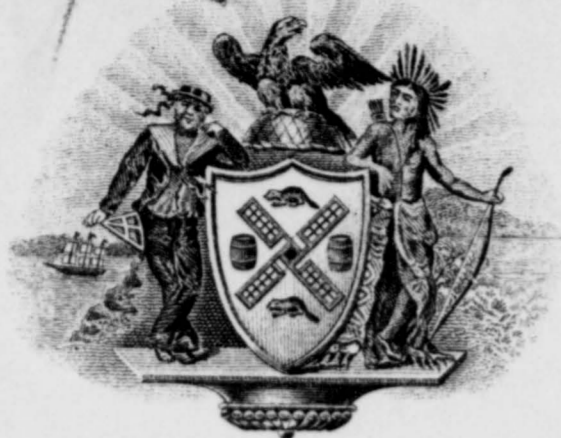


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**Belleuve and Allied
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1913, Sept.-Dec.



DR. JOHN W. BRANNAN, PRESIDENT.
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Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue and 26th Street,

New York, September 5th, 1913.

Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Vice-Chairman and Acting President,

Board of Aldermen, New York City.

S i r :-

The Trustees of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals have the honor to request the Board of Aldermen to authorize the issue of Special Revenue Bonds not exceeding \$68,663.50 in amounts as follows:

382 - Food Supplies, 1913	\$29,000.00
384 - Fuel Supplies	4,247.50
386 - Medical and Surgical Supplies	17,200.00
389 - General Plant Supplies	1,656.00
395 - Wearing Apparel	8,780.00
396 - General Plant Equipment	1,980.00
399 - General Repairs to Plant	5,800.00
	<hr/> \$68,663.50

These sums are necessary to meet deficits in the appropriations named. A statement prepared by the General Medical Superintendent, giving in detail the reasons for the necessity of this request is attached.

This petition supersedes the Trustees' request of April 17th for an issue of revenue bonds to meet the anticipated deficit estimated at that time.

Respectfully,

Secretary, Board of Trustees.

COPY.

New York, Sept. 4th, 1913.

The Board of Trustees,

Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a communication from the Contract Clerk and Auditor in which he recommends that additional funds be requested for the appropriations entitled as follows:-

382 - Food Supplies, 1913	\$29,000.00
384 - Fuel Supplies	4,247.50
386 - Medical and Surgical Supplies	17,200.00
389 - General Plant Supplies	1,656.00
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The estimated deficits in these funds are due to the following causes:

382 - Food Supplies, 1913. The Budget allowance of \$346,000 is \$1000 less than the amount requested by this Department in the annual estimate which was based on the actual quantities consumed. The additional amount of \$28,000 at this time is caused mostly by the increased cost of meats and poultry.

384 - Fuel Supplies, 1913. \$10,000 of the amount allowed in the Budget for this appropriation was transferred to other funds to meet the pressing demands made upon them. The \$4,247.50 required together with the \$72,752.50, the balance in the fund at the present time, is less than the original appropriation.

386 - Medical and Surgical Supplies, 1913. The amount of \$84,800 appears to be inadequate as the activities of the first seven months and some of the known needs of this Department for the balance of the year indicate that \$17,200 additional funds will be required for this appropriation.

389 - General Plant Supplies, 1913. The activities for the first seven months indicate that an additional amount of \$1,656 will be required for the balance of the year. As this is a new titled appropriation for the year 1913 we have no guide other than the above referred to.

395 - Wearing Apparel, 1913. The anticipated deficit of \$8,780 is based on the following figures: \$280 for the increased cost of doctors' uniforms; \$8,500 transferred to other funds.

396 - General Plant Equipment. The sum of \$1,980 is needed to reimburse this appropriation for the amounts transferred to other funds.

399 - General Repairs to Plant. The sum of \$5,800 is needed to reimburse this appropriation for the transfers made to other funds.

The above request for Revenue Bonds is to take the place of the recommendation of March 17th, 1913, and consideration is here given to the transfers effected or pending.

Respectfully submitted,

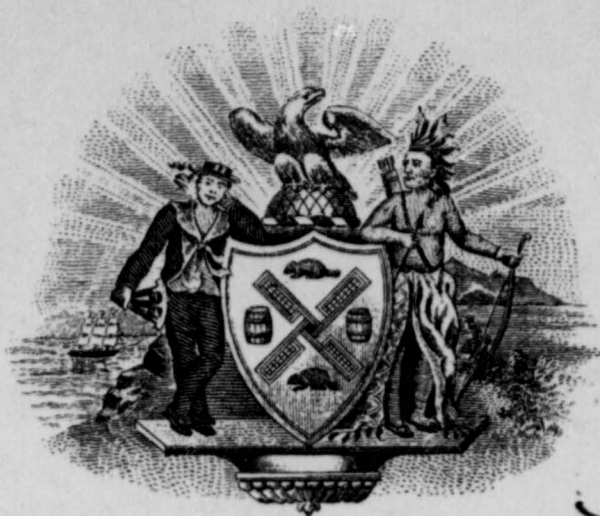
(Signed) George O'Hanlon,

General Medical Superintendent.

The City of New York
Board of Trustees, Bell and Allied Hospitals.

Statement showing additional funds for Supplies etc. required for the operation and maintenance of this Department for the balance of the year 1913, based on the activities of the first seven (7) months of the year

	Budget Allowance	Transfers	Transfers Pending	Total Transfer	Appropriation as adjusted	Contract Reserve	Estimated contracts to be awarded balance of yr.	O.M.O. and miscellaneous voucher reserve	Estimated M.O. Balance of year	O. Estimated Total Liabilities	Additional funds required 1913 balance o
382-Food Supplies	346,000.00				346,000.00	320,511.62	34,000.00	14,948.82	5,539.56	375,000.00	29,000.00
383-Forage and Veterinary Supplies	5,000.00		- 300.00	- 300.00	4,700.00	4,396.00		64.20	239.80	4,700.00	
384-Fuel Supplies	82,752.50	- 10,000.00		- 10,000.00	72,752.50	68,459.34	4,000.00	2,738.23	1,802.43	77,000.00	4,247.50
385-Office Supplies	5,800.00		- 800.00	- 800.00	5,000.00	530.00		1,795.75	2,674.25	5,000.00	
386-Medical and Surgical Supplies	77,800.00	+ 7,000.00		+ 7,000.00	84,800.00	63,752.30	15,000.00	15,265.90	7,981.80	102,000.00	17,200.00
387-Laundry, Cleaning & Disinfecting Supplies	5,400.00	+ 6,000.00	+1,000.00	+ 7,000.00	12,400.00	6,519.90		4,817.96	1,062.14	12,400.00	
388-Refrigerating Supplies	3,400.00		+2,000.00	+2,000.00	5,400.00	3,400.00	1,500.00		500.00	5,400.00	
389-General Plant Supplies	20,444.00	+ 4,900.00		+ 4,900.00	25,344.00	10,978.54		10,162.66	5,858.80	27,000.00	1,656.00
390-Office Equipment	400.00	+ 2,500.00		+ 2,500.00	2,900.00			1,832.69	1,067.31	2,900.00	
391-Household Equipment	33,500.00	- 2,000.00	-1,500.00	- 3,500.00	30,000.00	2,315.90		17,477.51	10,206.59	30,000.00	
392-Medical and Surgical Equipment	10,000.00	+ 5,000.00		+ 5,000.00	15,000.00	724.45		10,165.26	4,110.29	15,000.00	
393-Motorless Vehicles and Equipment	900.00	+ 2,500.00	+ 650.00	+ 3,150.00	4,050.00	444.60		2,796.98	808.42	4,050.00	
394-Motor Vehicles and Equipment	11,450.00				11,450.00			7,367.55	4,082.45	11,450.00	
395-Wearing Apparel	39,420.00	- 5,000.00	-3,500.00	- 8,500.00	30,920.00	23,022.07	8,000.00	22,060.85	18,617.08	40,700.00	8,780.00
396-General Plant Equipment	18,520.00	- 2,000.00		- 2,000.00	16,520.00	11,941.03		12,917.47	3,641.50	18,500.00	1,980.00
397-General Plant Materials	24,250.00				24,250.00	8,230.29		11,593.35	4,426.36	24,250.00	
398-Repairs to Buildings	17,000.00	-2,000.00		- 2,000.00	15,000.00			8,158.99	6,841.01	15,000.00	
399-Plant	31,200.00	- 8,000.00		- 8,000.00	23,200.00			18,873.68	10,126.32	29,000.00	5,800.00
400-Shoeing and Boarding Horses including Veterinary Services	2,216.00		- 200.00	- 200.00	2,016.00			1,247.75	768.25	2,016.00	
401-Carfare	1,000.00		+ 500.00	+ 500.00	1,500.00			730.35	769.65	1,500.00	
402-Expressage and Deliveries	900.00		- 400.00	- 400.00	500.00			234.79	265.21	500.00	
403-Telephone Service	6,990.00				6,990.00	6,311.25	662.43	16.32		6,990.00	
404-Telegraph, Cable and Messenger Service	280.00	+ 100.00	+ 100.00	+ 200.00	480.00			256.78	223.22	480.00	
405-Motor Vehicle Repairs	2,550.00	+ 500.00	+1,450.00	+1,950.00	4,500.00			2,319.65	2,180.35	4,500.00	
406-Contingencies	2,420.00	+ 500.00	+1,000.00	+1,500.00	3,920.00			2,309.29	1,610.71	3,920.00	
Totals	749,592.50				749,592.50	501,537.29	55,162.43	170,152.78	90,403.50	818,256.00	68,663.50



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Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue, and 26th Street,

New York, September 16th, 1913.

Hon. Robert Adamson,

Secretary, Office of the Mayor,

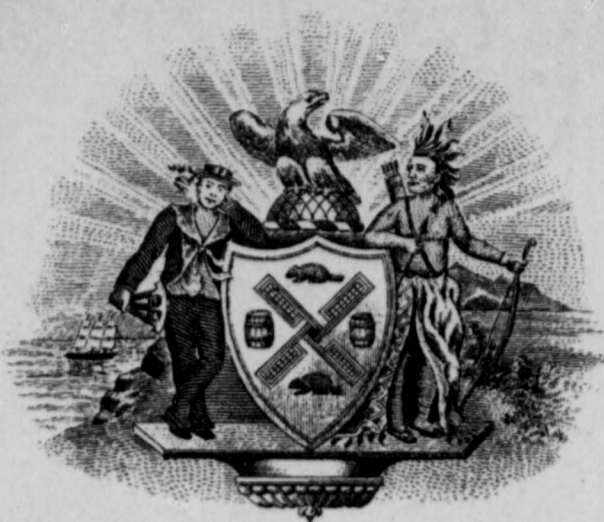
New York City.

S i r :

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of September 13th, transmitting a report of the Commissioners of Accounts showing the result of an examination of the office of the Property Clerk at Bellevue Hospital. The report was presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting this afternoon, and a reply is being prepared, which will be sent to you when completed.

Respectfully,

John W. Brannan
 President, Board of Trustees.



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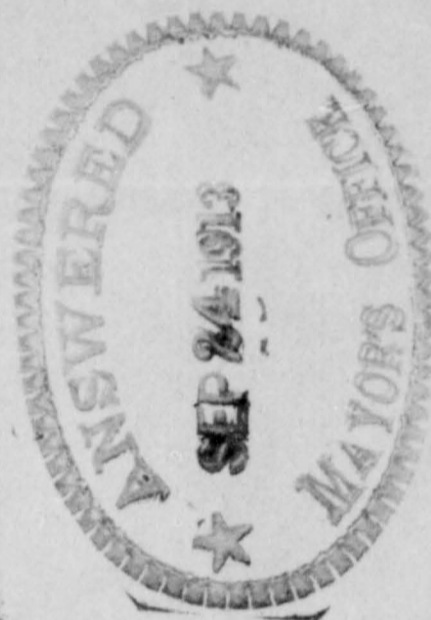
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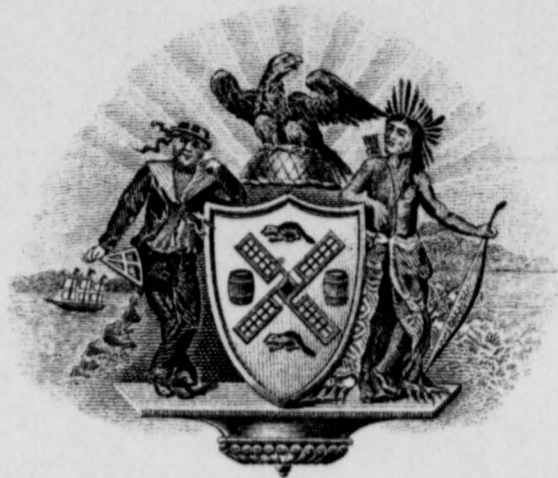
S i r :

The Trustees of this Department are desirous of attending the funeral services for the late Mayor of the City of New York, and in accordance with the informal request of Mr. John G. O'Keeffe, *to Chairman R. A. C. Smith,* would esteem it a favor if you would kindly forward cards of admission to the church for their use.

Respectfully,

John W. Brannan
 President, Board of Trustees.

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DR. JOHN W. BRANNAN, PRESIDENT.
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Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue and 26th Street,

New York, **September 23rd, 1913.**

Hon. Robert Adamson,

Secretary to the Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Adamson:-

Thank you very much for the cards of admission to the City Hall and to Trinity Church for the ceremonies yesterday, which you kindly sent to me with your letter of Friday the 19th.

Very truly yours,

John W. Brannan

I should like also to thank you for the cards sent for the other trustees, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Paulding and Mr. Stern, all of whom were present at the church.



GEORGE O'HANLON, M.D.
GENERAL MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.
MARK L. FLEMING, M.D.
ASSISTANT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS.

OFFICE OF
THE GENERAL MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

1ST AVENUE AND 26TH STREET.

NEW YORK CITY

Sept. 25, 1913. 191

Mr. Robert Adamson, Secretary,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

On or about August 25th I received through Mr. O'Neil, Superintendent of Harlem Hospital, a letter from the Carlow Men's Society of Harlem, alleging that Michael Coody, of 304 East 134th Street, had been improperly treated at the Harlem Hospital. This matter was fully investigated by the Medical Board of that hospital, and they decided the charges were without foundation.

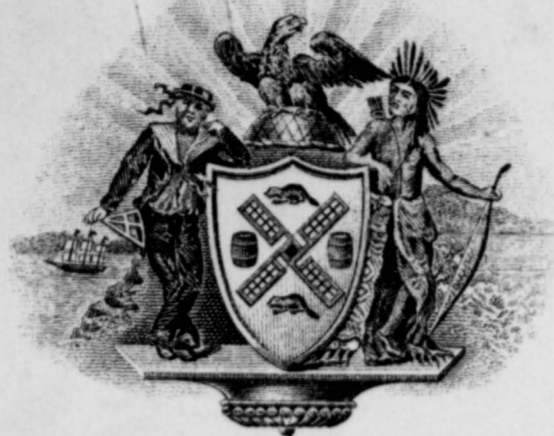
Mr. Coody was asked to come to the hospital where a radiograph was taken, which was within two weeks from the time injury was alleged to have been received, and there was nothing to show that such injury had been sustained. The patient was requested to return to the hospital for a radiograph of the supposed fractured ribs, but he has not complied with this request. The Medical Board found there were no clinical symptoms or evidence of fractured ribs at the time this patient was at the hospital.

Very truly yours,

George O'Hanlon

General Medical Superintendent.

M.M.C.



Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue and 26th Street,

New York, October 28th, 1913.

DR. JOHN W. BRANNAN, PRESIDENT.
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Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,

Mayor of the City of New York.

S I R :-

A special committee of the Board of Trustees has made a thorough examination into the report and charges of the Commissioners of Accounts, in which it was said that Paul Franzel, Property Clerk of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, was charged with delinquency in office. The following is a resume of the committee's findings:

The committee finds that the charges in the main are true. The duties of Mr. Franzel are as stated in the Commissioners' report. Mr. Franzel did destroy uncalled for property by burning it in the crematory, but there is evidence that he did so in accordance with orders received from Doctor Armstrong, a former superintendent. The Commissioners' report says, "Earrings, watches, rings and pawn tickets were burned." This statement, which is no doubt literally true, gives a wrong impression as to the value of property destroyed. To get an idea of the true value of such articles, one must imagine what kind of jewelry Bellevue patients consider not worth calling for; plainly speaking, it is utterly valueless. One of our committee examined 127 envelopes, containing uncalled for property - jewelry, purses,

knives, pawn tickets, 2 fountain pens, 1 safety razor, 2 watches, etc. - and appraises the whole lot as of absolutely no value. All the articles combined would not sell for two dollars at auction. This entire collection has been recently delivered to Police Headquarters, where an examination will undoubtedly verify this statement. It is the habit of some of our nurses, when writing on the envelopes, to call all yellow jewelry gold, and white, silver. It is almost all trash. The committee, however, admit that at times there may be articles of value left by persons who die in the hospital. Hence, they have instituted a better and safer system, and all this uncalled for property will hereafter not be burned, but turned over either to the relatives, the Public Administrator, or the Police Department.

Regarding the shortage between 1904 and 1910, the committee after careful investigation accept as true the statement of Mr. Franzel that a helper employed as his assistant stole the money, \$104.97, and perhaps some of the jewelry. In regard to Franzel's statement to the Commissioners of Accounts that he did not report his assistant's theft for eight months, Franzel says he did not mean that; he reported it promptly. He gives the impression - in fact, he says - that he was embarrassed by the inquisition of the investigators and his answers may have been confused. Franzel at one time paid \$48 out of his own pocket for a missing watch (stolen perhaps by his assistant), and Doctor Fleming, Assistant Medical Superintendent, at one time gave him \$79 to make good missing or mislaid money. Mr. Franzel could not explain the missing \$10 (item of Yetta Gettermann), but he was entirely frank about it. He said that he had received the money but he could not trace it. He thinks that perhaps he gave it to some of the

Getterman family, but he confesses he is not clear on this point.

An analysis of the charges will substantiate the conclusion arrived at by the committee that the alleged losses were insignificant compared with the large amounts that have passed through Franzel's hands. Thousands of dollars have been in his care, and apart from these charges no fault has ever been found with his administration. He receives from 90 to 100 packages a day and has an average of about 1500 packages in his safe at all times. It appears to the committee that this department needed a "jacking-up," and that the management had been a little careless, owing perhaps to the lack of value of uncalled for articles. The committee took immediate steps to put the department in better shape.

Regarding the recommendation of the Commissioners of Accounts, the committee, believing in the honesty and capability of the property clerk, Mr. Franzel, did not recommend that he be discharged. He has been in the Department seventeen years, and as they believe in his integrity, they consider that the City's interests would not be conserved by the dismissal and disgrace of this old public servant. An inventory of all articles now in the safe was ordered promptly; you will find the certificate attached. Mr. Franzel will hereafter submit daily to the Assistant Medical Superintendent a statement of all property received and turned over by him. All uncalled for articles will be deposited with the Police Department.

The report of the committee was accepted by the Board of Trustees. The department is under obligation to the Commissioners of Accounts for their thorough examination of the property clerk's department and assures the Mayor that whatever faults may have existed

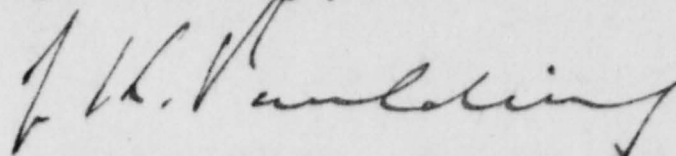
Hon A. L. Kline

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October 28th, 1913.

in the past will be thoroughly eliminated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Kunkling".

Secretary, Board of Trustees.

COPY.

September 25th, 1913.

Mr. George A. White,
Contract Clerk and Auditor.

Dear Sir:-

Under dates of September 23rd and 24th, we examined all properties in the care of Mr. Franzel, Property Clerk, belonging to patients in Bellevue Hospital, and found same to be correct according to the receipts on file.

We examined 1061 packages, which contained \$1414.87.

Respectfully,

(Signed) George Koplowitz
J.V. Shea

Accepted and approved

September 29th, 1913

(Signed) Geo. A. White
Contract Clerk and Auditor.



Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue and 26th Street,

New York, October 31st, 1913.

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Hon. Ardolph L. Kline,
Hon. George McAneny,
Hon. William A. Prendergast,
Hon. Lewis A. Pounds,
Hon. Cyrus C. Miller,

Budget Committee,

Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Trustees at its meeting on Tuesday afternoon considered the tentative budget for 1914, and regrets that the appropriation for food supplies to this Department is only \$306,300. This is \$68,700 less than our estimate, which was based on the actual cost of food for the first six months of the present year. The amount required for food supplies in this Department for 1913 was \$375,000, and as the budget allowance was not sufficient, a request for revenue bonds was necessary to meet the deficiency. If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in its budget appropriation to this department for 1914 denies sufficient funds for food stuffs, the administration of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals will be compelled to resort to one of two things, either to reduce the food allowance for the inmates of all the hospitals, or to request revenue bonds before the end of 1914 to meet the deficit which will undoubtedly accrue. The Trustees dislike

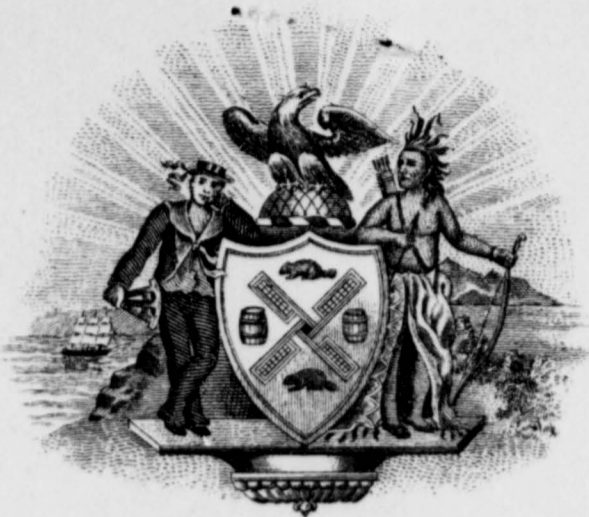
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resorting to either of these measures. The first, in all probability, will be attended with public criticism and censure, and the latter is only a necessity due to a denial of a sufficient budget appropriation. The issue of revenue bonds was never intended to supplement the annual budget to City Departments. The Trustees understand that the cut in this estimate has been made in accordance with a proposal to change the standard of food supplies for the hospital inmates and employees. They have not, however, been given the opportunity of inspecting the new standard proposed, and are hence unwilling to commit themselves to it blindly. Should it prove feasible after an opportunity for careful inspection, they would gladly cooperate with the Board of Estimate in carrying it into operation. In the mean time, however, foreseeing as they do the needs of the Department, they have made provision for them in their departmental estimate, and would respectfully urge you to reconsider the tentative budget in so far as it applies to food supplies (schedule 2073), and to provide adequate funds to meet the needs for food for the patients and employees of this Department.

Respectfully,

J. K. Ruedding

Secretary, Board of Trustees.

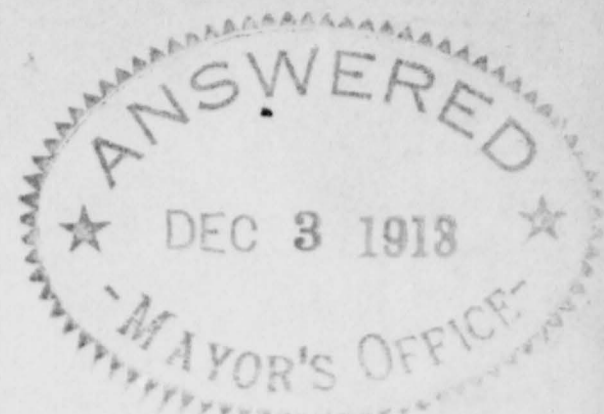


BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL,

OFFICE OF TRAINING SCHOOLS,

1ST AVENUE AND 26TH STREET.

NEW YORK, December 1st 1913.

To His Honor The Mayor.

Dear Sir.

We have with regret to announce from our Board of Managers, the resignation of Mrs Leopold Stern whose term of office would expire February 1st 1914, owing to unavoidable pressure of personal duties in other places.

We earnestly request to fill her place the appointment of Mrs Alfred Hess, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Straus, who were lost in the Titanic.

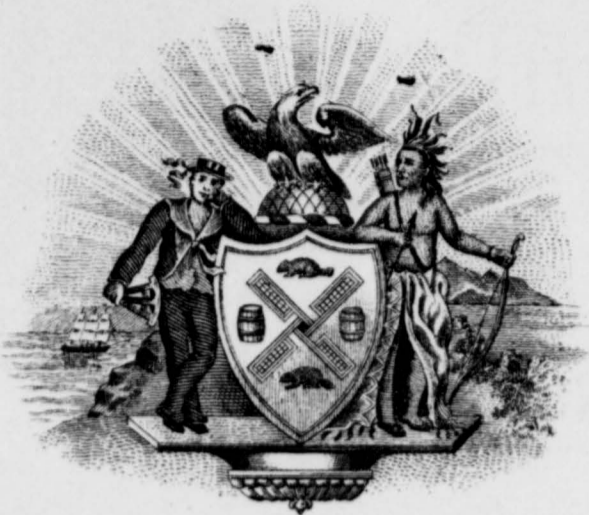
It is the precedent to have two Jewesses on the Board, and Mrs Hess by inheritance, experience and capacity would be warmly welcomed by the other Managers, and we feel would be most efficient in the work of the Hospital. We strongly urge her appointment.

If however she does not meet with your approval, pursuant to our Contract with the City, we will submit three further names for this vacancy.

Respectfully Yours,

Alice Athorne

President of the Board of Managers of
Bellevue Training School for Nurses,



BELLEVUE AND ALLIED HOSPITALS.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

OFFICE OF TRAINING SCHOOLS,

1ST AVENUE AND 26TH STREET.

NEW YORK, November 7, 1913.

To His Honor The Mayor.

Dear Sir:

We have with regret to announce from our Board of Managers, the resignation of Mrs. James W. Gerard, whose term of office would expire February 1st, 1914, owing to absence abroad.

We earnestly request to fill her place, the appointment of Miss Mary Parsons, 110 East 36th Street, for she is most conscientious, efficient and executive - and we have hoped for a long time to be able to secure her services, but this is the first year she has felt able to give sufficient time to the work.

If however she does not meet with your approval, pursuant to our Contract with the City, we will submit three further names for this vacancy.

Respectfully yours,

Alice Ashburn

President of the Board of Managers.

Bellevue Training School for Nurses.



Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Office of The Board of Trustees,

1st Avenue and 26th Street,

New York, December 16th, 1913.

DR. JOHN W. BRANNAN, PRESIDENT.
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Hon. James Matthews,

Executive Secretary,

Office of the Mayor, New York City.

S i r :

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 11th, transmitting communication received from Mr. Meyer Greene, of 8 Pitt Street, complaining of the treatment of his wife while a patient in Bellevue Hospital. The Trustees had this matter under investigation during the latter part of last month, and Dr. Krida, the house physician, was summoned before the Board at its meeting on November 25th to furnish detailed information of the treatment that had been accorded the patient. A few days later a letter was received from Dr. Cyrus J. Strong, the visiting physician on the division having this patient in charge, which explains the treatment of Mrs. Cussie Greene while in the hospital. Copies of these letters, as well as one from the General Medical Superintendent, are enclosed.

Respectfully,

John W. Brannan
President, Board of Trustees.

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December 15th, 1913.

Dr. John W. Brannan,
President, Board of Trustees,
Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Dear Doctor:-

In reply to the letter from His Honor, May Kline, regarding the discharge of Mrs. Gussie Green from this hospital, I would say, on or about November 15th I received a letter from Mr. Meyer Green, of 8 Pitt Street, in which he alleged that his wife, Mrs. Green, had not been properly treated while a patient at this hospital a few days before. Upon receipt of his complaint, I immediately referred the same to Dr. Strong, Visiting Physician, and Dr. Krida, House Physician, and inclose, herewith, their explanation of all the incidents connected with the admission and discharge of Mrs. Green.

You will recall that copies of Mr. Green's letter, together with the explanation received from the House Physician, were submitted to the members of the Board of Trustees, and at their recent meeting Dr. Krida was summoned before the Board in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) George O'Hanlon

General Medical Superintendent.

(C O P Y)

New York, November 28, 1913.

Dr. George O'Hanlon,
General Medical Superintendent,
Bellevue and Allied Hospitals.

Dear Doctor:-

In response to your request of the 21st inst., sent to Dr. Nammack, and forwarded to me, regarding the discharge of Guessie Green from Ward B-3, I beg to report as follows:-

1st: I desire to assume all the responsibility for the diagnosis and the discharge of this patient. If censure attaches to anyone in consequence of her discharge it is to me as I saw her on my visit the day following her admission, confirmed the tentative diagnosis made by the House Staff, and heartily concurred in their judgment that she was not in need of further hospital care and should be referred to the out-patient department. To this plan Mrs. Green assented without any objection.

Now to reply seriatim to the charges contained in the letter of Meyer Green, dated November 4th, 1913:-

1st: Mrs. Green's card of admission was marked "non urgent". At no time while in the ward did she develop symptoms of any "emergency".

2nd: Not true. At no time in the 23 years of my connection in Bellevue Hospital has any patient under my care been "treated worse than a dog". Repeated careful examinations by competent observers failed to disclose disease and conditions requiring medication or care other than was received. The head nurse in B-3 is one of the most efficient, indefatigable and kindly nurses we have had on our division in years.

3rd: Neither on admission or afterwards in the ward was there observed any evidence of mental condition which would require an attendant. Mrs. Green readily assented to her discharge.

4th: On discharge she was offered additional clothing by the head nurse of B-3 but refused to accept it. She was also given her carfare.

5th: Not true. She was put on special soft diet, with milk in addition. She was given appropriate medicine from the time she was admitted to Ward B-3. The condition for which she entered was said to be "pain in the back". This had disappeared and her temperature and pulse were normal on discharge. Whatever other conditions may have been present beside catarrhal stomatitis were not discovered on examination, and the patient absolutely refused to

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give any account of herself or co-operate in any way. I deeply regret the occurrence of this instance, and have carefully reviewed the case, looking over the chart, etc.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cyrus J. Strong,

Visiting Physician.

(C O P Y)

November 17, 1913.

Dr. George O'Hanlon, Superintendent,

Dear Doctor:

In reference to a patient named Gussie Green who was discharged from my service on the 13th inst., I beg to state that the reason for her discharge was primarily that in my judgment she was not a hospital case, and secondarily that she refused co-operation in giving us a history of her case, even though she was interrogated in a tongue which she could understand. A careful physical examination was then made by two members of the house staff at different times, and it was found that the only demonstrable lesion was a catarrhal stomatitis.

I beg to state, furthermore, that the patient was told that she could be treated at the dispensary, and readily assented to her discharge from the hospital. If she was insufficiently clothed when she reached her home, it was entirely her own fault, as the nurse in charge of the ward assures me that she had offered her additional clothing, which the patient saw fit to refuse. The nurse also reports to me that she gave the patient a nickel for car fare, sufficient to carry the patient to the address she gave on admission, No. 8 Pitt Street.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Arthur Krida)

House Physician, 4th Medical Division.