

The Greenwich Savings Bank.

(INCORPORATED 1833.)

John Hansen Rhoades,
President.

James Quintan,
Treasurer.

246 & 248 Sixth Avenue,
S. 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 Carson 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 27th District.

I intend going to the
City next Wednesday

when it shall go to
the Mayor's office to
take the oaths.

Yours very truly,
Ans Daniel P Hoage

June 18th 1897
Victory Carroll Co, Ga

To His Honor 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 on 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
to oblige your humble servant
Geo. W. Key

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

Nine Cliff Street.

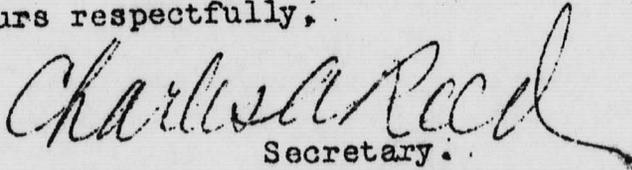
New York June 13th, 1897.

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,


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,

Gas. S. Donlan,

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

*Resolution
adopted by Board
June 12th 1897
Premium May 11/97
Exhibition of Flowers
followed by their
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. ~~Certificate of Merit~~
- " 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. " "

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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BLOOMINGDALE REPUBLICAN CLUB,

~~Colonial Hall, 104th 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? -

Inclose proof copy of circular letter
under contemplation issue -

Yours 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.

Richard 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 bean gettes, is
Emil Baruel 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 prepare

the paper for me,
that I can tie the
knot & get back to the
Board meeting with
expedition. I presume
that will no objection
to my making them in
the Mayor room, in
your presence. -

Sincerely yours
John Pollock

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 ^{any} 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 30th New York June 21st 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

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177 New York

June 22nd
1907

To his Honor William L
Strong

Mayor of City of
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 27th St
Bet - 7th & 8th Ave numbers
229 - 231 - & 233 - has
been made the headquarters
for a gang of vagabonds
who sleep mightily 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
know & 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
filten & the tenants is
in such a state of terror
from the gang that it would
be worth their personal

Safety to complain. I
herby humbly appeal to
you & 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
send 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
& appeal to the
Newspapers as we are

Morally certain that the office
or post is actually acquired
to make going on the Roof
Linger handed it is 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^t Yours

Frank S. Strong

John B. Stetson

Andrew Cohn

233 - West 275th St

REFORM CLUB.

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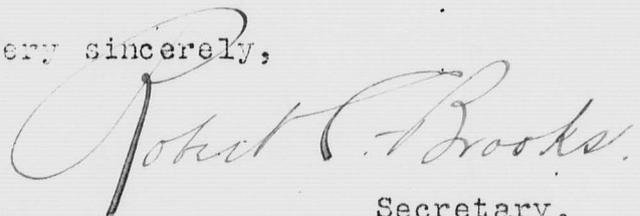
52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, June 22nd, 1897.

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,



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 5TH 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^D 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,
Broadway & Duane Sts.*

*Personal Office Hours:
from 1 to 2 P. M.*

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.

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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

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

Mayor 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 Mayor 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 Mayor 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 Docks 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 money the govt. I assure you the subject is worth discussion. Very truly Yours W. Bayard Cutting.

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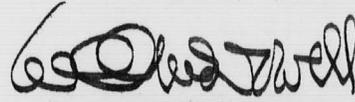
Dear Sir:--

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,



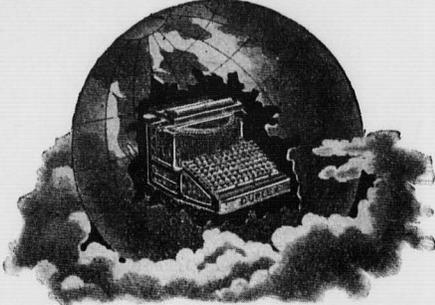
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P. S.- The price at which we are now selling these bonds is 50 cents on the dollar. If you will simply sign list the bonds will be delivered, when check can be given.

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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 ammoniacal horse excrement, brush the tenacious 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,

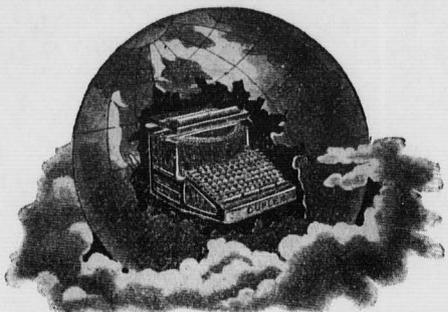
Very Respectfully,

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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.

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New York, June 26th 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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CENTRAL BANK BUILDING.

New York,

June 29th 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 Cou-

denomination 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 26th 1897*
J^{rs} L. 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 dis-
banded 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 26th 1897.

Hon. Wm. A. Strong,

Mayor
New York.

Dear Mayor Strong,

I 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 ^{more than} 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

Wishing you and your co-
officials with you.

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

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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.
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DR. JOHN C. GRIGGS, New York.
MR. DAVID M. KELSEY, Saratoga.
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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. Speth, 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 to ^{ask you to} use
your influence in staying the
hand of vandalism on the
part of Gen^l Collis or any other
impulsive man in changing
the appearance of that grand
old building the New York
City Hall. Not even inside
as suggested by Gen^l 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
chance passing scheme of altering
the Old City Hall could be
passed over and some other place
secured even at a greater 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

I am 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.

*Recd
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

F u l t o n M a r k e t ,

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).

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Gram. Sch. # 89
134 St. and Linn Sts.
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 A.M. it is a puffed
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^m willow 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
focal 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 Tomery
we will send some of them
back to paddy Land

yours most Sincerely

M. M.

My dear 24th 97.

pleas do not forget
Madison Avenue and stop
that water sprinkler we have
only one Avenue to Rich on for Kingsley
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
mercier St. thus Mr. Mike
Diamonds of 95 Crosby St.
has permission to sell fruits
in front of the store S.W. corner
grand and mercier St. with the
requirement of Police and
street Cleaning Depts.

Subject to termination at
any time

~~Signature~~ Signer.

Henry Bronson 111 Broadway

April 21 1977

the Police ar 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 wont 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 Diamonds
95 Crosby Street
N. York City

Please send me
a note to stay
here



League of American Wheelmen,
New York State Division.

Headquarters 519-520-521 Vanderbilt Building,
New York City Consulate,
New York.

June 28th 1917

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.

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 joint 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. Louis LeRoy,

6 Lexington Ave —

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

C
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.

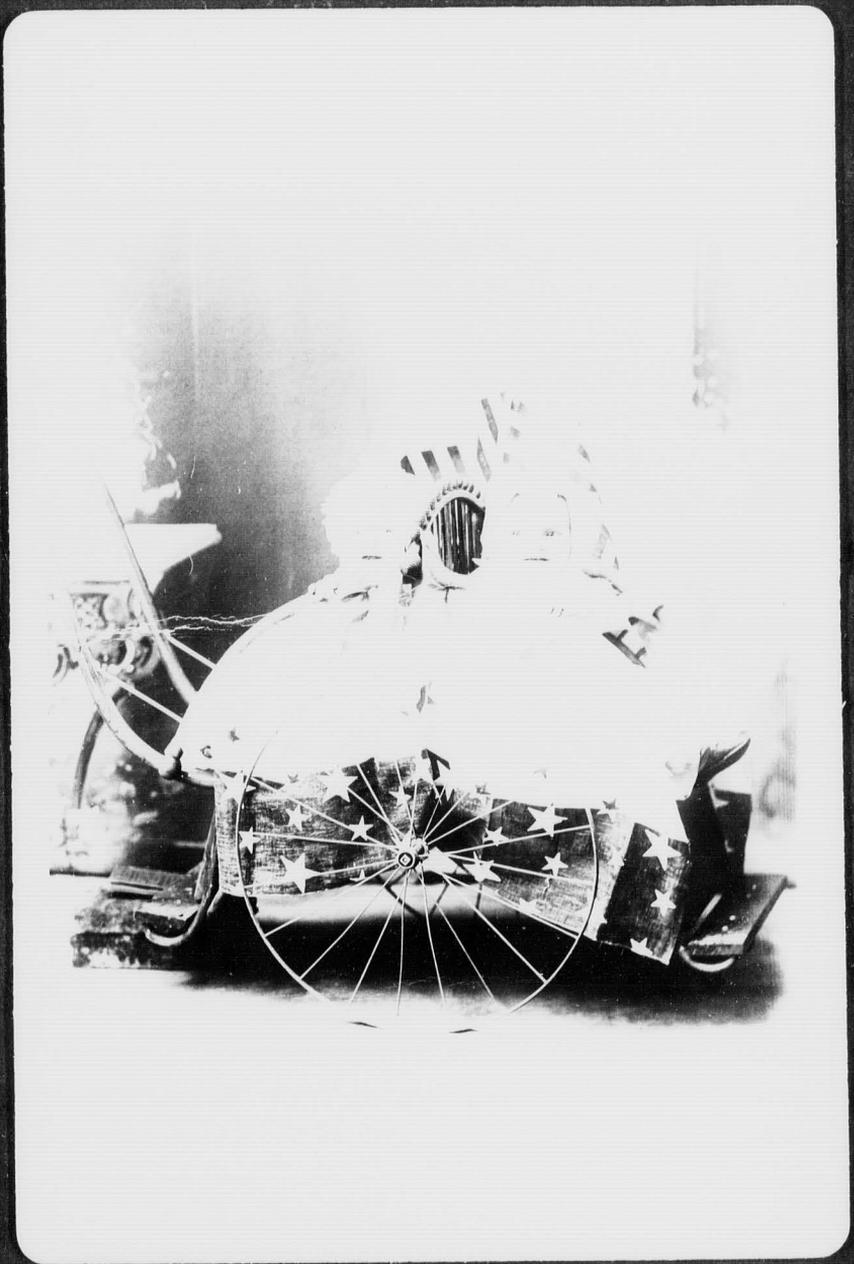
Trusting that you
will find it interesting, we
take the liberty of sending
you their portrait, as they
appeared at that time, as

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 ^(Left) & Corinne Bacon Lambert. ^(Right)

Twins aged 18 months.

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 ^{privilege can be obtained} 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, ^{1 next to curb on each side} 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 trolley 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 extermi-
nating cats, by putting
some thing in the
milk - Are you willing
to tell me what is
used, I have tried

Many Things, as yet ^{all}
have failed to do the
work of diminishing
the number of cats.

Sincerely yours

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

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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

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New York Bible Society,

Room 66, Bible House,

New York, APR 8 1897 18

To the Hon Wm L. Strong.

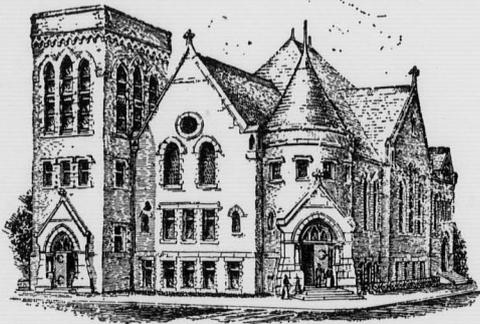
Dear Sir -

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

Yours kindly,

Rev A Arnold
(Res) 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 J. Clinch 115 Broad-
way, and Mr. R. J. MacArthur
358 W. 57th St.

Sincerely Yours
Richard Hartley
Pastor of Hope Baptist Church

 Madrid May 8th / 97

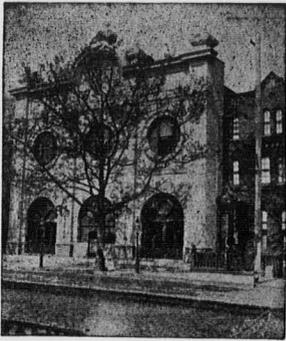
Hon. William L. Strong
New York

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 27th 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. Hartock 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
assumed
never dele

A. L. B.

19 West 18th St.

New York

June 28th 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, per favour of my friend Mr. R. D. Walker, as I am employed by H. Prill & Co. 6th 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's, President of Benedict
College, Columbia S.C. I also enclose a
note from Rev. John M. 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 14th St and Irving Place.

South West " " 23rd St and Fifth Ave.

" " " " 27th St and Broadway.

" " " " 42nd St and Eighth Ave.

Respectfully yours

Thomas Baird Taylor

19 West 18th St.

19 West 18th St

New York

June 29th
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 suggestion 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 42nd St. and Eighth Ave.

and
The West corner of Irving Place and 14th 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

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Thomas Baird Taylor

Personal Passaconaway Inn

200 York Cliffs - Maine

June 29th/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
do 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 their
intelligent, skillful, faithful
and economical treatment -

I do not know what names

have been brought before
you - but, as I told you, when
you was kind enough to offer me
the place; ^{that} I should continue
to keep a conscientious watch over
the Department, & report its
shortcomings, I state the liberty
of saying that the new appointee
should have the qualifications
mentioned above -

As it is our duty as a society
to keep a constant watch on
all branches of the Dept., there
are many things which come
under 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

Fincerely yours
Geo. A. Wheelock

British Consulate General

New York

June 29. 1897.

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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
Bion L. Murrows 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, 1897

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 30th 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 19th, 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 written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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

N. 1 - x 2 7

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 ^{this} 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 ^{fraught with} ~~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 ^{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 U.S. City L.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 Kings-
bridge. 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

"Ah, to build, to build!
That is the noblest art of all the arts."—LONGFELLOW.

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

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 ^{call}
_{contents of postal}
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 thing 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
man's 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 city's

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- + 2
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 ^{woman}
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you it is a
most charitable
deed to have one
of your men
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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. _____

Received from

James
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

1897

One Dollars,

for 3 months reg of some state
J. Patten

\$ *1.00*

James Shea, 75 Nassau Street, New York.