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City. May - 17<sup>th</sup>. 1896

Strong. Leg  
Mayor -  
City.

Sir. Excuse me for  
taking the liberty of  
writing this letter to you  
but as Mayor of the City  
of New York, I hope I  
see my request go into  
effect. I do ask you to  
inforce a law against  
Papras taking their Babies  
out for a ride on their  
Wheels. I would thank  
you kindly for you  
to make this letter  
public in the Papers, &

have the opinion of the  
people of New York  
I am yours Respectfully  
Albert E. McArthur  
City



Henry G. Seaver,  
97 Church Av., FLATBUSH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Mr. Strong  
Mayor

City Hall, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

You will note that by the copy of attached resolutions, published in the Brooklyn papers of this evening (Citizen & the Times) the facts of the very much lower assessment rates of New York are noted, than those of the first 29 wards of Brooklyn.

You will also note that in the remaining wards of Brooklyn, 30<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> inclusive, embracing one third the area of that City, there are lands assessed equally as low as, in New York City, <sup>10 to 25% and</sup> much of it as low as ten<sup>(10)</sup> percent only of its true value.

If Governor Morton will put in the right Commissioners we will have all the revenue needful to build underground railways, school houses & parks in all parts of Greater N.Y.

Yours respectfully, Henry G. Seaver.

From Brooklyn Times  
May 18/96

#### WANT EQUALIZED ASSESSMENTS.

At a meeting of the Flatbush Debating society, held at 66 Vanderbilt street, Windsor Terrace, on Saturday evening, the following resolution was debated and passed:

Whereas, On May 5 the Taxpayers' association, of the Twenty-ninth ward, made a report which shows discrimination in assessments in the city of Brooklyn, the facts from the official records of the board of assessors showing that in the first twenty-nine wards of the city the unimproved real estate is assessed at about fifty per cent. of its true value, and the improved at about eighty per cent. That in the Thirtieth ward (New Utrecht) in the Thirty-first (Gravesend) and in the Thirty-second (Flatlands) the farm lands used for agricultural purposes were assessed at from ten per cent. up to twenty-five per cent. of its true value, while vacant lots are assessed at about fifty per cent., and improved real estates at about eighty per cent. And we further say, this discrimination is unjust. Yet the assessors hold that certain features of the annexation acts are the warrant for some of it, though the constitution guarantees equal taxation, and discrimination is unconstitutional; and

Whereas, That very Gov. Flower, who in 1891 in his official capacity approved and signed said annexation acts, is now in 1896 reported to have made a syndicate that has purchased some under-assessed farm lands in Flatlands, and will profit by these inequitable assessments, a circumstance showing pointedly an injustice to all the people, only made possible by special act of the Legislature; and also,

Whereas, Within a few months past a deputation of New York taxpayers waited on Mayor Strong and showed him from the official records of assessments in that city that the real estate there was assessed at only from ten to fifty per cent. of its true value; therefore

Resolved, That as the assessment rates in the proposed consolidated city in its different sections now vary from ten per cent. to eighty per cent. of the true value of the real estate, that we request the Hon. Levi P. Morton, governor, to only appoint such men as commissioners to frame a charter who will have intelligence and conscience enough to provide equality in assessments in the Greater New York.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the governor.

HENRY G. SEAVER,  
ERNEST J. FOORD,  
J. F. CUNNINGHAM,  
Committee.

LADIES. HEALTH PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

MRS. M. E. TRAUTMANN, PRESIDENT,  
27 BECKMAN PLACE.  
MRS. M. A. NEWTON, VICE-PRESIDENT,  
128 WEST 43D STREET.  
MRS. ESTHER HERRMAN, VICE-PRES'T,  
59 WEST 56TH STREET.

MRS. S. H. ROSENFELD, REG. SECRETARY,  
246 WEST 44TH STREET.  
MRS. E. L. WAKEMAN, COR. SECRETARY,  
142 EAST 35TH STREET.  
MISS MARY PHILLIPS, TREASURER,  
19 WEST 38TH STREET.

NEW YORK, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon Mayor Strong:-

Dear Sir,

Please accept the thanks  
of the officers and  
members of our Association  
for providing at our  
Convention May 14<sup>th</sup>

It is a great encourage-  
ment to us to have our  
Mayor so cordial  
in his appreciation  
of the work which has  
been done and hope  
to do in the future

by the Association  
Yours very respectfully  
(Mrs) Emily L. Wakeman  
Cor. Secy

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W. C. C. P. T.

FOX HURST,  
WESTCHESTER AVENUE.

My dear Mayor Strong  
Will it be quite  
unpardonable in the  
Ladies Association of the  
Barrely Home, West-  
Farmis - to beg you  
for a visit, and a  
short address at its  
Annual Meeting - on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, at  
four o'clock. The  
exercises are very  
simple - but it gives



an occasion for its  
friends to inspect  
the Home - and take  
a cup of tea with  
the Managers.

We look upon it  
as a ward of the  
City - in a measure,  
and find therefore  
it particularly pleased  
if you would make  
it convenient to  
attend.

Just now we  
are using every effort

to enlarge our accommodations -  
and it is an added reason  
why we would like your  
interest - because of its influence  
on others -

If we have taken too great  
a liberty - knowing of course  
the many demands - we shall  
bear our rebuke patiently -  
but trust - we shall not -



and to receive it —

Very hopefully yours —

Caroline C. Tiffany.

[Mrs. Henry D. Tiffany  
President]

New York  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 1896.

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THE NEW YORK RETAIL GROCER'S UNION

No. 138 & 140 East 57th St.,

New York May 18th. 1896

Resolved: that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Mayor and to the Board of Aldermen of this City.

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge by personal observation, that many unscrupulous dealers, hawkers and vendors of fruits and vegetables, are using and employing, with intent to deceive, cheat and defraud the public, certain measures and baskets containing double and false bottoms, by reason of which double and false bottoms, the capacity of the said measures and baskets is considerably reduced and the measure of the fruits or vegetables contained therein is much smaller than the outward appearance of such baskets and measures would warrant any one to believe; and

Whereas, by the use and employment of such baskets and measures, the public is deceived, cheated and defrauded and honest dealers in fruits and vegetables who do not use such fraudulent baskets and measures, suffer and are handicapped in competing for trade by those using and employing such false and deceptive measures and baskets; and

Whereas, the NEW YORK RETAIL GROCER'S UNION has always contended for "Full weight, full measure and honest business principles and practices"; therefore be it

Resolved: that we denounce the use and employment of measures and baskets containing false and double bottoms;

Resolved: that we petition His Honor, Mayor William L. Strong and the Honorable Board of Aldermen to enact such Ordinances as will discourage, prohibit and prevent the use and employment of such deceptive measures and baskets in the sale of fruits and vegetables, and



Office of the  
LAMP COMMITTEE, CITY HALL.

New Haven, Conn., April 24th, 1896.

Dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the Lamp Committee of this City it was the unanimous opinion that a two days Convention of the Superintendents, Inspectors, Directors and Committees on Street Lighting of the several Cities and Boroughs, of the Union would result in mutual benefit to all interested in this most important question.

Discussion of the various systems of Lighting, conditions and standards of Lights, question box, etc.

It is expected that speakers thoroughly informed in their several branches will be present to speak on the above matters. Letters have been received from a large number of cities who will send delegates, and who are quite enthusiastic over the matter.

It has been thought that June would be the best time to hold the convention. We therefore invite you to attend. Rooms for the meeting have been provided for free of expense in our City Hall.

Manufacturers of Lighting Apparatus will be invited to have a display of latest appliances.

You are urged to attend and asked to spread the enclosed information.

Kindly fill out the appended blank and return in enclosed directed envelope at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,

Alderman B. L. LAMBERT,  
Chairman Lamp Committee.

Alderman J. C. KELLY.

Councilmen C. G. UNGER, E. M. THOMAS and W. E. PETRIE.

HENRY HOPKINS, Inspector.

Have packages, telegrams and mail matter sent to Room 10, City Hall, and they will be delivered promptly to you.

What date in June most convenient,.....

Name of City,.....

Position represented,.....

Will you bring statistics of your City?.....

Are you willing to speak? If so, what subject?.....

.....  
Your name and address,.....

New Haven, Conn., May 18th, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed circular will explain the reason of this letter to you. At this convention we are to have about thirty-five prominent cities represented. We extended an invitation to the Department of Lamps in your city, but they reply that owing to pressure of business it will be impossible for any one of that department to attend. As New York is the largest city in the country, we desire to have it represented. We therefore extend to you a cordial invitation to be present personally, if you can, and if you cannot would respectfully ask that you kindly delegate some one to do so.

Respectfully yours,

*Henry J. Hoffman*  
*Chairman Lamp Committee*



**HENRY HOPKINS,**

**New Haven,**

**Clerk Lamp Committee,  
Room 10, City Hall.**

**Conn.**



32 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

June 19<sup>th</sup>  
1896.

Job. E. Hedges Secretary,

Dear Sir:

I have requested the following  
members of the N.Y. Zoological Society  
to appear at the Office of the  
Mayor upon Thursday at 11 AM.

Messrs Andrew N. Green

" Charles E. Whitehead

" Philip H. Schuyler

" John L. Cadwalader

" Thomas N. Barber

In response to your kind advice that

32 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

the Mayor and Living Fund Commi:  
sioner will give a hearing to the  
representation of the New York  
Zoological Society. At the hour named  
I am.

Respectfully Yours

Henry J. Osborn

Chairman Executive Committee,

W. 33d St., Baptist Church,

E. S. HOLLOWAY, Pastor.

Residence, 371 W. 119th St.

New York May 19th. 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong Mayor.

My dear Sir: -

On Sunday Evg<sup>May 24</sup>  
at 8 o'clock a number of G. A. R. posts together  
with Veteran Associations attend a Special Me-  
morial Service at the W. 33 St. Bap. Ch. (8 & 9 Ave)  
by my invitation I am to speak to them on the  
"The Soldier's Monument"

I should be highly pleased if the Mayor would  
honor us with his presence on that occasion &  
make some remarks to the Veterans.

Your well known admiration for the "old soldier"  
encourages me to believe that you will come if you  
have no previous engagement

Most Sincerely Yours  
E. S. Holloway.



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NORWOOD & DILLEY.  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
140 NASSAU STREET,  
NEW YORK.

May 20th, 1896.

CARLISLE NORWOOD.  
CHARLES H. DILLEY.

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

Dear Sir:

Allow me to call your attention to a resolution which was passed yesterday by the Board of Aldermen, authorizing asphalt pavement on 44th Street, between the 5th and 6th Avenues. A previous resolution had authorized such pavement between 6th and 11th Avenues, and the advertising for it, I am told, has been begun. There was a petition for the pavement between 5th and 6th Avenues, which has resulted in the present resolution, signed by the Bar Association, the Brearley School, Limited, (two hundred girls), the Berkeley School, the Berkeley Lyceum, the St. Nicholas Club and others, the signers representing, in clubs and associations, over two thousand people interested in having the pavement laid, and in addition to the signers, the Harvard Club on the same street and many others will be greatly pleased at having the asphalt laid there. The movement originated in the Brearley School, and as one of the Directors of that school I was asked to take charge of it, and, therefore, in furtherance of the object of the petitioners, I write to call your attention to the passage of the resolution by the Board of Aldermen and to ask that it may receive your favorable consideration and signature.

Respectfully yours,

Carlisle Norwood

ST. BRIGID'S RECTORY,

119 AVENUE B.

New York, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon Mayor, ~~Strong~~  
Dear Sir.

Having been informed that it is contemplated to build a bath-house on Tompkins Square Park, I write to express my opinion that such action would not be for the interests of the people of this locality:

1<sup>st</sup> because it would diminish the size of this public recreation ground, which is already too small for its purposes. The neighborhood is very densely populated. There being 3150 people in one of the blocks. More to the square mile than in any other city of the world, & in favorable weather the park is too small to accommodate the multitudes who avail themselves of its space & shade.

"over"



2dly. Those who are likely to use the bath reside for the most part several blocks to the south of it & would be better accommodated, if the same were built in one of the new small parks, which are about to be laid out south of Houston Str.

If it be objected that this would delay the construction of the bath-house, as it may take some time to get the title of <sup>the</sup> new park ground, I would <sup>say</sup> that it would not be necessary to wait for the acquisition of the entire park ground, as a sufficient part of it for the purpose specified, could be acquired & used very soon.

3dly. Even if the present appropriation should be exhausted in purchasing lots, there need be no fear, but that the Legislature will supply the deficiency for the work inaugurated. Yrs Respectfully

P. F. du Sauray  
Pastor St. Brigid's Ch.

49. E. 129th. St.

New York

May 20. 1896.

Hon. W. E. Strong.

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

"A Public Bath -  
should include under the  
same roof large swimming  
-baths for men and for  
women, and small bath  
rooms, every modern facility  
being provided; and also, as  
a distinct feature, an elaborate  
and extensive wash-house for  
the use of poor families that  
lack home conveniences for  
laundry work. The swimming

- baths to be kept open through the entire year, at a uniform temperature. To the working classes, they would be enjoyed as a luxury, and they are needed as a common decency of life. The wash-house to contain the best improved steam boiling arrangements, and fixed tubs with hot and cold water faucets, the washing being done quickly, the machine driers, the hot air apartment, the ironer, all operated by machinery and steam power; and the housewife may at

the end of a hour go home  
with her basket of clothes  
washed, dried, and ironed.

Respectfully.

A. Sheridan.



Address all communications to our office, 446 Water Street N. Y. It will save time and insure prompt personal attention in every case.

ANDREW HOMAN,  
President.

THE

WILLIAM HOMAN,  
Vice President.

# ANDREW HOMAN COMPANY,

ESTABLISHED 1864.

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CABLE ADDRESS. "BARRISTER, NEW YORK."

OFFICE SALESROOM AND FACTORY - 446, 448 & 450 WATER ST., Bet. Market and Pike Sts.

New York,

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor;

My dear Sir & Brother —

Please accept  
my thanks for appointing me School Inspector  
in Second District —

When I was invited to stand  
for the office, I replied that it was an honor  
neither to be sought, nor to be declined, and  
that I would cheerfully accept, if the appointment  
would come to me without personal solicitation  
or the use of influence on my part with you —

I have followed the  
lesson we both were taught "Before entering  
upon any great or important undertaking, to  
first invoke the aid of the Deity." I trust  
you will be pleased with my services under your  
appointment — Respectfully & Fraternally, Wm. Homan





Post 9th St  
May 20th

Dear Mr. Shurt, I must  
send you a word of  
thanks (which I know  
will be a humble  
note among friends)  
for the list of school  
inspections which I  
have just recd -

With such numbers as  
these, & with such a  
head as Mr. Gilman,  
something big ought  
to be done, & soon.  
And in thinking about  
all the things which  
have been brought  
about for the benefit  
of the schools this  
winter, your personal  
share has been so

very decisive. That only  
when, at the end of  
some years, the Commu-  
nity looks back & con-  
siders the present with  
the past, will it fully  
understand how well  
it did by itself when  
it put you at its  
head - But it under-  
stands this pretty well

even now & we who  
know just what the  
schools are & what they  
need, cannot express  
the gratitude we feel  
towards you -

I am sure that the  
three new women in  
spectors whom I know  
especially well - Mrs  
Quad, Mrs Meyer &  
Miss Traper - will



2/ from irreplaceable  
workers. As regards  
myself. I confess that  
work for the schools  
in general has seemed  
so important during  
the past few months  
that I have not found  
time to visit my own  
schools as diligently  
as I should. But  
in future I hope to

be diligent in this  
way above all others,  
if only to show how  
grateful I am to you  
for including my  
name in such a  
list as was published  
today. Believe me, my  
Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully & very respectfully  
J. E. Campbell  
Inspector, Fifth School  
Dis. Dist.

*R. A. Loewenthal, President.  
Wm. A. Francis, Secretary.*

*Mutual Fire Insurance Company,  
45, 47 & 49 Cedar St.*

*New York, May 21st, 1896*

J. B. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary - City Hall,

New York.

Dear Sir:

The papers mention my appointment as a School Inspector for the 20th District, but omit my address. For your records, I would state that my residence is No. 34 East 62nd Street.

Yours truly,

*R. A. Loewenthal*

LUMBER  
LATH  
SHINGLES  
SASH  
DOORS  
MOULDINGS  
HAIR  
CEDAR POSTS



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GLASS

Big Timber, Mont., May 2<sup>d</sup> 1896.

To The Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to give me the name of the Supt. of the Public Gardens as I have a fine specimen of our Rocky Mountain antelope which I thought he might want for the Park?

I enclose stamp for reply which will oblige

Yours reply E. C. Hale

Refer this to  
W. L. Strong to  
answer



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Big Timber, Mont. May 21 1896

To the Mayor of New York  
New York City

Dear Sir

I was delayed in answering yours of May 7<sup>th</sup> inst. by asking for a permit from our Governor to ship the Antelope out of the state. I have the permit and also the date for delivering the animal by express in your city. I will take \$5.00 for the Antelope fee in New York City by Express. It will cost about 20<sup>00</sup> express and something for crate &c. She is a fine animal very tame and three years old I think we can deliver her safely to you.

Resply  
E. C. Hale

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

We understand  
that two of the former public  
school trustees of this ward  
have been made inspectors.

If so the appointments are  
an error. The cause of our  
opposition in full, would be  
too long a story, but in brief  
is as follows.

We hold them responsible  
to the 1000 children that have  
been turned away for the want  
of room from Public school  
Br. Loc. are 106<sup>th</sup> and 11  
like numbers from P. School  
on 115<sup>th</sup> bet. 3<sup>d</sup> & Loc. streets.

These two will suffice as an



illustration of the mean contemporary  
robbery of even of the precious gifts  
to the young.

While a member of the Law  
P. Motion Club, I was one of a  
committee appointed to correct  
the evil through the Trustees, but  
we accomplished nothing except  
perhaps to set the ball rolling  
for their final expulsion.

The new school now building  
Cor. Madison Ave + 118<sup>th</sup> street  
add but little to the children of  
this section. We called their  
attention to it, and was assured  
"that they knew this well", no  
doubt they did with the usual  
modern suspicion attached.

The proper location of schools  
is easily ascertained and they  
know it, for a census of them



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Children. showed that enough lived east of 3<sup>d</sup> ave. to fill another building.

By some process, perhaps by forcing others out, room was made for more children in Lex. ave. + 106<sup>th</sup> St. school, or rather I was so notified just before the Trustees vanished.

An explanation in part at least may be found in the large parochial school almost finished on 106<sup>th</sup> St. bet. 2<sup>d</sup> + 3<sup>d</sup> ave. Now if a church knows the proper place, why did not the Trustees?

Of import in the past, the change in title will not quicken their zeal or method.

Respectfully Submitted

C. C. McKeever

1675 Lex. ave.

May 21, 96.

Woman's State Federation  
FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD  
317 MASON STREET

President, MRS. EVA E. BATES  
Rec. Secretary, MRS. FLORENCE PERCY MATHERSON  
Corres. Secretary, MRS. LILA MAY KIMBALL

San Francisco, Cal., May 21st. - 1896.

To the Mayor of New York City:-

Dear and Honored Sir,

The "Woman's State Federation for the Public Good" in California, will be exceedingly grateful, if you will kindly put us in communication with the proper authorities; so that we may receive information, in regard to the positions, held by women, under the City Government.

Our members are trying to do some good in this world:- something that will be of lasting benefit to future generations. To this end, we are seeking to learn all we possibly can, in order that we may accomplish better work.

Yours Very Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Lila May Kimball, -  
Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Lila May Kimball,  
1714 Mason St.,  
San Francisco,  
California.



THE RIVERSIDE PARK  
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

SAMUEL G. BAYNE, CHAIRMAN,  
J. ROMAINE BROWN, SECRETARY.  
OFFICE, - - 18 BROADWAY.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & IMPROVEMENT.

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JOHN J. GIBBONS, JOSEPH J. KITTEL,  
JOHN H. STUPHEN,  
SIR RODERICK W. CAMERON.

NEW YORK, May 21st, 1896.

Honorable Wm. L. Strong,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir :

Referring to the conversation we had this morning in which you asked me to make a brief statement of the facts regarding the growing nuisance on the Boulevard between 107th and 108th Streets - I will say, when I was on my vacation last summer Mr. Constable issued a permit for a wooden structure, to a messenger in his office named O'Rourke, in which to entertain bicycle riders of both sexes.

It was reported to me, and Mr. Constable and myself had a correspondence regarding it ; I politely asked him to withdraw the permit on the ground that the structure would greatly depress the real estate, and that as a public officer he had no right to give such privileges ( highly detrimental to those who owned property ) to an official in the employ of the city or to any one else - he having the power either to grant or refuse such permit.

The correspondence became somewhat strained, but towards its end it was understood that the structure would not be permitted to stand after the expiration of O'Rourke's lease, in March, '96. O'Rourke then called on me and offered to abandon the business for two hundred dollars : Ofcourse I refused this.

Instead of its being removed, it is now running in full blast as a Coney Island concern, with cheap lanterns, flags, and a band : dancing is permitted 'till the early hours.

A few weeks ago a second wooden structure was erected on the north east corner of 108th street - later, a third was put up adjoining O'Rourke's, and now the lumber is on the ground for an extensive place on the south west corner of 108th street.

This Association asks you to protect them from the great loss that this growing nuisance will inflict on them as property owners and tax payers. As an example, the writer and Mr. T. Wistar



Honorable Wm. L. Strong, 2nd page.

Brown of Philadelphia pay over six thousand dollars per annum <sup>for taxes</sup> on lots actually adjoining these sheds. If they are continued, we can neither profitably improve nor sell the property. There is no need of these tents as there is a reputable place on the south west corner of 108th street and Boulevard, and another on the south west corner of 107th and Boulevard, at which bicycle riders can have all their wants supplied.

I can fancy no reason why Mr. Constable permits these nuisances to be erected unless it be to punish me for having the temerity to object to O'Rourke's first structure.

I hope you will use your good offices to protect us from further losses and annoyances by ordering that these structures be at once removed. I know of no similar places in the settled part of the city.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wm. L. Strong', written in a cursive style.

Chairman.

**Board of Managers**  
OF THE  
**New York Botanical Garden.**

Secretary's Office, 41 East 49th St., New York.

May 21st, 1896. 189

My dear Sir:

At the direction of the Subcommittee on Plans, New York Botanical Garden, I have the honor to inform you that the competitive designs for the Museum Building, as submitted by nine architectural firms, will be on view in the draughting-room of the Department of Engineering, School of Mines, Columbia University, from Monday, May 25th, to Thursday, May 28th.

It is the desire of the Subcommittee that these plans be seen by every member of the Board of Managers who desires to examine them. The Subcommittee will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 28th, at 4:30 o'clock P. M., with a view of determining the successful competitor, and will be glad to be advised by any of the Managers at that time.

Preliminary sketches for the first horticultural house will also be exhibited.

Yours very respectfully,

*N. L. Britton*  
Secretary.

FOX HURST,  
WESTCHESTER AVENUE.

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My dear Mr. Strong -  
We are so very  
much gratified at  
your kind response.  
Through Mr. Bridges -  
and shall look  
forward with great  
pleasure - at the  
opportunity - to  
show you our  
comfortable little -



Room for all people:

I will - to - maintain  
the methods of teaching  
Best - Farms - and  
trust - you will  
signify which route  
will be most -  
agreeable to you.

Between the Best -  
Farms or Southern  
Boulevard to the cars  
connect - at - 129<sup>th</sup> St -  
mils - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & L.  
Both - lead to R. Farm,

When we shall be happy to—  
meet—and conduct you to the—  
Home. The other ways—are the—  
Suburban Elevated to—177<sup>th</sup> St— or  
from the Grand Central to  
Jenumont— at either of these points—  
we will send a conveyance—  
for yourself and companions  
It would be an added pleasure  
if Mrs. Quincy felt equal to

the-fairing. Our simple exercises of  
reports and election of officers - will  
occupy only twenty-minutes - and  
we have asked our subscribers to  
be with us at four o'clock and  
we are ~~only~~ trying to make it  
an occasion for a visit to the-  
Norm - with the addition of a  
strong inducement - to them to  
make the effort.

Very respectfully and  
cordially yours -  
May 22<sup>d</sup> 1896. Caroline C. Tappan



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Dear Sir,

Permit me to express my great pleasure, at the appointment, by you, of Mr. Robt. J. Johnston, as School Inspector, in the 35<sup>th</sup> (a part of new annex) dist.

Mr. Johnston has been connected with this house during the past twenty years, and from what I know of him, I am confident that, his influence for reform, will be sorely felt, in a district where it is much needed - I am -

Very respectfully yours  
Jas B. Fuller

To

The Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor -

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NEW YORK, May 22<sup>d</sup> 1896

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor &c:

My Dear Col. Strong:

I write to thank you for the kindly confidence you have shown in me in appointing me a School Inspector in the 35<sup>th</sup> District.

I cannot assure you of the sufficiency of my qualifications to fill the position but I can assure you that I will devote to it such energy and intelligence as I possess and that I will bring to the work not only the determination to assist in every way I can the cause of better education in this City but the strong desire to add what little I can to make your administration the success which your own conscientious efforts deserve that it should be.

Sincerely yours  
W. W. Niles Jr



St. Michael's Church,  
225 West 99th Street,

New York, May 22nd, 1896.

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

Sir,-

I take the liberty of addressing you with regard to the appointment of Superintendent of Schools. I am aware that technically this does not belong to you but to the Board of Education, but I believe that a word from you would have great effect with that Board, and it seems to me that this is an occasion on which, owing to the importance of the question involved, you may fairly be asked to use your all powerful influence. I do not believe that there has been in your administration any matter which has come up which is more important than this; I doubt if there has been any which has been as important. If your administration should take our schools out of their present condition and make them what they ought to be, so that instead of being rated 26th in the list of excellency <sup>of the</sup> ~~in our~~ schools of the cities of this country we should be rated first or second, it ~~will~~ be remembered as an administration which did good things for this our city of New York, even if it had nothing else to



show. On the other hand if the present opportunity to better our schools is lost it will not return for many, many years, if at all, and while technically it would be the fault of the School Board that it was lost, nevertheless your administration would be held by the people at large responsible for the failure.

I am intensely interested in the improvement of our schools. During many years of my life I was a professional educator, and although now a Rector of a Church in this city still continue my interest in educational methods and educational progress. Lately I have visited a number of times one of the schools in this district. It is I believe one of the best schools in the city, if not the best of our public schools. The Principal of the school I like very much, and many of the teachers are exceedingly efficient and capable. Now let me call your attention to what I have observed in this school which interferes and must interfere seriously with proficiency. *To begin a little way back,* Very little effort was made to provide with schools to keep up with the growth of the population. *in this neighborhood* For some years there was a most lamentable condition of affairs, the school buildings being overcrowded and numbers of the children not being *able* ~~allowed~~ to enter at all. It was only a few weeks ago that I came across a poor girl of fourteen who did

not know how to read or write for the simple reason that during her whole life up to that time she had been unable to secure admittance to the schools. Now it is necessary for her to go to work, and I doubt whether she will ever learn to read and write. By the building of a new school and the enlargement of one already existing the school facilities ~~we~~ were improved in this neighborhood, and at the present moment the schools nominally accomodate the population, or possibly there may be two or three on the waiting list for whom there is no place. But almost every day at the present time there is a new <sup>a</sup> apartment house opened for occupation or a new separate house is completed. The increase of the population here is exceedingly rapid, and so far as I can see no haste is being made to provide schools for this increasing population; so that next Autumn we shall be in the same place in which we were two years ago.

But, not only is this the case, the present schools are capable of caring for the children only by a real overcrowding. Where there should be thirty-five or forty, or at the most forty-five children to each teacher there are now about sixty in the particular school of which I am speaking. Now, never mind how efficient the teacher and how efficient the principal the work of the school can not be maintained at the standard at which it ought <sup>to be</sup> when the teachers are so overburdened. Perhaps it is immediately the fault of the



Trustees and of the Board that there is such unfortunate and injurious overcrowding, but surely an efficient and active Superintendent could and would bring about a change. The ~~xxx~~ same thing is true with regard to other matters pertaining to physical comfort and to health.

The conveniences in this school house are better I believe than in most, but they are not sufficient. The desks and chairs for the children are old fashioned and must be in many cases injurious. There are children of all ~~sizes~~ in a class and the difference between the smallest and the largest chair and the smallest and largest desk in each classroom is almost nothing. I saw large children compelled to sit in small chairs with small desks in front of them to the probable injury of their health at a critical time when they are growing. In most cases the amount of injury done is not so ~~great~~ as to be readily perceived, but in some it is very serious, and the aggregate of the entire damage from such a matter as this is really very large.

I am speaking here of outside matters, but very much the same thing is true with reference to the curriculum in this school. Things are antiquated; we have not kept pace with the progress of the day. The Principal makes the very most of everything that can be made. I noticed some most admirable methods of imparting instruction. Now back such



*Superintendent*

Principals up with a modern and progressive ~~Principal~~. We need a Superintendent of Schools versed in the needs of the day to bring about a reform in our whole school system. I have referred to one individual school, perhaps I should better have directed my criticism to the system as a whole and mentioned certain salient points in which our system itself is notably deficient. I belong to the New York Free Kindergarten Association, and in this neighborhood I belong to another association which has established a kindergarten for poor children. The benefit, to the poorer classes particularly, of such institutions is enormous. Our schools ought to develop downwards so as to care for children at an earlier age. No child can get into the schools here now earlier than five and commonly not earlier than six years of age. We need kindergartens to take them when they are as young as four. We certainly require a Superintendent who will consider a matter like this carefully, and who does not work against kindergartens and adopt them only under compulsion as novelties.

We have no high school in the city of New York. We have a so called college. A graduate of that college stands about as high as a person who has gone through one or two years in a first class college, like Columbia, Yale or Harvard. In

New Haven, Conn., a boy can go through a high school and be fitted for Yale and receive the highest education, in general lines or in any specialty, which the country can give. In Philadelphia the city has a right to nominate a certain number of free scholars to the University of Pennsylvania, and every year a certain number of graduates from the high school enter the various departments of the University and receive the highest training which we know how to give. This can not be done in this city. We need to disencumber our college, if we are going to make it a real college, and to provide high schools by means of which more of the public school scholars can be trained in the higher branches than at the present time.

We need a system of manual schools.

I beg your pardon for burdening you with so long a letter, in case you have read far enough to find my apology. The papers of yesterday announced in their reports of the meeting of the Board of Education of the day before that it was possible to secure President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University as Superintendent of Education in this city. It is an opportunity which should not be lost, and as it is the bounden duty of every citizen to endeavor by every means in his power to secure the best possible for this our city I am



addressing this letter to you, because I do not know in what other way, if any, I can contribute my mite towards procuring an able Superintendent to lift our schools out of their present unsatisfactory condition and make them what they should be, an honor to the city and a blessing to every ~~child~~ child within our borders.

Yours respectfully,

John P. Peters.



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52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK,

May 22, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
New York.

My dear Sir:

The Sound Currency Committee of the Reform Club, in order to carry on the work to which we are pledged, finds itself in need of funds.

If convenient, may I beg that you kindly send me a check to the order of Charles S. Fairchild, Chairman, for \$100. in payment of your subscription to our fund for the current year.

Very truly yours,

  
Chairman Executive Committee.

N. Y. May 23-1896

Job. E. Hedges

Secretary to Hon Mary Strong

Dear Sir

Kindly forward my declination to the Hon Mayor Strong  
Thanking him for the kindness  
in selecting me for one of the  
Inspectors of the Common Schools  
in the City of New York.

Which I assure you I sincerely  
appreciate.

I am about in a very short time  
to become a non Resident.

Thanking you again.

Very Respectfully Yours. Thos Williams

Edm Sh.

DIOCESAN HOUSE,  
TWENTY NINE LA FAYETTE PLACE,  
NEW YORK.

Bishop Potter very much regrets  
that as he will be out of town on  
Wednesday, May Twenty-seventh he  
cannot accept the courteous invitation  
of The Mayor of the City of New York  
and The Commission of Public  
Works for that day.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1836.



Rev. JOSIAH STRONG,  
General Secretary.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE  
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
511 UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
FOURTH AVENUE COR. 22D STREET.

New York, May 18th '96

Hon. William L. Strong.

Dear Sir:

The kind invitation of yourself and the Commissioner of Public Works to be present at the presentation of the subject of Public Baths, May 27th, is received.

I am much interested in the subject and would

gladly accept, but an  
engagement in the West  
on that date makes  
it impossible to attend.

Thanking you for the  
invitation, I am

Yours with great re-  
spect,

Joshua Strong.

President Eliot regrets  
that his engagements  
make it impossible  
for him to accept the  
invitation of the Mayor  
of the City of New York, to  
attend a Presentation  
of the Subject of Public Paths,  
on Wednesday afternoon  
May twenty-seventh at  
four o'clock.

Harvard University,  
18 May, 1896.



OFFICE OF  
ROBERT TREAT PAINE,  
6 JOY ST., BOSTON.

May 18, 1896.

To the Honorable Mayor of the  
City of New York.

My dear Sir,

I beg you to accept my thanks for the courtesy of the invitation to be present at the City Hall on May 27th at a presentation of the subject of Public Baths by the Mayor's Committee. I regret that I shall not be able to be present and shall read the report of the proceedings with great interest.

In dealing with the most stupendous problems of our own times, the problem of promoting the elevation of the great masses of working people gathered into the congested life of great cities, everything should be reasonably done to give them a fair chance.

Yours respectfully,

Robt. Treat Paine

Winwood,  
Stockbridge.

May 23<sup>d</sup> '96

To  
His Honor the Mayor

Dear Sir

I do not know  
whether it is to you that I owe  
the invitation to be present at the  
setting forth of the plans for Public  
Baths on Wednesday next. I  
should much like to attend  
and be instructed, but we have  
come to the country and I shall  
necessarily be detained here till  
nearly the end of the month.  
I wish your official duties could  
permit you to enjoy the lovely  
spring freshness of the Country.

With many thanks

Very truly yours

Rosalie Butler



Mr. Wm Cary Sangre  
regrets that his absence  
from the City will pre-  
vent him from accept-  
ing the very kind invi-  
tation of the Mayor of  
the City of New York  
and the Commissioner  
of Public Works, for  
Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>,

Albany, N.Y.

May twenty sixth

#1622 Amsterdam Avenue, New York May 23rd, 1896.

TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF  
WILLIAMSBIDGE, N. Y.

Honorable Gentlemen:-

If I take the liberty of approaching you, as the poor widow of Louis Boehler, deceased who has been killed by accident while in your employment on the 6th day of June 1893, and as a humble petitioner, I do so from motives of necessity and with the conviction of my right and with the great confidence in your Honorable Body's Kind humane feeling; and sympathy with a poor fellow creature, and widow, that has lost every resource and support through that sad occurrence of her husbands sudden departure from this life, while engaged working for your village.

I therefore, humbly beg of your Honorable Body to take my sad case kindly into consideration, as well as my appeal for some equivalent for my husband's life, which I now make forced on by circumstances of necessity and poverty, having a family to support without means and no source from which support comes. The proof of my reluctance I am sure, can easily be found in the fact, that I have neglected to proceed legally with my just claims, to the point of being outlawed now and therefore, Honorable Gentlemen I know that the result of your kind consideration will be such, as to do by me, a poor helpless woman, mother and widow that what is right and just in the face of God.



( # ; - 2 - : # )

Trusting to be favored by an early kind favorable reply to  
relieve me and my poor children in my present most deplorable  
condition, caused by the untimely death of my poor husband while  
engaged working for you. I have the honor to be, your, Honorable  
Body's most respectful and obedient servant,

*Sophie Boehler*

I beg to refer to,

MR. CHARLES HEINRICH,  
Ex-United States Consular Officer,

*237 Willis Ave. cor. 138<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. City*

MR. ALEXANDER U. MAYER,  
Lawyer,

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Lawyer,

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New York.

*P.S. 3 Enclosures for your kind exami-  
nation; please address*

*Mrs. Sophie Boehler  
c/o Prof. Chas. Heinrich  
237 Willis Ave.  
N.Y. City*



New York May 23rd 1896

To the Honorable W.L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly give the following protest your consideration.

About four years ago a saloon was opened on that part of Columbus Avenue known as the Aphorp Lane between 93rd and 94th to middle of the block, surrounded by private houses. The property owners at the time of its opening sent a strong protest against the licensing of a saloon, as there was a saloon on the corner of 93rd Street and one on 94th Street. It has caused not only a depreciation in property, but it has become in our judgement a nuisance. The lower part of the hall is a bowling alley and is run at all hours and is detrimental to health and sleep. We have tried times and times again to remedy this but unsuccessfully. The bowling alley is not the worst part of it, but another part of the building is used for a concert hall for different clubs to meet in. One especially known as the Red Mens Club. The fearful noises made by these persons with the firing of blank cartridges and the fearful screaming alarms the entire neighborhood.

We trust that you will use your influence to relieve us of the state of things that exist in this place.

Very Respectfully

*George C. Edgar 76 - 94 West St*  
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H J Dawson  
78 W 94

Charlotte A. Sherwood

78 West 94th  
New York City

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Orders will be entered subject to the following conditions:  
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relieve us from prompt fulfillment of contracts."

Hon W. L. Strong Mayor of N Y  
*Dr Sir*

Now that the Turnell is put to rest we  
will not have to wait for Rip Van Winkle but  
I hope we will through you allow the  
Elevated RR to build from 33 St & Broadway  
up the Boulevard as far as they can go  
they a resident of 74 St I am pleased to see  
that they propose a station about 75 St or  
71 St would be better but the greatest point  
in N Y to have a station is at 60 St & the  
Boulevard here within 500 feet up have 8 Lines  
of Cars connecting with all Cross Town roads this  
will be in 5 years the great Centre of N Y City  
hence I hope you will insist on the Elevated  
RR having their main station at 60 St & Boulevard  
this will not interfere with the Park Circle yet will  
be at the Entrance to the Park  
Yours Frank C. Travers



William S. Sharp,  
Publisher of  
Smith's Old Colonial History of  
Nova Caesarea or New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., May 23d, 1896.

My dear Strong,  
New York.

My dear Sir: I am engaged  
in the preparation of an illustrated  
history of the State, and  
inasmuch as New York and  
its citizens, as well as Phila-  
delphia and its citizens,  
are so identified with New  
Jersey and its citizens, I have  
determined to give pictures, (the  
earliest of the two cities,) with  
those of the Mayors at that  
time.

I have the picture of the  
city of Philadelphia (first) as well as  
that of the Mayor, and I have a  
picture (earliest a first of New  
York) and of the Mayor 1612. I  
have one of a Mayor earlier than this,

Wm. S. Sharp



and if possible to get me  
of him?

I would thank you in  
the interest of history, more than  
in my own, if you will kindly  
aid me in this matter.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours truly,  
Thos. S. Sharp.

OFFICE OF  
THEODORE D. KELLOGG,  
55 WILLIAM ST.,

NEW YORK, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896.

Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir =

I have made a careful study of the question of rapid transit for several years, and particularly with reference to the Manhattan L. I am confident that I can show to your entire satisfaction that, at a cost of about four millions, this system can treble its carrying capacity, nearly double its speed, securing the highest speed attainable by any system, above or below ground, and also include, at a bare cost, or less, the proposed extension, in a loop, from the Bridge via Centre, Canal & West Sts. to the Battery.

From the position of responsibility you occupy, and the very evident interest in the subject you have taken, I think that you will wish to know how this can be done, before steps may be taken to crystallize operations in a form that will prove less beneficial. If you will be kind enough to appoint time and place when and where I can meet you, I will require but two minutes of your time to give you such a general view as will enable



you to decide whether my views appear to be  
practicable and are worthy further consideration.  
If no, I am willing that you should then and  
there consider the interview terminated, knowing  
your time to be valuable; if yes, I can then, in  
about 15 minutes, give you a complete view, sup-  
ported by facts, figures, and illustrations, so that you  
will be able to form a conclusive and intelligent  
decision upon the subject.

I have the honor to be faithfully and  
obediently yours

Theodore D. Kellogg.

New York May 23. 1896  
Hon W. L. Strong.  
Mayor.

Dear Sir-

There are some <sup>acts</sup> of your officials that are entitled to and are receiving the commendation of good citizens and none more so than your acts of the Salary grant of the officers of the Fire Department.

The writer of this believes that the cause of good government demand that an intimation be given to the present Board of Fire Commissioners that their duties require them to conduct the business of that department not at the rank and file level but as the best interest of the city demand.

Hardly a week has passed lately that the newspapers have not chronicled the visit of a committee of officers and privates to the Board.

making demands for some concessions to them either as to an "increase of Salaries or for ~~more~~ more "extended leaves of absence". The latest request made for extended leaves of absence to the officers should be overruled sat upon. The Firemen of this city are paid very large salaries greater proportionately by at least 50% than they would obtain in any other vocation. They have a very easy time of it when compared with the dirty labor and salaries received in other walks of life. The last request is an independent one as will be shown by a glance at the following statement as to the actual time on duty per week of an officer - not considering vacation time in the summer months.

So hours in week	168.
" " allowed per day (6 1/2)	
6 days per week } 36.	

Brought forward	36	168
N <sup>o</sup> of hours leave of absence		
1 day per week } 24	60	
leaving time for actual duty	108 hours	
equal to	4 1/2 days	
which is little enough for the salary they receive.		

It is to be hoped that you will interpose objection to any further concession like this.

Respectfully  
D. J. Hebard

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NEW YORK,

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1896.

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

Your Honor.

I thank you very much for the invitation to be present at the meeting, Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> in the Aldermanic Chamber to hear the presentation of the subject of Public Baths by your Committee.

I very much regret that I will not be able to attend as I leave the city tomorrow. I have taken the liberty to extend the invitation to some of our directors, as it is a subject in which we are deeply interested, and I wished very much to have our Association

represented at that meeting.

Very sincerely yours

M. E. Trumbull  
Pres't



F. B. THURBER,  
143 CHAMBERS ST., NEW YORK.  
P. O. BOX 2251.  
TELEPHONE 575 FRANKLIN.

New York, May 24 1896

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

You may be interested  
in the enclosed from the "Engineering Record"  
in re Bridges between New York & Brooklyn

Also in re the "Greathead" underground  
RR system in London. I will send  
you the succeeding portion of this paper  
next week. The "Herald" of today has  
a good editorial in re the Elevated roads.

Yours truly

F. B. Thurber



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Committee on  
Expenditures in the State Department,  
House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.,

May 25, 1896.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Will you kindly let me know if anything has been done or what is to be done with regard to the paving of the street in west 74th St. between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues, upon the application of Madam Veltin and other residents, which I presented to you about ten days ago? I am extremely interested in this matter for I think that Madam Veltin's school is entitled to the greatest consideration. She is doing an admirable work with her two hundred scholars and this consideration, in addition to the fact that the street so much needs repaving, is one which I hope will weigh strongly with you.

Faithfully yours,

Lemuel E. Quigg.



*City of Louisville.*  
*Office of The Mayor.*

*Louisville, Ky.,* May 25th, 1896. 189

Hon. William Strong

Mayor: New York City-N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The Public Seal of the City of Louisville is worn and out of date, and I am anxious to have one constructed that will do credit to the City.

Before making a selection, I would like to secure an impression of the Seals now in use in some of our representative cities.

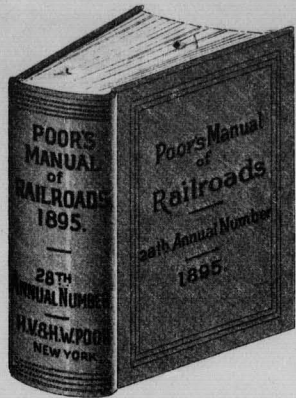
Will you oblige me by sending me an impression of your Seal on a small piece of paper, also if it is not asking too much, will you send me a copy of the Vouchers now in use in your City.

Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated by

Yours Respectfully

*Geo. D. Add*  
Mayor.





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*No 44 Broad Street,*

*New York.* May 25, '96

The Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor,  
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send us a copy of your last annual report or message and of the reports of such other City Officials (especially City Treasurer and City Comptroller or Auditor) as will enable us to present a comprehensive statement of the present status of your Municipal indebtedness, resources, etc., etc., corresponding to that given in the last annual number of "Poor's Manual", a proof of which is enclosed.

As the "Manual" is now in press, you can appreciate the value to us of this courtesy on your part. Besides, your early attention to this matter will insure absolute accuracy in our presentation of the affairs of your City.

Very respectfully yours,

*John P. Meany*  
Managing Editor.



415 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York May 25<sup>th</sup> 1906

Hon Wm L. Strong  
Mayor

S. Pri

Please return the  
written legal opinion regarding  
the removal of the 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Reservoir, which I left with  
you for perusal some two  
weeks since & oblige

Yours Truly  
W. V. Webb

Hearing was  
on May 12.

37 Wall St.

New York, May 26. 1896

Hon. W.L.Strong,

12 West 57th. Street.

My dear Mr. Strong,

I am delighted to hear that you are to be at Monmouth this summer, and write to ask if I may include you in our arrangement for the Captain's room on the "Monmouth".

At present our party includes Messrs. Bliss, Borden, Ives (Brayton), Simmons, and myself.

Mr. Bliss's devotion to his country and Mr. Borden's to yachting will deprive us somewhat of the pleasure of their company.

Yours sincerely,

*James D. Simmons*

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To Hon W L Strong, Mayor  
New York.

Notice of my appointment as School  
Inspector is received. I will thank  
you for the honor now and  
will qualify on my return to  
New York early next week. E. P. Turner, M. L.



Milton E. Davis

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**Robert Orr,  
Goods from Auction,**

388 Pearl Street, New York, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

I notice my name as one of  
the School Inspectors for the 29th District, recently appointed  
by your Honor.

With no desire to shirk any of my duties as a citizen, but for  
reasons strictly personal to myself, I shall be obliged to decline  
the appointment.

As I leave town this afternoon to be gone a month, I thought  
better to give you immediate notice of my decision in the matter.

Thanking you for the honor, I am,

Yours respectfully,

*Robert Orr*

ENSIGN E. PARDEE, M. D.  
218 WEST 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
NEW YORK.

To the Hon Wm A. T. A. T. A. T.  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir:

Your Secretary's letter  
received this morning and although  
very sensible of the honor conferred  
upon me I regret that I cannot  
serve as School Inspector.

My business duties are such  
that my time is not my own  
but belongs to the suffering  
and I fear that I could not  
give the time to such a  
position and do it the  
justice it would demand



or deserve

Very Truly Yours  
Ensign B Pardee

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1896

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CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

May 25th, 1896.

Frederick Flaccus, Esq.,  
#325 E. 18th St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to notify you that you have been appointed an Inspector of Common Schools for the Twelfth School District.

Will you please call at the City Hall on Wednesday morning, the 27th inst., at 10 o'clock, to receive your certificate and take the required oath of office?

Very respectfully yours,

*Job E. Shaw*  
Secretary.

May 26. 1896.

Honorable Mayor. City of New York

Dear Sir:-

I. hereby return my appointment  
as Inspector of Common Schools for  
the Twelfth District

Very respectfully yours

Frederick Flaccus.



278 Madison Ave.

May 26<sup>th</sup> / 96

My dear Sir:

I received the  
notice to appear tomorrow  
at 10 A. M. and take  
the oath of office as a  
school inspector. As  
I had already planned  
to take my family to their  
country home on a week  
train may I respectfully  
request to be given an  
opportunity to take  
the oath amongst  
the first of those who

am sworn in order  
that I may be excused  
in good time. It  
would be quite a  
serious inconvenience  
under the circumstances  
if I were obliged to  
wait long -

Believe me,

Yours respectfully  
Jesse Albert Locke  
J. C. Hedges Esq  
Secretary.

Bliss & Schley,  
Counsellors at Law,  
160 Broadway,  
New York.

George Bliss.  
William T. Schley.

May 26th, 1896.

Dear Sir:

I understand that a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is called for to-morrow at 11-30 and that at that time the question of awarding the contract or contracts for removing garbage and street sweepings is likely to be presented. As I shall be compelled to be in Court on a case at that hour I write you, and beg you to lay this letter before the Board.

I write in behalf of the Refuse and Garbage Co., whose bid is the lowest for the removal of all substances.

The Commissioner of Street Cleaning has recommended the award of the contract for removing garbage to one of the bidders who bid for that alone and then proposes that the City shall itself remove the ashes and make a contract with Mr Tate in accordance with a letter of his by which he proposes to pay a large sum for what is known as the scow trimmings.

With reference to the policy of breaking up the contract into three parts I have nothing to say, but I desire to suggest that it is not fair to bidders to award the contract for scow trimmings to Mr Tate when other parties have had no opportunity to bid therefor. I am aware that the provisions of the Charter, as to advertising, strictly construed, would probably <sup>not</sup> operate to



prevent the Board from awarding the scow trimming contract privately, but I submit that the Board of Apportionment cannot afford in a matter involving so much to make a private contract with a party who from the very fact that he offers to pay such a sum, it is very clear has been having for some months an arrangement with the City which has been very advantageous to himself.

I respectfully suggest that if the Board is of the opinion that the garbage contract should be awarded separately, being influenced to that determination by the offer of Mr Tate to pay a large sum for the scow trimmings, that one of two courses should be pursued, either that no award for the garbage contract should be made until there has been an advertisement and opportunity for others to bid for the scow trimmings, or what would probably be fairer, if the scow trimmings are to play so important a part in the matter, that new bids be sought for all three divisions into which it is proposed to divide the business.

You will perceive that if you award the contract for garbage at your meeting to-morrow, relying upon Mr Tate's bid, that it may well be that Mr Tate will not give the proper security to carry out his bid, that then you are bound by your award of the garbage contract and the profit which the Street Cleaning Commissioner figures out from the plan he proposes would vanish.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

*John A. H. H. H.*  
*Ex. Sec.*

Mark. Hts. May 26/96

Wm H. Strong Esq.

Mayor

Dear Sir:

Don't you think it would be well to get a vote of the people up here before disposing of any privileges to that Public Lining Corporation the "Manhattan L. R.R. Co"? The people up here don't want the "L" but would like the tunnel which will not mar the beauty of this section, the "L" is a disgusting sight anywhere. The Tenants and Property Owners both are against the L Road, besides that there is no reason why it should come up any farther than it now does, what is wanted is more facilities to bring the public from down town up a limited distance - to the 90<sup>th</sup> and to 104 and 116 - 125<sup>th</sup> St.



there is not room enough  
for all the people to get on  
who wish to down town,  
but by the time 175th St is  
reached the trains are  
all but empty - It is almost  
impossible to get on a  
6th ave. train at 83rd or  
33rd St. at 6 p.m. owing to the  
crowds. If we can't get the  
tunnel then have more  
of the unsightly "L" have them  
on other avenues or put  
another tier on 9th ave  
but don't bring them up on  
the heights, we don't want  
them. I've spoken to dozens  
they all are greatly opposed  
to the "L" much as that spokesman  
of Sage's. L. A. Fuller may say  
to the contrary. Trusting that  
this will not take up too much  
of your time. I am

Yours  
J. J. Johnson



New York, May 26, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong.  
Mayor New York City.  
Dear Sir:

I see by the daily papers that the Board of Incumbrances have made efforts to clear Baxter street of its sheds, and I wish to express my approval of such a course, as I know from personal experience the difficulty any one has had to pass through that street.

But, Mr Mayor, while riding down Canal street I notice there still stands a shed on the south east corner of Canal or Walker & Baxter Street, and it is of this that I write you particularly of.

This shed is supported by iron posts, and during the Tammany regime those people had tied to the post large muslin signs.

On one occasion a young man that worked in the drygoods district and lived on the east side came into collision with one of these signs, and although he righted it, one of the pullers in made an insulting remark.

But this is not all. The following evening while passing a little ways further up from this place, a young man closely buttoned up so as to avoid identification burst from a hall way, and with his whole force <sup>threw himself</sup> against this young man. Then again a few weeks later he was struck with a pebble with such force that if it were a part of an inch nearer he would have lost his eye. This young man

has not daied to go past that place ever since.

Mr. Mayor, I think you do not how overbearing those people are, and how quick they are to persecute anyone that they find to have any little advantage of. Notwithstanding that the side walk in front of their store is the narrowest in the neighborhood, they have brought chairs out there and seated themselves during the hour that people are returning from business.

I hope that justice will be done, and that those people will be treated like the rest of their kind.

I have sent this letter to you personally, so anxious I am that there will not be the least likelihood



of any trouble with these people.

Yours respectfully  
A Citizen.



## Marble Hill Volunteer Hose Co.

CHARLES F. OLPP,  
First Lieutenant.

HENRY STULTZ, SR.,  
Captain.

J. M. BROWN,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

ANTON HÄLM,  
Second Lieutenant.

Marble Hill, New York City. May 27 1896

How William L. Strong

Dear Sir

The residents of marble Hill and Kingsbridge desire to enter a protest against the resolution offered by alderman Woodward on Tuesday May, 20/96. giving the wheelman the privilege of using sidewalk on Kingsbridge road. This road south of the new ship canal is the only flagged walk between youkers and an. fort george it is used by the residents of Kingsbridge and marble Hill as promenade where we can walk without being knee deep in mud. give the wheelman this privilege asked and we will be compelled to trot in the street. We as citizens and tax payers object to the taking away of this walk and trust your Honor will see the justice of this objection and will

your kind influence with  
the Board to defeat this resolution  
and thereby earn the good wishes  
and kind regard we have for you

Very Respectfully

John M. Brown

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New York, May 27th, 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Hon. Sir:-

Your attention is hereby called to the annoyance that the residents of West 106th Street, from Amsterdam to Columbus Avenues, are subjected by the impassable condition of the said block, caused by the same have been broken up through the centre for the purpose of laying a cable road, which, I understand, was done by the by the New York Traction Company.

This condition has existed now, for several months, greatly to the annoyance of traffic, and the health and convenience of the residents of the said block.

At present, there is an old building on the N.W. Corner of 106th Street and Columbus Ave, being torn down, thus making the passage to Columbus Ave., almost impossible to those who live on the North side of the block, as, the street being blocked up in the centre, compels one either to go towards Amsterdam Avenue corner to go down, or at least cross, or, run the risk of passing where the building is being torn down.

It say that this is annoying to those going to and coming from their daily labors, but faintly expresses the feeling of the residents, and we now appeal to you, that, if it is in your power to do anything, you will see that the Traction Company are com-

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pelled to put the street in repair immediately, or cause some openings to be made, in order that one may pass from one side of the Street to the other.

We regret that we are obliged to appeal to you, but do not know to whom else to do so, and trust, that if it is not in your jurisdiction, you will do all you can to place this letter of petition in the hands of the proper person, and thus confer a great favor on

Yours respectfully,

The residents of aforesaid block.



Selden Bacon,  
Attorney and Counselor at Law,  
100 1/2 Mutual Life Insurance Building  
32 Liberty Street.

Wait until  
he returns

New York, May 27, 1896.

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

Dear Sir :-

A letter from you addressed to Mrs. Katharine B. Bacon at my house 175 2<sup>d</sup> Ave. announcing appointment of the addressee as Inspector of Common Schools. The letter seems to have been intended for my wife, whose name is Sarah B. F. Bacon.

Mrs. Bacon was called from the city quite suddenly last week and will not return till the fall. Mr. Reynolds seemed very anxious that Mrs. Bacon should take the place, and she would be willing to do so if she can; I presume however her absence during the summer will interfere with the requirements of your office.

I am,

Yours Very Respectfully,

Selden Bacon -  
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20 EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET.

May 27/96.

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

I have the pleasure  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of a communication noti-  
fying me of my appoint-  
ment as Inspector of Com-  
mon Schools. While ex-  
pressing my appreciation  
of this merited honor,

I beg also to express  
my regret that I do not  
feel justified in accepting  
it. My time is so fully  
occupied by my profession-  
al duties, that I know it  
would be impossible for me  
to fulfil to my own satis-  
faction the duties of an  
Inspector.

Yours very truly  
John A. McCune

High Bridge Improvement Organization,  
1241 OGDEN AVENUE,

CHAS. HILTON BROWN, PRES.,  
C. H. DANNEWITZ, COR. & FIN. SEC'Y.

NEW YORK May 27<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. W<sup>m</sup>. L. Strong,  
My dear Sir;

I feel so deeply interested in rapid transit for this section and it is of such vital importance to us, that I am sure I will be pardoned for writing to you — as a sort of continuation of our talk yesterday afternoon.

You know that this whole section is always left out of any plan for proposed Elevated extensions, and we must depend solely upon electric roads. We can't get across the Harlem, for there is no bridge on the whole west side where surface railroad tracks can be laid.

The east side has the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Madison Avenue and will have the Willis Avenue Bridges, which are used for railway transit, while we have only the Central Bridge, upon which Senator Guy says no legislature will ever allow a railway company to lay tracks. Consequently the proposition made to you yesterday is the only solution of the rapid transit problem for us, viz: allow the new Lenox Avenue bridge to be built (the cost of which cannot come upon your present administration) and let the old McComb's Dam structure be left in its present location and leased to the Metropolitan Traction Co. or The Union Railway Co. — the company so leasing it to make its own repairs and comply with the conditions of the War Department. This would give



practical west side transit on the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue <sup>and</sup> Elevated Roads from Woodlawn, by the Jerome Avenue trolley, and from Yonkers, by the Sedgwick Avenue trolley, and opens up this whole territory.

The main objector is Mr. Fordham Morris, whom I have known for many years, and I may therefore be excused if I say to you what I have already said to him. He says the old Bridge is unsightly and a nuisance. Will it not be more unsightly and more of a nuisance further down the river? Yet he thinks so much of this "nuisance" that he wants it taken to 149<sup>th</sup> St. and rebuilt at great expense, although the law provides for a new, permanent structure at that point. Every argument he uses against leaving the bridge in its present location is applicable against rebuilding it at 149<sup>th</sup> St., where it would remain for years to come, for we will have little chance for improvements in the near future, after Brooklyn and L. I. City get all they want. I think I am warranted in saying that no question of greater importance, to any locality, has ever come before you than this. The old Bridge is our only hope, and, by giving us transit, it would be a great paying investment for the city in the increased valuation of property. Property in this neighborhood has gone down 20% in the last year, as shown by a sale two weeks ago. Mr. Morris sold a large piece of property in this vicinity this year for \$9000. per acre, and yet my property (no better than his) is assessed at \$8000. per acre on the Tax Books — almost its full market value. No wonder the people are discouraged. We have to bear our

High Bridge Improvement Organization,

1241 OGDEN AVENUE,

CHAS. HILTON BROWN, PRES.,  
C. H. DANNEWITZ, COR. & FIN. SEC'Y.

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full share of the city's burdens and can have none of its privileges. We are separated by the river and cannot get a bridge upon which a railroad is allowed to put its tracks.

If Mr. Morris succeeds in having the old Bridge taken down and prevents this section from having transit, he will lose at least a quarter of a million dollars on his remaining property, between its value without transit and its value with transit, in less than three years. What will be the loss to this whole section and the consequent loss to the city treasury?

I am very respectfully yours,

Chas. Hilton Brown.

Wolf St. High Bridge.



May 27/96.

How Wm L. Strong  
To the Mayor

Esteemed Sir:

I penned  
these few lines to you  
stating that I have in-  
formed Com. Roosevelt to  
the effect of a policy  
shop which is a disreputable  
place existing at 278 E 3rd St  
it seems to the <sup>people in the</sup> vicinity of  
this place that Mr. Theodore  
is concerned in some very  
queer business after being  
informed so many times  
so I hope that you will  
do better than he did



Yours Respis  
An American Citizen

Ridgemoor New Jersey  
May 28/96.

To Mayor

Wm. L. Strong  
Dear Sir

Your letter of May 26.  
(in which you have notified me of my  
appointment as Inspector of Common Schools  
for the 24<sup>th</sup> District) has been forwarded  
to me at the above address.

Please accept my thanks  
for the Commission paid me.

I have left the City with  
my family to be gone probably until  
the early part of September. so would  
not attend to the duties required  
until after I return.

Up this will be satisfactory  
will you hold my Certificate at the  
Office until some day I have occasion  
to come in the City.

Yours Very Truly  
Charles R. Stilwell

SIX EAST SIXTY-THIRD STREET.

May 28-1896

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor. City of New York.

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your  
favor, informing me of my appoint-  
ment by you, as Inspector of Schools  
for the Twenty first School District.

I sincerely appreciate  
the honor you have done me, but I am  
forced to decline the appointment,  
in consequence of my expected con-  
tinued absence from the City.

Very Respectfully Yours.  
John J. McLaughlin





ELWYNHURST

PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

Mrs. Mary May 28.

My dear Mr. Strong.

I received my notification to appear at the office of the Mayor & Council. My appointment is as Inspector.

Common School for the 14. District.  
I am out of town, and shall not  
be able to come to town before  
the Second of March. I mean  
I shall come to see you at  
once on my return.

I have Dr. Scott's word for it  
that my absence will not  
cause my appointment to  
expire —

Trusting that my  
absence to appear  
when satisfied will  
cause no inconvenience.

I am yours Truly—

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

(Wm. Gordon Russell)





May 28<sup>th</sup> - 96  
10 A.M.

Mr. Hedge,

Dear Sir,

I having only  
just received your letter  
it is impossible for me  
to appear at the Mayor's  
office this morning to be  
sworn in as Inspector  
of Common Schools.

May notify me by  
return mail whether next

Monday or Tuesday at 10  
A. M., will be equally  
convenient to the  
Mayor.

Yours truly,

Frances Hellman

Her address is:

7 Arroyo Avenue, N. Y.

W. L. - August 1st

RICHARD KELLY, PRESIDENT.

A. THOMPSON, CASHIER.

# Fifth National Bank,

Cor. Third Avenue and 23d Street.

New York, May 28 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your communication of 26<sup>th</sup> inst. notifying me of my appointment as Inspector of Common Schools for the Twenty second School District.

My business affairs require so much of my time and attention that it would be impossible for me to properly perform the necessary duties of the office. I therefore respectfully decline.

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Very respectfully

Richard Kelly  
3 East 73 St



JOHN FURLONG.

JOHN J. DEERY.

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*New York,* May 28, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your notification that I am appointed an Inspector of Common Schools, for the 26th School District. I regret very much that my business affairs will not allow of my accepting this appointment, and thanking you for the honor intended, I remain

Yours truly,

*John Furlong.*

Dictated.

UNION SETTLEMENT,  
237 EAST 104TH STREET, NEW YORK.

May 28. 1896.

Job E. Hedges Esq.  
Secretary

Dear Sir:

Responding to  
your notice of my appointment  
as Inspector of Schools for the  
Twenty-eighth School District, I  
wish to accept the honor with  
thanks.

I have made all arrangements  
to sail Saturday morning,  
the 30<sup>th</sup> for a short absence,  
and cannot report Monday,  
the first for the oath. I can  
come in at any hour tomorrow,  
Friday. Respectfully yours W. E. M. Lord.



No. 29.

# *First National Bank*

GEO. F. BAKER, President.  
H. C. FAHNESTOCK, V. Pres.  
J. A. GARLAND, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres.  
E. SCOFIELD, Cashier.  
WM. B. REED, Asst. Cashier.

*New York*, 28, May 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayer of the City of New York.

City Hall, New York.

My Dear Sir:--

Believing that the chief use of a Reform Mayor is to patiently hear complaints and suggestions and distribute the same where they will do the most good, I take the liberty of mentioning two things.

First:-- Is there not some way to suppress the shocking disgrace of the Fifth Avenue stage line. I don't know anything so unsightly and indecent in any other City in the civilized world.

I assume that the Company has a valuable franchise from the City which doubtless carries with it some obligations. You and I don't feel obliged to ride in these dirty vehicles, But since you have brought us to the day of clean streets, it seems to me that there ought to be a way to exclude from our principal street vehicles that would not be permitted by any other Municipality. It may be proper to add that I am not interested in any transportation line in this City so that this suggestion is absolutely unprejudiced except with the pride that is proper to a citizen of New York, and the knowledge that decent stages can be bought or built.



No. 29.

# *First National Bank*

*New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 189*

GEO. F. BAKER, President.  
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J. A. GARLAND, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres.  
E. SCOFIELD, Cashier.  
WM. B. REED, Asst. Cashier.

One other little thing- it is hardly worth mentioning to you- but I should make a row about it if it occurred in the clerical department of this Bank.

I have to-day received from the Department of Public Works (office of the Water Register) a bill for water meter at my stable, No. 73 E. 52nd. Street, from March 1st. 1894 to March 10th. 1896. The amount is only \$48.20, but letting bills run for two years without presentation would ruin your business or mine!

All of which is respectfully submitted-Pro bene publice.

Yours Very Truly,

*H. C. Fahnestock*

Dr. W. Washburn,

21 East 21st St.

OFFICE HOURS:  
11 A. M. TO 2 P. M.  
7 TO 9 P. M.

TELEPHONE 853 18TH ST.

New York, May 20th 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Upon your kind invitation to be present yesterday "At the presentation of the subject of Public Baths" I attended and was very much interested. At the close, you requested suggestions, and I consequently write.

As a sanatarian I was surprised at two features of the proposed plans. 1st: To locate a bath in one of our parks when we are at great expense reclaiming certain portions of the City for breathing spaces, just now (It is an error to state that the East Side of Tompkins Square is not much used. I am very familiar with that section and know that no park in the City is more frequented than is Tompkins Square- the most populous block in the City, if not in the World, is the one between 8th and 9th Sts. Ave. "B" to Ave. "C" immediately opposite where you purpose to locate the bath house)

2nd: That you should include in your plans no means of disinfecting the clothing of the bathers. This is quite as important as the bathing, to enable the bathers to be clean.

As one of the managers of the only place in the City where clothing is actually disinfected at the time the bath is taken, I should like to invite you, and through you the members of your Committee, to see the bathing and disinfecting accommodations at the Wayfarer's Lodge



of the Charity Organization Society, located at 516 W. 28th St., and operated in connection with the Woodward (Pictures enclosed.) I say advisedly that this is the only place where clothing is disinfected; there are two or three places where the attempt is made, but without success, as shown by the condition of the men and clothing when received by us at our lodge immediately after coming from this alleged disinfection. This is notably true of the floating lodging house of the Commissioners of Charities where disinfection is attempted, but in an unscientific, and consequently, ineffectual manner; the men being literally covered with vermine the next morning after going through the process.

With bath houses built on the lines of ours, the City could expend the \$180,000 in such a manner as to have eight or ten well equipped bath houses located in various parts of the City, capable of bathing six to eight thousand persons per day thoroughly disinfecting the clothing at the same time. The expense of disinfecting is but trifling- the same apparatus that heats the water for the baths also heats the thermostadt. Couches should be supplied on which the bathers can recline during the time the clothing is being disinfected. Almost any house could be economically changed into such a bath house as is required; the employees living on the upper floor and having rent as part pay for services; the baths on the first floor, while the one (or two if need be) next above, could be devoted to the bathers as a place in which to rest while clothes are being disinfected. \$15,000 to \$18,000 would purchase and equip such a bath house and in such locality as is required.

With the \$180,000 which I understand you contemplate using, some eight or ten bath houses could be provided where most needed,

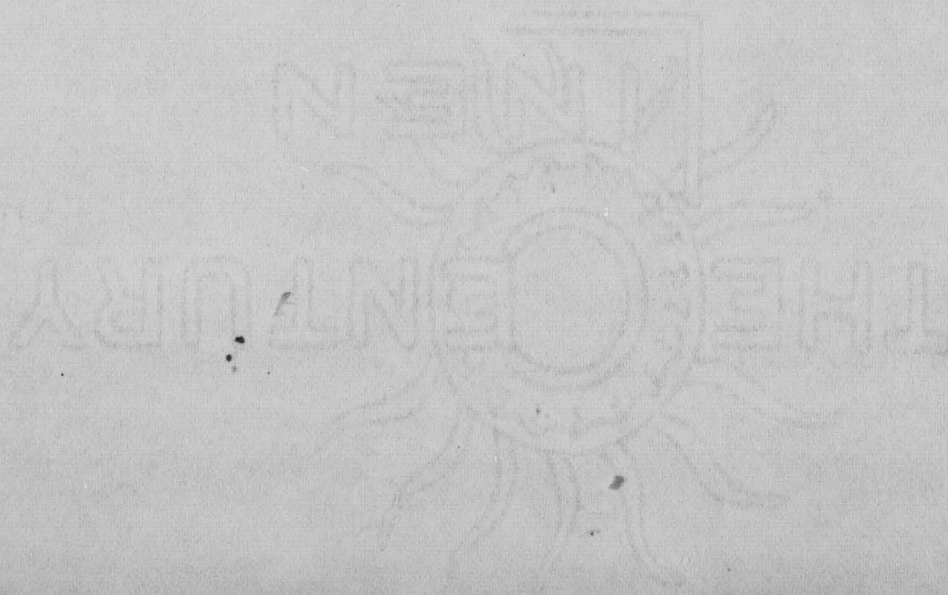


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and could properly bathe, by the spray process, six to eight thousand persons per day, properly disinfecting their clothing at the same time. All this without the use of public parks.

Yours very truly,

*A. Washburn*



will be opened in the banking office at the northwest corner of the ground floor of the United Charities Building. It is hoped to open branch offices soon on both the east and west sides.

The charter provides that no member or trustee of the Society shall receive any compensation for his services or any profit other than lawful interest on money loaned to it.

The Company's capital will be made up of gifts and loans. On the latter, not more than six per cent. will be paid, perhaps not more than four.

Loans will be made to the industrious poor on pawns and probably also on chattel mortgages. The rates of interest charged will certainly not exceed half the pawnbrokers' legal charges. The pawnbrokers' real charges are often from twice to ten times their legal rates.

If the present experiment succeeds, then, after the experience of two or three years has been gained, an effort will be made to take up the business on a large scale, and to do in New York City what the *Mont-de-Piété* does in Paris and elsewhere.

ALFRED BISHOP MASON,

April 14th, 1894.

For the Committee.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WAYFARERS' LODGE,

516 TO 520 WEST 28TH STREET.

The Committee on the Wayfarers' Lodge is the successor to the Committee on Wood Yard, which has been one of the Standing Committees of the Society since 1888, but in consequence of the enlargement of the Committee's work to include the Lodge, the present name was given to it by the Central Council on the 11th of October, 1893.

As appears from the Annual Reports of the Society the building of a Lodging House in connection with the Wood Yard was first proposed in 1890. In 1892 the Committee took the property it now has, the four lots Nos. 516, 518, 520 and 522 West 28th Street. During the winter of '92-'93 the Committee met frequently and discussed with great care the plans for a Lodging House which they had prepared in consultation with the architects Messrs. Constable Brothers, under the direction of Mr. Henry S. Iselin, the chairman, with whom the plan originated. The endeavor was to make the Wayfarers' Lodge a model establishment, and the Committee felt justified in sparing no expense to accomplish this design. At last in the spring of 1893 the plans were settled and ground was broken for the building on the 1st of May. Mr. Heberd, the Superintendent of the Society, was sent on a tour of inspection of the existing Wayfarers' Lodges in Boston, New Haven, Philadelphia and Washington (July 28 to August 2), so that the Committee might act the more intelligently in conducting the proposed work.

The most easterly lot of the four was assigned to the building, which was substantially completed on the 15th of August. It covers 10,000 square feet of floor space. The main building is 25x75 feet, and on the western side there is an office extension one story high. The main building is four stories high with a basement. Both buildings are built of washed brick with pressed brick facings and blue stone sills at the windows. The basement contains the water closets, the seven douche baths supplied with hot and cold water, and the heating and disinfecting apparatus. On the first floor are the kitchen and the meal counter, and the front part of this floor is provided with tables and chairs, and used as a sitting-room in the evening. Newspapers and books are provided, but no smoking is allowed in the building or yard. The adjoining office is specially arranged for the purpose of receiving and registering the men, and the men pass directly from the outer office into the Wood Yard. The second, third and fourth stories are dormitories. Our permit allows us to give beds to 100 men nightly. On the second story the front ~~and back~~ <sup>are</sup> partitioned into rooms for the use of the permanent force. Upon the fourth story is the isolation room ordered by the Board of Health. No case of sickness has occurred in the Lodge, and no medical attendance has been required. This fact deserves mention, in view of the thousands of lodgings which have been given.

The building is heated with steam, the floors are caulked like the deck of a ship and washed down with a hose every day, and the water runs off in the scuppers. Two kinds of beds are used, as the Committee wished to experiment. The preference has been given to canvas mattresses stretched on iron frames rather than to woven wire mattresses, not only on account of the difference of expense, but principally because the canvas can be taken off and put in the fumigating apparatus and disinfected. Each lodger is required at night to put his clothing into a bag made of stout netting, and give it to an attendant, who hangs it up on a rod in the fumigator. He then takes his bath, puts on a night shirt and a pair of slippers, and goes to bed. It should be remarked that out of the large number lodged during the winter of '93-'94, very few indeed made the slightest objection to the bath, which fact shows that the poor and degraded of our city would, doubtless, bathe oftener of their own accord, if they had the proper facilities for doing so.

The Committee went to considerable expense in fitting up the fumigating apparatus, which consists of a brick chamber divided into four compartments, and by means of separate ~~heating~~ <sup>vents</sup> a temperature of 250° can be maintained in it. This heat is sufficient to kill all germs of disease in clothing exposed to it for the required two hours. There has been no vermin anywhere in the building.

1. The Wayfarers' Lodge will be open from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. every week day, and on Sunday from 5 p. m. to 10 p. m.
2. Every applicant will be required to give any information about himself that the Committee or Superintendent may consider necessary. [The questions asked are (1) Name, (2) Age, (3) Nationality, (4) Married or Unmarried.]
3. Each one admitted will be required to saw  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a cord of pine wood for dinner, lodging and breakfast, or to do an equivalent amount of work.



4. Each one will also be required to take a bath before going to bed, and to leave all his clothing for fumigation.
5. No intoxicated or disorderly person will be admitted or retained.
6. Meals will be served as follows:  
Breakfast from 6 to 8 a. m.  
Dinner from 5 to 7 p. m.
7. All who are admitted must behave in an orderly manner, they must not talk in the bed-rooms or use profane or other improper language.
8. No drinking or smoking will be allowed on any part of the premises.
9. No person will be allowed to remain at the Lodge more than three days in a week or six days in a month without a special permit.

The bill of fare is as follows:

*For Breakfast*—Bread, Coffee, Pea or Bean Soup.

*For Dinner*—Bread, Coffee, Tea, Meat Stew, and on Fridays Chowder.

The Lodge is closed on Sundays, but men are furnished breakfast in it and allowed to return to it for supper and lodging, upon condition that on Monday they give the equivalent in labor.

The staff of the Lodge consists of superintendent, book-keeper, clerk, fireman, carpenter, night watchman, foreman of the Wood Yard, floor-man and cook. A policeman has been detailed every day and has been of great assistance in preventing the men leaving the Yard without doing their work and in keeping order. The night watchman is also sworn in as a special officer.

The Committee issue two kinds of tickets, decided upon in October, 1893. The tickets for men with homes are in books of five for one dollar, and entitle the bearer to work for which he is paid fifty cents in cash. Tickets for men without homes are in books of ten for one dollar, and entitle the bearer to work, for which he is paid in lodging and two meals. Both kinds of tickets can be purchased either at the Central Office of the Society, 105 E. 22d St., or at the Wayfarers' Lodge, 516 West 28th St.

The Wood Yard up to this year has always been a tenant of some regular wood dealer, who gave us permission to use a portion of his yard for our labor test. The present Yard takes up three of our four lots, but so enormous was the pressure of work upon us that two adjoining lots were hired in January, 1894. The Wood Yard adjoining the Lodge is in good part covered by wood sheds. The Wood Yard work of the Committee presents no novel features to those of previous years. A stint of work is 8 sticks, which make  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a cord. A day's work for married men is to saw and split this quantity, for unmarried men to saw it only. The term "day's work" is a technical one. As a matter of fact, an active man can easily do his stint in three hours. The Yard is for a labor test, and it is desired that the men only spend a part of their time in the Yard, and the rest in looking for work.

On November 10th, the Committee ordered that the furnishing of meals at the lodging house be begun on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and from that time on homeless men be paid for their work in food, and that no men with homes be paid money except those presenting labor tickets. These orders were

carried out, and on November 27th the house was first opened for lodgers, and from that time on a weekly report has been made in regard to the number of lodgings and meals given, and the number of homeless men and men with homes. During the month of December, 1893, the result was as follows:

	<i>Men with homes registered.</i>	<i>Men without homes registered.</i>	<i>Lodgings.</i>	<i>Meals.</i>
November 27 to 30.	57	87	58	109
December 1 & 2...	46	45	40	81
December 3-9 ....	148	110	98	209
December 10-16 ..	170	210	178	375
December 17-23 ..	233	368	283	517
December 24-30 ..	180	474	409	739
December 31 .....	...	60	60	120
Total .....	834	1354	1126	2150

The work done and the lodgings and meals given during December, 1893, and January, February and March, of 1894, has been as follows:

	<i>Dec. 1, 1893, to Apr. 1, 1894.</i>
Number of registrations.....	14,129
Lodging with beds .....	8,426
Meals furnished .....	17,495
Cords of wood sold from yard .....	882
Cords of wood sold on commission .....	327
Receipts for operation.....	\$19,575 51
Operating expenses, including cost of wood.....	17,616 69

The above expenses do not include interest on the funds invested in the purchase of the four city lots and the construction of the lodge, nor the furnishing of the lodge and yard.

These lots, the building and the sheds, have cost \$57,400.72.

The furnishing of the lodge and yard has cost \$2,368.96; a separate fund of over \$3,000 having been collected by Mr. Iselin for this purpose.

All moneys received have been from the sales of wood or tickets and from donations, except \$56,935.72, which was invested in the Lodge and real estate, partly from the permanent funds of the Charity Organization Society, the remainder being raised by a mortgage for \$25,000, which is still on the property. Interest has been paid in full on this amount to January 1, 1894, amounting to \$1,719.91.

During the four months from December 1, 1893, to April 1, 1894, the receipts for operation have been from the following sources:

Sales of 1,209 cords of wood .....	\$16,343 16
Sales of 6,485 labor tickets for men with homes. }	Yielding..... 2,995 35
Sales of 18,820 labor tickets for homeless men . }	
Donations .....	237 00
Total .....	\$19,575 51

Of the 14,129 registrations during this period, 4,487 were of men with homes, who were paid in cash, and 9,642 of homeless men, who were paid in lodgings and meals.

During the year 1893 the record was as follows, exclusive of special contributions for lots and buildings, and for furnishing the Lodge and Yard:

	<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Expenses.</i>	<i>Cords of Wood Sold from Yard.</i>	<i>On Com. mission.</i>
January.....	\$2,270 85	\$2,605 69	62 $\frac{3}{4}$	49 $\frac{1}{8}$
February .....	2,283 63	2,161 51	99	34 $\frac{3}{4}$
March.....	2,418 40	2,283 61	88	47
April .....	1,448 66	1,131 24	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	35
May ....	1,464 86	1,684 43	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	31 $\frac{3}{4}$
June .....	1,089 53	1,385 45	35 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
July .....	313 14	276 78	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
August .....	314 16	411 81	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
September .....	724 50	645 81	55	12 $\frac{3}{4}$
October .....	1,857 33	1,593 89	121 $\frac{3}{4}$	43
November .....	2,298 06	3,230 77	127 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
December.....	4,396 81	3,177 51	165 $\frac{3}{4}$	58 $\frac{2}{3}$
Total.....	\$20,879 93	\$20,588 50	877 $\frac{3}{4}$	379 $\frac{1}{4}$

The cost of running this Lodge and Wood Yard has been very great. The work developed much beyond the estimate of the Committee on Wood Yard given in their report last year. The present Committee took active steps to meet this expense by the sale of wood, and as the report shows, the public very generously responded. We feel that it is important that the Lodge, as well as the Yard, should be kept open during the summer months. If this is done it may cause a deficit during the year 1894 to meet the expenses of operation, and to pay interest on the investment.

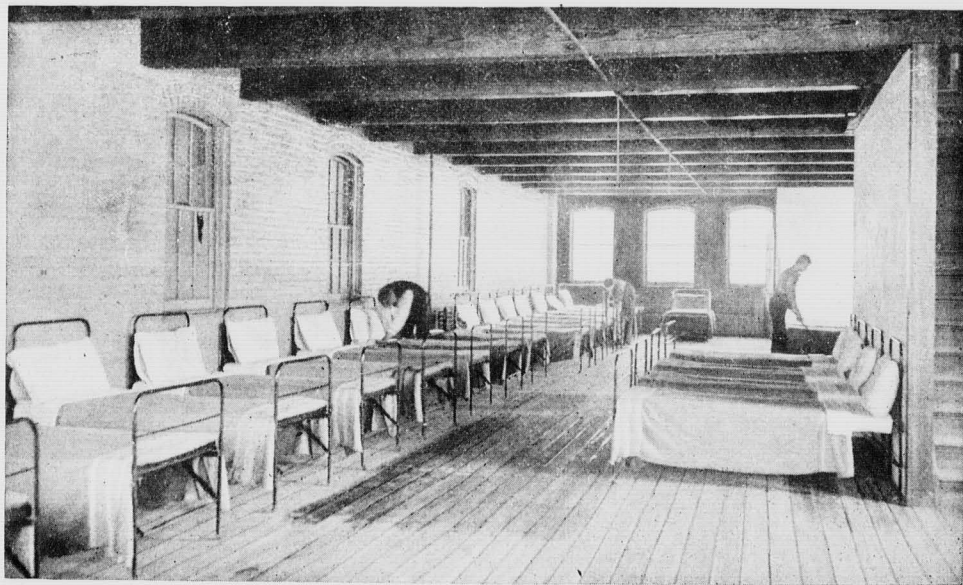
In conclusion, the Committee congratulate the Society upon the successful carrying out of its long-cherished plan, and take great satisfaction in having assisted in the establishment of a model Wayfarers' Lodge, which they invite all members of the Society and persons interested in charitable work to visit. They thank Mr. R. W. Hebbard for his able services in starting the enterprise, and the Superintendent, Mr. Samuel D. Coburn, and his assistants, for their fidelity and devotion.

By order of the Committee,

SAMUEL MACAULEY JACKSON,  
*Secretary.*

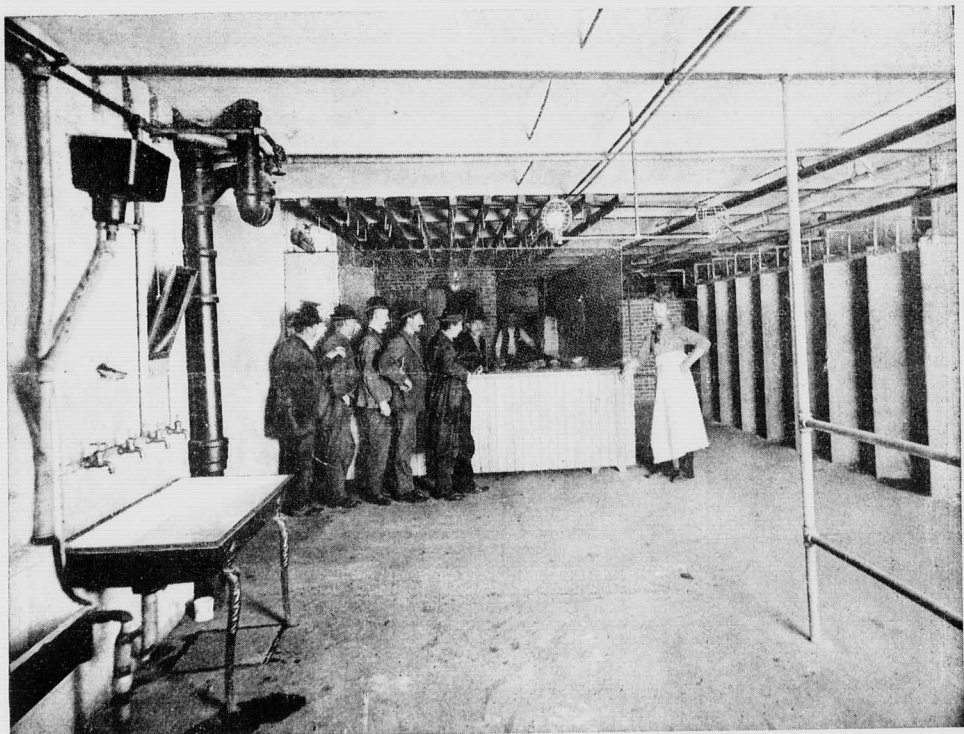
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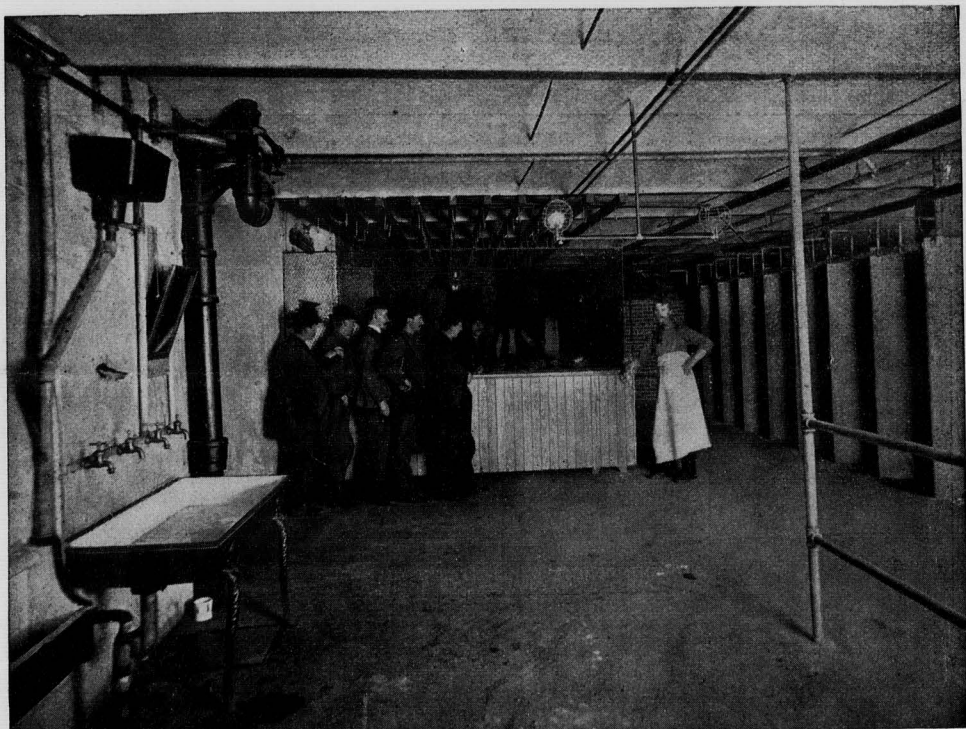
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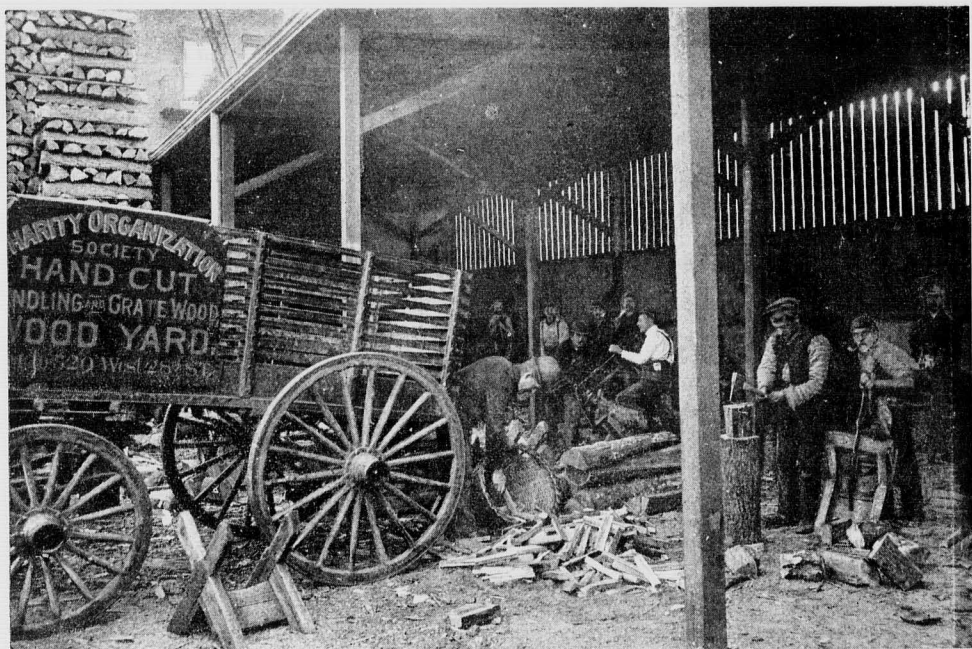
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WOOD-YARD OF THE WAYFARER'S LODGE.

First, The cost of building the fumigating apparatus was \$500.00, or possibly less.

Second, It must be remembered that the fumigating apparatus is connected with the water system, and was therefore more expensive to build and operate as it serves two purposes.

Third, The cost of operating the fumigating and hot water apparatus last Winter was the purchase of 18 tons of coal from December 1st. to May 1st. inclusive.

Fourth, This does not include the cost of the netted bags that are used in connection with the fumigating department. These bags cost about \$4.00 per dozen. — *and last a year or more.*

Respectfully,

*Walter C. Hebbard*

Superintendent.

*(Dictated)*



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NEW YORK,

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1894

Hon Mayor Strong.  
Dear Sir:

Five Ladies, from  
our Association were  
at the meeting held  
at the City Hall  
yesterday afternoon,  
and listened with  
great interest to the  
papers on Public Baths.  
We thank you ever  
so much for the  
invitation.

Yours respectfully

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*New York,* May 28, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's office, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I had occasion to go this afternoon to the License Bureau to go on the bonds of an applicant for a renewal of an express man's license. I must complain of the way which the Marshall treated the applicant and myself. The applicant was an Italian, and was accused by the Marshall of a false-hood, which was entirely uncalled for, as the facts proved the truth of what he said. He told me that he was not responsible for his subordinates, a state of affairs which one would hardly expect in a public office.

The fact of the matter is, that having an ignorant man to deal with, he took occasion to jump on him. I do not wish to make any trouble, but I assure you if others are treated as we were, the office is run in anything but a satisfactory way.

Very respectfully,

*Gilford Hurry*