

Kenneth Spang
Chester Co. Pa.

August 1st - 97

Hon. William L. Strong

My Dear Sir

I write to ask you if I shall be obliged to secure a license for selling pamphlets on the streets of New York City? I have written a little pamphlet of twelve pages in the way of a formatory work of a religious character and as my life has been given to Christian work, I am able to do some little good though now in a smaller way than usual. I am left a widow and have an invalid daughter to support

The pamphlets are much liked
 by the people and I have received
 many letters from various places
 where they have gone of the good
 they are doing - I shall feel very
 grateful to you if you will
 favor me by making the task
as easy for me as possible -

If I have to secure a license
 what will the cost be -

I am visiting this part of
 the County now hoping to regain
 my health - I will enclose a
 circular touching some of my
 work in the goat - Awaiting
 your reply I am cordially -

Mrs. Viola Gilbert

COMMENDATIONS.

HOTEL BRUNSWICK, NEW YORK,

March 2, 1895.

Dear Sister :

In all your blessed work, "begun, continued, and ended" in God, you have my best wishes and prayers for your success in the sense that is highest and most heavenly. Believe me

Yours in our Master's service,

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

May 21, 1894.

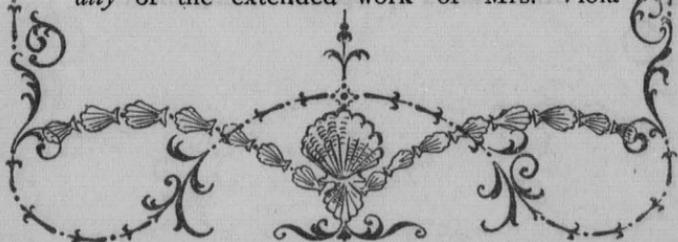
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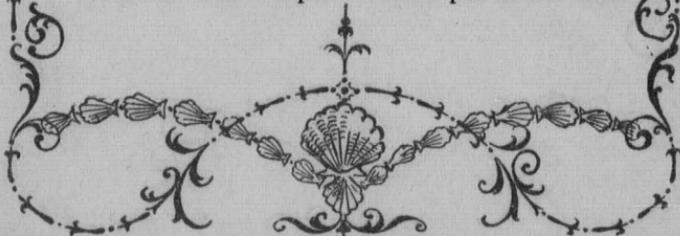
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Kennett Lynore
Chesapeake Co Pa

August - 13th '97

Hon Mayor Strong

My Dear Sir,

Your last letter
written by your Secretary to me is
at hand touching the matter I had
placed before you concerning the little
Religion Booklet - I desired to have
sold on your streets. etc. You tell
me that with a Booklet - will
merchandise carried upon the
person engaged selling etc - the fee
is \$5.00 I thank you for this
information and promise you 2

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will be as brief as possible
in further detailing my wishes
to you - hoping your great-heart
may respond to me generously -

I will explain to you what - I desire
to do - My entire life has been devoted
to Christian work - though a member
of the Episcopal Church, yet I am
a servant to the people and scatter
good seed wherever I find an opportunity.
I think perhaps you may recall my
labors among the poor of your
City - years ago - You will please see
notice on back of the Show-card I send
you ~~to~~ to day - My little Booklet
just published I wish to dispose
of, giving one half I receive to
Coke, Charity Fund in New York City
to aid the poor & feed the hungry!

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I have suffered much by losses -
and am a widow therefore I
cannot give as I have done - and
now my health is much broken by
exposure and over work - therefore I
am not-able to organize and
conduct meetings and lectures
as in other days - now I write
my pen in a quiet way writing
on different topics of a religious
character to all classes hoping
to do some good in the way of
education - uplifting those who are
crushed & in distresses as far as
possible - therefore with this burden
resting on my heart - I desire
to sell these little Booklets to
all who will purchase and give one

half to some charitable
 organization who will rightly
 distribute among the poor this
 coming winter. I am desirous
 you shall make it - as easy for
 me as possible - and would
 like you to let me know if I
 should be obliged, under these circumstances,
 to secure a license? - Could you not -
 as the Mayor - give me a writing to
 make me safe from intrusion, which
 would allow me to sell as a missionary
 without a license? - It is really a
 charitable work I am doing and
 my effort - would benefit many who
 must suffer greatly as winter
 approaches, I am willing to make
 great - self-sacrifice if only the
 end in view can be attained, and

wives & children somed who
must perish this winter
because of lack of supply -

I am well known in New York
among the clergy & people - I
have never been well since my
great and laborious work at -

the Five Points years ago - My
mission there was known as
"Zion's Mission" cor. of Park & Pearl
Street. My work closed on account
of nervous prostration for many
months. I was compelled to leave and
go away - since then I have worked
in other fields now my call is
to you city - I hope to dispose of
enough of these little Booklets before

the snow shall fall to give
 a good sum to swell the fund
 of the organization I shall
 choose to patronize. It is
 but little I feel I can afford
compensatingly speaking - yet -
 I will give my time to the
 poor of the city - so long
 as I am home - Now my dear Sir -
Do all you can for me and
help me to help others -

Very cordially yours
 Mrs Viola Gilbert -

Leamington Square
Chester is Pa

August 10th 1877

Hon. Mayor Strong

My Dear Sir

Your favor of
the third instant Received giving
information asked about a
Street salesman to sell Booklets
or pamphlets - I understand by
your reply that no license or
permit is necessary - Now
I expect to appoint - two good
Salesmen to sell these little
Booklets on the streets in
New York City (my former
home) and I am sure

You will pardon me for taking
your valuable time, but - will
you direct your secretary to
write me - if I can give these
Salesmen the privilege to take
their stand anywhere they like
so long as they do not interfere
with others in like work - or
am I to restrict them to
certain parts of the City? -
I feel anxious to place them
where they may dispose of
many for the good cause
in which I am engaged -
would they trespass to sell
in any part of the City? -
Please send immediate reply

relieving my mind—
And I shall feel more
than grateful for your
donor—

Faithfully

(Mrs.) Viola Gibert—

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832 East 14th Street
New York City
Sept 2nd /97

Hon. Mayor Strong

My Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a circular which mentions something of my work in other places since my long hard missionary work in this City eight or ten years ago - If you will please read it - carefully you may catch glimpses of spiritual strength ~~and~~ that alone sustained me to day as I came to visit - you to get permission to enter upon the most trying

part - of my life work - I
do not think strange that you and
the Marshall both wondered
how and why I should take upon
me such work - But I shall
all my life bless you for
your courtesy to me, at one of the
most trying moments of my life -
being a stranger to you and entering
upon a work so humiliating to
the natural side of a sensitive
woman's heart - I am sure
you will stand by me in my
effort - to do good and that
you will give me a broad field
to labor in. Only Divine
strength could sustain me -
But - I am ever ready no matter
how heavy the cross -

Very Respectfully

Mrs.

Viola Gilbert

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Young Men of this City have
been at-right in their
thinking - some of their
hopes have been dashed & pieces -
as it were, by the teachings
of Iniquity - And I do feel
cheered and comforted by
what I know as facts -

I sent words of thanks to
the Chief of Police for his
kindness and asked him
to kindly extend my thanks
to the Board of Officers for
their protection & general
consideration, with few ~~exceptions~~

24 captions, I found them
very courteous and very
helpful. I found my
greatest difficulty was
the gathering of large
crowds - which I
puzzled the Police - I

shall feel greatly obliged
to you if you will hand
this letter to Mr. Blake
and ask him to please
read it at a time most
suitable before the Board
of Aldermen who acted
in my behalf when my

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permission was granted so
generously - and by this,
I shall feel drawn closer
to them fraternally -

With best wishes
for the coming year
so near - trusting it may
bring to you life new joys,
and a stronger hope of
immortality I am
My dear Sir - Sincerely

(son) - Wm. Gilbert

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Mrs. Viola Gilbert,
THE EVANGELIST.

(OVER)

∴ Take ∴ One ∴

In behalf of My Missionary Work.

Endorsed by Press and Clergy.

MRS. VIOLA GILBERT is a member of the Episcopal Church. She is pleasing in manner and speech and is most *earnest* and *original* in the work she is conducting.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

MRS. VIOLA GILBERT the EVANGELIST joins to culture and refinement the earnest *Missionary* spirit which takes *no account* of *personal labor* and *sacrifice* if only the *end in view* is attained. MRS. GILBERT is a popular speaker.—*Brooklyn Standard-Union*.

MRS. VIOLA GILBERT is a woman of refinement and station. She has given her life for the uplifting of suffering humanity. Such heroic effort merits both moral and financial support of the community.—*New York Mail and Express*.

MRS. VIOLA GILBERT has both arms full of courage. The interesting little Missionary still perseveres, and great good has already encouraged her.—*New York World*.

MRS. VIOLA GILBERT has in the past few weeks accomplished a work in New York City that would do credit to years of earnest labor. The influence wielded by Mrs. GILBERT is *very great*. She should be given the warmest support of all Christian people.—*New York Press*.

MRS VIOLA GILBERT has many friends who are lively in praise of her genius. She is a woman of great courage. There has, in truth, come a great change among the people.—*New York Sun*.

ADDRESS, POST OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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New York City

Dec 14 '97

Hon. Mayor Strong

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Friend or Brother

Greeting!!

My heart-promptings are such -
I feel I must send you a
little message to thank you for
your courtesy, and the Board of
Aldermen also, for the Good
I have done in the way of
suggestion toward the higher life
by the distribution of my Booklets,
and by my "cross" on the streets
of this great-city - and to you I

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owe much gratitude - the seed
sown against materialism
and the doctrine of Ingersoll
will surely come to fruitage and
many thereby ^{will be} turned to righteousness,
of this I am sure, having
in my possession large
numbers of expressions from
some of our strongest and
most-influential men & women
of this city, adding blessings
and "God send". Of course
I had some unpleasant-things
to bear - while canvassing - but
God is mighty and His chick
was upheld - I first began at
Wall Street, close by the Custom House,
and many I odd - It was there where

My distinguished husband held his
Office under the Lincoln Administration

It was then I lifted my cross
for Christ - and against materialism
It was then my work began and
continued until I reached 42nd street

The weather became so cold I was
compelled to close my work for
the winter - my health could not
warrant further exposure - therefore,

My little Daughter, who so faithfully
stood by me with myself, felt -
we must rest from our labors -

My experiences while out, were
wonderful - Clergymen, College Students,
Lawyers, Doctors, Bankers & others,
spoke words of commendation -
and views given on various subjects

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concerning this and eternal-
life - Immortality etc. etc.
I could write a Book of
the most-interesting character,
illustrating characteristics and
portraying degrees of mental
growth - capacity - etc. etc.
But - words lie therefore
nothing is really lost - (I
received many thanks for my
helpfulness even among strong
Infidels - who have been brought
to believe in the substantiality of
things "not-seen" and who
now feel to say - "Death does not
end All" - "there must
be another life" and many

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To Mayor of N.Y.

Interpreting the sentiments of the
population of Rome, I send
greetings to the first citizen
of New York on the occasion
of the happy event of the
enlargement of the city.

Mayor Ruspoli

Rome Dec. 15, 1897.

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Salut premier Citoyen Newyork occasion

Heureux evenement enlargissement city

Syndic Ruspoli

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OFFICE HOURS:
8 to 12
OFFICE AT PRIVATE HOSPITAL,
19 WEST 35TH STREET.

NEW YORK, December 15th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
New York City,

Dear Sir:-

In the name of one hundred and thirty physicians of New York City who are working in the Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, I wish to thank you for the broad and liberal views you expressed at the Meeting of the Board of Apportionments in regard to the character of the men and their work who are engaged in medical education in this City. I regret very much that I was not permitted to express the views I hold for I think I could have attracted the attention of the dissenting members at one point which was not brought out. They have already voted money for Bellevue Hospital and also for the City Hospital and other Public Institutions which are run as Educational and Medical Colleges, practically in the same way as The Polyclinic Medical School and the Post Graduate Hospital run their hospitals. For many years past Bellevue has been run as an institution of learning- three-fourths of this great charity has been set apart exclusively for teaching and no man could be a member of the Visiting Staff of those divisions, unless he was selected by the Faculty of the College, the Authorities of the City have nothing to do with

their selection. So satisfactory to the authorities was this arrangement that within the last eighteen months they have forced the fourth division, that part of the hospital, which up to this time had been left to physicians not connected with the medical schools, to become teachers and they now have started there another school in this hospital.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Myer

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A. P. MONTANT,
P. O. BOX, 2271.

New York, Dec. 15th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Education, the same to take effect upon the appointment of my successor.

Trusting that you may be good enough to give this matter attention at your earliest convenience, I am

Very respectfully yours,



A. P. Montant

No. 111 East 89th Street

New York City, December 15th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

My case is too well known to you to need any explanation.

If I had committed murder or robbed a bank, I could be free before this time by a pardon from the Governor.

But in my case this error is such a small matter that in law no charge can be preferred against me, besides the statute of limitation bars prosecution.

The only means resorted to by some unknown person has been for the past seventeen months to starve myself and family for the purpose of depriving me of my position. When an officer has been conducting himself with fidelity for twelve years, I cannot see any grounds on which private prosecution can be justified in any attempt made to deprive him of his livelihood.

Notwithstanding the fact that a law has been passed for my relief.

Just put yourself in my position as the second Holiday season approaches with a family looking forward to their only bread winner with children, asking what Santa Claus is going to bring them, with my head bowed down in grief, I go to work each day asking myself when will this trouble come to an end. The prospects are not bright for the New Year; with it, come strangers. If I cannot receive justice through my friends, what can I expect from people who are unfamiliar with my case.

My attorney, Mr. Edward F. Brown, No. 18 Wall Street, informs me that the Corporation Counsel could end this matter at once "by vacating the judgment and entering the judgment in my favor" Mr. Mayor, I feel confident that the corporation counsel would do this for you, and I ask this one favor, while it is in your power, for the sake of my family and

those dear ones that are dependent upon me, that their Christmas may be brightened, and we may begin the New Year with happiness once more. This being the charitable time of the year as a matter of justice and humanity I beg of you to use your good offices in this matter, thanking you for your kind assistance in the past, I await with patience the long delayed justice which must surely come with the assistance of my friends.

Yours sincerely.

Isaac C. Tyson

Acting Sergeant, Park
Police.

My dear Mr. Mayor:
Sorry to trouble you when
you are so busy. Will you do what
you can for this poor fellow
and greatly oblige
Your friend
A. Goulden
Ch. Mem. Court. A.C.

GROSVENOR S. HUBBARD,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR.

*Mills Building,
35 Wall Street.*

New York, December 16th 1897.

Bion L. Burrows Esq.

My dear Sir:-

I have your favor of 13th inst. saying that the Mayor will be glad to give me a commission as Inspector of Common Schools in the 21st School District.

Please thank His Honor the Mayor for his kindness, and say to him that my other duties are such, that I should not have time to properly do the work, and must therefor decline the office.

Very truly Yours,

Grosvenor S. Hubbard

G. S. Sibecker

173. Broadway

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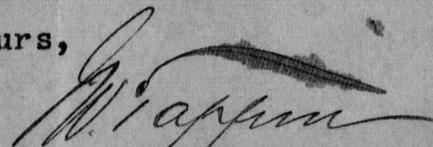
Dear Sir:

Permit us to thank you very sincerely for the kind consideration extended by you to our application for the readjustment of our storm-door, in approving the action of the Board of Aldermen relating thereto.

We are duly mindful of the justice of the good natured criticism passed by you upon the liberties taken by us in the substitution of the letter "v" for the letter "u" in the title of our company, and can only say that if we might include U in the make-up of our company rather than in the composition of the name, we should be delighted to act upon your suggestion.

We should feel honored if when you are in this vicinity you would do us the favor to call in and inspect our new offices, which we think will be found to repay inspection.

Very respectfully yours,


Secretary.

WOODS

REGULAR SERVICES,
SUNDAY MORN. AT 11.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 2.30.
SUNDAY EVE. AT 8.
PRAYER MEETING,
FRIDAY EVE. AT 8.

Memorial Chapel

133 AVENUE A



PASTOR DANIEL REDMOND,
125 ST MARKS PLACE.

To the Mayor of the
City of New York

NEW YORK, July 7th 1897

My dear Sir:-

We are desirous of hold-
ing religious services in the front
of our buildings. It has been
a question in mind whether
we may until we are given
a permit from you. If it
is needed by us to save us
from being disturbed, will you
kindly grant it, and

Oblige you

Sincerely

Daniel Redmond

WILLIAM BOOTH,
GENERAL.



FREDERICK & EMMA BOOTH-TUCKER
COMMANDERS U. S. FORCES.

The Salvation Army.

National Headquarters:

120-124 West 14th Street,

New York City

July 19, 1897.

Honorable John Jerolomon,

Acting Mayor of the City and County of New York,

Honorable Sir :-

This will present to your kind consideration Adjutant Hull, in spiritual charge of the corps located at #122 West 14th St., Memorial Building, in the City and County of New York, which is the building where they hold their religious services.

We cheerfully recommend her to you as worthy of the privilege of holding open-air religious meetings, and very respectfully request that your Honor will grant her a permit for the same.

Yours very respectfully,

F. de Lantour Booth Tucker

12th St. + 6th Ave.

Greenwich + 6th Aves.

16th St. + 8th Ave.



*granted
Aug 26/97*

C
New York City.

August 26th. 1897.

To His Honor,

The Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir.-

Will you please to grant Captain Martha Davis A.D.C. a permit to conduct Open Air Meetings on the corner of 123rd Street, and Third Ave, or 124th Street and 3rd Ave, New York City.

Captain Davis is doing excellent philanthropic work, and we are quite sure that this privilege, will in no sense be abused by her, as she recognizes fully the importance of doing all in her power to support the law.

Believe me to be,

Respectfully Yours,

In a righteous cause.

William Booth

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Capt M E Davis A.D.C.

159 E 122 St.

Harlem.

257 W. 44 St.

Sept. 20. 1897

Hon.

Wm. L. Strong
Mayor &c.

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask
if your Honor would
change the location
mentioned in a permit
issued by you to certain
persons to hold services
at the Easterly corner
of 8th Ave + 44 St. to

one of the westerly
corners.

The object of these services,
I take it is, to attract
those who otherwise do not
receive religious instruction.

This block being
practically a private
house one, it is doubtful
if such efforts are
needed by the residents
and I think the persons
sought to be reached
would be found in
greater numbers elsewhere.

The westerly side of 8th Ave
marks the beginning
of the tenement district
and I would ^{respectfully} suggest
that one of the westerly
corners would be more
desirable in many ways.

My personal objection
is to the singing
which in the majority
of instances in ^t screaming
to a degree & often
compels the closing
of the windows.

If your Honor can see
your way clear to make
the change as requested
I shall be extremely
obliged.

Yours truly
Arthur S. S.

44 Mt
St. Louis
Gospel Tabernacle
T. W. Jackson

The UNION thought it did and said so.

GOSPEL CHARIOT.

**Open Air Meetings for People Who
Can't or Won't Go to Church—A
Citizen Complimented.**

The Hutchinson Morgan family of singers, with their gospel chariot, have been holding meetings at the corner of Atlantic and Pennsylvania avenues for a week or more by permission of Mr. J. C. Wahl, who has gone further than that by providing seats for women who listen to the preaching and singing. Last night Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. Wahl and paid him a handsome and exceedingly graceful compliment for his kindness and generosity. It was couched in delightful English and must have made Mr. Wahl feel that all the world is not mean and selfish, and that he was amply repaid for any annoyance the crowds give him by so gentle and pretty an open card of thanks.

Grandpa Hutchinson, the oldest if not the only surviving member of the original Hutchinson family of singers, is expected here in a few days. He is now 74 years old. The writer would like to be one of the first to welcome him to the city by the sea, for he heard the sweet songs of the Hutchinsons 40 years ago and in many cities of the Union.

October 11th 1897-

23 W. 30th St.
New York

~~Letter to~~
~~Mrs. Watson~~
Mayor Strong

Dear Sir - I have just arrived in your city & with a permit to engage in evangelistic work, with my family, among the masses - I am a duly ordained minister of the gospel & have been in more than 200 towns & cities in pursuit of our mission in reaching the non church going classes on the streets - I enclose an extract from an Atlantic City paper -

Yours respectfully,
Henry Morgan

C/o Mrs. Watson
30th St. West

162 East 56th St.,

New York, Nov 22nd 1897

To the

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Sir:

We, a company of christians, known as "Brethren", meeting at No.162 East 56th St., near Third Avenue, this city, respectfully petition your Honor to grant the bearer *Eugene B. Craig* who is one of our number, a license for preaching the Gospel on the street, within such limitations as you prescribe.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the assembly at the above address,

James Brown 236 E. 63rd St
C. Howard 914 Sixth Ave.
A. Eberhard c/o Tiffany & Co.

Thomas R. Craig 200 Bowery
Robert Howard 158 W. Bury
David Dunbar 61 E 103 Street
A. L. Spencer, 120 E. 26th St. (School)

162 East 56th St.

New York, Nov 22nd 1897

To the

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Sir:

We, a company of christians, known as "Brethren", meeting at
near Third Avenue
No. 162 East 56th St., this city, respectfully petition your Honor to
grant the bearer *John Bloore* who is one of our number,
a license for preaching the Gospel on the street, within such limita-
tions as you prescribe.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the assembly at the
above address,

C. Jonard 914 Sixth Ave.
A. F. Eberhard c/o Tiffany & Co.
A. S. Spencer . 120 E 26th St. (School)
Thomas N. Craig, 200 Bowery
Robert Howard 168 W Bowery
David Wambor 4 E 103 Street
James Brown 236 E. 63rd St

**GOD'S
M. A. Y.,
CHILDREN.**

OBJECT.

To discourage Profanity,
and speaking evil of
others.

To encourage Bible
Study, Sabbath School
and Church attendance.

GOD IS LOVE.

JESUS SAID,

Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid
them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Whoso shall receive one such little child in
My name receiveth Me.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall
see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall
be called the children of God.

P. O. BOX 2905.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2nd, 1897.

Mayor Wm. T. Strong.

New York.

Dear Brother in Christ:-

Preparations are being made for our Missionaries to
work your City.

The work consist of holding Evangelical services on
side streets, and giving Bibles, Testaments, and tracts to all.
We are entirely unidenominational, but co-operate with all
Christian Churches. Everything we give is absolutely free.

Do you issue Permits to preach on the streets of your
City, and if so how shall we proceed to procure it.

Requesting a prompt reply and thanking you in advance
therefor, I am,

Very Sincerely,

W. W. Dunlap
Treas.

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THOMAS CROCKER, 143 Centre Street
Receiving Treasurer

New York, Dec. 8th 1897

To His Honor, Mayor Strong:

My dear Sir:

The bearer of this

Rev. Mr. David Saltzman is a member
and local preacher in one of our
Methodist Churches in Paris. He is
an esteemed worker among the Hebrews
in that city and in cooperation with
Mr. W. W. Duclap desires permission
to distribute Bibles and speak with the
children on our streets here. If your
way is clear to grant him a permit
I believe the permission will not
be abused and good may be done.

Yours truly,
F. M. North

F. M. North

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
700 PARK AVENUE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14th 1897

To His Honor

Mayor Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir

The Reverend
C. J. Blewitt, who has had
considerable experience in
mission work here & in Chicago,
desires permission to preach
in the streets. He is a good
man, & I believe will not
abuse the privilege if granted
him.

With great respect,

Yrs truly

H. S. Hastings.

Granted
Dec. 16/1897

140 W. 32^d St
N. Y Dec 16/97

Major W^m L. Strong:-

Enclosed please find my references. I have had charge of a mission here three years ago and one in Chicago last winter. Have come to New York to again start the work here. I am not a reverend, God forbid that I should take to myself the title of the Almighty Ps. 111:9.

Mr. White who has held a street permit for years has the privilege of speaking at three places but as the Salvation Army & the Volunteers are at two of them nearly every night, we cannot work there. Besides he lives in Brooklyn now and it is impossible to use his permit.

We expect to open a Mission somewhere between 14th & 42nd Sts & Bway and 8^{ave}. so I earnestly request the privilege of speaking at 26th Street and 8th Ave.
36th St. and Broadway
and 27th St. " " 7th Ave.

two of these places are on the edge of the Tenderloin district and one in its center yet an entirely different class of people frequent each section.

Trusting that you will favor me with the requested privilege, I am,

Yours Respectfully,
Chas. J. Blewitt.

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*Richard Deeves & Son,
Mason Builders.*

*"Mutual Reserve" Building,
Broadway & Duane St.,*

*Personal Office Hours:
from 1 to 2 P. M.*

New York December 17, 1897. 7.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

I was very much surprised at the action of the Commission which gave the contract for the new Hall of Records to the highest bidder. I must say that during all the days of Tammany Hall, there has never been anything done in the way of awarding contracts, so bare faced as this. In fact, to my knowledge, Tammany Hall never gave out a contract to any but the lowest bidder, if it was found that he could give the proper surety.

This was a case of giving away \$500000 of the tax-payers' money, for this building could have been put up in every respect as good for at least this amount less. This is a very large sum to pay for a particular kind of granite, when there are other varieties of granite equally as good. It is not to be wondered at that Tammany Hall used as a cry in the last campaign, "Reform came too high," when the tax-payers' money is squandered in this manner.

We received a copy of the specification with an idea of estimating on this work, but when we found that this particular granite was called for, and that the quarry was to be leased, a thing unknown and unheard of before in business, we made up our minds that it wasn't exactly right, and we saved our time in figuring on it.

I believe that for a fire-proof building, there is too much granite in this, anyway. If you had been in Boston after the great fire,

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New York _____ *189*

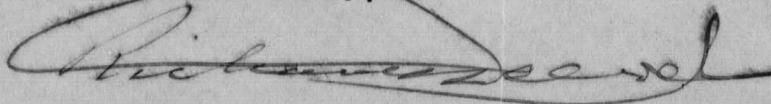
(Hon. W. L. S. 2)

you would not fail to have noticed how quickly the granite buildings went down. Even the interior courts in this building are to be of granite, while a light brick would be a thousand times better. Brick makes a far better fire-proof material than granite.

I understand that the lowest bidders are now moving to enjoin you from giving out this contract. They ought to do so; and if I had been the lowest bidder, I would have had an injunction out before this letter was written. If I didn't do it as a contractor, I would do it as a tax-payer.

I have nothing against Mr. Pierce. He is an excellent man in his line; but there are others who figured on this work with him, who bid lower than he did, who are equally as good. We have no interest in any of the bidders. I write you this as your friend; and if you can stop this contract, you will thank me for it hereafter. This throwing away of \$500,000 of the people's money will be thrown up hereafter against your administration.

Yours truly,



Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Albert E. Davis
ARCHITECT

Office :
TWENTY-FIVE-FIFTY-EIGHT THIRD AVENUE,
North of 138th Street.

Member of the North Side Board of Trade.

Borough of the Bronx.

New York,

Dec. 18th 1897

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

Dear Sir - According to the enclosed newspaper clipping a bridge is to be built over the Mott Haven canal bet 138th St. at a cost of \$30,000. If the canal is to be filled in north of 138th St. and a street opened in its place in accordance with the official map, it would of course be a waste of the City's money to build a bridge. You will remember that at hearing on a resolution to open this ^{street} and thereby rid the district of this "canal" nuisance forever, was held in your office on Jan. 8 and postponed on request of Mr. Sheehan who promised to have the Burnett injunction disposed of before the next meeting of the Board. Nearly a year has passed and if anything has been done it has been kept from the public. Is there nothing that you can do to open up the street, save the city the expense of a bridge and rid it of a public nuisance?

"Ah, to build, to build!

That is the noblest art of all the arts."—LONGFELLOW.

Very Respectfully
Albert E. Davis

ROOMS OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE }
AND TRANSPORTATION }
203 BROADWAY, }

NEW YORK, December 11, 1897.

DEAR SIR:

In 1892, a special committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation made a very thorough investigation of the advantages of establishing a uniform system of quarantine in the United States under the management of the general government, and an Act was passed by Congress and approved February 15, 1893, entitled "*An Act granting additional quarantine powers and imposing additional duties upon the Marine Hospital Service.*" It was hoped and believed that this Act, properly administered, would be sufficient to exclude contagious diseases from the country or to control them, as between cities and states, in the event of a visitation. The experience of the past few months with yellow fever in the Southern States would indicate that further legislation is necessary.

This Board at its last meeting directed the undersigned committee "to consider the desirability of creating a National Department of Health, and such other methods as may be suggested to protect the public health, especially as the same affects interstate commerce."

The Committee have adopted the following line of inquiry and invite suggestions, information and opinions thereon, such as they may be willing to make public, from experts and professional men having practical experience of sanitary affairs, and from others having opinions on the subject.

FIRST—Quarantine status and administration in foreign countries as furnishing precedents for the United States. A, Border ; B, Internal

SECOND.—The present status of quarantine in the United States. A, Border Defense ; B, Interstate ; C, State and Local.

THIRD.—The existing system of quarantine administration in the United States. A, Cost ; B, Injury to and Restrictions Imposed on Commerce and Travel ; C, Security Afforded.

FOURTH.—Legislation needed for lessening injury to and restrictions on commerce and travel, and to afford greater security to the country. A, Increase Power of Marine Hospital Service and How ; or, B, Create a National Department of Health ; or, C, Create a National Department of Commerce, with a Bureau of Health ; or, D, other suggestions.

FIFTH.—The power of Congress under the Constitution to regulate matters affecting the health of the people—A, National ; B, Interstate ; C, State and Local.

Persons writing the Committee are requested to affix to their names their professional letters, if any, and to address their communications to Mr. Silas M. Giddings, Chairman, 203 Broadway, New York City.

Respectfully, etc..

SILAS M. GIDDINGS, *Chairman*
S. A. ROBINSON, M. D.,
AARON VANDERBILT,
D. J. OSGOOD,
JAMES HARTFORD,
Committee.

FRANK S. GARDNER, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—In order to attract public attention to this important matter, we ask that will you kindly secure the publication of the letter of inquiry in your local papers with the following :

Extract from paper by John H. Girdner, M.D., in the North American Review for December, 1897.

“Cholera, yellow fever, typhus fever, and bubonic plague are practically the only diseases which quarantine stations pretend to keep out, and these diseases, taken together, have not caused an average of one thousand deaths per year in the United States for the past twenty years. On the other hand, three diseases alone, viz : tuberculosis, typhoid fever and diphtheria, destroy 157,000 lives annually. And be it remembered that we are as familiar with the cause and means of preventing these three scourges of our people as we are with those of the diseases against which we quarantine. If it be contended that the low death rate from communicable diseases against which the nation keeps up a quarantine is directly and solely due to the quarantine, we will admit the contention, and that fact at once becomes the strongest argument why the national government should also carry on a successful warfare on those other disease germs which already exist within our borders.”

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NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION

MAIL & EXPRESS BUILDING,
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TELEPHONE CALL:
3992 CORTLANDT.

203 BROADWAY,

New York, Dec. 18, 1897. *18*

His Honor, The Mayor,
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of the Committee on Public Health I enclose herewith a printed circular which will explain itself. The Committee will be indebted to you for information and an expression of your views on the subject referred to, as they believe such views as you can give will be of much value to them in their investigations and of interest to others. I am,

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Gardner
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New York, December 8th 1897
257 Madison Avenue



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

My dear Mr. Mayor,

To my sincere regret I find that it is no longer possible for me to give to the Office of Commissioner of Common Schools - to which you were kind enough to appoint me last year - the time and attention which I feel it should receive.

My physician advises me, moreover, that I ought not to work so hard and that I ought to take a holiday of several months next summer.

I, therefore, very reluctantly feel

compelled to tender to your Honor, herewith,
my resignation as a Commissioner of Common
Schools, to take effect on the appointment
of my successor, but not later than
December 31st 1897.

I avail myself of this opportunity
to thank you once more for the honor
you conferred upon me as well as for
the courtesy you have always shown me.

I remain, my dear Mr. Mayor,
very respectfully yours
James Spyer.

I intended to hand you this letter myself, but
unfortunately am confined to the house with
a severe cold.

257 Madison Avenue.

My dear Mr. Mayor,

I wish to thank you most sincerely
for your kind letter. You know I only
work in the office of General Cassin's
to contribute what little there was in
my power towards making your
Administration a success and to assist
you to that small extent in your
useful labors. Naturally, I am
very glad that you are satisfied
with what I did. If you were to

Remain in office for another year,
perhaps my health would also allow
me to stay in longer !!

Sincerely yours
James Speyer.

Musky,
Dec. 19⁵. 1937.

I wish I could think of a business-
man that I could recommend to take
my place. Mr. Ornel's health is
I hear so bad that he can't
serve.

WILLIAM W. BRYAN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 20th. 1897.

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

Re. Riverside Drive Extension.

Dear Sir:-

I represent two lots (50 feet front), with Buildings as thereon erected, on north side of West 144th. Street, practically all of which premises are now included in the proposed Riverside Drive as shown on plans as exhibited in the Mayor's Office in November, but not then adopted.

I understand that you have been served with a mandamus to proceed under the Act relating to Riverside Drive (Laws 1897, ch. 665)

I appeared before you on former hearings and protested against the plan as laid out, and endeavored to have you exercise the discretion, which the Act certainly gave you, of laying out the Drive within certain limits, and to have you run such Drive as far West as possible, and by so doing make the roadway of a more uniform grade, and save a large amount in the way of cost of construction and land damages.

At that time I called your attention to the fact that by such plan the Driveway takes an Easterly direction from 141st. Street, cutting off the greater part of the yard of the Magdalene Home at 139th. Street, and then proceeding up the hill towards the Boulevard, - the highest point about 146th. Street - and then from 149th Street descending the hill again; as it must do to go around Trinity Cemetery at 153rd. Street, and cutting off some 10 or 20 completed buildings.

By such indirect course of the Driveway a grade is assumed and the land damages are greatly increased; whereas by keeping along the railroad track an almost level Driveway would be secured as the buttresses along the railroad at the foot of the respective streets are practically all the same height above the tracks, and sufficiently elevated above the passing trains to avoid the greater part of the noise of railroad traffic, which consists practically if not altogether, at the present time, of freight trains, and not such an annoyance to the driving public as express and passenger trains would be.

In any event, putting the West side of the Driveway from 139th

WILLIAM W. BRYAN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK.

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W. W. B.

Street to 153rd. Street, about 140 feet - at the greatest distance-
200 feet East of the railroad, would not compensate for the incon-
venience of the grade assumed by putting the Driveway so far up the
hill, irrespective of the greatly increased extent of land damages.

I hope you will see your way clear to taking into serious
consideration a change of the course of the Driveway, as suggested
above, if you are obliged to change the Driveway plans as adopted
by you in November.

I remain

Yours most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm W Bryan", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

ALEX. DOYLE,
SCULPTOR.

DEC 20 1897

No. 239 E. 23rd Street,
N. Y.

ackd

Sir;

I desire to record an emphatic protest against the course of the Sinking Fund Commissioners in excepting from public competition the sculptures on the new Supreme Court House building (Appellate Div'n)

My objection is based on the claim that such an exemption is not only contrary to public policy, but is not authorized by the law of January 20, 1897, under which this building is authorized. In that Act while a wide latitude is granted to the Commissioners in the acceptance of bids, there is no authorization for the exception of any part of the work from the manner prescribed, not only by the general law, but by the act of 1895 (originally authorizing this building, to which the act of 1897 is merely supplementary)

If the Commissioners have the right to except part of the work from the bidding prescribed by Law they have the right to except all or any other parts of it. It is true that the Commissioners are not obliged to accept the lowest bid but nowhere does the law deny to any one the privilege of presenting his bid and claims for all parts of this work.

As to the question of public policy involved, I will say at the outset that no one is better aware that sculptures cannot be competed for and let in the same manner that masonry can be, but they can be competed for and let in a perfectly proper manner and in a manner calculated to secure the best that can be secured in artistic work. Not only is this the way to secure the best, but it is the way that accords with the principle fully recognized by the law, -- that in involving the expenditure of public money all responsible citizens are entitled to the privilege of at least presenting their claims and of bidding for the same under such restrictions as will ensure only the best result.

This privilege is being denied to a large proportion of the sculptors of New York, and it is common report that the sculptures on the aforesaid building are to be awarded by arbitrary favor and not by any method of competition which all are entitled to demand.

It cannot be urged in defense of this method that it is the best known method of securing good statues. The merits of competitive selection are too well recognized and established to need any defense here. As it is still within the power of the Commission to inaugurate such a competition I respectfully suggest that steps be taken to that end.

Very respectfully,

Alex Doyle

*For the Members of the
Sinking Fund Commⁿ - N.Y.*

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NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF
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Hamilton S. Corwin, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

11 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, December 21st, 1897.

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

My dear Sir :-

The Committee on Arrangements have instructed me to advise you that they have selected for the toast to which you are earnestly requested to respond, at the dinner on the 28th inst. "The City of New York as at present constituted". While this is an old toast to you, I presume that it is one that you are always glad to respond to. If you will give us three minutes, or as much more as you are willing to, on this subject, we will appreciate it very much.

Yours very truly,

Henry A. Dennis
Chairman

New York City,

Dec. 21st., 1897.

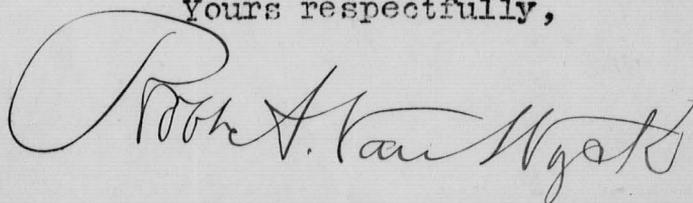
Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

You will indeed do me a kindness if you will send to me by the bearer, the Hon. Maurice F. Holahan, the last Department reports on file in your office, and any additional ones that you can procure, with any other information which will be of assistance to me in preparing my message.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in the matter, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John A. Van Wyck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing of the letter.

H.H. HANNA, CHAIRMAN,
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New York, December 21st, 1897.

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

Mr. Mayor:

I have just received Senator Edmunds' acceptance for dinner on December 30th at the Metropolitan Club, at 8 o'clock, to meet other members of the Commission and a few of the leading merchants and bankers of New York who I may be able to find are not otherwise engaged in advance of my invitation. It will give me great pleasure to have the honor of your company, and I trust that it may be convenient for you to be with us on that occasion, as it will be in advance of the publication of the report of the Commission, and distinctly with reference to unifying the sentiment with which the report is to be greeted on its appearance.

I send you this hurried note in advance of the formal invitation in order that you may, if agreeable and possible, avoid other engagements.

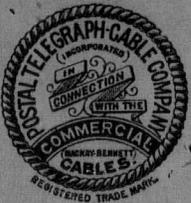
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Very respectfully yours,



THE POSTAL COMPANY'S SYSTEM REACHES ALL IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH AMERICA,
AND via COMMERCIAL CABLES, TO ALL THE WORLD.

Design Patent, Dec. 20-1887.



FORM 24, N. Y.

NIGHT TELEGRAM

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers Night Messages subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.
WILLIAM H. BAKER, V. P. & Gen'l Manager. JOHN O. STEVENS, Secretary. ALBERT B. CHANDLER, President.

Received at Main Office, 253 Broadway, New York.

A295A.RC.MQ. 17 paid nm. 119a.

Stlouis Mo Dec 20 1897.

Hon. W. W. Strong,
Mayor, New-York.

Did not intend to return till January second, but
could change for latter part ^{of} next week.

Henry Rice.



POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers the within Night Message subject to the following
TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company will receive messages, to be sent during the night, for delivery not earlier than the morning of the next ensuing business day, at reduced rates, but in no case for less than twenty cents tolls for a single message.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the message written on the face hereof and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message beyond ten times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of messages to any point on the lines of the Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of this Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

Messages will be delivered free within the established, free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

This Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within thirty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

This is an UNREPEATED Night Message and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison.

No employee of this Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

WILLIAM H. BAKER,

V. P. and Gen'l Manager.

JOHN O. STEVENS,

Secretary.

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President.

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FORM 16 N. Y.

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Received at Main Office, 253 Broadway, New York.

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16 Paid. 12m

StLouis, Mo., Dec. 20

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, NewYork.

Your letter to hand accept thanks you can find better
material but leave decision to you.

Henry Rice.

FORM 16, N. Y.



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This is an **UNREPEATED** Message and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison.

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WILLIAM H. BAKER,
V. P. and Gen'l Manager.

JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President.

Form No. 168.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

INCORPORATED
21,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA. CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages, beyond the amount of tolls paid thereon, nor in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

RECEIVED at the WESTERN UNION BUILDING, 195 Broadway, N.Y. 1076

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Hon W L Strong Mayor
Newyork

very grateful for kind consideration but feel unable to accept
such responsiblty

Henry Rice

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FORM 2, T. W., N. Y.



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605 **TELEGRAM**
POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

This Company transmits and delivers messages subject to the terms and conditions printed on the back of this blank.
JOHN O. STEVENS, Secretary. ALBERT B. CHANDLER, President and General Manager.

A226A.U.MQ. 17 paid 6P

Stlouis Mo Dec 22 1897.

Hon. W. L. Stong,
Mayor New-York.

I yield to you and my friends wishes will be in the
city thursday morning december thirtieth.

Henry Rice .

Received at
MAIN OFFICE, 253 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.
(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

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JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President and General Manager.

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THE BEDFORD QUARRIES COMPANY,
BEDFORD, INDIANA.

QUARRIES:
HOOSIER,
BUFF RIDGE.

CHICAGO OFFICE: 185 Dearborn Street.
NEW YORK OFFICE: No. 1 Madison Avenue.

New York, December 22nd, 1897.

Robert J. Wright, Esq.,
Commissioner of Corrections,
148 East 20th St., New York.

Dear Sir :-

We hand you herewith sample of our Hoosier buff limestone which we would thank you to submit to the Mayor as the stone we propose to furnish for the facings in the approaches to the new viaduct for the Riverside Drive. This is the same material to be used in the new east wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Thanking you for your trouble,

Yours truly,

E. F. Johnson
General Eastern Agent.

R. J. Wright

38 Gray St., Boston, Mass.

Dec. 22, 1897.

To the Mayor of New York:

Honorable Sir,

Evidently the vacant city lots do not sufficiently supply all the unemployed with work.

There is public land and other vacant land enough in the U. S. to do so.

If prominent men like yourself, or societies, like yours for cultivating lots, would lead such an enterprise as described within (beginning on any scale), the capital could surely

be obtained.

It is our duty to give an opportunity to every poor, unemployed man to obtain independence by labor. If all but a half a dozen of us leave this for the half dozen to do, what plan can be better than the enclosed, in its main features, one of which is to hold the land in the hands of the head, or leaders, of the enterprise?

Would you be willing to co-operate with Mr. F. D. Mc Intyre (Brig. Gen. of the National Guard), of Seattle, Wash., in starting,

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on a small or large scale, a work similar to the printed plan enclosed? Gov. Rogers, of Washington, sent word to me that Gen. McAntyre is considered one of the best men in his state. The latter has a colony (& is irrigating, he writes, 30,000 acres, in Douglas Co., Co. Wash.), & he offers to take 25 men (to help start my colony), give them houses, food, work, & half the profits of their work on his land, & to get their fare from East at half price. He advises that each

head of a family have
\$150. in sheep, &c., to
begin with. This is
not for publication,
i. e. Gen. Mc Intyre's
name with this offer
of his, at present, please.
He says he is willing to
take all the worthy poor
in Boston, & I suppose
New York.

If you wish, I can
write you much of
great interest he has
written about this mat-
ter.

I am

Yours very respectfully,
Anna Forbes Goodyear.

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HELP CREATE A FARM, THAT CAN GROW FOREVER,
TO RELIEVE THE UNEMPLOYED POOR.

The facts that all have right to life, that life is dependent on products of land, that the destitute unemployed are without their right to the use of land—a right involved in the right to life—and that some can contribute toward their having this right, place the latter under obligation to give the use of land, or an equivalent, to the destitute.

There is a strong motive for doing this in the truth that a neighbor is the greatest visible possession a man can have, and, if saved, will contribute more to the joys of Heaven than all temporal riches.

What the unoccupied poor need is means to get to vacant land, liberty to cultivate it, and the means to do so. If proprietors of the land keep the management of the work, of supplying these needs, they can have a profit after the laborer has his due. If the former keep it, they can be wealthy. But if they expend it to enlarge the amount of their land, they can extend life and comfort to as many of the unemployed destitute as will work upon it.

Thus the rights and wants of the poor can be supplied, by the wealthy, without loss to them.

In most attractive places, in the West, land can be bought for from \$1 to \$10 an acre, and the capital required for farming is about as much. Cabins require almost no money. Clothing can be made by hand, from wool and flax. Fruit producing and preserving give occupation to those unable to engage in the hardest work, while the various kinds of necessary hand manufacture supply work for people with a variety of trades.

If wealthy philanthropists will procure 200,000 acres of land in the eastern or southern part of Washington, and devote about \$1,000,000 to start wheat raising for market, they can begin by sending twenty-five poor, unemployed men, who are well qualified for the work, with two managers, to sow crops to feed a thousand men, and put up five log buildings in the centres of five equal divisions of the land, to each seat 1,000, or lodge, temporarily, 200 men. A thousand of the unemployed poor can then go and sow food and build cabins for four thousand more and their families, so that, within two years from the outset, five thousand men can be at work raising wheat, under three hundred field managers, a superintendent and his assistant. Twenty book-keepers might be added. A variety of animal and vegetable productions, including hops and flax, could be raised for the use of the colony.

Fruit preserving for market might be carried on by persons unable to do hard work.

Each laborer could be required first to sign a promise to repay (if able), in work, all expended for him by the enterprise, after doing which he could procure a profit, with which to enlarge it, for all the unemployed poor who will work in it, and then earn sufficient to start independent business, and give place to another.

Due observance of Sunday would be most important.

Town officials would also be needed, and, perhaps, special policemen, also physicians and surgeons.

It is said that many fields in Washington are now promising 40 to 50 bushels of 50 cent wheat to the acre, this being an unusually good year.

Further information as to details of the plan, the remarkable healthfulness and mildness of Washington, and its wonderful resources, can be given.

More men are needed to lead and otherwise forward the project.

His Excellency, John R. Rogers, Governor of Washington, thinks the accomplishment of the above plan possible, and is ready to assist, if money is furnished, which may be sent to him, or to

Your sincere friend,

ANNA FORBES GOODYEAR.

31 GRAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

July 20, 1897.

SANDSTONES,
GRANITES
AND MARBLES.

O. W. NORCROSS.

NORCROSS BROTHERS,
CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS,
WORCESTER, MASS.

NEW YORK OFFICE, MOHAWK BUILDING,
160 FIFTH AVENUE.

TELEPHONE No. 99 EIGHTEENTH STREET.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1897

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

Sir:--

Not knowing where to find the Judges of the "Appellate Court" in time for to day's meeting, we take the liberty of writing you an explanation of our bid on the "Appellate Court" so there may not be any misunderstanding in relation to it. The Marble on which our lowest estimate was based, is South Dover Marble, as called for by the specifications, and will be the best that the Quarry affords. We have also given estimates on two other Marbles, in accordance with the specifications. The Tuckahoe Marble - we have no need to call your attention to, as you are aware that we used it in the entire of the N. Y. Life Ins. Buildings, as well as in other prominent buildings in this City. The other Marble ranks between Tuckahoe and Dover. We think we are entitled to the contract under one of those three bids, and in order that you may be fully informed, we take the liberty of addressing you this letter, not being able to get it before the Judges, for the reason before stated. Our estimate as you are aware, was the lowest. Respectfully yours,

Norcross Brothers

THE LEADING REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER OF NEW ENGLAND.

Boston Journal.

ESTABLISHED 1833.

ISSUED DAILY, SUNDAY AND WEEKLY.

P. O. BOX 2118.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 23d, 1897.

C
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The subject of cartoons on personal lines in newspapers is, as you know, attracting wide attention at the present time. May we ask of you the favor that you will give us briefly your opinion on the question of cartoons - whether freedom in their use is carried to the point of abuse, and whether any legislation directed against them is advisable? Also, will you tell us what cartoon depicting yourself you consider the most effective, stating when and in what paper it was published?

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

C. E. L. Wingate,

Managing Editor.

E. D. Shaw
Secretary.

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS,

Charles W. Haskins, President,
John Hourigan, Vice President,
Arthur W. Teele, Secretary,
Hamilton S. Corwin, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

11 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, December 24th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
#12 West 57th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir :-

If you prepare any manuscript in connection with your toast to be responded to at the dinner of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants on the 28th inst., would you kindly let me have a copy of it some time before noon on Tuesday so that it may be given the newspapers before the dinner.

Yours very truly,



Chairman.

W. P. DURANDO,
14 & 15 WASHINGTON MARKET.
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TELEPHONE, CORTLANDT 1843.

NEW YORK,

Dec 21 1897

Hon W E Strong
Mayor City New York

Esteemed

Sir

There

was a resolution offered and passed
by the board of Alderman to light
Fort Washington Ave. as there is
considerable driving during the
afternoon and evening and the roads
are very dark would your Honor kindly
sign this bill so it can be lighted up
as soon as possible, by complying with
our request you will confer the greatest
favor possible to Members of the
Suburban Club and the residents
of that vicinity. Hoping you will
kindly give this your earliest attention

I am very Respectfully Yours

W P Durando
Committee of one

REFORM CLUB.

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Telephone Call, 1092 Cortlandt.

52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, December 24, 1897.

Mr. William L. Strong,

Board Street Opening and Improvement,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Upon referring to our library, I find that we do not have any of the reports made by your Department.

The Committee is undertaking, as you probably know, to collect a complete library upon city affairs. Thus far we have secured something over 1200 bound volumes, besides numerous pamphlets and periodicals. The library is becoming quite well known, and is constantly consulted by those interested in municipal affairs.

It is the desire of the Committee to secure a library which will be far superior to any in the United States upon this special line, and I think we are warranted in saying that at present no library in the city has in so compact form and of so easy access as many books, pamphlets and reports as are to be found in our library. We wish very much indeed to secure a complete set of the reports of your Department, and hope that you may be able to send us earlier reports as well as those of recent date.

May we not receive your hearty and complete co-operation?

Sincerely,

Secretary.

Drexel Institute
of
Art, Science and Industry.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia Dec. 24 1897

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir,

Learning that it is your intention
to distribute some copies of the
valuable publication, the "Dutch
Records", printed by the City of
New York, to educational & public
libraries, I venture ^{to ask} on behalf of
the Board of Trustees that we
may be favored with a copy for
the Library of the Drexel Institute.

Although the Library was begun
but five years ago, it already
contains 22000 volumes, many
of them important & valuable
books of reference. Among its
possessions is the George W. Childs
Collection of Manuscripts. We
should greatly appreciate the con-
sideration shown by the Institute
if a copy of the "Records" should
be presented to the Library.

I have the honor to
remain with great respect

Very Truly Yours

James Mac Alister

President West. Institute

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P.S The Library is not confined to
the use of the students, but is
open to the public throughout
the year, & free access is allow-
ed to all its collections.

J. Mac A.

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, &c.

Sir:-

The Hamilton League, an organization including in its membership many taxpayers and property owners of the upper west side of the city, has recently appointed the undersigned and others as a committee to urge the speedy adoption of some adequate system of street surface railway traffic northward from 125th Street on the extreme west side, through Washington Heights. We find that great uncertainty exists as to the effect of the recent decision of the Court of Appeals on the proposed franchises for which applications are now before the Board of Aldermen and as to the power of the present Board of Aldermen to grant any additional street railway franchises whatever.

As is well known, along the Eleventh Avenue Boulevard north from 125th Street and along Kingsbridge Road north from 169th Street, the people are practically without any transit facilities, notwithstanding they have frequently and urgently endeavored to secure the same for a long time past. For want of these facilities the growth of the city in this direction is greatly retarded, with a consequent loss to the city in the way of an in-

creased revenue from taxation, and to the property holders who are anxious and ready to improve their property but cannot do so under the existing state of affairs. This is one of the choicest locations on Manhattan Island for residential purposes, and it would be improved at once were adequate means of access furnished. The only road in the vicinity of this section is operated on Amsterdam Avenue, and is worked to its fullest capacity at the present time without being able to accommodate the public.

We respectfully ask, in view of the urgent need of better transit facilities, that some authoritative statement be made by the city authorities, and especially by the corporation counsel, as to the power of the Board of Aldermen in the premises, in order that the property owners who are especially interested in the matter may be enabled intelligently to urge the proper action by the public boards or officers who have the legal right to act in affording the necessary relief to those who suffer from the present inadequate transit facilities.

June 25, 1897.

James P. Danforth, 209 Edgecombe Ave.
John P. Lee, 584 West 146th St
Brewster Roe, 415 West 147th St

N. Y. Tribune

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

TOO MANY CAR TRACKS.

AMSTERDAM-AVE. PEOPLE OPPOSE
STREET RAILWAY COM-
PANIES' PLANS.

A public meeting of property-owners, householders, storekeepers, and representatives of St. Luke's Hospital, Columbia University, the Home for Aged Couples, the West End Presbyterian Church, the Park Presbyterian Church, the Riverside Baptist Church and St. Michael's Episcopal Church was held last night in the new parish-house of St. Michael's Church, No. 225 West Ninety-ninth-st., to protest against the Metropolitan Traction Company and the Forty-second-st. branch of the Third Avenue road laying four tracks for electric lines in Amsterdam-ave., and to take the first step toward urging upon the authorities the necessity of compelling the two companies to run their cars on the same track.

Ex-Assemblyman William B. Ellison was chosen permanent chairman of the meeting and Robert Hunter secretary.

Thomas A. Fulton, of St. Michael's Church, had prepared a blackboard sketch of Amsterdam-ave., showing the four-track road on which the horse-cars now run. Mr. Fulton said that the avenue was sixty feet wide from curb to curb, thirty-six feet being covered by the railroad companies, leaving only twelve feet on either side, including the gutter, for general use.

Telegrams were received from the Rev. Dr. James A. Francis, of the Riverside Baptist Church, who said "two lines of fast running cars on Amsterdam-ave. would be disastrous," and wished success to the citizens in their effort to suppress the contemplated plan, and also from E. Twyeffort,

ity, and the convention had to permit them to have their say. When they have finished the convention can get to work."

The arguments presented by the officials and members of the Executive Board in favor of a settlement have had great weight with the delegates who have come to the convention uninstructed, and even some of those who came with instructions have gone so far as to communicate with their constituents, asking to be relieved from instructions, that they may be free to vote as they deem best. Should this drift of sentiment continue until a vote is taken, the proposition for a settlement will undoubtedly be accepted.

The question as to whether the settlement on the lines proposed can be made general appears to be the stumbling block at this time. If the delegates from Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and portions of Ohio were assured that the settlement would be beneficial to them as well as to the miners of the Pittsburg district, they would not hesitate to vote for a settlement. The Illinois miners have not changed their position, and positively decline to accept the terms of settlement proposed by the National Board.

The officials have partially met their argument by saying that if the Illinois delegates will agree to a settlement so that the miners of other States can resume work, the Illinois operators will be forced to pay the price paid by their competitors in other States. Should Illinois agree to this arrangement, Indiana and West Virginia will fall into line without hesitation. The Committee on Resolutions is about equally divided on the question of a settlement, and will probably present two reports to the convention to-morrow.

TRUBLE IN THE LEHIGH FIELD.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND MINERS EXPECTED TO BE ON STRIKE WITHIN A WEEK.

Hazleton, Penn., Sept. 9.—The striking miners continued marching to-day. They marched to Beaver Meadow colliery, and before being dispersed by the deputies drove all the employes from the mine. There are more miners idle to-day than at any time since the strike began. It is said that nearly eight thousand are on strike.

To-night arrangements are being made by the Miners' Union for a general meeting, and the indications are that 25,000 men will strike within a week. This embraces the entire Lehigh field.

DARING BURGLARS CAUGHT.

THEY MADE PLENTY OF NOISE, AND WERE NEARLY SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR ATTEMPT.

Two burglars were caught last night in the act of robbing the house of Colonel Henry E. Roehr, the editor and proprietor of the "Brooklyn Freie Presse," who lives at No. 603 Willoughby-ave., Brooklyn. In the Vernon-ave. station, where they were locked up, they gave their names and addresses as Michael Dugan, of No. 240 St. Mark's Place, and Daniel Sheridan, of No. 615 Park-ave., both of Brooklyn. They were arrested by Sergeant Harrington and several detectives of the Vernon-ave. station.

The burglars are believed to be old offenders. They entered the house, which is at present unoccupied, as Colonel Roehr is in the country, in a most daring manner. By scrambling over many fences in the rear of the house they got into the yard, and gained entrance to the building by breaking a basement window. Although the crash of the falling glass was loud enough to be heard by persons nearly half a block away, the house-breakers were not frightened, but quickly entered and made a thorough inspection of the place from the basement to the top floor. They soon had goods valued at about \$500, which they intended to take away with them, in a pile on the floor in the rear parlor.

While the burglars were preparing to make a good haul, a person living near the house, who had heard the crash of breaking glass, ran to the Vernon-ave. station and told Sergeant Harrington that he thought some one was trying to enter Colonel Roehr's house. Taking several detectives with him, the sergeant hastened to the house, and forced open the front door. He and his men then went into the front parlor, and found that the gas had been turned off. While they were groping about in the dark one of the detectives spoke of having his revolver with him. The detective had just finished speaking when the burglars yelled out: "Our hands are up! Don't shoot!" When a candle was lit the intruders were found standing beside the things they had tried to steal.

They offered no resistance to the police. In their possession were found some burglar's tools.

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225 West 99th Street, N. Y.

September 12th,

Hon. W. L. Strong

Dear Sir:

I believe you have followed with interest the steps so far taken to prevent the running of four lines of trolley cars on Amsterdam Avenue and that we have your hearty sympathy. Will you please read carefully the resolutions enclosed herewith so that when the Committee of Ten wait on you, on Tuesday I hope, we may save time on preliminaries and get to business.

I will endeavor to call some time on Monday, to see you for I believe from the deep interest manifested that this movement will go much further than Amsterdam Ave.

Yours truly

Thos A Fulton

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor New York

Chairman General Committee

P S. Since writing the above I have seen in this morning's paper the stand which Gen. Collis has taken and congratulate both he and you upon it. I am fully satisfied that the two companies will have the good sense to come together, but I propose to leave no stone unturned until the victory is accomplished.

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225 West 99th Street, N. Y., September 14th? 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Dear Sir:

It was impossible to get our committee together to call
on you to-day; we will therefore wait on you to-morrow at 11 Am

Very truly yours,

Chairman of General Committee

Thos A Fulton

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Hon Wm L Strong
Dear Sir

I enclose herewith a report with recommendations which I hope you will read carefully at your convenience, I think the idea of a special committee to look into the whole subject a sound one, the members of above committee, so far as I have been able to consult with them, being entirely favorable to it.

With thanks for your hearty support in the Amsterdam Ave fight.

Yours very truly
Thos A Fulton
Chairman General Com

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225 West 99th Street, N. Y., 1897
Sept 16th,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

The public discussion of the Amsterdam Avenue four track dispute and other similar matters lately, has been very useful in that it has revealed to the public generally that no one in authority in this city seems to be certain where the rights of the people or the companies begin or end, this is the more to be regretted because our entire street railroad system has been ^{of} irregular and erratic growth, charters being granted from time to time by the legislature and common council utterly regardless of any plan or system, or the needs of the future city, the consequence is a network of street cartracks, especially in the lower part of the town, the most complex, irregular and ill-arranged of any that I know of, and seemingly the city has little or no control over the matters. For instance the single track on the east side of Church Street; but a few years ago when almost the whole town was below 59th St.,

the Church Street cars were the great means of transit for crowds west of Broadway, but conditions have completely changed, the Elevated Railroad and the Broadway Line, which is virtually three or more lines in one, have made the Church Street track of use to few and a nuisance to many; again the new Elm Street which ought to relieve Broadway of much heavy traffic, leaving our great thoroughfare for light and rapid traffic only, will be spoiled for a considerable distance by an old and played out line, which after blocking Ann Street, corkscrews around by Centre and Leonard into Elm and out again by Howard and Crosby. Look at the Grand Street Line, which just west of Broadway runs so close to the gutter that the merchants have to draw their wagons onto the sidewalk in order to load their teams, leaving barely room for two men to pass each other, and women squeezing through wipe off the axle grease from the hubs of wagon wheels with their skirts; look at Debrosses Street Line up one street and down another, with its wretched slant across Broadway, from Debrosses to Canal, provocative of more blockades and bad language than the line is worth. And so on all around; whilst Canal Street which any intelligent stranger would at once select as a main artery of cross town travel has not a through line from river to river and a traveller cannot take a car at Canal Street and Broadway, (one of our greatest junctions), direct for the many steamship and steamboat lines clustered on the Hudson River at the western foot of Canal Street. And ~~all~~ the faulty routes are not all

below 23rd St.

An expert called in from some other city to examine our system and routes of street car traffic would I am sure condemn many of them as the worst imaginable. These routes may have been good once but they are unpardonably bad now, we are accustomed to them and so endure them, not appreciating how ugly, ill-planned, wasteful and costly they are ~~now~~, for street car people freely admit that it is not the straight pull on the straight stretch, but the curve at the corners that wears out the horses, cables, trolleys and cars.

All these conditions Mr. Mayor have suggested to me that since no one seems to be authorized to deal with the problem or even understand it, that it would be well for you to appoint a commission or committee of citizens to examine into the whole subject and to deal with it in a vigorous manner by laying out routes as they ought to exist and then making recommendations, fitting in existing lines where possible, but where necessary abolishing certain lines or portions of them altogether, this may seem a very radical suggestion, involving the ^{question of} rights under charters and of course the people must keep faith, whatever the companies may have done or are doing, but treated in a fair and honest manner the companies would be equally benefitted with the people by giving them in most cases better routes than they now have, and the whole matter could be readjusted with advantage to all concerned; I am assuming that the companies would assent when they find that they would be benefitted

rather than hurt and the city thereby escape vexatious and costly litigation.

I am sure a simplification and straightening of the car routes would be hailed with delight by the Public Works, Fire, Street Cleaning and Police Departments, and result in a large public economy, the street pavement would be improved, many streets could be kept much cleaner at less expense, fire engines would not have their wheels wrenched off so often, and the police would not have to untangle so many blockades.

A readjustment of routes, making them more simple and direct would result in such large savings to the companies, that they could then carry passengers just as profitably for three or four cents as they now do for five and that is where the public would come in.

I do not know what the powers of the Municipal Assembly will be in this matter, but we ought to have some central authority with large powers to regulate routes and have virtual direction of the railroads, and it would be very wise, if any new charters are granted in the future that the city should reserve the rights to change or regulate a faulty route. That is an admirable suggestion of Mr. Low's "That any change of motor power should be treated as a new charter."

This is a very brief treatment of a very large subject, but I venture to urge it upon your serious consideration because of the many changes now making or soon to be made in the motor power by

the companies, and in hopes that the upper portion of the city may be more wisely treated than the lower has been. Your honor will remember that you appointed a special committee on the Public Baths and Lavatories, whose report has received universal commendation and the fruit of whose labors we soon shall see.

Yours very respectfully,

Thomas A. Fulton

Chairman General Committee

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225 West 99th Street, N. Y. Sept. 25th, 1897. 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong,
12 West 57th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We have arranged to hold four simultaneous meetings on Tuesday evening next, September 28th, at 8:00 o'clock in four of the churches on Amsterdam Avenue, at 86th St., 92nd St., 99th St. & 105th St. to voice the sentiment of the neighborhood, and make further protest against the four track scheme.

We would very much like to have you present at one or two of these meetings, either to preside for a short time, and thus give us the countenance of your presence, or to speak a few words. If you can arrange to come, please let me know at once and I will arrange at what churches you will appear. If the fatigue would be too much for you we will willingly furnish a carriage to take you from one church to the other, spending 15 or 20 minutes at each.

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We know that we have your warmest sympathy and we think these meetings are good means of expressing public opinion and bringing pressure to bear upon the railroad companies and the State Railroad Commissioners, who still have this matter under advisement.

Yours very truly,

Thos. A. Fulton
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Chairman General Comm

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

My dear Sir,-

I am much obliged for your note of the 6th instant, and your statement of your hearty sympathy with us in our efforts to protect life and limb, especially of our women and children, by preventing four electric tracks on Amsterdam Avenue.

You state in your note that "the Public Works department thinks that there is less danger in four feet of space than in five." I think I may safely say that this statement is preposterous, and would never have been made had not the Department of Public Works neglected its duty. The permit issued to the Metropolitan Traction Company, in accordance with the specifications filed by them, called for a space of five feet between the tracks. In violation of the permit, the company has proceeded to lay the rails at a distance of four feet. The department seems to have learned of this violation first through outside parties. Now it seeks to justify itself by stating that "the company has done just right," and that "there is less danger in four feet of space than in five". If this be true, then the Department was culpably negligent in not having the specifications altered before the permit was issued. I do not think that it requires much intelligence to perceive that the excuse is a very

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weak, not to say dishonest, one for culpable negligence somewhere in the Department of Public Works.

If it were true that four feet of space between the central rails is less dangerous than five, then it is singular, to say the least, that on other routes of this same road five feet is the rule under ordinary circumstances. On Columbus Avenue, by actual measurement, there are five feet between the rails; the same distance, it is stated, there will be on Eighth avenue. On upper Broadway there is the same distance; only on lower Broadway, owing to the narrowness of the street, the rails were placed closer together. In fine, the general permit issued specified five feet for all thoroughfares. It was no consideration of increased safety, or public utility, which led the company surreptitiously to make this change on Amsterdam Avenue and the Department of Public Works to wink at it. It was done in defiance of all considerations of public safety, because the company's tracks would otherwise be so close to those of the Third Avenue Railroad Company now on that avenue, that, with the new cars proposed to be used, it would be difficult if not impossible for the cars to pass one another.

This change, made for the private convenience of the Company, to enable it to use cars of a certain form or size,

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does unquestionably increase the risk of crossing the avenue, as anyone not interested in defending the abuse of privilege must admit. It is desirable that there should be between the tracks a space such that a person surprised in crossing by the coming of a car may use it in the last resort as a refuge. It is inevitable on a crowded thoroughfare that now and then people will need just such a place of refuge, and especially is that true on an avenue like Amsterdam, where an outside line of tracks makes the track space to be crossed doubly large. Four feet is not enough to secure safety to persons of ordinary size under ordinary conditions, and especially to women. Five feet is the smallest space that can be allowed for that purpose, as is shown, among other things, by the fact that that is the space regularly allowed, and that it is the space provided for in the permit issued by the Department to the Metropolitan Traction Company.

If your Honor doubts my statement regarding the amount of space required, I beg that your Honor will try the experiment of standing between cars on rails five feet apart (I will not ask your Honor to experiment with the four feet rails, since in that case, I fear, the city might mourn the loss of an executive whom it can ill afford to spare.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize once more the

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disingenuousness of the excuse offered on behalf of the Department of Public Works, and to suggest that if there were any value in it, then it would follow that a still smaller space is preferable, a space which would allow cars to pass without touching and nothing more. In fact, the Department of Public Works has committed a serious blunder or something worse and is trying to find excuses. I beg that your Honor will endeavor to compel the company to make the necessary change, forthwith, or failing that, to revoke the permission to tear up the street which has been granted to it.

Yours respectfully,

John T. Peters.

I thoroughly ^{endorse} the above expression of sentiment in censuring the Department of Public Works for culpable neglect in overlooking such violation of permit granted and particularly when such violation seriously menaces public safety

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*James M. Lallyan, Pastor
Church of Holy Name
96th Street, Astoria, N.Y.*

That the statement of Dr. Peters is
not too strongly put but exactly in
accord with the facts must be evident
to every impartial mind

James Francis
Pastor Church at 92nd
St + Amsterdam Ave.

I concur with all the foregoing, having
written Gen. Collins yesterday that if

this violation were allowed to pass by his
department, our church ^{must} fight the matter
to the bitter finish.

Wm. Balcom Shaw.

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Pastor West End Presb. Ch.

Amsterdam Ave. + 105th St.

I concur heartily in the movement
in general. Answered. After being

Pastor Park Presb. Ch.

86 St. + Amsterdam Ave. N.Y.C.

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Hon W L Strong.
Dear Sir

We have every reason to believe that the charges made against deputy Commissioner Wilds in Saturday Herald are true, in fact I believe I have a witness whose evidence added to my own would prove that the plans of the car tracks have been tampered with, or a recent one substituted & used to deceive your honor.

Further, we will call upon you some time on Monday with such information as will we think startle you & we believe should cause the immediate stoppage of all work.

Yours very truly
Thos A Fulton
Chairman.

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Hon^{ble} W L Strong, Mayor of New York
Dear Sir

We were much encouraged by your letter of the 6th to Rev Dr Peters, and desiring to publish the letter we telephoned to your office on Friday, but you were not then there & I called Saturday forenoon to obtain your consent to give it to the papers but found you were out of town, feeling that there was nothing private in the letter & that it did you much credit, we have sent it to the papers together with Dr Peters reply, endorsed by the clergymen of every church upon the portion of Amsterdam Ave threatened.

Yours very truly
Thos A Fulton.
Chairman

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225 West 99th Street, N. Y., October 13th, 1897

Hon. Wm. E. Strong,

Dear Sir :-

I write to remind you of your promise to send us a letter which we can read at our meeting tomorrow night, we would much have preferred your being here, if only for a few minutes, but if that is impossible send us a letter.

I think the current is all going our way and look for a successful issue.

Very truly yours

Thos A² Fulton

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Hon Wm L Strong
Dear Sir

I saw Mr Scott after seeing you
yesterday & am to see him again in a few days.
Meantime, if you believe (as we do) that the
city should bear its share in seeing this
legal fight through will you please say
so to him. We are doing all we can and
simply want the city to help out.

With hearty thanks for your valuable aid
hitherto in this matter, I am

Yours respectfully
Thos A Fulton
Chairman