

# *The Greenwich Savings Bank.*

(INCORPORATED 1833.)

*John Hansen Rhoades,*  
President.

*James Quintan,*  
Treasurer.

*246 & 248 Sixth Avenue,*  
*E. E. Corner 16th St.*

*New York,* June 18, 1897. *18*

*Replying to yours of the*

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor City of New York,  
N. Y.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

I notice by the papers that the meeting of the Sinking Fund Commissioners in connection with the effort being made by the Metropolitan Traction Co. to secure some arrangement by which they may go on with the work of changing the motive power on the 6th and 8th Av. roads has been adjourned, and one of the papers suggested that it would be handled in executive session.

This matter is one of great interest to the public, and I think of greater interest to the officials of the City of New York. While I may have criticised some of these officials for not being active in trying to secure some remuneration for the city in connection with the change of motive power by this company, I yet am really working upon the same lines and in the interest of the city itself, and for the same interests and to the same ends that I know you are working for and have absolute confidence that you have been working for ever since you became Mayor of the City of New York.

The question at issue is one which has been dormant for so many years that it is not surprising most people have made up their minds that we were in a helpless condition and that these corporations owned our franchises, and we could do nothing about it.

If I have done anything to arouse a different feeling, I know of no one who will be more gratified at that result than you, yourself; but I have purposely avoided coming and talking with you upon the subject, because my views were radical, we might differ seriously in the matter, and I wanted to avoid such difference between us, meeting face to face, for we have been old friends and I value your friendship as I know you do mine.

I do hope that the next meeting of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, at which this subject is to be considered, will be an open meeting. The public are becoming deeply interested in this matter, and I, for one, would like very much to be present at the meeting to listen to what is being said.

I see by the papers that Mr. Root asked what the city had to sell. Now I think the city has a great deal to sell. I think it has property of immense value to sell, and I think it can be easily shown that it has property of such value to sell, and, therefore, I feel that an opportunity ought to be given to the public to be present

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at such meeting and be permitted to make any suggestions, which might possibly prove of value to the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Yours sincerely,

*John Hansen Rhoades*



Pleasantville, N. J.

HILLCREST.

June 18, '97

P. L. Barrus Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor,

Dear Sir,

I beg to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter informing ~~me~~  
me of my re-appointment  
as Inspector of Common  
Schools in the 27<sup>th</sup> district.

I intend going to the  
City next Wednesday

when I shall go to -  
the Mayor's office to  
take the oath.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs Daniel P Hayes

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1897  
Victory Carroll Co, Ga

To His Hon the Mayor of the  
City of New York

Dear Sir, I have been trying  
to investigate a claim said to have  
come up through an old English claim  
it appears that some of my ancestors to  
wit Robert Edwards made or gave a  
lease to the English Crown to certain  
lands now lying in your City for  
term of 99 years, which has expired  
and some of my Cousins have  
been working after said interest  
in which I have paid money to  
cover incidental expenses, I  
have not been able to hear any  
thing from this business in some  
time & write you believing that  
you could and would give me  
some clue to the matter I am  
very old, and almost helpless with



I offer as an apology, for trespassing  
on your time please answer  
at your most early convenience  
Yr. humble servant  
Geo. W. Key

P.S. The Parties in this case  
are the Edwards, Key & Pendleton.  
Yours  
G.W.K.

15  
Nine Cliff Street.

✓  
New York June 13th, 1897.

Dear Sir :-

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Oak Ridge Real Estate Association, adjourned from June 2nd last, will be held on Monday Evening June 28th, 1897 at 3.30 O'clock at the residence of Mr Charles W. Gould, No 5 Washington Square North.

In addition to the regular business of the annual meeting, the Stockholders will be asked to take action on the award reported by the Reservoir Commission for the property formerly owned by the Association, viz. - \$34,000.00 with interest for two years.

Yours respectfully,

*Charles W. Gould*  
Secretary.

101 West 108th. St City

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

Hon. and dear Sir,

The New York Gardeners' Society  
wishes to have you to open their Show in the  
City Hall, on Saturday June 19th. All Heads  
of Departments will be invited. The Show  
will be ready at 1 P.M.

The Society is very desirous of having the  
honor of your presence.

Yours very sincerely,

*Jas. J. Donlan,*

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

*Resolution  
adopted by Board  
June 12th 1897  
Premium May 11/97  
Exhibition of flowers  
for sale by the  
distribution for  
charity.*



# Schedule of Premiums

FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF

ROSES, GARDEN FLOWERS, FRUITS, ETC.,

TO BE GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
SICK IN THE NEW YORK CITY HOSPITALS BY

THE

## New York Gardeners' Society

IN THE

CITY HALL, NEW YORK CITY,

### SATURDAY, JUNE 19th, 1897

FROM 1 TO 6 P. M.

ADMISSION FREE

OBJECT—To encourage Horticulture and provide a day's recreation for poor children, and to distribute flowers among the sick in the City Hospitals.

Contributions of Flowers are earnestly solicited for the above purpose.

## EXHIBITION RULES.

Competition will be divided into two Sections, one for Amateurs and Private Gardeners, and one open to all.

Entries must be sent to the Secretary of Exhibition Committee, JOHN M. HUNTER, HEMPSTEAD, L. I., N. Y., on or before June 18th.

Contributions of Flowers may be sent (express prepaid) to City Hall, New York City, on the morning of June 19th.

No prizes will be awarded for Exhibits not grown by the Exhibitor.

All Exhibits must be staged by 12 noon, June 19th.

Exhibits must be properly named and staged by number, cards will be furnished by the Secretary.

No one but the judges will be allowed in the Hall during their examination of Exhibits.

Prizes will not be awarded unworthy exhibits.

Flower Vases and Fruit Plates will be provided, and exhibits will be staged for those unable to attend.

All Flowers and Fruit will be distributed among the City Hospitals at close of exhibition.

### OPEN TO AMATEURS AND PRIVATE GARDENERS ONLY.

#### CUT FLOWERS.

- Class 1 Display of Roses, to be judged on basis of quality and quantity.  
 " 2 Display of Hybrid Perpetual Roses. *Silver Cup H. V. R. Kennedy*  
 " 3 Display of Tea Roses, Hybrid Teas and Noisette may be included.  
 " 4 Display of Moss Roses.  
 " 5 Collection of Roses.  
 " 6 Vase of Roses arranged for effect.  
 " 7 Vase of General Jacquiminot Roses.  
 " 8 Vase of Tea Roses grown outdoors.  
 " 9 Vase of Hybrid Perpetual Roses.  
 " 10 Vase of Polyantha Roses.  
 " 11 Vase of Roses of American Origin.  
 " 12 Best 50 Hybrid Perpetuals in 10 varieties.  
 " 13 Best display of Climbing Roses.  
 " 14 Display of Herbaceous Flowers.  
 " 15 Display of Flowers for Bedding.  
 " 16 Display of Cannas.

- Class 17 Display of Sweet Peas.  
 " 18 Display of Iris.  
 " 19 Display of Pæonies.  
 " 20 Collection of Japan Iris.  
 " 21 Collection of German Iris.  
 " 22 Collection of Pæonies.  
 " 23 Collection of Herbaceous Perennial Flowers.  
 " 24 Collection of Annual Flowers.  
 " 25 Collection of Flowering Shrubs and Trees.  
 " 26 Vase of Flowers arranged for effect.  
 " 27 Collection of Geraniums.  
 " 28 Collection of Ornamental Grasses.  
 " 29 Display of Tuberous Begonias.  
 " 30 Display of Gloxinias.  
 " 31 Display of Stove and Greenhouse Flowers.  
 " 32 Display of Orchids.  
 " 33 Collection of Cut Ferns.  
 " 34 Display of Calceolarias.  
 " 35 Display of Petunias.  
 " 36 Display of Heliotrope.  
 " 37 Display of Palargoniums.  
 " 38 Display of Flowering Begonias.  
 " 39 Display of Stocks.  
 " 40 Display of Verbenas.  
 " 41 Display of Tropaeolums.  
 " 42 Display of Fuchsias.  
 " 43 Display of Garden Pinks.  
 " 44 Best new Canna not yet in commerce.  
 " 45 Best new Geranium.

#### ~~Certificate of Merit.~~

#### FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

- " 46 Best Exhibit of Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables.

#### STRAWBERRIES.

- " 47 Best collection, one quart of each variety.  
 " 48 Best one quart of any one variety.  
 " 49 Best three quarts of three varieties.  
 " 50 Best display of Cherries.  
 " 51 Best dish of Cherries.  
 " 52 Best collection of Fruit.  
 " 53 Best collection of Vegetables.

#### OPEN TO ALL.

- " 54 General collection of Cut Flowers—may embrace all Sections.  
 " 55 Display of Roses.  
 " 56 Collection of Native Flowers.  
 " 57 Display of Strawberries.  
 " 58 Best collection of Novelties of this year's introduction.

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ORGANIZED, AUGUST, 1890.

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111 West 105th St

JOHN W. TOTTEN, Secretary,  
80 Manhattan Ave.

MARSHALL W. SCRIVEN, Treasurer,  
200 West 100th St.

HILAND FLOWERS, Chairman of Directors,  
137 West 96th St.



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101 West 89th St.

# BLOOMINGDALE REPUBLICAN CLUB,

~~Colonial Hall, corner St. & Columbus Ave.~~

137 West 96

New York June 20 1897

Hon Wm L Strong

City

Dear Sir:

Why not back Strong as Mayor  
on straight Republican ticket? -

Inclos proof copy of circular letter  
under contemplation issue -

Yrs truly  
Hiland Flowers



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## BLOOMINGDALE REPUBLICAN CLUB.

NEW YORK, 1897.

The Bloomingdale Republican Club was organized in 1890 as an aggressive, strict party club. In 1891 the Club issued an appeal on strict party line. To-day it is an incorporated Club; "To advocate, maintain, and promote the principles of the Republican Party. To interest in politics those who are more or less indifferent. To secure economic and efficient Municipal, State and National Government. To recommend and endorse candidates for office. To guard and perpetuate the essentials of this free Government to the end that it may and shall continue a Government of, for, and by the people." The following appeal was issued in 1891.

"The Voter to whom this appeal comes, will, it is hoped, pause long enough to ask himself, HOW AM I INTERESTED?

The Legislative and Administration of, affairs of Nation, State and City are decided by the votes of the people, and inactivity in no way lessens the voter's responsibility. If those elected to fill positions of honor and trust prove unworthy, he who would have voted against them and did not vote, contributed as much to their support and election as he who voted for them.

Are you, through your neglect, indifference or timidity, going to allow your suffrage to pass from you and be obliged to bear a proportionate possible censure from your fellow citizens?

Remember, honest opposition is more conducive to good government than listless indifference or acquiescence.

The BLOOMINGDALE REPUBLICAN CLUB has a membership of about Two Hundred (200) members. Its objects are the success of the Republican party, on straight out and out Republican principles, to interest in politics those who have been lukewarm in their duties of citizenship, to unite through membership all Republicans who have been either active or passive in politics, and to be ever alert to the necessities of the hour that prompt, effective and satisfactory results for the public good may be attained. Its roll of membership is open to all Republicans and initiation fee and yearly dues need debar none.

Its main support is from contributions by those who are willing to give such aid and encouragement.

The work as above outlined to be carried on continuously, should have the support of every Republican. WILL YOU GIVE YOURS?

You can best answer the question by filling out either of the enclosed blanks. Your attention is particularly called to the application for membership. Why not become a member? You will find as the press and public have already acknowledged, that the Club meetings are spirited and interesting.

Those who do not care to subscribe to the Club or do not desire to join the Club, but are Republicans and in favor of the grand principles of the Republican party, and are willing to vote for its candidates, are informed that the Club would be pleased if they would send their names and address, so they can be notified to attend when the Club has special meetings to discuss questions of the hour and public issues, and also to become better acquainted with the Republicans in the District. Blanks when filled should be forwarded in addressed envelope enclosed."

Headquarters open every evening during the campaign.

All who in the past participated in making the club a power and factor, of which every member was proud, are invited to unite in guarding and keeping its justly earned reputation for sound Republicanism. Enclosed are application blanks which you are asked to fill out and send to the Secretary, John W. Totten, 80 Manhattan Ave.

The initiation fee is \$1.00, yearly dues \$2.00; until December 31st the initiation fee will be credited to the yearly dues. Remittances for either subscriptions or initiation fee should be sent to Marshall W. Scriven, Treasurer, 200 W. 100th Street.

This was the first club, when Republicanism was at low ebb in the City, to advocate straight Republicanism, six years ago. To-day the club champions economic and efficient Municipal, State and National Government on strict Republican party lines. Will you aid in the cause? If so, you, and have your friends, enroll as members.

The club is not entering upon any argument, as to what might be best or most expedient as to Municipal nominations. It is a Republican Club, founded on Republican principles, advocating straight Republican party lines and believes if the Republican party has principles worth having, then those principles are deserving of full, unqualified support even if it be to defeat, and as such cannot pledge a willing participant of any combination that may tend to lower its standard of Republicanism, and reserves to itself the right to determine, in event of no straight party nomination, its own choice and preference as to which candidate will best conserve the people's true happiness and best welfare, and thereby secure the most economic and efficient Municipal Government. The club holds that, it is an indisputable axiom that the people have been the best governed; their welfare and happiness best advanced and conserved under strict party administration; for under partisanship, responsibility is fixed and the people have in their hands the remedy for redress.

Respectfully submitted.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR 21ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

S. B. Totten, Chairman.

W. S. Lown, C. A. Chadsey, John Thompson, A. Young, E. C. Harrington,  
Joseph Boyd,

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FOR 23d ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

Isaac Fuld, Isaac Mc Gay, B. F. M. Guire,

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A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE will be formed as far as practical in each Assembly District. One member from each Election District. Those who will serve on such committee are requested to send in their name and address to the Chairman of Directors.

*Willard Flowers*

94 Wall St.,

New York, June 21, 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Although we were not successful in the Haitien Minister matter, I wish to thank you for the kind assistance you gave us. This I do, not only in my own behalf, but also for the Committee representing the entire trade having business connections with that country, who are to remain as a Committee, having in view the end which we have failed to accomplish this time. We believe the President was so situated, it was impossible for him to comply with the business men's request, that a man with some commercial training be appointed to the post of our Minister to Haiti.

Believe me,

Very Sincerely yours,

*Abraham Wakeman*

To

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

N. Y. City.



CITY OF NEW YORK.  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

June 21/97

My dear Benbow.

The beam of letters, is  
Emil Baruch who  
wishes to get married  
on next Tuesday afternoon  
at 2.30 P.m. He in-  
forms me that ~~they~~  
the Mayor will be  
away on that afternoon,  
& writes to ask you, to  
have William J. P. J. P.

the paper for me,  
that I can tie the  
knot & get back to the  
Board meeting with  
expedition. I presume  
that will be objection  
to my making them in  
the Mayon room, in  
your presence. -

Sincerely yours  
John Holmes

*Burton C. Meighan.  
Henry Necarsulmer.*

*Telephone Connection.*

*Meighan & Necarsulmer,  
Counselors at Law,  
Potter Building, (38 Park Row)*

*New York.* June 21st. 1897 *189*

Dear sir:

In view of the fact that your honor's suggestion, that the City purchase for the College of the City of New York the buildings about to be vacated by Columbia College, has an apparent plausibility which is likely to commend it to persons unfamiliar with all the circumstances to be considered, of which circumstances, moreover, it seems to me that you could not have been informed when you advocated that step, I take the liberty of asking you to reconsider this matter.

While a student in various departments of Columbia College, I had occasion to attend lectures in numerous rooms in its various buildings and from my observations at that time it seems to me that, irrespective of the adaptability of the Columbia buildings, considered apart from their surroundings, to the uses of the College of the City of New York, your project is thoroughly impracticable.

As far as the buildings on Park Avenue are concerned, the railroad is such a disturbing feature that it is frequently impossible for anyone not sitting very near the lecturer to hear what the latter is saying; such is the case in many rooms even with the windows closed. Moreover, if the windows are kept open the dust and cinders from the locomotives are everywhere manifest. The same remark as to noise applies though in a less degree, to the lecture rooms in the library buildings. There is the further objection to the Columbia buildings, that they are

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poorly ventilated and lighted. Even on a bright day it is necessary to use artificial light in the larger rooms of Hamilton Hall, which is considered the best of these buildings.

As a graduate of the College of the City of New York I also venture the opinion ( in fact my firm conviction) that the Columbia buildings are not from ~~my~~ point of view at present adapted to the needs of the College of the City of New York and that it would take a very considerable outlay of money to make them so.

These views might be elaborated and defects pointed out in greater detail, but this seems to me unnecessary in addressing one who as the chief magistrate , has always shown himself to have the interest of this city and of its educational system at heart. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Henry McCausland*

To

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

City Hall,

N. Y. City.



✓  
308 west 30<sup>th</sup> New York June 21<sup>st</sup> 97

Hon. W. L. Strong.

Mayor N. Y. City

Dear Sir, possibly I may take the liberty of saying a few words to you on a subject which the Board of Education seems to have overlooked and which it seems to me is of more than ordinary importance in view of the fact that it is proposed to spend millions of dollars for a new City College.

It is well known that for a great many years past the City College has been used simply as a preparatory

School, and that very few remain after a three years course. The high Schools about to be established will suit this purpose equally as well if not better, and in my opinion these Schools will be the cause of such a falling off in the attendance at the City College that the present accommodations will be more than sufficient. As a Taxpayer may I ask would it be wise to spend millions of dollars for the erection of a College that would turn out about a dozen graduates each year?

yours very Respy.

James Madden  
Esq. School Trustee

Enc

177 New York

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1907

To his Honor William L  
Strong

Mayor of City &  
County of New York  
My Dear Mr Mayor  
Kindly pardon me for  
taking this liberty but the  
fact is so annoying that  
we have no other remedy  
left but to appeal to  
you the tenement houses  
located in west 27<sup>th</sup> St  
Bet - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave numbers  
229 - 231 - & 233 - has  
been made the headquarters  
for a Gang of Vagrants  
who sleep nightly on the



roofs of the said tenements  
not one of them has any  
home but constantly annoy  
the tenants by exposing  
their person while asleep  
in the presence of little  
girls of tender years they  
also use the most  
filthiest & vile language  
known to the human ear  
which can be heard by  
all the tenants down  
through the air shafts if  
a poor woman hangs  
out her washing on the  
Roofs it is sure to be  
filthy & the tenants is  
in such a state of terror  
from the gang that it would  
be worth their personal

Safety to complain. I  
hereby humbly appeal to  
you to give them poor  
people protection as  
they have laid the complaint  
before the police of this  
precinct & no avail &  
they have lost all  
confidence in the officers  
on the post they have  
sent letters to President  
Moss of the Police Board  
& that was the last heard  
of it. So now Mr Mayor  
we have but two courses  
to pursue. To organize  
a property owners  
protection League or  
to appeal to the  
Newspapers as we are

Morally certain that the office  
or post is actually ~~acquired~~  
to risk going on the roof  
Linger handed it to almost  
impossible to sell a piece  
of property to this block

My Dear Mr. Mayor we  
therefore humbly appeal  
to you to give us what  
we justly pay for protection  
to our tenants

Very Resp<sup>t</sup> Yours

Frank S. Strong

John B. Stetson

Andrew Cohen

233 - West 275<sup>th</sup> St

## REFORM CLUB.

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Telephone Call, 1092 Cortlandt.

52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, June 22nd, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I note on reference to the shelves of our working library (which now numbers some twelve hundred volumes) that we have received through your courtesy the reports of your city for recent years. In behalf of the Committee on Municipal Administration, permit me to thank you for the kind interest which you have manifested in our work. It affords me great pleasure to send you under separate cover by this mail copy of the June issue of our Quarterly, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, containing a number of articles on city government that we hope will be of interest to you. Trusting that you will be able to send us at our expense copies of recent reports and documents of your city or any older volumes not already in our possession I am,

Very sincerely,

*Robert C. Brooks.*

Secretary.



OFFICES OF

"DICKSONS' UP-TOWN WEEKLY,"

3369 THIRD AVENUE,

Near 166th Street.

Subscription, \$1.00 per year.

✓  
New York June 22, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I, the Editor of Dicksons' Uptown Weekly, a local newspaper published in the 23rd & 24th Wards for the past 12 years, and wielding a large influence among the residents of this locality, take the liberty of addressing you in their behalf.

I am given to understand through Commissioner Haffen, that he has spoken to you relative to the asphaltting of Courtlandt Avenue between 146th Street and 162nd Street, sanctioning the same in preference to the brick pavement which was formerly agitated, and as the meeting for the decision of same will be held before the Board of Apportionment to-day, I trust you may also decide as the Commissioner has in the matter, and thus gratify the wishes of the many residents along the line of the Avenue, as well as the 23rd & 24th Wards.

I in behalf of their interest communicate with you to this effect.

Yours very truly,

James Dickson

The Editor.

STATE OF NEW YORK--STATE COMMISSION IN LUNACY.

Albany, June 21, 1897.

My dear Mr. Tolman:

Yours of June 19th at hand.

Dr. Simon Baruch had no part, either directly or indirectly, in the bath legislation of 1892--which was the original legislation. I had never heard of him at that time, and I am positively sure that he could not show that he had any part or parcel in the matter. It was in relation to the legislation of 1892 that I tried to get the New York Board of Health interested, that is to the extent of talking to one of the principal members about it, but was unable to get any support whatever.

After I had had the bill of 1895 introduced I was informed by Dr. Carlos MacDonald that Dr. Simon Baruch had been to see him to request a letter of introduction to me. I was glad to learn of Dr. Baruch's interest, and went to see him and urged him to come to Albany to help me in the matter. He did not do so, however, nor did he write any letter in the matter. He gave me, at my request, certain pamphlets and documents which he had collected, and which I referred to in my argument before the committee, I may say that no one appeared before the committee except myself and Mr. Hamilton, although the local boards of health throughout the State were appealed to to be present. No responses, however, were received except from Syracuse, which protested against the legislation.

I have no disposition to deny just credit to any one. I am satisfied that Dr. Baruch was active in regard to baths in the City of New York, but as to his having anything to do with the legislation other than as above stated it is untrue.

Shortly after the legislation of 1895 was enacted the New York Herald had a two-column article giving the entire



credit to Dr. Baruch. I do not know that he inspired the article--he claimed that he did not.

It would be interesting to know on what Dr. Baruch bases his claims. If you were to correspond with Hon. George W. Hamilton--I do not know his address--who introduced the bill, he would tell you, I think what I have told you, and would deny that Dr. Baruch had anything to do with the matter.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Goodwin Brown.

William H. Tolman. Ph.D.,

105 E. 22d St.,

New York City.





CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

PUBLIC BATHS AND PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS,

APPOINTED BY MAYOR WILLIAM L. STRONG,  
JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> 1895.

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

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

New York, June 23, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you, you made an inquiry regarding Dr. Baruch's share in bath legislation. I at once wrote to Hon. Goodwin Brown, of Albany, who is the best able to inform me regarding that matter. I inclose a copy of his letter, which will put you in possession of the necessary information.

In the meantime, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. H. Tolman*

*Richard Deeves & Son,  
Mason Builders.*

*"Mutual Reserve" Building,  
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*New York* June 23, 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

Col. Baird, Mr. Ingraham, and myself met Mr. Searles on last Friday, and he stated that he would recommend to his Board to sell the plot of land, etc., which we want for the pier on the Brooklyn side, at the valuation placed thereon by our appraisers, i.e., \$350,000.00, and take a long lease back from us of the plot, with the restrictions which we will place on same, at \$5,000.00 per year.

We decided that this is a good bargain for the City and have decided to recommend the same to the Commission for their approval, this afternoon.

I trust that you can be present at two o'clock to-day, on this report, as it is of great importance. If you find that you cannot come over, please telephone over to that effect; and after we are through with routine work, we will go over to your office and hold the balance of the meeting there.

As Messrs. Thurber and Batterman are away, it may be that we will not have a quorum without you. I certainly desire your presence in any action we may take on purchase of land and leasing back of same to the sugar people.

Yours truly,

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

*Richard Deeves*

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New York, June 14, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose to you  
the within relating to the Park Avenue Im-  
provement.

Yours

Very truly,  
*Ernest Harvier*

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New York, June 18, 1897.

Dear Colonel Strong:-

A matter which I had intended to have spoken to you of yesterday and which I would have referred to had you not been pressed for time to leave was this: General Collis has on this time of year a number of special corporation inspectors and in the naming of these he has recognized most equitably, I think, all the factions or organizations which have made application to him. Ours is an exception and the reason of it is that we have not asked him for one. I am personally very desirous of getting on one man -- one only -- and I ask you if you will be so kind as to give me a line, personally, to General Collis for the appointment by him of a



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man who is a particular friend of mine, who is  
in every way deserving and whose appointment  
would be a great benefit to me in the 9th ward  
He is William H. Becker, 11 Perry street,  
Independence Hall Democracy man and for whom I  
seek a corporation inspectorship.

Yours faithfully

*Ernest Harvier*

Mahor Strong unter Longshoremern. Die „Independence Hall Democrach“, wie sich die Anhänger Julius Harburgers und Kommissär Harvier's jetzt nennen, hatte bei einer Versammlung ihrer Organisation im 7. Assemblydistrikt in der Caledonia Hall an Hudson und Horatio Str. gestern Abend hohen Besuch. Seine Ehren Mahor Strong hatte sich auf Zureden seines Freundes Harburger herbeigelassen, die Longshoremern der unteren Westseite mit seiner Gegenwart zu beehren. Mit Pauken und Trompeten und dem Krachen von Schwärmern und Raketen empfangen, kam William Longcut Strong gleich in die rechte Stimmung. Besonders aber fühlte er sich geschmeichelt, als Jemand drei Hochs auf den ersten Mahor von Groß = New York ausbrachte. Der Bürgermeister, ein schlauer Fuchs, wie er ist, so dämlich er ~~auch mitunter~~ in die Welt hinein schaut, hielt dann eine Rede über Dockbauten. Was konnte auch den Longshoremern mehr imponiren, als der Mann, der dafür eintritt, daß New York Dock's die Menge baut für 750 Fuß lange Dampfer. Kein Wörtchen hat William L. von Politik gesprochen, obwohl Ernst Harvier und Julius Harburger sich eingehends mit der schmählichen Legislatur und dem Raineß-Gesetz befaßt hatten.

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New York, June 24, 1897.

Dear Colonel Strong:-

Here is a German  
article (from to-day's Staats) with two jokes  
at your expense -- two jokes in a pleasant  
and approving article. I translate them:  
"You are William Longcut Strong." You are as  
Mayor "ein schlauer fuchs." That's German for  
"a sly fox." a compliment.

Yours faithfully,

Ernest Harvier

WESTBROOK

Oakdale L.I. June 24/97

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

My dear Sir.

If you have influence in the matter of the location of the new buildings of the College of the City of New York I most earnestly ask you to exert it in favor of the site now being vacated by Columbia College. Such a letter as that from some of the Alumni of the U.S. College published in the newspapers this morning shows the abundance of the opposition to this site. The buildings were built for College purposes by one of the first - if not the first - architects of his School in America. They are admirably designed for their purpose, and they can be bought for such a low price as to make it almost criminal for the City to neglect the opportunity. It seems providentially afforded. I want to have a few minutes talk with you on this matter, so soon as I am released from the bondage of my - own - old enemy the goat. I assure you the subject is worth discussion. Very truly Yours W. Bayard Cutting.



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New York, June 24th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York City.

Dear Sir:--

The Cuban League of the United States would appreciate it very much if you as the leading citizen of Greater New York would head a subscription list as a purchaser of a bond or bonds of the Cuban Republic.

We send you with this a blank list on which we would like to have your autograph subscription and another list giving you some of the names that have already subscribed.

We believe that either by independence or annexation these bonds will be soon worth par or more. Their proceeds at the moment in the Cuban Treasury brings, in our opinion, success to the struggling Cubans.

Cordially yours,



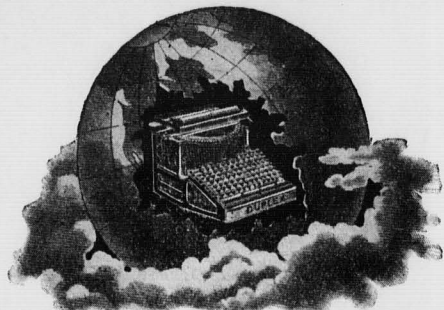
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*New York,* June 18th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Dear Sir:-Yourself and your Honorable Board of Health are cordially invited to call at my humble home (flat), 213 West 80th Street, sit at the parlor windows and view the firey (heated) steeds which the Boulevard and numerous Amsterdam Avenue Horse Car Lines have installed for the summer months in picturesque quarters on the vacant lot at 80th Street and Boulevard; to listen to the musical bell, with whiffletree accompaniment, as they are trailed over the stony street; to quaff deeply of the balmy air highly surcharged with ammoneal horse excrement, brush the tenaceous horsefly from your complacent brows while you discuss the question: "Have Individuals any rights that Franchised Corporations will respect--without a Choate to compel them?"

Should this subject become irksome, you can take up the question of the "Consistency of the Board of Health" in evicting a poor, decrepit, old man, who occupied this same land with ONE horse, on the plea of its being detrimental to health, and then allowing the Street Car Companies to take possession with a hundred or more horses.

Your Board can, possibly, also find time to explain why these open stables were removed from the 79th Street side of this plot, where the nearby residents are able and do leave ~~the~~ during the heated spell, and re-erected on the 80th Street side, where the residents as a general thing are unable to enjoy any such luxuries?

If you can defer your visit a week or two until the earth becomes more thoroughly saturated with the aforesaid horse excrement and the weather warmer, we can guarantee you more for your trouble, but you must provide your own clothes-pins.

Begging pardon for intruding myself on you, I am,

Very Respectfully,

*V. W. Nims*



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*New York,* June 24th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

In behalf of the interested residents of West 80th Street I desire to thank you, and through you the Press of this City, for your kindly offices in securing the prompt removal of the relay horse-car stables at 80th Street and the Boulevard.

Our pleasant neighborhood has regained its even tenor, and life again seems worth the living.

Very Gratefully Yours,

*V. W. Nims*

New York, June 25, 1897.

Hon. Mayor Strong, ✓

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Repeated attempts to induce the Board of Health to abate a nuisance, have resulted in two officers being sent on different occasions to make inquiry as to the same, but the Board, through its officers, while admitting the existence of the nuisance, alleges its inability to remove the same, on the ground that the land upon which the nuisance is permitted is the property of the city; thus, we appeal to you.

The facts are these: On Forest Avenue a vacant lot (Lot 886) adjoins our house. The lot is unfenced and in consequence people of the neighborhood and from other neighborhoods use it as a dumping ground. The odor emanating from the dumpings is sometimes very offensive, and compels us to keep the front windows of our house close, which is very uncomfortable at the present state of the weather. The maintenance of the nuisance concerns not only us, but persons of the house adjoining the lot on the other side, and also the general public and therefore it seems extraordinary that the Board of Health should refuse to take precautions to remove danger to public health. Surely the city has no right to permit an open lot to be used as a dumping ground, especially where due and repeated notice of the nuisance has been given. Children also come in and build fires for their amusement and we have on several occasions been compelled to throw water on it so as to prevent it spreading.

We, the undersigned trust that you will act upon it, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*Chas. F. Seelig*  
888 Forest Ave.

*Chas. J. Bord*  
884 Forest Ave.

*Rosa McCormick 884 Forest Ave.*



SOL. & BENJ. OPPENHEIMER,  
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New York, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

My dear Mayor:-

I read in last evening's papers that Ex-Commissioner Julius Harburger called upon your Honor in reference to the appointment of Commissioners of Appraisement and suggested a candidate to you.

Now you know me personally and by reputation and thus far I have received no recognition at your hands.

I do not comprehend why, because your friends

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are my friends and I have  
always been a staunch and  
active supporter of your  
administration.

My brother and myself,  
at a great sacrifice, are  
almost daily at work in favor  
of pure government and I  
beg to repeat I do not un-  
derstand why I should  
be ignored. I wish you  
would ~~so~~ use your influ-  
ence in my behalf for the ap-  
pointment of one of the Special  
Commissioners and I shall  
be very thankful for your

kindness .

Hoping to receive favorable news in answer to this letter, I remain

Yours sincerely  
Sol. Oppenheimer

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New York,

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon. Bron L. Burrows

My dear friend:-

Your letter in behalf of the Mayor was just received.

I hasten to reply because I am solicitous about his Honor not laboring under a misapprehension. Through the kindness of the Hon. John Proctor Clarke and others my brother has several times been appointed a Commissioner in Con-

denunciation Proceedings to  
acquire property for school  
sites.

I appreciate highly the  
communication the Mayor  
requested you to send  
to me and trust you  
will convey my thanks  
to him.

We are constantly  
at work in the twenty  
eighth and hope soon  
to have the pleasure and  
the honor of listening  
to you in the Patriotic  
Republican Club.

Yours Truly  
Sol. Oppenheimer

The Rhinelander School,

(Of the CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,)

350 EAST 88TH STREET,  
[Between 1st And 2d Avenues.]

To the Hon: *New York June 26<sup>th</sup> 1897*  
J<sup>rs</sup> Le. Strong;  
Dear Sir:

One of my smaller scholars, in writing a letter about our school work a few days ago, referred to the Cup and Saucer we sent you, and expressed the hope that you were pleased with same.

They were very much interested in the fact - that the patriotic decoration of cup was designed, for you, by one of the Evening Class scholars, and have waited rather anxiously for your acknowledgment of the gift.



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We expect several of their parents to attend the graduation exercises on Monday evening, and if you find it quite convenient to write a line or two, to them, in time for them to read same to their friends on that occasion, I am sure they will be very happy.

Perhaps you know that our day school classes are to be disbanded on Wed. next; the scholars are to be sent to the public schools, but, I hope that our evening classes in Manual Training may be continued, so that we may still carry on our patriotic work.

With kindest wishes - Yours very truly,  
Margaret P. Pascal

Executive Department.  
City of Binghamton,  
GEO. E. GREEN, MAYOR. N.Y.

June 30th 1897.

Hon. Wm. A. Strong,

Mayor  
New York.

Dear Mayor Strong,

Endeavored to find you and  
press a personal invitation to honor  
the City of Binghamton as one of its  
Guests, on the occasion of the corner  
stone laying of the new municipal build-  
ing and the 4th of July celebration to be  
held in this city on Monday July 5th '97.

Your presence here would be  
esteemed as a most gracious and  
generous compliment, by all of our  
citizens and I can assure you that  
the trip would be so pleasant you would  
find rest and recreation in it. The Mayors  
from <sup>more than</sup> two-thirds of the cities of the State have  
agreed to be present. A banquet will close  
the exercises of the day in honor of the  
official guests. Sincerely hoping that you  
can honor Binghamton at this time I am  
with assurances of high esteem  
Yours very truly Geo. E. Green,  
Mayor.



# Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration Monday, July 5, '97, Binghamton, N.Y.

**MILITARY AND CIVIC PARADE, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.**

**Laying Corner-Stone New Municipal Building 12:00 Noon**

by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, F. and A. M. Address by Hon. Wm. A. Sutherland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Singing of Patriotic Songs by the **New York State Music Teachers' Association**, Chorus of more than 300 voices.

**ORATION AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.**

**BY UNITED STATES SENATOR WM. E. MASON OF ILLINOIS,**

familiarly known as "Billy" Mason of Chicago, one of the greatest orators of the age, and who has recently achieved new notoriety by championing Cuban belligerency, and denouncing so-called "senatorial courtesy" and "official dignity," when it serves to impede the progress of tariff and needed legislation calculated to inspire and increase business activity.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS AND BICYCLE RACES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE B. A. A.  
AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M., OPENED WITH AN ADDRESS BY**

**Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, Lieut. Governor of New York.**

During intermission between regular exercises will occur fantastic parades and amusements of various kinds, calculated to entertain the multitude sure to be present.

**Gorgeous Display of Fire Works at 8:00 P. M.**

Many officials and gentlemen of national reputation have already accepted invitations to be present. The State officials and many City officials will participate in the celebration and Corner-stone laying, acceptances having already been received from the mayors of more than two-thirds of the cities in the State of New York and Northern Pennsylvania, and from over one-half of the Honorable the Common Councils of the various cities.

During the afternoon or early evening it is purposed to give a banquet to the distinguished and invited guests.

It is greatly desired that the executives and officers from the various municipalities of the State will participate in the exercises.

The occasion is an important one for Binghamton, since the corner-stone for a new and substantial municipal building will be laid, marking an era of increased progress and prosperity.

Binghamton is booming. In addition to the municipal building, (concerning which a partial description is herewith enclosed, copied from the "Elmira Telegram" of June 13th,) a modern and handsome court house is in process of erection, besides several large business blocks to be finished, with half a dozen more to be commenced during the present season, while the building of smaller blocks and fine residences is being rapidly progressed.

Among the additional public improvements now in operation,

Special rates on all railroads touching Binghamton. One and one-third fare for round trip July 5th, returning July 6th, on Erie R. R., Hornellsville and Bath on the west, Carbondale and Port Jervis east, both inclusive and all intermediate stations; D. & L. & W. R. R., Bath to Scranton, both inclusive and all intermediate stations; Syracuse and Binghamton R. R., Cortland and intermediate stations; Utica and Chenango Valley R. R., Norwich and intermediate stations; D. & H. C. Co., R. R., Albany and all intermediate stations. Good time assured. Come to stay more than a day, and attend the great vocal and instrumental musical event under direction of and associated with the Ninth Annual Convention of the **New York State Music Teachers' Association, July 6th, 7th and 8th.** R. R. rates for the latter event, one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan, which the Ticket Agents will explain. Tickets good going July 2d and thereafter and returning until July 12th, inclusive.

such as sewer and pavement building, etc., may be mentioned the construction of two bridges across the Chenango river, at Ferry and Deforest streets.

Business generally is good, and indications point to early and permanent improvement. While not claiming perfection in the difficult problem of municipal administration, the City government invites investigation and criticism, and challenges comparison for practical, clean, conservative yet progressive good government, void of pretensions of or need for "reform." **PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT** is the motto instead of "Reform."

Binghamton affords unsurpassed advantages as a location for the establishment of manufacturing plants and any of the varied legitimate business enterprises of the day, and it has no superior for beauty and healthfulness of situation, natural and artificial adornment, picturesque environments, churches, schools, societies, and all of the facilities which unite to make it par excellence as a home city.

The Binghamton Railroad Company supplies unsurpassed street railroad service throughout the city and suburban districts.

To those who know the truth of the above assertions, to the doubtful as well as to the unbeliever, in short, to everybody, the City of Binghamton and her citizens extend a cordial invitation to participate in the celebration of Independence Day and the Corner-Stone Festivities, Monday, July 5th.



# BINGHAMTON'S PRIDE.

## The New Municipal Building and It's Designer. DESCRIBED BY A COMMITTEE.

**An Edifice that is to Add Largely to the Architectural Beauty of the City of Binghamton. The Building as It Will Be, Described from Top to Bottom.**

(From Elmira Telegram, June 13th, 1897.)

On August 1st, 1896, fifty-one sets of drawings were received by the City Clerk of Binghamton, N.Y., for the new Municipal Building. The report of the jury of awards, consisting of Prof. C. Francis Osborne, of Cornell University, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; Cyrus Strong, Jr., and Charles M. Stone, made their decision in their final report as follows, concerning the accepted design:

"The most careful discussion has been given by us to every consideration which might weigh pro or con in a final decision, and we have unanimously decided to recommend to you as in our opinion in every respect the best, the design marked with a full size daisy drawn in black ink. We are unanimously agreed, after the most searching investigation of all the eligible designs submitted for moderate size, capable of construction within the appropriation substantially as drawn, for thoroughly well considered arrangement of the floor plans, giving a maximum of convenience, for the simplicity of arrangements shown, together with a thoroughly agreeable and artistic interior effect throughout all the floors; for refinement, simplicity and dignity of the facades, with a perfectly appropriate expression of the exterior as a whole, excellently adapted to the proposed site; no other design which we have been able to consider, can at all be commended in the same way, for such an excellent combination of all the meritorious qualities above referred to."

Messrs. Ingle & Almirall, of No. 874 Broadway, New York, were the authors of the above, and were accordingly appointed architects. The earnestness with which the architects have entered upon their duties, together with the sincere and intelligent co-operation of the Mayor, and the Honorable, the Common Council, ensures the successful completion in every way of this structure, which is to add so largely not only to the architectural beauty of the City of Binghamton, but also to the civic monuments in the United States, which, on account of its peculiar adaptability, will undoubtedly

indicate the character of many buildings of this class in the future.

The lower portion of this imposing structure will be of light grey granite, with a superstructure of selected Indiana limestone, crowned by a red slate mansard roof, with elaborate treatment in copper of crestings and cupola. The execution of the stone work is receiving especial attention, the models for carving of which will be made by a celebrated New York sculptor.

The building, which is to be of French Renaissance style of architecture, will have two side courts, while in the rear the extensive service court communicates directly with the police and prison departments, which are exceptionally well appointed, and include lavatories, waiting and dining rooms on the basement and first floors, while on the second floor is a large armory or drill hall, matron's room and room for juvenile prisoners. This department being distinct in its functions, is consequently so located as to be convenient of outside access, though in immediate proximity to the Recorder's court.

In the basement of the main building are located the city physicians' room and the charities and department of streets, together with the engine and boiler rooms, janitor's quarters, and large archive room.

The first floor contains a large and lofty vestibule, communicating directly with the Recorder's court, tax department, grand and service staircases, elevator, etc.

On the second floor are the City Clerk and City Treasurer's offices, public hall, committee rooms, toilets, etc. The third floor is given up entirely to a large and imposing council chamber extending through two stories, Mayor's suite, corporation counsel and committee rooms. The disposition of this floor is such as to permit in cases of receptions, etc., of a

free and uninterrupted circulation, which increases the imposing effect.

On the fourth floor is the public gallery overlooking the council chamber, the department of health, park commissioners and board of education. The fifth floor contains the city court, judges and jury rooms, law departments, while the whole of the south wing is given up to the engineering department.

Special attention is being given to the sanitary and hygienic appointments. James Stewart & Co. of Buffalo and St. Louis, are the contractors for the whole work.

The citizens of Binghamton are to be congratulated in having a man of such integrity, eminent ability and energy at the head of the municipal government as the Hon. Geo. E. Green, for from the very inception of the programme of the city hall, (which is only one of the many services so capably rendered to the City of Binghamton and State of New York), he has entered into the scheme with sincerity of purpose and farsightedness in which he has been ably assisted by the Honorable, the Common Council, that will leave a worthy monument to this administration.

The corner-stone will be laid on July 5, with more than the usual imposing ceremonies, at which the Governor and all the State dignitaries including many well-known professional and business men, will be present. This day, July 5, was selected after careful consideration, being the public celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the independence of the United States, and it is to be hoped that all those to whom the generous hospitality of the municipality of Binghamton and its citizens is known will be there, to assist in welcoming the eminent assemblage of official visitors.



# Binghamton, July 6, 7, 8, '97.

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*Among the distinguished artists already engaged and sure to be present may be mentioned:*

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THE CORILLO QUARTETTE, Mr. Geo. H. Sparhawk,  
Director.  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH QUARTETTE, Albany, Mr. Geo.  
E. Oliver, Director.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR, Binghamton,  
twenty voices, Miss Clementine Sheldon, Director.

#### VIOLONCELLISTS.

MR. LOUIS BLUMENBERG, New York.  
MISS LILLIAN LITTLEHALES, New York.

#### HARPIST.

MISS MAUD MORGAN, New York.

#### PIANISTS.

MISS MABEL WAGNALLS, New York.  
MR. WM. H. SHERWOOD, Chicago.  
MR. ADRIAN P. BABCOCK, Norwich.  
MR. FERDINAND DUNKLEY, Albany.  
PROF. ADOLF FREY, Syracuse.  
PROF. N. IRVING HYATT, Syracuse.  
MISS KATE STELLA BURR, New York.

#### ORGANISTS.

MR. FRANK TAFT, New York.  
MR. FRANCIS J. O'CONNOR, Binghamton.  
MR. CLEMENT R. GALE, New York.  
MR. WM. KAFFENBERGER, Buffalo.

#### VIOLINIST.

MISS BERTHA HOWE, Warsaw.

#### ESSAYISTS.

DR. PERCY GOETSCHUS, Boston.  
MR. FERDINAND DUNKLEY, Albany.  
MR. CLEMENT R. GALE, New York.  
MR. HERBERT WILBER GREENE, New York.  
DR. JOHN C. GRIGGS, New York.  
MR. DAVID M. KELSEY, Saratoga.  
MRS. S. N. LOVE, Binghamton.  
MR. LOUIS ARTHUR RUSSELL, New York.  
MR. R. HUNTINGTON WOODMAN, Brooklyn.  
MR. J. DE ZIELINSKI, Buffalo.

*It will be observed that a large number of the most distinguished vocalists, piano players, organists and music teachers of the country will be in attendance at this Convention, preparations for which have been engaging the attention of the working officials of the Organization for months past. The program of the three days' session is replete with attractions of all kinds, and lovers of music who attend may be assured of enjoying a veritable feast.*

*The price of membership tickets is only \$2.00. Each morning and afternoon there will be one or more recitals of music for the voice, piano, organ, violin, and harp, single admission to which will be twenty-five cents. At the evening concerts, when a larger number of artists will combine, the charge for admission will be fifty cents. Reserved seats for the evening concerts may be obtained at an additional charge of twenty-five cents. Sale of seats will open Monday, July 5th. Orders for tickets may be addressed to "MANAGER STONE OPERA HOUSE," BINGHAMTON, N. Y.*

*The Festival will close with a performance of Haydn's grand oratorio, "The Creation," in which the solo roles will be sung by Mr. J. H. McKinley, tenor; Mme. Anita Rio, soprano, and Mr. Ericsson F. Bushnell, basso. The names of these artists will be recognized as the very foremost of their class in the country, and the music in Haydn's wonderful masterpiece affords them magnificent opportunities for the display of their vocal resources.*

*A grand chorus and orchestra under the direction of Mr. Louis Arthur Russell, conductor of the Oratorio and Symphony Societies of Newark, N. J.*

*The special Convention Chorus will be augmented by such singers as are members of the Association and may properly qualify for the purpose.*

*All members or prospective members who sing are requested to send their names to Mr. Thomas Impett, Troy, N. Y., stating the part they sing and particulars as to qualifications.*

*Members who are competent orchestral players are likewise requested to notify Mr. J. de Zielinski, 63 West Huron St., Buffalo, N. Y.*

*Special Notice.—Vice-Presidents are particularly requested to send names of singers and players in their counties to the committee.*

*The privileges of this convention are not restricted to residents of New York State.*

*Any person may become a member of the Association by the payment of \$2.00; only professional musicians are entitled to vote.*

*Fee for renewal of membership, \$1.00.*

*Remittances should be sent to Walter J. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, 706 Carnegie Hall, New York, or to any of the vice-presidents.*

*Special hotel rates and reduced railroad fares are guaranteed. Ask Ticket Agent for special rate account N. Y. S. M. T. A.*

*For special boarding accommodations address Professor Chas. Speh, 132 Chapin Street, Binghamton, N. Y.*

*Ample hotel accommodations, Arlington, Bennett, Crandall, Lewis, and numerous smaller ones.*

*Special Rates one and one-third fare for the round trip, going July 2d and thereafter, returning until July 12, inclusive.*

June 26/97

Dear Mr Mayor

Will you permit an  
old New Yorker born and  
brought up in the Old Ninth  
ward of City of New York <sup>ask you to</sup> to use  
your influence in staying the  
hand of vandalism on the  
part of Gen<sup>l</sup> Collis or any other  
impetuous man in changing  
the appearance of that grand  
old building the New York  
City Hall. Not even inside  
as suggested by Gen<sup>l</sup> Collis.  
By removing one stone, brick, or  
stick of wood, in the make up  
of our beautiful old building.  
The worst characteristic of  
Americans is the deplorable want  
of veneration for our historic old,



houses, whose history abound  
with celebrated incidents of  
the past. Millions are spent  
by City of New York every year  
for improvements and I think  
as many others do that this  
cheese paring scheme of altering  
the Old City Hall could be  
passed over and some other place  
secured even at a great cost  
for the required purposes.

For God sake put on the brakes,  
and while you are Mayor say  
hands off, of the Old City Hall.

Very Respectfully  
Yours.

Thomas Worth.

New Brighton  
Staten Island.

# Park Avenue Property Owners Protective Association.

1691 PARK AVENUE.

WM. A. SOLES, President,  
1691 Park Avenue.  
WM. F. REEVES, Secretary,  
71 Broadway.

E. A. TUTTLE, }  
J. C. BUSHBY, } Counsel,  
120 Broadway.

New York, June 26..... 1897

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

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the above Ass. a Committee  
was appointed to wait on you, to state the  
grievances of the Members of this Ass.  
relative to the condition of Park Av.  
and the delay in completing the work  
thereon, would you kindly advise  
as to when it would be convenient to  
you to see said committee and oblige

Yours truly

J. W. Sander

Chairman General Committee

1640 Park Av. N.Y. City

five months ago he arrested five Frenchmen on a charge of playing baccarat in this house. They were discharged in court.

### CHAPMAN'S CHIEF RAIDER SCORED.

**Kudlich Threatens to Make an Example of Him and Discharges Two of His Prisoners.**

Capt. Chapman's raking over of the streets of the Tenderloin netted ten women prisoners on Wednesday night, and these were arraigned in Jefferson Market Court yesterday. Magistrate Kudlich again gave expression to his opinion of these raids, and administered a rebuke to Policeman Leazenbee of Chapman's command.

Leazenbee does not look his twenty-one years by at least four years, and his assignment to arrest women on the streets seems to have been a congenial one. He has been arraigning women in bunches of five at a time. He was rebuked last week for swearing that one of his prisoners was a notorious character and then admitting that he did not know her. Yesterday he arraigned Belle Ackerman and Anna Schnabel. The latter admitted having received the policeman's advances, but the other, an intelligent and evidently educated girl, swore that Leazenbee had followed her for a dozen blocks, and had spoken to her repeatedly, all of which advances she had ignored. She said she was about to cross Forty-second street at Sixth avenue, which would take her out of the precinct, when Leazenbee placed her under arrest.

"Do you know these women?" asked the Magistrate.

"No, but they solicited me," answered Leazenbee.

"I do not think you men would be solicited if you did not invite it," said Magistrate Kudlich. "I have been on Broadway and other streets late at night, and none of the women has molested me. In any event, I do not think it a good plan to put boys like you at this sort of work."

Leazenbee reddened with anger, which was not diminished when his two prisoners were discharged. He followed them out, and in the hallway the Schnabel woman turned and laughed in his face.

In an instant the boy policeman had grabbed her by the throat and hurried her down the aisle to the rail.

"What does this mean?" called the Magistrate.

"This woman gave me the laugh," replied the youthful cop, insolently.

"You get out of here," to the woman, "and you," turning to the angry cop, "if you do not learn to control your temper, I'll make an example of you."

Of the other women five pleaded guilty and were fined \$10, and two were sent to the workhouse.

Victoria O'Brien, a frail, sickly looking girl, dropped to the floor in a dead faint while waiting to be arraigned. She was carried to an inner room and revived, and on the statement of her captor that he did not know her, she was discharged.

**CENSURE FOR GEN. WATTS.**



F u l t o n   M a r k e t ,

New York, June 26th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

6 City Hall, N. Y.

*Accepted  
6/28/97*

Dear Sir:--

Considering the fact that all the policemen in New York City are not men of sufficient discretion to make distinction between a violation of the Law and a necessary act on the part of drivers of vehicles, I deem it my duty to protest to you against the proposed enactment of a Law restricting the speed at which we can drive, to five miles an hour, for several reasons.

First, the discretionary powers given to policemen, who have only to say that we pass a horse car (which will be proof sufficient to convict). The horse cars are permitted to, and do, run on schedule time arranged by the Railroad Companies at a speed of six miles an hour. Again five miles an hour is only a fast walking gait. Surely it is not meant that wherever we may be going, either with our business wagons or driving for pleasure, that we should go at a walk, yet if this ordinance goes into effect, every business man whose truck or wagon is

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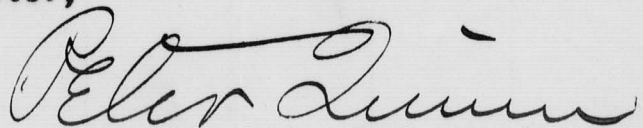
New York, June 26th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. S., No. 2.

being driven at the speed of a horse car in transit is liable to be arrested, thereby entailing a great loss of time and inestimable inconvenience to customers through delay in shipping or delivery of goods, not counting the additional loss of time necessary to go to Court to defend such an outrage as this would be. There is not a delivery wagon or carriage of any kind driven in the City which is not compelled to go at a faster rate than a man can walk, which is to be the limit under the proposed ordinance. The rules of Central Park would be at least sensible, allowing vehicles to be driven at a speed of seven miles an hour.

Trusting that the attention of the proper people will be drawn to this matter before its enactment so that proper action can be taken, I am, with high respect,

Yours, etc.,



P. S. Enclosed is a clipping of an occurrence in the Police Court on Thursday last, showing the possibility of the results of giving to such men, a discretionary power to annoy the public.

P. Q.

(Enclosure).



✓  
Gram. Sch. # 89  
134 St. and Louis Ave.  
June 26/97

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor.  
Dear Sir:

At our "Commencement Exercises" on Wednesday, when you so kindly honored us with your presence, you asked me how many of our boys had passed the examination for admission to the New York College. At that time, the returns had not been received, so I could not give the desired information.

I am now however, happy to write to you that fifty-eight of our candidates were successful, and that our School has the highest number of candidates admitted. Our boys feel proud of their success, and you were so kind to participate in their "Commencement Exercises," we thought you would be especially pleased to hear that our school leads all of Harlem, and that Harlem leads all of New York in the race this year. Again assuring you of our grateful thanks for your pleasant visit, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Edw. W. Smith  
Principal



Hon Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir,

I Can not see any sense in  
to for to Sprinkle Madison  
Avenue every morning at  
about 6 o'clock a.m. it is a ~~great~~  
nuisance, it make they do,  
so Dirty and Bad for Bicycles  
men to Ride on I am sure.

They do, is bad enough to  
Red<sup>m</sup> without to flood it to  
if the Sept aspen dry with  
the Tide it would be some  
thing but the do not

Look how nice eight Avenue  
is Because they do not Sprin-  
kle that Avenue at all  
Remember Mr Strong need  
foral you need at the vote

you can get you look out  
for or and we will stand  
by you next Election

you bet  
and come out for a head to  
of Tomeny  
we will send some of them  
Back to wady Land

Yours Most Sincerely

M. M.

My dear 24<sup>th</sup> 97.

Please do not forget  
Madison Avenue and stop  
that water sprinkler we have  
out on Avenue to Rich on for Bingley  
in this City and that is flooded every  
Morning

New York Du. 27 (97  
your Honor Mayor

Dear Sir

I am a greek. and I am very poor. I am in this country ten years and I am a citizen and Republican for five years I sold flowers at the street and I saved a little money and started a Restaurant for myself. but after three years I lost all I had. as you see.

I have no money to pay rent with. I got a Permit from the owner of the building at grand and mercer st. thus Mr Mike Diamonds of 95 Crosby St. has Permission to sell fruits in front of the store S.W. corner grand and mercer St. with the requirement of Police and street Cleaning Depts.



Subject to termination at  
any time

~~Signer~~ Signer.

Henry Bronson 111 Broadway  
April 21/97

the Police are not satisfied with the Permit  
I have they want me to get Permit from you.  
I have an application but the owner the store will  
not sign it because the store is empty and he  
expects to rent it every day so he won't sign it  
just yet. Please tell me what I shall do about it  
will you Please give me a note to stay here till the  
store is rented and then I can get my application  
signed to get my Permit answer to me.

My Address

Mike Diamond  
95 Crosby Street  
N. York City

Please send me  
a note to stay  
here



ISAAC B. POTTER CHIEF CONSUL.

W.S. BULL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

LOUIS C. LE ROY, D. D. S.

SIX LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY.

CHAIRMAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE,

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN CONSULATE,

NEW YORK CITY.

League of American Wheelmen,  
New York State Division,  
Headquarters 519-520-521 Vanderbilt Building,  
New York City Consulate,  
New York.

June 28<sup>th</sup>/97

Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

We understand that permits for transparencies such as are frequently seen hung over street lamps at street crossings are granted through your office and we respectfully ask the privilege to suggest that hereafter in the issuing of a permit for such transparencies as may be requesting to be placed over lamps at street crossings that the party receiving permit understand that the name of intersecting streets be displayed on said transparency that the public may not be inconvenienced by the granting of a special privilege. Trusting our point will





ISAAC B. POTTER CHIEF CONSUL.  
W.S. BULL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

*League of American Wheelmen.*  
*New York State Division.*  
*Headquarters 519-520-521 Vanderbilt Building,*  
*New York,*

*be well taken, I am*

*Most respectfully*

*D<sup>r</sup> Louis Le Roy,*

*6 Lexington Ave —*

CHAIRMAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE,  
LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN CONSULATE,  
NEW YORK CITY.



16 Berkeley Place

Brooklyn Jun 28/97

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York City,

Dear Sir:

At the recent  
Sunday School Anniversary  
at Prospect Park, you did  
us the honor to notice our  
twins who were in the  
parade.

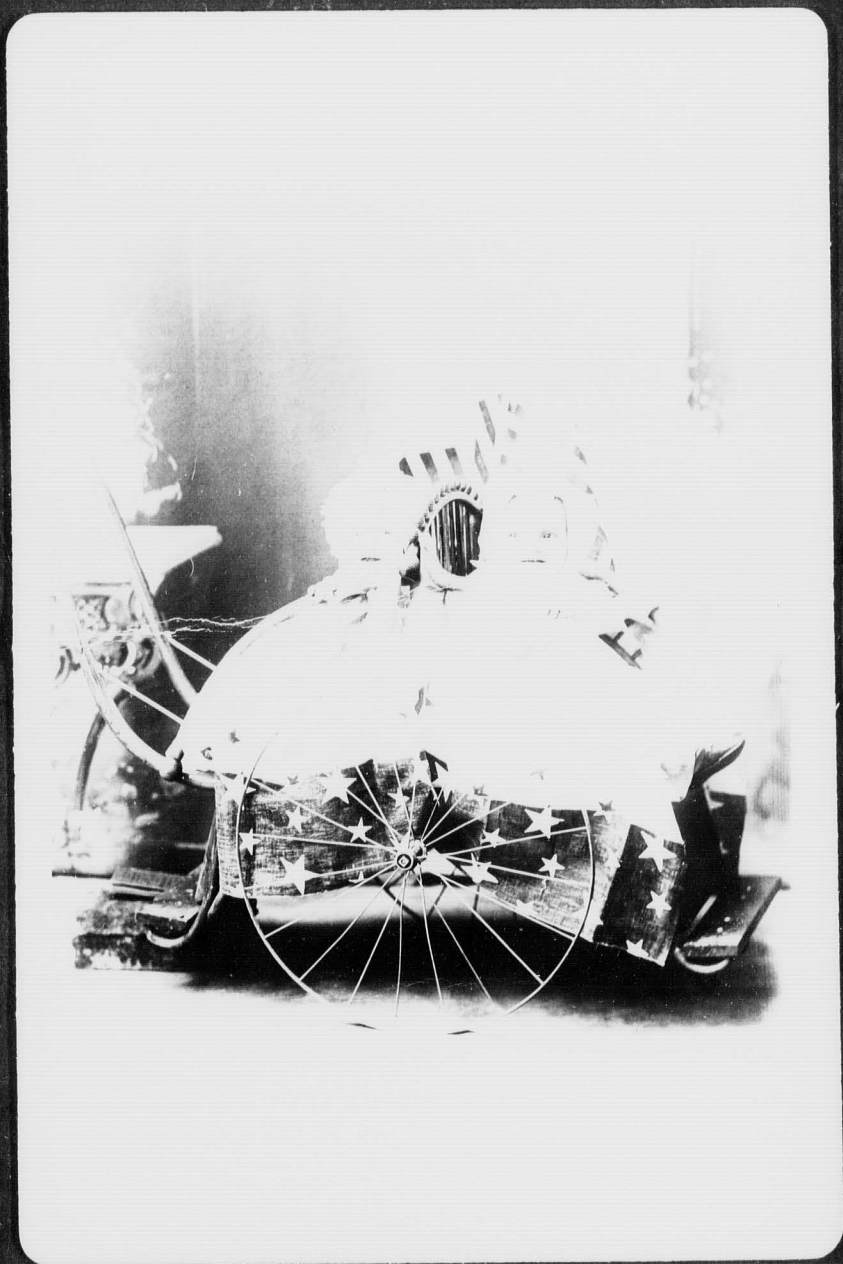
Trusting that you  
will find it interesting, we  
take the liberty of sending  
you their portrait, as they  
appeared at that time, as

a souvenir of the occasion.

Kindly do us the  
honor of accepting same,  
obliging,

Respectfully yours,

Edwin H. Lambert.





To

Hon. Wm L Strong,

Respects of parents of

Guy Edwin<sup>(Left)</sup> & Corinne Bacon Lambert.<sup>(Right)</sup>

Twins aged 18 months.

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Souvenir

Sixty Eighth Anniversary,  
Brooklyn Sunday School Union,

Prospect Park.

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MEMORANDUM.

To

C. H. Collis, Esq.,

FROM

JOHN C. SHAW,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
NOS. 106 & 108 FULTON STREET.

13TH FLOOR  
ROOMS 1312 TO 1316.

DOWNING BUILDING.

NEW YORK, June 28th, 1917.

My Dear General:-

I have noticed at one or two of the street corners, that you have put in the gratings at the entrance of the basins. It's a great improvement. You deserve the thanks of the community for the idea. It certainly is going to be a great help for wagons turning corners, to keep the wheels up, on a level instead of going down with a bump into the hole which emptied in the basin. It will save some broken legs too, of horses. Last winter a horse slipped on corner of 53rd Street and Madison Avenue on the asphalt pavement on the steep slope leading to the corner basin and broke his hind leg.

Am glad to see that you have not given up the fight for Mayor Strong being his own successor. There is no doubt that every man in this City who values the good of the community above everything, ought to keep the Mayor's name constantly before the public. He is his own natural successor. He is the first mayor New York has ever had who ever had any just conception of the greatness of our great city.

Yours truly,

John C. Shaw.



New York June 28-97

Hon William L. Strong

Mayor Dear Sir

I find there is a growing desire, on the part of a large majority of the Business men of our city, for a permanent relief for travelers & tradesmen operating on Broadway from the almost interminable line of cable cars, making it dangerous, and greatly delaying strangers & Citizens from Crossing Broadway Between the Battery and 23rd st., It is a growing necessity to have an underground road on Broadway to 59th st., The <sup>^ can be obtained</sup> privilege to Build 2 tracks not more than 16 inches roofing between tunnel and top of paving.. 4 Brick or stone Walls 1 Each side of the Cable line. <sup>1. next to curb & Each side</sup> With steel Cross beams & Brick arches to carry the paving laid in cement. With plenty of Room to place all pipes under and along side in tunnel leaving Center under Cable for a fast line at a later time, the 2 first trolly tracks to be not more than 16 feet below the surface the fast line in Center under Cable with steel frame to uphold Cable, to be not more than 23 feet below surface, When Built

nearly all agree there is no immediate need for a fast line below 23 st. as the taking on passengers would be necessarily slow. and few if any property owners would object to a road run by Electricity not more than 20 ft below the surface, and few people will go into a deeper and damp air tunnel when they can ride on or near the surface, the privilege to Build such a road I am sure can be obtained in a short time. the tunnel to conform to the surface grade of Broadway cable road,, Hoping your Honor can bring us this much needed improvement.

I remain as ever

Your friend

D. V. Howell

202 Broadway

Room 24 N.Y. city

1713 Corcoran Street  
Washington D.C.

June 28, 97-

Dear Mayor Strong, -

Through  
a friend, I learn you  
are a member of a  
Society for extermin-  
ating cats, by putting  
some thing in the  
milk - Are you willing  
to tell me what is  
used, I have tried



Many Things: as yet <sup>all</sup>  
have failed to do the  
work of diminishing  
the number of cats.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs Mary L. Milmore  
1713 Arcoran St  
Washington  
D.C.

7  
New York, April 5, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:--

Kindly grant me license to preach:--

First: at my own Church, Cor. 111th St. & Lexington Ave.

Secondly: at 106th St., near Third Ave. Thirdly: at 110th St. &  
5th Ave.

Yours faithfully,

J. L. Campbell

20-E120

New York Bible Society,

Room 66, Bible House,

New York, APR 8 1897 18

To the Hon Wm L. Strong.

Dear Sir -

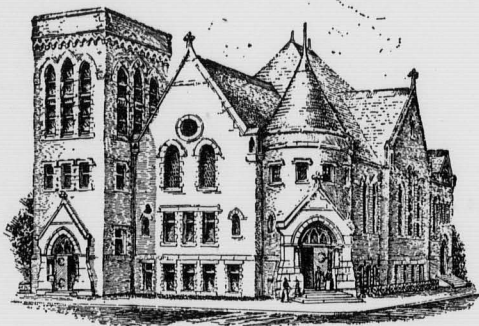
May I ask if  
you will kindly grant a  
permit <sup>to</sup> Mr Donald Mac  
Lardy, of Catharine Mission  
22 + 24 Catharine Slip -  
for preaching on the dock  
at Market <sup>St</sup> East River - a  
large number attend the  
Singing services - & I think it  
is the best work in this city.

Yours kindly,

Rev A Arnold  
(Recd) L. H. Cobb.

I respectfully add my name  
to the above request.





Hope Baptist Church  
104th Street and Boulevard  
Richard Hartley, Pastor  
Residence, 223 W. 104th St.

Preaching Services  
Sundays at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.  
C. E. Meeting Tuesday Evening  
Prayer meeting Friday Evening  
Sunday School at 3 P.M.

NEW YORK, April 13 1897

Hon. W. E. Strong  
Mayor of New York  
Dear Sir

Will you kindly  
renew the enclosed permit  
for the year 1897. If you  
need references I would name  
Mr. Edward T. Clinch 115 Broad-  
way, and Mr. R. J. MacArthur  
358 W. 57th St.

Sincerely Yours  
Richard Hartley  
Pastor of Hope Baptist Church

 Madrid May 8<sup>th</sup>/97

Hon. William L. Strong  
Hon York }

Dear Sir;

I have had  
the honor to receive your  
invitation to be present  
upon the occasion of the  
formal transfer of the  
tomb of General Grant -  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult. and -  
I take this opportunity

to thank you very much  
for the attention shown  
to

Your humble servant  
Juan Campa





# Metropolitan Temple,

Forward Movement,

Seventh Ave. & 14th St.

REV. S. P. CADMAN, PASTOR.  
REV. W. W. ALEXANDER, ...  
FIRST ASSISTANT. ....

Open Every Day.  
Service Every Night.

For Aggressive Christianity.

New York, May 28 — 1897

Mayor W. L. Strong  
New York.

Dear Mayor,

Will you kindly give me a license  
to hold open air meetings on the street in  
front of our Temple — Mr. Hartsock my predecessor  
had one but I believe it has expired. Will  
enclose his old one —

Very truly yours  
Arthur Staples.

**The Church Army Commission:**

A Department of the  
Parochial Missions Society of the United States.

Rev. E. A. BRADLEY, D. D., Chairman.  
Rev. J. NEWTON PERKINS, Secretary.  
Rev. EDWARD WALPOLE WARREN, D. D.  
Rev. WILLIAM B. BODINE, D. D.  
Rev. WILLIAM M. HUGHES, D. D.

General HENRY H. HADLEY,  
MILITARY DIRECTOR  
Department of the Atlantic and the Gulf.

TREASURER: Ex-Postmaster General THOMAS L. JAMES, President Lincoln National Bank, N. Y.

# U. S. Church Army,

Headquarters: 288 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK.

New York, June 15, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,  
City.

Dear Sir:--

Kindly issue me a permit to hold outdoor  
meetings on 26th Street near First Avenue, and oblige.

Yours very respectfully,

Henry H. Hadley  
Military Director  
U. S. Church Army

Permit No 53  
issued  
never dele

A. L. B.

19 West 18<sup>th</sup> St.

New York

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1897

The Hon. W. R. Strong  
Mayor of The City of New York

Dear Sir

Would you kindly grant me a permit to preach the Gospel on the streets any evening of the week and on Sunday afternoons? I need to apply thus to you by letter, for favour of my friend Mr. R. D. Walker, as I am employed by H. Phil & Co. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and can not conveniently get away to see you personally. I desire the permit for several places where we may preach alternate nights, so as to reach as many different individuals as possible, and not to become monotonous by speaking every night at the same place. If any other brethren should be speaking at any of the points we desire any evening, we would gladly either join in with them or go on to one of the other places for that evening, so there will be no friction if you should grant me the permit for any of the same places as others. I may say that we desire to avoid all sensational methods.



in attracting a crowd, and will not even  
sing but simply read the Word of God and  
speak to the people. We will also be  
careful not to obstruct the thoroughfare  
nor be objectionable in any way. That  
you may know somewhat of our teaching  
I enclose you a pamphlet which I had  
printed and circulated gratuitously, and  
from amongst the kind acknowledgements  
which I received concerning it I send you  
Rev. Dr. A. C. Osborn, President of Benedict  
College, Columbia S.C. I also enclose a  
note from Rev. John R. Davis D.D. pastor  
of the Fourth Ave. Presbyterian Church (formerly  
Dr. Howard Crosby's Church), and I may refer  
you to Rev. H. G. Miller pastor of the  
Camp Memorial Church, 141 Christie St.,  
who has known me personally a long time,  
and of course I could give you many other  
references but I suppose these are suffi-  
cient. Kindly return the letters to me

but of course keep the pamphlet if you wish.

The four street corners where we  
desire permission to speak are as follows

West corner of 14<sup>th</sup> St and Irving Place.

South West " " 23<sup>rd</sup> St and Fifth Ave.

" " " " 27<sup>th</sup> St and Broadway.

" " " " 42<sup>nd</sup> St and Eighth Ave.

Respectfully yours

Thomas Baird Taylor

19 West 18<sup>th</sup> St.

19 West 18<sup>th</sup> St  
New York  
June 29<sup>th</sup>  
1897

Mr R. L. Burrows

Secretary to the Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter  
re my application for a permit to preach  
on four corners in the city and your sug-  
gestion to limit my request to two corners  
which I will gladly do. The two corners  
which I desire now are

The South West corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and Eighth Ave.

and  
The West corner of Irving Place and 14<sup>th</sup> St.

If you please kindly return the letters  
to me of the Rev. Doctors Osborn and  
David. In your letter there is a  
slight error in my name, please note  
my name, especially the middle name, as  
I suppose it is better to have it correct,  
that is the reason I give it in full.

Respectfully yours

7  
Thomas David Taylor



Personal Passaconaway Inn  
200 York Cliffs - Maine  
June 29<sup>th</sup>/97.

My dear Mayor Strong,

On considering the matter further I have decided to write a line in regard to a new appointment to the Dept. of Charities, in case a vacancy should occur in the Board of Commissioners -

In our experience with the Department this year it has been evident that Mr. Croft was the man of business of the three, and seemed to apply himself faithfully to his office with the endeavor to become fa-

militias with its duties and to  
or them - At the same time it  
has been evident that political  
considerations carried great  
weight with him in his ap-  
pointments - as a result of  
which a good many poor ap-  
pointments have been made -

It seems to me that that Dept.  
should exercise itself entirely in  
the best most humane care of  
the sick; & political considerations  
should have little weight in a  
Dept. devoted exclusively to  
the suffering & the needy; and then  
intelligent, skillful, faithful  
and economical treatment -

I do not know what names

have been brought before  
you - but, as I told you, when  
you were kind enough to offer me  
the place; <sup>that</sup> I should continue  
to keep a conscientious watch over  
the Department, & report its  
shortcomings, I state the liberty  
of urging that the new appointee  
should have the qualifications  
mentioned above -

As it is our duty as a society  
to keep a constant watch in  
all branches of the Dept., there  
are many things which come  
before notice, which we must  
report, while expressing our  
satisfaction at the great  
progress which has been made,

during your term of office -  
A man of integrity, fidelity, and  
business capacity, with intelligence,  
and without partisan obligations  
in the way of patronage, is  
a necessity for that office.

The only name I have heard  
mentioned is that of Mr. French,  
formerly assembly man from  
N. Y. City, who has been highly  
commended to me by reliable  
authority as one who would  
do credit to the office -

I hope your protracted vacation  
at Richfield may drive away  
the enemy & bring you back in  
health & strength

Sincerely yours  
Geo. F. Wheelock



201  
British Consulate General  
New York  
June 29. 1897.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your  
letter of yesterday's date in  
reference to Alexander Robinson.  
It is not the case that a  
simple letter from me will  
be sufficient to get him

passage  
Wm L. Burrows Esq  
Secretary  
Office of the Mayor  
New York

passage on one of the Ward  
Line Steamships; his case  
does not appear to come within  
the rules governing relief at the  
expense of the Government and,  
even if it did, the Government  
of Jamaica would have to be  
consulted before any such relief  
could be given. The man came  
to this office and was extremely  
insistent a few days ago and his  
statements cannot be relied on

Yours very truly  
Percy Sanderson  
Colonel General

THE MUNICIPAL ART SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,  
215 WEST 57TH STREET.

EDW. HAMILTON BELL, SECRETARY,  
424 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, June 29th, 189 7

Wm. L. Strong, Esq.,  
Mayor City of New York,  
City Hall,  
New York City.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. Leary, Secretary of the Park Board, informing me that the President of the Municipal Art Society is a member of a Committee created by the provisions of Chapter 108, laws of 1897 entitled: "An act in relation to the erection of public monuments or memorials in this City". I have the honor to inform you that the present President of this Society is Charles T. Barney, #7 Wall Street.

Yours respectfully,

 Secretary.



The Trustees of The New York Public Library,  
Astor Lenox and Tilden Foundations.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
32 NASSAU STREET.

*New York* June 30<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Hon: William L. Strong,

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My dear Mr. Mayor,

On behalf of our Board of Trustees I write to ask you to bring to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the subject of the proposed new Library building.

This subject, as you are aware, is governed by the Act which became law on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1897, entitled " An Act to provide for the construction of a public building in Bryant Park in the City of New York, to be occupied by the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations." ( Chap. 556 Laws of 1897 ).

By the terms of this Act, the Department of Public Parks is authorized to remove the existing reservoir, and to "erect, construct, maintain, equip and furnish in said Bryant Park, or in or upon any portion thereof, a suitable and appropriate fire-proof building, in accordance with plans to be made and prepared by the Trustees of the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, and to be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the City of New York." The Department of Public Parks is to prepare forms of contracts, advertise for bids, and supervise the work both of removing the Res-

ervoir and constructing the library. For these purposes the city is authorized to borrow \$ 2,500,000.

The Act also authorizes the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, " at any time after the passage of this act," to enter into a contract with the Trustees of the Library for the use and occupation of the proposed building " for the purpose of maintaining therein a public library and reading room and carrying on the objects and purposes of the said corporation." The contract is to provide for the continued use and occupation of the building by this corporation so long as it maintains a public library and reading room therein; and it must also provide for a free circulating branch in the library "and that the same shall be open for the use of the public during the day time on Sunday and during the evening of each other day of the week for such time as may be prescribed by the proper authorities in control of said library when the same is open, the hour for closing said branch of the library on each evening to be not earlier than ten o'clock."

It will be observed that the Act contemplates two distinct steps which are to be taken by the Library trustees, viz: FIRST, the preparation of the plans for the building; and SECOND, the execution of a contract with the City for the maintenance of a free public library in the proposed building, etcetera. When the plans shall have been approved by the City authorities, and the contract shall have been made, the Trustees will have no further official relation to the work of construction, which is to be carried on at the City's expense and under the supervision of its own officials.

The Trustees have already taken active steps for procuring plans



for the proposed new building, which they hope to make not only a convenient library and art museum, but also one of the chief ornaments of our City. It has been decided to obtain these plans by competition, and it is expected that by the Autumn they will be completed and ready for submission to the City authorities.

In the meantime, while the plans are in preparation, it has been thought by the Trustees that the time might usefully be employed in arranging with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the terms of the contract which is to regulate the use and occupation of the building. With this in view, our Trustees at their last regular meeting adopted the following Resolution.

"RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee be and they hereby are authorized to enter into negotiations with the City authorities for carrying out the provisions of the Act of the Legislature, passed at the recent session, and providing for the occupancy of a part of Bryant Park for the purposes of this Corporation. "

It would seem desirable to arrange for some conference between our Executive Committee and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, or some one or more of its members. If your Board therefore will consider the subject, and will advise me how and with whom the matter may be taken up, I shall be pleased to arrange for an early meeting. I have no doubt that an understanding upon



all points of detail can then be very quickly arrived at.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. L. Lives". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

S e c r e t a r y .

In re

ALBERT I. SIRE,  
*Attorney and Counsellor at Law,*

99 NASSAU STREET, BENNETT BUILDING,

*New York, June 30th, 97.* 189

Hon: William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear sir:

In view of the fact that I represent several property owners on the line of Elm Street, whose property is about to be taken by reason of the proposed widening of Elm Street, the awards having been fixed and the interest to be charged to the City at the rate of six per cent per annum from May 1st, 1897, and owing to the fact that the part of the lots remaining after the proposed widening by the City, and the additional fact that some of my clients have not the money at hand with which to go ahead and improve the remaining parts; and in view of the fact that Elm Street was in a disputed condition and non-paying basis for sometime past on account of the proposed widening, it seems to me but fair and right both to the property owners and the city that some provision should be made on the part of the City to pay for the land thus taken and in that way save the City the burden of paying six per cent when money should be obtained by it at a rate not to exceed three or three and one half per cent. Why not save this expense to the City and at the same time benefit the property owners, by paying them what is due in order to enable them to go ahead and improve the portions of the land that remains after the condemnation proceedings.

I trust, upon consideration, you will agree with me that there is no reason for the City and tax payers, paying interest at the rate of

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six per cent per annum, when money should be had and obtained at half that rate.

Your careful consideration of this matter and early disposition will I am sure relieve all the parties concerned and save expense to the City.

If you are of the opinion that my sentiments do not express the wish of nearly all the property owners on the line of Elm Street, and you so suggest, I will secure a petition to be signed by the various property owners indorsing the suggestion that I have just presented.

I remain

Yours very respectfully.

*Albert I. Sire*

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Vanderbilt Building, New York, June 30, /97

Wm. L. Strong, Esq.,

Mayor City of New York,

City Hall,

New York City.

Your Honor:-

I desire to complain to you of the over-crowding of the ferryboat belonging to the College Point and East 99th St. Ferry Company on the 7 p.m. trip from College Point on Sunday evening last, June 27th. I am informed by the local steamboat Inspectors with whom I lodged <sup>this</sup> ~~a~~ complaint, that they have no jurisdiction in the matter of over-crowded ferry boats. The question is one of so much importance and is <sup>fraught with</sup> ~~fraught with~~ so much danger to the travelling public that I would respectfully ask you to investigate this complaint and upon such investigation to devise measures to prevent <sup>its</sup> ~~its~~ repetition. I am informed that the over-crowding of these ferry boats on Sunday afternoons and evenings is a matter of frequent occurrence. The boats run through the dangerous waters of Hell Gate from the foot of East 99th Street to College Point and convey on Sundays and holidays particularly, large crowds to and from the resort known as North Beach on Flushing Bay, where they stop going and returning.

On the trip in question, last Sunday evening, the boat which should have left College Point at 7 p. m. did not start until 7:10 p. m/ and was then well filled with passengers. As the North Beach pier was approached it was seen that large crowds were waiting to board

the boat and when the boat was moored and the gates opened this crowd pushed on board for nearly fifteen minutes until every inch of standing room on the boat was filled. The majority of the crowd seemed to be composed of women with children for many of whom no seats were obtainable, so that even women with babies in their arms were forced to stand wedged in a mass of people on the decks, while the children cried incessantly from the heat and discomfort. As far as I can learn or observe, there was no attempt made to count the passengers taken on board or to limit their number. The boat was simply held at the pier and people were admitted to her until she could carry no more. Finally steaming off, the boat, after a tedious passage through Hell gate reached her landing place at the foot of East 99th St. She was delayed nearly ten minutes in making the landing, owing to the fact that the weight of the people on her forward deck so depressed her bow that the landing stage could not be adjusted for some time.

It certainly seems to me that there must be some law preventing such dangerous over-crowding, especially on boats traversing the waters of Hell Gate, with their swift currents and the amount of traffic that ~~which~~ usually sweeps over them. Had the slightest approach to a scare occurred on the boat in question, a panic with sure loss of life would have inevitably resulted, even in the absence of any decided accident.

Hoping that you can and will take measures to prevent the over-crowding of these ferry boats as a source of public danger, I am,

Yours very truly,

*James B. Townsend*  
Senior Consul N.Y. City U.S.A.W. Consulate.



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Albert E. Davis  
ARCHITECT

Office:  
TWENTY-FIVE-FIFTY-EIGHT THIRD AVENUE,  
North of 138th Street

Member of the North Side Board of Trade.

New York,

June 30th 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir - As a resident of Morris Heights I want to thank you for refusing to approve of a frame or semi-frame school house for this locality. We need a school house very much, but let it be of brick or stone as are the new ones at Mt. Hope, Bedford Park and Kingsbridge. We prohibit frame dwellings for more than 3 families; why should we house hundreds of children in a frame structure?

Very Respectfully Yours  
Albert E. Davis

Mrs Parter  
Hon The Women's Mutual aid  
Mayor Strong Room 44

Dear Sir:

I  
think it an outrage  
that a place as  
you will find at  
# 70-5 Av. R 44  
should be allowed  
to continue business  
under the following  
plan. A poor young  
woman who may

advertise in one of  
the daily papers  
for a position is  
sure to receive a  
postal from this  
place "to please <sup>call</sup>  
<sub>contents of postal</sub>  
This is done so as  
to have that poor  
unfortunate call  
she then tells her  
she can secure her  
a position for one  
dollar and makes  
other arrangements



Well - a poor girl who is tired  
looking for employment would  
gladly deprive herself of what  
is likely to be her last cent  
any ~~other~~ where she might get  
a position. Now this place is  
not a licensed agency where  
people might call & look  
for help ~~to~~ it is merely a

trap to swindle  
poor girls who are  
not aware of such  
mean devices. The  
idea of telling her  
we will get you a  
position when she  
really does not  
want. Follow ads in  
the paper find out  
different mens  
addresses + then send  
a lot of girls to a  
mans business where  
he has never author-  
ized her to do it

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now. This thing  
may appear very  
trivial to you  
no doubt it does.  
but I assure you  
I think it is as  
worthy of investiga-  
tion as anything  
concerning the  
city of N.Y. may be

I do not think  
it proper to let  
her practice there  
under a license  
much less to carry  
out her claims.  
without the citys



Knowledge And  
I beg of you to  
investigate no  
doubt you have  
lots of business on  
hand but a few  
minutes which  
you will employ  
at this matter  
especially at the  
hours of 9-12  
o'clock on Tues &  
Fridays - which  
she claims to be  
busy days you  
would be apt to  
meet unfortunate  
who have been  
calling there

for months without any  
more success than the  
first day.

Enclosed is one  
of the receipts which  
was given with a  
promise of sending the  
party out. It is worthless

to repeat the  
tales that <sup>woman</sup>  
tells I assure  
you it is a  
most charitable  
deed to have one  
of your men  
investigate <sup>and</sup>  
so help the  
unfortunate women  
you have been  
calling there.

Trusting you will  
comply with  
the above favor  
I am  
One of the many



NEW YORK, N. Y.  
70 Fifth Avenue,  
ROOM 44.

No. \_\_\_\_\_



from

*John*  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

1897

*One* Dollars,

*for 3 months reg. from date*  
*J. Patten*

\$

*1.00*

James Shea, 75 Nassau Street, New York.