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Bronx Contagious Disease
Hospital

1913

ANGENETTE PARRY, M.D.
749 MADISON AVENUE.
NEW YORK.

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Mr William J. Gaynor.

My dear Sir;

May I urge

you to use all your influence
for the adoption of the Health
Department's plan for a
Contagious disease Hospital
in the Bronx -

Respectfully yours
Angenette Parry.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
TWO HUNDRED FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY
(FIFTH AVENUE BUILDING, COR. 23RD ST.)



TELEPHONE, 5504 GRAMERCY

April 14th, 1913.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir;-

I am writing to ask you to lend your aid in having adopted the Health Department's plan for a contagious disease hospital in The Bronx.

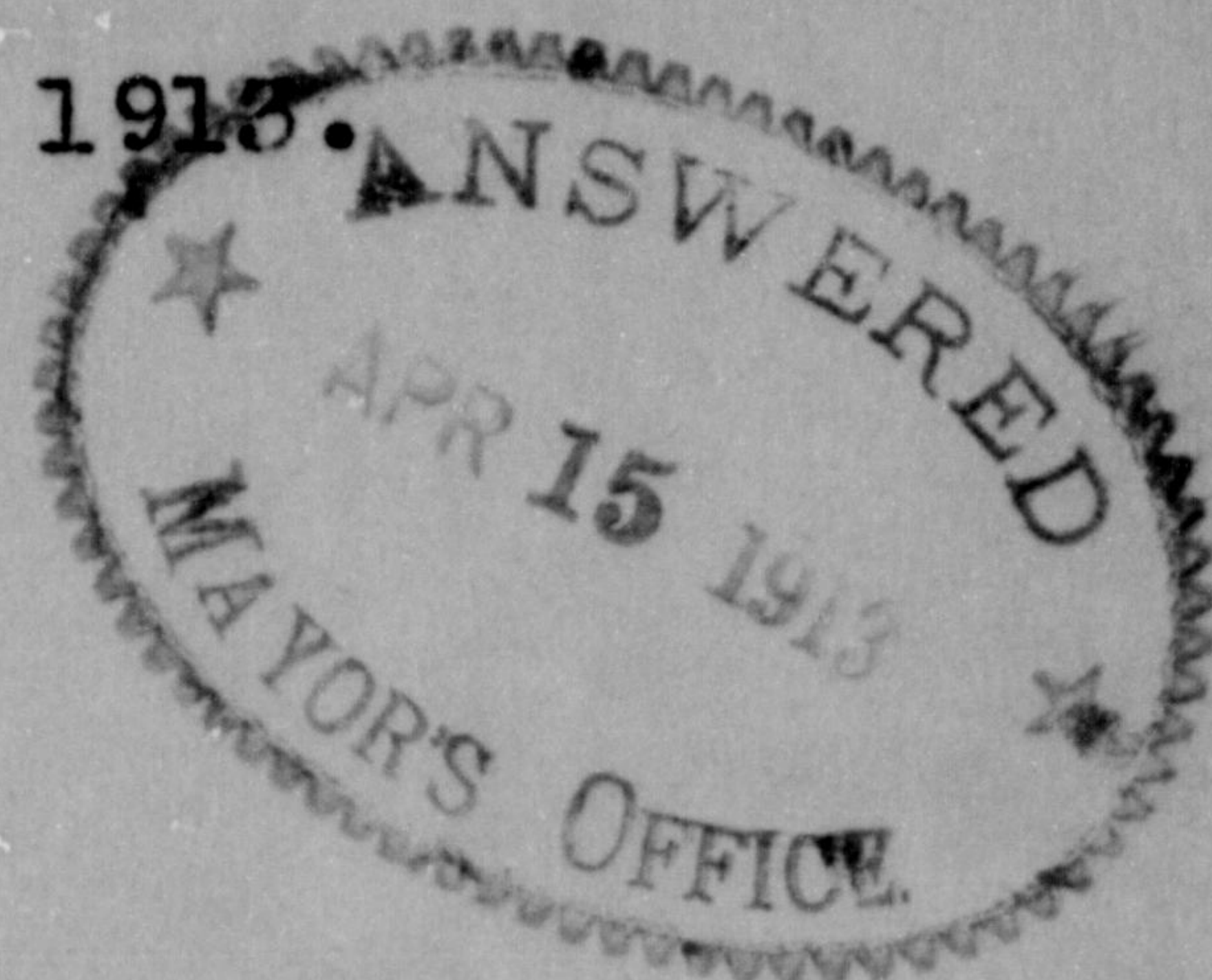
Very respectfully,

Charles F. Townsend

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EGBERT LE FEVRE, M.D.
40 WEST 72ND STREET.

April 14th. 1913.



Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor, City of New York,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

The urgent need for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx, compels me to call attention to the proposal of the Board of Health to build such a hospital in that Borough on ground already owned by the Department.

It is becoming more and more imperative that cases of contagious disease be removed to a hospital, to protect not only the immediate family, but also the general public.

The rapid increase of the population in the Bronx, makes it necessary that a contagious disease hospital be provided as soon as possible.

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Egbert LeFevre".

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HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT
NEW YORK

MAIN HOUSE
265 HENRY STREET

April 14, 1913.



Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

May I take the liberty of calling your attention to the proposed measure for establishing a Contagious Disease Hospital in the Bronx. As superintendent of tenement house nurses who are constantly finding the need for such provision in that locality, may I urge that you give serious consideration to the adoption of this plan of the Department of Health.

Very truly yours,

Jane Elizabeth Pettenbach
Superintendent of Nurses
265 Henry Street.

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April 14, 1913.

Hon. W. J. Gaynor,
Mayor of New York City.



My Dear Sir:-

May I ask the favor of a personal interview when I may present to you my protest against the building of a Contagion Hospital on Eastchester Road, Westchester, N. Y. C.

The proposed site adjoins my property and is in a rapidly developing residential neighborhood where the assessed valuations have constantly increased, and in addition I have just had an assessment of \$3200.00.

As the matter comes before the Board of Estimate on Thursday I would appreciate if you could grant me the interview before then, and I promise to make it brief.

Very truly yours,

Joseph H. C. Miller

Address

Mrs. J. A. Miller Jr.,
Eastchester Road,
Westchester, N. Y.

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April 14-13

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have been so long associated with a Hospital that treats tubercular bones and joints, and have seen such excellent results, that I am very sincere in my appeal to you to adopt the plan of the Health Department for the proposed contagious disease Hospital in the Bronx.

Very truly yours,

Virgil P. Gibney, M. D.

Surgeon in Chief- Ruptured & Crippled Hospital for the

Professor of Orthopedic Surgery-

Columbia University.



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105 EAST 22D STREET, NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE, 2860 GRAMERCY

April 14th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

This Committee is heartily in favor of the plan of the Department of Health for the erection of a contagious disease hospital in the Borough of the Bronx, on a site now owned by the City on Eastchester Road.

This matter, we understand, is on the calendar of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its next meeting, April 17th, and we earnestly hope that favorable action may be taken at that time so that the Department of Health may proceed with this very important and necessary piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Mann

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TELEPHONE. 4066 GRAMERCY
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April 14, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

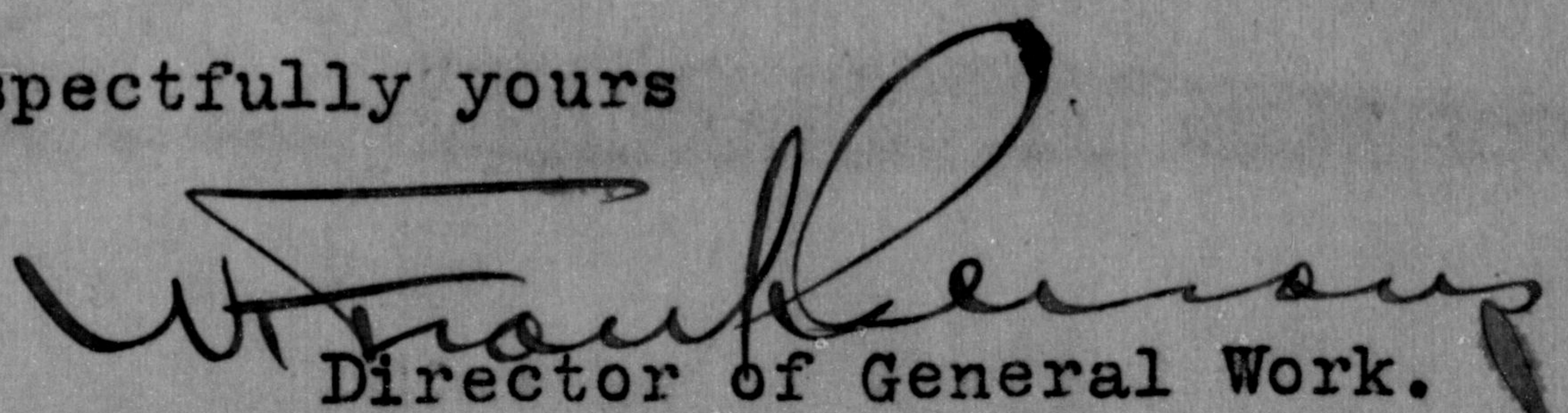
City Hall, New York City, New York.

Dear Mayor Gaynor:

May I suggest to you my hope that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at its meeting to be held on Thursday morning of this week, may act favorably upon the recommendation of the Department of Health concerning the building of a hospital for contagious diseases in the Bronx, on the site which for many years has been owned by the city for that purpose.

Through the work of this Society we frequently learn of instances where unnecessary hardship has resulted from the necessity of transferring patients suffering from contagious disease long distances to the present hospitals of the Department of Health.

Respectfully yours


Director of General Work.

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UNTIL 9 A. M.
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AND BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE 1424 PLAZA

120 EAST 62D STREET
NEW YORK

HAVEN EMERSON, M. D.

Apr. 14. 1913.

The
Hon Comr. Gaynor
City Hall
N. Y. C.

Dear Sir:

Please consider the urgent need of
granting the parents in the Bronx the relief
for their children asked by the Board of Health
for a contagious disease hospital.

The adjacent owners will lose no dollars
& the residents of the Bronx will be spared
many a child's death if the proposed
site is decided upon as requested by
the Health Department.

Yours respectfully
Haven Emerson.

TELEPHONE, GREELEY 3668

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New York,.....April...15th.....1913...

To Hon. William J. Gaynor,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The Junior League of the City of New York is greatly in favor of adopting the plan of the Health Department for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx. May we urge that you favor this plan that we firmly believe to be for the good of the community.

Very truly yours,

Grace R. Henry

Secretary.

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TELEPHONE 348 GRAMERCY

NEW YORK April 15, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Hon. Dear Sir:-

This Association has long realized the crying need for a Contagious Disease Hospital in the Borough of the Bronx, and I desire very respectfully to urge your favorable consideration of the plan of the Health Department for a Contagious Disease Hospital, which I understand is to come before the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on April 17th.

Very truly yours,

John A. Kingsbury
General Agent.

K.M.D.-W.

Woman's Branch,
New York City Mission and Tract Society.

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CHRISTIAN WORKERS' HOME
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VIRGINIA OSBORN MEMORIAL
TRAINING SCHOOL
129-127 EAST 10TH STREET

April 15th, 1913.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to ask that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment adopt the Health Department's plan for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx, when this matter comes up for final action at their meeting April 17th.

Trusting this may be the case, I am

Very sincerely,

Edith H. White
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MAYOR:

Letters urging that the plan of the Health Department for the Contagious Hospital in the Bronx be approved when the matter comes before the Board of Estimate this week. They are from:

Virgil P. Gibney, Surgeon in Chief, Ruptured and Crippled Hospital

Frank H. Mann, Secretary of the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis

John A. Kingsbury, General Agent of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor

Edith H. White, of the Woman's Branch of the New York City Mission and Tract Society.

Grace R. Henry, Secretary of the Junior League of New York City.

Dr. Haven Emerson, 120 East 62nd Street.

W. Frank Persons, Director of Charity Organization Society.

Westchester 4. 15 April 1913

Werte Herr!

Ihren Brief verfall ich in. Bitte
Ihren Wunsch für mich unterbreiten,
daß ein contagious disease Hospital
für den Bronx eine überdringliche
Notwendigkeit ist. In meinem
größten Leid verbleibe ich selbst
verfügen wie geschehen ist
durch Kinder in ein so weit
aufgebautes Hospital wie Willard
Park zu finden
Meiner eigenen Kinder werden

in schwerem Zustand
von hier auf Riverside Hospital
in New York am Donnerstag
Tag auf Willard Parker Hospital
transferrt. Erst am Montag
verbleibt in. Das weitere auf
Verlassen des Hospitals zu. Für
ein Hospital hier am
Platz wird der Patient
binnen prompte Attention
eingesetzt.

Es ist eine große Anzahl
von hier für sehr Property-
Owner dieser gegenwärtigen
Verfahren auf länger

findet sich in Weyn zu finden.

Sincerely yours

Frank Ott u. Frau



Translation by Rudolph Holde

Westchester April 15th 1913

Esteemed Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter and in answer to same I can only say that a Hospital for the treatment of contagious Diseases is an absolute necessity for the Bronx. To my great sorrow I have been compelled to learn by experience how dangerous it is to send children who are sick to a hospital so far distant as is the Willard Parker Hospital.

My own children, dangerously sick, were in that condition transferred from here to the Riverside Hospital, and thence on the following day to the Willard Parker Hospital.

One of them died there, and the other one, after leaving the hospital, at home.

If there were a hospital here then sick children would be assured of prompt attention.

It is indeed a great responsibility for those property owners who place obstacles in the way of such a great blessing-producing undertaking.

Sincerely yours
Frank Ott and wife.

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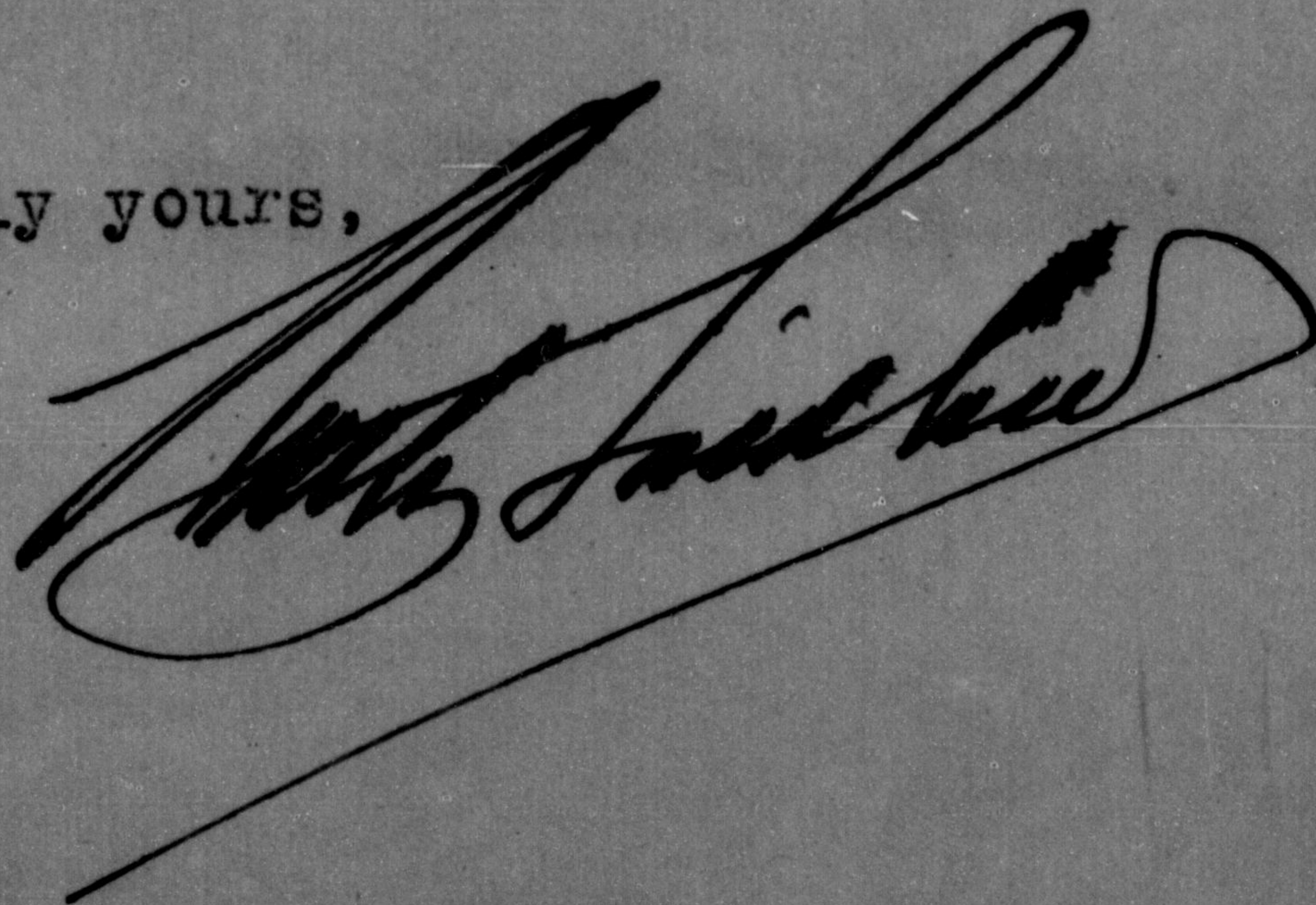
Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall, New York.

Sir:

I write to express my interest in the use of the site owned by the Department of Health in the Bronx for the purpose of building for the Borough of Bronx a Contagious Diseases Hospital.

I enclose a chart showing the populations and growths of the 1910 Census Tabulation Tracts of the Borough of Bronx, and have noted thereon certain data which have a bearing on the suitability of the location. I trust that the Board of Estimate at its meeting on Thursday, April 17th, will order the erection of the building at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



251 West 89 St.
New York.

Apr. 15, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor, City Hall, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that the matter of a site for the proposed contagious-disease hospital is to come up for consideration before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on April 17th. I also understand that the plan put forward by the Department of Health for the location of this hospital is meeting opposition on the part of certain real estate interests.

Therefore, I wish to add my plea to that of the Medical Profession of New York for the adoption of the plan submitted by the Department of Health, for the following reasons:-

Those who represent the opposition represent simply the dollar interests of a small proportion of the community who would sacrifice the best interests of the community for personal ends. The profits which they invoke authority to conserve to them are the profits of barter pure and simple. Their services to the public are not commensurate with the best interests of the public in quality, quantity, or permanence.

If there exists in the popular mind sufficient prejudice against the proposed hospital to cause depreciation in real estate valuation thereabout, such prejudice is absolutely unfounded, else the Medical Profession would be standing back of the prejudice and against the institution. The hospital would soon demonstrate to the satisfaction of all that its presence is a benefit, and in no sense a menace, to the community, and would thereby set a valuable example to other communities which entertain similar prejudices.

That the location proposed by the Health Department is the one which will enable the hospital to confer the maximum benefit seems to be demonstrated by the inability of the opponents to propose an alternative which is even suitable.

Very respectfully yours,

Archibald M. J. Strong, M. D.

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P. O. Box 1794

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April 15, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,

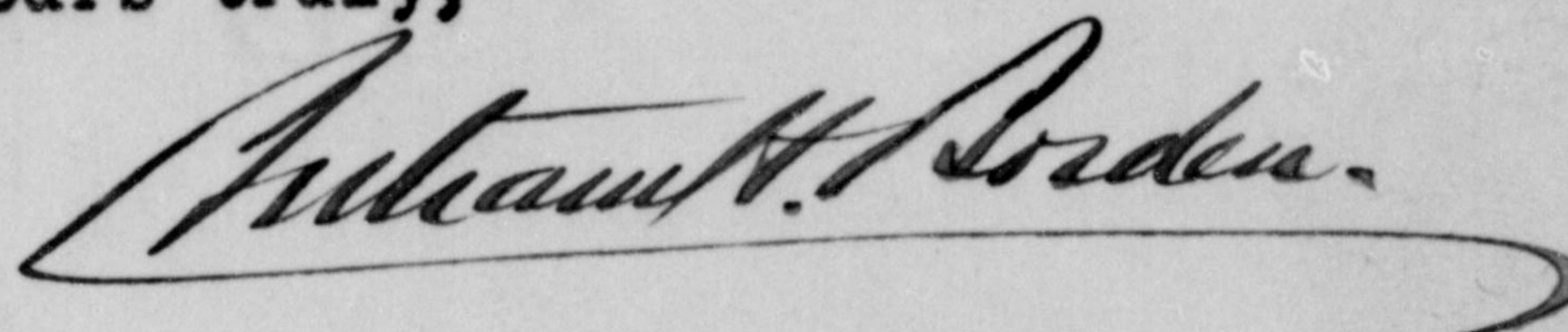
City Hall,

New York City:-

Dear Sir:-

I trust that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will consider favorably the plan of the Health Department for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx, which I believe is very needful at the present time.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William H. Borden", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Pastor's Study
Centenary Methodist Episcopal
Church
Bronx, New York City
1074 Washington Ave.
April 15, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaagun, Mayor
City Hall, New York

My Dear Sir: - As pastor
of a Sunday School of over
600 in the Bronx I desire
to urge the location of a
contagious disease Hospital
on the mainland of that
borough.

As it is now, children
with a contagious disease, re-
quiring hospital care, must
be sent to the Willard Parker
Hospital at the foot of E. 16th
St., Manhattan or to the
Kingston Avenue Hospital
Brooklyn. It is obvious,
I think, that the distance
to either of these Hospitals
from any part of the Bronx
is so great as to make
transportation to them
dangerous and in extreme
cases fatal. The same
is true in regard to

North Brother Island.

We sorely need a Contagious disease Hospital for children on the mainland within our Borough.

If certain real estate interests are opposed to the site now owned by the Health Department opposite the railroad station of the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. at Westchester, let these interests understand that the present treatment of Contagious diseases makes a Hospital for such cases no detriment to the community in which it is located. And let these interests also remember that the real estate argument is no argument against the value of a Child's life.

I trust you will be able to approve the plan for this Hospital either on the site mentioned or on some other site on the mainland.
Respectfully, J. J. J. J. J.

FRED S. HALL
105 EAST 22^D STREET
NEW YORK CITY

April 15, 1913.



Hon. William J. Gaynor,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express to you my hearty approval of the Health Department's plan for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx. May I not hope that you will use your great influence to have the Board of Estimate give this plan its approval?

Yours sincerely,

Fred S. Hall

RECREATION ROOMS AND SETTLEMENT
186 AND 188 CHRYSTIE STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 15th, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
City Hall,
New York.



Dear Sir;

I wish to urge upon you the necessity of adopting the plan of the Board of Health for the proposed hospital for contagious diseases in the Bronx.

The need for such a hospital is so urgent and the opposition to it one of such evidently personal interests that I, together with other well-fare workers, feel strongly that the plan should be unhesitatingly endorsed.

Hoping that you will exert your power to further the adoption of this plan I am,

Yours sincerely,

Anna Reed

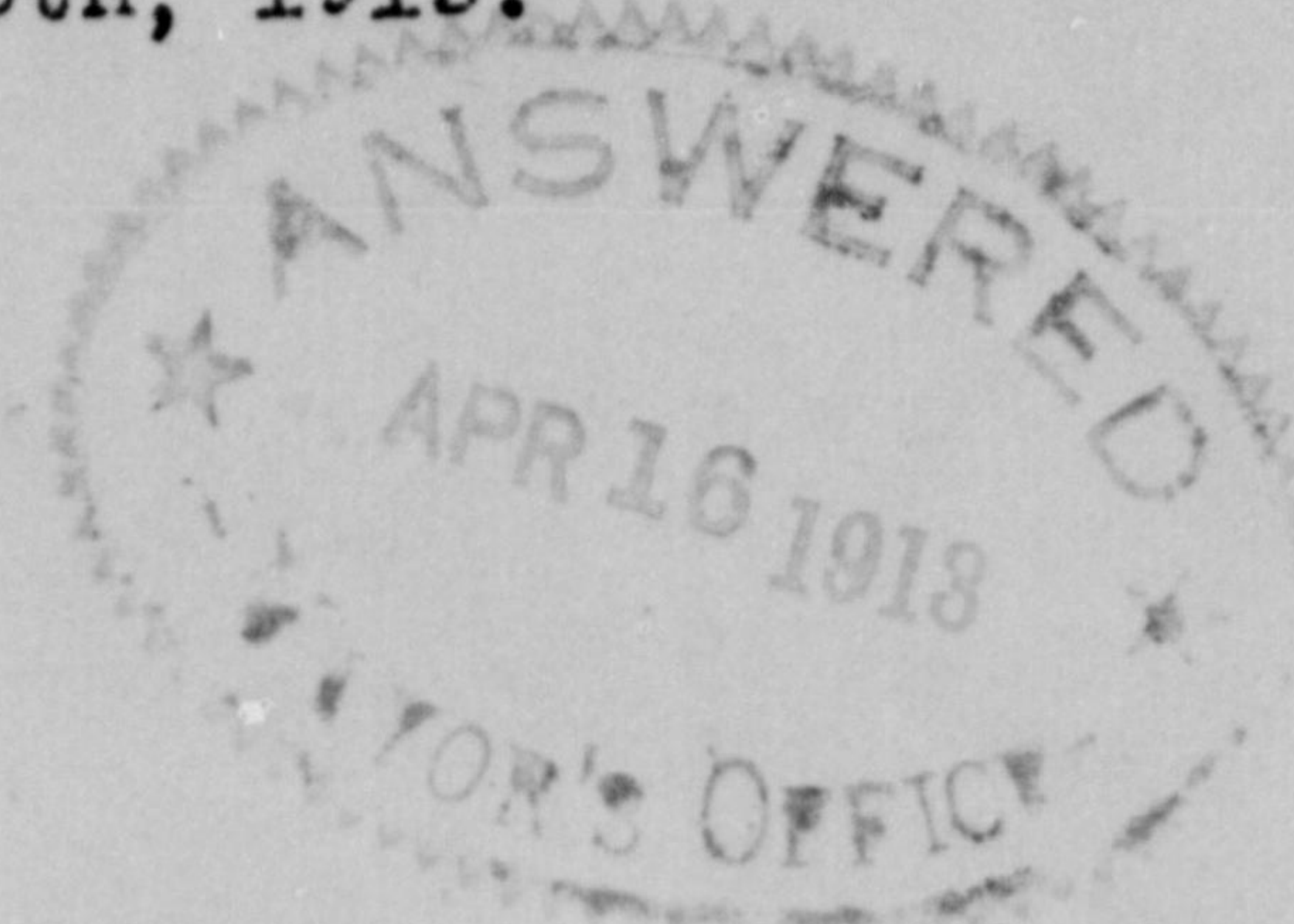
(Head Worker)

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
NEW YORK CITY

LEE K. FRANKEL
SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT

April 15th, 1913.

Honorable William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.



Dear Sir:

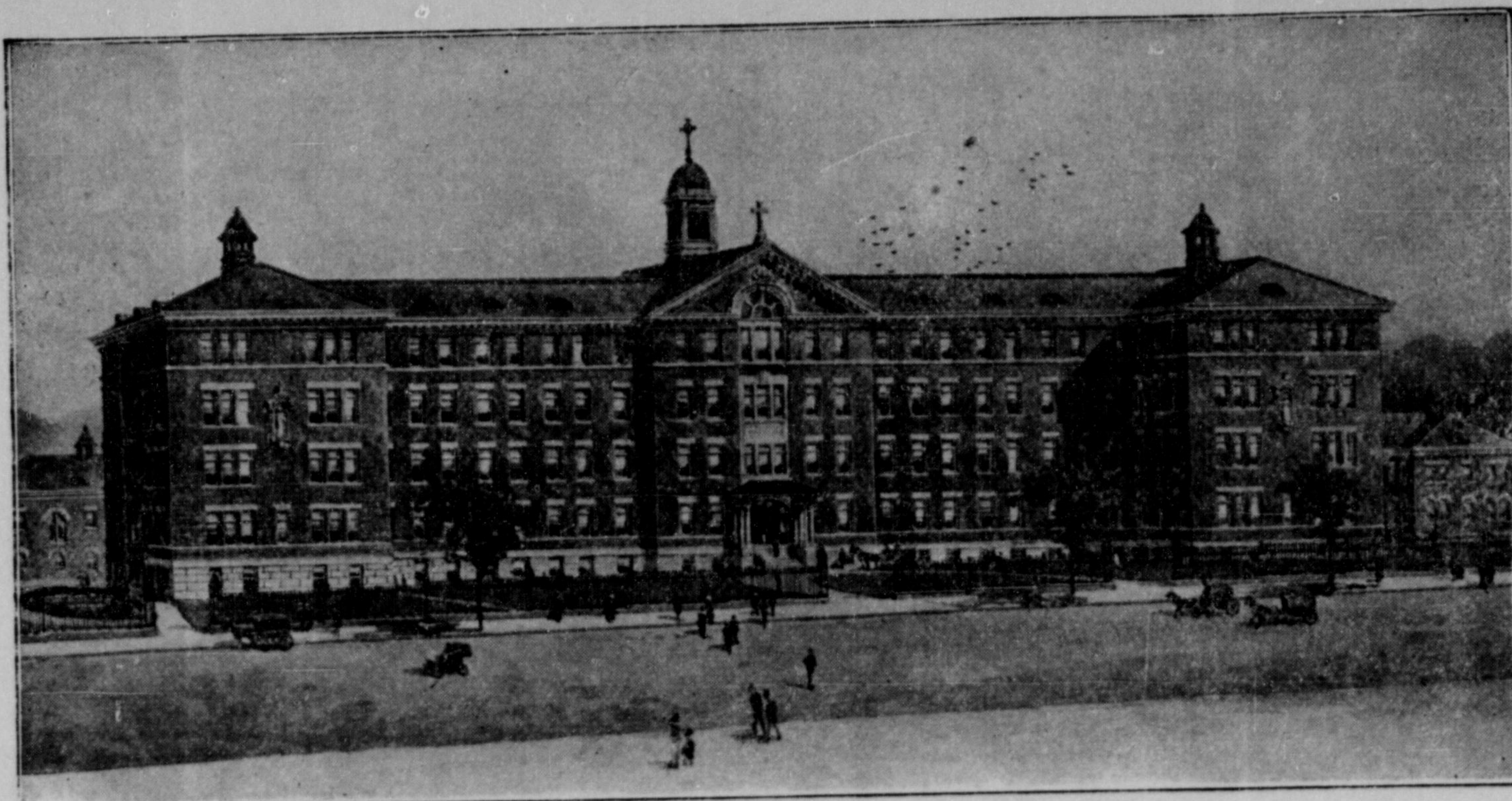
Fifteen years ago, the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives in Denver purchased ground for the erection of a sanatorium in a section which at that time belonged to the outskirts of the city. Notwithstanding the fact that this institution cared for tuberculous patients, the City of Denver has today grown up around the sanatorium. In fact on one side, there are private residences, on another side a beautiful public school and on a third side, a public park. In other words, any fear that the institution might be a focus for the spreading of the disease has long since disappeared.

Years ago, a well known specialist on contagious diseases, in commenting upon the New York situation, stated to me that it was a great mistake for the City of New York to have its small-pox hospital on North Brother Island. Such a hospital he claimed should be in the heart of the city so that patients could readily be transferred there. In his opinion a well conducted institution for contagious and infectious diseases would be no menace to a community, wherever situated.

I am writing to you in this strain in the hope that you will see the reasonableness of the proposition of the Department of Health, the Academy of Medicine and the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis to use the site in the Bronx now owned by the Department of Health for the erection of a contagious disease hospital.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Lee K. Frankel", is written below the typed closing.



ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

East 142nd Street, Between Brook and St. Ann's Avenues

NEW YORK April 15, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

City Hall,

New York City.

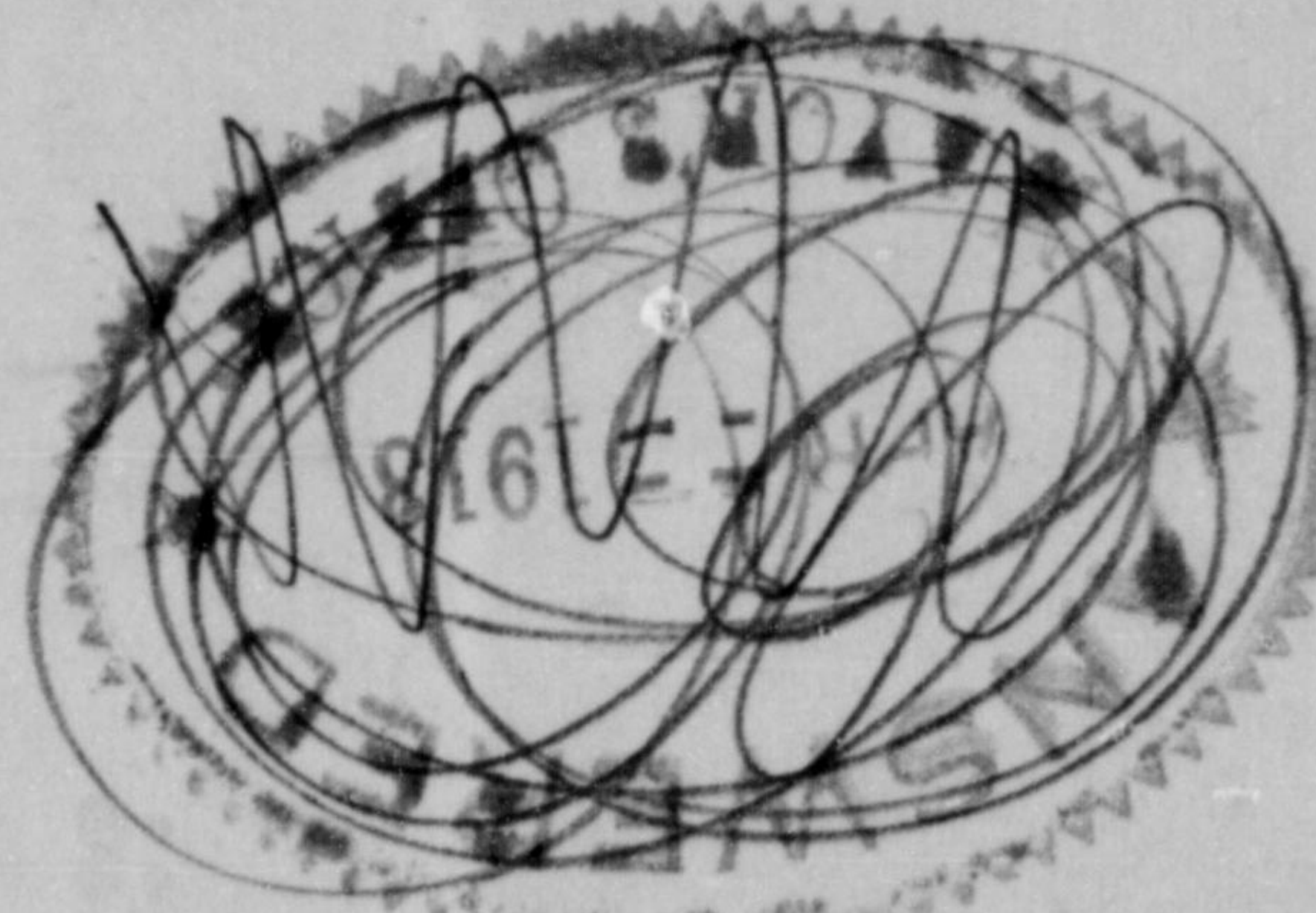
Dear Sir:

A hospital for contagious disease is needed in the Bronx. Your adoption of the Health Department's plan for a contagious disease hospital in this borough would meet with our approval.

Yours very truly,

John Dornier

Physician-in-Chief.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CITY OF NEW YORK

Board of Education
Park Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street
New York
230 West 97th Street.

April 16, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the necessity for the establishment of a new hospital for contagious diseases. The Department of Health has advised placing such an institution in the Borough of the Bronx.

It is my belief that the city needs a new hospital devoted to the care of sufferers from contagious diseases. At the present time facilities for the care of such diseases are limited and even patients in Manhattan require long transportation in order to be placed in municipally governed institutions.

The Borough of the Bronx now possesses such a large population, particularly rich in children, that it appears to be necessary to provide a hospital for contagious diseases in that Borough.

Inasmuch as the site is already owned by the Department of Health and money has been appropriated for the construction of

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CITY OF NEW YORK

Board of Education
Park Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street
New York

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this hospital, it is to be hoped that the Health Department will be given permission to proceed with building this much needed institution.

From the point of view of one interested in the welfare of public school children, I feel that this is an essential step for safeguarding their lives.

Yours sincerely,

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ISW/RS

WM. JAY SCHIEFFELIN, CHAIRMAN

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ORRIN G. COCKS, SECRETARY

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April 16, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have lately heard of the discussion which has been carried on about the establishment of a Contagious Disease Hospital in the Bronx upon the piece of property owned by the Department of Health.

May I join the many others who are supporting this measure by urging upon you the necessity of utilizing this space within easy and safe distance from the upper part of the City for the construction of such a hospital?

For a long time to come, we will have epidemics in the upper part of the City of contagious diseases and the hospital should be as near as possible to the people. The rapid growth of the Bronx in the last five years of 159,388 to a total population of 430,980 reveals beyond question the necessity of providing for this population hospital facility without delay. With North Brothers Island already in use and with other hospitals planned for, the limited space, it would seem inadvisable to use more of the property for this purpose. It is always difficult to find a section where many people are willing to have a contagious disease hospital located among them.

I sincerely trust that you may decide at that time to allow the Health Department to proceed with the construction of this needed institution.

Respectfully yours,

Orin G. Cocks

105 East Twenty-second Street

Room 604.

New York, April 16, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall, New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I venture to urge you as a member of the Board of Estimate to vote for the adoption of the Health Department's plan for a contagious disease hospital in the Bronx.

While I have not looked into the matter at first hand, I have had the facts and considerations in favor of the Bronx site placed before me by the New York Academy of Medicine, the Department of Health and the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the Charity Organization Society. I have great respect for the wisdom and judgment of the officials of the Health Department and of those organizations; and I am disposed to believe they are in the right in this matter.

I have had abundant experience with the questions involved in the locating of tuberculosis hospitals; I know all of the stock arguments advanced by citizens living in the locality in which it is proposed to locate them. I also know that these objections are based upon a groundless fear of infection, or upon selfishness.

Dr. Edward L. Trudeau of Saranac Lake, foremost among the authorities in the universal crusade against tuberculosis, recently made the statement that "the opposition to the establishment of sanatoriums or hospitals in communities that need them must be based entirely on ignorant terror or some selfish motive."

I believe in placing the man above the dollar. Consideration of human life, health and efficiency should always prevail over political considerations or considerations of economy and expediency. I hope the Bronx site will be selected.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. J. Melbach

GJN/MD.

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April 16, 1913



Hon. William J. Gayher,
Mayor City New York,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

There seems to be a great need for a new Contagious Disease Hospital, for the Borough of Bronx. Money for this hospital has been asked for by the Department of Health, and we are writing you because of our general interest in the health problem of this Borough, and ask you to vote for the appropriation asked for.

Yours very truly,

James Jenkins Jr.
Director.

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30 BROAD STREET

KENNETH McEWEN

New York, April 16, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to the necessity of an additional hospital for contagious disease, proposed by the Department of Health to be built at a site in the Bronx.

I am heartily in favor of this being done, more especially for the benefit of the infants and children of the City, and I trust you will deem it advisable to vote in favor of this proposal of the Department of Health, which has the endorsement of the New York Academy of Medicine and many others interested in the welfare of the children and infants in New York City.

Yours respectfully,

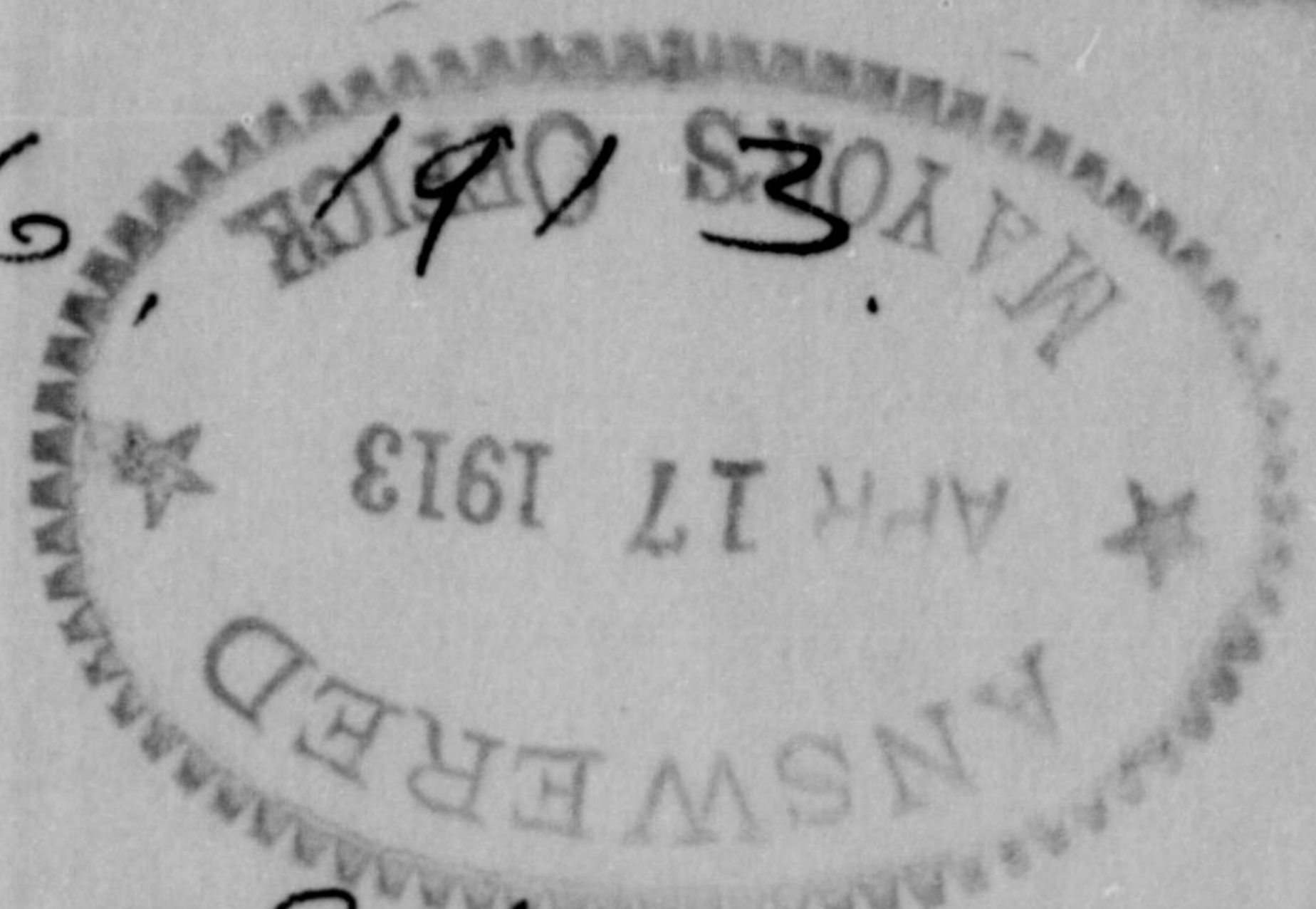
Stephen G. Williams
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Columbia University
in the City of New York
FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Hon Wm J. Gaynor
New York City.

Apr. 16,



Dear Sir: I write to urge the adoption of the
Health Department's plan for a contagious disease
hospital in the Bronx.

Very truly yours.
Robert E. Chaddock Ph.D.
(Director)

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Hon. Mr. J. Gaynor, Mayor.

City - Hall 4.7. city -



Dear Sir:-

The question of a contagious disease hospital
in the Bronx is indeed an important
one, and I trust the Health Department's
plan will be adopted.

respectfully

Mary Elizabeth Kennedy

Supr. of Nurses.

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Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:-

Representing the views of many of the people living in the eastern section of the Bronx, who are interested in the dispensation of the money granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the erection of a contagious disease hospital on Eastchester Road, the Bronx, we would say that we are very much in favor of this money being turned over to the Health Department and the immediate construction of the building.

Trusting that you will give this matter your earnest attention, we remain,

Very truly yours,

BRONX COUNTY NEWS PUB. CO.

R. A. Mallett
SECRETARY

K/R

St. Agnes Day Nursery
7 Charles St.
April 16th 1913

Hon. H. J. Gaynor

Dear Sir

Allow me

to add my plea to many
others for the establishment
of a contagious disease
hospital, in the Bronx,
according to the plan of
the Board of Health.
Day Nurseries, who are

thrown more or less with
the dwellers of the Tenement
districts, know how the
children suffer for lack
of proper care during the
diseases incident to childhood,
and we have long felt
the need of a proper
hospital, not too distant
where they could be sent
hoping you will favor
our plea

Yours truly
Mrs) E. A. Culver

406 W. 124 St.

N. Y. City

April, 16th. 1913.

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,

Mayor of New York City.

My dear Sir:

In reference to the location of a Hospital for Contagious Diseases in the Bronx, may I not speak for those stricken "Little Ones" who can not speak for themselves?

If your Baby were in the clutches of the diphtheria contagion, or the measles, or the scarlet fever, would you permit its life to be endangered by a tedious transfer to North Brother's Island?

There is no question of exposing other children in the neighborhood of a well ordered Hospital. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that a good nurse can isolate such cases with perfect safety, even in an apartment home.

Then the only question that remains is whether a slight possible property depreciation shall outweigh the comfort, the safety, and possibly the lives of our little children.

Most respectfully yours

Mrs. F. M. Hamilton

11. Washington Square
North

Honorable William Gaym

Dear Sir

May I ask you

to adopt the Health Department's
plan for a contagious disease
hospital in the Bronx.

As President of the St Agnes
day Nursing

Mr J. Charles Stuart

I am much interested in children.

Yours sincerely

Mary Julia Livingston

April 16

Mrs Robert R. Livingston

Hon. W. J. Gaynor.
Mayor of New York City.
City Hall.

New York 4/6/13
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Dear Sir:—

I greatly regret my inability to attend the ~~assemblage~~ of your honorable board, the board of Estimates, on Thursday, April 17/-1913, on account of extreme pressure of business.

As a citizen, I understand that the people of the Borough of Bronx are desirous of building a hospital for contagious diseases, which is a noble project and has my hearty cooperation, selfish notion alone of the few land owners, is the only reason that could inspire any thought of opposition to such a humane measure, which is for the benefit of the whole community, and not the dollars should have the consideration, but our children, to save them from the grasp of the threatening plagues.

I am a married man my self with a family

and as a good citizen and a father I am
in allso only of those that looks out for the
interest of his own tols as well as others, therefore
I approve in every detail for such an institu-
tion is in necessity in the above mentioned vic-
inity, it has been approved by the board of Health.

I hope that this would be brought forth at the afore-
mentioned board and my approved read to the
honorable body, and I would like to know the out-
come of this argument, trusting you will communicate
with me to the affect

Yours humbly citizen
Joseph George Andronick

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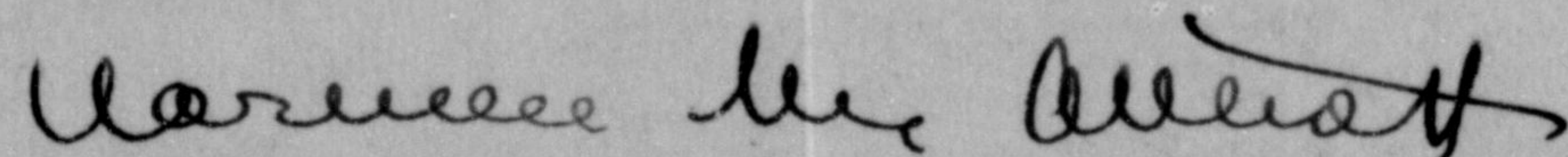
Hon. William J. Gaynor,
City Hall,
New York.

My dear Sir:

Our attention has been called to the necessity for a contagious diseases hospital in the Borough of Bronx. We are informed that this subject is now being considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. While we are not familiar through our own investigations with the subject, we have perused with much interest the memorandum on the matter which has been prepared by The New York Academy of Medicine, and are glad to join with them in the request that the money which is required for the purpose be released so that the erection of the building may go forward.

Thanking you for your consideration in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,



Asst. General Secretary.

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Pastor is Study
Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church
Bronx - New York City
1074 Washington Ave.
April 18, 1913.

Hon. William J. Gaynor, Mayor
City Hall
New York City.

My Dear Sir:- Having had
occasion to write you
on April 15th in regard
to the location of a Con-
tagious Disease Hospital
in the Borough of the
Bronx, permit me to say
that I note with very
great satisfaction, accord-
ing to the report in the
New York Times of this date
that the project to locate
this Hospital on North
Brother Island was unan-
imously defeated by the
Board of Estimate and
Apportionment, and that
upon Your Honor's motion

Commissioner Ledesle
was authorized to investi-
gate and report on a
suitable location for
this Hospital on the
mainland of our
Borough.

I trust that the Defac-
ment of Health will be
able, speedily, to proceed
with the erection and
equipment of this Hospital.

Respectfully
Wm. B. Tower

HOURS { UNTIL 9.30 A. M.
6 TO 8 P. M.

TELEPHONE
4969 BUSHWICK

LEE W. THOMAS, M. D.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 477 Bainbridge St.
BROOKLYN, N. Y

April 22, 1913.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,
Mayor, City of New York,
City Hall, New York.



Dear Sir:-

As a physician and resident of New York City, I wish to heartily indorse the proposed plan for the establishment of a hospital for contagious diseases, in the Borough of the Bronx. The lack of hospital facilities for this class of patients is a disgrace to New York City and is responsible for a large proportion of the mortality due to contagious diseases.

Hoping you will take into consideration the great economic loss to the city and state through lack of hospital facilities and that you will favor this proposed plan, I am,
Very truly yours,

Lee W. Thomas

LWT/LES

753 Madison Ave NY Apr. 16. 19.

To His Honor
Mayor Gaynor.

Dear Sir. Inasmuch as the Board of
Apportionment is now considering
the erection of one or more hospitals for
contagious cases I take the liberty of
offering my testimony in this matter.

An experience of 35 years in public
and private medical service in our
city is perhaps sufficient qualification
to permit me to assert that we urgently
need such a hospital in each borough.
Its central location is desirable and
presents no menace to the neighborhood
inasmuch as transmission of contagious
disease does not take place through the air
but is due to direct contact or to
insects. Thus segregation of cases
in a screened hospital is the proper
way of handling such cases.

Respectfully yours
A. Caille M.D.

Professor of Medicine
NY Postgraduate
Medical School & Hospital.