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REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, FROM THE 19th Day of May to the 31st Day of July, 1873.

NEW YORK, August 22d, 1873.

To his Honor the Mayor of the City of New York:

In answer to your letter of July 16th, 1873, calling for a report of the operations of this Department, as provided for under the Laws of 1873, Chapter 335, Section 27.

I desire to respectfully report May 19th, 1873, the organization of this Board, since which the Board have devoted much time in learning the working of the several Institutions, and have made such changes, as to them thought best in the interest of the Department.

The Reception Hospitals, Tombs, Free Labor Bureau, Central Office, Bellevue and Charity Hospitals, Penitentiary, Alms House, Work House, Lunatic Asylum, Ward's Island, Randall's Island and School-ship (now in port), are receiving the attention of the Commissioners, and the grand question as to how much of the labor can be best used in the interests not only of the Department, but also for the future well being of so many unfortunates for whom provision must be made in the several Institutions.

The report will set forth the principal action in detail of this Board from May 19th, 1873, to July 31st, 1873. The minor items of action on the part of this Board are not embraced in this report, yet they appear fully upon the regular minutes.

The compensation of the employes of the several Institutions have been reduced as much as would appear to this Board consistent, and the force have also been reduced in every case where the proper workings would permit. It is the desire of this Board from time to time to make such other changes as may be needed and called for, particularly as to the purchasing of supplies. It cannot be done at once, and in the hope that this Board may continue as one upon the great question of all proper economy and reform.

Annexed you will find an abstract from the books of this Department showing the amount expended for the several items, some of which, however, were incurred prior to the incoming of this Board.

I am, very respectfully,
WM. LAIMBEER, President.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, MAY 19, 1873.

William Laimbeer having been appointed by the Mayor for six years, James Bowen for four years, Myer Stern for two years, under Article IX of the Charter of the City of New York, passed by the Legislature of this State on the 30th of April, 1873, and being duly qualified, assumed their positions as members constituting the "Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction."

By Commissioner Stern:
Resolved, That Commissioner Laimbeer be and is hereby elected President of the Board of Charities and Correction for the ensuing year. Adopted.

Resolved, That Joshua Phillips be appointed Secretary pro tem. of this Board. Adopted.
From the Comptroller. To inform him whether the Bellevue Hospital and grounds are needed for the purposes for which they are now used.

On which the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That the President of the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital be respectfully requested to call a meeting of that Board to consider and report upon the expediency of the removal of Bellevue Hospital.

MEDICAL BOARD OF BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

SPECIAL MEETING ON REMOVAL OF BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

A special meeting of the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital was held at the Hospital on the 16th of June, 1873.

Present—Drs. Flint, Sr., Flint, Jr., Sands, Wood, Loomis, Mott, Gouley, Sayre, McCready, Hamilton, Janeway.

Dr. Flint, Sr., was elected President pro tem. Dr. Janeway read a paper which was referred to a committee consisting of Drs. Janeway, Loomis, and Sayre. This committee was appointed by the chair, on motion.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That the site of Bellevue Hospital, comprising, as it does, two blocks, 500 feet by 500 feet, with a water front which is equal to one-half the above, having a central position so as to be readily accessible to patients and physicians, seems to us the best that could be had for the hospital."

"That such alterations as have been suggested by the Medical Board, and are in contemplation by the Board of Commissioners, will render this hospital serviceable for many years."

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday, June 17, 1873.

E. G. JANEWAY, M. D.,
Secretary.

The adjourned meeting of the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital was held on Tuesday, June 17, 1873.

Present—Drs. Wood, Hamilton, Flint, Sr., Flint, Jr., Sayre, Mott, Loomis, Janeway.

Dr. Wood, on motion, was elected President pro tem.

The accompanying report was presented by the Secretary.

To the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital:

The Committee appointed by the Board at its special meeting, pursuant to a call of the Commissioners, would present the following report:

We have chosen the following subjects for investigation—amputations, excisions, and external perineal urethrotomy; and as most of the amputations are for injury, the statistics of these operations will probably give the results of hospital practice for acute surgery, and that for diseases; also, the result of obstetric practice, of pneumonia, and the general record of mortality.

The following particulars about surgical operations have been prepared by Dr. Brooks of the 1st, Dr. Burchard of the 2d, and Dr. Terriberry of the 3d surgical division, members of the house staff, and we believe them to be accurate. The period embraced is from January, 1872, to June, 1873.

Number of amputations, excluding those of the fingers and toes..... 58
Recoveries..... 39
Deaths..... 28

Causes of death, 4 from shock.
2 " secondary hemorrhage.
1 " tetanus.
11 " Pyæmia.
1 " hospital gangrene.
8 " exhaustion.
1 " osteo myelitis.

Hand—5 amputations. 2 recovered, 3 died.
Forearm—4 amputations. 3 recovered, 1 died.
Arm, including shoulder-joint—11 amputations. 6 recovered, 5 died.

Thigh—3 amputations. 1 recovered, 2 died.
Leg, including knee-joint—28 amputations. 15 recovered, 13 died.

Foot—8 amputations. 4 recovered, 4 died.
9 amputations for disease, 49 for injury. In one case both forearms were amputated. In two cases both legs. In two cases both feet.

The statistical tables of St. George's Hospital, London, for the years 1867-8 were at the hospital, and examined, give the following result: 54 amputations, 27 recoveries. 32 for disease. 11 deaths from pyæmia.

Most of them of the thigh, leg and foot.
The result at the two Reception Hospitals, Centre street, total number of amputations since origin, 1870, 23. Recovered, 8; died, 15. 7 deaths at Centre street from pyæmia after amputation.

99th street—number of amputations, 8. 3 recovered and 5 died. No post-mortem examinations were made; but one of the deaths certainly, perhaps three, were due to pyæmia.

Bellevue statistics of excision of joints 10.
Excision of inferior maxilla, recovered 2.
Excision of elbow, died, 1, pyæmia.
Excision of hip, recovered 4, died 1, of exhaustion and waxy degeneration.

Excision of knee, recovered 2.
Total 10—deaths 2, only 1 from pyæmia.
Statistics of external perineal urethrotomy for Stricture. Number of cases 10. Recovered 8, died 1 of uræmia and 1 of pyæmia.

Statistics of 1872 for confinement:
Number of women confined..... 410
Total deaths of women confined..... 14
Total deaths by puerperal fever..... 9

1 death to 29 2-7 confinements. 1 death by puerperal fever to 45 confinements.

Statistics of Nursery and Child's Hospital from March 1, 1872 to March 1, 1873.

Number of women confined..... 205

Number of women dying..... 18

Number of women dying of puerperal fever... 15
1 death to 11 7-18.

1 death by puerperal fever to 13.

This year we are informed this institution is pretty free from the disease whilst at Bellevue there has been 1 case to 20 women confined.

Statistics of the city—1872.

Number of children born and of still births 24,868.

Number of cases of puerperal fever reported as such to the Board of Health, 281.

Number of cases for first five months 1873, 165.

It must be borne in mind that cases are sometimes admitted to Bellevue Hospital with the disease. That more than 1-2 the women are unmarried and in labor for the first time, also that this year there has been a severe epidemic of the disease, and that many young women in the most favorable circumstances have died of it.

Statistics of total mortality for 1872, 1 death in 5 94-95. Reckoned by adding discharges and deaths and dividing the sum by the latter.

The annual report of Roosevelt Hospital, gives one death in 6 8-9.

The annual report of St. Luke's, 1 in 7.

1-5 of patients in Roosevelt pay.

1-3 of patients in St. Luke's pay.

1-60 of patients in Bellevue pay.

Number of Coroner's cases at Roosevelt,.... 4

" " " " " St. Luke's not given

" " " " " Bellevue..... 303

Whilst a large amount of surgery done at Bellevue was for accidents and injuries, but little occurred at the other institutions.

It is scarcely necessary to draw attention to the different condition of patients treated in these institutions.

Statistics for Pneumonia, at St. Luke's Hospital, 19 cases and 12 deaths.

Perhaps there is some error about this though thus stated in printed report.

Roosevelt table of deaths not given.

Bellevue, 1870, percentage of deaths, pneumonia, 40.38 males, 38.71 females. 1871-46.4.

1872—Tables not yet prepared. 1873—First five months, 71 cases, 21 deaths.

It must be borne in mind that nearly 1-3 of all patients dying in Bellevue Hospital, die on the day of or that following admission, generally in consequence of their condition at time of admission.

Statistics of Pyæmia.—
Roosevelt Hospital no report of deaths.

St. Luke's Hospital, 4 cases of pyæmia and septæmia.

Woman's Hospital, 2 cases.

At this latter institution it must be remembered that the cases are selected for disease, and operated on at the option of the Surgeon, and there are not, as at Bellevue, many cases which demand an operation, no matter what the condition of the hospital and the city may be as regards the presence of erysipelas.

It is well to refer again to the fact that at St. Luke's most of the surgery is for disease.

Again, from the published table of statistics for 1870:

Bellevue Hospital, 487 cases of erysipelas admitted.

St. Luke's Hospital, 12 cases treated in 1,069 cases.

Roosevelt, 1 case on the surgical, 5 on the medical side.

Experience has taught that the introduction of one case of this kind into a surgical ward, may produce an unhealthy condition of all wounds.

As regards gangrene, but little of it has occurred. It is therefore the opinion of the committee, that the alteration in the Hospital already proposed by the Board of Commissioners will diminish, to a great degree, the dangers now experienced from the introduction of erysipelas.

E. G. JANEWAY, M. D.
LEWIS A. SAYRE, M. D.
ALFRED L. LOOMIS, M. D.
Committee.

Attested by
JAMES R. WOOD, M. D., Chairman.
E. G. JANEWAY, M. D., Secretary.

On motion, it was unanimously adopted, and the President and Secretary be directed to attest its correctness.

The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Flint, Sr.:

That the thanks of the Medical Board be presented to the Secretary, Dr. Janeway, for the pains which he has taken to bring before the Board statistics disproving the malignant and disloyal slanders uttered against Bellevue Hospital. Carried.

On motion, adjourned.
E. G. JANEWAY, M. D.,
Secretary.

Steamer Hope.

By Commissioner Laimbeer:

Resolved, that sealed proposals be obtained for raising the steamer Hope, lately run into by the steamer Americus, and that the same be advertised in the Daily Register, and that the proposals must be all in and the bids will be opened by this Board on Friday, 23d instant.

May 19, 1873. Adopted.

Steamboats.

NEW YORK, May 21, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President.

SIR:—In compliance with the resolution of the late Board, of May 15, 1873, instructing me to obtain proposals for hiring a steambot to replace the Hope, I respectfully report:

That, after considerable difficulty, I have obtained a proposition to hire a steamer, now at Elizabethport, for the sum of fifteen dollars per day, as long as she may be required. She is 114 feet long, tonnage about 100, and fitted up in an excellent manner, and will fully answer the purpose required; the Department to furnish coal, crew, and everything to run her, and to be returned in as good order as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The quantity of coal required to run her will be about one ton per day.

Respectfully,
WM. H. KNAPP,
Sup. Eng.

By the Board—Proposition and report adopted, Mr. Knapp to make the contract during the pleasure of the Board. (See May 24th.)

Steamer Hope.

NEW YORK, May 22, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President.

SIR—I respectfully recommend that a diver be obtained to examine as to the condition of the "Hope," sunk in Hurl Gate by the steamer Americus, previous to the Board deciding on the proposals to raise her.

The expenses of the diver will be from \$100 to \$150.

Respectfully,
WM. H. KNAPP,
Sup. Eng.

By the Board—Adopted.

Purchase of Coal.

By Commissioner Laimbeer:

Resolved, That Mr. Stern be a Committee to enquire and report to this Board on the description of coal that will be most expedient for this Board to purchase for this Department, and to report as to the best mode of delivery, and also, in respect to its transportation to the several Islands.

May 23, 1873. Adopted.

Condensed Milk.

NEW YORK, May 21, 1873.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS.

The sample of condensed milk from Warden Brennan, marked "from contractor's cart," submitted to me for examination, contains:

Water..... 57.79
Butter..... 13.45
Casein..... 13.59
Sugar..... 12.83
Salts..... 2.33

100.

Respectfully, your ob't servant,
C. F. CHANDLER, PH. D.

Professor of Analytic and Applied Chemistry.

To the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

By the Board—Notify the contractors that their milk is not up to the standard, and if not hereafter up to the contract the penalty will be enforced.

Counsel to the Board.

By Commissioner Stern:

Whereas, By act of the Legislature the office of Counsel to this Board is abolished and the Corporation Attorney is substituted; therefore

Resolved, That all suits and documents referring to any litigation for or in behalf of this Department now in the hands of the former attorney, Augustus L. Brown, Esq., be and is hereby transferred to the Corporation Attorney, in pursuance of the act above mentioned.

Resolved, That the salary of the late Counsel, Augustus L. Brown, Esq., be paid up to the 19th day of May, 1873, and from that day cease, pursuant to the statute.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward to Augustus L. Brown, Esq., the thanks of this Board for the ability and faithfulness with which he discharged the duties entrusted to him while acting as Counsel for this Department.

May 24, 1873. By the Board—Adopted.

Hiring Steambot.

NEW YORK, May 24, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President:

SIR—I respectfully report that the parties with whom I had bargained for hiring a steambot at Elizabethport have declined fulfilling the agreement. I have in view another boat which I will examine and report to the Board.

Respectfully,
WM. H. KNAPP,
Sup. Eng.

Hiring Steambot.

NEW YORK, May 27, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President:

SIR—I respectfully report that I have two boats in view to supply the place of the Hope. One is a small tug called The Merry, and can be obtained at the rate of \$12 50 per day, but will only answer to convey the sick, not having accommodations for the dead. The other is a side-wheel boat—the Moses Taylor; can be obtained at \$25 per day, and has all the facilities required, but the owners will not charter her for less than three months. The Department to furnish crew, coal, and everything to run her, and to be re-

turned in as good order as now, wear and tear excepted.

Respectfully, WM. H. KNAPP, Sup. Eng.

By the Board—Mr. Knapp ordered to engage the Moses Taylor at once.

Reports.

Report of Commissioner Stern, on Communication of A. L. Brown, Esq., on legal proceedings against steamer Americus.

NEW YORK, May 26, 1873.

To the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction:

GENTLEMEN—In reply to the communication of Augustus L. Brown, Esq., the late Counsel of this Board, under date of May 23, and referred to me this day, I beg to state that I called on the Hon. E. Delafield Smith, Corporation Counsel, informed him of our requirements, and offered to become security, or furnish other security if objection should be made to one of the Commissioners being bondsman. I further requested the said Corporation Counsel to procure all documents and matter appertaining to this Department yet remaining in the hands of the late Counsel, and give the same his immediate attention, which he cheerfully promised to comply with, and would send us his communication whenever required.

Respectfully submitted, MYER STERN, Committee.

By the Board—Ordered on file.

Report of Commissioner Stern on Supply of Coal for Infants' Hospital.

To the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction: GENTLEMEN—In reply to the communication from the Infants Hospital, requiring a cargo of coal for immediate use, as their supply is almost exhausted, I ordered the supply clerk to procure the same as heretofore, in order not to embarrass said Infants Hospital.

In regard to a general supply of coal referred to me on the 24th instant, I would beg leave to state that I made inquiry of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at the Merchants' Exchange, and in the circular hereunto annexed is all the information appertaining to the subject. As soon as our engineer, Mr. Knapp, will report on the quality, kind of coal, and quantity required, and when and where delivered, this Board can enter into contract under proper regulations, and on favorable terms.

Respectfully submitted, MYER STERN, Committee.

Ice to the Institutions.

Ordered, That the same quantity of ice be allowed the several institutions of the department as was last year, except Bellevue Hospital, which will be the subject of special examination. May 27, 1873. By the Board.

Steamer Hope—Sub-Marine Engineer and Diver.

NEW YORK, May 27, 1873.

To the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction:

GENTLEMEN—I, Edward R. Lowe, Sub-marine Engineer and Diver, report that, in pursuance of instructions on Tuesday, May 23, 1873, I commenced operations to ascertain the position and condition of the steamer Hope, belonging to your department, which was sunk in Hurl Gate on the 13th of May, 1873, by the steamer Americus.

I made two descents on the 23d of May, where she was supposed to lay, but was unable to find the hull. The boiler was found on the rocks, upset, in about six fathoms of water. I moved around in a large circle, but was unable to find the hull or any indication where it lay.

On the 26th I made another examination, and again found the boiler, but made no discovery of the hull.

In my judgment, after the boiler became detached from the hull, the boat was carried by the current, which runs from six to eight knots per hour, to an unknown distance, until sunk in a deep hole, or, coming in contact with rocks, it is my opinion that the hull has gone to pieces, unless, as above stated, sunk in very deep water.

Respectfully, EDWARD R. LOWE.

Sworn before me this 27th day of May, 1873.

GEORGE KELLOCK, Notary Public, N. Y.

May 27, 1873. Adopted.

Warden of Alms House.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That the Warden of the Almshouse James W. Smythe, be notified that from and after the 10th day of June next his services will not be required by this Department.

May 30, 1873. Adopted. Ayes—Commissioner Laimbeer and Stern. Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

Resolved, That Marshall Vought be and is hereby appointed warden of the almshouse, his services to commence on the 10th of June next.

May 30, 1873. Adopted. Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

Gate Keeper, B. I.

By the Board: Resolved, That Gate Keeper Michael Bush be removed on the 1st June, 1873, and that an inmate of the Alms House be placed in the same position, without pay. May 30, 1873. Adopted.

Supplies for the Department.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That all supplies for this Department amounting in value of five thousand dollars and upwards per annum, shall be advertised in the CITY RECORD, in the usual manner for sealed

proposals, which proposals shall be opened before the Board of Commissioners, at such times as the advertisement states. May 30, 1873. Adopted.

Central Office.

Resolved, That the compensation of examining Clerk be at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, to take effect on June 1, 1873.

May 31, 1873. Unanimously adopted.

Stables, Eleventh street.

Resolved, That the following rates of compensation be established for services of drivers employed at the Stables, 11th street, to commence on 1st June, 1873.

John Toumey.....at \$60 00 per month. Michael Donohue.....at 60 00 " Patrick Martin.....at 60 00 " Peter Noone.....at 60 00 " John Burgraff.....at 60 00 " Maurice Reilly.....at 50 00 "

And that M. M. Marshall, Superintendent, notify the parties of the above action of the Board. May 31, 1873. Unanimously adopted.

Out Door Poor.

By the Board: Resolved, That the following rates of compensation be established for the services of employees in the Department of Out Door Poor, except for Mr. Kellock, and Mr. Blake.

All Clerks, \$1,000 per annum instead of \$1,200 All Visitors, 1,000 " " 1,200 Messenger.. 800 " " " " " May 31, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau.

By the Board: Resolved, That the office of Superintendent of Free Labor Bureau be abolished, and that James Donohue be appointed Chief Clerk, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum, during the pleasure of the Board.

Resolved, That John H. O'Hara, James Reilly, Bernard S. Donnelly, Henry Bapp, Clerks; and Hugh McDonnell, Janitor, be discharged. June 3, 1873. Adopted.

Alms House.

Resolved, That the office of the Clerk of the Alms House be abolished. June 3, 1873. Adopted.

Steamboat.

Ordered, That proposals for boiler and engine for new steamer be advertised for. June 4, 1873. By the Board.

Central Office.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Samuel Nash be appointed as Clerk in Central Office, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$800 per annum, during the pleasure of the Board. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That P. J. Noonan be and is hereby appointed as Clerk in the Central Office, in place of Benjamin F. Brady, removed, at a salary of \$800 per annum, during the pleasure of the Board. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Dismissals and Appointments.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That all dismissals from office and all appointments to office must be made by this Board during their morning sessions. June 1, 1873. Adopted.

Penitentiary.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That the services of Warden John Fitch, from and after the 25th day of this month, be no longer required, and said Warden John Fitch be notified to vacate the place on the date above specified. Lost.

Aye—Commissioner Stern. Nays—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen.

Resolved, That M. H. Moore be and is hereby appointed Warden of the Penitentiary, to take effect on the 25th day of this month. Lost.

Aye—Commissioner Stern. Nays—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen.

Bellevue Hospital.

By the Board: Resolved, That the duties of Warden of Bellevue Hospital shall be extended to embrace the Park Reception Hospital and 99th Street Reception Hospital, and that his salary for the discharge of his duties shall be at the rate of \$2,500 per annum. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Reception Hospital, Park.

Resolved, That the following compensation be paid in the future for services to be rendered at the Park Hospital:

Resident Physician..... \$100 per month 1st Assistant..... 75 " " 2d "..... 50 " " Steward..... 75 " " Matron..... 25 " "

June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau.

By Commissioner Stern: Resolved, That Patrick Byrnes and Mrs. Patrick Byrnes be and are hereby appointed Janitor and Janitress of the Free Labor Bureau, and that for the performance of said service they are to receive jointly five hundred dollars per annum, the free use of rooms, fuel and gas, free of expense. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That Gen. Thomas W. Eagan be and is hereby appointed Chief Clerk of the Free Labor Bureau, at a compensation of \$1,500 a year, during the pleasure of the Board. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Free Labor Bureau.

By Commissioner Laimbeer: Resolved, That the services of James Donohue be no longer required at the Free Labor Bureau,

and that he be notified of his discharge. June 6, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen. Nay—Commissioner Stern.

Attorney for the Department.

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel, Hon. E. Delafield Smith, has designated George P. Andrews, Esq., as Attorney for this Department, therefore,

Resolved, That the conduct of all suits now pending, or which may hereafter be commenced by or against this Board, be assigned to the Attorney so designated. June 7, 1873. Adopted.

CITY PRISON.

Report of Commissioner Stern.

NEW YORK, June 9, 1873.

To the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

GENTLEMEN.—On my visit to the Tombs this morning I examined the gate of the Franklin Street entrance. On said examination, Warden Johnston pointed out to me quite a large hole in said gate near the lower hinges, which seemed to me to be gnawed by rats or otherwise. The said hole was covered by a tin plate from the inside, which was partly torn off by a prison wagon this morning. I also found some small holes in the ceiling of the recesses in the wall of the Tombs on Franklin Street side. Deeming these defects dangerous to the safe keeping of inmates, I would respectfully recommend,

First, That a heavy iron swing gate with proper bars and bolts be fastened securely into the walls inside, in addition to the new wooden gate; also, that reliable and competent masons be employed to examine the defects pointed out in said walls, and furthermore, in company with the President of this Board, examine the entire mason work of said Tombs, in order to ascertain if any other repairs besides these referred to are required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MYER STERN.

By the Board. Report adopted, so ordered, and referred to President Laimbeer.

Steamer Hope.

NEW YORK, June 9, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President.

Sir—I respectfully recommend that application be made to Addison Lowe, Esq., Local Inspector, to reopen the case of the loss of the steamer Hope, ran down and sunk by the steamer Americus, on the 13th May last, and that the subject be referred to George P. Andrews, Esq., designated by the Corporation Counsel as attorney for this Board. Respectfully,

WM. H. KNAPP, Sup. Eng.

By the Board. Approved.

Charity Hospital.

NEW YORK, June 10, 1873.

WILLIAM LAIMBEER, Esq., President.

Sir—I respectfully recommend that the roof of Charity Hospital be painted by labor from the Penitentiary, and that the Chief of Staff make requisition on the Board for the material required. Respectfully,

WM. H. KNAPP, Sup. Eng.

By the Board. Approved.

Steamer Hope.

By the Board: Resolved, That the counsel of this Board be requested to apply to Addison Lowe, United States Local Inspector, for a re-hearing before him, in the matter of the loss of the steamer Hope. June 11, 1873. Adopted.

Proposal for Building Hull of Steamboat.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, June 11, 1873.

To the Department of Public Charities and Correction:

Your favor of the 9th inst. is received. I will endeavor to be present at your office at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 12th instant, for the purpose of opening the bids therein referred to, if that hour is quite agreeable to you.

Yours, respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 12th day of June, 1873.

Present—Comptroller Green, William Laimbeer, James Bowen, Myer Stern.

Three estimates received and opened.

Lawrence & Foulkes.....\$8,500 00 C. & R. Poillon..... 9,950 00 Rulman & Brown..... 8,600 00

Resolved, That the contract for building a steamboat in accordance with the foregoing specifications, be awarded to Lawrence & Foulkes.

Resolution for Lumber, etc., for Putting up Washing Machine at Charity Hospital.

CHARITY HOSPITAL, June 11, 1873.

Wm. Laimbeer, President.

Sir—There will be required for immediate use in this institution the following, viz.:

Three (3) beams, 4x12—21 feet long. Four (4) " 4x 6—30 " " Six (6) dozen wood screws 5-8—8 inches long. Fifty (50) pounds 20-penny nails.

The above are to be used for putting up washing machine.

Very respectfully, WM. JORALEMON, Steward.

For the Chief of Staff.

Of the above, the nails only can be furnished from store house.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. FLAGLER, Store Keeper.

NEW YORK, June 12, 1873.

WM. LAIMBEER, Esq., President.

Sir—I recommend that the articles called for on the annexed requisition from the Steward of Charity Hospital for putting up washing machine, be granted, and that the labor required be performed by a carpenter and mason detailed from the penitentiary (prisoners) under charge of the engineer.

Respectfully, WM. H. KNAPP, Supt. Eng.

By the Board, so ordered.

Resolution for the Purifier, Gas House, Ward's Island.

INEBRIATE ASYLUM, W. I., June 11, 1873.

WM. LAIMBEER, President.

Board of Public Charities and Correction. Sir—I respectfully call your attention to the condition of our gas house, which was originally built for this Institution only.

Since I have had to supply the New York City Asylum for the Insane, I find that the purifier is too small and that the pipes want an overhauling, Mr. Wm. H. Knapp, the Supervising Engineer, informs me, that there is a larger purifier at Charity Hospital, B. I., not used and large enough for this gas house.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask your honorable Board to have the change made whilst the nights are short, as I had considerable inconvenience to furnish both institutions with the quantity of gas required last winter.

Very respectfully, FRANCIS J. SKIFFINGTON, Engineer.

NEW YORK, June 12, 1873.

William Laimbeer, Esq., President.

Sir—I respectfully report that the matters contained in the above communication from the Engineer of the Inebriate Asylum, Ward's Island, are correct.

I recommend that the purifier, now at Charity Hospital be transferred to the above place for the purpose required, in addition to the small one now in use, and that the work be done by Messrs. G. H. Kitchen & Co.

By the Board. So ordered. To be done under supervision of Mr. Knapp, if any alterations are necessary.

Work House.

By Commissioner Stern:

Resolved, That the charges made to this Board by Joseph Keen, Warden, against George B. Oliver, Clerk in the Work House, together with all documentary evidence be and is hereby referred to the District Attorney, said Oliver being no longer under our jurisdiction. June 16, 1873. Adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern, Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

The following is the action of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction regulating the compensation of employees of the Department, June 16, 1873.

Reception Hospital, Park.

Engineer.....\$50 00 per month and board. Ambulance Driver. 41 66 " " Apothecary..... 30 00 " " Orderlies..... 20 00 " "

City Prison.

Commissioner Laimbeer moved, that the salary of the Warden be at the rate of \$3,000 per annum.

Commissioner Stern moved to amend, making it \$4,000 per annum.

Commissioner Bowen moved, that the salary be at the rate of \$4,500.

The question being taken on the sum of \$3,500 per annum it was lost.

Aye—Commissioner Bowen. Nays—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern.

On making the salary \$4,000 per annum offered by Commissioner Stern, it was lost.

Aye—Commissioner Stern. Nays—Commissioners Laimbeer, Bowen.

The resolution offered by Commissioner, making the salary \$3,000 per annum was carried.

Ayes—Commissioners Stern, Laimbeer. Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

Clerk.....\$1,500 per annum.

NIGHT WARDEN.—Commissioner Laimbeer moved that the salary be at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

Commissioner Bowen moved that the salary be at the rate of \$1,400 per annum. Lost.

Aye—Commissioner Bowen. Nays—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern.

The resolution offered by Commissioner Laimbeer, fixing the salary at \$1,200 per annum, was adopted.

Ayes—Commissioners Laimbeer, Stern. Nay—Commissioner Bowen.

PHYSICIAN.—Resolved, That the compensation of the Physician at the City Prison be at the rate of \$800 per annum. Unanimously adopted.

Record Clerk.....\$1,000 per annum. Steward..... 1,000 " " Gate Keeper..... 60 per month.

Free Labor Bureau.

By the Board:

Matron.....\$500 per annum, rooms, gas, fuel. Clerk, J. E. O'Keefe..... 30 per month. Mrs. O'Keefe..... 24 " " as an employee of

Central Office.

Secretary.....\$3,250 per annum. Cashier..... 3,250 " " Purchasing Clerk..... 3,000 " " Examining Clerk..... 1,500 " " Supervising Engineer..... 2,000 " " Clerk to Cashier..... 800 " " " to "..... 800 " " " to Secretary..... 240 " " " to Purchasing Clerk..... 800 " " Messenger from B. I..... 240 " " Engineer, with board..... 500 " " Weigh Master of Meats..... 500 " " Assistant "..... office abolished

Out Door Poor.

Superintendent.....	\$4,750 per annum
Clerk to Superintendent.....	1,500 " "

Belleuve Hospital.

Clerk, entire compensation.....	\$1,000 per annum
Ayes—Commissioners Stern, Laimbeer.	
Nay—Commissioner Bowen.	

The following is the action of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, regulating the compensation of employees of the Department, June 17, 1873:

Charity Hospital.

Chief of Staff.....	\$2,400 per annum
Steward, entire compensation.....	1,000 " "
Engineer.....	1,000 " "
Watchman.....	600 " "
Matron.....	500 " "

Penitentiary.

Warden.....	\$2,000 per annum
1st Deputy.....	1,200 " "
2d ".....	1,200 " "
Clerk, entire compensation.....	1,000 " "
Blacksmith.....	1,000 " "
Gardener and Keeper.....	500 " "
Keepers.....	2 50 per day
Guards.....	600 per annum
Matron.....	500 " "

Alms House.

Warden.....	\$2,000 per annum
Clerk.....	office abolished
Matron.....	500 per annum
Assistant Matron.....	300 " "

General Storekeeper.

Storekeeper.....	\$2,000 per annum
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Garden Bureau.

Gardener.....	\$500 00 per annum.
".....	900 00 " "
Two Assistants, each.....	300 00 " "
Gas maker.....	350 00 " "
Stable keeper.....	350 00 " "

Island Improvements.

Grader.....	\$60 00 per annum.
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The following is the action of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, regulating the compensation of employees of the Department, June 1873.

Bake House.

Baker.....	\$1,200 00 per annum.
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Foreman retained for the present, until further orders of this Board.

Work House.

Superintendent.....	\$2,000 00 per annum.
Clerk, full compensation.....	1,000 00 " "
Assistant clerk, abolished.	
Engineer.....	1,200 00 " "
Keepers.....	200 00 " "
Night guard.....	600 00 " "
Matron.....	500 00 " "

Lunatic Asylum, B. I.

Resident Physician.....	\$2,400 00 per annum.
Warden.....	2,000 00 " "
Clerk, full compensation.....	1,000 00 " "
Assistant Physician, abolished.	
for Board.	
Chaplain.....	750 00 " "
Engineer.....	1,000 00 " "
Carpenter.....	2 00 per day.
Watchman.....	600 00 per annum.
Superintendent Out Door Labor—abolished.	
Attendant Reed.....	450 00 " "
" Others.....	350 00 " "
Matron.....	600 00 " "
Cook.....	500 00 " "
Firemen, each.....	350 00 " "

Ward's Island Improvement.

Superintendent.....	\$1,000 00 per annum.
Keeper.....	900 00 " "

Inebriate Asylum, W. I.

Resident Physician.....	\$2,000 00 per annum.
Clerk full compensation.....	1,000 00 " "
Engineer.....	1,000 00 " "
Watchman.....	600 00 " "
Cook.....	600 00 " "
Matron.....	400 00 " "
Fireman.....	350 00 " "

New York City Asylum for the Insane, W. I.

Warden.....	\$2,000 00 per annum.
Resident Physician.....	2,400 00 " "
Three Assistant Physicians—for board.	
Clerk, full compensation.....	1,000 00 " "
Engineer.....	1,000 00 " "
Watchman.....	600 00 " "
Apothecary.....	480 00 " "
Matron.....	500 00 " "
Inspector, (one abolished.).....	350 00 " "
Attendants, filthy wards.....	350 00 " "
" other wards.....	240 00 " "
Cook.....	350 00 " "

The following is the action of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, regulating the compensation of employees of the Department, June 19, 1873.

Infants Hospital, R. I.

Clerk.....	\$1,500 00 per annum.
House Physician.....	1,000 00 " "
Assistant " Board.....	not fixed.
Matron.....	500 00 per annum.
Engineer.....	1,000 00 " "
Night Watch.....	600 00 " "
Cook.....	350 00 " "
Fireman.....	350 00 " "
Apothecary.....	180 00 " "
Coxswain.....	240 00 " "

The following is the action of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, regulating the compensation of employees of the Department, June 19, 1873.

Nursery Hospital, R. I.

Superintendent.....	\$1,500 00 per annum.
Resident Physician.....	1,000 00 " "
2 Assistant Physician Board.....	not fixed.
Apothecary.....	180 00 per annum.
Cook.....	240 00 " "
Fireman.....	350 00 " "
2 matrons, each.....	500 00 " "
Attendants.....	240 00 " "

Nursery, R. I.

Warden.....	\$2,000 00 per annum.
Clerk, full compensation.....	1,000 00 " "
Supervisor, and drill master.....	1,119 00 " "
Engineer.....	1,000 00 " "
Watchman.....	600 00 " "
Tailor.....	600 00 " "
Plumber.....	abolished.

Industrial School, H. I.

Warden.....	\$2,000 00 per annum.
Teacher.....	500 00 " "
Keepers.....	900 00 " "
Matron.....	450 00 " "
Night Watch.....	420 00 " "

On the Power of the Board to Remove Clerks and Heads of Bureaus.

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Corporation be respectfully requested to inform the Commissioners in respect to the power of this Board to remove clerks and heads of bureaus from this department under the charter of 1873. June 29, 1873. Adopted by the Board.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
June 26, 1873.

WM. LAIMBEER, Esq., President.
Department of Public Charities and Correction.
SIR—The resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, requesting "my opinion in respect to the power of the Board to remove clerks and heads of bureaus," in your department, has received my attention.

Section 28 of the charter contains the only provision in relation to the power of appointment and removal of employees by your Board, which has been called to my notice.

Under the provisions of that section, your Board has power to appoint and remove all chiefs of bureaus, clerks, officers, employees and subordinates in your department, but no regular clerk or head of bureau shall be removed until he has been informed of the cause of the proposed removal, and afforded an opportunity of explanation; and in case of removal, the grounds thereof must be entered on the record of the department.

Unless there be further legislation upon the subject which has escaped my notice, the powers of your Board in relation to the removal of clerks and heads of bureaus, are as above defined.

Yours, respectfully,
GEORGE P. ANDREWS,
Assistant Counsel to the Corporation.
(To be continued.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 21st day of August, 1873. Present—Messrs. Smith, Gardner and Durvee, Commissioners.

Bills Referred to Finance Committee.

Carle & Grener.....	\$206 80
Patrick Mullane.....	27 48
Duke & Moore.....	324 00
W. S. Sinclair.....	60 75
R. C. Brown.....	8 46
R. C. Brown.....	13 50

Leaves of Absence granted.

Patrolman Chas. Fisher, Twentieth precinct, half-day without pay.
Patrolman L. Flannery, Fourteenth precinct, one and a half day without pay.
Patrolman David Crawford, Second precinct, half-day without pay.
Patrolman Geo. Lyman, Twenty-sixth precinct, three days without pay.
Patrolman Jno. E. Dougherty, Eleventh precinct, half day pay.
D. B. Hasbrouck, Chief Bureau of Elections, three days.

Parades Allowed.

Post Koltz, No. 32 G. A. R.—funeral.
Assumption R. C. Temperance Society—parade.

Transfers Ordered.

Capt. F. C. Speight, from Twenty-fourth to Thirty-second precinct.
Capt. J. Siebert, from Thirty-second to Twenty-fourth precinct.
Patrolman Geo. Grassick, from Ninetieth sub. to Second Court.
Patrolman P. E. Revell, from Twenty-first to Thirtieth precinct.
Patrolman G. W. Baird, from Fifth to Twenty-eighth precinct.
Patrolman Daniel Quigley, from Seventeenth to Eighth precinct.
Patrolman Wm. Wright, from Twenty-ninth to Fifth precinct.
Patrolman Jno. Clark, from Twenty-ninth to Eighth precinct.
Patrolman Philip Mohr, from Fifth to Twenty-ninth precinct.
Patrolman August Browning, from Eighth to Twenty-ninth precinct.
Patrolman Bernard O'Rourke, from Fifteenth to Twenty-first precinct.
Roundsman Geo. W. Gibson, from Eighteenth to Seventh precinct.
Roundsman Jas. McDonald, from Eighth to Eleventh precinct.
Roundsman Jno. Banker, from Eleventh to Eighth precinct.

Petition of sundry citizens asking that Patrolman Thomas Beatty, Twenty-fifth precinct, be returned to his former post, was referred to the President.

Communication and protest from the Long Island Bone Laboratory Co., stating their rights, privileges, &c., was ordered on file.

Roundsman Thomas Reiley, Twentieth precinct, was remanded to post duty.

Promotion.

Patrolman Wm. N. Brown, Thirteenth precinct, appointed Roundsman Twentieth precinct.

Appointment.

Peter Kenney as Patrolman Fifteenth precinct.

Resolved, That Rule 33 be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Rule 33. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to enforce the laws of the State and the ordinances of the city of New York, and to abate all places kept or used for lewd or obscene purposes or amusements, and under and in pursuance of the orders of the Board of Police, to take proceedings to abate gambling houses, rooms and premises, and places kept or used for the sale of lottery tickets or policies.

Release of John Shea of all claims against the Police Department of the city of New York prior to August 21st, 1873, was ordered on file with the Treasurer.

Communication from J. F. Schmidt relating to disappearance of Geo. Ffamm, was referred to the Superintendent.

Fines Imposed.

Patrolman Chas. M. Granger, Sixth precinct, five days pay.
Patrolman Thos. O'Reilly, Seventeenth precinct, three days pay.

STREET CLEANING.

Communication from the Health Department enclosing report of Sanitary Superintendent on condition of streets, was referred to Inspector Thorne.

Adjourned.
S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met on the 22d day of August, 1873. Present—Messrs. Smith, Charlick, Gardner and Durvee, Commissioners.

Bills referred to Finance Committee.

James Crowley (telegraph expenses).....	\$601 29
Daniel Carver.....	7 80

Parades Allowed.

Irish Volunteers—parade.
Employees Steinway & Sons—picnic.
Terry Lodge—funeral.
United Confectioners—target.
Mozart Lodge—funeral.
Sons of Liberty—funeral.

Report of arrests made by the detective force for the month of July was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

Promotion.

Acting Sergeant Wm. J. Linden, First precinct, as sergeant Eighth precinct.

Communication from William Laimbeer, President Department of Charities and Correction, asking detail of an officer at the Nursery, Randall's Island, was read.

Whereupon, it was—
Resolved, That Captain Bennett, Twelfth precinct, detail an officer for duty on Randall's Island, at the Nursery, to prevent the escape of persons committed to that place.

Communication from A. Disbecker, Supervisor CITY RECORD, calling attention to section in the charter relative to publishing appointments, was referred to the chief clerk to answer.

Communication from C. F. Hill, acting Fire Marshal, asking permission to send patrolman C. H. Rhemisch out of town. Granted.

A motion that the salaries of the telegraph operators be increased \$400 per annum, was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.

Resolved, That Rule 33 be further amended, so as to read as follows, and that it be published to the force by general order:

Rule 33. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to enforce the law of the State and ordinances of the City of New York, and to abate all places kept or used for lewd or obscene purposes or amusements; and in pursuance of the orders of the Board of Police, to take lawful proceedings to abate gambling houses, rooms and premises, and places kept or used for the sale of lottery tickets or policies. The superintendent, inspectors and captains, in receiving any complaint from any source against any gambling house, room or premises, shall respectively report such complaint in writing to the Board of Police; and when any action shall have been taken by them against any such gambling house, room or premises, the action shall be reported in writing to the Board without delay.

Resolved, That the President of the Board be authorized to try all complaints against policemen, with power to call in the aid of other Commissioners, if required.

Resolved, That the drilling of the force with muskets be dispensed with until the further order of the Board.

Transfers Ordered.

Sergeant Thomas Huff, from Thirty-second to Twenty-fourth precinct.
Sergeant J. J. Fitzgerald, from Twenty-fourth to Thirty-second precinct.
Sergeant Thomas Reiley, from Fifth to Seventh precinct.
Sergeant William Thompson, from Seventh to Fifth precinct.
Patrolman William Sims, from Fifteenth to Twenty-sixth precinct.

Fine Imposed.

Patrolman Thomas Regan, Fifth precinct, two days' pay.
Leave of absence was granted to Surgeon A. E. M. Purdy for twenty days; Dr. Filter to perform his duties during such absence.

STREET CLEANING.

Bill Referred to Treasurer, with Power.

Lawrence & Foulks (repairs to steamer U. S. Grant).....\$1932 71
Petition of P. A. Parodi, of appointment as Inspector of Street Cleaning Machines, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Adjourned.
S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NEW YORK, August 22, 1873.

The Board of Health met this day.

Orders.

Two hundred and seven orders for the abatement of nuisances were made.

Suits for Penalties.

The attorney was directed to commence suits for non-compliance with the orders of the Board in fifty-seven cases.

Reports Received.

From the Sanitary Superintendent:
On complaint in respect to John Bapp, Scavenger.
On 38th street, North River District.
On Dumping Ground, 45th street, East River.
On seizure of unripe and decayed fruit.
On removal of stalls about Centre Market.
On Vesey street dumping ground.
On application for Permits.
On Market Slip, 7th ward.
On condition of certain streets.
On No. 39 Eldredge street.

Communications from City Departments.

From the Comptroller:
On form of voucher for expenditures.

Reports Referred to Other Departments for the necessary action.

To the Department of Docks:
On manure dump boat of Vesey Street.
To the Department of Public Works:
On the condition of certain street pavements.
To the Department of Police:
On condition of Bridge street, from State to Whitehall street.

Bill Audited.

John D. Tracy,.....\$150 00

Permit Granted.

To keep fowls at No. 86 Bayard street.

Permits Denied.

To keep 7 cows at N. S. 68th street, 4th house east of Boulevard, and to slaughter animals at No. 410 east 45th street, until the necessary improvements are made.

Resolutions.

That a copy of the complaint against Scavenger Cart No. 72 and John Bapp, the owner thereof, and of the affidavit of the officer of the Sanitary Police stationed at the Night Soil Dock, be forwarded to his Honor the Mayor, with the respectful recommendation and request that the license of said Bapp as a scavenger be revoked.

That the Board of Police be requested and directed to execute order No. 6,182, dated July 22d, on premises No 73 New Chambers Street.

That Sections 80 and 130 of the Sanitary Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 80.—That no person shall boil any offal, swill, or bones, nor any fat, tallow, or lard except at once upon the same being taken from the animal, and while the same is fresh and otherwise inoffensive, nor shall the business of bone crushing, bone boiling, bone grinding, bone burning, shell burning, gut cleaning, heating or drying blood or other animal matter or manufacturing materials for manure, nor the skinning of or making glue from any dead animal or part thereof, nor the storage or keeping of scrap, fat, or grease, or offensive animal matter, be allowed or conducted at any place in the city of New York or its waters, without a special permit from this Board; nor shall the business of boiling or rendering the fresh lard, fat or tallow aforesaid be conducted within said city without a like special permit from this Board; and such permit must be applied for in writing, specifying the nature and precise location of the proposed business.

Section 130.—That no ship, boat or other vessel or article, shall be taken or allowed by any person to come into or lay to or at or within any dock, pier, bulkhead or slip, or be placed thereon, for the purpose of the shipment or removal of any offal, garbage, rubbish, dirt or dead animals, or for the use of any contractor about the removal of any of the foregoing substances, without a permit from this Department.

Whereas, this Board has reason to believe that a new dump is in process of erection at the foot of Vesey street, in the rear of West Washington Market, and

Whereas, this Board has already protested against the presence of a dump at that point; therefore

Resolved, that this Board will consider a dump at this place a public nuisance, dangerous to life and health, and that it will use all the means in its power to abate such nuisance; and

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Commissioners of Docks.

Whereas, the Market Slip between Cherry and South street is in a condition dangerous and detrimental to the public health, and the Board of Health regards the carts, trucks, lumber, &c., in said Market Slip, as the cause thereof, and in themselves detrimental to life and health.

Resolved, That the said trucks, carts, lumber, &c., be removed to the Corporation Yard, and the expense of such removal be charged to the owners, and made a lien upon the property; and the Sanitary Superintendent is charged with the execution of this order.

Whereas, The party served with order 2,829, form 2, current series relating to premises Nos. 21 and 23 Bethune street, before the execution thereof has been commenced, has applied to this Board to have said order or its execution stayed or modified.

Resolved, That said order be suspended until the further order of this Board, and that the party served therewith be allowed a reasonable and fair opportunity to present facts and proofs in favor of the modification of such order, and that George T. Hastings be, and is hereby appointed a referee to hear and receive such facts and proofs and to report the same in accordance with the rules of this Board, for such further action as seem just and reasonable.

By order of the Board,
EMMONS CLAY

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