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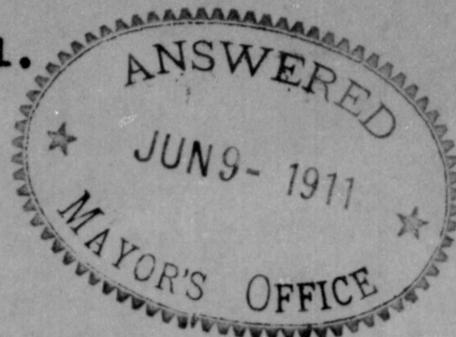
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GEORGE A. SOPER, PRESIDENT  
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*Metropolitan Sewerage Commission*  
*of New York*  
*17 Battery Place*  
*New York City*

June 8, 1911.



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

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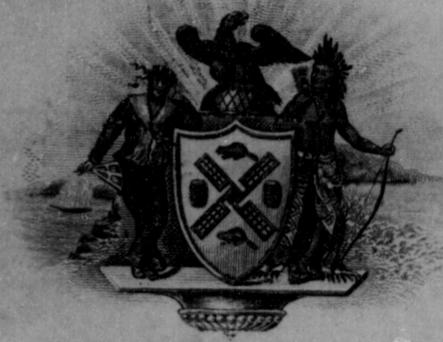
As you are aware, an exhibition of the work of this commission is now being held at the American Museum of Natural History. The exhibit is attracting much more attention than was anticipated by us.

Knowing your interest in the commission's work, I extend to you a personal and informal invitation to visit the exhibit. If you can spare the time to visit the exhibition next week, I will take pleasure in arranging for you to go and come conveniently and will be present to point out the matters of particular interest and otherwise economize your time.

The exhibition will close on the 15th of June.

Respectfully,

*George A. Soper*  
President.



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June 14, 1911.

Honorable William J. Gaynor,  
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City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

We are delighted to know that you will try and arrange to visit our exhibition this week.

I beg to suggest that you go on Friday. On that day 1700 high school students are expected to be present. They would feel greatly honored, and so would we, if you were present and addressed a few words to them. The meeting will be at half past one.

If you can find it convenient to be present, I will call for you at the City Hall and take you in a motor to the Museum. We could stop for luncheon on the way.

Enclosed is a memorandum of facts relating to our exhibition.

Hoping that you will be with us on Friday, I am,

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MEMORANDUM OF FACTS  
CONCERNING THE EXHIBITION OF THE WORK  
OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE COMMISSION

The exhibition is intended to be educational. It gives in a simple and direct way a knowledge of one of the most important sanitary problems of the age.

The exhibition is not destructively critical. Partial remedies are suggested and the way in which further improvements are being worked out is explained.

The exhibition deals not only with conditions in New York, but seeks to show by illustrations taken from the other great cities of the world how the safe and sanitary disposition of sewage can be accomplished.

Although primarily intended to meet the intelligence of the average Museum visitor, the exhibition is not merely popular. Enough technical detail can be found to satisfy the interest of the engineer, chemist, bacteriologist and physician.

The exhibition is divisible into three parts:  
The first part shows the present condition of New York harbor and the causes which have led to that condition.  
The second part shows the remedies which other great cities have devised for meeting similar conditions.  
The third part explains the plans which the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission is making for New York.

It is said that the exhibition is unique in the following respects:

1- It is the largest and most complete sewage disposal exhibit which has been held anywhere.

2- It is free from the repulsive features which are customarily supposed to attach to the subject of sewage and sewerage.

3- In completeness, attractiveness and sufficiency of detail, there has hitherto been no such exhibition of the fundamental principles and practical applications of the art of sewage disposal.

The exhibition has been seen by about 7,000 visitors, including some prominent officials from other cities.



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June 14, 1911.

Dear Mr. Adamson:

I am called out of town for Thursday and am sending the enclosed letter to the Mayor so as to avoid the possibility of delay in arranging for his trip to the Museum to see our exhibition. I will call up your office on Friday morning early in regard to this matter, unless I hear from you or him to the contrary.

Very sincerely,

*George A. Soper*  
President.

Mr. Robert Adamson,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

C-O-P-Y

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METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE COMMISSION  
OF NEW YORK

17 Battery Place  
New York City

July 20, 1911.

Municipal Civil Service Commission,

299 Broadway,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

In asking for permission to increase the salary of Mr. Charles A. Holden, we have in mind his special qualifications for the work which he is doing.

Mr. Holden came with us on August 1, 1910. His experience had been as follows: Graduated in civil engineering at Columbia in 1903. Eight years' experience in field work and office design, especially on designs and estimates of sewers, drains, tunnels and reinforced concrete work, such as this Commission is designing and estimating.

In the last year Mr. Holden has shown himself to be more capable than we expected. We believe we should have to pay \$2,600. to get a person to take his place and the work would be considerably delayed before the proper person could be found.

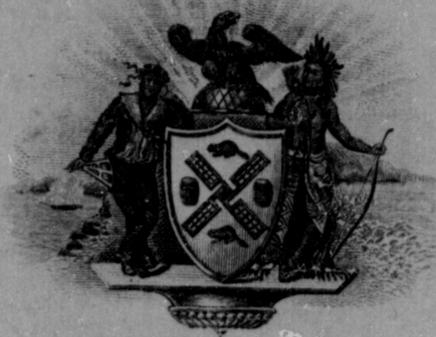
Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory to you,

we are,

Very sincerely,

George A. Soper,

President.



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*Metropolitan Sewerage Commission*  
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September 26, 1911.

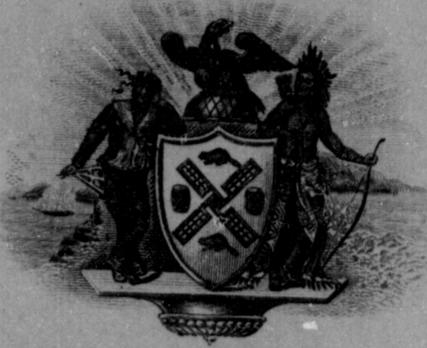
Robert Adamson, Esq., Secretary,  
Office of the Mayor,  
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of the Mayor,  
transmitted by you yesterday, we are sending to Dr. Edward  
A. Willis, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health of  
the Advisory Commission to the Mayor of Indianapolis,  
answers to his list of questions relating to sewerage and  
sewage disposal in New York.

Very sincerely,

President.

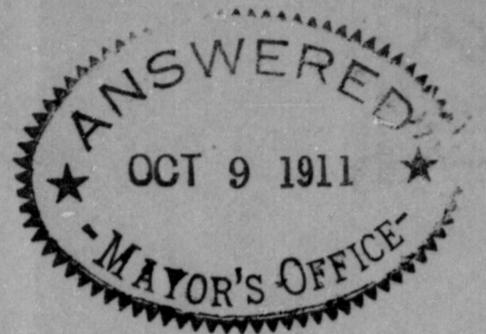


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*Metropolitan Sewerage Commission*  
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October 7, 1911.

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

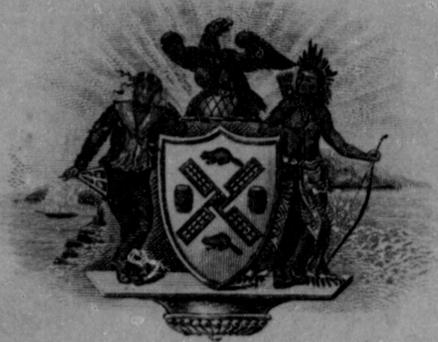


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We are sending you today a preliminary and progress report of studies which we have made in the line of our work. This report deals specifically with the collection of the sewage of New York to a central point for final disposition. Other reports will follow as rapidly as they can be prepared, until our final report is made, about a year and a half hence.

Very respectfully,

*George A. Soper*  
President.



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*Metropolitan Sewerage Commission*  
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December 23, 1911.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 21 addressed to the heads of all departments and bureaus has been received. We note your wishes and will act in strict accordance therewith.

Respectfully,

*George A. Soper*  
President.