

New York, Ontario and Western Railway Co.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER,

No. 56 BEAVER STREET.

R. D. RICKARD,
Secretary & Treasurer.*New York,* 2/26 1897*Hon. William L. Strong**Dear Sir:*

If your other engagements for April 26th 1897 will permit, The Garfield Republican Club of High Bridge would be delighted to have you address them and their friends on the occasion of their reception at Hubers Casino, 162nd Street and Jerome Avenue, on that evening.

Our club has been in existence since 1881 and while we have hardly grown proportionately to our age, we are very much alive to the issues of the day, and firm believers in Republicanism and Good Government, and I sincerely believe that if you can find time to come, you will help us very much. Thanking you in advance I await your reply and am

*Yours very truly**George L. Purdy**President**Garfield Rep. Club.*

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THE
WEST END ASSOCIATION,

426 Columbus Avenue,

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE
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JAS. V. D. CARD, 248 West 73rd St.

New York, Feb. 26th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall,

My dear Sir:

I see in one of the journals of to-day an interview with you, upon the question of removing the ashes &c. by Col. Waring from the West End of our city. I know that reporters often make mistakes in interviews, and in order to be certain whether you were correctly reported I called personally and you admitted that the report of the interview was correct.

In this interview you state that the West End citizens "are stiff-necked, self-willed and obstinate". I don't propose to discuss the truth of your assertion, but, if true, you were our companion and friend on the occasion to which your interview refers. I will name the several occurrences in their due order.

First: When you attended the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by invitation of the then retiring administration of Mayor Gilroy, and when the board were making up the budget under which your administration was to be governed, at one of those meetings it was voted to give the Street Cleaning Department an additional allowance of \$25,000., on account of the extra expense of transporting the ashes &c. to other dumps in the city and thereby doing away with the dump on Riverside Drive and Park and West 79th Street.

This appropriation was passed without any objection on your part, and yet I firmly believe that if you had raised the slightest objection it would not have had a single vote in the board. "Silence gives consent".

Second: When you came into power the counsel for the West End Association drew a bill whereby all the public parks above 59th Street were restricted from a dump. I well remember a committee of the West End Association calling upon you and asking you to approve this bill. At that time you stated that you were entirely opposed to any dump on any of the public parks.

Third: You did approve the bill and I refer you to Chapter 900 of the laws of 1895.

You say that the "classic" west side citizens "are entitled to special privileges". In this you are wrong again. We do claim, however, equal privileges with any other section of our city. If the ashes are to be removed in other sections of the city I would like you to inform me (if you can) where either you or Col Waring can show a particle of law whereby either of you can designate from which portion of our city

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the ashes shall be removed and where not. Yet both of you seem to have taken this responsibility and that too without any authority of law.

You say "now they have got what they wanted and they will have to make the best of it". Wrong again, Mr. Mayor! We want our ashes removed and the expense thereof taken out of the princely sum of over \$3,000,-000. awarded to the Street Cleaning Department. To do anything else is an unjust discrimination.

I asked Col. Waring the question, which he has not yet answered, by what authority of law he could remove the ashes from below 70th St. and not above.

I ask you a similar question, only one more simple: Why should A's ashes be taken and not B's? Or the reverse?

Since I commenced this letter I have received a communication from a taxpayer who not only resides on the West Side but is a lawyer connected with one of our largest and most respectable law firms. It so entirely corresponds with my own views that I quote it entire.

"The City of New York adopted a different plan with respect to the laying out and improvement of this section of the city from that adopted in any other part of the city, particularly in this respect, that it set apart a water front on the North River for a public park, laid out a drive adjoining this park, which park and drive were so constructed at a very large expense both to the city and to the adjacent property owners. Relying upon the fact that property adjacent to the river fronted upon a park, people have been invited to and have made very expensive improvements differing entirely from improvements along the water front of any other section of the city. The water front south of 72nd Street and on the entire front of the East River to the end of the Island has been devoted to manufactures and commerce and a dock more or less or a nuisance more or less could make no possible difference. In the section north of 72nd Street we have the actual experience of a dump at the foot of 79th Street. It filled that street, from the Boulevard to the River, with a melancholy procession of dirty carts and if the least wind were stirring, with an insufferable cloud of dust, and during the warm weather creating most noxious and unwholesome odors, the latter principally from garbage. The people of the west side are not actuated by selfish interests in opposing the allowance of an ash dump at the foot of either 79th or 96th Street, except incidentally, for where they have laid out large sums of money in buying property adjacent to a park they would naturally think themselves entitled to protection against nuisances. We thoroughly appreciate Col. Waring's difficulties

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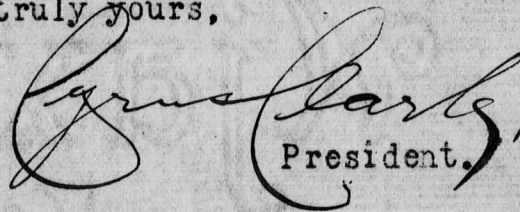
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but think that they are not so difficult to overcome as he seems to think. The increased expense of hauling the ashes to other places south of Riverside Park we are informed would not exceed \$25,000. Neither the mayor nor any of our citizens should be averse to this small expense, or even a larger one should it be required to protect that part of the city from nuisances.

"The whole system of gathering ashes is of the most primitive character, the high carts holding but little ashes and involving a great strain of labor upon the men who gather them in lifting them from the ground, are as little adapted as possible to the nature of the work. We are quite sure that no business man acting in his own interests and at his own expense would gather garbage and ashes in the way it is gathered by the city authorities. We speak seriously when we say that the very active and energetic capacity of Col. Waring is such that we feel sure that if he gave his thought to it, as we hope he will, he will find a much more efficient and economical way of gathering ashes and garbage not only on the west side but in every part of the city; but if the present primitive methods cannot be superseded at present, we think still that the present low price of horses and labor considered, the city should not hesitate to undergo the small additional expense."

Very truly yours,


President.

Preserve Union Square.

Editor "The Morning Advertiser:"

If the Metropolitan Traction Company would adopt either compressed air, the trolley or the storage battery system, there would be no trouble in regulating speed in turning abrupt curves. The two curves (one at Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue, and the other at Ninth avenue and the same street) are very much more abrupt than the one at Fourteenth street and Broadway. Either of these plans would leave Union Square intact for all time. It seems a shame to deface so prominent a place, especially as the Park Commissioners are opening new parks for the benefit of the multitudes that gain strength and even preserve an existence in the enjoyment of sunshine and fresh air derived from the parks. Then, every visitor to New York city looks with pleasure at Union Square, which is in the very heart of our future Greater New York.

WILLIAM BEDELL,

No. 100 West Sixty-fourth street.

New York, Feb. 26.

2/27/97

Hon Mayor Strong

I forward the
enclosed - as my
suggestion in
solving the
rail-road problem -

Very, Resp^t

Yours, Gedull

101 of 64th St.

Feb'y 27. 1897

LINCOLN BUILDING,
ROOM 503.
Nos. 1 & 3 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK.

Hon. W^m L. Strong -

Dear Sir -

We have a
natural water from near
San Diego California
that will attack and
dissolve lime in the
system - It also elim-
inates uric acid -

We believe it is almost
a specific for all
diseases arising from
the presence of either
lime or uric acid.

We would very much like
to have you use it; not
for advertising purposes
but because we believe

it would benefit you.
Associated with us,
are ~~Wm~~ Mr. Carly Little
U.S. Navy, retired (son
of the late Jacob Little)
and Mr. John Reader
Stuyvesant - I simply
mention this fact to
show that we are not
adventurers - As much
as we might desire it
you will hardly take
the time to call upon
us, but if you will
authorize us to do so
we will, cheerfully send
you with our compliments
some of the water to try.

We are well aware that your mail
contains numerous suggestions of a
similar nature. We have the honor
to be

Yours Respectfully:

ISHAM'S CALIFORNIA WATER CO.,

By.....*Walter Amory Lyon*

Typographical Union No. 6

240 William Street

New York, Feb'y 27 1897.

Hon. W L Strong

Dear Sir:

For the benefit of the Hospital Fund, Typographical Union No. 6 will give its Forty-seventh Annual Ball on Monday, March 15th, 1897, at Terrace Garden, 58th Street and Third Avenue.

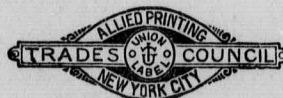
The Hospital Fund is a permanent fixture of No. 6, and in order to maintain it a reception and ball is given annually. It has also been our custom to send invitations to gentlemen of distinction and wealth, and asking their co-operation. In pursuance of this custom, we herewith mail you tickets, promising any favor you may render will be devoted to alleviating the suffering of some member of our craft, who by reason of sickness is compelled to seek assistance from his fellow craftsmen and shelter within hospital walls.

During the year past we have had about one hundred calls for assistance from this fund, all of which were granted, though the amount thus withdrawn overbalanced the fund. We have four beds in many of the hospitals in this city, and several in Brooklyn, but they are insufficient to meet the daily demand. Our object is to increase the number of beds.

Should you favor us, please address

C. M. FERGUSON,
Secretary Ball Committee.

240 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK



PLATFORM.

1. The most direct taxation is the best, because it gives to the real payers of taxes a conscious and direct pecuniary interest in honest and economical government.

2. Mortgages and capital engaged in production or trade should be exempt from taxation; because taxes on capital tend to drive it away, to put a premium on dishonesty and to discourage industry.

3. Real estate should bear the main burden of taxation; because such taxes can be most easily, cheaply and certainly collected, and because they bear least heavily on the farmer and the worker.

4. Besides real estate taxes, corporations should pay in taxes only the fair value of the franchises they obtain from the people.

5. No legislature will venture to enact a good system of local taxation until the people, especially the farmers, perceive the correct principles of taxation and see the folly of taxing personal property.

THEREFORE: We desire to unite our efforts to keep up intelligent discussion and agitation of the subject of taxation, with a view to improvement in the system and enlightenment as to the correct principles.

NEW YORK TAX REFORM ASSOCIATION.

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February 27, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, New York.

Dear Sir:-

on account of your position and reputation, we should consider an opinion from you regarding our work extremely valuable. We send you copy of our latest publication and would be pleased to receive an expression of your opinion as to the significance of the facts therein presented and the value of the remedy proposed.

For a number of years this Association has been endeavoring to excite public interest in the subject of taxation, and to teach correct principles.

It appears from an inspection of the Comptroller's Report that the taxation of personal property is very unequal both as between individuals and the different counties of the State. It seems impracticable to effect any reform by general legislation, and this Association is advocating the passage of a bill for Home Rule in Taxation, which has been introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Edward C. Brennan of Kings County. In 1895 it was introduced by Mr. D.E. Ainsworth.

Respectfully yours,

Lawson Brady
Secretary.

Feb, 26th 1897

To his Honor Mayor Strong
New York City.

My Dear Mr Mayor

Following my short
interview with you, which you
may remember, the inclosed letter
from Mrs Young will be
understood. Will you be good
enough to send your answer
directly to her, and much
oblige yours truly Truly

J. W. Birchot.

5 WEST 20TH STREET.

My dear Mr. Trenchard
Mrs. Delafied
asked me to write
to you, and say that
as the list of children
for the exhibition
of Alice in Wonderland
is now complete,
and as she intends
to have notices of

the entertainment
in the Sunday
Papers - she thinks
the list of names
chosen he best to
you - so that they
may be presented
to Mayor Strong,
and the Executive
Art Society he fully
assured of his
consent. It is of

course provided that some
change in the list may be
made - some have withdrawn
others added - But I suppose
of course the Mayor can
make no objection to this.

I am so sorry to hear of
Mrs Pinchot's illness, and
trust it will not prove serious.
Thanking you very much for
the interest you have taken
in behalf of the Society, and for
all your trouble

Very truly yours

Caroline Lincoln Young

Dec 27:

5 WEST 20TH STREET.

Honorable Wm L. Strong
Dear Sir

Referring to the
communication of
Feb. 27th received last
evening from your
Confidential Clerk in
regard to the proposed
Childrens exhibition
of "Alice in Wonder-
land" at the

Waldorf, I would
state that the date
for the entertainment
is the afternoon of
March 13th 1897.

Very truly yours
Caroline Linna Young

Feb. 28th

Mrs Thomas S. Young Jr.

5 WEST 20TH STREET.

Miss Eleanor Morris 12 W 53.
 Miss Anita Keabody 18 Park Ave
 Miss Grace Henry 134 E 39.
 Miss Betty Linn 53 E 78.
 Miss Agnes Landon 24 W 52
 Miss Edith Landon " " "
 Miss Antonette Erhardt 125 E 57
 Miss Alexandra Stevens 1011 Mad Ave
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 Miss Clara Boldt The Herald.
 Miss Estance Morgan 15 W 86.
 Miss Beatrice Pratt 24 W 48
 Miss Grace Eudicott 110 E 19
 Miss Mary Appleton 17 E. 24.
 Miss Gabrielle Cluiter 12 E 12.
 Miss Pauline Keanis 20 W 52

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Martin James Kilapild - the Keding
 Miss Charlotte Kilapild, Birmingham
 Martin George Schieffelin 8 E 45-
 Martin Aaron Hard 49 Park Ave
 Martin Latham Reed
 Martin Reg. Smeen Young
 Martin Louis Montant
 Martin Beyard Hopkins 47 W 53-
 Martin Edwin Park 47 Fifth Ave
 Martin Marshall Lefferts 34 E 65-
 Martin Fredk. Steading 7 E. 43-
 Martin Beersley Parsons-
 Martin Sergeant Appleton 17 E 24-
 Martin de Courcy Hard
 Martin Arthur Keen
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Mrs. Ed. Davis	20 W 5-2:
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Mrs. Henry Schuch	34 E 37-
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Miss Mylie	28 W 40
Le Roy - (by)	28 7: Ave.

New York City
Sunday Feby 28th 1897

Hon Mayor Strong
Dear Sir

I see by the papers
that you are a
sufferer from the gout
I take great pleasure
in recommending a very
simple article which I
feel confident would
help you very much and
if properly used might
make a cure. It is
Dr Radams Mucous Killer. My
wife & mother have used it

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with success.

If you so desire I
would be pleased to
call on you and
give you all of the particulars
as to how they have
used it.

I hope you
must look upon my
addressing you as regards
the article I named as a
means of guiding me
as I can assure you it is
of a pure desire to help you.

Hoping you will
excuse this note

I remain very
respectfully

Dogil B. Pleasant

144 W 64th



WM. B. FASIG.
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AUCTION SALES OF TROTting-BRED HORSES,
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NEW YORK, Feb. 28th, 1897.

Mayor's Office,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We shall hold a sale of horses at Madison Square Garden, March 3, 4, 5 and 6, as per advertisements herewith and catalogue of our sale. Will you please give bearer the usual evening permit and oblige

Yours very truly,

Wm. B. Fasig & Co.

HERBERT H. LEVENE,
232 EAST 53RD ST.,
NEW YORK.

February 28th 1897

To the Hon. W. L. Strong.
Hon. Sir.

About a year ago the Young Ladies Charitable Society gave a performance in the Lexington Opera House, to which we extended to you an invitation, which by mail, you kindly accepted. But, alas! when the evening of the entertainment arrived we were quite disappointed in not seeing you with us. Nevertheless we took "the will for the deed" as we

fully appreciated, that, had it been possible, you would have been with us.

Another opportunity has arisen which again give me the privilege of extending you an invitation, which, I trust you will be able to accept.

On Sunday afternoon March 31st our society intends to move into larger meeting rooms, on which occasion we would feel honored to have you present and encourage us in our work, which the society has in mind. It would perhaps be opportune to state, that this organization is composed exclusively of unmarried

HERBERT H. LEVENE,
232 EAST 53RD ST.,
NEW YORK.

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ladies whose main object is
to help the poor of this city
irrespective of race or religion

Should you grant us the honor
to accept this invitation, I would be

pleased to forward you any further
information.

Trusting to receive an affirmative
reply. I remain

Yours very respectfully
Herbert H. Levene

Our new rooms are also in the
Lexington Opera House.

HERBERT H. LEVENE,
232 EAST 53RD ST.,
NEW YORK.

Tuesday

Hon. Wm L. Strong
Hon Sir.

I am very sorry
to see your letter, wherein you
decline an invitation of the
Young Ladies Charitable Society
on the evening of March 21st

Our meeting is not in the
evening but in the afternoon.

If this correction will permit
you to attend I can assure you
of our heartiest appreciation.

Yours very truly

Herbert H. Levene

GOUT CAN'T STOP HIM.

Mayor Strong Attends to Official Duties, Though He Has to Use Crutches.

"O—oo oo. Ugh. Ouch—g-r-r-r," said Mayor Strong as he creaked out of his carriage yesterday, creaked up the steps of the City Hall and creaked into his palatial office.

"This gout is the galshingest, galupshusest thing that ever came up from the infernal regions to remind a sinner of what nature can do when she wants to be real devilish. But business is business, and, gout or no gout, here I am."

There was a creak in every joint of the Mayor's body. It seemed as if he needed taking apart, scraping, oiling and putting together again. Some day, perhaps, surgery will get that far, but now there is nothing for it but tea and patience—patience, when every nerve in one's body tingles with impatience and when the sweetest of tempers seems to be tinged with uric acid.

A sympathizing crowd gathered about and watched the poor Mayor manipulate his crutches. Most Mayors in his state would have stayed at home and let the public business wait for better days. But Mayor Strong is a soldier, and with millions of dollars' worth of bonds waiting for his signature and unnumbered bores waiting to catch his ear, he faces the music with unswerving devotion and puts in a working day, gout or no gout.

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Consultations en français.

Dr. William A. Armstrong,

1808 Park Avenue.

*Hours,
8 Morning,
9 Evening.*

Philadelphia, Feby 27 1897

Hon Mayor Strong

New York City

Dear Sir:

I have relieved one of the officials.

of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co, in this city of an excruciatingly painful attack of gout in thirty minutes by means of lithium carbonate cataphoretically used. This powerful anti-gout remedy is made to penetrate into the inflamed tissues by the action of induction-galvanism-faradization. Its effects are magical. The official has never had a severe attack since - although but one treatment was administered - and that during the most violent paroxysm of the attack.

Should you feel disposed to test my remedy and come to my office the treatments will cost you nothing. I am desirous of making known this easy method of relieving suffering. Your position and influence among many friends and acquaintances will more than repay me for my services. My office hours are 7 to 8 A.M. and after 4.30 P.M. - Trusting you may try the experiment I am sir

Respectfully Yours

Wm A. Armstrong M.D.

MAYOR'S GOUT IS WORSE.

Despite the Terrible Pain His Honor
Persists in Attending to Official Duties.

Mayor Strong is racked by the gout. It is worse to-day than it has been since the present severe attack came on.

He refuses to allow the gout to keep him away from the City Hall, although this morning it took him ten minutes, aided by crutches, to make his way from his brougham to his office:

There he at once began attending to the large amount of business scheduled for to-day. Every movement of his foot causes him excruciating pain.

Brooklyn Feb. 28/97.

Hon:

Strong, Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir.

The enclosed clipping from yesterday, relating to your suffering from gout is the same story published by the newspapers since you became so prominent before the public, I have seen so repeatedly, to convince me, that baths of mud, &c. were of no avail in your inveterate case of uric acid.

I have not the honour of your acquaintance, consequently I do not enjoy your confidence as a physician, but I am prompted to take this mean to offer you my services, to relieve you of your pains in less than two weeks; and, I am confident to reach your complete restoration to health, preventing the relaps which did become so frequent, and a genuine observance for a man yet young and disposing of means to enjoy life for years to come.

If you deem to accept my proposition to relieve you, not by an experimental, but by a rational treatment, I am dear Sir at your command at any moment notice.

I am Sir, Respectfully Yours
A. de Bausset, M. D.

128 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

THE LEE ARMS COMPANY.

CABLE ADDRESS:
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NEW YORK OFFICE:
161-163 STEWART BUILDING,
280 BROADWAY.
LYMAN E. WARREN, ATTORNEY.

Personal

Hartford, Conn., Feb 28th 1897

Hon. Wm L. Strong -
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

Have you ever taken "Hydriodic Acid" for gout? It is comparatively, a new preparation of Iodine which can be taken internally without disturbing the stomach. I have been saved months of torture by its use every year since I first began about 1886 - and feel it a duty to inform every gouty-rheumatic sufferer I hear of about it. Better ask your physician regarding it.

^{suggestion, perhaps}
This calls for ack. or reply

Respectfully Yours
E. G. Westcott

RETAIL GROCERS' HALL,

138 and 140 East 57th Street,

NEW YORK.

At a regular meeting of the Retail Grocers' Union of the City of New York, held in their Hall, Nos. 138 and 140 East 57th Street, on Monday Evening, March 1st, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The streets of New York were dedicated to the use of the people in the pursuit of all legitimate business and pleasure--the sidewalks for the exclusive use of pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The sidewalks of this City are in places seriously obstructed, in violation of law, by the transaction of many varieties of business thereon, and upon the stoops and areas, to the injury of law abiding tradesmen in the vicinity and the annoyance of the public; and

WHEREAS, A bill is now before the Legislature of this State known as the Finn Bill, Assembly No. 282, Senate 649, which confers a right to occupy what is known as the stoop line to the occupants of the building for the exhibition and sale of goods of every description, within two blocks of any of the public markets of this city,

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this meeting any bill designed to legalize the use of stoop lines, sidewalks and streets for mercantile purposes, except the reasonable use thereof in the ordinary transaction of business, is unconstitutional, and we hereby pledge ourselves in the interests of public welfare to oppose such legislation.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary to the members of the Senate, to the Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor and the Mayor of New York.

RESOLVED, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to take such action as may be necessary if the bill passes the Senate, to oppose the bill before the Mayor and Governor.

N. D. Henry Sturche

Secretary.

211 W. 41 St.

A. Widdows

President.

CRANE'S
1898
New York, March 1, 1897

To the Honorable the Mayor
William L. Strong,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am still a stockholder in what was known as the New York Arcade Railway Co., the underground railroad, right of which the Court of Appeals divested it of. The Beach Pneumatic Tube franchise, an amendment to which has just been passed the Legislature and will come to you, is a part of this Company's assets and I am informed worthy parties are ready to construct such a system if the measure should meet with your conscientious approval.

Very respectfully yours,

Chas. J. Smith

The Knickerbocker Press

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New York, March 1, 1897. 189

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

Dear Sir:--

In connection with the printing of the Dutch Records which we now have well under way, we beg to ask for further information as to the number of additional copies it is your wish we should print of these sets. In this connection we point out that under the terms of this contract, we are to deliver two hundred sets and to print such additional copies as may be needed to supply any public demand as instructed by the Mayor, such orders to be filled at the nominal price of \$1.50 per volume.

Before printing the first volume it is necessary, therefore that we have your instructions as to the additional copies, if any, required.

As we are all ready now to put the first forms on the press, we should be under obligations if we might kindly have this word without delay. The work in question being "letterpress", you will of course realize that the number of sets cannot be increased after the printing of the first volume.

They are bound to print
100 sets in excess.

Respectfully
THE KNICKERBOCKER PRESS.

ADAM FRANK,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

TELEPHONE,
2958 CORTLANDT.

MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING, 32 NASSAU ST.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1st, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our interview of last Tuesday, and your question as to what has been done towards securing for us at 149th Street, the old Macombs span, I beg to say, that in addition to the accompanying brief, ^{under separate cover,} a copy of which was sent every State Senator with a view to defeating the pending Legislation, and my reminding you of your promise to me two months ago, to stand by us as against the Huckleberry Road, application has been made to the Supreme Court and to the United States authorities. An order has been issued to the Park Department, signed by Mr. Justice Pryor, to show cause Wednesday why a mandamus should not issue to oblige them to carry out the Law, which gave us something which it seems to be your impression - I do not quite see why, as I suggested the other day - that we should still have to fight and spend money for after it belongs to us.

The United States Government has ^{during the past week} sent to the Park Department an order to remove that bridge from its present site, "as early as practicable". The bridge was only allowed to remain there two years ago, upon the fraudulent pretence that it would be speedily removed to a distant site, meanwhile being kept permanently open. It is physically impossible to make this bridge to comply with the United States regulations anywhere near its present location; for the reason that the two permanent bridges between which it lies are barely the required distance apart. I hope the Legislature will not make itself ridiculous by ^{vainly} seeking to practically nullify many of the advantages gained by commerce through the millions being spent by the U.S. Government for the benefit of this City. But the confidence of the many thousands of residents in the section to be benefited by the bridge when removed to 145th and 149th Street, is reposed in you, not at Albany.

I have stated publicly, in the presence certainly of several thousands of people, that we have your promise of aid and co-operation, repeated as late as the end of December, last, and now that you know that we have not been idle in the matter, I shall have no hesitation in understanding that that promise will not be withdrawn. This refers to Senate Bill No 31. Senator Guy told me that no one cared for the Harlem, and that it would be better if it were closed up. Your wide experience and large interests and breadth of view, will certainly lead you to a contrary conclusion. But this bridge is intended at its present site to do that very thing.

Very respectfully yours,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor.

Adam Frank

Woodhaven N.Y. Mch 1st 1897.

Mayor Strong of New York City.

Honored Sir:-

Please pardon me for intruding on your valuable time, but I feel it is my duty to call your attention to the subject that does injustice to many deserving ones; I know it will hurt me to a certain extent.

That to which I refer is a part of the Educational Department of the New Charter of "The Greater New York," which I have been informed this day debar some of our teachers who have years of experience.

We have in Queens County a few teachers of great experience, but unfortunately they are not Normals nor holders of New York State Certificates, but instead Commissioner's First Grade Certificates and these I am informed are ruled out.

You are a man of great experience and

good business qualifications, and do you not think that something should be done to provide for these worthy ones who for many years have devoted their time and money in the education of the young? Their records as Teachers speaks for its self. For my own part I can say that some of them far excell the Normal Teachers.

I am an old Veteran. My wounds and injuries are of such a nature that I am unable to perform any manual labor. I have been in constant pain since I was wounded June 9th 1862. My daughter has Taught in the Woodhaven School District for six years.

She is my main support, and if this new Law is passed she will be ruled out.

Now I tell you, not because she is my daughter but because I know it as a fact, that she is far superior as a teacher than

many of the Normals. Her experience is of far more value than all the Normal courses.

I hope you will give this matter serious thought and see what can be done to help the deserving ones.

This is only one of many similar cases, amongst those who will be debarred are widows with families of little ones depending upon them. What will become of them when their support is taken from them? I beg of you to use your influence in seeing that the Commissioner's First Grade Certificates shall be recognized.

Experience is certainly worth something. For instance if you were elected Mayor of Greater New York your experience as Mayor of New York would be of great value to you in the said office. Same with teachers who have served many successful years.

Yours Very Truly
M. R. Allen Chairman
1st Dist Rep Ass. of Town of Jamaica

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Feb'y 27th,

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----- The complainant, George C. Goeller, has been informed on several occasions that this Department has nothing whatever to do with the cleaning of Third avenue between 138th St. and the Harlem Bridge, but up to date he insisted upon making complaints to the main office, myself and my foreman, Broas. As a matter of fact, Third avenue from 135th St. to the Bridge is in the hands of contractors, and the part from 138th St. to 135th St. is in the hands of the Department of Street Improvement.

To be sure about these points Commissioner Haffon was interviewed and gave the information as stated above. On several occasions I have given Foreman H. C. Broas permission to send sweepers to Mr. Goeller's place and clean it, but he never appreciated this extra work. - *I appreciate everything that is properly done Goeller.*

Feb 3/97 *This is a grand bluff, The Dept of Street Cleaning will have ^{hard} work to prove that they have put a broom on this avenue since Dec 21/96 - Neither have they touched E. 134 St west of 3rd Ave since that date - this is only a preservation of facts by the employee -*
Geo C Goeller

(Signed) H. Triest, 3rd Ave

7134 St. 11.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 2d, 1897.

Mr. George C. Goeller,
2439 Third avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to hand you the enclosed
copy of report from Street Cleaning Superintendent
Triest, District No. 11, addressed to the Commissioner,
which was rendered after an investigation regarding
your letter.

Yours truly,

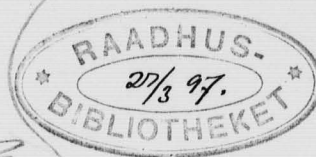
Job E. Hoeg
Secretary.

My Dear Mayor.

*I emphatically deny that the Dept
of Street Cleaning have sent any man here to clean up in front
of my place since Dec 24/96 - The Bridge Contractor has
twice cleaned up the Street on his own apt - and that the last time
within 3 days after my letter was mailed to you - If Street Cleaning Dept
has nothing to do with it then it must be the duty of Commissioner of
Public Works who are superintending the construction of approaches to New
Bridge - our Commissioner Haffner has nothing what ever to do with it.*

*Very Respectfully Geo C Goeller
3 av 4134*

March 2/97



Dear Sir.

With the commencement of this year has been instituted by the municipal authorities of Copenhagen a collection of books, named "Raadhustibbliothek" (the Town-hall Library) for the use of the members of the council and the municipal officers. I should be highly obliged to Mr Mayor, if you would kindly transmit to us for incorporation into this library such official publications of your city, as would be fit for the purposes of this library, that is especially collections of laws and statutes, reports from municipal institutions and a catalogue of the municipal library of like kind as ours, if such may be found.

Presenting in anticipation my best thanks and offering in return similar transmissions, if wanted,

I remain, Mr Mayor,
Yours respectfully

Julius Salomon,
Librarian.

The address of the library is: Raadhustibbliothek,
Jorcks Passage, Copenhagen, K (Denmark)

Mr. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor of New York, U.S.

Winnipeg
Manitoba
2 Mar 1897

Dear Sir,

I have for sale one
Elk and one Moose each
3 years old and thoroughly
domesticated, the Moose has
been driven to harness, and
it occurred to me that your
City may require same for
your Parks - and therefore
take the liberty of writing you
I will sell them for \$250.00 each
T & B Cars here are well known
in your City for about twice
with freight and duty added
An early reply will oblige

Yours truly
J. Haffner
To the Mayor of the City of
New York

WILLIAM BOOTH,
GENERAL.



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

The Salvation Army.

National Headquarters:

120, 122, 124 West 14th Street,

New York City.

Mar. 2, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City and County of New York,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty of intruding myself upon your valuable time re
License for our Inter-State Labor Bureau, which is so highly commended
now by most every Labor Commissioner in the Union. I find in looking
over the Act relative to the keeping of Intelligence Offices, Employ-
ment Agencies, &c., that every license for such places expires on the
first Tuesday of May next and that a renewal costs the sum of \$12.50
extra. As there is only two months to elapse between now and the ex-
piration, I wanted to see if there would be any objection to our oper-
ating this Bureau, which is solely on benevolent and charitable lines,
without taking out a license until next May, as we would like to save
that amount if possible. It seems there is a difference of opinion
between your Marshall and myself relative to our liability under this
Section, he holding that we are ^{liable for the license,} whereas we really are rendering our
services free and simply asking a small disbursement covering actual
expense for information relative to the procuring of the various posi-
tions. It seems hard that we should be compelled to take out this

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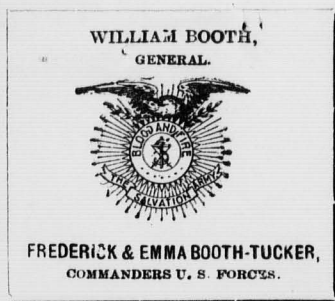
license at all as the entire Bureau is run on charitable lines and for benevolent purposes and we have been complimented and extolled by those who have seen the work we are doing in helping the helpless into positions placed within our power by those who are glad not only to help us in these lines but also to receive back something which they don't receive from Intelligence Offices and Employment Agencies, and that is, a full and authentic history, good and bad, of the person placed in various employments. However, since this hard decision has been arrived at, we as good law-abiding citizens are compelled to obey and simply ask this favor at your hands of waiting until the 2nd of May to take out the license, which your Bureau has ordered it is compulsory for us to do.

Thanking you for the many kindnesses extended to our Organization in the past,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Attorney and Counsel for The Salvation Army.



THE SALVATION ARMY

... INTERSTATE ...

LABOR BUREAU.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
120-124 West Fourteenth Street, New York City.



EMPLOYEE'S APPLICATION—FEMALE.

Name.....

Address

Nationality..... Color..... Age.....

What kind of work wanted.... Wages required.....

Last three places employed:

Name..... Address..... Occupation.....

Name..... Address..... Occupation.....

Name..... Address..... Occupation.....

If You Desire Housework Answer the Following:

Can you wash? Iron?.... .. Cook? Plain or fancy?..... Pastry?.....

Do chamberwork?... .. How many can you work for?..... Can you care for children; if so, how

many?..... Would you stay right along in a good place?..... .. Are you Protestant or

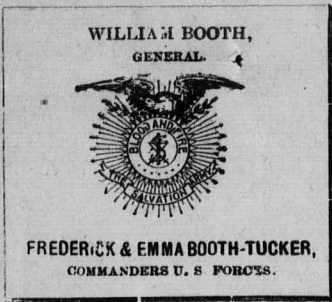
Catholic?.... .. Married or single? Anyone depend on you for support?.....

Who?

REMARKS

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THE SALVATION ARMY

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
120-124 West Fourteenth Street, New York City.



EMPLOYEE'S APPLICATION—MALE.

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Name.....

Address

Trade

Nationality..... Color..... Age..... Prot. or Cath.....

Last three places employed, what doing, and how long did you work there?

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|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Name..... | Address |
| | Occupation..... | How long employed..... |
| 2 | Name..... | Address..... |
| | Occupation..... | How long employed..... |
| 3 | Name..... | Address..... |
| | Occupation..... | How long employed..... |

Are you married or single?.....How many in family counting yourself?.....

Speak any language besides English?

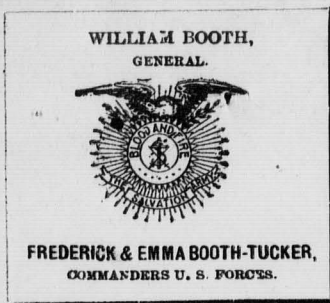
What wages do you expect?.....

Would you stay right along in a good place?.....

How far would you move with your family to secure a satisfactory, steady place?

How long have you been out of work?.....

If you cannot get work at your regular trade, what else could you do?.....



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OUR
SERVICES
FREE.

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Employers' Application for Help.

Will you kindly answer the following questions, even though rather numerous, in order that we should get for you exactly such help as you desire.

Name

Address

State your desires as to

Sex..... Color Age..... Nationality.....

What is Employee to do?.....

Married or Single?..... Protestant or Catholic?.....

What do you pay.....? How many hours' work per day do you require?.....

If you desire a Domestic, please answer the following:

How many in family, all told?..... How many children?..... Do you require girl

to Wash?..... Iron?..... Do plain or fancy Cooking?.....

Care for children?..... Do Chamber-work?..... Any invalids in family?.....

Nature of disease..... What time each week would you give a

girl for herself?..... Do you keep another girl?

If not a Domestic, or if above does not give an idea of the work, please describe what you want done:

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How do you get to the place of work from.....? What cars, and what is the
round trip fare?..... ; single trip.....

Will you furnish traveling expenses, if required?.....

Remarks.....
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THE PNEUMATIC-TUBE BILL.

Purposes of the Men Behind It—Quick Dispatch of Mails in New York.

Speaking to-day of the passage by the Legislature of the pneumatic tube bill, E. W. Austin, Secretary of the New York Arcade Railway Company, which is the company owning the pneumatic-tube charter, said: "The original pneumatic-tube charter, to which this bill is an amendment, was granted in 1868 to Alfred E. Beach, proprietor of the *Scientific American*, and others, giving the right to lay tubes under the streets of New York and Brooklyn and under the waters of the North and East Rivers, to transmit mail parcels and merchandise by means of pneumatic power. Mr. Beach had invented and patented a mechanical system for doing the work, by which letters and mail were to be carried continuously from lamp-post boxes, by an incessant suction draft, to the Post-office or nearest sub-station. He built and operated in the American Institute fair a mail service by the tubes, showing the rapidity of delivery and practicability of its operation.

"The company organized under this franchise and began under Broadway, at its junction with Warren Street, the work of building a tunnel within which was to be placed its main tubes. After constructing a block or more of this tunnel the company conceived the idea of building an underground railway for carrying passengers. The subject of an elevated railway being then strongly advocated, a passenger-car capable of holding eighteen persons was put in the tunnel and with engine and machinery was operated by pneumatic power for months. The Legislature, city officials, proprietors and editors of newspapers, and the public were invited to ride in and inspect it. It met with only praise from the press. The practicability of this scheme was also demonstrated by Mr. Beach at large expense by constructing in the American Institute fair, at one of its annual exhibitions, a tunnel in which was operated a car that could carry ten passengers. It was one of the successful and most-talked-of features of the fair, and hundreds rode through it daily. The Legislature was then appealed to for enlarged rights to build a passenger-railway tunnel, and from that time to the present this company has had four different enactments from the Legislature, namely, in 1873, 1874, 1881, and 1886, finally changing its name to the New York Arcade Railway Company.

"From 1886 to 1889 the company was held in the courts by opponents contesting the validity of these various amendments acquiring railroad rights, and in March, 1889, the Court of Appeals declared unconstitutional all acts subsequent to and including that of 1873. This decision stripped the company of every right except the original charter for pneumatic tubes to carry mails, etc., under the provisions of which the company had constructed over a block of tunnel under Broadway, and by its provisions were to continue such work down Broadway to Cedar Street and connect with the post-office at Cedar and Nassau. Now, however, the post-office is at City Hall Park, and the principal object of the new legislative enactment is to reaffirm the purposes of the Legislature by declaring that the company may build from where the post-office is rather than from where it was. The company asks for no new privileges, nor wants any rights it does not already possess. The company could not under its original charter pursue its work except under the supervision and direction of the proper city authorities, and the present bill imposes still further restrictions by the city authorities.

"Such a system as the one described, comprehensively constructed and properly managed, must be conceded to be of immeasurable benefit to the people of the city and bring great relief to our over-crowded streets by removing so many lumbering mail and delivery wagons.

"Postmasters Van Cott and Dayton have repeatedly urged the adoption of some such method for the mail service of New York, and the Post-office Department at Washington is encouraging every effort that gives any promise in this direction. Pneumatic tubes for carrying mail are in use in London, Paris, Berlin, and Vienna. In Paris tubes are extensively used. Over seven miles are in operation in Vienna, and in Berlin over 28 miles are worked with 38 stations for reception and delivery. Philadelphia has a pneumatic mail service, and Boston is about constructing one. We have long ago outlived the lumbering service of the mail wagon, and should at once adopt some modern method of rapid delivery.

"Nothing but some kind of underground transmission seems feasible in our city, and by electric or pneumatic power this service can be had under our streets without interference with either public or private interests. In the construction even it will hardly be necessary to disturb the surface of the streets.

"Should this measure meet the approval of the Mayors of New York and Brooklyn and be signed by the Governor, it is a sufficient guarantee that the enterprise will be honestly and successfully conducted when it is known that the control of the company is in the hands of such men as Levi P. Morton, Charles Stewart Smith, R. G. Dun, Henry Sanford, Judge Charles P. Daly, Alfred M. Hoyt, John Clafin, Congressman Fowler, and many other men of similar standing."

Eugene W. Austin,
Cranford, N. J.

March 2/97

To the Honorable
Mayor W^m L. Strong

My dear sir: My attention
has, but this moment, been called
to an article in last Saturday's
World purporting to be interviews
with your Honor and many other
city officials regarding the Perma-
matic Tube bill so recently
passed by the Legislature.

I only wish to correct the represen-
-tation made that we sought to
avoid its coming to you as a
local measure. I can state
absolutely that such a thought-
never occurred to us and never

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Eugene W. Justin,
Cranford, N. J.

was such a suggestion ever made,
by any one interested in this bill.

On the contrary I took for
granted that, that was the course,
it should take and before going
to the legislature last year, in an
interview with you, in presence of
Genl Egbert L. Hale, I expressed the
desire and purpose of doing all
and everything with the full knowl-
-edge and accord of the city authorities.

I consulted with the Commissioners
and counsels of both cities and also
with the Rapid Transit Railroad Com-
missioners in the preparation of our
bill and incorporated amendments they
had prepared for the protection of
each interest without a single quali-

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Eugene W. Austin,
Craneford, N. J.

fication or objection. We have concealed nothing of our purposes and did win, I believe by our evident honesty, the cordial support of the irreproachable men of the Legislature.

So much adverse criticism has been made by some of the papers that "The Post" accorded me an interview to make a statement which I have ventured to enclose, hoping you may find time to glance over it assuring you that all statements of fact are from personal knowledge.

Begging pardon for this trespass upon your valuable time. I am
Most Respectfully Yours

E. W. Austin

OFFICERS.

CYRUS CLARK, PRESIDENT,
Residence, 327 W. 76th St.
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WILLIAM C. STUART, } VICE-PRESIDENTS.
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J. EDGAR LEAYCRAFT, TREASURER.
G. B. SHEPPARD, SECRETARY.

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426 Columbus Avenue,

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New York, March 2d, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor.

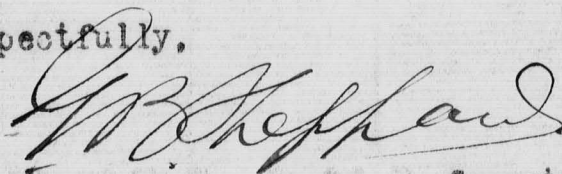
City Hall,

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by this association to ask if you will receive a committee from it, in regard to the collection of ashes &c. on the West Side by the Department of Street Cleaning, on Saturday next, 6th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M.

If it will not be convenient for you to receive the committee at that time, will you kindly indicate at what time it will suit your convenience?

Yours respectfully,



Secretary.

IGNAZ REICHMANN,

Special Agent

The Germania Life Insurance Company,

Rooms 10, 11 and 12, No. 207 Broadway,

New York, March 3rd, 1897

Honorable William L. Strong,

Mayor,

City.

Dear Sir:--

Being a resident of Harlem, I am naturally quite interested in the decision of the Third Ave. Bridge and have read in the daily papers of the last public hearing held by the Board of Apportionment that your honorable body resolved to examine the probabilities of a direct approach from the West side and also on the East side Terminus - a Horse-shoe or a loop.

The Citizens of Harlem, Mr. Mayor, want a common sense direct approach and not a crooked one which, with the elevated netting above, would compell pedestrians to endure the coal dust, cinders, oil drippings etc., coming therefrom.

I know from good authority that the few gentlemen that oppose a direct approach have a self motive in view and not the welfare of the Public: knowing as they certainly do, that by making a bad job of the South side approach of the bridge, it would later on have to be changed thereby favoring a few Lexington avenue political property owners.

The Public will not criticise this East side Approach, should your honorable body decide in that way, until completed, then, Mr. Mayor, the responsibility will come to you, as after an enormous expense a proper Approach will have to be made. In my judgment, I think

it would be a crime to disfigure such a beautiful Bridge which cost the citizens of New York including the Purchasing of Real Estate, as I understand, nearly Five Millions of Dollars. Therefore, Mr. Mayor, let us hope that you will give us a direct Approach

Very respectfully yours,

Ignaz Reichmann
1723 Madison Ave

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Wm. J. Brophy, Vice President.*

*John J. Page, Treasurer.
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March 3, 1897

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

My Dear Sir:

I beg leave to submit herewith a brief containing some of the reasons and arguments for the proposed organization to care for the New York Aquarium. Will you kindly give this your early attention, and if you see no objection to it, kindly advise me of your opinion, as I do not wish to take the initial steps for the formation and organization unless the same meets with your approval.

Very respectfully yours,

E. G. Blackford

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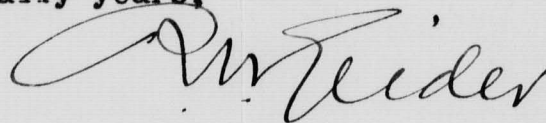
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,

My dear Sir:-

I hereby acknowledge and thank you for your invitation to appear before you at two o'clock to-day in relation to the act to amend Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as amended by Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1895. This I understand is Assembly Bill 415. I learn that the Bill was introduced at the request of the Corporation Counsel in order to facilitate the working of the original law.

As the Bill also meets with the approval of the Board of Health I have no objections to offer to it, and therefore I suppose that my personal appearance before you in the matter is not necessary.

Very respectfully yours,





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In the meantime, I beg to remain,

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15 Wall St.

Telephone Numbers,
NY Cortlandt.

New York, March 3d, 1897.

In re Regulating & Grading 135th Street.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:--

I am an owner personally and represent other owners of property in the vicinity of 135th Street, St. Nicholas Terrace and Convent Avenue, who are opposed to the scheme of improvement involving the change of grade of 135th Street from St. Nicholas Avenue to Tenth Avenue, for which a bill has been introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Gillender and in the Senate by Mr. Ford.

We understand that the promoters of this scheme have asked your approval of it before the bill is acted upon by the Legislature.

I beg to ask you not to do so until the opponents of this measure have had a chance to confer with you in relation thereto.

The regrading is not asked for by any of the property owners affected and who have been assessed for the improvements of this and the adjoining streets, nor do I know of a single one west of St. Nicholas Avenue who desires it.

The change of grade with open cut, &c., would involve very serious damage to the property in the vicinity, rendering many of the lots utterly valueless.

The present grades were fixed by the Board of Street Opening in accordance with the plan prepared by Mr. Calvert ~~Box~~ ^{Law}, the Landscape Architect of the Central Park, some years since.

The improvements so planned have cost very considerable, and have been paid for by the property owners, and before any ~~change~~ change is made, or the change receives your approval, we should be pleased to have an opportunity of presenting to you our objections thereto.

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J. H. [Signature]

Planning [Signature]

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The [Signature]

Very truly yours,

March 3rd 1894

148 Fifty-eighth St. West.

To Hon Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir.

I would like to make inquiry about a matter, connected with premises, 130 West 38th St. I own 148 W 38th St and have been annoyed a long time, by a bad leader, on back of premises 130, 38th St. I applied to Board of Health some four weeks ago, after a time they sent an Inspector, who examined premises

and reported condition of
affairs. In a week in
answer to a note, sent by me,
to inquire what was to be
done about it, I received
answer, they could do nothing
and they referred me to
Superintendent of Buildings.
I wrote ten days ago to him
have heard nothing from
them, in the mean time
the damage still goes on.
I am extremely sorry to
be obliged, to take up any
of your valuable time, by
a matter of this kind,
but was advised by a
friend to appeal to you

who know from experience
what a ^{you are} fast man, and
who says you would sift
out anything crooked,
connected with this affair.
Hoping you will excuse
my presumption in
addressing you I am.

Very respectfully yours
Emma Tucker.
148 W. 5th St.

ALPHA CLUB,

741 FIFTH STREET,

New York, March 3rd 1897

Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

Is it possible for a man to be employed in one of the City departments, and to remain on the Civil Service list in another.

One Peter Kemp is employed in the Dept of Public Works and heads the Civil Service list as a Butcher.

If he is permitted to occupy both places he acts as "the dog in the manger", not being able to do anything but deprive others from securing an appointment as a butcher were he removed from the list.

Can this be remedied?

Truly Yours

John Mott
741 5th St
City

KELLER'S HOTEL,
STEAM SHIP OFFICE
—+—+—+—
MONEY EXCHANGE,
117 CHARLTON ST., NEW YORK.

117 Charlton St
March 3^d 1897

Hon W L Strong

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir

In answer to a note from
the Deputy Commissioner S.C.D. I called upon
him this day in reference to my letter to you
of the 26 of February concerning the seizure of
my wagon by his dept from in front of my door.
and he claimed that the seizure was legal.
but after a time he finally offered me 1/2 the amount
\$250 but I informed him that I consider the seizure
illegal. and that if I am entitled to \$250 that
I am entitled to the full amount I paid
to the Street Cleaning Department. Hoping Mr Mayor
that you will kindly view this matter in its legal
standing and wishing that you will see justice
done me

I am with Great Respect

Yours Obediently
Joseph Keller

117 CHARLTON ST., N. Y.

P. O. Box 2979.

ARTHUR v. BRIESEN,
ANTONIO KNAUTH.

CABLE ADDRESS: BRIESENK, NEW YORK.

BRIESEN & KNAUTH,
COUNSELORS AT LAW,
229 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

N.Y. Mar. 4, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

We have been appointed a Committee of the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs with instructions to appear before you and bring to your attention certain important public business.

If convenient to your Honor, we shall appear before you on Friday, the 5th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. Should that hour be inconvenient, we beg of you to name some other hour during the same day after 2 o'clock.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servants,

Arthur Briesen
J. H. Knauth
Chas. C. Knauth

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

Dear Sir:--

The New York Board of Trade & Transportation is interested in having the streets of the City preserved from all encroachments which are hindrances to their proper and public use. For this reason the Board is opposed to a bill now pending in the Legislature, known as the Finn Bill, as you have learned by presentation of resolutions adopted by the Board, which were duly sent you.

There has been more or less comment in the press on this matter, and from what I have learned, I am of opinion that your position with reference to this bill has been somewhat misunderstood. As Chairman of the Committee of City Affairs of the Board, I should esteem it a favor if you could give me an opportunity of learning from you personally what are your views in the matter. The monthly meeting of our Board takes place on Wednesday next, and our Committee is then to report. If it would be convenient and agreeable for you to have me call at your office for a few moments on Saturday or Monday morning, I should feel obliged to you.

Truly yours,

J. M. Carroll

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New York March 4. 97

Mr. W. L. Strong,
Dear Sir,

We are supplying The Brooklyn City
Water Works with our Screened Morrisdale
Bituminous Coal and Mayor Murster
will endorse my statement that they
never had more satisfaction with
any fuel.

We have seen your Chief Engineer Birdsell
in reference to use of it in his department
and he refers me to you.

We can quote price of about
Two dollars per ton for same against
the much higher rate that you are
paying.

I shall be pleased to call on you
Yrs. Wm. C. Barker

CHARLES T. MARVIN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
EVENING POST BUILDING,
206 Broadway.

New York, March 4 - 1897

Hon Wm L Strong

Mayor of City of New York

Dear Sir -

Cannt you do something to compel the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to remove the ashes &c from the West side - I reside at 125 West 80th Street and the ashes and garbage have not been removed in over a week - because the Commissioner has some personal or other difficulty with some association is no reason why the health and comfort of all the residents of that district should suffer. It would seem to me that an official

CHARLES T. MARVIN,
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New York, 189

Who openly states as he
has that he will not per-
form his official duties
is a proper subject for
removal from office -
We pay taxes and this
past year have paid more
than ever before - and I
think that we are entitled
to different treatment -

Very truly Yours
Charles T. Marvin

R O O M S O F

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,

Mail & Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, February 17th, 1897.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held the 10th inst., the following report was presented by the Committee on City Affairs, and, with the accompanying resolution, unanimously adopted, viz:

New York, February 10th, 1897.

To the New York Board of Trade and Transportation:

Your Committee on City Affairs respectfully reports that they have considered the bill offered by Mr. Leonard (No. 33) which is intended to legalize the occupation of the stoop line for the erection of offices for truckmen, and the bills offered by Mr. Finn, viz: No. 240 intended to legalize the occupation of the stoop line around Washington Market and in Vesey Street for the exposure and sale of merchandise, and bill No. 282 to the same effect, only that it covers all the markets in the city and within two blocks of either or all of them in any direction. Your Committee is unanimously of the opinion that it is not wise or in the interest of the good government of this city to pass bill No. 33 introduced by Mr. Leonard, and bills 240 and 282 introduced by Mr. Finn, and respectfully recommends that the New York Board of Trade and Transportation earnestly protest against the passage of these bills for the following reasons:

That the streets of New York are dedicated and set aside for the free and unobstructed use of citizens going to and from their places of business and residence and for the lawful transaction of their business.

That any permits for the erection of booths or stands for the sale of merchandise other than the sale of newspapers, periodicals, fruits and soda-water, and the use of stands within the stoop line for bootblacks, as now permitted by law, would create obstructions on the sidewalks which would be a great hindrance to citizens in getting to and from their places of business and in the transaction of their business.

That the granting of permits for the erection of stands of any kind outside of the building line in any of the streets of the city is a direct incentive to the parties owning the adjoining property to apply for the same privilege, and in nearly every instance is the cause of ill-will between adjoining tenants and property owners, as well as injury to the small store keepers with whom the occupants of the stands come into direct competition.

Your Committee therefore recommended the passage of the

following resolutions:

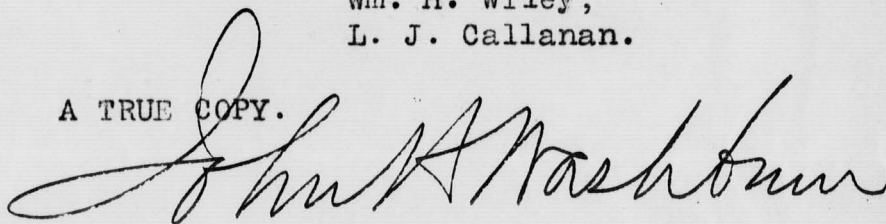
RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation respectfully requests the Legislature, for the reasons given in the report of the Committee on City Affairs, not to pass the bills No. 33 introduced by Mr. Leonard, and Nos. 240 and 282 introduced by Mr. Finn.

RESOLVED, That a committee of three of this Board be appointed by the Chair to appear before the Committee on Affairs of Cities of the Senate and Assembly to oppose the passage of said bills, and, if passed by them, that they be authorized to appear before the Mayor and the Governor to oppose the bills.

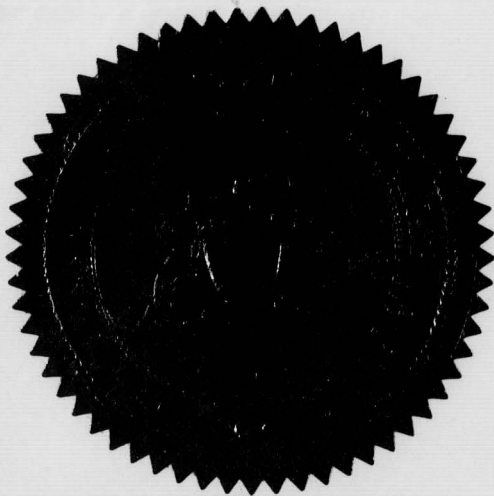
RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the members of the Senate and Assembly, to the Governor and to the Mayor.

Wm. McCarroll,
F. B. Thurber,
Wm. H. Wiley,
L. J. Callanan.

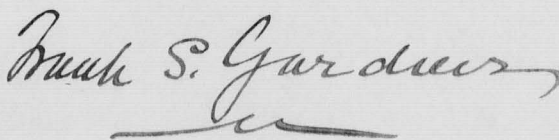
A TRUE COPY.



Vice President.



Attest,



Secretary.

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TELEPHONE CALL:
3992 CORTLANDT.

203 BROADWAY,

New York.

March 4th, 1897.

To his Honor Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to hand you, herewith, a copy of resolutions adopted by this Board in connection with a report of our Committee on City Affairs relating to sidewalk obstructions and the Finn bills.

It was my intention to not send this to you until the bills came into your hands in the event of their passage at Albany, but as I see by the newspapers you are giving the matter some consideration now I forward the paper at this time, and remain,

Very respectfully,

Frank S. Gardner
Secretary

201 W. 55th St.

March 2-1897

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your favor of Feb. 25th, through your Secretary, appointing me as an Inspector of Common Schools in the 21st School District and I appreciate very much the honor you have put upon me in selecting me for this important duty.

I am very sorry therefore to write you that owing to

the great pressure of
other duties and my
inability in consequence
to perform satisfactorily,
- at least to myself -
the duties of the position
I shall be obliged
with regret to reply
that I must decline it.

Very Respectfully
Henry L. Smith

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STEPHEN BAKER, President.
HENRY K. MCHARG, Vice Pres.

BANK OF THE

J. T. BALDWIN, Cashier.
W. E. TROTTER, Ass^t Cash^r

Manhattan Company,

New York, March 4th, 1897. *189*

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

My Dear Sir:-

I received last evening your favor of the 3rd inst, enclosing a letter from Mr. Henry L. Smith, declining the office of School Inspector for the 21st District, to which the Mayor very kindly appointed him. I return Mr. Smith's letter, and also enclose a letter that I received from him last evening, merely to show that I had "la-bored" with him, but to no effect. Please tear up Mr. Smith's letter when you are through with it. Acting on the Mayor's suggestion, I will "try again".

Yours very truly,

Stephen Baker

City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

OBJECTS.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING
OF THE CITY, AND TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE THE
AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York, Mch., 4th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

Upon receiving complaints from neighboring property owners that the N.Y. Life Insurance Co. purposed constructing on the sidewalk in front of their new building, S.E. Cor. Broadway & Leonard st., a portico entrance apparently in violation of law, we at once communicated with the Dept. of Public Works in regard to the matter. This Department, after thorough investigation, informs us that the Company has been notified to comply with the law and keep within the building line and we very earnestly and respectfully request that you will support Gen'l. Collis in the position he has taken in this matter.

Subject to your better knowledge we beg to state that this Society holds that the Board of Aldermen have merely the right to prevent ^{Such} encroachments upon and obstructions to the streets and not to grant permits for encroaching upon and obstructing the same. Furthermore, it is held, that the plea of the Insurance Co. that the "portico" in contemplation will not extend beyond the "stoop line", is worthless, and for the following reason, if we are correctly informed: that, when "stoops" are permanently removed, the space so left vacant reverts to the City for the use of the public.

With an apology to you for the length of this communication we have only to add our most emphatic protest against the constant *attempts* *at* "grabbing" of the sidewalks and public places of this City by Corporations and individuals.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Pampelly

Secretary.

D. H. Burnham & Co.,
Architects.

The Rookery.

Chicago. March 5th, 1897.

To The Honorable,

The Mayor of the City of New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby respectfully requested to send to me the competitive drawings which were made by me in competition for the City Hall Building, to be erected in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York.

These plans were made by me in pursuance of instructions to architects in preparing new plans, the same being authorized by Chapter 299, Laws of 1890, as amended by Chapter 414, Laws of 1892, by the Board of Commissioners constituted by said Act, consisting of

The Mayor,
The Recorder
The Comptroller
The Chamberlain
The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen
The Surrogate of the City and County of New York
The Clerk of the City and County of New York
The Register of the City and County of New York.

My drawings were awarded a prize, the amount
of which I have received.

This formal demand is made in accordance with
paragraph three, on page six of said instructions
to architects, which reads as follows:-

"All rejected drawings, including the five
which receive premiums, will be returned to the com-
petitors, when the selection has been made--."

Your kind attention will greatly oblige.

Respectfully,

P. J. Weber.

HENRY DE FOREST BALDWIN,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW.
11 PINE STREET
HANOVER BANK BUILDING.

TELEPHONE, No 1044 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, Mch. 5th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:-

I write to remind you of
the dinner of the Reform Club, to-morrow
(Saturday) evening, at which our members
are anticipating the pleasure of hearing
you speak on the charter of Greater New
York.

Very truly yours,

Henry de Forest Baldwin

Chairman Sub-Committee on
Meetings.

MORE ROOM FOR COURTS.

NEW FLOORS BEING MADE IN THE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

The High Rooms Which Have Been
Used by the Federal Courts Will
Be Divided—Accommodations
for the Library.

Extensive alterations, designed to increase the room for the Federal courts and the law library, are being made in the Post Office Building, and when they are finished, in about two months, the lawyers and Judges will rejoice over an improvement for which they have been fighting about ten years.

The three Federal courtrooms, as they are now in the building, extend from the second to the fourth floors, about forty-five feet. They have two tiers of high windows and had high galleries running around them. These galleries have never been popular, however, and since the business of the courts has outgrown the room in the building, this provision of a high ceiling has been regarded as a waste of space.

The high rooms, too, have proved troublesome to the courts and lawyers, the acoustic properties being such that a Judge could often hear the whispers of men in a far corner more plainly than he could hear the pleas of the counsel ten feet in front of him. The same effect as was found in the famous whispering gallery in the National Capitol was noticed here.

A new floor will take the place of the old galleries, and so three large additional rooms will be made. When the alterations are completed two circuit court rooms will be on the second floor, two new jury rooms, and a new prisoners' pen, which has been needed for a long time by the United States Marshal, will be on the third floor, and on the fourth floor will be a new room for the Circuit Court of Appeals. The law library, which is now cramped into a space not half large enough, will have the room now occupied by the Court of Appeals.

A number of large girders for the new floors were being hoisted into the north windows of the Post Office Building yesterday, and much confusion was caused by the blocking of the mail wagons. These beams, double 20-inch rolled iron affairs, about 40 feet long, have just come from the Carnegie works. They were to have been delivered several months ago, as the contract specified that the improvements should be finished by Jan. 21, but the excuse has been made that the after-election rush of orders at the Carnegie works prevented a quicker delivery. One of these girders will weigh four tons, and all are massive affairs.

Congress appropriated \$80,000 for this work, and the contractor in charge of it is George Telfer of 150 Nassau Street. Work will be pushed, as during its continuance the courts will be crowded into the inside rooms of the building.

THE TOMBS TO GO.

Plans Filed by the City for a New Prison on Its Site.

The city filed plans yesterday with the Department of Buildings which call for the erection of a prison building four and eight stories in height, at the estimated cost of \$700,000, on the present site of the Tombs. The new prison will occupy the major part of the Centre Street side of the block, and will project about five feet nearer the stoop line than does the old structure, thereby taking up much of the present porch space.

The new building, when completed, will have the appearance of a flattened circle, with a projection in the front for an arched entrance and an irregular extension in the rear running to a court yard in the centre of the block, facing the old prison on the Elm Street side. The walls will be of granite and brick, and range from 3 feet to 16 inches in thickness. The roof will be on the mansard plan, covered with slate and iron, and the highest point of the structure from the curb level will be 124 feet. The frontage on the Centre Street side will be 186 feet.

The city also submitted plans for the erection of an extension to the women's prison, which is on the Leonard Street side of the block. An iron bridge will connect this addition with the new prison. It is estimated that the cost of the new section of the women's prison will be \$20,000. The plans for both structures were drawn up by Withers & Dickson of the Bible House.

* Who has never seen
nor heard Mayor
Strong.

March 6/97.

Yes; it is a pity that the present
old York Post office has not the
height nor commodiousness of a
greater New York Post office. It
ought to be a 15-story structure.

So too ought the New Tombs
Building to be a 15-story structure.
All the room, for records, for mun-
icipal offices, or for other city purposes,
will soon be needed. Mayor Strong will, I
trust, see that the right thing shall be done.
Independent Notes *.

STREETS TO BE ASPHALTED.

Over Half a Million Dollars to be Expended—The List.

The expenditure of over \$500,000 for new asphalt pavement was authorized Monday by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment upon the report submitted by Commissioner Collis of the Department of Public Works. Controller Fitch caused the report to be so amended that a section of West Eleventh Street should be paved with asphalt.

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Following is a list of the streets selected to be asphalted, with the estimated cost:

Bleecker Street, from Crosby to the Bowery, \$8,745; Exchange Place, from Broad to William Street, \$2,656.50; Dey Street, from Greenwich to Broadway, \$7,788; Roosevelt Street, from Park Row to Water Street, Jay Street, from Hudson to West Street, and Staple Street, from Harrison to Duane Street, \$12,870; Market Street, from Division to Cherry Street, \$13,794; Charles Street, from West to Greenwich Avenue, \$23,314; Jane Street, from West Street to Greenwich Avenue, \$16,509; Eleventh Street, from University Place to Sixth Avenue, \$16,005; Fifteenth Street, from Sixth Avenue to Tenth Avenue, \$36,531; Nineteenth Street, from Sixth to Seventh Avenue, \$9,240.

Twentieth Street, from Fourth Avenue to Broadway, \$6,448.20; Twenty-third Street, from Fifth to Lexington Avenue, \$15,015; Thirty-second Street, from Fifth to Tenth Avenue, \$47,925; Forty-third Street, from Sixth Avenue to Broadway, \$8,085; Forty-seventh Street, from Seventh to Eighth Avenue, \$9,240; Fifty-second Street, from Fifth Avenue to Broadway, \$12,210; Broadway, Fifty-eighth Street, to the Circle, \$2,993.10; Fifty-eighth Street, from Third Avenue to Avenue A, \$21,591.90; Sixty-third Street, from Park Avenue to Avenue A, (except between Lexington and Third Avenues,) \$26,433.

Columbus Avenue, from Sixty-third to Sixty-sixth Street, and Sixty-third Street, from Columbus Avenue to the Boulevard, and Sixty-sixth Street, from Columbus Avenue to the Boulevard, \$11,962.50; Eighty-third Street, from Central Park West to Riverside Drive, \$32,175; Seventy-sixth Street, from Avenue A to Madison Avenue, except between Third and Lexington Avenues, \$30,855; Eighty-fifth Street, from Fifth Avenue to Avenue A, except between Madison and Fourth Avenues, \$36,300; Ninetieth Street, from Third Avenue to Fifth Avenue, \$19,569; One Hundred and Fourth Street, from Fifth to First Avenue, \$34,056; One Hundred and Twentieth Street, from Lenox to Seventh Avenue, \$8,910; One Hundred and Twenty-first Street, from Lexington Avenue to Third Avenue, \$4,950; One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street, from Fifth to Madison Avenue, and Fifth Avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street, \$13,134; Beaver Street, between New Street and Broadway, \$2,046. The total estimated expense is \$590,210.70.

March 6/97.

Reposing full faith in the intelligence and patriotism and integrity of Mayor Strong, for whom I voted with great cheerfulness, and hope to have the pleasure of voting again, I take the liberty of requesting that he will at once use his influence to have the laws relating to street-paving so amended that, hereafter, every street asphalted shall also have its ^(sidewalks) pavements asphalted; so that the sidewalks may afford as good walking as the streets themselves; charging the owners, of course, for the improvements, which should be uniform in every case, and therefore done by the same parties who asphalt the streets, and at the same time.

Also that all the sidewalks in streets already asphalted shall be at once correspondingly asphalted, and charged against the house-owners respectively; for certainty's sake, for uniformity's, and for economy's sake,

2) the city authorities themselves doing the work,
and charging it fairly against the owners of
the dwellings and other buildings.

Respectfully,
Independent Voter.*

* Who has never seen nor
heard Mayor Strong. }

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The Inaugural Parade of March 4, 1897.

GENERAL HORACE PORTER,
Grand Marshal.

A. NOEL BLAKEMAN,
Chief of Staff.

COLONEL H. C. CORBIN, U. S. A.,
Adjutant General.

CAPTAIN JOHN A. JOHNSTON, U. S. A.,
Chief of Aides.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND MARSHAL,

Glover Building, 1419 F Street N. W.

Washington, D. C., March 6th 1897

Hon Wm L. Strong.

Mayor. W. F. City

My dear Mr Mayor.

When I called upon you early in February you were kind enough to say that you would be glad to write a letter in my behalf to the President when the time came. I am an applicant for the appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Navy and as these appointments will soon come under consideration, I will esteem it a great favor if you will write a letter to the President as well as Judge Long the Secretary of the Navy recommending me. Gen Porter has had a personal conference with both and has said all he could and he thinks a letter from you would be of very much ~~value~~ strengthen what he has said.

Yours very truly
A. Noel Blakeman

FRED GREINER,
Counselor at Law,
BUFFALO, N.Y.

337 & 338 Broadway & Buffalo Bldg.

March 6, 1897.

Mr. George F. Hedges,
New York City.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith I send an affidavit of service for the person who serves Fred^W Hoffman, to complete.

I find that there are no others in New York City to be served at present.

On receipt of affidavit I will gladly send fee for serving Hoffman.

Thanking you for your attention in this small matter, I am very gratefully,

Yours respectfully,
Frank M. Spitzmuller

Willis M. Boutwell,
Jefferson Building,
564 Washington Street,
Boston.

Willis M. Boutwell,
Manufacturers' Agent,
Curtains, Upholstery,
and Drapery Fabrics.

Hon W. O. String March 8/1897

Dear Sir:

Once before I have asked
if it were not possible to save me
from the annoyance of three frequent
solicitations to pay something I do
not, and now have moved to the
City of N.Y. Why your assessments
should continue to lay a tax upon
a non resident is something I am
unable to understand. I have not
been a resident of N.Y. for more than
four years and the only property
I ever held there was sufficient furniture
to furnish a modest flat, and
1/2 interest in perhaps \$100. worth
of office furniture. If the enclosed
warrant is proof of an occupation
which some large cities are obliged

Willis M. Boutwell,
Jefferson Building,
564 Washington Street,
Boston.

N.O.S. #2

Willis M. Boutwell,
Manufacturers' Agent,
Curtains, Upholstery,
and Drapery Fabrics.

to provide for some classes of
employees? I suppose it is my
duty to continue a martyr to the
cause and hold my peace, but
if it will not cause frustration
and want of a particularly
distressing character. I wish I might
be given relief. Trusting that you
will pardon my second importunity
on the same topic I try to remain

Most Respectfully
W. M. Boutwell

VIRGINIA SEMINARY.
MODEL, TRAINING, & ORPHAN SCHOOL.

Box 45, - - - Lynchburg, Virginia.

DEAR FRIEND:—

I appeal to you for \$5.00, Scholarship for one orphan child. I have ~~30~~³² orphan children, each child needs \$5.00 to pay for its teaching. Each star represents \$1.00. * * * * *


“The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.”

R. LEE HEMMINGS,

PRINCIPAL AND TREASURER.

Ex-student of Hampton Normal School.

Name.....

 Please sign and Return the card.



Virginia Seminary Model Training and Orphan School.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

E. W. Hayes, O. M., President.

ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO

ROBERT LEE HEMMINGS, Principal and Treasurer.

MISS L. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Instructor in Reading and Writing.

Lock Box 45, Lynchburg, Va., Mar. 8, 1897.

Mr. William L. Strong,

New York City.

Dear Friend,

I write you to inform you of my work here for orphan children and ask you please give me something to continue my work. I ask you please to give me \$5.00 to pay for the teaching of one little orphan child. I am glad to know that there are so many good and generous friends in your city. I received several donation from N. Y. during the Winter Term. Now the Spring Term is here and I have 78 little children; so I ask you please help us. We will thank you for \$1.00. Please let me hear from you. Thursday March 11, 1897. Is donation day. I am trying to raise \$50.00 on that day. Please be generous and help.

Very truly Yours,
R. Lee Hemmings.

Office of GEORGE C. GOELLER,

2439 THIRD AVENUE, COR. E. 134th STREET,

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HON. JORDAN. L. MOTT: J. L. Mott Iron Works, Mott Haven.
23D WARD BANK: New York City.

Estate WM. SIMPSON: J. B. SIMPSON, JR., Esq., Executor, 5 E. 14th Street,
And many Owners, Executors and Trustees.

NEW YORK, March 8th 1897

To the Honorable, the Board of,
Estimates & Apperturnment }
Gentlemen

Third Avenue from
125th Street to Harlem River should
be widened 100 feet on the East side -

You will be compelled to do it in
a very short time - the sooner it is done
the better - For some years past it has
been over crowded with traffic -

Very truly, Yours

Geo C. Goeller

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NEW YORK,

March 8th 1897

To the Honorable Board of
Estimates & Apportionment
Gentlemen

Let 5th Avenue cease to be
the dividing line of "East" & "West" designation
of all Streets south of 130th Street, in-
clusive — Let the Harlem River above
130th Street be the dividing line of the designi-
nation "East" and "West." — it will save an immense
amount of confusion — There is not a day
passes but what quite a number of people
are ever this way looking for a number in
those Streets north of 130th St. that they can
only find on the West side of Harlem River,
and, when told, the route to take to find it, their
disgust knows no bounds — The attention of our
Aldermen, for a number of years past, have been
called to this matter, but, N. Y.

Very truly Yours

Geo. C. Goeller

NORTH SIDE BOARD OF TRADE,
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

278 Alexander Ave., March 8th 1897

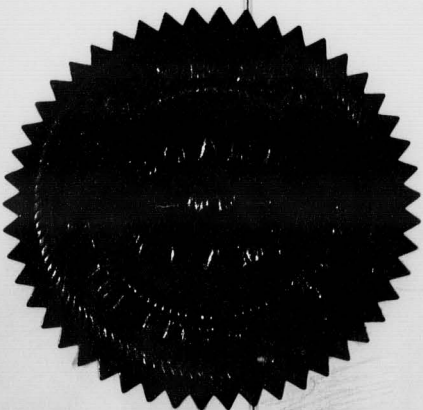
This is to Certify *that at a meeting of the*
North Side Board of Trade of the City of New York held this
day the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the North Side Board of Trade of the City of
New York approves Assembly Bill Introductory number
and entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 327 of
the Laws of 1880, entitled "An Act in relation to
taxes and assessments levied prior to January First
1874 in the towns annexed from the County of West
Chester to the City of New York.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution attested by the
President and Secretary of this Board be forwarded
to the Senator and Assemblymen representing the
23rd. and 24th. Wards and to the Mayor of the City
of New York.

James L. Miles
President

O. G. Angle
Secretary.



North Side Board of Trade

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

RESOLUTION

In relation to Taxes and
Assessments.

Adopted, March 8th 1897

Executive Committee.

H. B. B. STAPLER.
DR. L. D. CHAMBERLAIN.
HENRY DEF. BALDWIN.
ARTHUR W. MILBURY.
LAWRENCE E. SEXTON.
DR. E. R. L. GOULD.
ERNEST H. CROSBY.
LAWRENCE DUNHAM.

513 UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,
4TH AVENUE & 22D STREET.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

FOR MASS MEETING IN FAVOR OF RATIFICATION OF

ARBITRATION TREATY,

AT COOPER UNION, THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH, 1897.

New York, March 8th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

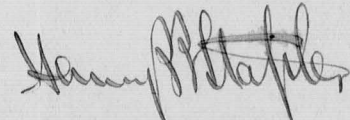
Mayor, City Hall, New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

I am requested by the Committee of Arrangements for the mass meeting on Thursday evening next in support of the Arbitration Treaty to express to you their earnest hope that nothing will prevent you from being present and presiding at the meeting in accordance with the invitation already extended to you.

The interest in the matter has become so widespread and the meeting promises to be so representative in its character that we are especially anxious that the purposes of the meeting shall be further aided by the honor of your presence.

Very respectfully yours,



Chairman Executive Committee .

Dictated.

CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS,
MERCER ST., NEAR EIGHTH ST.,
One block west of Broadway.
REV. D. ASA BLACKBURN, PASTOR.

All for Jesus.

NEW YORK, March 5th 1897

To The Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of New York City,

Honored & dear Sir-

Mr. E. Ballaw is an
earnest honest and faithful Christian
Missionary in whom I have every
Confidence - He seeks your permission
to carry on out door work as
soon as the weather permits -

I indorse him as a capable
and deserving gentleman worthy
of your Consideration in granting
him the usual & necessary Permit

I am your faithful
servant in Christ

D. Asa Blackburn

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

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New York,

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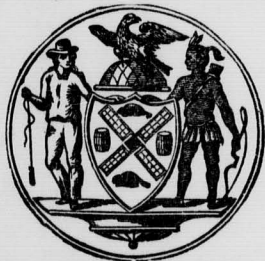
Whereas an ordinance relative to public worship in the streets and public places, passed May 14th, 1839, prohibits an assemblage of persons in any public place in the City of New York, laid out and appointed for the common use of the citizens, under the pretense of or for public worship or exhortation, makes it the duty of all magistrates, constables and police officers to prevent such assemblies, and to prosecute all persons concerned in promoting them, under the penalty of five dollars for every neglect of such duty.

And, Whereas, the fourth section of said ordinance, as amended on April 11th, 1878, provides that nothing therein contained shall "prevent any clergyman or minister of any denomination from preaching in any place in this City who shall have obtained the written permission of either the Mayor or one of the Aldermen or Councilmen of this City therefor."

Now, therefore, in accordance with the authority vested in the Mayor by said ordinance, permission is hereby given to E. Fallon to preach in out-door meetings at various places in the City, during the pleasure of the Mayor, provided that such meetings are conducted without causing any public disorder, at 190 Brooklyn St.

And, provided further, that the permission hereby granted shall continue in force, unless sooner revoked, until the 31st day of December, 1897, and no longer.

H. J. Stringer
MAYOR.



H. of L. Mission
190 Bleeker St.
Mch. 8th '97.

To his Honor,
Wm L. Strong, Mayor
New York;

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your prompt
reply for Permit; but it does
not cover the fields we desire to
occupy viz: — ^{1st} The open space on
W. Houston at junction of Hancock St.
^{2nd} Open Space on 4th St. at
junction of Barrow St.

^{3^d} Manetta Place. These are
all open spaces where a
little gathering will in no way
interfere with travel. Will you
not kindly add them to the Permit
herewith Enclosed? Very respectfully,
E. Ballou

"House of the Lord Mission,"

190 BLEECKER STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

Gospel Services Every Evening. All Welcome.

Communion Service, First Day, 3 P. M. (Acts xx. 7.)

RESPONSIVE READINGS.

Superintendent.—"O magnify THE LORD with me, and let us exalt HIS NAME together."

Congregation.—"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD."

S.—"O fear the Lord; for there is no want to them that fear Him."

C.—"To such as keep His covenant, and to them that remember His commandments to do them."

S.—"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

C.—"In His temple doth every one speak of His glory."

S.—"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

C.—"Except a man be born of water and of THE SPIRIT he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John iii. 5.)

S.—"Did ye receive THE HOLY SPIRIT when ye believed?" (Acts xix. 2-7 and ii. 38; Matt. iii. 16, 17.)

C.—"THE SPIRIT *Himself* beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Rom. viii. 16, R. v.)

S.—"Then ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, CHRIST JESUS *Himself* being the chief corner stone."

C.—"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new *creation*,—old things are passed away."

S.—"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. vi. 17; see Rev. xviii. 4)

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

S.—"Follow PEACE with all, and HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord."

C.—"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God."

S.—"Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

C.—"Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good unto edifying; for Christ pleased not Himself." (Rom. xv. 2, R. v.)

S.—"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Eph. iii. 20, 21.)

C.—Amen and Amen.

LET US PRAY.

HADN'T BATHE IN TWO YEARS.

Et 10 30/95

A Confession Made by an Urchin
to Supt. Lathrop.

THERE IS A FREE BATH NOW.

(The Humble Boys' Club Has Out-
stripped the City of Albany.)

It is a good thing for some of the boys of Albany that they, in common with many needy people are not left to the mercies of the Board of Health of the city, for the Boys' club has put a construction on the law passed so many months ago providing for the immediate erection and maintenance of free baths. The Boys' club believes that the law is morally mandatory as well as legally mandatory, and so has provided a place where any dirty boy who has a desire to be clean may become so without cost to himself. A little time ago baths were placed in the new and spacious home of the Boys' club, and the past week has seen the completion of the plant by the introduction of an instantaneous water heater, which with its plating of bright nickel has been an object of wonder and admiration to the boys who have viewed it.

A formal and yet unpremeditated opening of the baths, which will be the most taking feature of the work for boys, occurred this morning. Superintendent Lathrop was sent for to attend Police court, to act in behalf of three very small waifs who had become tagged up in the law relating to the ownership of property. They were very ragged and very dirty, and while not greatly depressed at having been compelled to spend the night in the station house, not understanding the gravity of the case, still were objects of pity to all beholders and especially to Mr. Lathrop.

After the judge had set them right on the law touching the disposition of goods found, not their own, and each and every one had promised to go to school forever after, it was thought that the reprimand would have more effect if some of the dirt, which was appalling, were washed off and thus with the cleanliness, a little of the Godliness would have a better chance to get in through their skins, which on small boys is proverbially tough.

As soon as they were in the baths, and the hot water had been turned on and all three had been well lathered, they were asked how long it was since they had had a bath all over. One, with evident truth, replied, "not for two years, I am afraid to go in swimming." The two others, who were brothers, said with one accord, "not since swimmin' time," and the same reply would have been made if it had been made next spring—"not since last swimmin' time."

So perhaps the Boys' club can subsidize the city to help in the support of its free bath. At least it can tell the Board of Health, from experience, that all the people who have not the conveniences will bathe often and freely, if the law is carried out.

ONE MORE RUNAWAY

Feb 28/97

DAY MORNING, FEBRUARY

THE SLOT MACHINE.

It Is Again Banished From Saloons and Cigar Stores.

Chief Willard instituted a crusade against the nickel-in-the-slot machines and other machines of like character yesterday afternoon, and last night not one in the city was in operation, that is so far as the police knew. During the past week Chief Willard received several complaints that owners of the machines had put them in stores and saloons again, and that they were being used openly, taking in hundreds of nickels and pennies from gullible persons who desire to get a dollar or 10 cigars for a dime.

Superintendent Cyrus Lathrop, of the Boys' club, has been active in the work of suppressing this kind of lottery, and yesterday afternoon he made a personal investigation, visiting a score of saloons and ascertaining whether or not the machines were in operation. He reported to Chief Willard the name of a number of persons in whose places of business were machines. He also told the chief that some of the members of his club had lost their savings in trying to win by the machines.

Captain Davidson was directed several days ago to warn the saloonkeepers and cigar dealers to have machines in their places taken out. Last night the order was again issued, and about 7 o'clock policemen in uniform visited the places complained of and watched the proprietors remove the machines. Saloonkeepers do not seem to be aware of the fact that under the Raines law they run the risk of having their licenses revoked in maintaining gambling devices in their places.

Recently The Argus received the following communication:

To the Editor of The Argus: Will you please inform me through the medium of your valuable paper, if the chief of police and his subordinates are aware that the gambling slot machines which they ordered from the saloons some time ago are still running and increasing every day. There has been gambling machines on the market for years, but never in the history of gambling slot machines has there been such vile machines as are now being run in the saloons of Albany.

Yours,

A VICTIM.

Albany, Feb. 26.

WAITING FOR SOME OTHER CITY

To Establish Baths, Says Commissioner McCabe.

THE HEARING WAS FRUITLESS.

Nobody Offered the Advice Which the Health Board Sought.

A public hearing was given last night by the board of health in relation to the establishment of free public baths in this city. The reason given by the board for the hearing was that the members desired to have the citizens tell whether they wanted baths and if so how many and of what kind.

The act which passed the Legislature last winter became a law April 18, 1895, and by section 2 of the act it took effect immediately. It imposes on the board no further duty, and gives it no further authority than to recommend to the common council the number of baths necessary to be established in this city.

The important matter has received little attention by the board. Over two months ago it was referred to the sanitary committee and that committee has never reported. Mayor Wilson recently introduced a resolution at a meeting of the board, that there be certified to the common council that at least one public bath, in the wisdom of the board of health, was necessary. This resolution was laid on the table and another was adopted calling the public meeting.

The citizens present, as well as most of the members of the board, seemed entirely to ignore the fact that the law is mandatory, and that the board of health has nothing to do with the questions of expense attached to the erection and maintainance of the baths.

Matthew J. Wallace was not in favor of the baths because they would cost too much and because they would be patronized by a class somewhat objectionable, perhaps.

Charles Geller was in favor of the bath, because cleanliness is next to Godliness.

Cyrus C. Lathrop, whose efforts in behalf of the boys of the street and his contact with life in the tenement districts qualify him to speak intelligently upon the subject, called attention to the fact that the law was mandatory and should be obeyed, not only because it is the law but because the baths are an absolute necessity. There should be established at least three bath houses, one each in the south, north and west ends of the city. Baths are absolute necessities. There are thousands of children, as well as adults, in this city, said Mr. Lathrop, who cannot bathe for two very especial reasons, one of which is that in many instances there is no water in the houses, it being necessary to obtain it from the yards; the other because there is no privacy in the tenement districts. There should be established enough baths to meet public requirement.

William Headlum, jr., roundly censured the board for its sleepy movements and pointed out the necessity of public baths.

Health Commissioner McCabe became a little angry at the remarks of the last speaker and claimed the board had done its duty and that it was willing to get when some other city established a successful system of baths. Why Albany should wait for some other city was not explained, but to make the city wait seems to be the policy of the board.

Health Commissioner Smith was evidently not familiar with the law nor with the subject. He talked considerably at random and thought the citizens saw no necessity for the baths.

Mr. Geller said he had come to the meeting for the purpose of gaining some information from the board in regard to the style and number of baths to be established, and he felt very much disappointed that the information could not be given.

Ferdinand Neuman also spoke in favor of baths and he thought that a swimming school should be attached.

There was considerable discussion of a desultory character and the meeting adjourned, no one being any wiser than at the beginning.

Baths
Gymnasium
Savings Bank
Reading Room
Practical Talks
Industrial Classes
Circulating Library
Employment Bureau
Emergency Directory
Sunday Song Service

To CURE is the voice of the past :
to PREVENT is the divine whisper of to-day.

"On the great clock of time there is but one word—Now." *

Albany Boys' Club
* * and * *
Boys' Institute of Industry
46 State Street

Cyrus C. Lathrop
Sec'y and Supt.
35 South Lexington Avenue

T. Lockwood
Ass't Superintendent

Edward J. Wheeler
Treasurer
79 Chapel Street

Albany, N. Y. Mch. 8 th. 1897. 189

To Hon. Wm. Strong, Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Hearing of the investigation of a committee appointed to advise you upon the subject of Municipal baths, I beg to ask if I may have a copy of that report.

The local Board of Health obstructed the enforcement of the law providing for the establishment of 'free baths'. The Boys' Club believes it can secure the enforcement of that law, and I would like to be able to speak from the experience of Dr W.H. Tolman & the Com. if the report has been made public. The local ~~Bo~~ Board of Health meet Friday the 12 th. inst.

I am very truly yours,

4 enclosures.

Cyrus C. Lathrop



Albany Boys' Club

(Incorporated 1896)

DIRECTORS

ROBERT SHAW OLIVER

WILLIAM F. WINSHIP

CHARLES L. BLAKESLEE

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BOYS' CLUB

IS!

A thoroughly alive, up-to-date, organization, whose sole aim and effort it is (and has been for more than four years past) to minister, *by day or night*, to the intellectual, physical, moral, spiritual and general well-being of *all neglected boys of Albany, who are either waifs or working boys*. It is not a charity, but an attempt at least in part to satisfy their just claim on you.

An OPEN DOOR by day or evening, where any boy however needy, however unfortunate, however dirty, sinned against or sinning, may come and find a welcome, and personal friend, where immediate effort will be made *through existing institutions*, to properly and intelligently care for him.

The only organization that has provided, and maintains a FREE READING ROOM, and provides healthful amusement especially for waifs and working boys, who otherwise would at night be on our streets, in the cheap theatres or saloons.

The only organization providing and maintaining a FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY, especially adapted to

and selected for such boys, cultivating a taste for good reading.

The only organization providing and maintaining HOT WATER BATHS, where any boy of these classes, not having means or conveniences, may obtain baths regularly upon application.

The only organization that provides and maintains especially for boys of these classes, a SAVINGS BANK, inducing them by its attractiveness, and by personal influence, to acquire habits of saving.

The only organization placing within reach, and adapted to boys of these classes, an Evening School of INDUSTRIAL PRACTICAL TRAINING. Any working boy however poor may after paying a nominal entrance fee, avail himself of the benefits of this infant Trade School.

The only organization making it their particular business to visit the Criminal Courts and Jail daily in behalf of boys who through neglect, ignorance or evil training come to these places.

The only organization to which any boy may apply for work, and be sure his merits will be investigated and effort made to secure him employment. .

Our SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE, by its abundance of stirring music, and special adaptation, attracts these boys. Here by a presentation of God the Father and the Christ, reason is made plain for the practical teachings of the week, in industry, frugality, honesty and purity.

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To the Citizens of Albany

The work of the last five years having demonstrated the great value of the Albany Boys' Club, it has been duly incorporated and has a legal status and existence in the community.

Extract from By-Laws

ARTICLE VIII

For each \$5.00 annually subscribed by a sustaining member there shall be issued to said member a ticket granting to such boy as the member may designate, all the privileges of the Club for one year from the date of the subscription.

ARTICLE IX

* * Sustaining members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Club and hold office. * * *

What has been done

During 702 nights of which record is had, 2,000 boys have made 60,823 visits; 408 are now enrolled with privileges.

From our circulating library of 550 books, 858 have been drawn in past 274 days. Beside this fully one quarter of our boys read in the rooms.

In our savings bank \$950.07 has been deposited in 3 years; and in past 274 nights \$348.82.

Our hot water baths have been in operation 191 nights, and 1,123 baths taken.

Our employment bureau has secured work for 102 boys.

Over 300 have been visited and helped in Police Court and Jail.

**Membership Tickets may be obtained from the
Directors.**