

# Committee of Seventy

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PUBLIC BATHS AND LAVATORIES FOR THE PROMOTION  
OF CLEANLINESS AND INCREASED PUBLIC COMFORT,  
AT APPROPRIATE PLACES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

*From the Platform of the Committee of Seventy.*

## Sub-Committee on Baths and Lavatories

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Address of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee,  
427 West 57th Street.

New York,

May 14, 1895.

To His Honor, Mayor Strong.

Sir:

The Sub-Committee of the Committee of Seventy, on Baths and Lavatories, at a meeting held May 6, 1895, by resolution directed the Secretary to respectfully forward the following communication for your consideration.

This Committee is in possession of important facts collected from English cities with reference to the most improved systems of baths and lavatories. It has issued its preliminary report to the Committee of Seventy, which has met the unqualified approval of that Committee and of prominent citizens like Ex-Mayor Hewitt, John Sloane, Hugh N. Camp, Morgan Dix and C. H. Parkhurst.

Our Committee respectfully offers its services to you as a kind of clearing house to which you might refer plans and suggestions which you may receive regarding these baths and lavatories. In each case we will make you a report with reasons for or against the plan in question.

We have given such careful thought in the study of these municipal problems of baths and lavatories as leads us to feel that

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we are justified in tendering you our cordial co-operation in the  
selection of the best with reference to economical construction and  
efficient operation.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Very respectfully,

*Wm Howe Tolman*

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Address of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee,  
427 West 57th Street.

New York,

June 27, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong.

My dear Sir:---Replying to your communication in which you inquire if, I as Secretary, can call together the members of the Sub-Committee on Baths and Lavatories, it gives me pleasure to state that I will take the necessary steps at a very early date and will communicate with you at once.

Our Committee will report next Monday to President Wilson plans for one bath, which we hope may serve as a working model for others.

Feeling sure that we are in possession of facts which will enable us to carry out the recommendations of the Committee, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Wm Howe Tolman*  
Secretary.

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Address of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee,  
427 West 57th Street.

New York,

July 6, 1895.

Mr. Job B. Hedges,

City Hall, New York.

My dear Sir:

I send you my formal reply as Secretary of the "Mayor's Committee on Public Baths and Lavatories" in order that you may have official information for the press. I do this because a reporter asked me yesterday for information, and I told him that a little later he could have it.

Thanking you for your kindly interest in this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm Howe Tolman*  
Secretary.



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Address of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee,  
427 West 57th Street.

New York, July 6, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong.

My dear Sir:

Pursuant to your inquiry of June 25th, if I could call together the members of the Sub-Committee of the late Committee of Seventy on Baths and Lavatories, namely, Messrs. Archibald, Morris and Hamilton, with a view of continuing investigations regarding baths and lavatories and see if some means could not be devised for working and trying at once some of the recommendations of that Committee, I take pleasure in informing you that Messrs. Archibald, Morris and myself met July 1st for reorganization. William Gaston Hamilton was elected Chairman, Dr. Moreau Morris Vice Chairman, and William H. Tolman Secretary.

I have the honor to report in addition that studies and plans for a bath to be erected on a city lot 100 by 50 have been presented to President Wilson of the Board of Health, and will in turn be submitted by him at the next regular meeting of his Board.

Will you allow me to express to you our gratification for your interest in this important subject of baths and lavatories, and to assure you of our heartiest co-operation in your wishes to make our

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city an object lesson in cleanliness and comfort for the rest of the  
country.

In behalf of the Committee,

*Wm Howe Tolman*

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# THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

## PUBLIC BATHS, WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS

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WM. HOWE TOLMAN, Ph.D., Secretary

Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York, Aug. 26, 1895.

To His Honor, Mayor William L. Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Knowing the interest that you take in the matter of public baths, we wish to report to you what progress we have made since our appointment by you.

After studying the various systems in use in different countries, we requested Messrs. Cady, Berg & See, the architects, who have had considerable experience in this line, particularly in the construction of the People's Baths of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, to prepare plans embodying our ideas of what the public bath houses for the city of New York should be. These plans were presented by your Committee to the Board of Health early in July. The President and members of the Board were greatly interested, and after examining the plans and listening to what we had to say, stated that the subject was one of such importance to the health of the city that they thought a special committee should consider the subject. A committee was appointed at that meeting and carefully studied the entire subject and various plans submitted. We are pleased to inform you that at their meeting on August 21st they adopted our plans, in accordance with the accompanying resolution:

"Health Department,

"New York, August 21st, 1895.

"Wm. Howe Tolman, Esq., Secretary, etc.,

"105 East 22nd Street, New York.

"Dear Sir:

"At a meeting of the Board of Health of the Health Department, held August 20th, 1895, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That this Board hereby approves of the plans for a public bath house, recently submitted to it by the Mayor's Committee on public baths, water closets and urinals, as prepared by Messrs. Cady, Berg & See, Architects and Engineers.

"A TRUE COPY.

"Emmons Clark,

"Secretary."

The next step will be the selection of several sites appropriate for these baths, and then securing necessary appropriation, which we trust can be done in time to have one or more of them in operation for the relief of the citizens during next year's sultry season.

Thanking you for the great interest you have taken in this subject, I am, in behalf of the committee,

Very respectfully,

*Wm Howe Tolman* Secretary.



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Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York,

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Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,  
Mayor's Office, City.

My dear Sir:

I have just sent an official communication to the Mayor, and it has occurred to me that the representatives of the press may be interested in seeing it. If you could arrange it, it will be a favor which I shall greatly appreciate.

Thanking you for your former courtesies in this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm H Tolman*

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Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York,

Aug. 30, 1895.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secretary,

Mayor's Office, City.

My dear Sir:

The letter which has just been enclosed by you from Mr. James Kane, of Newport, I will take great pleasure in answering, giving him full details of the special points regarding which he wishes information.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm H Tolman*

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Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York, Sept. 20, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall.

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me when it will best suit your convenience to grant Doctor Morris and myself of your Committee, a brief interview, as we are very anxious to consult you in order to get your wishes regarding certain phases of our work.

Very respectfully,

*Wm Howe Tolman*  
Secretary.

Referred to

SEP 21 1895  
for examination and report.

W. L. Strong,  
MAYOR.

*any day after Monday  
at 11 o'clock*

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Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York, Sept. 27, 1895.

My dear Sir:

Your Committee is very desirous of submitting a few plans and studies to you, in order that we may know your wishes for the next step in advance. Will you kindly inform me, if we can wait on you Tuesday, Oct. 1st, between eleven and twelve, or at any other hour that you may appoint which would best suit your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

*Wm H Tolman*  
Secretary.

Hon. W. S. Strong,

City Hall, City.

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Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

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New York,

Oct. 2, 1895.

My dear Sir:-

Your Committee beg to express their appreciation of your interest in the plans, which we submitted to you to-day, for a Public Bath. For <sup>your</sup> the farther consideration regarding the purchase of site, construction of building and maintainance of the same, your Committee presents you the following resolutions;

RESOLVED that the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be appropriated for the purchase, the construction and maintainance of a Public Bath, in accordance with the plans of Messrs Cady, Berg & See, embodying the ideas of your Committee, and approved by the Board of Health.

RESOLVED that the purchase, construction and maintainance of the same Public Bath be under the charge of the Health Department.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee,

*Wm H Tolman*

Secretary.

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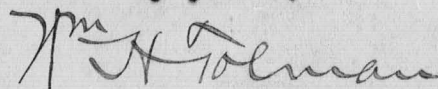
Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York, Oct. 10, 1895.

My dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to send me, by bearer, the plans of the Public Baths which our Committee left with Mayor Strong last week, as we wish to place them at the disposal of Commissioner Fowler, of the Health Department, who has been appointed a Committee of one to confer with us. Our Committee is in readiness to report to the Mayor whenever he may wish to see us regarding the details of the expense of the Public Bath.

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary.

Mr. Job B. Hedges,

City Hall, City.



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105 East 22d

Address of the Secretary, 47 West 37th Street

New York, *Nov<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1895.*

*To*  
*The Hon<sup>ble</sup> William L. Strong*  
*Mayor of New York.*

*Dear Sir -*

*at a meeting of your Committee*  
*on Baths etc - The wish was expressed*  
*that you would meet the Committee*  
*at such an hour & day you might*  
*select, at the office of Messrs Cady*  
*Borah & Sec - 31 East 17<sup>th</sup> & have a*  
*Conference on the objects we wish to*  
*present - To look over the proposed*  
*plans etc, believing that a fuller*  
*interchange of views can be had, than*  
*if we met at your busy office - in*

The City Hall - I have lately returned  
from Europe - & would be most  
happy to explain what I have learnt  
re' city Sanitary matters -

As I am convinced that the proposed  
Sanitary arrangements will be one  
of the most lasting of the good works  
you are identified with - I trust you  
will be pleased to meet the Com-  
mittee as suggested -

I am yours faithfully

Am Gaston Haughton

Chairman -





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Address of the Secretary, ~~105 East 22d~~ Street

New York, Nov. 8. '95

Hon. <sup>C</sup>Wm L. Strong,  
My dear Sir -

Will you kindly allow the  
architects, the use of the front  
elevation of the new baths and  
obligate, Yours respectfully

Wm Howe Tolman  
secty.

Telephone No.

675. 18th St

## NEW MAYORS INAUGURATED

### Quincy of Boston Selects an Advisory Committee of Citizens—Springfield's First Democratic Administration.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—Thirty-two cities of Massachusetts and five of Rhode Island inaugurated new City Governments to-day.

Josiah Quincy (Dem.) was sworn in as Mayor of the City of Boston under the new charter, for two years.

In his inaugural address, he spoke of the advantages of a two years' term of office in that it will result in greater independence in the exercise of the Mayor's powers and said that a Mayor can make a sufficient public record to enable him to retire from the office with credit. He may therefore be expected to perform his duties with less reference to a re-election than has heretofore been possible. He added:

It will be my purpose to welcome the co-operation to all organizations of wage earners which are prepared to approach municipal elections in a public spirit. In pursuance of the plan of furthering the development of the city as a centre of productive industry and domestic trade, I have addressed the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Boston Clearing House Association, the Boston Merchants' Association, and other similar organizations, requesting them to appoint delegates to a committee to be designated the Merchants' Municipal Committee, which committee will consider subjects submitted by the Mayor. I shall at once ask it to consider the proposed constitutional limitation of the indebtedness of cities, and the subject of securing such changes in the tax system of the Commonwealth as are necessary for promoting the industrial development of the city.

The estimated current city expenses for the fiscal year beginning Feb. 1 are \$15,449,260, or \$1,122,716 over those of 1895.

The Aldermen organized by the unanimous election of John H. Lee (Dem.) as Chairman. The Common Council elected Joseph H. Conroy (Dem.) President.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 6.—Newrie D. Winter (Dem.) was inaugurated Mayor this morning, and for the first time in the history of the city, the entire Government is Democratic, that party controlling Aldermen and Common Council. Henry Dickinson was elected President of the Aldermen and Maurice P. Cavanaugh President of the Common Council.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Jan. 6.—J. J. Curran (Dem.) was inaugurated Mayor this morning. P. H. Prindle was elected President of the Common Council. The boards are at loggerheads over the City Solicitor. The candidates are William Hamilton, Christopher Callahan, and A. B. Chapin.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Jan. 6.—Alexander Grant (Rep.) was installed as Mayor this morning. The Aldermen stand five Republicans and two Democrats, and the Councilmen nine Republicans and five Democrats.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 6.—Mayor Sprague (Ind.) was sworn in to-day. The Board of Aldermen organized with the election of A. A. White as President and E. H. Towne as City Clerk, and the Common Council with E. M. Woodward as President.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 6.—Edward D. McGuinness, the new Mayor, took the oath of office at noon, and the new Aldermen and Councilmen were sworn in. William E. Clark was re-elected City Clerk without opposition.

The Board of Aldermen organized with Robert B. Little President, and the Common Council with John E. Kendrick as President.





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WM. HOWE TOLMAN, PH.D., SECRETARY.

ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, January 7th, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

You may be interested in the enclosed clipping as indicative that Boston is following your lead in the appointment of an advisory committee on important Municipal topics.

We have prepared a full set of sketches, drawings, and working plans of Public Confort Stations, both under-ground and movable; one of the latter has been drawn to actual size. As these plans are very bulky, Mr. Hamilton suggests that you and the Corporation Counsel might be willing to meet the Committee at the architect's, 31 East 17th, Union Square, at such a day and hour as will best suit your convenience. We make this suggestion because the architect will be present for the purpose of giving you accurate, technical details.

Will you permit me to express, in the name of the Committee, the great encouragement which they have derived from your courtesy and interested attention to their proposals for carrying out your wishes.

Awaiting a reply at your best convenience, I am,  
Very respectfully,

Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, City.



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, January 16, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

At our conference the other evening you stated that a thousand dollars would be placed at the disposal of our Committee for expenses incident to our work. The two enclosed bills have come to hand, and it will be a favor if you will kindly inform me what disposition I shall make for their payment, whether they shall be sent, for instance, to one of the City Departments, or whether the money can be placed in my hands, as Secretary, to be duly accounted for by vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

Jan. 22. 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
My dear Sir-

I am very anxious to have a  
brief interview with Mayor  
Harwick of Philadelphia.

Would you be willing to  
give me a letter of intro-  
duction to him? Assuring  
you of appreciation for  
such a favor, I am,

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Tolman

Answered



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, January 30, 1896.

My dear Sir:-

Will you please accept my thanks for your letter of introduction to Mayor Warrick.

You will be interested in knowing, I am sure, that since it has become noised abroad that you are moving in the matter of Public Baths, other cities are doing likewise; thus, Trenton has appointed a Mayor's Committee on Public Baths, and Brooklyn, Yonkers and Boston are taking active measures.

I am anxious that the bill, which you have introduced, will pass as soon as possible, in order that New York may take the lead in this matter.

Very respectfully,

*Wm H Tolman*  
Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, City.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, February 7, 1896.

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

Sir:-

The attention of your Committee, who have the matter of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations so deeply at heart, has been called to a copy of bill 221, introduced into the Assembly, Jan. 16th, and also one in the Senate, bill number 148, providing for the construction in the city of New York of certain buildings for the promotion of Public health and comfort. We would respectfully state that these bills do not cover the ground you are seeking for, for the following reasons:

1. The title does not indicate the specific objects for which the bill is intended, "buildings for Public Comfort" might include pleasure pavilions, carousels, dock parks, etc., whereas the bill should have contemplated the provision of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, that is, Public Water Closets and Urinals.
2. The bill itself is incomplete in the fact that it does not provide for the purchase of any property upon which to locate Public Baths or Public Comfort Stations throughout the city, except in section four, where it provides for their erection in public parks.

3. In the opinion of the Committee, the Baths should not be entirely free for the reason that it would tend to pauperize those using them. The city should build the Baths but those using them should pay for the privilege. This conclusion is confirmed by the practice of English and Continental Baths, all of which charge fees. Free Public Baths would also interfere with the operation of the Baths established by charitable societies, <sup>none</sup> ~~all~~ of which are free.
4. The provision of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations is solely a matter of public health and sanitation; accordingly they should be under the control and supervision of the Health Department. This provision seems self-evident, because foreign cities, as well as those in this country, where Baths are being established, are under the control of Boards of Health.
5. The location of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations is most important and should be left to the expert judgment and decision of the Board of Health.

Your Advisory Committee on Baths would respectfully call your attention to a bill prepared under the direction of Mr. Wilson, President of the Board of Health, and which has met with the unanimous approval of the Board of Health. This bill, in the opinion of your Committee, or amendments to it, we feel is worthy the attention of the Mayor as a substitute for certain parts of the bill now introduced.

Your Committee would respectfully call your attention to the above facts, and will await your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Wm. Gaston Hamilton,  
Moreau Morris,  
Wm. Howe Tolman.





CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC BATHS, WATER CLOSETS AND URINALS.

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WM. HOWE TOLMAN, PH.D., SECRETARY.

ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

*New York City, March 12, 1896.*

*My dear Sir:-*

*I have the pleasure, of informing you that the Commissioners, of Sewers of the City of London have sent to the Mayor's Committee, of which I have the honor to be Chairman, specifications and drawings of the underground Latrine recently constructed in Cannon Street, London. I enclose you a copy of the letter from Mr Montague Bates, Chief Clerk of the Works.*

*May I thank you to have a letter of thanks from you, as Mayor of the City, sent to the Commissioners, which I will*



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forward under the same cover with my  
own letter of thanks for their courtesy.  
As I have opened up a new channel  
of information, that will be of great  
value and service to the City of New  
York, I trust that you will feel  
pleased to appreciate the courtesy of  
these gentlemen.

I am,

Yours very faithfully,

Hon. William L. Strong

City Hall,

Wm. Gaston Hamilton Chairman.  
City.





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Commissioners  
of Sewers  
City of London.

Guildhall,

London, E., 27 February, 1896.

W. Gaston Hamilton, Esq., C. E.,

Chairman of the Mayor's Committee,

105 East 22nd Street.

My dear Sir:-

Agreeably to the request contained in your letter of the 9th ulto. and with the sanction of the Commissioners I have very great pleasure in forwarding for the information of your Committee tracings of the drawings of the Underground Latrines recently constructed in Cannon Street, also a copy of the Specification. The cost of this convenience was £2389.

There are now 16 of these conveniences in the City and others in contemplation.

The enclosed returns will give you full particulars of those in existence up to the end of 1892.

I need scarcely add there is no charge for the drawings, etc.: indeed, the Commissioners will be only too pleased at all times to afford you any further information in their power that

may be considered of value to the City of New York, feeling that the friendly interchange of ideas and documents on such matters is for the mutual advantage of both Cities.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) H. Montague Bates,

Principal Clerk.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, May 16, 1896.

Mr. Job E. Hedges,  
Mayor's Private Secretary,  
City Hall.

My dear Sir:-

I am sending you a hundred copies of the invitation for the Bath presentation which your office might like. I should inform you, however, that the heads of the Municipal Departments, their deputies and assistants, together with a selected list of citizens, have received invitations.

Very sincerely yours,

*pro* Wm H Tolman  
EHL.

Secretary.

Moreau Morris M.D.  
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on West Side  
of Norfolk  
about 175-

*The New York Association for  
Improving the Condition of the Poor.*

*Room 207, United Charities Building,  
105 East 22d Street.*

*New York.*

*WM. H. TOLMAN, Ph.D.,  
General Agent.*

*(over)*



James P. Archibald  
70 Lealown St

Total Number of Bathers since opening, August 17th, 1891, **307,844.**

# THE PEOPLE'S BATHS

—OF—

## THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

### For Improving the Condition of the Poor,

No. 9 Centre Market Place,

BETWEEN BROOME AND GRAND STS.

*President,*  
R. FULTON CUTTING.

*Treasurer,*  
WARNER VAN NORDEN,

*Secretary,*  
GEORGE CALDER.

*Vice-Presidents,*  
WM. R. HUNTINGTON, D. D.  
HENRY E. CRAMPTON, M. D.  
JAMES A. SCRYMSER.  
WILLIAM G. HAMILTON.  
CONSTANT A. ANDREWS.

WM. HOWE TOLMAN, PH. D., *General Agent.*

### STATEMENT.

*Of the Number of Baths taken from Oct. 1st, 1894 to  
Sept. 30th, 1895, inclusive :*

Men	.	.	.	65,214	
Women	.	.	.	12,664	
Boys	.	.	.	4,446	
Girls	.	.	.	2,121	
Children Free	.	.	.	4,289	Total, <b>88,734</b>
Increase, corresponding period, 1894,					<b>8,197</b>

### DEPARTMENT OF HYGIENE.

\*HENRY T. CRAMPTON, M. D., *Chairman.*  
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RICHARD E. TAYLOR, *Superintendent.*



THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE  
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July 5th, 1895

WM. GASTON HAMILTON, C.E., Chairman  
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JAMES P. ARCHIBALD  
WM. HOWE TOLMAN, Ph.D., Secretary

Address of the Secretary, 427 West 57th Street

New York, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mayor  
Wm L. Strong  
Dear Sir

The numbers of the houses in Lullow  
Street mentioned to you yesterday, as a good location  
for the first Public Bath House are  
153, 155, 157. Lullow St., about 100 feet south  
of Stanton St. This property is owned by Mr  
Hamilton Fish as well as considerable other property  
in the immediate vicinity. The buildings now occupying  
are two small 3 story frame and one brick 3 story dwellings.

It is difficult to find property with 50 feet by 100  
in a suitable location that can be purchased at a reasonable  
cost, but perhaps another location might be secured, if  
this cannot. The area for location should be somewhere  
between East 7<sup>th</sup> and not below Delancey, east of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Avenue or its continuation.

Very respectfully submitted  
for the Mayor's information.

Moreau Morris M.D.  
Vice Chairman.  
Mayor's Committee



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, July 20th, 1896.

Hon. John Jeroloman,  
City Hall, New York.

My dear Sir:-

Will you kindly deliver to bearer, for the use of the Mayor's  
Committee, the colored picture of the proposed Public Bath for Tompkins'  
Square, and oblige

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

*Public Bath*  
*Committee*

**TWELFTH YEAR OF SUCCESS**

No.....

For.....

FROM THE

**NATIONAL PRESS**  
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2747  
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AUG 22 1896



# BOON FOR THE POOR

## Douglas Park Natatorium Is Open to the Public

### ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD

#### Open Air Gymnasium Is Also Dedicated by the Park Board and Local Athletic Associations

The magnificent new public gymnasium and natatorium in Douglas park, at the intersection of Ogden and Albany avenues, was thrown open to the public this afternoon with appropriate dedicatory exercises. A monster parade of all the turner societies of all nationalities took place at 2 o'clock at Union park and marched over Ashland avenue south to Twelfth street, west to the park, and through the park to the gymnasium.

The order of parade was as follows:

First Division—Band, followed by Bohemian, Polish, Slavonian, and Norwegian turner societies.

Second Division—Band, followed by German turner societies.

Third Division—Drum corps, followed by the combined trades unions of Chicago.

Fourth Division—Chicago bicycle clubs and organizations.

Chief Marshal Oscar Sputh, assisted by Deputy Marshals Peter Knickrehm and William Kopp, had charge of the parade.

Addresses were made by Judge Prentiss, Frank Wenter, and members of the West Chicago park board.

On the 9th day of July, 1895, the West Chicago park commissioners received a petition with upwards of 30,000 signatures praying for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium and public natatorium in Douglas park. The result was the present magnificent improvement. The gymnasium building is constructed of freestone and terra cotta brick, with deep-red tiling and trimmings. At each of the four corners is a tower with rounded bay windows, and at the main entrance are two smaller towers of similar design.

The interior court, divided into two parts, is open above, and in these are pools for swimmers. One pool, 55x120 feet in dimensions, is for men. Its depth varies from three to eight feet. The other tank, for women, is 55x60 feet in size, with a depth of water from two and a half to seven feet. Water in both tanks will be warmed.

Around the women's pool are 75 dressing rooms, while the men have 117. Encircling both tanks and their dressing rooms is a piazza and colonnade facing outward. The northwest tower at the entrance contains a waiting room for women and the other tower one for men. In each dressing room are shower baths, and persons desiring a swimming bath are compelled to take a shower bath first. The entire building is an oblong quadrilateral 320x100 feet in size.

The gymnasium grounds lie west of the building, and are 600 feet in length, 300 feet wide, and a quarter of a mile in circumference. They contain a quarter-mile cinder track and every equipment for popular athletic games. An adequate number of drinking fountains are placed where they may be of easy access. The athletic field will be formally opened Sept. 19 by contests among turner societies. The cost of the improvement is \$50,000. Architects declare that no other gymnasium in the United States will approach this one at any point of comparison, and they believe the natatorium to be superior to that of any park in the world. London is the only other city with a public swimming pool of approximate dimensions.

Park Supt. William Gleason has charge, and is assisted by F. Holek of the Sakol Slov Lipa, and George Sommenlichter of the Vorwaerts turners, gymnasium instructors; Frank Chyna, swimming instructor for men and boys; Mrs. L. C. Rhodes, in charge of the women's pool, and Leonore Bielefeld and Mrs. Carrie Hrubby, attendants.

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English magazine.

### **Public Baths in the Parks.**

The formal opening of the public baths in Douglas Park is an event which, it is to be hoped, is the precursor of others like unto it. The commissioners of the West Side parks may be proud of their achievement. The new baths are spacious and elegant, and they are open by day and by night, which is to say from 6 in the morning until 10 in the evening. There are pools of fresh water, in places shallow enough for the child of 6, in others deep enough to submerge a giant. There is a bath that is 55x60 feet for women and girls, and one that is 55x120 for men. Teachers of the art of swimming will be in constant attendance at each of the bathing-houses. The perfection of cleanliness will be maintained in every detail of the arrangements. And when the body is refreshed by the bath, invigorating exercise may be taken in the great gymnasium that surrounds the natatorium.

This is providing for the comfort and health of the people in a style worthy of a metropolis. No other American city has made such provision. Chicago has added to the beauty of its parks and boulevards the glory of a magnificent natatorium in one of its parks. But every park should have what Douglas Park now has.



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, August 27, 1896.

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

My dear Sir:-

I am sure that the inclosed clippings will prove of interest, as indicating the fact that Chicago is moving successfully along the line of Public Baths.

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate several weeks ago, the plans for the proposed Public Comfort Station in City Hall Park were referred to the Park Department for report. Is there any possibility of getting a report from them in the near future?

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. H. Tolman*  
Secretary.  
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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York City, Jan. 11, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

The report of your Committee will be a volume of nearly 200 pages, fully illustrated, and it is now running through the press. Several months ago you very kindly made an appointment for the Committee to meet you at your house, where we could be less liable to interruption than at your office at the City Hall.

Your Committee are very desirous to discuss with you the report, and of informing themselves regarding your wishes for the next step. They would very highly value an opportunity to meet you at your house some evening of the week beginning January 18 (excepting the 22d), when it will best suit your convenience for the purpose above named.

Awaiting your reply, I am, on behalf of the Committee,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman*  
Secretary.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

NEW YORK, February 6, 1897.

To His Honor Mayor Strong,  
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Since our interview this morning I have seen Mr. Cady, the architect of the Public Comfort Stations, and he reports that the proper way to solve the question of the rock in the Greeley Square Park would be to have a dozen experimental borings made, which would cost, at the outside, within \$150.

The area to be excavated for the men's and women's Public Comfort places would be 40 X 80 together. <sup>by 14 feet.</sup> The excavation can be done for about \$3.50 per cubic yard.

I believe this location, as an object lesson to New Yorkers, the best in the city, and I trust you will do all in your power to have these Comfort Stations placed in Greeley Square.

Yours very respectfully,

*Wm. Gaston Hamilton*

Chairman.



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, February 11th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Hamilton was by him referred to me. I would state that the edition of the Report consists of 2,000 copies, of which only about 200 now remain. If you desire any copies sent in your name and will kindly forward me the addresses, I will take great pleasure in seeing that they are sent out with your compliments. If any requests for the Report come to your office, and you will forward them here, I will take pleasure in attending to the matter also.

Trusting that this explanation is satisfactory, I am,

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, February 17th, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

The bills are now in for the expenses of printing the Report of the above Committee. In order that the Report might be complete and accurate, the Committee were obliged to spend more than was expected at first.

As you were so much interested in the whole matter, I was greatly in hopes that we should not be compelled to call upon you for your promised subscription to wards the expenses of printing the Report. Regretting that I am compelled to bring the above facts to your notice, I am, on behalf of the Committee,

Very respectfully,

*Wm. H. Tolman*  
Secretary.  
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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, February 19, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

In reply to your request as to the amount of money you  
promised towards the expenses of our Report, I would state that it was  
\$50.

Again regretting the necessity which compels us to call on  
you for your personal check, I am,

Very respectfully,

Secretary.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, February 23, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

Will you please accept my thanks for your check of \$50, received as a subscription to the publication of the Report of the above Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

Secretary.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 5th, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

A year ago last May a public meeting on the subject of Public Baths was held at the City Hall, the invitations to which were sent out under the auspices of the Mayor and the Commissioner of Public Works. There was the frankest understanding between you and me at that time that neither your Department nor our Committee had any money for the necessary expenses of the meeting. You stated that I should lay the matter before the Commissioner of Public Works on your suggestion, in the hopes that his Department would have the wherewithall to make the meeting possible. The Department of Public Works authorized me to go ahead. The expenses of the operator and the slides, amounting to \$34, has not yet been paid.

In my communications with the Department of Public Works, I am told every time, that the bill has been paid, or else that I must see you about the matter. The affair is very trifling to us, but of importance to the operator, as \$34 will go a long way towards paying his rent and buying food for his family. It seems to me that this is a debt of honor, and should be met by one of the city departments, and I shall value your advice in the matter.

In the meantime, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman* Secretary.



CITY CHAMBERS, GLASGOW,

25th February, 1897.

Dr. William H. Tolman,  
105 East 22d Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am greatly obliged for the Report of the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations which you have been so good as to send me. I shall study the handsome volume with much interest; and, so far as I have been able to look at it, it appears to me to be full of most valuable information, which will be of great service, not only to your own City, but also to the other Corporations of Europe. One interesting feature which the volume reveals is the enlightened administration of the City of New York in regard to the matters to which it relates.

Perhaps you will be good enough to convey to the Mayor my thanks for his courteous attention.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) David Richmond,

Lord Provost.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 11, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

The inclosed letter, from David Richmond, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, is a typical one of the opinions which we are receiving regarding our Bath Report.

With the knowledge in our minds of the slowness with which New York is moving, in the matter of Public Baths, and the general apathy on this subject on the part of public officials, with the exception of your own office, any congratulations on "the enlightened administration regarding Public Baths" seems to us very ironical.

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 12, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

On several occasions lately, at the close of my lecture on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, I have been asked by very intelligent gentlemen, what was the present condition of the Bath movement.

Will it be asking too much of a favor, if you will kindly inform me just what is the present status of the movement for Public Baths, in order that I may discuss the matter intelligently.

Esteeming it a favor to hear from you in reply, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.



*Answered -*  
*to.*



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 13th, 1897.

Hon. C. H. T. Collis,  
Commissioner of Public Works,  
City.

My dear Sir:-

Will you kindly inform me what are the prospects for the erection of one or more Public Comfort Stations in New York City in the near future.

My reason for asking this, is the fact that, at the conclusion of my lecture, in which I discuss these matters, intelligent people are asking what the city proposes to do regarding them. As your Department is charged with the execution of this particular function, it will aid me in my work, and will be a favor, if you will kindly send me the desired information.

Assuring you of appreciation,

I am,

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

*Department of Public Works,*

*Commissioner's Office,*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* March 15th 1897. *189*

My dear Mr. Mayor;

I enclose you a letter from Mr. Tolman, the Secretary of your Public Comfort Committee and a copy of my answer.

I hope we can have these plans all approved before the building season opens.

Yours very truly,

*Charles H. T. Collis*

Commissioner.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor's Office.



# Department of Public Works,

Commissioner's Office.

~~No. 150 Nassau Street.~~

150 Nassau Street.

New York,

March 15th 1897

My dear Sir;

In reply to your letter asking me what are the prospects for the erection of one or more public comfort stations in New York City in the near future, I desire to say that several months ago plans were prepared by your architect, approved by me and submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

As these plans contemplate the construction of these stations in the Public Parks, as required by the legislature, the Mayor of the City deemed it prudent to invite the co-operation of the Park Department. Mr. Stiles, a member of that Board, protested very earnestly against encroaching upon the Parks, but has now consented that one of these stations may be located under the sidewalk at Mail Street and extending somewhat underneath City Hall Park. Plans to meet this suggestion have been prepared, submitted to the Board of Estimate, and will be approved by them when the Counsel to the Corporation certifies that the title to Mail Street is vested in the City of New York and not in the Federal Government.

The Mayor and I have pushed this matter with all our might, but have been met constantly by some obstacle which we have had to remove.

I am,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES H.T. COLLIS.

Commissioner.

Dr. W.H. Tolman, Secy.,

105 East 22nd St., City.



CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC BATHS AND PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS,

APPOINTED BY MAYOR WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
JULY 5TH 1895.

WM. GASTON HAMILTON, C.E., CHAIRMAN.  
MOREAU MORRIS, M.D., VICE CHAIRMAN.  
WM. HOWE TOLMAN, Ph.D., SECRETARY.

ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 15, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

Our Committee deeply regret that you have been obliged to send your personal check for several bills which have been sent in to the Committee. We feel that the obligation should have been met by some of the City Departments, but we are none the less appreciative of your financial co-operation in this matter, and beg to assure you of that.

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.





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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 19th, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

From three scrapbooks already filled with acknowledgments and opinions regarding our report, I am sending you a few of the choicest

With one exception, there has been no criticism, and in that particular case, it was noted that the Bibliography contained few references to German cities. That fact was accounted for by the failure on the part of the German authorities to reply to our questions. Making a study of such importance of foreign conditions at long range was very difficult.

You may be interested in knowing that the Committee is continuing its studies for its own gratification, in order that we may be kept posted regarding the very latest phases of this movement.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.



February 3, 1897.

My dear Dr. Tolman:-

I am impressed with the timeliness, the thoroughness and the great value of your report on public baths. It is as good in its matter as it is exemplary in its make-up. I feel confident that it must have a very decided effect in promoting the education of American public opinion. It seems to me the discriminating editors of the metropolitan press can hardly fail to see that the appearance of this report offers occasion for some well-deserved assistance to a movement so essentially bound up with the progress of civilization as that for municipal baths. If there ever was a great town which by reason of the density and other circumstances of its industrial population needed particularly a complete series of such model baths as a number of European cities have undertaken, that city is our own great town of New York.

Thanking you heartily for my ~~admirable~~ copy of your admirable report, believe me, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Albert Shaw.

Mr. W. H. Tolman,  
New York City.



25 West 47th Street,

February 6th, 1897.

W. H. Tolman, Esq., Secretary, etc.,

My dear Mr. Tolman:-

I have examined with great satisfaction and instruction your exceedingly able and exhaustive report on Public Baths, etc. It is a monument to your patient study of the whole subject. I am very glad to be connected in your mind, even so remotely, with your most admirable study. As a citizen of New York City, I want to convey to you personally my great obligation, and to you and your associates officially, for this work, so important to the moral and physical welfare of the people of this city. It is a disgrace to our boasted civilization that this question has been so long delayed. I do hope that your report will have a large circulation. It should be printed by the city in popular form for public use, by the Mayor. I will urge this upon the Mayor, if you so desire.

Yours most cordially,

(Signed) Chas. Stewart Smith.



932 Fifth Avenue,

New York, Feb. 7/97

Dr. Wm. H. Tolman, Sec'y.

Dear Sir:-

The Report of the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths, etc., has come to hand, and I am indeed obliged for its transmission. It is full of interest and apparently practicable conclusions, and its more careful perusal than has yet been possible, will no doubt develop further interest. In my opinion, pressing as is the need for public baths, this is even exceeded by the need for comfort stations.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Jacob H. Schiff.



Health Department,

New York, Feb. 9, 1897.

Wm. H. Tolman, Ph.D., Secretary, etc.

Dear Sir:-

I have received the Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort you so kindly sent me, and beg leave to congratulate you upon the attractive appearance of the volume, and the comprehensive nature of its contents. As a storehouse of facts relating to the subject, with its tables, plans and illustrations, it forms a valuable work of reference for the library.

I have always considered the establishment of public baths on a large scale under municipal management a matter of the first importance, and the labors of your committee during the past two years will undoubtedly hasten the time of their construction in this city.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Roger S. Tracy.



Theodore Cooper,  
Consulting Engineer,  
35 Broadway.

New York, Feb. 10, 1897.

Messrs. Cady, Berg & See,  
31 East 17th Street, City.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for a copy of Report on Public  
Baths and Comfort Stations.

I have been much interested in the Report.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Theo. Cooper.



New York, February 12th, 1897.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.,  
105 East 22d Street, City.

My dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, sent with the compliments of Dr. Moreau Morris, and the edification and pleasure its perusal has given me.

The Report is above criticism, and represents the intelligent study of a most important subject from the most important standpoint, its relation to public health and morality.

It were well for this cosmopolitan city, if those in charge of its most vital interests could be influenced to speedy action based on this Report.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Chas. S. Benedict.



W. L. B. Jenney.

JENNEY & MUNDIE,  
Architects,  
Homes Insurance Building.

Chicago, Feb. 13, 1897.

Messrs. Cady, Berg & See,  
New York  
31 East 17th Street, City.

Gentlemen:-

Please allow me to thank you for the very handsome book on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, just received. I shall take it home where I can read it more at my leisure, as it is a matter of particular interest.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. L. B. Jenney.



GLEN IRIS.

Dr. Wm. H. Tolman,  
Secretary.

My dear Sir:-

The report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, a copy of which is at hand through your kind courtesy, is so comprehensive and complete an exposition of the important subject of which it treats that it affords satisfaction rarely derived from such documents. Its influence must be far reaching, and result in vast benefit to the people of this country.

I wish to thank you very cordially for the copy you have sent me.

I am,

Yours with great respect,

(Signed) Wm. P. Letchworth.

Portage P.O., N.Y.

February 13, 1897.



Board of Police Commissioners.

Theodore Roosevelt, POLICE DEPARTMENT  
President.

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK? 300 MULBERRY STREET,

New York, Feby. 14, 1897.

My dear Sir:-

It gave me great pleasure to receive that report. I  
think it an admirable one. I only hope its suggestions can be  
carried out.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt

W. H. Tolman, Esq.,  
105 East 22d Street,  
New York.



Irvington, Westchester Co.,

New York, February 14, 1897

W. H. Tolman, Esq.,

Secretary, etc., etc.

My dear Sir:-

The Report on "Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations" was received last evening.

I have to-day looked over, and in my opinion it is one of the best Reports I have ever seen upon municipal affairs, if not the best.

I trust that this matter, so ably undertaken and studied, will be successfully carried out, reflecting, if it is, great honor to your committee, and a lasting debt of gratitude from all the citizens of New York.

Thanking you very much for the volume, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Phillip Schuyler.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.  
College of Engineering.

Urbana, Feb. 15, 1897.

W. H. Tolman,  
Sec'y Mayor's Com. on Public Baths & Comfort Stations,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Cady, Berg and See, I have received a copy of the Report of the Committee on Public Baths and Comfort Stations. It is an exceedingly valuable work, especially indispensable to architects and sanitary engineers. It is superior to any book of the kind in English with which I am acquainted. It will undoubtedly be of very great assistance to the public because it plainly and distinctly indicates just what should be done in these matters, and in this way will be a very efficient means of educating the better and more influential citizens as to their duties in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) N. Clifford Ricker,  
Dean of the College of Engineering.



Chas. Babcock, Director,  
and Professor of Architecture.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY,  
Ithaca, N. Y.  
College of Architecture.

Feb. 15, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

Many thanks for the "Report of Public Baths," etc. It is  
very interesting and instructive.

Truly yours,

(Signed) Chas. Babcock.

To Messrs. Cady, Berg & See,  
New York.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.  
College of Engineering.

N. Clifford Ricker, Dean.

Urbana, Feb. 15, 1897.

Messrs. Cady, Berg & See, Architects,  
Jackson Building,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

I have just received the copy of the Report of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations by the Mayor's Committee of New York. It is an exceedingly valuable special treatise on this subject, and will be of great service to me in my work in the instruction of architectural students. Please accept my sincere thanks for your courtesy in favoring me with a copy of the work, which would be otherwise obtained with difficulty.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) N. Clifford Ricker,  
Dean of the College of Engineering.



Charles SooySmith, C. E., President.

SOOYSMITH & COMPANY,

Consulting and Contracting Engineers,

Mills Building, Wall & Broad Sts.,

New York, February 16, 1897.

Messrs. Cady, Berg & See,

31 East 17th Street, New York.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of and thank you for the very handsome and interesting report on public baths.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Charles SooySmith.



CITY CHAMBERS.

Glasgow, 20th. Feb'y 1897.

Superintendent's Office.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Accept my thanks for the Report of The Mayor's Committee on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations.

I look upon it as a work that will do an immense amount of good not only in America but wherever it is read by thoughtful people.

Now that you "Go-ahead" Americans have taken up the question of Baths I have great hopes that you will soon teach the busy commercial cities of the world a lesson that will lead ultimately to the abolition of hospitals and other curative institutions.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Wm. Thomson,

Supt.



D'Oench & Simon, Architects,  
Kennedy Building.

New York, Feb. 22d, 1897.

My dear Berg:-

I have received the copy you sent me of the report made by the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, and am very much obliged to you for it. I have looked it all over and am impressed with its completeness. I will enjoy reading it very much and it must be of service to every one who studies its pages.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. F. D'Oench.

To Mr. Louis De Coppet Berg,  
No. 31 Union Square.



(Letters to be addressed "The Town Clerk,  
Glasgow")

City Chambers,

Glasgow, 22nd. Feb'y 1897.

W.H.Tolman, Esq.,

Secretary The Mayor's Committee,

City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Public Baths &c.

Thanks for the handsome volume on the above subject received  
this morning.

I understand from the Manager of our baths department that he  
has already had an opportunity of perusing the volume and he informs  
me that it is a document which will not only be very valuable in your  
City but also to other Municipalities, who either have or may be intend-  
ing to erect public baths.

Yours truly,

(Signed) James G. Monroe,

Town Clerk Depute



C. H. Blackall, Architect,

Music Hall Bldg, Hamilton Place,

Boston, Feb. 23, 1897.

Dear Sirs:-

I am in receipt of the report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations in New York, which I notice is due to your courtesy. Please accept my thanks for the same and permit me to express my admiration for the careful manner in which the bath house problems have been elucidated and for the fine architectural effects which you have been able to combine with so utilitarian a problem.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. H. Blackall.

Messrs. Cady, Berg and See.



CITY of BIRMINGHAM.

Baths Department

J. COX.  
Superintendent  
and  
Engineer.

Feb. 24, 1887

Dear Sir:- re/ Report on Publics and Public Comfort Stations:

It appears to me to be a most valuable record of your proceedings and the statistics and other information relating to similar Institutions and also in Europe, and more particularly in this country will be of great value to me and to all who are interested in the progress of this branch of sanitation, which does so much for the health and comfort of the people living in our large cities.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the volume,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. Cox,

Supt.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.



TOWN HALL,  
CROYDON.

20th. February, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

Please convey to the Mayor's Committee my very great thanks to them for the most exhaustive and valuable report they have issued on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations. This report must be of lasting benefit to your country. Your intelligent citizens cannot fail on perusal of this report to be impressed with the enormous advantages to be gained by adopting an efficient system of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations. By issuing such a report you are permanently assisting one of the most important branches of sanitary science.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. Mawdesley, B.A., LL.D.

Town Clerk & Clerk of  
the Peace.

W. H. Tolman, Esq.,  
Secretary Mayor's Committee,  
105 East 22nd Street,  
New York, U.S.A.



CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Shoreditch Town Hall.

H. Mansfield Robinson, LL.D., (Lond)  
Solicitor & Vestry Clerk.

London, E.C.

February 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I am very much obliged for copy report of Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations and as you are good enough to ask my opinion upon it, I think the report in comprehensiveness, ability and fullness of treatment (not to mention the beautiful letter press and illustrations) is a model to Municipalities and of what such reports should be and if the City of New York treats the subject in bricks and mortar as ably as your Committee have done on paper, it will lead the world in this branch of Municipal Enterprise. I only hope your Committee will extend its labours to other branches of Municipal work and that I may be privileged to see the result of their labours.

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) H. Mansfield Robinson

Vestry Clerk.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.,

Secretary The Mayor's Committee,

City of New York, U.S.A.



CITY of LIVERPOOL.

Corporation Baths & Wash-houses

W. R. Court  
Engineer  
and  
Chief Superintendent.

Engineer & Chief Superintendent's Office.  
15 Great George Square.

27 February 1897.

Mr. Wm. H. Tolman, Sec.

City of New York,

The Mayor's Committee

Public Baths & Public Comfort Stations.

Dear Sir:-

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your Committee's "Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations", and thank you very much for it.

Up to the present I have only glanced at the contents, and am astonished at the large amount of valuable information the report contains.

I feel that by publishing the report your Committee will be conferring a great boon on all communities interested in the health of the People.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) W. R. Court.



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Directrice, Vve J.-B. André Godin  
Au Familistère  
GUISE  
(Aisne)

1 Mars 1897

a Monsieur Wm. H. Tolman,  
New York City.

Monsieur:-

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser reception du volume "Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations" que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser. Je l'annoncerai dans un prochain numero de mon journal "Le Devoir" comme etant rempli des documents les plus precieux pour le bon établissement des institutions dont il s'occupe, et redige en meme temps dans un esprit d'amour du bien public qui fait le plus grand honneur au comite redacteur.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, avec mes remerciements réitérés, l'assurance de ma parfaite consideration,

(Signed) Vve. J. Bte. A. Godin.



THE VESTRY of St. MARGARET and St. JOHN, WESTMINSTER.

Vestry Offices, Town Hall.

Caxton Street  
Victoria Street.  
S. W.

Westminster, S.W. London.

2nd. March, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Vestry of Westminster to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations, published by the Mayor's Committee of New York City, and to request you to thank the Committee for their courtesy. The compilation is deserving of every praise for the manner in which the mass of information gathered together has been digested into so readable and valuable a form, and the book has been placed upon the shelves of the Free Library for access by the public.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. E. Smith,

Vestry Clerk.

W. H. Tolman, Esq., Ph.D.

Secretary Mayor's Committee City of New York,  
105 East Twenty-second Street,  
New York, U.S.A.



Préfecture de la Seine

Direction des  
Affaires Municipales

Inspection G<sup>le</sup>. du Service  
d'Assainissement et de  
Salubrité de l'Habitation

5, Avenue Victoria.

République Française

LIBERTÉ-ÉGALITÉ-FRATERNITÉ

Paris, ce 3 Mars, 1897.

Monsieur le Secrétaire:-

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de l'envoi de  
"Report on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations," que vous avez  
eu l'obligeance de me faire.

C'est avec le plus vif intérêt que j'ai lu cet important  
ouvrage, d'autant plus que la Ville de Paris commence à entrer dans  
la voie où New York City a déjà obtenu de si heureux et de si beaux  
résultats.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'hommage de ma considération  
très distinguée et de mes remerciements très empressés.

(Signed) Dr. A. J. Martin.



THE COMMISSIONERS FOR PUBLIC BATHS & WASH-HOUSES.

In the Parish of Lewisham.

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Board of Works Offices.

Edward H. Oxenham.  
Clerk,

Catford, S.E.

4th. March, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your circular note forwarding a print of the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths &c.

It is the most complete and exhaustive report on the subject I have seen- and is most interesting and instructive.

I am sending it round for the perusal of the various Members of the Commission.

With many thanks, I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Edward H. Oxenham

Wm. H. Tolman, Ph.D.,

105 E. 22nd. St.,

New York.



ANDRASSY ut 94,

Budapest,

1897, March 5th.

My dear Sir:-

Please to accept my best thanks for the Report of the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations. The Report is an excellent summary of the question and I have had a great pleasure to read it. I expect it will have the best success in arousing the public opinion,- and the provisions planned on such a careful study of the experience of others will be certainly successful.

I judge the recommendations of the Committee really excellent and I am glad to see that you are laying a great stress upon the necessity of public wash-houses. In the capital of my country we have no such institutions,- although the Public-Baths accommodation of Budapest, thanks to the fine hot-springs which exist in the town and forward plenty of water, are really good, and last time the municipality has erected good comfort-stations (W.Beetz's oil-system, which is very recommendable).

Believe me, Sir, respectfully yours,

(Signed) Dr. Eugene Farhas,

Superintendent of Public-Health.

Mr.Wm.H.Tolman.



8 March, 1897.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.,  
105 East 22d Street,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the report of the Committee on Public Baths and Public Comfort Stations. I would have written to you sooner acknowledging the receipt, had not absence from the City prevented. I am deeply interested in the subject matter of the report, and am glad to have in my library such an exceptionally complete statement of facts as your report contains.

With thanks, believe me,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Alfred Bishop Mason.



Office of  
THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Lowell, Mass., March 9, 1897.

Wm. H. Tolman, Esq.,  
105 East 22d Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your very valuable report is at hand, and will be used  
as a text-book very often by this department.

To the cities having in prospect a system of public baths,  
it will be a great aid and expense saver, if the volume is in their  
possession.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. H. Knapp, Agent.





CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC BATHS AND PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS,

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JULY 5TH 1895.

WM. GASTON HAMILTON, C.E., CHAIRMAN.  
MOREAU MORRIS, M.D., VICE CHAIRMAN.  
WM. HOWE TOLMAN, PH.D., SECRETARY.

ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, March 23d, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

General Collis informs me that, just as soon as the question is decided in which city department the title to the Mail Street property vests, he can go ahead with the underground Comfort Station.

At the close of my lectures on these subjects, I am having a good many inquiries from interested citizens, what is the present condition of the Bath movement. There have been so many propositions for amended legislation, that I do not feel at all certain of existing conditions. Will it be asking too much of a favor, if you will kindly inform me just how the matter stands, and oblige

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.



CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC BATHS AND PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS.

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WM. HOWE TOLMAN, PH.D., SECRETARY.

ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York, April 1, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

A letter, under date of March 30, 1897, from the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works, states that the Corporation Counsel has decided that the title to Mail Street is vested in the Park Commissioners, representing the City of New York. He also says: "There does not, therefore, seem to be anything in the way of proceeding with the work as soon as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes it."

If there is anything now which our Committee can do to hasten the commencement of one Public Comfort Station, for which so many New Yorkers are earnestly looking, we shall only be too glad to serve you.

I have been invited to give a lecture on the subject of Public Baths at St. Michael's Church next Wednesday evening. I am very desirous of securing one of your photographs, in order that I may show the audience to whom we are indebted for what has already been accomplished towards the erection of Public Baths. No harm will be done this photograph, as my slide-maker simply re-photographs it, and I will return it in the same condition in which I receive it.

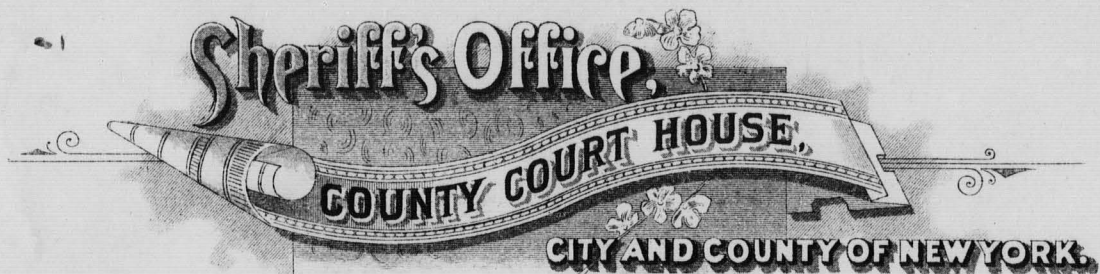
Trusting that you will be able to grant me my request, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.





Edward J.H. Tamsen,

**SHERIFF.**

*New York,*

June 1, 1896.

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Moreau Morris, M. D.

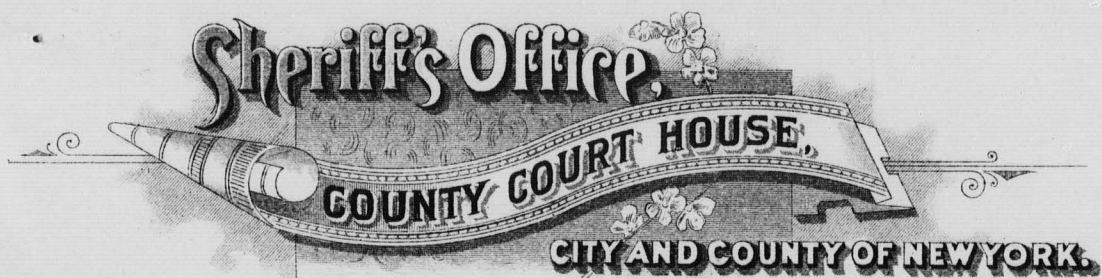
Vice-Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Public Baths.

My dear Sir:

Having been called upon by a number of taxpayers and citizens of the east side of the City, to present to you my views on the subject of establishing a public bath in Tompkins Square Park, it is with pleasure I take this opportunity of doing so, because I am in a position, from my own experience, to verify the statements made by these gentlemen.

I have lived in that neighborhood covering a period from 1869 to 1884 and have my business established there since 1869 up to the present time.

These people protest against the establishment of the proposed bath upon other grounds than those which have been set forth and in which they have been misrepresented; they protest on grounds which are fully justified, namely, they are opposed to a public bath establishment inside of the boundary lines of a park for the creation and maintenance of which they had to work patiently and persistently for a number of years.



Edward J.H. Tamsen,

**SHERIFF.**

*New York,*

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Tompkins Square Park was, to my knowledge some fifteen years ago, or longer, selected as a parade ground for our militia; it was a park before that time, but in spite of the fact that it was a necessary breathing spot for a thickly populated section, it was sacrificed for that purpose. It was afterwards abandoned as a parade ground, and some scheme was on foot, but not quite carried out, by which large hills of sand were heaped up on both sides of the park and the whole territory had the appearance of a vast desert. Through the efforts of some of our most influential citizens with the help of the Mayor at that time, and the Commissioner of Parks, the citizens residing in that neighborhood succeeded in having it reconstructed as a public park. Young trees were planted which by this time have grown into splendid proportions so as to give shade and add beauty to the breathing spot. The objection at that time that a large park could not be kept in order and maintained in a locality so densely populated was overcome by the formation of a union called "The Tompkins Square Park Protective Union," consisting of over one hundred property owners and resi-





Edward J.H. Tamsen,

**SHERIFF.**

*New York,*

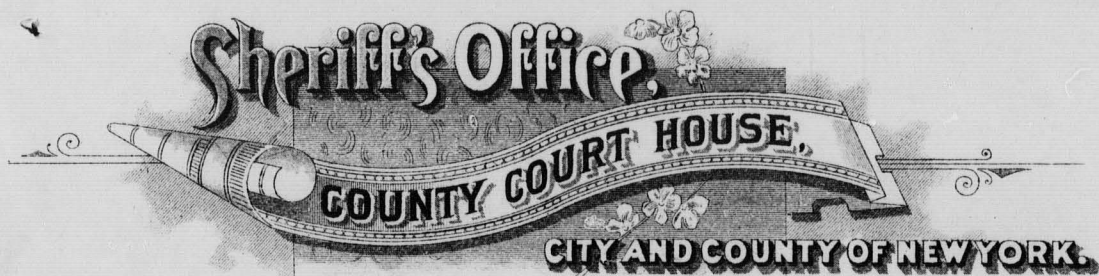
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dents of that neighborhood who were deeply concerned in the welfare and maintenance of the park, and jealously guarded any despoiling or infraction of the law in regard to it, and one hundred of the property owners and residents were sworn in as special policemen who patrolled the park and vicinity for that purpose. It is mainly due to their efforts that the park has been a success and is now one of the beauty spots and breathing places of the east side and the pride of the surrounding neighborhood.

In view of all this it seems to me that to sacrifice any part of a park which forms one of the so-called lungs of the City-- a place for the population to get pure air-- for an occasional bath, would not be a gain but a loss to that neighborhood.

Allow me to suggest to your Committee that, in my opinion, the selection of that particular neighborhood is not a wise one. The population of our City from First Street up to Fourteenth Street, east of Third Avenue consists chiefly of mechanics of limited means, but abject poverty is not the rule, but the exception, in that section of the City. A public bath, if you want to put it



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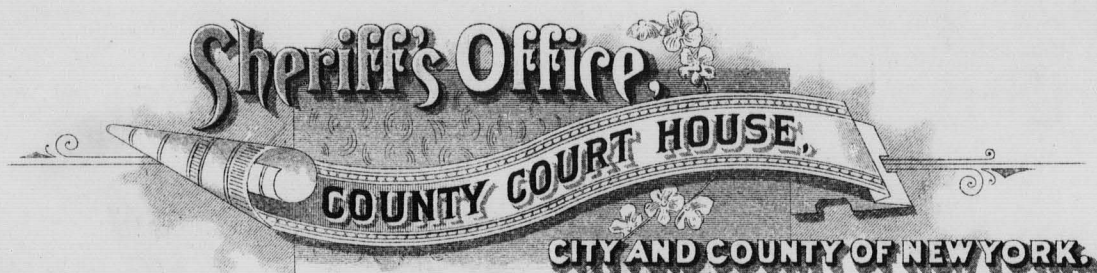
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in a locality where it would be of the greatest benefit, should be established below Houston Street on the east side of the City. Below Houston Street would be the spot where it is needed more than anywhere else. If, however, your Committee should come to the conclusion that the location selected is the proper one, the people of that locality will waive their objection if the bath is erected anywhere in the neighborhood of the park, but outside of its boundary lines.

If my own experience with the population of the locality in question and my coming in contact with them for the past twenty-five years should be considered by you as being of any weight in reaching a final conclusion, I shall be pleased to meet you or your Committee upon the above subject.

Most respectfully yours,





Edward J.H. Tamsen,

**SHERIFF.**

New York, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed please find copy of a letter which I sent to Moreau Morris, M.D., Vice-Chairman of Mayor's Committee on public bath, wherein I have stated my <sup>in behalf of the tax-payers,</sup> views on the proposition of putting a public bathing establishment within the boundary lines of Tompkins Square park.

I submit the reasons urged by <sup>me</sup> against the above proposition to your earnest consideration and remain,

Yours, with great respect,  
Edward J. Tamsen



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ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY, 105 EAST 22<sup>D</sup> STREET.

New York; Nov. 27, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

In response to your request for the debit balance of your Committee, I inclose the bill from Martin B. Brown. You also asked me to submit to you an estimate of the expenses for sending out an inquiry to the baths of Europe, in order that your Committee may be in possession of the facts, for recommending the wisest system of administration for the new baths.

500 circulars	- - - - -	\$18.00
500 envelopes (printed)	- - - - -	4.50
400 stamps at 5 cents	- - - - -	20.00
100 stamps at 2 cents	- - - - -	2.00
		<u>\$44.50</u>

These estimates I have secured from Martin B. Brown, and represent his very best work, because, of course, in writing foreign officials, it is necessary to make a favorable impression through note paper. As I said, when I conferred with you on this subject, I did not feel that you should make this a personal matter.

I am very anxious to make these administrative inquiries before you go out of office, as, of course, after the 1st of January there will be no Mayor's Committee on Public Baths.

Awaiting your advice on this matter, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.





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New York, Dec. 20, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York, N.Y.

My dear Sir:-

You will see by the accompanying volume, that the legislature has deemed the report of your Committee of sufficient value to reprint it in full.

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman*

Secretary.