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**Plumbers, Examining  
Board of**

**1912**

March 25, 1912.k

S i r :

I am enclosing to you a letter of Mr. Kidder stating his experience on his application for a plumber's license. Of course this conduct of your son will be understood by everybody as attributable to you. It is very unfortunate, to say the least. Kidder has been down to Panama in the employment of the United States Commission there, and in charge of a large number of men, doing very important work. Why can he not pass an examination, then?

Very truly yours,

*W. Hayward*  
M a y o r.

Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
President Board of Examining Plumbers,  
149, Church Street, Manhattan.

April 3, 1912.k

S i r :

I have your son's affidavit; but the trouble is that the applicants for licenses go to him and he talks to them, and the thing wears a bad aspect. I feel quite satisfied that nothing wrong has been done, but it will never do for him to entertain and talk with those who come to see him. Unless he stops that your position will be one of suspicion all the time. So I must have some understanding with you and him that he no longer talk with applicants for licenses. He owes this to you as a matter of justice.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Hayward*  
Mayor.

Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
President Examining  
Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., N.Y.C.

Dec. 16, 1912. k

S i r s :

I hereby remove each and all  
of you from the Examining Board of Plumb-  
ers, to take effect immediately.

Very truly yours,

*H. J. ...*  
M a y o r .

Edwin Hayward, James J. Donahue  
and August C. Schwager, Esquires,  
Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church Street,  
Manhattan.

PLUMBING Bd

April 25, 1910.m

Dear Mr. Hayward:

I thank you very much for your letter of April 20th. I am also very glad to notice that in issuing licenses you rejected nearly as many people as you licensed, showing that your board is establishing a high standard. As to the matter of persons doing business who have no certificate at all, I hope you will follow that up and suggest some way by which we can collect the facts and prosecute all of the offenders.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. Hayward*

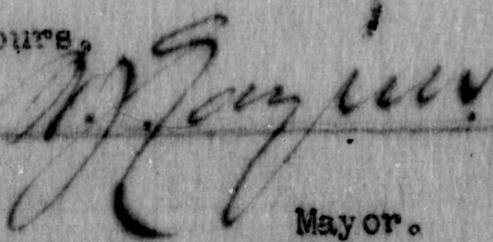
Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., City.

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May 26, 1910. a.m

Sir:

I beg to thank you for your favor of May 25th, and I hope you will compel the restoration of the badges. The thing is very scandalous, but the men are of such low order that they are incapable of appreciating it. The chief disgrace to New York is that a Mayor could appoint three such men to responsible office. I trust your board will also use every effort to expose the cases in which money was taken by your predecessors. As I stated to you when I appointed you that was the reason why I removed them, and in a quarrel among themselves they are now disclosing their own iniquity.

Very truly yours,



Mayor.

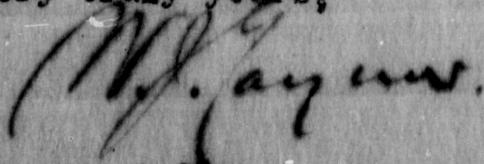
Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
President of the Examining Board  
of Plumbers, 149 Church St., City.

June 7, 1910.

S i r :

Your favor of June 1st is at hand, enclosing the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. I suppose it is the law that you cannot revoke or cancel certificates. The thing that you have to do is to be very careful to grant none except to persons well qualified. To this you should give the very greatest care. No doubt a good many were improperly granted by your predecessors.

Very truly yours,



M a y o r.

Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
President Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., N.Y. City.

March 28, 1912. b

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 27th  
is at hand. Mr. Kidder will take  
oath to what he has written to me.  
He has seen me personally. I can  
see you if you wish. There has  
been considerable talk to the same  
effect and I must put an end to it.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Quinn*  
Mayor.

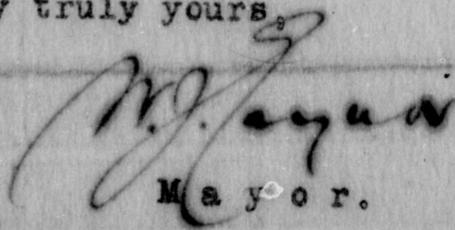
Edwin A. Hayward, Esq.,  
571, Coney Island Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 30, 1912.k

S i r :

Four plumbers, Mr. William J. Flynn, Mr. Efrus, Mr. John Foley and Mr. Jos. Theise, called on me to-day and complained that there is a man named O'Connell who is collecting from plumbers and getting licenses through your board, or professing to. There is so much of this talk going on that I fear I shall have to re-organize your board. The trouble is it does not seem to be above suspicion. I do not say there is anything wrong going on, but I do not like to see the feeling prevailing throughout the plumbing trade that there is something wrong going on. Please let me know the names of your two associates, and I would like to hear whether they work with you or otherwise. This letter is confidential.

Very truly yours,

  
M a y o r.

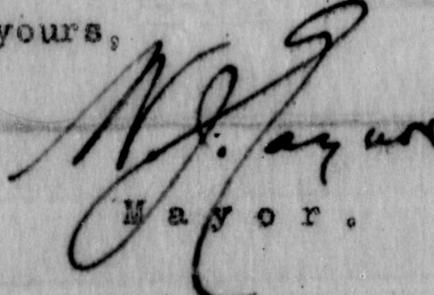
Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
Chairman Examining Board of Plumbers,  
City of New York

December 12, 1912. b

S i r :

Your letter of protest against the report of the Commissioners of Accounts is at hand. You will please forward your resignation on receipt of this letter. I have no doubt the condition of your Board is corrupt. The proof is ample. The examination papers on which you passed plumbers shows that the questions and answers were furnished in advance. That you are not able to take notice of this surprises me. I also want the resignation of your two associates at once. I regret that your son has been mixed up with these things.

Very truly yours,

  
M a y o r .

Edwin Hayward, Esq.,  
Office Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., N. Y. City.

December 16, 1912. b

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 14th is at hand. You say you have been shown no evidence of the examination papers being given out in advance. That you do not see that the answers of different candidates corresponding word for word, even in intricate sentences, and even to punctuation marks, is proof that they had the questions in advance, is in itself conclusive proof that you are not fit to hold the office, even though your intentions may be good. I have already dismissed you from the office.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Jay*  
Mayor.

Edward Hayward, Esq.,  
Office Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., N.Y. City.

December 16, 1912. b

Dear Mr. de Roode:

I desire to put the Examining Board of Plumbers under your charge, and hope you will accept the responsibility, and be able to devote the necessary time to it. I see no other way out of the present difficulties. I have had to dismiss the present Board for misconduct in office. Complaints have been coming in all along that their certificates of competency were purchasable. And now we find from looking over the examination papers that the similarity of answers, even to complicated sentences, and punctuation marks, shows that the questions were obtained in advance by favorite applicants for examination. I shall have the Corporation Counsel appoint you a Special Corporation Counsel to take charge of the whole matter if you will consent to serve. I hope you will do this for I want to make clean work of the organization of this Board, and put it on an honest and intelligent working footing.

Sincerely yours,

*M. J. Quinn*  
Mayor.

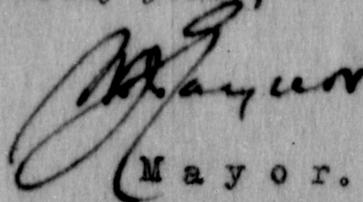
Albert de Roode, Esq.,  
52, Wall Street, N. Y.

Dec. 16, 1912.k

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of you from the Examining Board of Plumb-  
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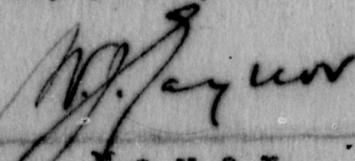
Edwin Hayward, James J. Donahue  
and August C. Schwager, Esquires,  
Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church Street,  
Manhattan.

Dec.20,1912.k

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter, but I have definitely concluded to appoint no man to the place whom I do not know personally. Every board so far appointed have turned out to be rascals, and they were all appointed on the recommendation of plumbers and plumbing associations. My effort now is to put men on this board who will protect the rights of you all, and not graft on you.

Very truly yours,

  
Mayor.

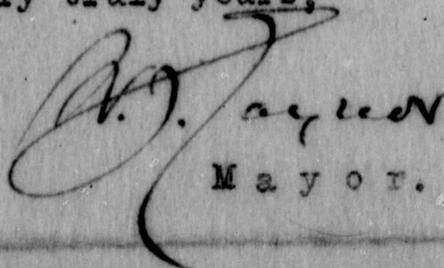
David Durie, Esq.,  
246, Echo Place,  
Bronx.

Dec. 26, 1912.k

Dear Mr. deRoode:

Your letter of December 23rd is at hand. It seems to me that you are adopting a comprehensive plan. The main thing is to have such an examination as will reveal whether a man is a sufficiently scientific plumber. Would not an oral examination also be helpful? I have always thought so? It gives you a chance to see the man, and determine what sort of a man he is. A written examination only brings out one side of a man. At all events it so seems to me.

Very truly yours,

  
Mayor.

Albert deRoode, Esq.,  
Examining Board of Plumbers,  
149, Church St., Manhattan.