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John M. Olin

May 13, 1908.

Mr. Arthur Sykes,
C/O Fish Commission,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Apropo of what I was talking with you about over the telephone this morning:-- I wish you and Mr. Nevins would be so kind as to look over the situation at the lock and dam, outlet of lake Mendota into the Yahara river, with a view of determining whether conditions are such as to permit of the passage of fish from lake Monona to lake Mendota. In order that you may understand the situation, I will state that it is the practice to lower the gate at the dam in the spring at or before the ice goes out and let the water run freely until the latter or middle part of May. I think the gate is still down, although I may be mistaken about this. I wish you would observe the conditions as to the passage of water at this time and give me your opinion as to whether fish such as bass in our lakes would easily or readily pass over the gate under present conditions. Please also state the kind of fish that we have in our lakes here which would pass up from the lower into the upper lake, and also as to the time of the year when they would so pass.

If fish cannot readily pass under present conditions, I wish you would indicate to me what should or could be done to remedy the difficulty.

I am asking this information in behalf of the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. We are to have our regular

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monthly meeting on Monday evening next and I would appreciate an answer, if possible, before that meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 13, 1908.

Mr. Charles N. Brown,

City.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Enclosed find letter from Gisholt Machine Company ordering twenty-five copies of the annual report.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

May 13, 1908.

Mr. C. A. Johnson,

C/O Gisholt Machine Co.,

City.

My dear Sir:-

Your note of the 11th received and I turned the same over to Mr. Brown. There will be printed for you twenty-five extra copies of the report as requested.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 13, 1908.

Mr. John F. Icke,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I find, after looking the matter up, that there was a slight error as to the amount we had paid the La Crosse Dredging Company on the triangle contract. We had paid $747.00 instead of $740.00. On this account I changed your estimate and the matter stands now as follows:

"Contract price	$10,800
Amount completed	20%
90% of 20%	19.044
Previous payments	747
Amount due	1,197
Amount recommended	1,197"

I send you the above so that you may have this information for future use.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.) Pol

President.

May 13, 1908.

Hon. D. E. Tenney,

City.

My dear Sir:-

As you know, certain suggested changes in the construction of Tenney Park are under consideration. The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors is to be held at our offices on Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock. I wish very much that you could be present at this meeting and give the directors the benefit of your views. Mr. Nolen will be here at that time, and whatever changes are made, I think ought to be determined upon now so that the work can be done by the dredging company while the dredge is in fourth lake , and at the same time that the company is doing the other work. I know that it may not be very easy for you to come out of an evening but I would appreciate it very much if you could do so. I will see that this matter is taken up the first thing and disposed of and considered, even though other matters have to go over until a later meeting.

I am exceedingly anxious that the directors should get your views, and I believe from my talk with the Mayor and Mr. Nolen that there is now very little substantial difference between us, and I believe it would be helpful if we could get together at this time and talk matters over. After it has been decided as to what changes shall be made, I will take the matter up with Mr. Clark of the dredging company and get a figure from him as to the probable cost.

If it would be of any convenience to you, I should be pleased to have my man call for you at the house and drive you down to the office. He has nothing else to do and can just as well drive you down as not.

Very truly yours,

May 13, 1908.

Cantwell Printing Company,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you please lay aside one-half dozen copies of the different maps which you are to print and put into the report this year. I want some maps that are not folded up for Mr. Kolpin, and would appreciate it if you would set these aside for me and have them delivered at some future time.

Very truly yours,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 14, 1908.

Dane County Telephone Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.50 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Miss Zona Gale,

Portage, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of the 11th received. I will speak to Mr. Holen as suggested, but I am quite sure that he would be unable to get to your place on this visit. He must leave for Cambridge on the 12th of May and his time is very much taken up until that date. He will be back again sometime the latter part of June or forepart of July, I expect.

I will say further that Mr. Holen is not seeking additional or extra work at this time. He would prefer not to take on such work, but would so far as he can assist other cities, and partly because I have urged him to do so. I am sure, however, that fully day would be none too long for him at your place, provided he rendered you any efficient advice or service. I think I appreciate fully your situation. We have been through the same experience. It is difficult to have people realize at first the importance of securing advice or service in this line of work, and that such advice costs money. But I know how we suffered in our early work from lack of such advice and how much we have saved in dollars and cents through such advice in later years.

I will, however, submit your letter to Mr. Holen, and I know he will be very glad to aid you, if possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 15, 1908.

Mr. Charles E. Brown,
Sec'y and Curator of the Wis. Archeological Society,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 14th received and contents noted.

I am very familiar with the mounds you refer to. I will see that some time during the summer the proper repairing is done, as suggested by you.

If you will send to me the wording which you wish placed upon the signs mentioned, I think our association can have the same prepared and put in place. We would want to control as to the character or artistic effect of the sign that might be put up.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

May 15, 1908.

Mr. Severt Aasen,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to Mrs. Olsen and also one which I have sent to Mr. Olsen. Unless he complies strictly with the terms imposed, I want you and Mr. MacLean to [illegible] some other party to drive and take care of this team.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
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President.

May 15, 1908.

Mr. Thomas S. Martin,

Sec'y. Commissioners of Fairmont Park,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 13 received. This being a small city, and our parks being in only a partly finished state, the question of smoke from automobiles has not yet come up. I presume that will arise when we get what we call our Boulevard Drive System farther along.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 15, 1908.

Mr. William C. MacLean,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Please indicate to what account the enclosed bill is to be charged and try and have all parties notified to send their bills first to you.

I found on going to Brittingham Park this morning that Andrew Olsen was off on a drunk and I have written a letter to his wife and also to him, discharging him, and stating in effect that he would only be receivedback for work on condition that he promise to keep sober, and on the further condition that all warrants for pay must be turned over to his wife as it was done last year. We cannot have a drunken man in charge of one of our teams. You can talk the matter over with Severt. I will also notify him.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

May 15, 1908.

Mrs. Andrew Olsen,
521 E. Mifflin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

I find this morning that your husband is off on a drunk. I have sent him notice, discharging him from the employment of the Association. The only condition on which we will accept him back for work is that he shall call upon me personally and shall agree to keep sober the rest of the season, or as long as he works for us, and that he shall further agree that all warrants are to be drawn payable to you and that you are to be responsible for handling the money. We cannot have a drunken man in charge of one of our teams. I regret this on your account, but I can't help it. You know what difficulty we have had heretofore. Andrew is a good workman when he is sober but not when he is drunk.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 15, 1908.

Mr. Andrew Olsen.

521 E. Mifflin St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I find on going to Brittingham Park this monring that you are off again on a drunk. This is to notify you that you are discharged from any further work for the association. I have written a letter to your wife, stating the only terms on which we will accept you back for any further work this season. We cannot have a drunken man in charge of one of our teams.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

May 20, 1908.

United States Blue Print Co.,
265 La Salle St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for ninety cents to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

President.

May 20, 1908.

Mr. Magnus Jerune,
116 E. Johnson,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00, pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

President.

May 20, 1908.

Hon. T. J. Cunningham,

Chippewa Falls, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Cunnigham:-

Please accept thanks for your letter of May 19, with notice enclosed of the work of our Association. I will see that you get a copy of out annual report, which will be out now in the course of a week or two.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 20, 1908.

J. Manz Engraving Co.,

75 E. Monroe St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrabt for $4.30 for your bill for etching of map of Four Lakes Region. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

President.

May 20, 1908.

The Union Transfer & Storage Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of May 15, 1908, as to payment of $11.00 for two drag scrapers, received.

I find upon inquiry from Mr. Hoyt, treasurer of the Association and who has charge of all canceled warrants, that you presented the warrant sent you to the German-American Bank on April 7, and therefore the warrant was not lost and you received the money thereon. Will you now make out a duplicate bill, receipt, and send same to me as soon as possible, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

President.

May 21, 1908.

Mr. George A. Angell,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Angell:-

Prof. L. S. Smith has finally left with me the lists from the University. He has not accomplished very much. I wish you would call at the office and go over the lists with yours and copy the names on to your lists so as to make the lists complete, and consult with Miss Dunlap so that she will know just what additional names to put on her copy. I would like to straighten up the matter to the present time, but this does not involve your returning your lists if you feel like keeping them a little longer for some additional subscriptions. It is simply to get up to date at this time the additional names so that we may send out notices for collection.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 21, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark.

2809 Lake of Isle's Boulevard,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I shall want to see you as soon as you return. I called you up Saturday morning with a view of asking you to go down to look over matters at Brightmoor Park with me, but found you had gone to Chicago.

I am very much worried about the situation there. Something must be done in some way to get in some more filling. There has been a very great amount of settling and unless we can get in some additional filling, that park will be practically divided into two parts. I was disappointed at the small amount of fill you got in at the point where we needed it worst. You remember we dug out along next the road for the roadway with the idea that filling would be put in to take its place. I cannot see that any substantial amount of material has been put in at the points where we removed the material, and this, together with the additional settling, leaves matters in bad shape. Now I believe you can get in filling for us there by putting it in at the east end between the dikes already up and compelling it to go west to the little triangle and then back on the other side to the point of starting. It may be that we would lose quite a little material by its passing out into the lake, but even though that is true it would be by far the best way of getting out of the difficulty. I thought that your men could perhaps select for this filling places where the material would be composed largely of clay. At any rate, I want to go down there with you and look matters over. If things are left as they are now, it is going to give our work a black eye. We shall be in just as bad a situation, and in some respects worse than we

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are in Henry Vilas Park.

At the meeting of our directors, on Monday evening, it was voted to fill the small lagoon between Sherman Avenue and the lake and also to pipe out Bridge Island, and also to fill up the lagoon on the east side of Wood Island, except that there is to be a wading pool constructed in that lagoon. Mr. Nolen has indicated on one of the maps of Tenney Park the lines of the proposed changes or fill. This is a matter I want also to talk over with you upon your return.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 21, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I noticed in the Luckensmier voucher, you used the words as follows: "Tenney Park, Yahara Property and Orton Park." It should be "Tenney Park, Yahara Parkway and Orton Park."

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 23, 1908.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

May 23, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $36.45 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

May 25, 1908.

Hon. Philip A. Scanlan,
Park Commissioner,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you very much for a copy of your report as park commissioner for the city of St. Louis. It is very handsomely prepared and with decided interest.

I shall be pleased to mail you a copy of our report, which will be out some time this week. Of course, we are a small city and are very limited in our means.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 27, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Park Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would return to me the statement that I let you take of the list of trees and shrubs furnished this spring, inasmuch as that list contains the amounts to be paid, and it is the only list I have containing the different items.

I can't understand the complications as to the freight. Advance charges must have been paid, I should think, by Ellwanger & Barry, and all we needed to do was to pay the St. Paul Company. I have heard nothing from that company as yet.

You omitted to state the number of elm trees that were planted along Yahara River below Williamson street bridge, which trees were obtained from the nursery. I need those in order to make a complete statement.

You know that our association planted for private parties a row of elm trees extending from Winnebago street to the lake on the northeasterly side of the river. They were to be paid for at the rate of $1.00 a piece. I wish you would see that this money is collected and got to me as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

May 26, 1908.

Mr. R. J. Haight,
Publisher Park and Cemetery,
324 Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 20th, will say that we have employed in the place of Mr. Mische, Mr. John Nolen, landscape architect, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. His employment is upon quite a different basis than that of Mr. Mische. We have divided the work of Mr. Mische into two parts, giving one part to a park foreman, who gives us all of his time and is here upon the ground to see that the work is executed according to the designs and advice of Mr. Nolen, landscape architect. We have entered into an arrangement by which Mr. Nolen is employed not only by our Association and the city, but also by the State Park Commission, by the State Board of Control and by the Regents of the University. He does not give, of course, all of his time to us, but sufficient to do the work of the landscape architect properly speaking. Mr. Nolen came to us very highly recommended, and we have been more than pleased thus far with his work. I think him a man of unusual ability in his chosen field. I will send you in a few days a copy of our annual report for this year which contains somewhat in detail the arrangement which we have made.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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May 27, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of the 23rd was duly received, and I am sending you to-day, under another cover, a map showing the seven lots proposed to be purchased as an addition to Tenney Park, drawn to the same scale as the map you have. I think this gives you the information you desire.

The common council at its meeting last Friday evening voted to proceed to condemn these lots, and it looks now as though this matter would go through all right. The council also accepted at the same meeting the proposed gift of Mr. Brittingham of $7500 for a bath-house in Brittingham Park, conditioned, as you know, upon the city giving another $5000 for a boat-house for that park. Hence, we can look forward with certainty to the construction next year of these two buildings, and one of the matters I desire to have you keep in mind is the proper location of these two buildings and the architecture and materials to be used in each. We will wish to get the plans already for building this year so that the contract can be let during the winter and the work be commenced early next spring.

Surveys have been made for the filling of the lagoon between Sherman avenue and the lake and also the lagoon on the southwesterly side of Wooded Island, and a number of men are already at work filling up what is called the "narrows" so as to do away with Bridge Island. I went over the whole matter with Mr. Clark and his foreman, Mr. Engler, last Sunday.

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Also looked over with them Brittingham Park and arranged to have some more filling put in in a part of that park, so as to bring the grade up where it ought to be.

We are having a great abundance of rain, accompanied by warm weather, so that vegetation is jumping ahead very rapidly. I sometimes fear that our new planting is growing so fast that it may suffer injury later in the summer if we should have a dry July and August. Practically all of the planting in Brittingham Park has been well mulched with manure. We shall likely later be compelled to put on marsh hay to keep down the grass, but I think the putting on of the manure at this time is a good thing.

I shall forward with pleasure to your return in summer. I know I speak the sentiment of our citizens generally when I say that we are all exceedingly pleased at having been so fortunate as to secure your services. I trust you will be thinking out a plan under which our city may secure in the near future, a number of other pieces of land while it is yet possible to do so.

I very much hope that you may arrange to bring Mrs. Nolen with you on your next visit, and that we shall be favored with better weather than during your last visit.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

P. S. I enclose herewith a letter which I promised to submit to you before you left, from Miss Zona Gale, of Portage, Wisconsin. I have no suggestion

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to make concerning the same except that it might perhaps be worth while for you to say that you could possibly run up to Portage some day during your next visit. She is quite a literary person, has published quite a good many articles in different magazines, and is undoubtedly trying to do something with not very much help from anybody else. You could go up from Madison leaving at one o'clock and get back the next morning at eight o'clock, and have a full afternoon there. In any event, I wish you would drop her a line stating that I had referred the matter to you so that she will know I have not neglected her request.

John M. Olin

(Enc.)

May 27, 1908.

Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- I intended, before this, to remit to you for the carload of trees. I have been waiting to get a matter of freight straightened out at this end of the line. The railroad company has been negligent in not attending to this sooner. I will get this matter around within a few days and will then remit.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

May 28, 1908

Mr. Fred Rentschler,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $21.33 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

May 28, 1908.

Mr. George E. Angell,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Angell:- I have received from Prof. Smith another list of names with two additional subscriptions as claimed by him. You had better call in and examine the same, and if additional, put the same on the list.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

President.

May 29, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of May 27 just received. I presume you have received by this time the plat of the proposed addition to Tenney Park.

I assure you I would enjoy being in Boston and going through the parks with you.

We are having warm and very wet weather, some very heavy rains.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 29, 1908.

Mr. M. C. Douglas,
Mng. Editor Milwaukee Sentinel,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 28 just received, and contents noted. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, some copies of the annual reports of our association. I expect to receive, before the close of the day, a copy of the report for this year, and if so, will enclose a copy to you.

I send you a copy of one of the early reports because it contains the law under which our association is organized and the articles of association and by-laws. This law has been amended some since its passage, the main amendment being the one past at the last legislature providing that the mayor ex-officio and one member of the common council to be elected by a two-thirds vote of all members elect shall be members of the board of directors.

If you will drop a line to Charles N. Brown, attorney, of this city, requesting that he loan to you certain of his slides, I am sure he will be glad to let you have them. He has taken all of the pictures that have appeared in our various reports and has made the slides from the same. You can say that I referred you to him.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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Hon. D. K. Tenney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned, directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, at the meeting held on Monday evening last, considered very carefully, after you left the meeting, the changes proposed in the improvement and completion of Tenney Park as a condition of your generous offer to contribute an additional $5,000 toward the improvement of the park. It is needless to say that we very much desire to comply with your wishes in all respects, so far as possible, for we all appreciate your liberality toward this park. The conditions under consideration are as follows:

1. Fill up the small lagoon between Sherman Avenue and the lake. It was voted unanimously to comply with this condition.

2. Fill up the channel or opening so as to remove Bridge Island. This it was voted unanimously to do.

3. It was voted unanimously to fill up that portion of the old lagoon lying on the southwesterly side of Wooded Island with the proviso that there should be constructed a wading pool for children some where within the present limits of this portion of the lagoons. This change will connect Wooded Island with the large island now called Meadow Island, and it is thought will add to the usefulness of the park.

4. As to constructing a fishway: The directors will agree that it shall be left to the city and the Wisconsin Fish Commission to say just what shall be done to provide an easy and proper passage for fish up into Lake Mendota, and whatever these bodies determine the Association will abide by, and will use its influence to secure and maintain.

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5. As to filling up the new lagoon opposite Sherman Avenue, so as to shut off all connection with the old lagoon:- After much careful consideration it was the unanimous opinion of all of the directors that such closing up of this lagoon would seriously injure the park, and that it ought not to be done. This conclusion was reached by us wholly independently of the opinion of either Mr. Mische or Mr. Nolen, and we regret exceedingly that we do not feel that we can comply with your request as to this proposed change, and we hope that, after further consideration, you will feel like yielding this point, especially when you consider that we have met your requests as to the other proposed changes. And in this connection we wish you would consider the following: This park is peculiarly situated, lying as it does between two lakes, and some four feet below, in its natural state, the water in Lake Mendota. Hence, there was here presented the unusual opportunity of having fresh clear water pass from the lake above through the lagoons out into the river. This unusual situation is taken advantage of in the planning and construction of this park. Aside from the question of expense, it would have been an easy and common thing to have constructed this park without using any water in it. But what would you have had? Merely the ordinary park, that could have been constructed without reference to the use of water at all.

It may be that some wiser plan could have been adopted in the construction of this new lagoon, but we followed the advice of the landscape architect, doing, as we thought, the best thing for the park. Now concede for the purpose of argument, that we made a mistake. The mistake is made, and you do not now propose to remedy it by filling up the whole of the new

lagoon, but only so much as lies opposite Sherman Avenue, and this change would merely serve to check the connection between the two lagoons.

If we understand your reason for insisting upon filling up this portion of the lagoon, it is that people may go from all points along Sherman Avenue freely into this end of the park. But have you considered that if this change should be made just as you desire, you would at most secure but one additional path or opening in this end of the park? Under the present plan, people would enter this end of the park across a bridge and at one point. Under the proposed change, there would be not more than one additional path or opening. Travel would necessarily be confined to not to exceed two paths or openings in this end of the park.

As stated above, we trust you may yield this one point. The city and this Association need very much your help. The securing of the proposed additional land will cost approximately $20,000. It will cost quite an additional sum to fill this land, and to make the proposed changes. Then there will be the expense of covering the whole of the new portion of the park with top soil, the expense of constructing a number of bridges, and the expense of making two new connections with the lake, and of properly planting the park. All these items will cost not less than an additional ten or fifteen thousand dollars over and above the $13,500 to be paid the La Crosse Dredging Company under the present contract, and over and above the cost to the city of securing the additional land. You can see from this that we certainly would yield to your request as to this one point if we felt it possible to do so.

Hoping that we yet may get together, and thanking you for your past

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generosity toward this park and for the generous proposition of giving an additional $5,000 toward its improvement, we are.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors, Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

May 29, 1908.

Hon. D. K. Tenney,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a communication signed by all the directors of the Association and dated May 23, 1908. The reason of the delay in getting the letter to you after its date is that some of the directors were out of the city and we could not complete the signatures until last evening, Mr. Constantine being the last one to sign, he not reaching home until last evening.

I also enclose a communication which I have received to-day from a number of the people who purchased the twenty lots at $1,000 each. After you have read the same, I would be obliged if you would return the communication to me to be kept among our records.

I wish to say that I have had nothing whatever to do with the preparation of this remonstrance and knew nothing about any objection from these lot owners until after I had dictated the letter to you. But I wish to add further, that when these lots were sold there was exhibited to the different purchasers the design of this addition to Tenney Park, which design shows the lagoons as they are now constructed.

I still hope that we may in some way get together on this matter. It now looks as though the city would secure the additional land for the park, and if the city does, and you will cooperate in completing the improvement, I will make a special effort, so far as my influence goes, in crowding the work and thus get matters in shape so that you will feel that this park will be put in shape during your lifetome.

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Encls.)

Very sincerely yours,

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. George C. Riley,
Sec'y. Washington Park Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find warrant for $5.25, endorsed over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer. Will you see that the endorsement is signed by the Washington Park Company by you as secretary and return to me, and oblige? This will give the Washington Park Company credit for that amount of subscription.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

president.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 14 and 15 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Hon. George W. Smith,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 1 and 2 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. L. C. Whitney,
c/o D. C. Bascom,
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence the amount due from you on lots 7 and 3 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Martin Nelson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 10 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. A. O. Paunack,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 11 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Hon. Elmer E. Mills,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 17 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Hon. W. D. Curtis,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 19 and 20 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Darwin Hansen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 16 and 18 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make check payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but send direct to me

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Charles D. Ficks,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 6 and 9 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make check payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but send name direct to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Kaiser,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lots 4 and 5 is $200. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make checks payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but send name direct to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Tousey,

204 N. Pow St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 12 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make checks payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but send name direct to me

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

president.

May 30, 1908.

Miss Agnes A. Kelley,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 6 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make checks payable to Frank W. Hoyt, and remit same direct to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

president.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Morhoff,
454 W. Washington Av.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- There has been levied an assessment of $100 per lot as of May 29, 1908, on the twenty lots in Parkside Subdivision. Hence, the amount due from you on lot 13 is $100. Will you be so kind as to send check for same, and much oblige? Make checks payable to Frank W. Hoyt, and remit same direct to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

president.

May 30, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I send you, under another cover, one copy of the annual report of the association, just out. I will send you some other copies the fore part of the week. It may be that some of your friends might wish a copy, and we shall be pleased to send the same to any address that you may give us. I have that of George Perry Morris. Any favorable notices that you may get or know of concerning the report and the work, I should be pleased to have sent me; and I should like your own opinion, including criticism concerning the same. I think the cuts in this report are unusually good, taken as a whole.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

president.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. T. E. Brittingham,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brittingham:-

I thought I would drop you a line before you go on your summer vacation as to payments on the $6,000 this year for improvement of the park. My plan is to use up other available funds and before calling upon you, but would like an understanding with you that when we need the funds you will arrange, in your absence, to have checks drawn as we may need to use the money. There is no need of calling upon you to pay so long as we have any funds on hand. I think we can get along for another month yet at least, making the first payment say about the 1st of July.

Before you leave for your trip, I wish you would make a visit to the park, especially the southwesterly end, and remember that it was not until June 4, 1906, that any work was done toward the making of this park. In other words, it has all been done inside of two years.

I have ordered the putting in of some extra filling, as you will notice. I am bound all parts of this park shall be raised to the proper grade before the hydraulic dredge leaves the bay. The work may run us in debt somewhat, but it would be exceedingly unwise not to put the dirt in while it is possible to do so at ten cents a cubic yard.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. Patrick Cass,
123 N. Franklin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Cass:-

I write to ask whether your union will not make an exception in favor of our association to this extent only: Namely, that the men who work regularly for us may work at scraping at the same price that they do other work for us, namely $5.00 per day. The reason we ask this is that our work is such as to enable us to furnish labor almost continuously throughout the season to the extra teams we hire. We may not work at any one place continuously, but the work is such that we shift around more or less and in that way keep busy at something practically all the time. Our own teams work ten hours a day, and on this basis any other teams working for us would earn $5.00 per day. The scraping we have to do is not much of it difficult work, and I feel that your association ought to make this exception. As you know, I personally feel that the Union ought not to have insisted on an increase in wages this year, but I did nothing before the council or committee to prevent such raise in wages, although the teams that have been working for us were entirely satisfied to work the present season at the old figures and so stated to our foreman.

We are short this year something like $1,000 as compared with last year in our subscriptions, and under the circumstances I feel that we are asking nothing more than what is reasonable. You certainly can make this exception in favor of our work, since we pay for the same very largely from money that we beg from our subscribers. Of course, no teamster would be required to work for us on the above basis unless he desired to do so. All

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we ask is that your Union will not object to the men whom we employ regularly and continuously entering into this arrangement with us for the present season, with the understanding that we will give them work continuously, so far as possible, and I think we can say that this means practically work every day that the weather will permit. Our work is such that we usually can work whenever it is not actually raining.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. W. C. Douglas,
Press Club,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of June 1 received. Am sorry the reports have not reached you. I will have another set sent at once to your address at the Press Club.

Yours truly,

President.

June 2, 1908.

Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry,

Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find one warrant for $13.75 in payment for goods purchased for Yahara River Parkway.

Also find warrant for $78.00 for shrubs for Henry Vilas Park.

Enclosed also find another warrant for $772.84, less $49.60, freight charges paid by us, leaving warrant at $723.24, which, together with the freight charges, equal the amount due for goods furnished for Brittingham Park, namely $772.84.

The above equals the amount due from us with the exception of the item of $60.52. This is the amount due for shrubs for Kendall Park. These were purchased for the city and should be paid for out of a separate fund. Of course, our association is responsible to you. But what I wish you would do is to make out an itemized bill, heading it as a charge against the City of Madison for Kendall Park, and send that bill to me, and I will have the matter presented to the city council and you will be duly paid.

You will also find three receipts to be signed and returned to me.

I beg your pardon for the delay in remitting. It was occasioned by the blunder of the railway company as to freight. You could just as well have had this money some two or three weeks ago as at this time.

If you desire, I will forward to you the receipted freight bill so that you can inspect the same. I have drawn the warrant for the bill but have not yet get the receipted bill, but expect to get it some time to-day.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Warrants)
(3 Encls.)

Yours truly,

president.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. John F. Icke,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Was there any provision in the contract for planting trees on the new macadam street to the effect that the contractor should put mulching around the trees? If not, this was an oversight. The new trees that have been planted this spring ought to be mulched. Otherwise, the chances are that many of them will be lost.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. MacLean:-

I want to compliment you on the very good shape in which you handed in the statements for work done during the last month and also for the summary you left showing the amount paid out on account of each of the different branches of the work for the month.

We will get the warrants out so that you can get them perhaps by to-morrow afternoon, or at any rate at the latest, the following morning.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 2, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

At one time, Mr. Mische entertained the idea of having a driveway next the lake at the upper end of Tenney Park, branching off from Sherman Avenue and connecting with the projection next the lake. Now that we propose to get the extra 350 feet of shore, and inasmuch as this addition will extend toward the city farther than Marston Avenue, I thought you might wish to consider the construction of a road that would form a park boundary from Sherman Avenue to the lake and along the water's edge to the projection of the lake. I do not know as this is feasible. We should not wish, I think, to destroy or interfere with the willow walk there now. But the road could be constructed outside of that walk by filling out into the lake a short distance. I merely call your attention to this matter.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which the directors sent to Mr. Tenney, to be returned to me after you have read the same. Before sending this letter, a remonstrance was sent to us by those who have purchased the twenty lots, saying that if the lagoon at the upper end of the park was to be filled so as to break the connection with the old lagoon, these purchasers would demand back their money or institute legal proceedings to prevent such filling. I had nothing to do with this remonstrance but sent it to Mr. Tenney with the letter.

This morning I have received a letter from Mr. Tenney, a copy of which I enclose herewith. I have not as yet had any conference with the

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mayor or any other person. I think some of the things demanded are impossible and the letter shows throughout the unreasonableness of Mr. Tenney. At the same time, I wish to keep you fully informed. His insisting on lowering lake Mendota to a level with lake Monona could not in any way be carried out. The city would have upon its back a whole lot of injunction suits. Then the position that there should be no wading pool constructed is another good illustration of the absurdity of Mr. Tenney's position. His demand also that the addition to the park shall be filled "practically to the level of Sherman Avenue" is absurd. I presume this is a matter we could get over in some way. Of course, we will continue our negotiations, but I do not anticipate getting together with Mr. Tenney on any reasonable basis, and our directors, I am sure, will insist on not yeilding matters of substance.

Of course, no one knows just what he means by a "broad" bridge, and his insistence that it shall be build "not in an arch but practically a level surface passage" is also ridiculous. I presume, however, this matter could be adjusted. I think it might be well for you in your design of the park to sketch out, either on the design or separately therefrom, such bridge as you think ought to go there. I think Mr. Tenney is right that there should be no hump in the bridge such as there is in the other foot bridges. If we can have a clearance of six feet for a width of say ten or twelve feet, it would be sufficient for all practical purposes in the lagoons, and I should think we could get this and have practically a level surface for the top of the bridge and its approaches and in that way entirely meet Mr. Tenney's wishes at this point.

Yours truly,

president.

(Dic. by O.)
(2Encls.)

June 2, 1908.

Mr. P. J. O'Brien,
Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Mr. O'Brien:-

Some month or six weeks ago you very generously donated five cars of cinders for our park work. Soon after getting your letter, two cars were furnished, but the other three cars we have been unable to get. Do you think it would be possible for the company to let us have two or three cars within the near future? Three cars would just about help us out. Would appreciate it if you could grant the favor at this time.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of our annual report just out, thinking that you might be interested in glancing it through.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 2, 1908.

Union Transfer & Storage Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed receipt? We are very much surprised that you should have put us to so much trouble with reference to this matter. We went to the trouble of investigating as to whether the warrant drawn in your favor had been cashed and found that it had been cashed at the German-American Bank, and then notified you of these facts, and you have omitted or neglected to send us any receipt. It is necessary for us to have this receipt in order to keep our records correctly, and we will be obliged if you will promptly sign and return it to us.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

June 2, 1908.

Mr. R. A. Peffington,
Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested by Mr. Griffith, our forest superintendent, to send you some copies of the reports of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I take pleasure in sending you some under another cover.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 3, 1908.

Mr. Jabe Alford,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Alford:-

You remember my calling you up over the telephone as to the subscription of $25.00 for last year, and on the faith of that telephone message I reported your subscription paid. I judge from what Mr. Hoyt tells me that the matter must have passed out of your mind, for he says he has not as yet received a check. Will you not be so kind as to mail me a check for that amount, making it payable to Mr. Hoyt, but sending it directly to, and I will see it is duly turned over?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 2, 1908.

F. C. Blied & Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $25.25 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

June 3, 1908.

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for yours of June 1, enclosing check for $200, covering assessment on lots 19 and 20, Parkside Subdivision.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 1, 1908.

Miss Agnes A. Kelley,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Please accept thanks for yours of June 1, enclosing check for $100, covering assessment on lot 6, Parkside Subdivision.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 3, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Your note of June 1 just received.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have just dictated to Mr. Penney, merely for the purpose of keeping you fully informed.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

June 1, 1908.

Mr. Anton C. Paulson,
314 E. Main,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.40 to pay your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

June 3, 1908.

Hon. J. C. Schubert,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith the original of Mr. Tenney's letter to me and also a copy of my answer to him. I am about to leave the city and I wanted to keep you fully informed as to the situation. I have tried to say nothing in the letter that would in any way offend. You will use your good judgment as to what you can do in getting Mr. Tenney to yield some of his demands.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

June 3, 1908.

Senator A. M. Stondall,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Stondall:-

I wrote you once some time ago about your subscription of $25.00 of last year. I wish very much you could straighten that out before you go west on your trip. Of course, I know how you feel about the proposed park near your house, but this subscription was madewithout any condition, and I think you will agree with me that it ought to be paid. On the other hand, our association cannot afford to incur your ill will, and I certainly do not wish anything done that would have any such result. I understand you did not subscribe this year, and that is all right. I do not blame you until something is done by the city to get that land. All I ask now is that you will straighten out the old subscription. I am quite sure you will concede that I have done everything I could with reference to securing that land, and I intend to continue my efforts until the city gets it.

I do hope, however, that in some way you may get this matter adjusted along the lines you spoke of to me before you make your trip west.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 3, 1908.

Mr. D. K. Tenney, Attorney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 1, received. I will be pleased to lay the same before the directors. In the meantime, there are certain matters we would like to have you consider hoping that we may get a little better understanding as to just how far some of the conditions named in your letter go, and that we may ultimately get together. I will take the matters in the order named by you:

First. (a) The condition here named that the city purchase the six shore lots and make them a part of the park, can be complied with, except that the city proposes to purchase seven instead of six lots, thus adding 350 feet to the lake shore measured in a straight line.

(b) You name as a condition and that the lagoon and marsh between the lake and the park to be filled up practically to the level of Sherman avenue. I think we can comply with this condition except that at the end nearest the lock where the lagoon now is the filling ought not to be quite so high because of the decided rise in the street at that end. But other parts of the fill would be in keeping with the part already filled and covered with grass except that the fill would rise somewhat as you come nearer the city and would, I think, comply substantially with your condition. I do not think there would be any trouble about this.

(c) You speak of a pipe to be laid two feet in diameter below the water level at the outlet between the lake and the

lagoon so as to admit free passage of water "and the passage of fish at all times of the year," as to the part I have quoted, from the investigation I have made, I am informed that fish would not pass through such a dark passageway. I mention this because if such condition were complied with, you ought not to rely upon it as a a fish way, if it would not serve that purpose. Aside from such pipe being used as a fish way there certainly would be no difficulty in our getting together since the only object would be to have it so laid as to furnish the necessary amount of fresh water at all times. I think from what I have learned, the pipe will have to be extended out some distance into the lake so as to take the water from a point some distance beneath the serface in order to avoid taking into the lagoon a lot of vegetable matter and other refuse that rises to the surface of the lake and heretofore has gotten into the small lagoon and compelled our cleaning it out practically every spring.

Second. (a) It is intended to fill the lagoon between the Wooded Island and the large island so as to be one island, but we wish very much to have constructed here a wading pool for small children. The size of this pool as recommended by Mr. Nolen is only 80 feet wide by 150 feet long. The water in it ought not to be over 18 inches in depth and the bottom of the pool ought to be covered with six or eight inches of good sand. It ought to be a place that would be absolutely safe for little children. Personally I do not think anything could be done that would add more to the use and enjoyment of the park than the construction and maintenance of such a wading pool. I hope upon further

consideration you will feel like yielding this point. No one appreciates more than you the innocent and healthful enjoyment of children, and it is to-day well recognized in park work that no one thing adds more to such enjoyment than a properly located and constructed wading pool. Tenney park is the only one of the different parks that furnished an opportunity for the construction of such a pool. It can be easily fed with fresh water and could be made absolutely safe, which is not true of "the shores of Mendota", especially along the water boundary of Tenney Park.

(b) Another condition you impose is the construction of a "broad brisge to be built between Sherman avenue and the island not in an arch but practically a level surface passage." You do not state just how broad you think the bridge should be. It is to be a foot bridge, and certainly ought to be broad enough to accommodate easily all travel across it. I think we could get together on this point. The condition named that it is "not to be in an arch" I take it refers to the top or surface passage over the bridge, and not to the form of the under surface of the bridge, and if I am right in so interpreting your condition, I fully agree with you. I think a beautiful foot bridge can be constructed at this point with surface passage practically level, and that is what I understand you wish. I think the thing to do in reference to this bridge is to have Mr. Nolen make a sketch of it, having in mind your wishes, and then have this sketch submitted to you for your consideration.

Third. Your third condition is one that would be most difficult

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and I think impossible for the association to comply with. It seems to me that this is a matter for the city to determine, and that our association has not and cannot exercise any control over it. If the condition were complied with, it means substantially the lowering of the water in lake Mendota four feet below its ordinary stage. For "the level of the river below the lock" is practically the level of lake Monona, there being now not to exceed four or five inches difference between the height of the water in the river just below the lock and the height of the water in lake Monona. Lowering lake Mendota four feet below the ordinary stage would expose the shore opposite, say Mr. Raymer's property, I should judge 30 rods, and such a lowering of the lake be attempted, the city would have on its back a number of injunction suits. Under the decisions of our Supreme Court, such lowering of the lake could be enjoined by any riparian owner. See on this the following cases:

Smith v. Youmans, 96 Wis., 103.

Mendota Club v. Anderson, 101 Wis. 479.

Village of Pewaukee v. Savey, 103 Wis., 271.

~~Drainage District~~

In re Horicon Drainage District, 116 N. W., 12, 14-15.

Fourth. Would it not be better if you modify this condition by omitting that part which provides for the use of a part of the proposed gift to pay the mortgage debt of $3000 on the park land. My idea is, that when the city issues bonds to purchase the additional property they should include the $3000, and I believe the city would be willing

to do this. To furnish this park, including the filling for the proposed addition, the covering of the whole of the new area with some four inches of good dirt (and I do not know where we are to get it) the construction of several bridges, the grading and planting, etc., is going to cost a large amount of money. It seems to me that the least the city should do under the circumstances is to buy the additional land and also pay for the present indebtedness of $3000 incurred in the purchase of land.

Now, Mr. Tenny, I have written the above not for the purpose of attempting to dictate to you, nor for the purpose of enforcing any particular idea of mine on you. So far as that is concerned, I should be entirely willing to leave every question between us to the decision of Mr. Nolen, except the question as to lowering the lake which I think is not a matter which comes within this jurisdiction at all nor within the jurisdiction of this association. My sole interest, as stated before, is to do the best thing possible for the park, and to get the foundation work of this park completed at as early a date as possible so that you may see it while you are here with us.

Do you not think, under all the circumstances, you can omit the condition as to lowering the lake, with the understanding that this matter shall be taken up by the common council, after say public discussion, if deemed necessary, and with the further understanding that neither this board as a board or any individual member of it will oppose anything you desire on this matter of lowering the lake. While I have not talked with the

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other members of the board, I am very sure that they all would be willing to agree with the above.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alexander.

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 5, 1908.

Mr. R. J. Height,
Editor Park and Cemetery,
324 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:- Yours of the 3rd received. Mr. Charles M. Brown, our secretary, will mail to you, as requested, cut shown on page 114 of our recent annual report.

Yours truly,

Johnson Atwood

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 5, 1908.

Mr. T. E. Brittingham,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brittingham:- Yours of June 3 received, and contents noted. It certainly will not be necessary to call upon you for the whole $6,000 at once. I will tease the matter along so as not to call on you until we have to.

Yours truly,

Johnson Atwood

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 5, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $34.50 to pay bill for feed. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 5, 1908.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $2.23 and one for $3.50 to pay your two bills. Please receipt and return same, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)

(2 Encls.)

June 5, 1908.

Mr. Severt Aasen,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have finally got a definite promise that the Northwestern Company will run in three carloads of cinders, one about every third day. You bear this in mind and try and arrange matters so as to unload the car promptly after it is put in place.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

president.

June 5, 1908.

Hon. Elmer E. Mills,
1053 Williamson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 2 received, enclosing check for $100 to pay assessment on lot 17, Parkside Subdivision. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 5, 1908.

Mr. C. L. Whitney,
c/o D. C. Bascom,
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 2 received, enclosing check for $200 to pay assessment on lots 3 and 7, Parkside Subdivision. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 5, 1908.

Hon. Charles W. Garfield,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Garfield:-

I have read with very much interest your letter of June 3. The part pertaining to the stirring up of an interest in civic matters was of especial interest to me. I thank you very much for the same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 6, 1906.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff,
First Vice-President,
American Civic Association,
North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your note of June 4.

I shall take pleasure in reading to our Directors Monday evening your statement concerning Mr. Nolen. He has made an exceedingly favorable impression here, and we expect great good from his employment. He has an unusually find personality I think, in addition to being very well equipped for his profession.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. Darwin Hansen,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing check to Frank W. Hoyt for $200 for assessment on lots 16 and 18, Parkside Subdivision, Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark,
2014 Madison St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 8 just received. Enclosed please find warrant for the $607.00 estimate. We are very glad to send you the warrant at this time. Will you be so kind as to receipt the bill, and return it to me, and oblige?

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 8, 1908.

Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry,

Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of June 4 received. Evidently the railroad company here has made a blunder as to this matter of freight. They just informed me that they thought the freight had already been paid by you. Hence, I enclose herewith a warrant for $49.60, which will settle matters except as to the item of $60.50 for Kendall Park.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. A. D. McConnell,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 6 received, and contents noted. As I understand your letter, the pipe will cost $15.00, being sixty feet at twenty-five cents per foot. With the understanding that $15.00 will meet the expense to the Association, you may order the pipe and ask Mr. Cooley to send the bill directly to me, and request him to send it as soon as the pipe is delivered.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. Ernest O. Nelson,
606 W. 115 St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of June 2, 1908, received. I have directed to be sent to the address given, Musseo De Education, etc., such copies of our annual reports as we have on hand. I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report, thinking that you might be interested in glancing the same through.

Our city is small and our work here is rather unusual in the method of its origin and progress so far. While we have started on the playground work, we have not as yet accomplished very much in that direction and have no photographs that would be of any particular service to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Joswell M. Blair

President.

June 8, 1908.

Charles Leavitt, Jr.,

Civil and Landscape Engineer,

220 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir;-

Your favor of June 4 received.

I send you, under another cover, the annual reports of our association for the last three years. I think this will give you substantially the information desired.

You will observe that our work gas been carried on in rather an unusual way, largely by private subscription and very general co-operation. It may be said, generally speaking, that since 1899 the city has by bond issue and by direct taxation expended for parks within the city limits about $75.000, and that individuals during the past five years have contributed for work inside the city limits a little over $153,000, and that when all of the parks now in process of construction are finished there will be within the city limits about 150 acres. This does not include land owned by our association in trust for the city lying outside the city limits.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 8, 1908.

Mr. A. O. Paunack,

c/o Commercial National Bank,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 6 received, enclosing check for $100 to pay for assessment on lot 11, Parkside Subdivision.

The above makes in all payments up to date of $464.50, leaving yet to be paid on your lot $535.50.

There was only one long contract made, the original of which I have. We have substituted your name in place of the party from whom you purchased. I have not made a copy of this contract for the different purchasers. If you desire at any time, I will furnish you the original and you can make a copy of the same for yourself.

The directors will execute a deed to any of the lot owners at any time they see fit to pay the balance due on the purchase price, but we assume that most of them will prefer to pay from time to time as the assessments are made. It will be necessary, I think, to call in most, if not all, of the purchase price before the close of this year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 9, 1908.

Mr. O. S. Norsman,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Mr. Norsman:-

I have just received an estimate from Mr. Icke, city engineer, showing that we owe the Dredging Company at this time on the triangle improvement $2430. We have not on hand the funds with which to pay this estimate and wish therefore you would see that the $2,000 coming from the city is turned over to Mr. Hoyt, and that you would let me know when this is done so that I can draw a warrant in favor of the Dredging Company. The company is in much need of funds just at this time and we desire to meet the obligation as promptly as possible.

Yours truly,

John W. Olsen,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 9, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of the 6th reached me yesterday morning, as also the tracing showing park boundaries, etc. The revised plan of the park, however, has not yet reached me, although I inquired at each express office yesterday for it. I presume it will be along to-day.

We had the monthly meeting of the board of directors last evening, a week earlier than the regular time, for the reason that next Monday evening I shall be out of the city, and for the further reason that next week is commencement week, and people here are apt to be pretty busy at that time.

Another reason was that we wished to consider, as promptly as possible, the negotiation with Mr. Tenney for an additional $5,000 subscription. As bearing on this point, I enclose herewith a copy of another letter addressed to Mr. Tenney, in answer to his letter to me of June 4. A copy of his last letter, I think I sent you. I also enclose copy of a resolution which will be offered at the regular meeting of the council on Friday evening of this week by Mr. Constantine. Mr. Schubert, at my suggestion, had a further conference with Mr. Tenney yesterday morning and we have worked out the above scheme, thinking that we will in this way satisfy Mr. Tenney. We wanted, in some way, to bring the matter before the public so that the public would see plainly the reasons assigned by Mr. Tenney for not making the

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contribution. I do not think he will like to have it understood by the public that he declines on these grounds after we have yielded all other points. I prepared the resolution with the definite purpose in view of letting the public know just the situation.

You are entirely right in your position as to acting as architect for the bath house and boat house. No such idea as that was in my mind. Indeed I think,--as the board expressed it last night--that you go farther than would be expected by furnishing us some preliminary sketches. What I had in mind was that you might furnish us some cuts that would be suggestive of what would be desired. As to local architects, there are none here that I have very much confidence in, but we can get others in Milwaukee, if necessary, who are capable.

I do not suppose you, as yet, can indicate with any definiteness just when you will be here again. The only reason why I refer to the matter at this time is that I desire, if possible, to get off for a short vacation and wish to plan matters so that I may be here in Madison, if possible, while you are here.

I was very much pleased at the communication from you in the Sunday Morning Democrat as to overhead wires. I had read the article of Mr. Ford something over a year ago. The Mayor, at my suggestion, is having a copy of this article cut out and mailed by the city clerk to each member of the common council, so you see you are sowing good seed.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Encls.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

P.S. Drive deliberately the above your design for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with our letter to him. Hope I may very come around. Have more hopes of this now than at any previous time. Think your plan will aid us with him. — Do you think it would help some to fill out some on northerly side of lots was Bridge Island so as to make the line on the northerly side nearer straight? We can do this so far as I see is concerned, and if you think any of further change should be made at this point, please send me a letter stated by the projection, and we will fall over. — [illegible] you informed as to lots Terry does in McCarthy's work of the City, which is the reason his name does not appear attached to our letter to Mr. Terry.

Yours truly
[illegible]

June 9, 1908,

Mr. August Roden,

Mngr. State Journal,

City.

Dear Mr. Roden:-

I notice in the issue of the Eau Claire Daily Telegram of June 8, an editorial very complimentary to Madison and the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I thought perhaps you might wish to run it in your paper.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

June 9, 1908.

Hon. J. H. Stout,

Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Mr. Stout:-

Yours of June 5th, received. There is no one whom the directors of this association would be more pleased to accommodate than yourself. The facts are, however, as to the roller, that we are now using the same in connection with the work here. Just when we will be through with the work is yet uncertain.

There is another difficulty, and that is the furnishing of a man to run the roller. There is only one man we have who is competent to do this. He is our foreman and we could not possibly spare him. The roller is quite different from the ordinary steam road roller. There is one other man who is competent to run it, and only one so far as I know, who has been in the employment of our city for some years. I presume it would be difficult, if not impossible, to get his services, since he is kept steadily at work here. Mr. Blake's idea was that our man should go with the roller and run it, but I told him that we could not spare him on account of the work here.

Let me make a suggestion, and that is that you drop a line to the Kelley Steam Roller Manufacturing Company at Springfield, Ohio, and ask them to indicate to you how near Dubuque there is located one of their six ton golf link rollers. It may be that you could secure such roller at some point near Dubuque. If you are not successful in this, let me know, and I will bring the matter before our directors.

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Have you any idea as to the length of time you would need the roller there on the ground?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

June 9, 1908.

Hon. David Stephens,

City.

Dear Mr. Stephens:-

Enclosed I send you two warrants, being the amount of the enclosed bill. I dislike to trouble you, but ask that you will separate the two bills, making them out on separate pieces of paper, and receipt each of them and return same to me. This is asked because of our being required to have our vouchers separate for the different branches of our work.

Am glad always to have you send in the bills at the end of each month.

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Warrants)
(Encs.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 10, 1908.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff,
First Vice President,
American Civic Association,
North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Woodruff:-

Your favor of June 6 received, asking "what has been done with the water fronts in Madison"?

I can answer your question best by sending you our reports for 1907 and 1908. At page 33 of the 1907 report will be found a map of Henry Vilas Park. You will notice we have secured the lake front here opposite this park, being something over half a mile in extent, as I remember. Then there is a driveway indicated at the eastern end under the name of "Fenway" for something over another half mile along the water's edge, connecting this small park with lake Monona, which latter lake is shown on a small scale in map at page 57 of the report of 1908.

By turning to page 33 of the 1908 report, you will find a map of Brittingham Park. This gives us, when completed, a lake shore frontage of something over three quarters of a mile. You will notice at the right hand end the term "Brittingham Parkway." This indicates a parkway along the shores of this bay for an additional distance of nearly a mile so that we shall have at this point something like a mile and three-quarters of water front, including the frontage in the park proper. We hope some day this boulevard and water front may be extended toward the east, that is toward the left hand as you look at the map, and also the main body of the city.

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By turning to page 19 of the 1908 report, you will notice a map of Tenney Park. There is now pending before the common council a proposition to secure at a point roughly marked "A", 350 feet additional lake shore as an addition to this park, the area to be acquired comprising some over two acres. Mr. Nolen, our landscape architect, has just completed for us a revised plan for this park, showing the proposed added area. There is no question, I think, but what this land will be secured by the city. This will give us at the lake end of this park on the shores of lake Mendota, as I remember, roughly speaking, something over 1,000 feet of lake shore.

Then we have the shores of both sides of the Yahara River connecting lakes Mendota and Monona, as is shown in part by this map on page 19 of the 1907 report, and shown more completely in map on page 35 of the 1906 report, which I also send you.

Then there is shown on page 56 of the 1906 report a map of a small park located on lake Monona. This will give us, when completed, a lake shore of between six and seven hundred feet, comprising one entire block. The city has acquired most of the land and is proceeding to acquire the remainder.

When one remembers that this city, as late as 1893, did not own a foot of lake shore for park purposes, we feel that we have done fairly well, under the circumstances. We hope, however, under the advice and leadership of Mr. Nolen, to be able to secure some other tracts which will give us still additional lake shore frontage.

I hope the above answers reasonably well your inquiry.

I want to compliment the association on the excellent work done in

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getting out the pamphlet on Bill Board Law, etc., as well as the one on Smoke Nuisance.

Yours truly,

John W. H. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of the 9th, enclosing sketch of proposed bridge in Tenney Park, received. I think this matter can rest until your next visit. We find that we are unable to do anything with Mr. Tenney. He has turned us down flatly, withdrawing absolutely his proposition to do anything unless we come strictly to his terms. We shall simply, for the purpose of showing to the public the true situation, make a report to the common council and lay before the council a copy of all the correspondence between us. I do not think Mr. Tenney will be specially pleased to have the public know just what he has done. As illustrating his position, I will state that our last communication to him, signed by all of the board, under date of June 9, called attention to the different conditions he had imposed, and that we had complied with all of them excepting three, the wading pool, the putting in of a fishway, and the lowering of the lake. As to the last two, we stated they were matters over which we had no control, and we suggested that these be referred to the common council, and that the decision of the council should be final. We have received a short letter from Mr. Tenney this morning, (after he had done the very discourteous thing of returning to me the original letter we sent him), which, after address, reads as follows:

"Your letter, addressed to me and signed by all the members of the Commission, which I returned to your office door yesterday, satisfies me that

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no agreement can be reached between us that I can approve for the improvement and betterment of Tenney Park. I, therefore, withdraw absolutely my proposition for a $5,000 contribution.

Should the Association and the city council comply strictly with the things I have insisted on, I may be heard from again; otherwise, not. No further nonsensical communications desired."

The above is a good illustration of the makeup of this man. I think I shall absolutely ignore the letter, except to lay a copy of it before the common council.

We shall, however, proceed with the acquiring of the land just the same and complete the park as it ought to be, notwithstanding Mr. Tenney's outrageous position.

Very truly yours,

J. Stewart Barney.

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 11, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Bottl,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.40 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President,

June 11, 1908.

Mr. E. F. Paunack,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $28.00 and the other for $16.80, to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

(Enc

June 11, 1908.

President J. W. Livingston,
Platteville, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Livingston:-

Your favor of June 10 received. I take great pleasure in sending you, by express, fifteen copies of our last annual report. I do not know how they could be better used than in the way you suggest.

I certainly appreciate very much the sentiments expressed in your letter. I have many times, especially of late years, felt that I must turn this work over to other hands, but have not, as yet, seen my way quite clear to let go of it.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Clark

President.

(Dic. By C.)

June 12, 1908.

Mr. J. M. Clark,
2014 Madison St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2450, the amount of May estimate for work in Brittingham Park. Will you please receipt the enclosed and return same to me, and oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Clark

President.

(Dic. by C.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

June 12, 1908.

Dr. H. E. Favill,
[illegible] State St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Favill:-

Under another cover, I send you copy of the last annual report of our association. I thought you would be pleased to glance the same through.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 12, 1908.

Mr. William C. MacLean,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith letter from Mr. O'Brien, Superintendent of the Northwestern Railway Company. You can talk this matter over with Sevvert or Louis, and find out whether we still have those timbers. I imagine however, that we used them in connection with the platform at the end of Washington Avenue, and if so, we will remit $14.00 for them. Please return the letter to me with [illegible] of your investigation.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

President

(Enc. (Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

June 12, 1908.

Mr. E. J. O'Brien,
Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 11 received. I will look up the matter, and we will either return the pieces of timber or send you a warrant for $14.00 for the same. Am glad that you called my attention to the matter.

For some reason, we have not as yet received any cinders.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 13, 1908.

Mr. E. G. Stanton,
Hotel Sherlock,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 12 received, enclosing card and check for $5.00 for work of the association this year. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the check over to Mr. Hoyt, the treasurer.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report, thinking that you may not have received one.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 15, 1908.

Mr. George R. Angell,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You can put down, if you have not already done so, among the subscribers, Washington Park Company for $25.00; also E. G. Stanton $5.00, and E. A. Curtis, 315 N. Mills Street, $10.00. It would be well for you to drop in at the office and give Miss Deutsch any additional names you may have that have not already been handed in, and also a little statement as a matter of interest to me or the total subscriptions up to date, including the three referred to herein.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Mr, H. E. Clark,

2014 Madison St.,

City.

June 15, 1908.

Dear Sir;-

I enclose herewith letter from Mr. Edward G. Stanton with reference to lot 9, in block I, Northside Subdivision.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 15, 1908.

T. E. Brittingham, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brittingham:-

I asked Mrs. Olin to have returned to your house this morning the pamphlet which you kindly loaned me as to transplanting large trees. I fully agree, in the main, with what is there said. I was familiar with the work that had been done by Mr. Simonds, but I have always been a strong advocate of planting good, thrifty small trees rather than large ones.

I enclose herewith a letter which I have just received from Mr. Nolen. You will be interested in looking at what he says about bath house and boat house.

I have replied to the effect that he had better be determining, in his own mind, what he thinks is best as to use, etc., and then when he gets here on the ground he can discuss the matter with the board and also with you. This matter is one to which I have not given any particular attention and I do not feel competent to advise. I am in the attitude of one who desires to learn rather than instruct.

After reading the letter, will you be so kind as to return same to me, and oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

June 15, 1908.

Editor Charities and the Commons,
174 Adams St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

The work that we have been doing here is, I think, unique. I do not know of any other place where there has been work of this kind carried on for so many years through co-operation of so many citizens contributing each year for the support of the work. It seemed to me that perhaps your paper might wish to call attention to this work. If so, I should be pleased to send your paper earlier reports of the association so that you might have before you more of the facts. We can also furnish you cuts of any of the different half tone views that may be found in any of the different reports.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 15, 1908.

Mr. Edwin R. Mack,
Supt. of Parks,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Sir:-

I have received this morning, through the kindness of some one, a copy of the report of the Board of Park Commissioners of Wilmington for the year 1907. I have studied the same with interest. Under another cover, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the last annual report of our association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through. In doing so, you must remember that our city is small, comprising, in round numbers, $25,000, exclusive of students.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by D.)

President.

June 15, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

One of the representatives of the Gas Company has just been in to see me about the matter of poles. That company is willing to donate its share but does not wish to do so unless the other companies do. I would suggest this plan: You decide on the number and length of poles you want. Then go to the Gas Company, the two telephone companies and the Traction Company, and see whether each of these companies is willing to give a certain number. I would not ask any large amount from any one. Then if they are not willing to donate out and out, have them state what they would charge for the poles that you want. I think in this way you can either have donated outright what you desire or you can get at a reasonable price what you want.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 15, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of June 13 just received. Thanks for same.

The matter of the proper use of bath house and boat house, is something concerning which I have not given much, if any, thought. I am quite sure that the board of directors and Mr. Brittingham will feel like following very largely your advice. I will show your letter to Mr. Brittingham, and it will also be brought before the board. In the meantime, without our attempting to indicate as yet any particular ideas of our own, may it not be quite as well for you to determine what you think is best and then, after getting home upon the ground at your next visit, there will be ample opportunity to discuss the matter with the board? I make this merely as a suggestion.

I take it from your letter that, as presently advised, you feel you would not be here much, if any, before the first of August. I had thought of your getting here a little earlier than that, and yet I do not know as it will make much difference, and I recognize that you must have much freedom in arranging your time. I would suggest, however, that you correspond directly with President Van Hise and make it a point, if possible, to confer with him personally the next time you are here. He likely can indicate to you with sufficient definiteness to enable you to so plan.

The piece of work which will demand your most immediate attention, is the proposed boulevard drive around to South Madison. The lines of that road ought to be definitely laid out, and while we have a contract fixing, in

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a general way, such line, there ought to be some modification made, and this will involve further conference and agreement between certain of the land owners. We are desirous of getting a force of men at work shaping up this bank and proposed park strip as soon as the drier portion of the season sets in, which will be likely about the middle of August. Mr. Mische, before he left, sketched out a proposed line for this road and tried to get Mr. Baskerville, who was interested in a part of this land, to consent that the lots be shortened somewhat at one point so as to give a curve to the street, rather than have it run on a straight line, to a certain point, and then turn at a stiff angle. Mr. Baskerville was unyielding, but I think he can be brought around. This merely indicates to you one of the difficulties to be met and overcome.

The men are at work shaping up the easterly end of Tenney Park next to Johnson Street, working around toward the avenue. The work is showing up finely. They are going to protect the bank by putting in some crushed rock.

I succeeded last Friday in getting an option from the Conklins, who purchased the two lots for ice house purposes, at $5,000, which is only $[illegible] in excess of what the lots cost them not considering interest, and is $[illegible] better than Mr. Aylward, the city attorney, had told the Conklins they could buy before, to be entirely satisfactory to the city. I think I have a claim against Mr. Aylward for $600. I also succeeded in getting an option from the Willow Park Land Company on its four lots at $10,000, and a subscription from the company of $1,000 for the improvement of the park. Mr. Schubert and some others will try this week to get added subscriptions with a view

of closing the whole matter out at the special meeting of the council next week from the coming Friday.

I presume it is not necessary for me to write you all these details - but they will serve to keep you informed of what is being done.

Yours truly.

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June [illegible], 1908.

Mr. [illegible] Roehr,

[illegible] National Av.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me by several parties that a touring car, numbered 3758, was out upon the Lake Mendota Drive Sunday, June 14. I find, on consulting the Secretary of State's office, that this car is put down as belonging to you.

This drive is under the control and management of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and is not open to automobiles except two afternoons in each week. All such automobiles are absolutely excluded from the drive on Sundays. Very prominent notices are posted up at various places along the drive so that no one could possibly escape noticing the same unless he shut his eyes. There is quite a heavy fine imposed for any automobile violating the rules excluding them from this drive.

I wish you would drop me a line, explaining how it happened that your machine was on this drive at this time. Of course, we are desirous of accommodating strangers who may come to our city, but this drive is not constructed so as to be used indiscriminately by automobiles. It is very narrow, very winding, and very dangerous to women and children especially who may be out upon the drive, particularly on Sundays.

Before anything further is done in this matter, I will wait until sufficient time has elapsed for your reply.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

June 14, 1908.

Mr. E. G. Stanton,
c/o Sherlock Hotel,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 13th, informing me as to sale of lot to William Neal, Jr., received. I have notified Mr. Clark, the one in charge of the dredge work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 15, 1908.

Mr. S. T. Swansen,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of June 13 received. Two copies of the last annual report have been forwarded, as requested, to W. A. Lawrence of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. If you do not, within a short time, get a copy of the report, please let me know. A man is distributing the same, but it takes some time for him to get around.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 16, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

We have paid Kueffel & Esser Company $2.72 for steel tape ordered by you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 16, 1908.

Mr. Peter Burger,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I return the enclosed bill, for the reason that I would like an itemized statement showing what the bill is for. I have never received a bill from you for this, and if you sent a bill, as stated to Mr. Hoyt, in January or February, it must have been miscarried, as we always pay bills as soon as presented. Please forward itemized statement and I will see the same is paid.

Yours truly,

President.

June 16, 1908.

Mr. P. J. O'Brien,
Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:-

I enclose herewith a bill against our association for $14.00 for the two timbers referred to in your letter of the 11th, and also warrant to pay for the same. I find the timbers are still in use, and we are very glad to pay you the $14.00.

Will you be so kind as to receipt the bill and return same to me?

I wish also on behalf of the association to thank your company very much for its accommodation in this matter.

Yours truly,

J. Russell MacLean

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

June 16, 1908.

Kueffel & Esser Co.,
111 E. Madison St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2.72 to pay for bill for one steel tape, furnished by you to William G. MacLean, foreman of our parks. Will you be so king as to receipt the enclosed bill and return same directly to me at Madison, and oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)

June 18, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

City.

Dear Sir:-

If you can get 300 yards of good dirt at from 40 to $50 for Tenney Park at the place indicated, I think we better buy it, but try to get the price down to $40 if possible, and if not, try and get it at $45.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 20, 1908.

Mr. Edward M. Fuller,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I understand that you have been out of the city, but that you are expected back either the latter part of this week or the first of next week. Inasmuch as the question of securing the unfilled lots for an addition to Tenney Park will come up before the council on Friday night of next week for final determination, I thought I would write you concerning the matter.

Ever since you called at my office shortly after the report was circulated as to the proposed construction of an ice house, I, with other members of our board, have been quietly but persistently working to have the city secure these seven unfilled lots for an addition to the park. With that end in view, we have secured an option from the Willow Park Land Company for the sale of its four lots at $10,000, and the company has also subscribed the sum of $1,000 toward a fund to be paid to our association for the improvement of the addition to Tenney Park. This is at the rate of $250 per lot.

We have also secured a proposition from Mr. Heddles that he would sell to Mr. N. J. Johnson one of his two lots at just what the lot has cost him. I regard this as a contribution of not less than $500. As you probably know, Mr. Johnson now owns the lot next adjoining the present boundaries of Tenney Park, and to carry this scheme through we must of course have this lot. But Mr. Johnson is very anxious to build a home on the lake and we were compelled to secure for him an opportunity to buy another lot. Mr. Johnson is willing to let his lot go at just what it has cost him.

We feel it very important in bringing this matter before the council

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that we should be able to present to the council a pretty handsome subscription fund toward the improvement of the park after the land is purchased, and with this end in view, we feel that Mr. Hobbins and Mrs. Fuller, or those who own, as we understand, five filled lots, will contribute toward the project at the rate of $250 a lot. We feel, under the circumstances, that the owners of these lots can well afford to do this. The squaring up of this park as proposed and the carrying forward rapidly to completion the addition to the park, as is the present plan, will, I think, add not less than $250 value to each of these lots on a conservative basis. But the important fact is that, if we succeed in getting the city to appropriate $20,000 for the purchase of this property, we shall thereby keep out the ice house. I think the erection of an ice house at this point would very nearly, if not quite, reduce this property value one-half.

Although I own no property in this portion of the city, and therefore have no money interest in the matter, I am exceedingly interested in having the city acquire this additional property, and this is the reason why I am writing you this letter.

I should add that we intend to ask other parties to subscribe all along Sherman Avenue, but of course cannot expect to secure from the people generally very large subscriptions.

The subscriptions are all conditioned upon the city acquiring all these seven unfilled lots for park purposes as an addition to Tenney Park and are not made payable until after such title has been acquired, and upon the further condition that all of the money is to be used toward the completion of the park.

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Another fact that makes it so necessary to secure these subscriptions at this time is that Mr. Tenney has flatly refused to give any additional money toward the improvement of the park at this time, except upon our complying, or the city complying, with certain conditions which it is absolutely impossible to comply with, one of which being the lowering of lake Mendota some four feet to the level of the waters in lake Monona. Of course, we have no power to do this, and would not favor it if we had. The city would have upon its back a nice bunch of injunction suits the moment any such thing as this should be attempted.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

C.W. Constantine

June 20, 1908.

Mr. Howard Braastreet,

Sec'y. Metropolitan Parks & Playgrounds Asso.,

105 E. 22nd St., New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 15 duly received. I have with pleasure sent, as equested, a copy of the last annual report of our association to M. Benvoit evy, at his address in Paris.

Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

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C.W. Constantine

June 20, 1908.

ureau of Engraving,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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Enclosed please find warrant for $3.90 for your bill for one lf tone plate. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and ge.

Yours truly,

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President.

June 20, 1908.

Mr. Henry D. Goodwin,
Wells Bldg.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Goodwin:-

I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

president.

June 20, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Morhoff,
454 W. Washington Av.,
City.

Dear Sir:- The assessment of $100 against lot 13, Parkside Subdivision, made at the end of last May, has not been paid by you. This is a matter that should be attended to at once. We need the funds to enable us to continue with the improvement. Please give this matter your prompt attention.

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 20, 1908.

Mr. Charles G. Riley,

City.

Dear Mr. Riley:-

I write you concerning lot 13, Parkside Subdivision, upon which Edward W. Morhoff has a contract for the purchase from our association. He has not paid the last assessment made of $100 upon the lot at the beginning of this month. I write you because you acted as attorney for him in signing a remonstrance to us. I will also send further notice to Mr. Morhoff. The assessment should be paid at once, since we need the money to go ahead with the improvement.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 20, 1908.

Hon. M. Benvoit Levy,

9 Boulevard du Temple,

Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association, at the request of Mr. Howard Bradstreet, Secretary Metropolitan Parks and Playgrounds Association of New York City.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 20, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Tenney,

c/o Yawkey-Crowley Lumber Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 18 received and contents noted. I regret exceedingly that you find difficulty in raising money to complete purchase price of lot 12, Parkside Subdivision. I presume the association can, in some way, aid you in disposing of the lot. We did that with reference to Mr. Hall and Mr. Carl Tenney. With that end in view, I have prepared a form of assignment, leaving the name of the purchaser blank and reciting as the consideration the amount you have paid for the lot thus far. If you are willing to dispose of the lot at this figure and will sign the enclosed paper and return same to me, I will take the matter up at once either directly or through other parties, and see whether we cannot dispose of the lot for you. Of course, you will understand that I, being a director, would not be in a position to purchase the property,

Inasmuch as we are in need of the money to go ahead with the improvement, I trust that you will attend to the matter as promptly as possible. We should much prefer that you should retain the lot, for I think it is very good property.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

June 22, 1908.

Hon J. C. Schubert,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I sent a note on Saturday to Mr. Fuller, setting forth, as well as I knew how, the situation, and stated that the subscriptions would have to be gotten in before the meeting on Friday, of this week. I hope you will be able to see him to-day, if you have not already done so, provided he is in town.

Undoubtedly you have in mind the fact that whatever subscriptions we get--in the main, at least--ought to be secured before the meeting on Friday evening. I wonder if it would be possible for you, with say two others as a committee, to take the matter up and see most of the parties from whom you might expect to get any contribution. I should think Rudolph Kropf ought to be a good man to help, but you will know all about whom to associate with you in the matter. Considering the amount of other work you have to do, you ought not to have this burden put upon you, but I feel sure that you are the only one, under the circumstances, who can be successful with it.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alexander

President.

June 22, 1908.

International Harvester Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.75 for enclosed bill, which pleas receipt and return.

Hereafter, send all bills against the Association to William G. MacLean, park foreman. Everything of this kind, under our present arrangement, is to come through him.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 22, 1908.

Mr. John B. Sanborn,

City.

Dear Mr. Sanborn:-

In order that you may see that I gave heed to your information as to party on drive, I enclose you herewith a letter, which I received in reply to my letter, from Mr. Roehr. After reading it, you can return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

June 22, 1908.

Mr. Roland B. Roehr,
811 National Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 21 received and contents noted. I do not think, from your statement, that you did anything very bad. Perhaps you did not know that you could have gone out on the public road to a road that turns in by the old Merrill farm house, which would have brought you upon the drive only a short distance east of the Parkinson cottage. We have, without publishing the matter, given parties permission to get in that way to the houses along this part of the drive, they using discretion in watching to see that carriages are not on the drive on that section, or if so, that unusual precaution is taken to avoid any accident.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 23, 1908.

Mr. Milton O. Nelson,
4260 Park Boulevard,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Nelson:-

Yours of the 22nd received, and I was very much pleased to hear from you and also to receive a copy of the beautiful annual report of the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners. It is one of the neatest reports of the kind published. I am also exceedingly glad to note that you are on that board. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association.

I knew the La Crosse Dredging Company was doing work at your city. You could not have got better men for such work. They have handled here at Madison for us well toward, if not quite a million cubic yards of filling, and their work has always been done with great satisfaction to the people here.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 23, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Tenney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 22 received, enclosing assignment of land contract covering lot 12, in Parkside Subdivision. I think you are right in having the $10.00 paid for sewerage tax included, and I have raised the amount, making it $374.50. I will take the matter right up and see what can be done toward securing a purchaser.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

June 24, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a bill presented by Peter Burger for $25.70. You will observe that it extends from March 22, 1907, down to Jan. 18, 1908. It is also in such shape that no person can tell as against what account to charge the different items. Of course, you are not responsible for this, and I merely send it to you to show how things have run rather loosely. I presume we will have to pay the bill entirely out of the general funds, although I do not suppose that over a third or half, at most, should be charged to that fund. Perhaps by a conference with Severt and some of the other men, you could pick out certain of the larger items, such as the wheel barrow, and have new bill made out for these items against the proper fund, but perhaps that would involve too much labor and we had better let the matter rest where it is.

I am very anxious that no bill of this kind, or any kind, shall be allowed to run hereafter. I want you to be careful to see that all accounts are presented at the close of each month and give the dealers to understand that that is our method of doing business. You can return the bill to me and we will see it is paid.

The bill from Andrew Mayers that was turned over to you to have corrected has never been returned. Will you see about this and tell Mr. Mayers plainly his duty in such matters?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

president.

June 24, 1903.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of June 20 was duly received, and postal card as to blue prints just received.

As to the location of the bath house, we have had in mind the bay formed by the projection of West Washington Avenue. I do not think it can be built so as to be used in the winter time. The city would not be willing, I think, to stand that expense.

As to the location of the boat house, I am not at all certain what is the best place. Perhaps, for the present, it would be in what we call the triangle, and almost opposite Bassett street near the track of the North-western road. The difficulty about this location is the crossing of the railroad track to get at the building. But there will have to be a crossing for the driveway at the foot of Bassett street, and undoubtedly gates must be put in at this point and an attendant kept there by the railway company.

As to the bridges in Tenney Park, I think we ought to settle on a design as soon as practicable for the one nearest Superman avenue. We have just put in a temporary bridge there so as to be able to get to the island with our teams. We find the water span at this place wider than I supposed, being, as I understand from the men, at least fifty feet, and one question is whether we ought to fill out some at this point. I will have the foreman

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examine carefully your blue print map and try and have the lines indicated and that followed as closely as possible.

We must determine promptly upon the proper connection between the lake and the lagoons. I have asked the city engineer to go out and look the ground over. We must get some fresh running water into the lagoons as soon as possible. The small lagoon between the avenue and the lake has been filled so that there is nothing to prevent our going ahead with making the connection.

It has been suggested by the foreman that the walk on the lake side of Sherman Avenue which terminated at the edge of the water in the lagoon as it existed between the avenue and the lake, should now be continued through to the northerly end of the park on that side of the road, and I am inclined to think this should be done. Of course, as long as the water was there, people necessarily had to turn to the right into the road, but now that the filling has been made they will naturally continue across the park strip.

We are not at all satisfied with the situation of things at the foot of Warren street in Henry Villas Park. As you remember, there is at this point an old ice house, and in front of it the owners have constructed another building so as to practically monopolize the driveway we have built in front of the ice house. There was a mistake made by the engineer--not the city engineer--we employed in laying out this part of the waterway and driveway, so that we do not, according to measurement, have the land that we supposed we had. The city ought to acquire this ice house property, and it ought, in connection with that, to extend Emerald street and Erin street through to Warren street. Mr. Mische, at one time, prepared a plan on the theory that

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the above things should be done and some additional land acquired so as to carry out his scheme or plan. The city needs to do this in order to complete Henry Vilas Park. It would cost quite a sum of money, but it can be done cheaper at this time than at any later date. It is one of the matters that I wish you would bear in mind and make a study of at your next visit.

Another matter of considerable importance arises in connection with the small oval park at the west end of West Washington Avenue. In building the new street around that park, the bank has been cut into at various places, varying from one foot up to three or four feet. It is not possible, in my judgment, to grade back so as to get a proper slope. This would involve, I think, destroying largely the beauty and usefulness of the little park. It has occurred to me that the best method of treating these banks would be to put in a split boulder wall sloping away from the road. This is a matter about which we shall want your help.

I know that you feel strongly on the question of our having here no proper railway approach to the city. The situation of things at what we call the East Madison Station, which is the principal station in the city, comprising the Northwestern and one of the stations of the St. Paul road, is about as bad as could well be. It has occurred to me as to whether something could not be done by which these two stations would be brought together and all of the land lying between Hancock street and the foot of Blair street acquired, and a union station constructed on the lake at this point. I am afraid this plan could not be carried out because it would involve the crossing by the larger portion of the people of the city all of the tracks of the two roads at this point in order to get to and from the station. There

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could be acquired at this point surficient land without any difficulty for the building, and the building would be so located as to make a proper impression upon one entering the city, but I don't see how the above difficulty could be overcome.

I have had copies of the report sent out to the different parties as suggested by you, except in cases where I had already sent such report.

When you were here you thought that you might possibly come the next time by way of the lakes and make a visit, as I understood, first to Door County section. Do you have any such plan in mind at this time? If I can arrange my business matters, I would like to make a trip to this section at the same time you are there and with a view, perhaps, of making a purchase of some land, provided the situation impresses me as favorably as it does Mr. Brittingham.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Edward W. Payne, of Oshkosh, desiring me to give him your address, and I have done so. He evidently has you in mind with a view of consulting you concerning work at that city.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 24, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Payne,

Oshkosh, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 23 received, and contents noted. The person you inquire about is Mr. John Nolen, and his address is 1387 Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. We expect he will be with us again some time about the last of July.

You may be interested in looking through the last annual report of our association, in which you will find a statement concerning Mr. Nolen and also an abstract of his remarks at the annual meeting of our association. I send you, under another cover, a copy of such report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 24, 1904.

Hon. J. H. Stout,

Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Mr. Stout:-

Mr. Blake has just called at the office and informs me that you have not been able to secure the roller you desire for some work at or near Dubuque, Iowa. He tells me that he has been unable to secure such a roller as is needed. He also states that if we consent to allowing the use of the roller, it will be operated by Mr. McCormick, who is in the employment of the city here; that he does not wish the use of the roller until about a month from now. With the understanding that Mr. McCormick is employed to operate the roller and that it is returned to us in as good condition as when delivered by us to Mr. Blake, I will recommend to our directors that they consent to letting the roller go. I would be in favor of this because you ask it. The charges for the use of the roller would be $5.00 a day. Mr. Blake thinks that it would not take over a week to do the work. We have some work yet to do here, but we can complete that within a few days, I think.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)-

President.

June 25, 1908.

Miss Harriet Ryre,
Sec. C. F. W. C.,
Edgerton,

Dear Madam:-

Yours of [illegible] received, and contents noted. Mr. Nolen is only with us a portion of the year. He expects to return about the last of July. He is a very busy man and does not, I think, make it a business to lecture except as it may be in direct connection with his work for a city or municipality. If you should address him here at Madison sometime after the 1st of August, he would get your letter, or if you should address him as follows: "John Nolen, Landscape Architect, 1382 Harvard Square, Cambrid Mass.," he would receive the same.

Yours truly,

John Nolen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 27, 1908.

Mr. T. E. Brittingham,
City

Dear Mr. Brittingham:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $2,000, which I have endorsed over to Frank W. Hoyt. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 27, 1908

Mr. Lester C. Griffith,
Lynbrook, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 25 received. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the annual report of our association for the year 1908.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 29, 1908.

Mr. F. L. Mulford,

Sec'y. American Association of Park Superintendents,

75 N. 16th St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I would appreciate it, if you could send a copy of Bulletin No. 4, June 1907, to Mr. J. C. Schubert, mayor of the city of Madison. I have been very much interested in looking this bulletin through.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 30, 1908.

Mr. [illegible] A. Diment,
Mr. 524 W. Johnson St.,
Dear Sir: Madison, Wis.
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.00 to pay your bill for delivering annual reports. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 30, 1908.

Mr. John Quincy Adams,
Asst. Sec'y. Art Commission,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of June 26 received. I should be pleased if you would put me on your mailing list, or rather the office I represent as follows:

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, Madison W

Very truly yours,

June 30, 1908.

Mr. James E. Moseley,

Gra City.

Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.75 to pay your bill against the

tion. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Cline

Presodent.

June 30, 1908

ert Adams,

Adams Co.,

Dubuque, Iowa.

r:-

Yours of June 29 received. Under another cover, I take pleasure

ding you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and

re Drive Association.

Yours truly,

John W. Cline

by O.)

President.

June 30, 1908.

Mr. Graham Romeyn Taylor,
Asso. Editor Charities and the Commons,
174 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 25th received. Under another cover, I am sending you a copy of the report of our association for 1907. At page 48 of the same, you will find a paper on the subject by Mr. Emil T. Mische, our then park superintendent.

The work here as to playgrounds is as yet not very fully developed, but there is much interest in the subject and we have some three or four different places or plats of ground purchased for this purpose and hope to acquire others.

Our parks are also, as yet, not fully developed. We intend to make them as serviceable as possible to all the people. We are just now constructing in one of them a wading pool for little children, 150 feet long by 80 feet wide, but circular in form. This is located in Tenney Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 2, 1908.

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July 9, 1901

Mr. Fred Ho[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the 1st of [illegible]

[illegible] $100. [illegible] of the twenty lots in [illegible]

[illegible] to remit by return

[illegible] of $200. being assessment against lots

[illegible] make check payable

14 + 16 of [illegible]

able to Frank W. Hoyt, but send [illegible]

Very truly yours

[illegible]

[illegible]

July 9, 1901

Mr. Darwin Hansen,

City.

Dear Sir;

An assessment as of the 1st of July has been made of $100. on each of the twenty lots in [illegible] division. Will you kindly remit by return mail the sum of $200. being assessment against lots 16 + 18 and said subdivision? [illegible], make check payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but send [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

July 6, 1908.

Messrs. A. D. & J. V. Frederickson,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $19.81 to pay your bill for repairing lock. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige,

(Warrant)
(Encl.)

Yours truly,

President.

July 6, 1908.

Fuller & Johnson,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $.45 to pay your bill for repairing lawn- mower. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige,

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Encl.)

President.

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Mr. F. W. Jacobs,

City.

Dear Sir:-

A complaint has been made to me that you were out on the Lake Mendota Drive yesterday, Sunday afternoon, at about three o'clock, at a point a little this side of Rustic bridge. The number of the machine was given to me as 717, and I find that is the number of your machine as recorded in the office of the Secretary of State. Before taking any steps in the matter, I write you this note to ascertain your side of the matter. I could hardly believe that you would be out on this drive in violation of the rules, and especially on Sunday afternoon.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

July 6, 1908

Mr. Burger, Esq.

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $20.70 to pay your bill. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill. Hereafter, present any bill you may have against the Association at the end of each month.

Yours

John W. Olin

July 6, 1908.

Judge O. P. Shiras,

Colonial Hotel,

Concord, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you, under another cover, at the suggestion of Mr. Herbert Adams, of Dubuque, Iowa, a copy of the last annual report of our association. I trust you may find it of some interest to the good work, which I understand from Mr. Adams, you have inaugurated in Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvis

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 6, 1908.

Mr. Louis A. Geffert,

City.

Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $11.25 to pay your bill for whips and repairing harnesses. Please receipt and return to us in enclosed bill and oblige,

Yours truly,

John W. Alvis

President.

July 6, 1908.

Mr. F. L. Mulford, Sec.,
American Association of Parks,
75 North 16th St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of July 2, received, stating that you would send copy of bulletin No. 4 to our Mayor, Mr. J. C. Schubert. I wish I could secure for my own use two or three extra copies of this bulletin. I would be very glad to pay for the same.

I note what you say about the convention in Minneapolis August 11-13, and I shall send our park foreman, as we call him, really park superintendent, to the meeting. As you know, we have divided the work which Mr. Mische formerly did into two parts, assigning one part to Mr. William G. MacLean, park foreman here on the ground, while Mr. John Nolen, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, acts as landscape architect.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 6, 1902.

International Harvester Company,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed find warrant for $1.00 to pay for machine repairs. Kindly receipt and return enclosed bill and oblige,

Yours truly,

[signature]

President

(Warrant)

Enc.

July 6, 1902.

John Gallagher Company,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $38.10 to pay your bill for 2 water proof Canvas Covers. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige

Yours truly,

[signature]

July 6, 1907.

Kluster & Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed find two warrants for $49.25 and $5.75 respectively for feed for horses. Kindly receipt and return enclosed bill and oblige.

This is a mistake. Letter returned.

Yours truly,
[signature]
President.

July 6, 1907.

Chas. J. Kruse, Esq.
City.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 to pay your bill for 2 signs for Orton Pants. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige.

Yours truly,
[signature]
President.

July 6, 1901.

Yankey Lumber Co.
City.

Gentlemen:-

This is a mistake. Letter returned.

Enclosed find three warrants for $55.58, $[illegible].12 and $13.28 to pay your bill for lumber. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills and oblige,

Yours truly,
[illegible]
President

July 6, 1901

Mr. Andrew A. Mayers,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find two warrants for $[illegible].50 and $22.15 to pay your bill for grass seed. Please receipt and return enclosed bills and oblige.

Yours truly,
[illegible]
President

July 6, 1908.

Mr. A. O. Fox, President,
Northern Electrical Mfg., Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

You may send your check for the enclosed bill to me, but make it payable to F. W. Hoyt.

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

July 6, 1908.

Gisholt Manufacturing Company,
City.

Gentlemen:-

You may send your check for the enclosed bill to me, but make it payable to F. W. Hoyt.

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

F. M. Schlinger

July 6, 1908.

Mr. Herbert Adams, Sec.,
The Adams Company,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of July 2, received. I have with pleasure mailed as requested, a copy of our last annual report to Judge O. P. Shiras, Colonial Hotel, Concord, Mass. It is encouraging to have such men as Judge Shiras take an active interest in the work you are doing at Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvin

President.

July 4, 1908

Cantwell Printing Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed find two warrants $965.50 and $94.45 respectively, to pay your bills. K[illegible] receipt and return the enclosed bills and obli[illegible]

Yours truly,

John W. Al[illegible]

President.

July 7, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I do not wish to interfere too much in matters of detail, but I think you ought to have paid some attention to my request yesterday morning not to proceed to cut the balance of that hay but to wait a day or so. Had you done so, the chances are we should have been able to get that hay up without any damage. As it is one-half at least of the amount cut is seriously injured. The chances of rain were so strong yesterday morning that any one could not help feeling that the great probability would be rain within less than twenty-four hours.

I do not know what you are doing this morning, but the single horse and mower ought to have been put at cutting the grass on the low ground so far as that can be cut with a horse. As I stated over the telephone, we have boots that we bought a year ago for that purpose. If you could spare your horse, I think it would be a very good animal for the purpose. You, of course, should be present to see that the work was started safely, and that no risk was assumed to your horse.

I was down by the barn and yard this morning. Things are not in a very satisfactory shape at that place. The fence has been torn and no effort whatever made to have our tools and buildings fenced [illegible] the new covering which we have just paid $38.00 for, or at least one part of it, I found jumbled together on the outside and at the end of the barn. There is nothing to prevent any one from stealing it a

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I shall be surprised if it is not stolen, if left there vey long. You ought to keep an eye on these and jack up any of the men pretty strongly who will do such a careless thing as this.

I want you to take steps at once to have the fence put up and gates put in with locks and keys so that every Tom Dick and Harry cannot get into the yard where our tools and things are, and then see that the men take some care of things.

The manure there in front of the barn should be cleared up. It is a disreputable place in its present condition.

I wish you would see that a copy of the rules as to automobiles being on the drives is posted up in every hotel, livery-stable, and garage, in the city. It might be well also to have with you a number of extra copies of the little leaflet that was published giving these rules. I am being constantly called up by different parties wanting to know when they can be on the drives, etc, until it has become very much of a nuisance.

Very truly yours,

Colonel Roosevelt

(Dic. by O.) President.

July 7, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark, Sec.,
La Crosse Dredging Company,
2014 Madison St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1944, being the amount of the estimate the work in Brittingham Park. Please receipt the same and return the sed to me.

I have another estimate on Tenney Park Improvement for $2430. I wish you would wait a little while for this. We can pay part, or most of it, if not all, I think, within a week or ten days. We ought to have made a heavier assessment than we did this month.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant.)
(Enc.)

President.

July 7, 1908.

Hon. George W. Smith,
1238 E. Dayton St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

It will be necessary for us to make assessment next month for a larger portion of the amount still due on the balance of the lots in Parkside Subdivision. We are very much in need of funds. The fact is we cannot pay the assessment that has just come in in favor of the La Crosse Dredging Company. I have just received it, and this alone amounts to $2430 or $430 more than the entire assessment which I made for the present month. I wish very much that you could make some arrangement so as to get to us the amount due. We will execute a deed to you at any time so as to enable you to borrow money on the lots. You would not lose much by this, since the money will all be due in a short time anyway. We are rushing that work ahead just as rapidly as possible. We hope to be able to make a contract for the black dirt within the next few days. I hope the lot owners will see that their lots are graded and covered just as soon as the filling is completed.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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Mr. Martin Weffald,

2126 Winnebago St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me that you were upon the Lake Mendota Drive on Sunday afternoon last at about three o'clock, at a point just this side of Rustic bridge. The number of your machine is given as 717. This is a machine owned at one time by Mr. F. W. Jacobs.

Before taking further steps in the matter, I write you this letter to give you an opportunity to call at the office at once and make such explanation, if any, as you may see fit. It is almost beyond comprehension how any one would be out on this drive on a Sunday afternoon against all the rules of the association and at a time when there would be great risk by reason of the number of carriages upon the drive at that time, This is a matter that demands your prompt attention

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

July 7-1908.

Mr. Stephen Roth,

R.F.D. No 1.

City.

President.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed please find warrant for $12.75 to pay your bill for grain. Kindly receipt and return enclosed bill and [illegible]

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

July 7, 1908.

Mrs. Andrew Olsen,

521 East Mifflin St.,

City.

Dear Madam:-

Your husband has been drunk again over the fourth and Sunday, etc. I gave him a last trial, and it was distinctly understood at that time if he got drunk again, that ended his work for the association. He must have gotten the money to get drunk with over the fourth from you. You certainly should not have given him any money until after the fourth, for you must have known what his weakness is, and hence, the temptation in case he got any money into his hands just before the fourth. We cannot have our team driven or cared for by a man who is getting drunk, and I am thoroughly tired of trying to do anything more for Mr. Olson.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 8–1908.

David Stephens–Esq.
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:– Enclosed find four warrants for $228.32, $21.25, $14.24, and $7.27, respectively, to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills and oblige,

Yours truly,
President.

4 check
4 warrants

July 8–1908.

International Harvester Co.
City.

Gentlemen:– Enclosed find warrant for [illegible] Cents to pay your bill against the Association. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bills and oblige

Yours truly,
President

Enc
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July 8-1908.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $17.70 to pay your bill against the Association. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige.

Yours truly,
[signature]
President.

Warrant
Enc.

July 8-1908.

Doyon & Rayne,
City,

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $17.70 to pay your bill against the Association. Kindly receipt and return the enclosed bill and oblige.

Yours truly,
[signature]
President.

Warrant
Enc.

July 8, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I think we are spending too much money in certain directions where economy might be practised. Take for example the bill which I have paid for $5.00 for six signs as to playing ball in Orton Park. I suggested to you that you get some signs printed and then have these nailed upon some boards. This could have been done for certainly one-half the amount of the bill, and you could have had enough extra ones on hand to use for an indefinite time in the future. It is not a case, I think, where a printed permanent sign was necessary. I merely use this transaction as an illustration.

You need to keep in mind all the time that our funds are very limited. At the rate we have been going recently, we shall be bankrupt before winter sets in. I note that some of the men we deal with, for instance Doyon & Rayne, do not give us the discount that we used to get, and that other firms give us.—Before you do any further trading with Yawkey, Crowley Lumber Company, please consult me. I will explain the situation.— It seems to me that the two bills for the grass seed for Henry Vilas and for Brittingham Parks are unduly large. As I remember the two bills amounted to something like $45.00. The seeding in Brittingham Park ought not to have cost more than one-half what it did. It is simply a temporary piece of work. The piece of ground seeded in Henry Vilas Park was entirely too limited, in my judgment, to call for any such amount for the seed.-

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I write the above to see if something cannot be done to get of our bills down on a more reasonable basis.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

President.

I feel ~~[illegible]~~ that this ordering of material etc by many different persons is giving the idea that the highest price can be charged in each case, and that no one is keeping a close watch of things. So far as you can, when the bill is of any size, it would be well to make a bargain in advance, and use the argument that we beg most your money, and hence we ought to be favored as much as possible, especially when it is remembered that we always pay cash — Will you sometimes get for me and leave at my office the ~~[illegible]~~ plan preferred by Mr. Missle that showed the ice house [illegible] as an addition to ~~[illegible]~~ — Very Vil. at Pork

J. M. O.

July 8, 1908.

Mr. John F. Ieke,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Could you get to me, before Monday evening next, a statement of the number of cubic yards of filling it will take to fill the seven lots recently purchased as an addition to Tenney Park between the avenue and the lake? The lots are to be filled in such a way as to join the present fill and furnish slope enough to carry water down to a point where the new catch basin has recently been put in, where the old culvert extended under the road. We are to have a meeting of our directors Monday night, and for certain reasons I wish very much we could get these facts before that time.

Yours very truly,

John W. Clark

(Dic. by C.)

July 8, 1908.

Mr. C. L. Whitmey,

C/O D. C. Bascom,

Ticonderoga, N. Y.,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 7, received, enclosing check for $200 as part payment on purchase price of two lots in Parkside Subdivision. Please accept thanks for same.

Very truly yours,

John W. Clark

President.

July 9, 1908.

Mr John Gallagher,

[illegible]-13 Bedford St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

As I remember you have not as yet given our Association any subscription this year. Can you not help to say about $10.00, or if not that amount, make it whatever sum you feel you can afford to give.

Very truly yours,

John M. Clin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 9, 1908.

Mr. Henry Hoyt,

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I have been thinking of writing to you for sometime, but have hesitated lest you might think I was trying, when extending to you an invitation to go out over the drives, etc., "to work" you. And now I am going to be perfectly frank, as I think that is always the best way to do. For years I have had in mind the connecting in some way the name of Samuel D. Hastings with our city and the work we have been trying to do here.

Lest you may not have handy the last annual report of the Association, I send you, under another cover, a copy of the same, and also a copy of a previous report for the year 1906, for the reason that I wish to make some reference to different pages in these reports. You will observe by consulting page 11 of the 1908 report, that we had raised up to the date of that report for the work of the Association something over $214,000. By consulting page 39 of the same report you will notice that gifts to the city within the past five years by reason of this work aggregate, at the date of the last annual report, something over $153,000.

I wish now you would turn to pages 34 and 35 of the annual report for 1906. You will there notice a map, necessarily drawn to a very small scale, of Tenney Park and Yahara River Parkway. The upper part of this map has been modified somewhat as will be seen by consulting page 18 of the report for 1908. It has been one of my aims in this work to secure, not only boulevard drives on each side of the river, but also a number of

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substantial and beautiful bridges across the river. Mr. Steensland, some three years ago, gave to the city $10,000 for the erection of a memorial bridge across the river on East Washington avenue at the point marked E on the 1906 map. You may remember that we drove by this bridge.

The city has erected a substantial cement bridge on Williamson street at a point marked C at a cost of over $6000. This bridge does not compare, as you may have observed, in its design or effect with the Steensland bridge. We very much need a fine bridge on Rutledge street as you cross the river at the point marked B. As you will remember Rutledge is the street next to the lake. There is here the finest opportunity for the erection of a fine memorial bridge. It is the first bridge one would see when he comes from Lake Monona up the river to the other lake. There should be a bridge at this point of a substantial, neat, artistic, design, that would make for all time a favorable impression upon any one viewing it either from the water or the land. There will never be any bridge between this point and the Williamson street bridge, so that any person crossing Williamson street bridge and looking down east toward Lake Monona, will have a fine view of the bridge that may be constructed on Rutledge street. Hence, the bridge will stand out most prominently which ever way you might be going, and whether you were travelling by water or by land.

In this connection I would like to have you consult the map found at page 51 of the 1908 report which shows the route of the proposed boulevard drive in black heavy lines. This drive will be about eleven miles in length and will pass through or around practically all of the parks, will

include the finest portions of the University grounds, and as you will observe, passes down each side of the river with the exception of a short break on the easterly side between Main and Williamson streets.

Now, turn back to the map at page 34 of the report for 1906, you will observe a proposed boulevard drive extending from Jenifer to Rutledge street and marked AB on the map. This has not yet been construct-ed, but will be immediately upon the construction of the new bridge on Rutledge street. On the opposite side of the river, the driveway from C to B has been macadamized, and you will remember we drove over the same. Rutledge street is to be extended east across the marsh which has been filled and will pass through Schuetzen Park and then Elmside, and as we trust, will constitute a part of the drive ultimately to pass around Lake Monona. In this connection consult also the map at pages 32 and 33 of the 1908 report showing Brittingham Park and the proposed Brittingham Parkway around as far as South Madison which will give us some two miles of drive on the lake shore in that direction around toward Lakeside Assembly Grounds, and this will also form a part of the proposed drive around Lake Monona, which, when complete, will make about a twelve mile drive in circular form.

The thought has occurred to me that perhaps you, in consider-ation of former associations here and of your relation to Mr. Hastings might feel like giving to the city or rather to our Association in trust for the city, sufficient money to erect an appropriate memorial bridge across the river on Rutledge street, the bridge to be erected in memory of Mr. Hastings whose memory is not only much honored here in this city, but by all of the people of the state. Such a bridge would probably cost about eight to ten thousand dollars. The Steensland bridge, as stated

above cost $10,000, but it is somewhat wider perhaps than a bridge at Rutledge street would need to be. At any rate, a beautiful bridge could be constructed inside of $10,000. You see I have been bold to make the suggestion very plainly, thinking that was the best way to do. If you should think favorably of the suggestion, there ought to be certain conditions attached to any such gift which would compel things to be done on behalf of the city. I enclose herewith suggestions along that line for your consideration.

I will state in this connection, that we would not expect to build the bridge this year, but would expect to build it next year. If it would make any difference to you, you could make the gift conditioned on paying one-half the cost in 1909 and the other half in 1910. Our Association would go ahead and build the bridge next year and borrow the one-half paying interest on the same for one year, that is to 1910. This is a matter of detail, of course.

I think it unnecessary for me to try to emphasize to you the high regard in which I held Mr. Hastings. He stands out in my life as one of the three or four persons for whom I have not only the highest regard but from whom I got most with my associations thus far with different men in life.

If a gift should be made by you along the lines above indicated, of course, we shall see that some neat, unobtrusive and appropriate bronze tablet was placed upon the bridge indicating your exact wishes in the matter.

As stated in the opening of the letter, I have hesitated some-

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what in writingto you but I feel that, however, you may question my judgment, you will not question my motives. I have given considerable of my time and strength during the last sixteen years to this work. Madison has not been blest with a large number of persons who are both willing and able to make large contributions. Some of those most able have been least willing. Thus far of the large givers, Senator Vilas has given $35,000; T. E. Brittingham, $24,500; D. K. Tenney, $15,000; Halle Steensland, $10,000 Burr Jones, $7,000. It is my purpose before I get through with this work to secure, if possible, not less than three memorial bridges, in addition to the Steensland bridge on this river. The other two persons I have in mind [illegible]. W. Hoyt, one of the best men I ever knew, and the other is John Bascom. [illegible]pe some day that Frank Hoyt will take care of the one bridge, and I [illegible]nink I can in some way get the memorial for Mr. Bascom. I cannot help but feel that it would be most appropriate to have Mr. Hastings' name attached to one of these bridges.

In many respects a substantial bridge, finely located and of neat design, makes a fine memorial. Properly constructed, it is practically indestructible. There is no reason why such a bridge should not be as good as new two thousand years hence. [illegible]

Let me say further that a gift of this kind at this time would, in my opinion, help more in the work that we are trying to do than a gift in any other direction. We need to have secured a compliance on the part of the city with the conditions proposed to be attached to the gift, and, as you will appreciate, it will not as yet be easy, if indeed possible, to have the city at this time raise by taxation $10,000 for an appropriate

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bridge at this point. If we can secure one or two more such bridges, then I feel that the city will be sufficiently educated to realize the importance of spending money for the creation of ~~duty~~ beauty as a municipal asset.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

July 11, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

You undoubtedly have heard from Mr. Brittingham in regard to his plan to take a trip from Marinette on a yacht to the proposed park in Door County about the 4th of August. He has invited Mrs. Olin and myself to go and I intend to go, if possible, and will urge Mrs. Olin to go also. Of course, you would be along. I wonder whether after taking that trip and looking over "Thunder Mountain", which I understand can all be done in four days, it will be possible for you and me to return to Door County and spend a day or two looking over some ground Mr. Brittingham has talked to me about, with a view of my perhaps making a purchase and with becoming more familiar with the location.

Last night the common council did something which I am somewhat disappointed about and did not know the matter was coming up, and that is voted to put all the play grounds under the charge of the school board. I am not at all certain that this is the wisest thing. It certainly ought not to have been done without first having our board consider the matter, and after you had had an opportunity to advise us. We are to have our meeting of the directors on Monday evening, and I intend at that meeting to bring the matter up and state plainly my views. So far as the school board in this city is concerned, it is cramped for money and has never manifested any particular interest in our work. For example, several

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years ago, I paid out of my own pocket $110 to secure some plans for plant-
ing the school-house grounds, prepared by Mr. O. C. Simonds, under an ag[illegible]
ment with the school board that they would carry out these plans. Some
planting was done and then the matter was dropped, and the planting that [illegible]
done has been shamefully neglected, and no care taken of it whatever.

Concerning the matter I wrote you as to the location of a union
depot for East Madison, it has occurred to me that perhaps the difficulty
of crossing tracks could be overcome by having an underground passageway
for citizens going to and from trains that live in the westerly part of the
city.

I am now planning in a quiet way to secure an option on certain
lands including the objectionable ice-house at the foot of Warren street
and the high ground in that vicinity as an addition to Henry Vilas Park.
I do not know whether the council can be induced to pay what will have to
be paid in order to secure this land. It is a matter which I regard as
very vital to that park, and I wish you would bear it in mind, and soon
after getting here look the ground over, and prepare to make a report to
our directors on the subject. As a part of the scheme, Erin and Emerald
streets should be extended through to Warren streets. As you will notice
from examining the map, they are streets that go from Monona Bay westerly,
but are cul de sacs as matters now stand.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.) President.

July 11, 1908.

Mr. Charles Nelson,
Town of Madison,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find the blank forms of proposed options. Please return one to me, after signing same, in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encs.)

President.

July 11, 1908.

Mr. Otto Niemann,
1315 Jenifer St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Niemann:-

I enclose herewith the options drawn up according to
lk. For certain reasons these ought to be signed and gotten back t
ce Monday morning at nine o'clock. Inasmuch as our office will b
this afternoon, I thought I would send these to you lest you mi
ca not find the office open.

Very truly yours,

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President.

July 13, 1908.

Mr. Herbert W. Baillie,
Wellington, New Zealand.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Francis A. Hutchins of this city, we send you under separate cover a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Very truly yours,
John Olin
President.

Mr. F. A. Hutchins,
City.

July 18, 1908

Dear Sir:-

We have complied with your request of the 10 inst.

Very truly yours,
John Olin
President.

July 13, 1902

Mr. Doane Robinson,
Pierre, South Dakota,

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Frank A. Hutchins, of this city we send you under separate cover a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Very truly yours,
John W. Olin
President.

July 13, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,
1247 E. Mifflin St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

You have not paid the $200 on the assessment for the first of this month. We have not any money to pay the Dredging Company its bill. I do not think you ought to put me to the trouble of writing two or three times to collect these assessments. It is bother enough to be compelled to collect in the money in this way. I wish you would send me a check by return mail. I think it is not fair to me or the Association to put us to this extra trouble.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 13, 1908.

Mr. Darwin Hansen,
941 Spaight St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

There is $200 back on the assessment of your two lots in Parkside Addition. We have not the funds on hand to pay the amount of the assessment due the La Crosse Dredging Company. I wish you would get a check to me at once. You ought not to put me to the extra trouble of sending out more than one letter at the most for each of these assessments. We have no other funds with which to do this work. We are crowding this work all we can so as to get it completed this year. But it is necessary that we get our payments promptly from the lot-owners, otherwise we cannot do the work.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 12, 1900.

Mr. Charles D. Ficks,
118 N. Pinckney St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We have not funds on hand to pay the amount due the La Crosse Dredging Company for filling Tenney Park Addition. There is back on your assessment $200. Can you not get me a check for that amount at once? Somehow I feel as though the purchasers of these lots ought not to put me to the trouble of writing more than once for each assessment, and I hope you will do what you can to relieve me of this extra labor.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 13, 1908.

Mr. T. C. Richmond, Attorney,

City.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

The lease signed by the other two parties as to South Madison Parkway and Boulevard, received. Please accept thanks for same. It has been executed on behalf of the Association by myself and Mr. Brown, and sent to the Register of Deeds for record. As I understand matters, the signatures of all other parties interested, have been obtained. I judge from what you said in one of our recent talks that you will soon have completed a contract between the different land owners, fixing the building line, etc. I regard this as a most important matter, having worried quite a little that some party would sell out some of this land to some objectionable person before this agreement was signed.

Is anything being done toward getting ready for the annual meeting of the stockholders at the Lakeside Assembly? I am afraid you will go up to that meeting just the same as one year ago, unprepared to do anything definite. I have to spend so much time with other branches of our work that I do not feel that I can give much time to this particular matter. I am relying upon you, but I wish to do what I can to co-operate with you.

Very truly yours,

Johnson-d'l

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

City.

July 13, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

The filling of the addition to Tenney Park will practically all be completed by the close of this month. I send out word at this time so as to give the lot owners notice of the fact that there will have to be a large assessment made at the close of this month. In order to meet our obligations and provide funds with which to proceed with the work of grading and covering the park with good top soil, it will be necessary for us to make an assessment at the close of this month to be paid at the beginning of August of not less than $300 per lot. The work of completing the addition to the park is being pushed as rapidly as possible. We feel that this is best, both for the park, and for those who purchased these lots. I trust that the owners of the lots will, as soon as the filling is completed, see that the lots are properly graded and then covered with sufficient dirt to grow grass. Our Association intends to cover first the portion of the park fronting these lots. It will be a wise thing, I think, for the different lot owners to crowd the putting in of a cement walk in front of the lots, and also the putting in of water, gas and sewer pipes, and then have this followed by the macadamizing of Marion avenue as early next spring as possible. The moment all these things are done, this property becomes very desirable. I am sending this letter out to each of the purchasers of any lot or lots in this subdivision.

Very truly yours,

Johnwell Blair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Mr. Charles Riley, Attorney,

City.

July 13, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

There is another hundred dollars unpaid on the assessment against the lot in which you and Mr. Morhoff are interested. Inasmuch as we are without funds to pay the Dredging Company, I would appreciate it if you could see that a check is sent to me at once, made payable to Frank W. Hoyt, but sent to me, so that I will know that it is paid.

(Dic. by O.)

Very truly yours,

John McClain

President.

July 16, 1908.

Mr. F. L. Mulford,
Secretary & Treasury,
75 North 16th St.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find check for 75¢ to pay for three copies of bulletin #4.

Please accept thanks for same.

Very truly yours,

John Nolen

President.

(Dic. by C.)

(Check.)

July 16, 1908.

Mrs. W. F. Kellogg,
762 High St.,
Grand Rapids, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of July 15th received, and contents noted. I send you, under another cover, some copies of the reports of our Association from these, I think, you will get the best answer to most, if not all of the questions you ask. Of course, bonds issued for park purposes would be a city indebtedness.

Very truly yours,

John Nolen

C W Constantine

July 16, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 15th received. Would suggest that you make a trip over the river with Mr. Howe, locating the obstruction he complains of and then determine what you think is the best thing that can be done, and if you deem it necessary, report same to me or to the board or proceed to remove the obstruction.

Please indicate for what the enclosed bill of $7.50 is for; also attend to proper separation of Mr. Cooley's bill, and give him particular instructions as to how bills should hereafter be made out, etc. and where [illegible]

Yours truly,

John W. McAlpin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Encs.)

July 16, 1908.

Mrs. L. S. Smith,

Mendota Beach,

City.

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

I find you letter of the 15th upon my table upon my return to the office this morning. I have had my clerk look up the owner of number 5312 as shown by the registry in the Secretary of States office and according to that registry his name is G. C. Ralls, 107 Main St. I will write him a letter this morning to call and see me. Under the rules automobiles were allowed on the Lake Mendota Drive on Sunday morning last until nine o'clock, but they were not, of course, allowed to do any speeding on them beyond eight miles an hour. I thank you for calling our attention to the matter. I have run down every complaint thus far made this spring. In one case perhaps we ought to have prosecuted. Certainly we shall do so if the party is found guilty of violating the rules again.

Some other party complained to my clerk from Mendota Beach to the effect that automobiles were on that drive on Saturday afternoon. The name, as he understood it was Mrs. Scenter. I know no person by that name. Would you be so kind as to investigate the matter and either telephone or write me the facts. No automobile was allowed on the drive at that time on Saturday.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

July 16, 1908.

Mr. G. G. Rellis,

107 Main St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me that you with automobile #5312, were out upon Lake Mendota Drive Sunday morning speeding your machine some three different times, especially when parties sought to get the number of your machine. No machine is allowed to go faster than eight miles an hour on any portion of these drives. I write you this to give you notice to call at the office, if you see fit to do so, and make such explanation you may be able to make, before we do anything further in the matter. I trust you will save trouble by giving the matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 17, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I have just received yours of the 15th with enclosure. I am going to try and get the same published in the Democrat. I thank you very much for your views on the playground question. I was familiar with Mr. Lee's position and knew that there was a division of opinion on this matter. In Chicago, I understand, the playgrounds are in charge of the park board.

Now so far as our association is concerned, personally I should be very much pleased to have it relieved from this work. But I am very apprehensive that the work will not be well looked after by the school board, especially the park side of it, and I think there is a park side to the question. Ultimately, I presume, there will be a desire to use a part of Henry Vilas Park at least for playground purposes, and when that is done the question will arise who is to have jurisdiction.

Moreover, our school board thus far has shown very little interest in this work, but that may be the result of no proper direction. If the work is turned over to the school board, then I think the board should be required, so far as the park work of the problem is concerned, to consult you and carry out your wishes.

Another thing to be noted is that some of the men who have given ground for playgrounds, did it with the express understanding that our association would control the matter for the city rather than the school board.

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I remember Mr. Jones, who has given two pieces of land for playgrounds, made the statement to me explicitly that he did not wish to convey the land to the school board because he did not wish that body to control the land, but preferred to have it controlled by us for the city.

I have been quite instrumental in securing not only these two pieces of land but also the Kendall Park or field through the generosity of Judge Carpenter.

I am very glad to get your views concerning the matter. I trust you will bear the question in mind and when here you can talk it over with the Mayor and undoubtedly a policy can be outlined that will be satisfactory all around.

I congratulate you on your prospective work at ~~Mount Clair.~~ Montclair

We had another nice shower last night and everything here is still looking very fresh and green. I wish you could have seen the prairie roses along the Yahara river this morning.

Hoping to see you soon and that you will bring with you Mrs. Nolen and the children, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Darwell Olin

President.

I hope to have the water running through the new connection with the lagoon by Thursday as Forest Spring. It has done a good piece of work there. Thanks.

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July 17, 1908.

Mr. Darwin Hansen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I expected you up to the office yesterday afternoon. I prepared the deed of your two lots. I would like to have you either pay the $200 that is back at once or have the deed executed and straighten out the whole matter at this time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 18, 1908.

Mr. R. E. Clark,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Clark,

If you will call at the office on Monday, if you are in town, I can make another payment on the Tenney Park work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

July 18, 1908.

Weidenbeck, Babcock & Company.
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.20 to pay your bill against the Association. Kindly receipt and return enclosed bill and oblige

Yours truly,
John M. Olin
President.

Enc.

July 20, 1908.

Mr. John B. Heim,

Supt. Water Dept.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I received your favor of July 19, but it does not give me the information which I called for. As you might naturally infer, I would not be presumed to know how many feet of iron pipe of a certain ~~thickness~~ size it takes to make a ton. I did want very much to know, so as to lay the matter before our board of directors, how much it cost per running foot, as stated in my letter, for pipe of the different sizes named. It seems that the only two sizes you deal in are four inch and six inch. Will you be so kind as to let me know the cost of such pipe laid down here in Madison, per running foot, with the understanding that the pipe is to be laid in one of the lagoons in Tenney Park, and therefore should be suitable for that purpose?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

Could you also state whether our association could be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

July 20, 1908.

Mr. George W. Heigle,

Clerk of the Town of Madison,

R. F. D., City.

Dear Sir:-

I write you as clerk of the town of Madison, concerning funds of the town for keeping in repair that portion of the public road which extends from the Middleton road over Isom Hill to the southwest corner of Mr. Raymer's farm. I write by reason of your notification to me over the telephone on Saturday last that the town board intended to appropriate the money belonging to this section to another purpose. Now the facts concerning this matter, which I desire you to present to the board, are as follows:

A number of years ago, B. J. Stevens, Mr. Raymer and myself, joined hands to permanently improve this road, something over a mile in length, and we paid out of our own pockets, as I remember, something like $140[illegible] town, I believe, contributed $100. Since we constructed the road, the [illegible] Park and Pleasure Drive Association has kept the same in repair, and there has been an understanding with the town board that our association should each year meet the expense of keeping the road in repair and then present our bill near the close of the year. As I remember, the tax for keeping in repair the road, properly assessable to this section, amounts each year to about $80.00. Most years we have not used, as I remember, more than about one-half this sum. Hence, the town has not only used each year since we built this road, the tax assessed for permanent improvements, but has also used a portion of the tax that belonged to this section for keeping the road in repair. We have made no objection to this. Another thing to be remember: The town of Madison has for a number of years been collecting quite an amount of

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taxes from the land near the lake shore extending out four or five miles, while other parties have been maintaining all the drives in that section. We make no objection to this. I certainly am very much interested in having good roads, and I want to pay my full share for that purpose. But I think it would be exceedingly unjust for the town board, at this time, to divert the fund properly belonging to this road and needed to keep it in repair.

Moreover, we have already, acting upon the previous understanding, met most of the expense of putting this road in repair and keeping it in repair the present year. I think the town is legally bound, under the circumstances, to meet these expenses already incurred. I do not wish, however, in this letter, to put the matter upon that ground. I simply wish to appeal to the sense of fairness and justice of the different members of the town board.

I do not think any member of the town board questions but what the money that our association has expended in maintaining this road has been wisely and economically used. I think this road presents a fine example of how the different macadamized roads could be properly maintained at less than the amount of money assessed for repairs each year belonging to the respective districts, provided the work were properly and intelligently done. That road is as good to-day, if not better, than when it was first built. Now what is true as to most of the other roads that the town has built in the last eight or ten years? Many of them are practically ruined and others soon will be, simply because the town has not adopted and pursued any intelligent system for the maintenance of the roads after they are constructed. I wish

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very much that a different policy might be adopted.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 20, 1908.

Mr. Morris F. Fox,

City.

Dear Mr. Fox:- Thank you for your note of the 19th. Hope you are having a splendid time. There was quite a long communication in the Montclair daily paper, which Mr. Nolen sent me, and I gave it to Mr. Brandenburg, and a large part of it was printed in the morning Democrat of Sunday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 20, 1908

r. A. M. Stondall,
City.

Dear Mr. Stondall:-

Yours of the 16th received, enclosing check for $25.00 ayment in full for your subscription to the work of the association last . I note what you say about further contributions and I agree with you. e hope, however, that you can help me and others to get that matter ightened out and that land secured for the city.

Thanking you for the check, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.) President.

July 20, 1908.

Mr. Charles Mulford Robinson,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:-

Please accept thanks for the complimentary notice of the work of our association in the issue of July 18 of Charities and the Commons.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Constantine

July 21, 1901

Mr. C. W. Constantine,

129 North Butler St.

City.

Dear Mr. Constantine:

I am exceedingly anxious that you should be present at the meeting of the board of directors to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the office of [illegible] and Butler.

Very truly yours

John McClure

President

July 22, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:- There are three small receipts back from the International Harvester Company. They write that they have sent the receipts to you. If so, you will observe that you have put me to considerable trouble, necessitating the writing to the International Harvester Company and now writing to you again. If you have the receipts, I wish you would see that they are left at the office without further delay.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 22, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith two warrants, one for $979.29 and one for $1630. Will you receipt both bills and return same to me, and oblige?

The amount of the extra filling of old lagoons was considerably more than I anticipated, but we have always taken the measurements of the city engineer as binding and I presume these amounts are about right.

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

Yours truly,

President.

July 22, 1908.

r. M. M. Doran,

City.

Dear Sir:-

At the meeting of the directors of our association held last evening, the contract heretofore entered into between you and the association was ratified and approved, and I herewith enclose a duplicate copy of the same.

I wish you would be looking out for any good manure that we can get and let Severt or Mr. MacLean know where we can get it.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

July 22, 1908.

Mr. John F. Icke,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Our board has entered into a contract with Mr. Steinle for dirt to be taken from his land fronting East Washington Avenue; also have made a contract with Mr. Doran for removing the same.

It is a part of the contract that before any dirt is removed the tract of land is to be surveyed by you as city engineer, and then another survey is to be made at the conclusion of the work, and your measurements are to be final. Under the contract, Mr. Doran is to commence work on or before Aug. 8 next. I wish you could have this survey made as soon as possible so that if Doran desires to begin earlier than August 8, he can do so. I think it would be well, if I may suggest, that you call up Mr. Steinle and have him meet you at the time you go out to make the survey, so that he can explain the exact location of the land. I think it would be well also, when you make the survey, to have it extend out into East Washington Avenue in front of Mr. Steinle's property, for the reason that we want to secure, if possible, the top dirt on this property for planting purposes in Tenney Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 22, 1908.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,
Vice-Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Clark, of the La Crosse Dredging Company. This is the company that has the contract for the filling of the so-called triangle for our association. He wishes, as you note, to get permission to extend a discharge pipe out into the lake from the triangle through or under the fill made last year by your company at the point where you filled one of the openings, the one nearest the city. Mr. Clark and his foreman, Mr. Engler, are very careful, experienced men, and I will very much appreciate it if you will take up the matter, and arrange so that they can properly complete this work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

Jelwell Allen.

President.

July 23, 1[illegible]

Mr. W. D. Tenney,

City

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 22nd received.

We have not succeeded in finding a purchaser for your lot, and now, since you can secure the money, we think it is for you to either pay up on the lot and take deed for the same, or find some party who will do so. I would very gladly take the lot myself on the terms you propose, were I in a position to do so, but my position as director prevents me from making the purchase.

I hope that you will straighten the matter out within a few days one way or the other, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 24, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of July 22 just received. I have had some correspondence with Editor of Charities.

I note what you say about a room for you and Mrs. Nolen during the month of August. I will try and see what I can do. Our end of the city is pretty crowded.

I had changed my mind about spending any extra time with you personally in Door County. I am going to find it very difficult to get away even for a few days, but hope to do so.

There are a great many things here awaiting your arrival. I want you, if possible, to so arrange as to be here at Madison on Friday, August 14, the date of the regular August meeting of the common council. I had up at our last directors meeting the situation of Tenney Park, and made a statement as to how much it would take to finish the park, and suggested that when the city issues bonds to purchase the unfilled lots, it also issue bonds to do the work of completing the park. It would require an issue of about $30,000. It is a question whether we can induce the council to issue bonds to that amount. I have been requested by the board to prepare a financial statement, showing the situation, and to present the matter in person before the council. It is expected at the same time that you will address the council on the same subject. I wish I could put my hand on some statistics which I have seen of late some where, showing the different amounts of money

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which have been contributed by cities of different sizes throughout the country within the last few years for park purposes. It may be that you could easily put your hand on these statistics for this meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Mr. E. W. Langley,
P. O. Box 145,
Saginaw, W. S., Michigan.

July 24, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

Your postal of the 21st received. Mr. Garfield, a member of your commission, is very familiar with the work of our association here at Madison. Under another cover, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the last annual report, which may be of some interest to you.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

July 24, 1908.

Mr. Samuel H. Cady,

Green Bay, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Cady:-

Yours of July 23 received, and contents noted.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to comply with such a request as this because it comes from you. But the fact is, Mr. Cady, I have been required to give entirely too much of my time to this outside work, I find it very difficult to do what I am compelled to do here at Madison. I do not like to promise anything along this line for the future, especially when I consider the amount of work ahead of me for the next two or three months. If at any time I see my way clear to granting your request, I will be only too glad to let you know. Of course, in any event, I should make charges for any service of this kind.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

July 24, 1908.

Tracy, Gibbs & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $19.50 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Inc.)

July 25, 1908.

Mr. John B. Helm,

City.

Dear Sir:-

After figuring out on the basis you gave me, I find that the four inch pipe costs .27llb per running foot, and the six inch pipe costs .3894 per running foot. The chances are we shall use four inch pipe. We shall likely want some where about 150 feet for our work in connecting with the pumping plant at Kenney Park. Has your department on hand this number of feet of pipe that you could sell to us, either of four inch or six inch? We would be very much obliged if you could inform me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

July 25, 1908.

Mr. Charles Lee,
Gen'l. Passenger Agt.,
Lehigh Valley Railroad,
143 Liberty St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

At the suggestion of Mr. Charles M. Morris, I send you, under another cover, some copies of the annual report of our association preceding the last report. An earlier report gives you the general law under which the association is organized, its articles of incorporation and bylaws.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 25, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark,
City.

Dear Mr. Clark:-

I enclose herrwith a letter which I have just received from Mr. W. A. Gardner, vice-president of the Northwestern road, which explains itself.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible] Charles [illegible],

July 25, 1908.

Hon. William H. Bagley,

[illegible] Valley

[illegible] Mr. Bagley; 243 Li[illegible]

[illegible] Sir:- I write to ask whether the agreement that was entered into by the lot owners on Sherman Avenue has been completed and recorded. [illegible] I think it ought to be done at once. I know of two lots that are li[illegible] to change hands within a few days, and certainly this agreement should be re[illegible] to dad before such sale is made. Will you not attend to the matter, and oblige? Of course, the association will be willing to meet the expense of the [illegible] fee.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

July 24, 1906.

Mr. W. D. Lemmey,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 24th just received, and contents noted. I am somewhat surprised at the close of your letter. The contract which you signed settles that matter between you and the association. A contract is a contract, and binds both parties. The work of filling your lot has practically all been done, so far as that is concerned. There may be some filling yet to be done, but not a great deal. But you have no right whatever to say to the association at this time that you will not be responsible for the work we may do in completing the contract. I stand ready, as well as any of the other directors, to do anything we can to help you. I still think, if you desired to do so, you could make an arrangement with the Commercial National Bank for a loan to enable you to pay the amount due on the lot. I am willing to cooperate with you in trying to bring that about.

I also have in mind a party who may be willing to take your lot, and I shall try and get him to do so, but it is with the understanding that I am under no obligation to do so.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Edward Allin

President.

July 25, 1908.

Mr. C. W. Constantine,

City.

Dear Mr. Constantine:-

I regret exceedingly that you were not present at the monthly meeting of the directors of the association on Tuesday last. It is especially important that these meetings should be attended by the council members of the board so that they will be informed of the work and need of the association and can represent the association in matters coming before the council. As you undoubtedly know, our regular monthly meeting is on the third Monday of each month. I wish you, ~~you~~, as a member of the council, woul bear this fact in mind, so that other meetings, so far as possible, that you are interested in, may be set or fixed at such time as not to conflict with this regular meeting. After sending out notices, I found that an adjourned meeting of the council was to be held on Monday evening last, and on this account, I was compelled to postpone our meeting until the following night. Undoubtedly, had it occurred to you at the time, the council might have set on some other evening that the third Monday evening.

Very truly yours,

John H. Olive

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 27, 1908.

[illegible] Feed Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.40 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 27, 1908.

Mr. E. F. Paunack,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $18.93 and the other for $7.90, to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair

President.

(2 Warrants)
(Enc.)

July 27, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Dottl,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find three warrants, one for $5.40, one for $9.18, and one for $7.10. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(3 Warrants)
(3 Encls.)

President.

July 27, 1908.

International Harvester Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.90 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Warrant)
Encl.)

President.

July 27, 1908.

Wiedenbeck, Doebelin & Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.56 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Alexander

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 27, 1908.

King & Walker Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.25 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Alexander

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 27, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $31.44 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 27, 19

Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $25.36 to pay your bill against th association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 27,

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you indicate what the printing bill is to be charged t and also what the Cooley bill is for? Is it for cement? It is marked "Park Improvement" by me, but I don't understand the Johnson Street part it.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Encls.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

July 28, 1908.

Mr. T. A. Coleman,

Gen'l. Agt. International Harvester Co.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your favor of the 28th, returning check for $6.90, which has been duly credited to the International Harvester Company as a contribution.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 29, 1908.

Mr. John B. Heim,
Supt. Water Dept.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 25th received. As I am presently advised, it is four inch pipe instead of six inch iron pipe that we shall need, the four inch pipe serving our purpose better than the six inch pipe and costing about twelve cents less a running foot. Could you not, in some way, furn us about 150 feet of four inch pipe in order to help us out at this time?

Yours truly,
President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 29, 1908.

Cantwell Printing Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.75 to pay for 1000 letter head for the association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

July 29, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.00 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Allen

President

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

July 29, 1908.

Democrat Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.75 to pay your bill for printing placards. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Allen

President.

July 30, 1908.

Mr. Martin Nelson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There will be due on Aug. 1 next, an assessment on lot No. 10, parkside Subdivision, of $300. Our assessment made last month was not sufficient to meet our obligations, and this necessitated a larger assessment the present month.

Yours truly,

John W. Klein

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 30, 1908.

on. Elmer E. Mills,

City.

ar Sir:-

There will be due on Aug. 1 next, an assessment on lot 17, rkside Subdivision, of $300. Our assessment last month was not sufficient pay our debts. Hence, I trust you will be able to get this money to us ouptky this time to help us out.

Yours truly,

John W. Klein

President.

c. by O.)

July 30, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Kaiser,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There will be due Aug. 1 next, on your two lots, Parkside Subdivision, Nos. 4 and 5, $600. Our assessment last month was not sufficient to meet our obligations.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 30, 1908.

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There is due on Aug. 1 next, an assessment on lots 19 and 20, Parkside Subdivision, of $600.

I trust that you will be at the annual meeting of the Monona Lake Assembly stockholders at one o'clock to-morrow, without fail. I will try and have a little talk with you before the meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 30, 1908.

Mr. C. L. Whitney,
c/o D. C. Bascom,
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- There is due on assessment Aug. 1, 1908, on lots 3 and 7, parkside Subd vision $600. Our assessment last mpnth was not large enough to meet our ob ations.

The [illegible] getting the park is shape is moving along very nicely.

Yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 30, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,
City.

Dear Sir:- There will be due on Aug. 1, next, an assessment on lots 14 and 15, Parkside Subdivision, of $600. Our assessments last month were not sufficient to meet our obligations. Hence, I trust you will make it a point to get your check to me on Aug. 1, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 30, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Morhorr,
454 W. Washington Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There will be due on August 1 an additional assessment of $300 on your lot in Parkside Subdivision. The last assessment of $100 on the lot has not yet been paid. Hence, there is now due $400. We absolutely need this money and must have it without further delay. If you desire to get a deed of the lot, you can do so by paying up balance and then borrow money on the lot as security. Quite a number of those who purchased the property have done so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

July 30, 1908.

Miss Agnes A. Kelley,
City.

Dear Madam:-

There will be due on Aug. 1 next, $300 assessment on lot 6, Parkside Subdivision. I trust you will make it a point to get the money to us as promptly as possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 30, 1908

Mr. W. D. Tenney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Including the assessment which falls due on Aug. 1 next, there will be due and unpaid on lot 12, Parkside Subdivision, purchased by you, $500. We need the money to complete the work under the contract, and I trus that you will make some arrangement whereby the money may be paid without further delay. Quite a number have paid up in full, taking a deed and then borrowing money on the lot or lots as security.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 31, 1908.

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I write you concerning the triangular piece of ground lying between your tracks and the Northwestern and between Broom Street and Bassett Street extended, in our city. The map found on page 33 of the last annual report of our association, which I send you under another cover, shows the tract which I, for reference, have marked A. We wish to level off this piece of ground and put it in shape so as to connect with the improvement on the socalled triangle, which you are undoubtedly familiar with. There are at the present time a number of piles of ties lying rather near your track between Broom Street and Bassett Street. I write to inquire whether your company could not have these removed in the near future. It is necessary that they be removed before we could grade the ground.

At the foot of Broom Street there is a storm water drain. It is open where it enters your right of way. Then under your tracks there is an ordinary tile drain. Then for a space of about thirty feet, I should judge, between your tracks and the Northwestern, there is an open drain. From this point on under the Northwestern track to the lake there seems to be a substantial stone drain or culvert. There ought to be a good, substantial, closed drain with a catch basin on the city side of your tracks, which drain should extend through to the lake. I do not know how your road would feel toward cooperating with the city in the construction of this drain. It is not a very large matter, and the main thing is to get the drain in at the

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time the other improvement is made.

I call your attention to another matter: By consulting the map which you have of our city, at the point where your Prairie du Chene line crosses University Avenue, you will observe there is a little triangular piece of ground just beyond the point where the Avenue crosses your right of way, and between your right of way and the Avenue. That ground was formerly a part of the Corry estate. It has recently been acquired by the University as a part of its grounds. It is, however, cut off from the University grounds in such a way as to be practically of no use to the University. The University has consented that our association should improve this little triangular piece for park purposes. Looking forward to such improvement, the University has recently filled in the portion owned by it up to your right of way. Our association wishes very much that this small piece of ground may be improved in connection with your right of way, and that such improvement be continued westward to a point at least where your right of way crosses the road entering the University grounds and passing into what is called Linden Drive. It is the first crossing over your track just west of the crossing on University Avenue. If this portion of your right of way and the part of the University grounds could be improved together after some plan, it would completely revolutionize the appearance of things at this point.

Our association has in its service Mr. John Nolen, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, as landscape architect, and you have, as representing your company, a very competent woman, Mrs. McCrea. Mr. Nolen is to be here with us during all of the month of August. Would it not be possible for Mrs. McCrea to meet Mr. Nolen at some time during the month of August and look

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the situation over, and together work out a plan that would be harmonious both for the improvement along your right of way and for the piece of ground owned by the University? We would like very much to get whatever grading or filling is needed done during the present season, so that the planting can be done next spring.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give these matters attention within the near future.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

I was pleased to meet Mrs McCrea here [illegible] and am surprised that it did not occur to me to look over the ground with her when she was here. I appreciate the work she has done and is doing for your road.

J. M. O.

Aug. 4, 1908.

Joseph Kaiser,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

W. D. Tenney purchased lot 12, in Parkside Subdivision. He [illegible] on his assessment, is hard up for money, and would like to sell the [illegible] If you would like it, I think I can get it for you at $1000 plus $10 [illegible] paid for sewer tax. There has been paid on it some $360. You [illegible] be required, I think, to pay any interest on the money that has [illegible]. The lot is, I think, well located. It comes a little to the [illegible] turn in Marston Avenue.

([illegible] by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President

F. M. Schlinger

Aug. 4, 1908.

Agnes A. Kelley,

City.

Madam:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $300 to pay assessment on No. 6, Parkside Subdivision. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

([illegible] by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 4, 1908.

Mr. Severt Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am a good deal worried about just how the grading ought to be done in that part of Brittingham Park that I talked over with you last this morning. I am afraid, unless we throw considerable dirt toward the center and raise the center all the way down, we shall finally have an open place where water will ultimately stand and it will be wet during wet time. On the other hand, I am afraid that kind of grading will not look well. For one reason, it will be entirely out of keeping with the grade farther to the south and west. It would be more in keeping with that grade to take some material out of the center and carry it toward the sides and thus have more or less of a dish shaped surface for the center portion, the grade being from the outer edges toward the center and also from the upper or southern end toward the lower or eastern end. I rather think the latter method of grading would make the park look a good deal better, but this would involve filling the outer edges where the sidewalk is to come, etc., considerable of some part of that is not firm enough to get teams on until after some material had been deposited to furnish a foothold for the horses. I regret that Mr. Nolen did not give this matter more consideration. I am going away at one o'clock to-day to be gone until Friday noon. I wish you would consider this matter carefully, and if you think it best to hollow out the center somewhat, you can go ahead on that line. In order to do the work to advantage, you certainly ought to adopt one plan or the other to start with, and when you consider the relations of this portion of the park to that which is

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already graded. I am inclined to think that the hollowing out in the center would look better than the raising of it. Of course, the two parts of this portion of the park will be somewhat cut in two by the storm water drain.

I will send this down to you by messenger.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 4, 1906

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

City.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $600 to pay assessment on Parkside lots Nos. 19 and 20.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 8, 1908.

Mr. Grant Thomas,

Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Thomas:-

I want to thank you very much for your appreciative letter of July 29. I know you mean all you say, and hence I fully appreciate the same. I ought to add that Mr. Angell was quite successful in getting subscriptions after the close of the annual meeting. He raised the subscription list up from $7400 to $8500.

The only thing I object to in this work is the time it has taken from business, and I feel as though I must, sooner or later, get out of it. We like our new man, Mr. Nolen, very much. Think he is adapted to doing good work.

Do you hear anything of Mr. Mische and his work there? Have not received any word from him since the letter I got just before the annual meeting and have often wondered how he is getting along. I hope very nicely.

With kindest regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. McClure

Aug. 8, 1908.

Parsons Printing and Stationery Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.75 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Allin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Aug. 8, 1908.

International Harvester Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for thirty-nine cents to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Allin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Aug. 8, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $66.25 and the other for $10.00, to pay your two bills against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Aug. 10, 1908.

Mr. C. H. Kanouse,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing bill for $6.80. I send you herewith two warrants, one for $5.00 and one for $1.80. The $1.80 you are to keep. The $5.00 warrant you are to sign on the back and return to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, together with the enclosed bill receipted.

As to your subscription last year, I have looked up the matter and find that you are down as one of those who had not paid his subscription. There is evidently some mistake about this matter, either by you or by Mr. Hoyt. I think you will find likely, on looking the matter up, that the mistake is on your side. I wish very much, however, that you would investigate the matter and become thoroughly satisfied as to which is right. If you will call in at the Bank of Wisconsin and look the matter over with Mr. Hoyt, I think he will satisfy you one way or the other. We should regret exceedingly not having given you credit if you have paid the money. Has it not come about in this way: that I sent you warrants, as in this case, and that you, through oversight, neglected to return one of them to me?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants)

(Enc.)

Aug. 10, 1908.

Mr. George F. Peabody,
c/o Pettibone-Peabody Co.,
Appleton, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Aug. 8 received, and contents noted.

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association, for the reason that you will find at page 51 of the report a statement showing what we have done here as to the securing of a competent person to advise in this work. You will also find at page 75 of the report, an abstract of Mr. Nolen's talk at our annual meeting. I regard him very highly and can heartily recommend him to your consideration. The only difficulty will be as to his getting time in the near future to make a visit to your place. As you will observe, he is engaged now not only by our city and our association, but also by the Regents of the University, the State Board of Control and the State Park Commission. I want him also to do work for the different cities of the state so far as possible. This morning he went to the city of La Crosse for the purpose of advising them as to the work there. I think his charges are $50.00 a day. He will be here on this trip until about the 1st of September. I think he will be here again about the 1st of November, and then again later in the year when the legislature is in session. If you could not arrange for a visit from him while he is here on this trip, I think, without doubt, you could secure his services some time during the next trip.

Sixteen years of experience on my part in this kind of work satisfies me that no money can be more wisely expended than that for competent, expert advice in this work. It pays for itself many times over ultimately, besi

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ensuring the doing of the work in the right way.

Thanking you for your appreciative letter, and hoping that you may be able to start a movement in your city as you suggest--for it presents fine opportunities for this kind of work--I am.

Very truly yours,

(Sic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 10, 1908.

Franklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $276.00 and the other for 9.20, to pay your two bills against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

2 Warrants)

(2 Encls.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 10, 1908

Mr. F. W. Hoyt,

City.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I enclose herewith a note from Mr. Kanouse and copy of letter which I have written to him.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 11, 1908.

Hon. Elmer E. Mills,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Aug. 10 received, enclosing check for $300 to apply on assessment on lot 17, Parkside Subdivision. Your payments on this lot are as follows:

Sept. 9, 1907	$60.08
Oct. 10, 1907	60.08
Nov. 6, 1907	92.44
Dec. 19, 1907	51.90
Feb. 8, 1908	100.00
June 4, 1908	100.00
July 8, 1908	100.00
Aug. 11, 1908	300.00
Making a total of	864.50
And leaving as balance to be paid,	135.50

The directors, at any time, will make a deed to you of this lot if you desire it, upon being paid the above balance.

Yours truly,

Johnson Park Co.

President.

(Mc. by C.)

Aug. 11, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have to-day had presented a number of bills to be paid, against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Some of them run back to September, 1907. I think it is inexcusable on your part to allow bills to run that length of time. I have paid other bills in the meantime. Of course, it leads one to think that you have made a mistake. Moreover, we don't know to what account to charge the particular items. In this case there is a credit by return of some thirty-seven sacks, $3.70. We don't know to what account this credit belongs.

Now, hereafter, I wish it distinctly understood that all bills against the association shall be presented promptly at the end of each month, and I want them sent, not to me, but to William G. MacLean, park foreman. This is to save my time. Under our present plan, it is his duty to look over all bills and O. K. them before they come to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible]

President.

Aug. 11, 1908.

Hon. Theodore Brazeau,

Grand Rapids, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brazeau:-

I enclose herewith copy of an early report of our association, in which you will find the law under which we are organized, and also our articles of association and bylaws. This law, as you undoubtedly know, has been somewhat amended. As it now exists, the mayor and one member of the council to be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members elect, are ex-officio members of the board of directors. We have also changed our by-laws so that any one who contributes as much as $5.00 is a full member, except on the one question of voting to change the articles of association.

I would like very much to comply with your suggestion of giving an address to the citizens of your place. I am so crowded, however, with my work just now that I do not dare promise anything in the near future. If I should come at any time, it would be without any charge for any service I might render.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 12, 1908.

Mr. T. E. Brittingham,

City.

Dear Mr. Brittingham:-

Yours of the 11th received, enclosing check for $2,000 for Brittingham Park Improvement. Please accept thanks for same. The same has been turned over to the treasurer, Frank W. Hoyt.

Some time when you are out riding, I wish you would go around by the park and see the change that has been made in the last ten days by grading portion lying south and west of Main street extended. We took this just in the right time when the weather was dry.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 12, 1908.

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,

City

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I enclose another letter from Mr. Kanouse and a copy of answer to him, so that you can understand the situation.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Aug. 12, 1908.

Mr. C. H. Kanouse,
1514 Williamson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received. I was fully aware that you paid your subscription in work. I never thought otherwise. But you would be given credit for the payment of the subscription just the same as though you paid it in cash. For example, your subscription for this year is paid by reason of your returning the warrant of $5.00 to me endorsed to Mr. Hoyt. I think you will find on looking the matter up, that you drew the cash last year on the warrants sent you instead of endorsing one of them over to Mr. Hoyt, and that, as a matter of fact, you have paid, neither in work nor money, your subscription for last year. Please understand, however, that if there is a mistake about this, we shall be only too glad to find it out and rectify it. I think you ought, in justice to yourself as well as our association, call upon Mr. Hoyt and talk matters over. If you returned the warrant endorsed, it would enter on his account the same as though paid in cash, and you should be given due credit for same in the report.

Very truly yours,

J. Howell Cox

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 13, 1908.

Hon. C. W. Constantine,

City.

My Dear Cir:-

I called up your house last evening and also this morning to find out whether you could attend a meeting of the directors of the association this evening. I learned this morning from your house that you would be in town this evening, and I have called a meeting of the directors. A very important matter is to come before the council to-morrow evening, and we thought, by all means, to have a full meeting of the board this evening before presenting the matter to the council to-morrow evening. Hence, I very much that you will be present.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 13, 1908.

C. L. Whitney,

c/o D. C. Bascom,

Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Aug. 11 received, enclosing check for $600 as part payment of two Lots in Parkside Subdivision. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

C. W. Cooley Esq
City.

My dear sir:

In answer to your suggestions contained in your letter of the 12th inst, will say that it is not necessary for you to make any statement of your account with the association. I have no doubt but that the matter is alright

Yours truly
John D. Allen

Aug. 15, 1908

H. S. Clark, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

I have had the assignment of Lot 12 Parkside Subdivision made to you and I have sent to Mr. Tenney my personal check for $364.50. At the time as agreed upon you may send to me your check for that amount and another check to Mr. Hoyt for

$5.50, the two making $1000.00

Yours truly

John M. Olive

August 15, 1926

Prof W. H. Carmith
1210 Washington Ave.
City

Dear sir:
At the suggestion of Walter M. Smith I send you the last report of the Park and Chase Drive Association

Yours truly,
John W. McClure

Aug 15, 1926

W. D. Tierney, Esq.
% Yankey-Crowley Lumber Co.
City.

Dear sir:
I have secured purchaser for your lot Parkside Subdivision, Mr. H. E. Clark at $364.50 to you I enclose check herewith for that amount.

Yours truly,
John W. McClure

Aug. 15, 1908.

Mr. [illegible] C. Kelley,

City.

Dear Mr. Kiley:-

I dislike to bother you, but Mr. Morhoff has not, as yet, paid any attention to the notices sent out for assessment on his property. He owes now two assessments, amounting to $400. We need the money, and I trust you will put it in that he gets it around.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin
President.

Aug. 15, 1908.

Mr. [illegible],

City.

Dear Sir:

You seem to pay no attention to the assessment of $600 due on your lots 13, 14 and 15, Parkside Subdivision. It is now the 15th of the month and we need the money to meet our obligations, and, as I stated before, I do not think you ought to put us to the trouble of sending out two or three notices on these assessments. I wish you would get the check to the office by return mail.

Yours truly,

(Dic.) C.

President.

August 22, [illegible]

Chas. [illegible] Esq.

[illegible]

[illegible]:-

The enclosed from Mr. Johnson is characteristic. I wish you would attend to this matter brought to be given to understand that [illegible] duty in doing the work to secure proper [illegible] he should do this now and in a proper [illegible]

Very truly

[illegible]

Enclosure.

Aug. 24, 1908.

Dane County Telephone Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.50 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 24, 1908.

King & Walker Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.70 for bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dr[illegible] by Co.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. Severt Aasen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Andrew Olesen has called to see me about work for her husband. I enclose herewith a paper which she handed me, which you can see is returned to her. I told her at first that we could not, under any circumstances, employ Mr. Olesen any further. Finally, I told her that I would write to you and state if you desired to take Andrew back as a day laborer--not to have anything to do with the team--at $2.00 a day for the rest of the season or so long as you have work for him, you might do it. I will leave the matter with you to do just as you think best, with the understanding thatyou are left at entire liberty to do as you think best, without any crowding or urging on my part.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Johnson Olin

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Prof. Charles F. Burgess,
1601 Adams St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Burgess:-

I enclose herewith a form of option which I have prepared for lots 21 and 22, in block 303. I have put in the amount not which you stated here in the office you thought you ought to have for the lots in case they were purchased for park purposes. There are some details about the payment which are not very important and can be modified if regarded by you as essential. They are the same conditions that have been inserted in the other lots upon which I have secured an option. We would like time enough to give the council a chance to turn around, the plan being that the bonds will be issued some time after January for the payment of the land if the matter goes through. I enclose duplicate copies so that you can retain one and return the other to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Johnson Albin

President.

Aug. 25, 1906.

Capital City Carriage Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find two warrants, one for $4.25 and the other for $5.00; also your bill. Please sign the $5.00, endorsed to Frank W. Hoyt, and return the same to me, together with receipted bill, you keeping the warrant for $4.25. You will then be given credit by Mr. Hoyt for payment of your subscription.

Yours truly,

President.

{Dic. by S.}
(2 Warrants)
(Enc.)

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have already sent you some three notices, I think, certainly two besides the preliminary notice, as to the assessment of $600 due on the 1st of August from you on lots 14 and 15, Parkside Subdivision. You have paid no attention whatever to these notices, not even to the extent of stating whether you got them or not. Now something must be done at once to straighten this matter out. You are the only person who, at this time, is back on his assessments on any of these twenty lots. I take it that you do not wish to have these lots turned over to any body or lose any part of the money you have paid on them. I advise you, however, to give the matter prompt attention, for unless something is done soon some proceedings will be taken by the directors to collect the amount due.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. John B. Heim,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Have you on hand at this time some four inch water pipe that we could get? I think we need about 150 feet for work in Tenney Park Improvement.

Yours truly,

(Pic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Hoffman Feed Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.40 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 26, 1908.

Mr. John F. Icke,
City Engineer,
City

My Dear Sir:-

If you can, without too much trouble, have Mr. Fanco prepare for me a little sketch or map, showing just the land that would be required to extend Erin street through to Henry Vilas Park, showing the present lots or subdivision south of the north line of Erin street extended and as far as it as and including the lot owned by Mrs. Willett. It is the land we once talked of getting for an addition to Henry Vilas Park. I would like nothing said about this matter for the present.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Master & Company,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed find warrant for $8.75 to pay your bill. Please acknowledge receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. William G. Maclean,
City.

Dear Sir:- I have been called up by King & Walker and notified that the steamroller is there ready to be delivered, and has been for some time, and that they would like to have it gotten out of the way. Will you notify Severt, or in some way get the machine away, and please let me know also whether the repairs were occasioned by the taking of the machine out west to Iowa.

(Enc. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mr. W. J. McKay,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. McKay:-

I enclose herewith duplicate form of option, which I wish you could get Mrs. Willett to sign. You can say to her that the Burgess lots lying immediately next to hers have been optioned at $1,000 each. I understand her lot is some wider. We are entirely willing to have her remove the building, and this can be added to the option. There are some details about times of payment, etc., which are not vital. Wish, however, the option might be signed as prepared. It is drawn the same as the other options which have been signed. Inasmuch as the time for action in this matter is very short under some of the options, wish very much that you could get this option signed at as early a date as possible. I trust that you will keep the option down to a reasonable figure. There is no need of getting an option at an exorbitant price. If that ice-house remains where it is, this lot is worth, in my judgment, but a small amount for any desirable building purposes. You can say also to Mrs. Willett that Mr. Nelson has optioned his lots, which are 50 feet by about 170, I believe, at $1400 each. They are finely located, overlooking the whole park, and of such length as to give an opportunity to have a building at each end of them. It does not seem to me that Mrs. Willett's lot is as valuable as the Nelson lots, certainly not more so. I would not give as much for it by quite a little if I were buying it myself, but if we could get an option upon the lot at $1400, I should be willing to recommend a purchase at that price.

Yours truly,

Johnson-Oliver

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Dict. & Encls.)

Aug. 25, 1908.

Mrs. Isaac Stephenson,

Marinette, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Stephenson:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you would be interested in looking the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 25, 1908.

Dr. Welcker,

High Creek,

Door County, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you would be interested in looking it through.

With many pleasant recollections of our trip and the generous hospi
tality furnished by you and Mrs. Welcker, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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Aug. 27, 1908.

Mrs. C. H. Tenney,

146 Langdon St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Tenney:-

I would like very much, if you could bring it about, to have Mr. D.K. Tenney read the report that was made concerning Tenney Park and found printed in the issue of the Democrat of Saturday, August 15. I have not lost hope that Mr. Tenney will yet conclude to do something toward the completion of this park. We are doing so much, and have met nearly all of the conditions he made, that I hope, after he begins to see the results, he will conclude to assist. There is to come before the finance committee of the council to-night the matter of issuing bonds in sufficient amount to properly complete the park. If Mr. Tenney could come forward at this time with a donation of $5,000, the amount he suggested in case certain conditions were complied with, I am sure we could carry the day by getting from the council sufficient funds at this time to complete the park properly.

I prefer, of course, that Mr. Tenney should not know that I have made any suggestion to you concerning this matter. I have tried to conduct myself in a way so as to give no offense to Mr. Tenney. He has his peculiarities, but he has his good qualities, and in public work of this kind one has to remember the good qualities, and appeal to them. One thing I am very certain of, and that is this park, when completed, will be a monument that any one might well be proud of. I think there is a decided feeling on the part of members of the council to go ahead at this time and provide for the completion of the park at the earliest date possible.

(Dic. by O.) Very truly yours,

John M. Olin
President.

Aug. 28, 1908.

Miss Zona Gale,

Portage, Wis.

My Dear Miss Gale:-

I am much obliged to you for your very kind note of the 23rd. I am pleased that Mr. Nolen could be with you, and I trust that he has been of some service. I know that he was very glad to do wh[at] he did.

Wishing you success in the work, I am.

Very truly yours,

Jelwell Allen

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 28, 1908.

Dear Mr. Pan[ton]

I want to thank you very much for your favor of the 27th, and also the blue prints enclosed.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Jelwell Allen

President.

Aug. 29, 1908

Mr. Georges Benoit Levy,

9 Boulevard du Temple,

Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of July 29 was duly received. I take great pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a number of photographs, showing something of the work that has been done here by our association. They are all taken by Mr. Charles M. Brown, Secretary of our Board of directors. From these I thought you would be able to make a selection.

If you use any of those photographs in the booklet you are preparing to issue illustrating American Methods for Beautifying Cities, I should be very much pleased to get a copy of the same, and will very gladly pay for the same.

I have had the good fortune to visit Paris twice, and hope to be able some time to do so again. Should I ever do so, it would give me extreme pleasure to accept your kind invitation to call upon you at your office.

Very respectfully yours,

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Capitel City Carriage Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Weir

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

The last assessment for the Parkside lots is due to-day. The amount due on your two lots is $271.00. Upon receipt of that amount, I will see that a warranty deed is executed and delivered to you, together with an abstract.

Yours truly,

John W. Weir

President.

(Enc. by O.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. H. E. Clark,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I write you now about a matter lest I forget it, which I think is of a good deal of importance, and that is as to how you shall cover the end of Brittingham Park that is sandy next to the St. Paul track with some marl or clay from the bay. I judge from a talk I had with Mr. Engler that your plan was to open up some joints of pipe about where the pipe now lies and let the material run where it would. I do not think this would be at all a satisfactory way of doing the work and would be exceedingly expensive for the association. It seems to me the pipe ought to be laid along the outer edge of the strip so that the material can run from there across the whole strip toward the lake or as far as the driveway. This may necessitate the throwing up of an embankment, but that would be far cheaper than the drawing of this material by teams from the center toward the outer edges. Moreover, the center should be lower than the outer edges when we get the park finally completed , on the same principle of grading that we have been carrying out recently on the portion south of West Main street extended. I wish you would consider this matter and we will talk it over the next time I see you.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

Vice President C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

As you know, there is a triangular piece of ground between your main tracks and the St. Paul tracks, extending from a point a little east of the place where you filled up the opening last year in Monona Bay, east to the foot of Hamilton street. This piece comprises between half and three quarters of an acre, and is connected directly with the easterly end of Brittingham Park which we are now making by filling up a portion of the socalled triangle. At the foot of Broom street there is an eighteen or twenty inch iron pipe laid by the St. Paul Company under its tracks and to a point toward your tracks about half way between the tracks. From this point to your tracks the drain is open. Under your tracks out to the lake you have constructed a solid, substantial stone culvert. I write to ask whether your road will not connect your present culvert with the end of the St. Paul iron pipe, and thus enable us to have a continuous and covered drain from the foot of Bassett street through to the lake. Our association is desirous some time soon of getting upon this triangular piece of ground and smoothing it off, preparatory to ultimately putting on a top dressing of good dirt and seeding it down. Either the city or the St. Paul Company will construct a catch basin at the foot of Bassett street between the end of the street and the St. Paul track, and when this is done surface drainage will pass through a covered culvert to the lake. I should judge that the length of culvert which you are here asked to build would not exceed much, if any, twenty feet, although I have not measured the distance.

Very truly yours,

President.

Dic. by O.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,
10 N. Baldwin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The last assessment on the Parkside Subdivision lots is now due, and this makes $271 additional to $600 still back on your lots, making now the total amount due from you $871.00. Unless I hear from you at once concerning this matter, I shall see what can be done in some other way. Upon the payment of the amount now due, a warranty deed will be made to you of the two lots and abstracts furnished.

Yours truly,

J. Atwell Blair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept.1, 1908.

Hoffman Feed Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.15 to pay your two bills against the Association. Please receipt and return both bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Atwell Blair

President.

(Warrant)
(2 Encls.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Kaiser,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The last assessment on your two lots, Parkside Subdivision, amounts to $271.00. Upon receipt of a check for that amount, I will see that a warranty deed is delivered to you, together with an abstract for each lot.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $34.25 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Miss Agens A. Kelley,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

The last assessment on your lot 6, Parkside Subdivision, amounts to $135.50. Upon receipt of that amount, I will see that a warranty deed is executed to you for the lot and an abstract furnished.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Hon. Elmer E. Mills,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The last assessment is now due on your lot 17, Parkside Subdivision, being $135.50. Upon receipt of check for this amount, I will see that warranty deed is executed and delivered to you, together with abstract

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Have you made any inquiries of the Olds Seed Company, which, I understand, has recently moved to the this city, to see whether we cannot get grass seed for our parks at nearer a wholesale rate? If you have not done so, I wish you would inquire into this matter and then perhaps talk the same over with Mr. Mayers and get one to bidding against the other.

The manure that is being put in Brittingham Park, should be piled up in about two piles along Main street and at about the widest point between the street and the walk in a neat shape not only on account of appearance, but in order to have it thoroughly rotted, and further not to have the ground covered with manure so as to interfere with the planting and with the putting of the black soil in piles preparatory to planting. My instruction if you remember, were at the beginning that the manure should be piled up in this way.

Yours truly,

President.

Sept. 1, 1908.

Andrew A. Mayers,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.80 to pay your bill. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Mr. Martin Nelson,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The last assessment is now due on your lot 10, Parkside Subdivision, being $135.50. Upon receipt of check for this amount, I will see that warranty deed is executed and delivered to you, together with abstract

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

My. C. L. Whitney,
c/o D. C. Bascom,
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The assessment on your two lots, Parkside Subdivision, for the 1st of September, is $271.00. Upon the payment of this amount, a warranty deed will be given you and also an abstract for each lot. Shall I turn the deed and abstracts over to Mr. Curtis of this city?

You will be pleased to know that the finance committee of the common council has recommended the issuing of some $30,000 in bonds toward purchasing the additional lots for Tenney Park and completing the improvement. The work has been progressing very nicely.

Yours truly,

Jerrell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 1, 1908.

Hon. George W. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The last assessment on lots 1 and 2, Parkside Subdivision, amounts to $271.00. Should be pleased if you could send me a check for that amount at as early a date as possible. Upon receipt of this check, I will see that a warranty deed is executed to you of the two lots.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 2, 1908.

Mr. Anton C. Paulsen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.20 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

Sept. 2, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I notice that you have, in putting in your time, put in a whole month, I think four different times, instead of dividing the work up as you have done heretofore. I do not like this way of putting in the bill and do not wish to have it followed hereafter. It will not look well in the printed report, and it is not according to the fact.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Sept. 3, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

There is one matter I am rather surprised we did not get farther along with while you were here, and that is as to what should be done with the banks around the oval park in Wingra Park, including also the putting in of a proper retaining wall, if that is thought best, along Mr. Curtis' land. Perhaps you talked this over with Mr. Ickе more fully than I know about. I would like to have you look over the design of this park, prepared by Mr. Mischa, as I remember, at one time, and make a design for it as you think it ought to be made for the best interests of the park, or

Another matter which must be adjusted at once, and which I talked with you about, is the change in the filling and turn-around at the South Madison tracks. We will have to decide immediately as to just what the outlet is ultimately to be at that point across the tracks.

Mr. Ickе called me up this morning to inquire about the length of the span of the long view bridge in Tenney Park. He says, according to your sketch, there is only forty feet open space on the water, while the length "over all" is fifty feet. I told him I understood from my talk with you that you intended an open space here of either forty-five or fifty feet, I was uncertain which. He says the opening on the water surface is fifty feet and if the bridge is cut down to a forty foot span there will need to be filling

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out to ten feet, five feet on each side. I wish you would write to him or to me at once, stating what your view of the matter is.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Sept. 4, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would indicate what these two enclosed bills are for, and I wish you would again instruct all men you deal with to forward these bills to you in the first instance, so that they will come to me after having been O. K'd. by you. It does seem by this time we ought to have this matter understood by men with whom we deal.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Encls.

President

Sept. 4, 1908.

Mr. Otto H. Hansen,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Hansen:-

Yours of Aug. 31 received.

I enclose herewith the original contract made between our association and the La Crosse Dredging Company. You are at liberty to make a copy of the same if you desire, and the original will be returned to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 3, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Burgess,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Burgess:-

Yours of Sept. 1 received.

I find, upon calling up your house, that you are absent from the city not to be back for some two weeks.

I am exceedingly anxious that the city shall secure this additional land for Henry Vilas Park. Since sending you the proposed option, I learned from reliable sources that unless the ice house property is obtained at this time, a large and permanent ice house will be constructed the present fall. Hence, anything that is done must be done before such building is erected.

Now, I do not wish to keep you in suspense, and I have decided that I will purchase the lots from you, paying you cash at once, you making the deed to me personally. I will give you at the time a writing back, to the effect that I will deed the property back to you as soon as it is determined that the land will not be used for park purposes--if such should turn out to be the fact--you merely paying me the money I may have put into the lots with six per cent interest on the same. As you can readily see, I could not get action at once on the part of the city, but I have a good deal of faith that we shall be able to carry the plan through.

As soon as you return, I would like very much to close this matter out along the lines indicated.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

(Enc.

Sept. 4, 1908.

George B. Ferry, Architect,
Lake Mills, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ferry:-

I send you, under another cover, the sketch for bridge that I talked with you about over the telephone this forenoon, sending the same to Lake Mills. I also send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association. At page 19 thereof, you will find a map of Tenney Park. The bridge in question is at the point marked "A". There are to be, ultimately, three other bridges constructed at F, E and H. Those at D and B are taken out. The lagoon marked G has been filled up and also the little lagoon marked C, and there has been acquired an additional 350 feet on the lake shore at the left hand corner of the map.

We are desirous that these foot bridges be of neat design, we are thinking of having them made of re-enforced concrete with stone facing, using the native stone, which you are familiar with. There is pending before the common council an ordinance for the issuing of bonds to assist in completing this park to the amount of $30,000. This ordinance is to come up for consideration on Friday evening, one week from to-night. We would like very much to have in shape for that meeting a sketch showing the plan of this bridge. I wish you would prepare such sketch from the material I send you, and return the same to John F. Icke, city engineer. I expect to be out of the city all of next week. You can send the bill for your services to me. We shall want to consult you as to the other bridges later. They will be built either this season or next.

As you will observe, a neat bridge at the point "A" will show up well

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from Sherman Avenue as you look down across the lagoon.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

Wish you would indicate [illegible] the size of Conservatory [illegible] the surface [illegible] [illegible] J.M.O.

Sept 8. 1908

Mr. Wm G. MacLean
Park Foreman
City.

Dear Sir:- Mrs. Vilas told Mr. Hoyt that some [illegible] of this [illegible] and [illegible] up plants and vines in Henry Vilas [illegible] and [illegible] up [illegible] Mr. Olin is out of the city [illegible] last evening and [illegible] Mr. Olin is out of the city [illegible] Recall your attention to this and presume you [illegible] know what to do. Very truly yours,

Olin & Butler
Per Frank A. Daley.

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Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. T. E. Brittingham, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Brittingham:

Could you get me a check if possible for $1600 to apply on Brittingham Park improvment? This when paid leaves but $500 to be paid during the present year.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. P. J. O'Brien,
Supt, C. & N. W. Railway Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:-

Your favor of the 7th, I found upon my table upon my return this morning after a week's absence at Chicago.

I do not know whether you have the letter which I wrote Mr. Gardner. If so, you will see that the matter is different from that stated in yours of Sept. 7. The situation is, briefly stated, this: At the foot of Broom Street, in this city, there is a twenty inch iron drain pipe which passes under the St. Paul tracks and to a point about half way between those tracks and the tracks of your company. From the end of this iron pipe to your double track there is an open ditch. To this point on to the water there is a substantial stone culvert constructed by your company. Now the only thing we wished on the part of your company was to put in a permanent covered drain for surface water between the end of the St. Paul drain pipe and your stone culvert so that there would be a covered drain from the street end clear through to the water's edge. Our association is planning to put in shape the triangular piece of ground between the St. Paul and Northwestern tracks extending from a point about half way between Bassett and Broom Streets easterly to the foot of Hamilton Street, and before doing this we wanted to have the drain put in as suggested above. As it is now, this open section furnishes a place for the dumping of all sorts of rubbish. I am very sure your company will be willing to put this in as soon as you understand the situation.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On my return I find, among other bills, on my table, the enclosed one, amounting, as I understand it, to $102.10. I am somewhat surprised that you went ahead and made this purchase without further authority. The only talk I had with you about the matter was to investigate and report to me. I think this is a matter that should have been laid before the directors. Before paying this bill, I want to know what the entire outfit is going to cost.

There are several matters that I wish to call your attention to:

1. It is unwise to patronize entirely Sumner & Morris' hardware store. Blied & Schneider and Kroncke Bros. should be remembered in our trade.

2. The same thing applies to some extent as to purchases of harness repairs, &c. It would be well to remember Mr. Wehrmann, who, I know, has some feeling on this matter.

3. Some of the men we deal with give us ten per cent discount and others give no discount at all. Had you noticed this fact, and if so, have you done anything toward trying to get matters on the same basis for all?

4. The seed which you sowed in Brittingham Park has not any of it, so far as I can discover this morning, come up. Evidently you were sold poor seed, and it will be necessary for us now to do the work all over again. I wish you would examine into this matter and take it up with Mr. Mayers and see what the difficulty is. We never have had any such difficulty before. I made quite a careful examination this morning and could not find any appearance of any grass at all coming from this seed.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc,)

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. Arthur C. Corney,
Landscape Architect,
204 Crawford Ave.,
Dixon, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Upon my return to the office this morning after a week's absence on legal business at Chicago, I find yours of Sept. 9. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association. I regret that I cannot very well spare more than the one copy. There has been a very great demand for our reports the present year and they are already nearly exhausted.

I should be pleased to have you write me the impressions made from an examination of the report. You will find, I think, our work here is somewhat unique in the large amount that has been done through voluntary contributions, considering that when we started out in our work we were a city of only about 13,000 and are not much, if any, at the present time, over 25,000.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

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[redacted], I think we can work in next year $2000 to $2500 out of the general park fund, provided the council will levy a tax say of about one-half mill for park maintenance.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

luetter & Co.,

City.

ntlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $26.75 to pay your bill against sociation. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(arrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mautz Bros.,

City,

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.90 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Messrs. Sumner & Morris,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find five warrants, one for $2.35, one for $4.43, one for $18.79, one for $15.52 and one for $5.45 to pay your bills against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

(5 Warrants)

(5 Encls.)

Yours truly,

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. P. Lynch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.15 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 14, 19

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find three warrants, one for $14.38, one for $.3
and one for $3.60, to pay your bills against the Association. Please r
ceipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(3 Warrants)
(3 Encls.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Vaughan's Seed Store,
84 Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.26 to pay your bill against th
Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
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President.

Sept. 14, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,
City

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $69.85 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 15, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would arrange to go out over all of the drives on both sides, taking the west system of drives first, and put up a lot of fresh fire-warning signs. If you have not on hand such signs in sufficient quantity order them printed at once. We are in great danger of fires during this dry weather. These signs should be put up not merely along the drives that are properly and legally the drives of the association, but all the different roads through the woods that are open to the public. A fire is quite as apt to be started along one [illegible] in any other place, and when started is apt to be quite as m[illegible]

[illegible] truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 15, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Your favor of Sept. 9, came in my absence at Chicago on business.

We submitted to Mr. George B. Ferry, architect of Milwaukee, your sketch, Bayview Bridge and also the one prepared more accurately as to measurements by Mr. Icke, and have received from Mr. Ferry a new drawing, concerning which he writes under date of Sept. 9, as follows:

"We forward you this afternoon a sketch for the proposed bridge. This is quite different from the Steensland Bridge in most respects, and is laid out for a bridge of dressed stone, which becomes possible by reason of the soft nature of the local material. As you see the method adopted is distinctly different from that of Mr. Mische (he gets the idea in some way that Mr. Mische had something to do with the sketch), and the changes have been made for the following reasons.

The rise of the arch from the water is so slight that a successful ellipse is impossible, and the three centered arch, such as is indicated on his drawing, looks as if it were crushed in the center. It is probable, therefore, as to the bridges in this park (where the land lies low and the span is slight in proportion to the roadway from the water) that single segment arches will produce the best results. This is used in this case.

I have also avoided any attempt at the balustrade, because the mass conditions before stated owing to the slight [illegible], and seems to make a balustrade ponderous

and over-heavy, for the situation. To secure an effective mass the method shown in the drawing, therefore, is used."

I have gone over the matter with Mr. Icke. He thinks the avoiding any attempt at a balustrade is a decided improvement, and I agree with him. Under the sketch prepared by Mr. Ferry, we shall get a free space four feet high for a width of only about sixteen feet, as compared with twenty feet shown in your sketch. While this is some narrow, I am inclined to think we had better proceed on the line of his arch unless you think it is undersirable, all of the circumstances being considered.

I am not quite sure as to the desirability of using "dressed" stone instead of Ashler, and I have written to Mr. Ferry, asking him to state a little more definitely just what he means by the term "dressed" stone as here used. I take it that he has in mind stone dressed about as you see it here in the new wings to the University Hall and also in the new woman's building now being constructed. If this be the idea, would stone so dressed, in your opinion, be most appropriate under the circumstances?

You will be interested to know that I received a letter from Mr. Tenney upon his return to the city, under date of Sept. 2, enclosing a check for $2500. I believe this is not the only money we shall receive from Mr. Tenney.

The council voted on Friday evening last to issue $30,000 of bonds for the improvement of Tenney Park. This will leave us, I think, in pretty fair shape. It will likely be about $5,000 below what we ought to have, and this goes on the theory that Mr. Tenney will contribute another $2500. He

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~~over~~, I think we can work in next year $2000 to $2500 out of the general park fund, provided the council will levy a tax say of about one-half mill for park maintenance.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 15, 1908.

George B. Ferry, Esq., Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of the 9th with sketch of bridge came while I was absent in Chicago. I have just gone over the matter with Mr. Icke, City Engineer. In justice to Mr. Icke it should be stated that the sketch sent you was the work of our new land scape architect Mr. Nolen, rather than that of Mr. Icke. Mr. Icke at once recognized the improvement suggested by you in the removal of the balustrade. The low and squatty appearance of the arch was the result of trying to keep the bridge down low and at the same time secure a free space between the bridge and the water four feet in height for width of twenty feet. Under your drawing this width will be cut down to about sixteen feet but we think this will be sufficient.

There is just one point we would like a little further advise on, and that is whether under all the circumstances you thing the stone had better be "dressed" or whether it had better be ashlar. Is the word "dressed" as used here, something the same as is seen in the addition to Main Hall on University grounds and also in the new Woman's Building that is now being erected? The latter stone is being dressed the same as the stone in the south and north wings of the Main Hall. Will you please write me concerning this one matter.

We are planning to put up three other bridges of similar character in Tenney Park. We will submit to you the rough sketches in each case, as fast as they are ready. If you should be in Madison at any time in the near future I would like to drive you out to the park.

You can either send your bill for services for this bridge now, or wait until the other sketches are submitted, just as you may prefer.

We will also submit to you as suggested the engineer's working drawings.

Thanking you very much in your attention in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 16, 1908.

Mr. O. D. Brandenburg,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brandenburg:-

I would like if you could publish the enclosed in some prominent place in the paper in the morning, and perhaps call attention to the matter briefly in an editorial. I am a good deal worried about the condition of things during this dry time, lest great damage be done through the careless setting of fires.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John W. Blair.

President.

Sept. 16, 1908.

Mr. W. C. McNown,
Richmond, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

I was absent in Chicago when yours of Sept. 8 reached my office. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair

President.

Sept. 16, 1908

Mr. C. L. Whitney,

c/o D. C. Bascom,

Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter and check came during my week's absence in Chicag
The warranty deed has been executed and delivered to Mr. Curtis for the tw
lots you purchased in Parkside Subdivision.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Mr. Thomas Shaughnessy,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are having considerable trouble with parties shooting birds, squirrels, &c., in Henry Vilas Park, especially on Saturdays and Sundays. Would it not be possible for you to detail one of your policemen for next Saturday and Sunday and instruct him to arrest any one found shooting on these grounds? This is the only way we can stop this kind of lawlessness.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Mr. Elmer E. Mills,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We would like very much, at this time, to close out the matter the purchase price for lot 17, Parkside Subdivision. If you will send me check for the balance due per my last letter, I will see that a warranty deed is issued to you at once and that you are furnished with abstract of title. We must pay to-day the balance due on contract for the dredging.

Very truly yours,

by C.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Considerable complaint comes to me about shooting in Henry Vilas Park. You had beeter have some plain signs put up, warning people, and stating that any one violating the rule subjects himself to punishment. You had better see Mike, explain the situation to him, and have him look after matters, especially on Saturday and Sunday. I suppose he has been appointed a special policeman and can make arrest if necessary.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Hon. George W. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I would appreciate it if we could get straightened out now the balance due on your two lots, Parkside Subdivision. I can make the deed at any time on receipt of balance due. We need the money to meet our obligations.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Mr. H. b. Clark,

2014 Madison St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $1350 to pay balance due on contract for Tenney Park Improvement. If you find that there has been some mistake made, we will straighten that out later. A receipt is always subject to correction.

Will you send to me two checks, one for the amount I advanced on your behalf to purchase lot in Parkside Subdivision, being $364.50, and the other payable to Frank W. Hoyt for $635.50, being the balance on the purchase price of said lot? Immediately upon receipt of these checks, I will see that a warranty deed is made out by the officers of the association and handed to you, together with abstract of title.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 17, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I regret that I am under the necessity of writing to you again for balance due of $271 on lots 14 and 15, Parkside Subdivision. There is no excuse whatever for this, for the simple reason that you can go to the Commercial National Bank and borrow the money with these lots as security at any time. By not paying the obligation, you are simply compelling the association to carry your burden. This money was due the 1st of September. Unless it is promptly paid, we shall expect you to pay interest on it from Sept 1 at six per cent. We carried for you $600 for over a month without interest. We do not care about the interest, but we do care about getting the principal, for we need it to meet our obligations.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 21, 1908.

Mr. Patrick Cass,

123 N. Franklin St.,

City.

Dear Sir:

On Saturday morning I met Mr. Henicka[illegible], and he spoke to me about a team, and promised that he would have at least one team for us down at Brittingham Park this morning without fail. Hence, relying upon this promise, we arranged our force of men accordingly, that is for three teams. I found upon going down to the work this morning that no team was furnished. Now I think under the circumstances you ought to take this matter up with Mr. Henicka[illegible] and find out what the reason is for not sending us a team. I think you will agree with me that this is not quite right to leave us in the lurch in this way.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 21, 19

Mr. E. F. Paunack,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Paunack:-

Owing to the exceedingly dry time, we are running great risk from the setting of fires in the woods adjoining the drives. We have placed two or three of our men in the woods to police matters as well as we can. I wish you would arrange with your foreman that, in case of fire, he would have his men go at once to help extinguish it, keeping track of the ti and sending me a bill, and our association will gladly pay.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 21, 19

Mr. George Sullivan,

City.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:-

I am very much exercised lest a destructive fire is started in the woods adjoining the drives. I wish you would instruct the foreman of the city quarry that, in case a fire starts in the woods on th aside, he should have the men go at once and help extinguish it. Have him track of the time and send the bill to me, and I will see that the same i paid. We are having some of our men police the grounds as well as we ca

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 21, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of Sept. 18 just received, and contents noted. I do not myself get very much idea from the sketch as to the boat and bath house, but I am not an expert in those matters. I think, however, that we must study to keep the expenses of those buildings down. I am afraid the planning thus far has been entirely on too expensive a scale.

The trouble with raising the arch of the bridge another foot is the ...lty and expense in getting proper approaches. I do not believe it be wise to increase the height to six feet, as suggested, unless it is ...olutely necessary that this should be done.

If you can do so without too much trouble, I wish you would drop a ...e to Prof. Charles S. Slichter, of this city, stating to him the names of firms that deal with wild flowers. He is taking a special interest in that li...e, and I think we may be able to use him to very good advantage. He is a very intelligent person, and it has often occurred to me that if we had some one here who could take special interest in wild flowers, we could produce some very fine effects.

Yours truly,

'Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 21, 1908.

Prof. Charles S. Slichter,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Slichter:-

Yours of Sept. 17 received.

I have written to Mr. Nolen, our landscape architect, asking him to send to you the names of the firms whom he regards most favorably that deal in wild flowers. I thought this would be the best way of getting the up to date information.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 22, 1908.

Mr. W. E. Chase,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I do not wish to trouble you, but as you are aware, under the contract signed by you, if the association insists on its rights, there would be a shortage in your lots at the end of the block next to Beyler's of about thirteeen feet. Now, as representing the association, I would like to get matters adjusted so as to be fair and equitable between all of the parties. However, if we are to do the work that the contract calls for, we must get upon this land during this dry time. I trust you may be able to call some time to-day, for a few minutes, and talk matter over, both with reference to this block and with reference to the situation at South Madison. The latter matter must be desided at once, since the Dredging Company will be through with its other work within a few days, I think by the close of the week.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 22, 1908.

Messrs. Henion & Hubbell,
61-63 Jefferson St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $41.76 to pay for one centri
gal pump and supplies connected therewith. Please receipt the enclosed bill
and return the same to me, and very much oblige.

(Inc. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Inc.)

Yours truly,

John W. O'Brien

Sept. 22, 1908.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $97.00 to pay the enclosed bill.
I have been absent from the city, and perhaps this warrant is not
quite in time. I trust, however, you may feel like giving the discount of
five per cent. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

(Inc. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Inc.)

Yours truly,

John W. O'Brien

President.

Sept. 22, 1908.

Mr. Emil T. Mische,

Park Superintendent,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

A question has come up concerning the boulevard drive and park strip to South Madison which, as now claimed by Mr. Baskerville, involves you. I wish to put the facts before you, and then I desire a prompt and full answer.

As you will remember, the contract between our association and the property owners gives to the association for park purposes a strip of land twenty-six feet wide besides the slope to the bank. It was supposed at the time that the lot owners had done sufficient filling to leave for themselves 240 feet, exclusive of the street, park strip and slope. Indeed, they evidently supposed that they had something more than the 240 feet, because, as you will remember, we tried at first to have them sign an agreement by which the association should have for boulevard and park purposes all land outside of a 240 foot line measured from the public road around as far and just beyond the bend at least toward Mr. Richmond's. This the lot owners declined to agree to, and signed the agreement in the form as above stated.

When we came to lay out the drive and park strip this spring, it turned out that there was a shortage beginning with the Newman and Baskerville property and extending around to the curve next to Mr. Richmond's. The shortage varies all the way up to about seventeen feet.

As you well know, the directors of our association had nothing whatever to do with this filling in any way, shape or manner. Since the shortage was discovered, Mr. Baskerville has had at least three different

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talks with me about the matter. In none of these talks did he claim for a moment that any one representing, or pretending to represent, the association, had said anything to him as to the extent of the fill. It now seems that in a talk had between Mr. Richmond and Mr. Baskerville within the past few days, Mr. Baskerville makes the statement to Mr. Richmond that before he, Baskerville, signed the 999 year lease, you assured Mr. Baskerville that there would be 240 feet left for the lot owners, after setting aside the 66 foot street and the slope of the bank, and that it was not until after you gave this assurance to Mr. Baskerville that he was willing to sign the lease, and that he would never have signed the lease had it not been for such assurance.

I wish you would write me by return mail, stating whether you ever had any such talk with Mr. Baskerville either in this form or anything like it in substance. As you will see from the above, no such claim was made by Mr. Baskerville in his various talks with me, and my talks with him were of such a character that he would very naturally have referred to such promise or assurance by you at the very outset of our talks, had there ever been any such conversation between you and him as he now claims. Certainly, if you ever had any such talk as this, it was entirely without my knowledge, and if you had any such talk, it must have been long after the agreement was signed and at a time when you were negotiating with Mr. Baskerville and Mr. Newman just before your leaving Madison, trying to get them to allow the association in laying out the drive and in order to get the proper curve, to cut in upon the 240 feet at one or two points. You will well remember there was an effort made by you to secure such concession and that Mr. Baskerville declined to grant the concession. But this talk, as I say, was long after the agree-

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ment or lease had been signed by Mr. Baskerville and the other parties.

Let me further state that when the shortage was discovered, I promised, on behalf of the association, that, although the association was not required to do so under the contract, I would recommend to the directors that we meet the property owners half way and that we make up to them one-half of the shortage ~~up to~~ out of our park strip. This I regarded as a most liberal proposition, and it is so regarded by Mr. Richmond, and not until after I had made such proposition and had two different talks with Mr. Baskerville concerning it, did he come forward with any such claim as he is now making as to this alleged talk with you.

I trust that you are having an enjoyable and successful time at your work. We are passing through a very extreme drought. We hope it will be broken soon. It did not come on soon enough to seriously injure any of our planting. You will be pleased to know that the common council has voted $30,000 in bonds, $19,000 to purchase the seven additional Tenney Park lots, and the balance to complete the improvement, and that Mr. Tenney has sent in his check recently for $2500. The work both in that park and Brittingham Park has been going on very satisfactorily.

Very sincerely yours,

(c. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

Sept. 22, 1908.

Mr. Emil T. Mische,

Park Superintendent,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

As you may know, I have not the least bit of confidence in Mr. Baskerville or his word. I may say further, in confidence to you, that Mr. Richmond does not believe a word that Mr. Baskerville states as to your having given Mr. Baskerville any such assurance. The fact is, and in answering my letter, you better bear this in mind, that up to and after this contract or lease was signed it would have been impossible for you, or any other person, to walk across this fill, and why you should have ever been measuring there for the purpose of determining just how much would be left to the lot owners is more than I can understand. I do not believe a word of it. But of course I want your recollection of the matter just as it no lies in your mind, and I wish you would be careful to make a strong, vigor ous statement, so far as the facts justify such statement, and of course is unnecessary for me to say that you will not go, in any respect, beyond the facts.

Very sincerely yours,

John H. Ch[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 22, 1908.

Sept. 23, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I think, perhaps, I ought to send you a copy of Mr. Tenney's letter in which he sent us a check of $2500. You will notice certain conditions imposed. Some of them are, perhaps, difficult to comply with, but I think we will get along without much trouble. It might be well for you to have in mind the kind of toilet buildings we are to construct. The conditions imposed as to the entrances to the two existing foot bridges you may consider, and we will talk matters over upon your next visit. The putting in of the drinking fountains we hope to do this fall.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Sept. 25, 1908.

L. L Olds Seed Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $7.55 and the other for .70 to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt and return both bills to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Sept. 25, 1908.

Messrs. Henion & Hubbell,

61-69 No. Jefferson St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.77 to pay freight charges on one centrifical pump. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(1 Enc.)

President.

Sept. 25, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Dottl,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find two warrants, one for $77.50 and the other for $1.00 to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt both bills and return same, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Sept. 25, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $31.75 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 28, 1908.

R. [illegible]

Gen. Mgr. Chicago & N. W. R. R. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28th received. I am certainly laboring under a misapprehension of ownership of the land. I will take the matter up at once with the St. Paul road. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

John W. [illegible]

([illegible])

Sept. 29, 1908.

Mr. Louis A. Geffert,

204 E. Washington Av.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.35 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John W. [illegible]

President.

Oct. 1, 1908.

Sept. 28, 1908.

Mr. J. C. Prien,

City.

Dear Mr. Prien:

I enclose herewith a letter from R. H. Aishton, Gen. Mgr. of N. W. R. R. Co. and the accompanying map. You will understand the situation. Wish you would take the matter up with your company.

Has it been determined whether the city or your company will put in catch basin at the foot of Bremen St? This work ought to be done this fall without fail.

Yours very truly,

(Enc.: Big by O.)

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 1, 1908.

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Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of Sept. 23 was duly received. I did not mean to leave the impression by my letter that nothing further need to be done as to design for boat and bath houses. I merely meant that I did not myself get much idea from the sketch submitted. I think we ought to be considering those matters and decide at as early a date as possible upon the plan of each of the proposed buildings. This should be done in order to start with the work the first thing in the spring.

I note what you say about the grading in Tenney Park for the approaches to the different bridges. But this is a matter that should have been determined upon at an earlier date. We have already done the grading for the three bridges in the park, except the one near Sherman Avenue. The ground has been covered largely with good dirt, and to change the grading at this time would mean much added expense, not to mention the difficulty of securing material.

Some modification might yet be made, if deemed best, for the approaches to the bridge near Sherman Avenue, since that filling is not all completed.

. by O.)

Very truly yours,

John W. Olin

President.

Oct. 1, 1908.

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,
City.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I return herewith the letter of Col. Munson. I have no recollection whatever of being paid this money, but would not want to question Col. Munson's statement under the circumstances, and hence I enclose herewith my check for $5.00 for that subscription.

(Dic. by O.)
(Check)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

Johnson

Oct. 6, 1908.

Mr. Upton C. Paulson,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.00 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

Johnson

President.

Oct. 10, 1908.

Mr. Emil T. Mische,
Park Supt.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

Upon my return from a week's absence this morning, I find your favor of Sept. 28. I wish to thank you very much for the same. It is as I expected it would be. Knowing you so well as I do, I felt sure that you never assumed to act in any such manner as is now claimed by Mr. Baskerville.

I have heard, with much interest, good reports of your work there at Portland. It will also be of interest to you when I state that I am very sure I express the sentiment of the people generally by saying that your work here is appreciated more every day rather than less. You will also be interested in knowing that, although Senator Vilas left no provision for the park in his will, Mrs. Vilas, of her own accord, upon my first visit to her (of course not intending to say anything myself) volunteered that she intended to carry out the wishes of Senator Vilas with reference to that park. You will also be interested in knowing that I am now trying to secure the high ground where the ice house is so as to carry out the plan you prepared. In fact, I have already entered into a personal contract for the purchase of the ice house property, although I do not wish that known as yet. I have options also on quite a proportion of the other property needed. I am assuming a personal burden in this matter merely for the purpose of saving the land for the city, knowing that I cannot just now get favorable action from the city, but feeling that I can within a year or two. In this way we will get Erin Street extended through to

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Warren Street. It will likely cost ultimately about $25,000.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 12, 1908.

Syvert Aasen,

~~621~~-623 ~~W. Main~~ N. Baldwin St., City.

Dear Sir:

Is there any part of the enclosed bill that ought to be paid by the Blake Bros? I have been intending to submit this to you for sometime but have forgotten it. Please return bill to me and state what the facts are.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 10, 1908.

Mr. C. H. Kanouse,

1514 Williamson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.85 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

H.M. Schlingen

Mr. E. F. Paunack,

City.

Oct. 10, 1908

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $51.23 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

Oct. 10, 1908.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.

Madison, Wi .

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for sixty cents to pay your bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John W. Olin

President.

Oct. 10, 1908.

The Mueller Company,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $31.22 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 10, 1908.

Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $41.60 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 10, 1908.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for fifteen and the other for twenty-four cents, to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt and return both bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 10, 1908.

Messrs. Smith & Deadman,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find check for $1.15 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 12, 1908.

Mr. J. A. Steinle,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $74.00, being payment on account for dirt drawn by Mr. Doran. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Oliver

President.

(Warrant)

(Eng.)

Oct. 16, 1908.

Mrs. McCray

Landscape Architect,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. McCray:

I understand there has been submitted to you the work of preparing some designing for improvement of right of way of your company and a little triangle piece of ground belonging to the University adjoining University Avenue. It is a part of your right of way which extends from University Avenue westerly to the road extending from that Avenue to the west end of Linden drive. I understand the University is willing to co-operate in this improvement. We would like to have done this fall, before frost sets in, if possible, whatever grading is necessary for the improvement, so that the planting can be done next spring. Some of our citizens here are very much interested in having this little triangular piece of ground as well as the Railway right of way improved. I think we can arrange to maintain both without expense to the Railway Company if the planting is done.

Would you be so kind as to write me the progress that has been made, if any, toward the improvement so far as your part of the work is concerned, and very much oblige,

Very truly yours,

(Dictated C.)

Oct. 17, 1908.

C. F. Cooley,

City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find warrant for $2.82 for your bill. Please receipt the same and return to me, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 17, 1908.

Kleuter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $35.60 for feed for team. Please receipt bill and return same to me.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 17, 1908.

Blake Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:

I wish you would read the enclosed bill and the note from Mr. MacLean. Part of this work was by reason of repairs necessitated by use of the roller by you. Will you return the bill to me with a check for such sum as you think is right under the circumstances and I will send a warrant to King & Walker for the whole bill.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 17, 1908.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $35 to pay for your bill for truck.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 20, 1908.

Mr. Patrick Cass,
Prest. Teamsters' Union,
123 N. Franklin St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Our association must begin hauling stone next Monday morning to protect the banks in Monona Bay around to South Madison and also around this bay to the triangle, etc., connected with Brittingham Park. Unless this stone is gotten in at this time, we shall suffer very great damage by the action of the water next spring. It is absolutely necessary that this work be done this fall. I have seen Mr. Stevens and he says that beginning Monday morning of next week, he will furnish stone for six teams at the rate of three trips or loads per day. Our association can put in two teams. Hence, we must have, in some way, four other teams, and we must have them continuously for one week to ten or twelve days. I want to know by Thursday morning, of this week, whether your union will furnish us the four teams. If you cannot furnish the four teams, then I want you to say to the members of your union that our association can put in the necessary number of non-union teams and that this fact shall in no way prejudice or interfere with Mr. Stevens in the drawing of stone for him by union teams. In other words, to make it plain, your union must either furnish the teams or you must withdraw any objection to the drawing of stone by non-union teams for this particular piece of work. Remember, we are not asking in this that the union teams <u>work with</u> non-union teams. We are simply asking that the drawing of stone from a quarry man by non-union teams under the circumstances, shall not prejudice the interests of such

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quarry man.

I want a reply to this letter in writing, stating plainly and explicitly just what the attitude of your union is or will be with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

JMO -D

John H. Olson.

President.

Oct. 20, 1908.

Hon. J. C. [illegible],
Mayor of the City,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have just sent to Mr. Cass. It is absolutely necessary, in order to protect the park work around Ramona Bay, to get this stone drawn and put in place this fall. I do not know what the reply of Mr. Cass will be, but I feel that if this request is denied by the Teamsters' Union, it will be about time for the city to take hold of matters. It might be well for you to have a talk with Cass about this matter.

Yours truly,

JMO-D
(Enc.)

John W. Olin
President.

Oct. 20, 1908.

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Mr. Emil T. Mische,

Park Supt.,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

I enclose you herewith a copy of an interview with Mr. Mackerville, which explains itself. Will you be so kind as to read the same through and then write me your conclusions on the matter, and return same to me, and very much oblige? I think you will be satisfied from this interview as to where the truth lies.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

(Enc.)

President.

[illegible] 1908.

Mr. P. H. Cass,

M 123 N. Franklin St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

After my letter to you, and on calling up Mr. Icke, he plead with me to postpone the hauling of our stone, and I have agreed with him that we will commence drawing the stone two weeks from next Monday, which will be, as I figure it, Nov. 9. We want to be accommodated at t[illegible] date without fail.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John M. Olin.

President.

Oct. 22, 1908

Mr. John F. Blake,

Room 2 Marston Block,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 20th received. I do not know as it is quite right for you to pay all of the bill of King & Walker. We are much ob[illegible] to you for your generosity in the matter.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John M. Olin.

Oct. 22, 1908.

Hon. T. C. Richmond,

City.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

Perhaps I did not make myself quite plain in our talk about how we would finally adjust the line between the association and the property owners on the South Madison boulevard. I think our talk was in substance this: That we would measure from the upper edge of the stone bank opposite each stake as now placed for a distance of seventy-eight feet and set a stake; that we would then run a line for the street in such a way as to make these stakes thus set the outer line of the street so far as possible, but inasmuch as there are irregularities in the shore line, in running the street we would draw a proper line and in such a way as to make the line fair to the owners and the association. In some places such line would go slightly beyond such stakes and in some places slightly inside some of the stakes, but the line as ultimately established would be a fair average width so as to make the strip a fair average on the basis above assumed.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 22, 1908.

Mr. Albert Warnock,
Station Agt.,
South Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Our association is to commence moving of dirt and filli
at South Madison next to the railroad tracks within a few days. I und
stand it is your boat-house that is there at this time. We have tried,
doing this work, to accommodate everybody as far as possible, and hence
have not asked that your boat-house be disturbed until the very last mi
I trust, therefore, that you will get the same out of the way at once
that we will not injure the same in our work and that we will not be
peded in the work. We are desirous of getting at the work there at th
place while the weather remains good the next two or three weeks.

Yours truly,

JMC-D

President.

J.

D[illegible]

Oct. 28, 1908.

P. O. Fish,

City.

Dear Sir:

Your favor received. I will have this matter investigated by Mr. Hoyt. Of course as you know there are liable to be mistakes but I have always found Mr. Hoyt very careful. I regret exceedingly if any mistake has been made in this case. According to the list handed to me a subscription of $5 by P. O. Fish made in 1906 remains unpaid.

Very truly yours,

JMO-S

Oct. 23, 1908.

J. A. Harley, Esq.,
2010 Monroe St., City.

Dear Sir:

I note what you say in answer to my note of the 17th about paying "any time your collector calls for it". Now we do not send a collector around except when it is absolutely necessary, and when we do this we have to pay a percentage. You certainly do not want any of your subscription to go in that way. Nor do you wish to make those who have to bear the burden of this work any unnecessary trouble. You can pay this subscription at any time either to me or F. W. Hoyt or by leaving the money any time with the Bank of Wisconsin. Will you not please attend to this and much oblige me?

Very truly yours.

JMO-S

Oct. 23, 1908.

Wm. G. MacLean,
Park Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed postal card I do not understand. Will you please attend to the matter and see what it is?

Very truly yours,

JMO-S
(Enc.)

J.

D[illegible]

Oct. 23, 1908.

Hon. Fav[illegible] Stephens,

[illegible]

Dear Mr Stephens:-

When I tried to arrange for drawing stone next Monday, Mr. Ick plead with me not to start at this time because it would interfere with some of the city's work very seriously, and after conference I decided to postpone the work until two weeks from Monday, which is, I believe, Nov. 9. At that time we want, without fail, to begin drawing stone. Mr. Cass has suggested that it would be best to divide the matter up and have two teams draw from each quarry. I do not care how it is divided up or fixed only so we can, at that time, get stone for the work. I dislike to postpone the work so long, but I presume we will still have time to get it done before ice comes on the bay.

Yours truly,

JMC-D

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 27, 1908

Mr. C. H. Worden,
Vice Prest. First National Bank,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 26 received, and contents noted.

I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of our annual report for 1907 and 1908, also an earlier report, containing the law under which we are organized and our charter and bylaws. The has been somewhat modified so as to provide for the mayor of our city and one alderman ex-officio being directors, and in one or two minor respects. I regret to say that the report for 1905 is exhausted.

Very truly yours,

JWO-D

President.

Oct. 28, 1908.

Mr. B. G. Adams,

c/o Lincoln Gas & Electric Co.,

Lincoln, Neb.

My Dear Mr. Adams:-

According to our subscription list, you subscribed $5.00 for the work for the year 1906, and this fell due June 1, 1906. This is in answer to your inquiry of Oct. 26.

Very truly yours,

President.

JMO-D.

Oct. 28, 1908.

John F. Icke,

City Engineer, City.

My dear Sir:

The enclosed sketch I received from Mr. Nolan. You will e if it is some bridge in a small park in Chicago. It may suggest hing to you.

Very truly yours,

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Oct. 27, 1908.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Harley,

2010 Monroe St., City.

Dear Madam:

Yours of October 26th received enclosing check of $5 for the subscription of Mr. Harley to the work of the Association made in 1906.

I note what you say about my "insulting letter". I think a brief consideration by you of certain undisputed facts would cause you to retract somewhat this statement.

1. This subscription was made by your husband in 1906. It fell due on June 1, 1906, and was made expressly payable to Frank W. Hoyt, our treasurer. Hence, it was the duty of Mr. Harley to make the payment to Mr. Hoyt without any notice or solicitation.

2. It has been for many years the universal custom for Mr. Hoyt to send out printed notices to every subscriber notifying him of the time when his subscription is to be paid. It has been the custom to send out not only one, but generally two or three of such notices. If your husband did not get any such notice, it is the result of a mistake, and I have always found Mr. Hoyt a most careful person, one who hardly ever makes a mistake.

3. It has been the custom also when parties have not paid to send in auditor to the notices a special collector whom we have to pay a certain amount for his work. It is possible by reason of the fact that your husband I judge is not in the city all the time, that the collector may not have seen him personally. The great majority of our subscribers pay without being seen by a collector.

4. It is not a part of my duties to attend to collecting the

subscriptions. I certainly have quite enough to do without being troubled with that matter. Merely to help Mr. Hoyt, I sent out these notices to those who had not paid. [illegible] after people have been notified a number of times and the subscription has not been paid, it has been the custom of [illegible] years to turn these subscriptions over to an attorney, the same as any other collection. As a matter of courtesy, and for the purpose of preventing any bad feeling, I took upon myself the labor of sending out these notices before the subscriptions were turned over to any attorney. I may have been unfortunate in the language I used, but I certainly had no idea of "insulting" any one.

5. Permit me finally to say that your letter fails completely to discriminate between my action and the public good. This work is not my work. It is the peoples work. I do not get a farthing and do not want a farthing for anything I am doing for the people in this direction. I think, however, the sacrifice I have made of time for the last sixteen years, should cause a person like yourself to hesitate a little before accusing me of being "insulting". But waiving that for the present, even were I "insulting", you should distinguish between my conduct and the good of the work which some of us have been trying to carry forward.

I have written thus at length, not because of the amount of your subscription either past or to be made in the future, but in order that you might see just the situation and appreciate a little more fully the position of some of us who sacrifice much of our time in this work without any hope or expectation of money given to ourselves. I do not want my conduct to in any way injure the work of the public.

Very respectfully, yours,

JMO-S

Oct. 27, 1908.

John Nolan, Esq.,
City Landscape Architect,
1382 Hravard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

Under another cover I send you 4 copies of our last annual reports of the Association. I do not understand why the reports did not reach you.

There are a number of matters that I perhaps had better call your attention to at this time.

1. I would like to know as soon as possible about what time you expect to be in Madison again and about how long you expect to remain.

2. While here the next time, if I may make the suggestion, I think it might be well for you to try and get acquainted as much as possible with the different members of the common council and, so in a way to have them feel that you are looking after the cities interests, and that to, even though you may not be here all of the time. You will understand I think the reason of the making of this suggestion. It will be wholly unnecessary to make any such suggestion after a year or two more has elapsed.

3. It was concluded that we could not build the present fall any of the bridges in Tenney park. It is the purpose of Mr. Icke to get all of the plans and specifications ready for these bridges the coming winter in ample time to let the contract for all of them at one time, and in season to have work commenced early in the spring.

4. Mr. Icke has informed me that it has been determined to construct a boulder wall where needed around the oval park in Wingra park, the boulders to be imbeded in cement. In this connection I think it would be well for you to prepare a design for the improvement of this small park. I think Mr. Mische at one time prepared such design but whether you have seen it or not I do not know. There is a feeling that this small park ought to be put in shape sometime in the near future.

5. We have put in shape the park strip in front of the last city block to the south, extending to the city limits, in Brittingham park, so that we are ready to plant this next spring extending as far to the south as the city limits. There has been no design as I remember to such planting.

6. The men are now working preparing the park strip, commencing at the Railroad track at South Madison, and working southwesterly through ~~Mr. Richmond's ground~~. We hope, before the cold weather sets in, to finish the strip around to Newman's and Baskerville's land. The exact line of the street between this last point and the city limits has not yet been determined but we think it will be adjusted soon.

7. On your next trip, we desire that you should go over the planting on the drives, and indicate what changes should be made in the way of removing trees etc. and anything else that mya occur to you.

8. We shall also want you to look over Tenney park with a view of determining just the planting that should be done there next spring and how, if at all, the design of Mr. Mische in this respect it to be changed. The changes made by filling up some of the olf lagoon will necessitate some planting near the wading pool, not provided for by

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Mr. Mische's plan.

9. We shall only be able to complete the planting in Brittingham park to a short distance easterly of the entrance to Main Street. The remaining portion of the park lying further to the [illegible] we shall be compelled to let go another year, and do the planting there and in the triangle in 1910. We have cut out the roads in Brittingham park preparatory to having the macadum put in, the rough or flag stone after the ground is frozen and the remaining work to be done next spring. This will put the road in shape around as far as the St. Paul track, Prairie Du Chien division.

10. I feel very strongly that something should be done in the way of securing the passage of some proper ordinance by the common council for the care, maintenance and protection of street trees. That is a matter of which you I think could be a very decided help. I wish unless you think it does not come within your provisions that you would do what you think you can in this direction.

11. There is another matter of great importance I think to our city and that is the Railroad stations at E. Madison. Evidently something will have to be done there within the next year or two. Unless the Northwestern does something soon, I shall not at all be suprised that the Railway commission takes the matter up to compel action. I wish you would be thinking of this matter and see whether you could not, on your next visit indicate some plan that would be feasible toward securing a proper entrance to our city at this point and combining the two stations at this point.

12. I think we ought at your next visit to get something rather

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definite in the way of a plan for bath houses and boat houses. This matter remains just the same as when you left. I feel we may come up to next spring without being ready with any definite plan and I would like to avoid this.

13. About one week ago in Milwaukee General Estabrook met me by appointment to talk over the situation in Milwaukee. They have a committee appointed with the view of establishing a civic center etc., and they decided to secure the services of a landscape architect. Of course I recommend your employment. Mr. Estabrook intimated that in all probability they would want you on your next trip, to spend about three days in Millwaukee looking the situation over with the view of your employment if the committee reach a favorable conclusion. I told him I would lay the matter before you in a general way. Of course both he and I agreed that if you are to represent the state here it would be very desirable for you to represent the leading city in the state in a matter of this kind.

Very truly yours,

JMO.S

Oct. 28, 1908.

T. C. Richmond, Atty.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

I received yours of the 26th. I rode over last evening and looked the ground over. I could not see that any dirt as yet had been taken from the forty foot strip, and none will be taken from that strip on your land without your consent. In fact, I told the men to fill up one or two small holes that are left in that forty foot strip outside of the parkway part.

I wish to suggest, however, that ultimately you will have to have the sand cut out for the twenty-four foot roadway to a proper depth for the macadam road. I am not sure, however, that we ought to do this. We do not need the dirt, and I am inclined to think that this sand will come very handy, in helping to make a foundation across the Newman and Baskerville tract, provided you are willing to have it used for that purpose. For aught I can see, you have no use for it, and it will some time have to be removed.

On thinking matters over, as to the Hoven, Baskerville and Chase tract, I want to call your attention to the fact that in all probability whatever number of feet we give or yield inside of the present stakes, between these stakes and the water, the same width will have to be yielded throughout the entire strip. It will be impossible to yield say ten feet in the center lengthwise of the strip, and five or six feet, or any less number than ten, toward either end of the strip. You will readily see that this is so if you remember the lay of the ground. If we should yield a wider strip in the center, the line of the road at that point

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would bulge out toward the water while the water line would be curving in exactly the opposite direction so far as it curves at all. This is a matter I had not fully considered in my previous talks with you, and call attention to it here so that you can have it in mind in any negotiation you make.

And now let me say, that for many reasons this should be adjusted at once. We expect to commence drawing stone one week from Monday morning, and this line should be determined before that. Moreover, if we continue to have good weather, we ought, if possible, to get the park strip fixed up clear around to the city line, and you property owners ought to get the twenty-four foot space for the roadway put in shape for drawing upon it this fall and winter flagging for the foundation of the road. If this is done, this whole improvement will be advanced just one year above what it will otherwise be. You could then go ahead next spring with the construction of the roadway clear around to South Madison, and this would enable us to get the park strip in shape by getting in the stakes, &c., and seeding it down next spring and summer, and then do all of the planting early the following spring. The conditions are so favorable this fall for the doing of this work that they ought to be taken advantage of. I know how you feel, and of course you can go ahead with the improvement of your end of the road, but you know that this will not give you at all the advantage you would otherwise have by the improvement of the whole route. We expect to get the city to macadamize next spring the three blocks between Washington Avenue and the city limits, and if the property owners would take hold of this matter the road could be put in next summer clear around to

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Le railway tracks at South Madison. I do not think either Mr. Basker- . or Mr. Newman fully appreciate the situation. Mr. Newman seems to nk that this dirt has not yet settled enough. I am inclined to think, wever, that it is settled just about all that it ever will settle. The rt under the roadway may give some when the stone are put on, but that will occur no matter how long you wait. My idea is that the roadway should be cut out across their land right away and that they should then draw some sand from the right of way across your land and cover the roadway across their land with say three or four inches. Of course, you may have some other use for your sand, but I doubt it.

Moreover, the above is the way to get this road constructed economically. If you try to let a contract with the land just as it is, you will find the contractor adding a large amount to the bid to cover imaginary difficulties and contingencies. By reason of this fact, the city is planning to carry out the plan above suggested of getting in the flagging stone this winter and then letting a contract for the rest of the work.

Of course, if anything is done along the lines suggested, action should be taken promptly.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

President.

Nov. 2, 1908.

Wm. A. Rawles,

Indiana University,

Bloomington, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of October 30th received. Under another cover I send you an early copy of one of the reports of our Association and also the last annual report. I think these will give you substantially the information which you desire.

Very truly yours,

JMO-S

Nov. 2, 1908.

Mr. John F. Icke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Would you be so kind as to examine the enclosed bill and state to me, confidentially, whether the prices here given are as favorable as are given the city on such pipe, and return bill to me, and very much oblige?

Yours truly.

John W. Olin

President.

JMO-D

(Enc.)

Nov. 3, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I return herewith a bill, amounting to $32.00, and ask you to itemize it so that we can know what the bill is for, and then forward it to William G. MacLean, with request that he examine same before sending same to me.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

JMO-D

(Enc.)

Nov. 3, 1908.

Mr. Emil T Mische,
Park Supt.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

Yours of Oct. 27 received, and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same. You did not enclose the statement I sent you. If you will be so kind as to return that, I will be much obliged.

There is one matter I have been intending to write to you about for some time. You will remember that you at one time prepared a design for the proposed addition to Henry Vilas Park, including the ice house, etc., and also including a concourse. Mr. MacLean has hunted two or three times in the office for this design and says he is unable to find it. Can you give further regarding this matter, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

President.

Mr. H. B. Clark,

City.

Nov. 4, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants to pay the enclosed bills. Please receipt and return the bills to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

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John M. Olin

President.

Mr. M. [illegible],

City.

Nov. 4, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Maclean tells me that Mr. Culver claims half of the pay for one of the teams for the mine dams in the park. I told him that we were dealing wholly with you, that I did not know Mr. Culver. I have had the warrant drawn to you for the whole amount. I don't want any difficulty of course in connection with this matter, and thought I would simply state to you the above.

Yours truly,

JMO-2

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 5, 1908.

Hoffman Engd Co.,
770 W. Washington Av.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

I don't understand the item of forty cents on one of the enclosed bills under date of Dec. 6. Please explain the same and then send the bills to Mr. William G. MacLean. instead of sending them to me, so that he can look over the same before submitting them to me.

Yours truly,

President.

JMO-D
(2 Encls.)

Mr. J. C. Mahany,
104 Lake St.,
City.

Nov. 7, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 for hauling leaves for the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Messrs. Kubly & Hirsig,
City.

Nov. 7, 1908.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for thirty-two cents to pay for bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 7, 1908.

Mrs. A. E. McCrea,
543 Belden Av.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. McCrea,-

Yours of Nov. 3 received, concerning triangular park joining University Avenue. Please accept thanks for same.

And now while you are on this particular matter, may I make a suggestion? I think there is a very fine opportunity presented for doing effective work along the right of way of the St. Paul Company, Prairie du Chene division, as it extends through the city from Lake Monona Bay until it passes a short distance beyond the triangular piece of ground referred to. The adjoining lots on either side of the right of way are not, as a rule, what are called good property. This, however, as you know, sometimes presents all the finer opportunity for effective work. It would make a wonderful difference in the impression one receives going through our city on this line of the company's road if the whole right of way could be put in shape so as to be made attractive, and this need not necessarily involve a large expense. I presume it could not be done all at once or any one season, but I thought I would suggest the matter to you for your consideration, in case that some time when you are here in the city you may be able to walk the whole route and determine on some plan of improvement.

Very truly yours,

President.

Nov. 9, 1908.

udge E. Ray Stevens,

Madison, Wis.

ear Mr. Stevens:-

I enclose herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. Underwood, General Manager of the St. Paul Road. I had also received a letter along similar lines from Mrs. McCrea, indicating that the work would likely have to go over until next spring. I regret the delay, but the lette of Mr. Underwood shows that the work will be done next spring, and it will undoubtedly be done in good shape when they get at it.

I suggested to Mrs. McCrea the desirability of taking up the matter of fixing up the right of way of the St. Paul Company throughout its entire length within the city limits. I think there is a great opportunity for effective work in this direction.

You may return the letter of Mr. Underwood to me after you are through with the same, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin

JMO-D

Nov. 8, 1908.

W. J. Underwood,
Gen'l. Mngr. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Your favor of Nov. 6 received. Please accept thanks for same. Delay in the proposed work is not so very material. The important thing have it done some time, and we appreciate very much your courtesy in matter.

Yours truly,

President

Nov. 10, 1908.

Mr. Vroman Mason,

District Attorney,

City.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

I think Mr. Hammersley has spoken to you as a representative of the company with reference to your company contributing something toward the permanent macadamizing of the road that passes along the north line of your land. We wish to macadamize that road, putting in a good twelve foot macadam and about eight inches deep. It will cost not less than $2,000. We are asking people owning land on either side of the road to assist somewhat in meeting the expense. We expect to carry the road through to the woods, which will be to the edge of the land owned by Mr. Hammersley and myself. Although this improvement will not enter upon our land, we have put down $200 toward it. We would like to have other parties contribute what they feel is right under the circumstances. Mr. Hammersley tells me he has seen you, and that you were to see the other parties interested and determine on what your company would give. I would appreciate it if you could take the matter up at once.

Very truly yours,

JMC-D

John W. Alvord

President.

Nov. 10, 1908.

Mr. George [illegible],

City.

Dear Sir:-

The Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association is contemplating the putting in of a permanent macadamized road beginning at the corner of the Catholic Cemetery and extending through to the woods just a half a mile in distance. The plan is to build a good road not less than twelve feet wide and about eight inches of macadam. We are short of funds with which to do the work and are trying to help out some by getting those who own land along the proposed improvement to contribute some part of the expense. Mr. Hammersley and myself have put down $200. The improvement will only go to the edge of our land, but we expect it will ultimately go further, and on this basis we contribute this amount. Now, your mother owns ten acres, as I remember, adjoining this road, and I presume this land will some day come to you. I write you this to have you consider how much you think you could contribute toward this improvement. It will take not less than $2,000, I figure, to do the work as it ought to be done. We are calling upon all persons owning land adjoining the road to assist. I presume some time you will expect to use this road as an access to this land. Our association is disposed to permit people owning land along the road to use it for such purposes under the regulations of the association. Such use will not injure the driveway if done with care.

Mr. Hammersley, at my request, is taking a subscription paper around to see different parties and I trust you will feel like doing your fair share in the matter.

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 11, 1908.

Dane County Telephone Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.50 to pay bill for telephone rent against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 11, 1908.

Mr. P. Lynch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 13, 1908.

Dear

Hon. John J. Esch,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Esch:-

Your note of Nov. 12 just received. I do not know as I can help you very much. It may be of some interest to you to look through our last annual report and an early report, which contains the law under which our association is organized and the constitution and bylaws. That law has been amended somewhat. It is not at all certain that your city would wish to work under it. You may be interested in looking through the last report as indicating what we have accomplished here. Of course, you need not return these reports to me.

I wish you much success in your work there. You will find Mr. Nolen a very competent and pleasant gentleman.

Very truly yours,

JJE-L

President.

President.

Nov. 15, 1908.

Mr. Fred Hanson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You have paid no attention whatever to numerous letters as to the balance you owe on your lots in [illegible] subdivision. This is to notify you that the matter will come up before the board of directors on Monday [illegible] next, and unless I hear from you before that I shall advocate either the forfeiture of your right to these lots or the commencing of an action against you to recover the [illegible] I remain with the directors to take action in the [illegible]. It seems to me you have no excuse whenever for failing to pay the balance still due. I know that you could be [illegible] the money at any bank in the city, and you are simply making others to carry your burden. You have given us more trouble in payments on your lots almost than all the other purchasers put together.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

Nov. 18, 1908.

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

I [illegible] I enclose the bill, and also [illegible] letter are to be regarded [illegible] ter to you to show the [illegible] with what we ought to [illegible] have suspected all along [illegible] you can take the bill to [illegible] then and find out why we [illegible] are [illegible] to the city of Madison, [illegible] we [illegible] to pay for these things.

It is now Friday and our monthly meeting comes Monday evening. The receipts for bills paid last month have not been returned. This should have been done at an earlier date than [illegible] enable us at this office to get ready for the monthly meeting.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

(Inc.)

[illegible]

President.

Nov. 13, 1908.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Park Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I submitted the enclosed bill of Conklin & Sons to Mr. Ickes. I enclose the bill, and also Mr. Ickes's letter. The part of Mr. Ickes's letter are to be regarded by you as confidential. I simply submit this matter to you to show the high price which we are paying for things as compared with what we ought to pay. It is not a very large item in this case, but I have suspected all along that this was the way things were going. If you care to, you can take the bill to Conklin & Sons and talk the matter over with them and find out why we cannot get for our association as good terms as are given to the city of Madison, considering that we beg largely the money we use to pay for these things.

It is now Friday and our monthly meeting comes Monday evening. The receipts for bills paid last month have not been returned. This should have been done at an earlier date than this so as to enable us at this office to get ready for the monthly meeting.

Yours truly,

JMD-D
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 13, 1908.

Hon. George W. Smith,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have heard nothing from you concerning the balance due on your ... lots in Parkside Subdivision. We would like very much to close that mat... our at this time. Can you now do so, and oblige?

Yours truly,

John ... Co.

President.

JMO-D.

Nov. 14, 1908.

Hon. Geor
Sri K. Malheim,
Cit
c/o John M. Sein,
Dear Si
Cottage Grove, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $13.50 to pay for work done for the Association during November. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 14, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 14, 1908.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $21.00 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Olin

President

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 14, 1908.

Dyson & Rayne Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $8.80 and the other for $4.25, to pay your two bills against the Association. Please receipt and return the bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 14, 1908.

Mr C.
Hon. Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.,

City.

Dear Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $33.08 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 16, 1908.

Enclosed find warrant for $33.30, payment on account for 267 yards of dirt. Please sign and return to me the enclosed receipt, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 18, 1903.

Hon. George W. Smith,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 16 received, enclosing check for $71.00 as a part of purchase price on lots number 1 and 2 Parkside Subdivision.

There is no provision in the contract that ten per cent of the purchase price is to be retained until the park is planted. There is a provision for retaining that amount until the park is "properly covered with suitable soil for growing grass and the same has been seeded." Of course, we cannot say, technically, that the park is as yet needed. It would be an act of foolishness on our part to seed any portion of the park this side of the lagoon and fronting the lots in question, inasmuch as that part is practically to be all planted. Hence, I consider the agreement, so far as the Association is concerned, really was in fact completed when we secured that strip with good soil. This is a matter I shall leave entirely to you and say nothing further about it. I had supposed that you would prefer to have the matter closed out and get the title in yourself, take up the loan already outstanding and have a record title by a warranty deed from the association to you. The matter necessarily is left in rather unsatisfactory shape, there never having been any ordinary land contract signed as is usual in such cases, it not being very easy in this case to do so. If it is any particular convenience to you and you prefer to let the title rest in this way, we can get along until next spring just as well as not. I mention this to you so that you can understand the exact situation.

JMC-D

Yours truly,

President.

Sister

Hon. Geor

Nov. 18, 1908.

Dear
Dear Mr. Fred Hanson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $71.00. The same mail brought a letter from George W. Smith. He made certain inquiries and my letter to him answers fully the inquiries, and I take a short cut way by enclosing herewith a copy of that letter to you. What I say to him applies also to you.

MJ-D

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President

Nov. 18, 1908.

Sister Bertha,

c/o Sacred Heart Academy,

Edgewood,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sister Bertha:-

The very next day after my talk with you over the telephone, I saw Mr. MacLean, our park foreman, went over the matter with him and then instructed him to go ahead and have the work done just as you wanted it. This should have been done before, and I regret that it was delayed so long. The fact is, I didn't quite understand the situation as I did after going out and personally examining it.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

Nov. 18, 1908.

Dr. H. L. Russell,

Dean of the College of Agriculture,

City.

Dear Dr. Russell:-

I learned to-day noon that two of our men had been set to work cutting marsh hay out on the University marsh. This was without my knowledge. I had not yet seen Mr. Swenson about the matter. I gave directions to have such work stopped.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

President.

Sister Z

Nov. 21, 1908.

Mr. J. Pomeroy Munson,
Landscape Gardener,
Knapp Ave.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 17th came in my absence from the city.

Under another cover, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the annual report of the association.

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 28, 1908.

Hon. J. C. Schubert, Mayor,
Mr. J.
City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter which I have necessarily dictated rather hurriedly, which I wish might be laid both before the finance committee and before the council as a whole. You will see from the letter that the situation with reference to our park work is even worse than I had supposed at the last meeting of our directors. I sincerely hope that in some way the council will give for the work the coming year the one-half mill tax. There are many reasons in favor of proceeding in this way. We shall then know what we can count on in our work and can plan accordingly. It will not be necessary each year to renew the discussion and argument as to what shall be allowed for park maintenance.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D
(Enc.)

President.

Mr. M. Wis Tabbs,
107 West Johnson St.
Madison, Wis,
Dear Sir:

In pursuance to your request, we send to you under separate cover a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,
John M. Olin
President

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Nov. 28, 1908.

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ferry:-

I am sending you, under another cover, some rough sketche of a proposed bath-house and proposed boat-house for Brittingham Park, which are to be constructed the coming year, the bath-house to cost $7500 and the boat-house $5000. These sketches have been prepared by our landscape architect, Mr. John Nolen, of Massachusetts. He is to deliver an address before some association in Milwaukee, I understand, on Wednesday evening of next week. I have asked him to call and see you about these proposed buildings while he is in the city. I would like to have you meet him and talk matter over. Then, at some later date, you may feel that you would like to visit the proposed location of the buildings. This is the first effort toward securing public bath-houses here, and we would like to get a right start. There will be this work, and the work on the four bridges, concerning which I have already had some correspondence.

Very truly yours,

MO-D

President.

Nov. 28, 1906.

Mr. C. F. Cooley,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $.50 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly.

John C. Olmsted

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 28, 1906.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Park Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would examine the enclosed and get the matter straightened out, and get them back to me and I will see they are paid.

Yours truly,

JHO-D
(Encls.)

John C. Olmsted

President.

Nov. 28, 1908.

Mr. Herman Winter,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There are two poles quite near together just as you enter the Park and Pleasure Drive right of way at the northeast corner of the Catholic Cemetery. These poles are on the right of way owned by the association and they are very close to, if not actually in, the line of road which we wish to permanently improve. I supposed they belonged to the Dane County Telephone Company, or to its successor, the Bell people, so I called up Mr. Frautschi, but he claims that they belong to you. Inasmuch as it will be necessary, in the doing of the work we are now at, to remove these poles, I wish you would have the matter attended to at once. Undoubtedly the wires can be carried at this point to the next pole, so as to avoid entirely the putting in of any poles at that point. We shall very much object to having any poles at that place, for the one reason that they are made so prominent as you come up to the entrance of the drive. I hope you can attend to the matter promptly, and very much oblige.

Of course, I do not myself know that these poles belong to you, and am relying wholly upon what Mr. Frautschi said.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Nov. 30, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
University Club,
City.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I am just about to take the train, but wish to dictate a line to you, stating that I have thought a good deal of the matter of having a general plan for the city prepared and am thoroughly satisfied that this ought to be done. I am also in favor of having you do it. I wish you would think the matter over this week and we will try and get together again before you leave. I could see you, in all probability, either some time Sunday forenoon or Sunday evening, if not before.

I wish you would consider the matter so as to let me know pretty definitely what the total expense would be, and in this connection wish of course that you would be as generous as you feel you can under the circumstances. After knowing about what the expense will be, I will take up the matter of raising the money in some way.

I was very much interested last night in going through thoroughly your report as to San Diego. I think is is exceedingly well done. I was mistaken in my first impression as to the prints. Most of them, I think, are very good.

I enclose herewith a redraft of the proposed shade tree ordinance. I have made some changes.

Yours truly,

Johnson Oliver

President.

JMO-D
(Enc.)

Dec. 5, 1908.

Hon. Michael Newman,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish you would read the communication I have sent ove the Journal, and the same will appear in to-morrow morning's Democrat, t to the situation in which the park work is left by the last vote of the council on Wednesday evening last. I cannot think that you realized what vote meant. One thing is certain, under this vote nothing will be done coming year in Brittingham Park. As you will see, the vote leaves us fo our entire park maintenance for the coming year the sum of $4300, which $3500 less even than it was last year. Now I must say that such a vote this is pretty discouraging to any one who is trying to serve the city i this work, and I guess the time has about arrived when it would be bette for the city for me to pull out and let somebody else see what he can do This letter is written to you personally and confidentially. I feel th you want to do the right thing, and I shall believe that you are laborin under some misapprehension until I know to the contrary. Certainly if j vote and those of the other eight men represent the sentiment of this ci then the sooner the whole park work is dropped the better. It is not wo While trying to do anything if the people of the city feel as this vote would indicate. Moreover, it is a very unjust vote, on any basis you ca put the matter. It is unjust for the city to collect double the amount we are asking in taxes by reason of increased valuation of property inci to the park work, and then decline to give us half the amount collected, then talk about the park work being a burden to the city.

I wish very much that you could call at the office some time Mond

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I am going to send a copy of this letter to Alderman Buergin, since I wish to express the same feeling to him as I do to you, and I take this short cut method of doing so.

Yours truly,

J.C.O-b

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 5, 1908.

Mr. William J. Buergin,
1014 Arcadia St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Buergin:-

I enclose herewith a copy of letter which I have just written to Mr. Berman. I wish, after reading the same, you would call at the office if you can Monday afternoon and talk matters over.

Yours truly,

(M.S.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 7, 1908.

Klueter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $65.30 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Hon. David Stephens,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 7, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $81.87 for stone for Brittingham Park improvement. Please receipt bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

(Warrant)

John M. Olin

Dec. 7, 1908.

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $61.12 to pay your two bills against the Association, Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

President.

Dec. 7, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Dottl,

512 S. Park St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find three warrants, one for $10.26, one for $35.90 and one for $.15, to pay your three bills against the Association. Please receipt and return these bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(3 Warrants)

(3 Encls.)

President.

Dec. 8, 1908.

Mr. L. W. Gay,
City.

Dear Mr. Gay:-

You will find enclosed a warrant for $10.00 with bill for same. Will you please receipt the bill and then sign the warrant on the back, and thereby pay for your subscription. I understand this is satisfactory to you. Return the warrant and receipt to me and I will see the same is sent to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

President.

JMC-D
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Dec. 9, 1908.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $1.80 and the other for $4.59 to pay your bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(3 Encls.)

John M. Olin
President.

Dec. 9, 1908.

Mrs. A. E. McCree,
Landscape Architect,
Railway Exchange Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam.

Yours of December 7th received as to right of way of the St. Paul Company in this city. Please accept thanks for same.

Very truly yours,

JMO-S

Dec. 9, 1908.

Mr. Anton C. Paulson,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.90 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 9, 1908.

Mr. Edward F. Paunack,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $71.72 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 9, 1908.

Mr. J. A. Steinle,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $42.63, being payment on account for 341 loads of dirt drawn by M. M. Doran. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 12, 1908.

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I conferred with Mr. Nolen after his return from Milwaukee about his interview with you concerning boat and bath-house for Brittingham Park. My intention in my former letter was to have you prepare the plans and specifications for these two buildings at your usual rate of charges for such work. Hence, I return the sketches to you with the request that you do this work for our association.

I think the work of superintending the construction of the buildings could be looked after by our city engineer, and with this understanding you had better perhaps drop me a line, stating what your charges would be for the two buildings, one to cost $7500 and the other $5,000.

We are desirous of getting the plans settled at as early a date as possible, so that the work can be commenced immediately upon the opening of spring.

When the plans and specifications for the four bridges for Tenney Park are prepared by the city engineer, we shall wish to submit them to you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

JMG-D

President.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 12, 1908.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the issue of the State Journal for Monday and also Tuesday of this week, and a copy of the Democrat of this morning. You will observe what was done by the council last night. Some of the men who voted against us stated afterwards to some of their friends that they were ashamed of their vote, but claimed that certain of their constituents had been talking with them, etc. You will observe that we have secured the appointment of a committee to investigate and report to the council their conclusions as to the advance of property in this city by reason of our work. I think the committee, upon the whole, is a very good one. Mr. Curtis is a member of our Tax Commission and Mr. Siebecker is one of the judges of the supreme court, and they have both told me this morning that they would serve on the committee and are evidently considerably interested in the matter. We wish to get things in shape so that some of these kickers cannot hereafter talk loosely without running up against a report of their own committee.

I would appreciate anything that you can do by referring me to material that would aid this committee in reaching a right conclusion. Of course, I know they must get at the facts here on the ground, but the statements by competent persons as to the result of similar work in other cities would have great weight.

If anything occurs to you that would be of help to me in getting

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ready for the meeting I talked with you about, I would appreciate it if you would call my attention to such matter. I would like to be able to get hold, in as brief a time as possible, of some of the main facts as to what had been done along the line of street planning in other cities.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

President.

Dec. 12, 1908.

Mr. Thomas Dreier,

Business Mngr. Sheldon University Press,

Libertyville, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 10 received. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our association, which may be of some interest to you. Should be pleased to get a line from you, stating what you think of the work that has been done here through voluntary contributions.

JMO-D

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 15, 1908.

H. A. Foeller, Architect,

Green Bay, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 14 received and contents noted.

I do not know as I can aid you very much, but you may be interested somewhat in seeing what we have done here in Madison and are trying to do. I send you, under another cover, a copy of our last annual report.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Dec. 18, 1908.

Charities and the Commons,

174 Adams St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I wish you would send me the copy of the Charities and the Commons containing the articles on city planting. Send your bill for the cost of the same. I have mislaid my copy and would like very much to have one and would be very much obliged if you would get me another copy promptly.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Dec. 18, 1908.

Wisconsin Wagon Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.00 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Ellis

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Dec. 18, 1908.

The Union Transfer & Storage Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.50 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Ellis

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Dec. 18, 1908.

Krehl & Son,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.31 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Clair

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Dec. 19, 1908.

Mr. Severt Aasen,
City

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would prepare and get to me without further delay a statement of the amount of money the association has paid out in behalf of the town of Madison in keeping in repair, etc., the public road over Isom hill. You will remember I spoke about this some time ago. I want to present a bill to the Town for this money which we have advanced.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John W. Clair

President

Dec. 22, 1908.

The Charaties and the Commons,
174 Adams St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for $.25 to pay for one copy of February 1, 1908 issue of Charaties and the Commons.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S
(Check)

Dec. 22, 1908.

Central Wisconsin Trust Co., Receiver,
City.

Gentlemen:

Yours of December 21st received concerning the claim of $1 against the association in favor of Komitsch & Dottl. Please have a formal bill made out stating date etc. and send same to William MacLean. He will examine the same and report to me and any bill the association owes will be promptly paid.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Dec. 22, 1908.

Mr. Leonard W. Gay,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Gay:-

Under date of Dec. 1, I sent you a warrant for $10.00 for payment of plow which was to be applied toward the payment of your subscription. You were to endorse the warrant and return it to me, together with the receipt signed. I have not heard from the same as yet. Will you not be so kind as to return the above to me at once, and very much oblige, since I need the papers to complete our record here?

Yours truly,

Seward Oliver

President.

JMO-D

Dec. 22, 1908.

Mr. E. F. Paunack,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of Dec. 9, I sent you a warrant for $71.72. The receipt for the same has not yet been returned. Will you not be so kind as to return the same by return mail, and very much oblige?

I have your other bill for $408.68 for drawing stone for Brittingham park. Inasmuch as we are out of funds for this improvement, I write to ask whether you will not be willing to wait for about a month for your pay on this bill. By that time we will get in the money from the collection of taxes. I dislike to ask you to grant this favor, but I thought under the circumstances you would be willing to do so.

Yours truly.

JMO-D

President.

Dec. 22, 1908.

Mr. John Nolan,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

Yours of December 17th, was duly received. We had the regular monthly meeting of our Board of Directors last night. I read your letter to the meeting. We voted to have you prepare the birds eye sketch of Tenney Park as suggested by you. We think it would be a very good thing.

I return herewith the sketch you sent of the Oval Park in Wingrs Park. I think you must have the original drawing with you and there is no copy here. However, I like the suggestions made and you can go ahead with the work.

I talked over fully with the board as to the preparation by you of a comprehensive plan for the improvement and development of Madison. As a result of the discussion, we voted unanimously to appropriate $1000 of the funds of the association for this work and to try to raise $1500 additional from private subscriptions. I expected to raise $500 from the officers but I think it will drop down to about $400. Two of us have put down $100 each, three others will put down $50 each, three others $25 each, and I think the other two will put down $25 together. Mr. Brittingham has put down $100 and I expect to get six or eight $100 subscriptions. I think you may consider the matter a go.

The Mayor, Mr. Brown and myself were appointed a committee to arrange for a general citizens meeting. We shall try and hold a banquet

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some evening in the near future to which we intend to invite citizens generally. Before that meeting is held, I expect to have the $1500 all raised. We intend to have some addresses at this citizens meeting which we hope will arouse the citizens generally along the line of our work.

While I cannot say that we can now enter into a definite contract with you just at this time, I feel very certain that you can count on the contract being made in accordance with your letter to me of December 4th, and our talk at my house the evening of December 6th.

Would it not be well for you to indicate to me, or perhaps to the Mayor, just what preliminary work you would like to have done, if any, by the City Engineer so that there might be no unnecessary delay. The more you can get done before our annual meeting the better it will suit us.

If you can send me anything that will be of any help to me in reference to this general idea of city planning you can order and send the same at my expense. I want to thank you very much for the bulletin as to shade trees. I think I will write direct to Cornell Agricultural College, asking them to mail a copy of this bulletin to each member of the city council and each member of our Board of Directors, and request them to send the bill to me.

Very truly yours,

Johnson Clark

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(Enc.)

Dec. 23, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

At the recent meeting of our directors, Mr. MacLean suggested that it would be a good thing to put in the foundations, at least, if not the whole structure for the toilet houses in Fenney Park this winter, so as to avoid the tearing up or disturbance of the ground after the planting is done. I think this is a good suggestion. Could you make any sketch indicating as definitely as you can the architecture for these two buildings and get that to me as soon as possible? I understand your opinion is that these buildings should be constructed out of our native stone the same as the bridges, and it seems to me that it would be very desirable.

There was also something brought up concerning the little blue toilet structure that covers the pump [redacted] and Mr. Maclean was to get the measurements. I enclose a letter from him which explains itself. If you have any suggestion to make concerning the matter I would be pleased to have you do so. Perhaps that matter could rest until your next visit.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Dec. 24, 1908.

Prof. R. H. Owen,

City.

Dear Mr. Owen:

The directors of our association have had under consideration for some time, the question of employing our landscape architect, Mr. Nolen, to prepare some comprehensive plan for the gradual but permanent improvement and development of the city of Madison along consistent lines. It is felt that such a plan as this would be of decided benefit, in the way of preventing mistakes and of securing ultimately many improvements that we would not otherwise get.

Mr. Nolen states that it will take two months of his time here on the ground, and he has offered to do the work for $1000 plus his traveling expenses and expenses while here, provided he is furnished proper engineering aid. Most if not all of the latter work the city engineer can do. The plan is to have prepared not less than one thousand copies of the report with proper maps etc. It is estimated, after pretty careful consideration, that the total cost of the work including planting and all other expenses would not exceed $2500. The directors have voted to pay out of the funds of the association not to exceed $1000 of this expense, on condition that $1500 additional is raised by special subscription. The disagreeable duty, as usual, of securing this special subscription has fallen upon me. It is the plan not to ask a large number of persons, for reason that this would interfere with the contribution for our this spring, and for the further reason that there are a of persons who would appreciate fully the im

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you not be willing to be one of these ten persons, on condition that the full $1600 be raised? We shall raise from the officers of the association $600, that is one-third of the total amount needed. In all probability the money contributed will not be needed before the first of next April.

Of course, if you do not feel like contributing the $100, if you will give us such smaller sum as you feel like giving, will be appreciate

I feel as though some money spent in securing such plan would accomplish more ultimately than a much larger amount of money spent in many other ways, because in this way we would guide and direct the city along proper lines.

I should be pleased to have you drop in at the office sometime when you are down town, and talk over the matter with you more fully, and show you a number of examples of Mr. Nolan's work in this particular line.

Sincerely yours,

JMO-S

John M. Olmsted

Dec. 26, 1908.

Mr. John Nolan,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I have something over half of the $1500 pledged, and I am sure I can easily [redacted] the balance. It is only the question of time of seeing parties.

We are planning for the meeting, and it has occurred to me that a decided help [redacted] arousing [redacted] interest would be to have some slides thrown upon the screen by Mr. Brown, and I am now going to ask of you a great favor. Could you without too much sacrifice of time arrange the slides which you used at the City Library in about the same order, and dictate a brief running commentary, or note, on the slides, just enough to indicate what they are? With the slides thus arranged, Mr. Brown with such a guide as indicated above could, I am very sure with a little work get matters in shape so as to make a good impression. Of course he would give due credit to you for your part in the work. In as much as our time is somewhat limited, I am going to assume that you will grant this favor, and hence, I send you by express the slides which you left with me, so that you can arrange all of the slides in the proper order. If you feel that you cannot grant the request, then return the slides to me at my expense. If you feel you can grant the favor, then send, at as early a day as you can, the slides, at my expense.

I am going to write to the proper officer of the American Civic Association today to get from him if possible a few extra slides, one

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showing the plan of cutting through from the City Hall in Philadelphia to Fairmount Park. I am also going try and get from St. Paul a slide of their proposed changes to secure proper approaches to their state capitol. I will very much appreciate a prompt reply.

Another matter I wish to consult you about is this: Should we at the citizens meeting have some special committee appointed to enter into and attend to the proper execution of the work proposed by you, or should we simply have a resolution introduced by someone directing the directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association to attend to this work? At first, I was inclined to favor the former plan, but upon more reflection I am inclined to think the latter is the better course to pursue. My reasons in brief for this conclusion are that practically all citizens of Madison whose opinion counts for anything are members of our association; that it has a standing in the community , has acquired a mementum and that the community has confidence in its undertakings. The officers of this association are a permanent body. After they are selected, there would be no jealousy that some person was left out of such a committee that ought to have been put on etc. Then there is this fact not to be lost sight of namely, that everything which properly adds to the strenghth and influence of the association will in the end be helpful to appoint another committee, to attend to the work which seems to fall so naturally to the directors of this association, might to lessen the influence of the association by creating the impression that its officers were not the proper persons to carry out such a plan. I am

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Writing, as you see, very plainly. Personally, I care nothing except to have the work proceed along the best lines.

I have looked up the legislation in other states along the line of the Connecticut act. I enclose you a copy of what I have found, thinking you might be interested in the matters. You will observe that the Pennsylvania act is a [illegible] sweeping act. I should fear somewhat the constitutionality of putting in a definite limit of two hundred feet as this act does. I think it would be better to leave the extent of the ground to be taken indefinite as in the Conn. act and thus be able to argue that the municipality, in taking the land, did not go beyond what was reasonably necessary for the purpose desired. I think also it would be well to have incorporated in the act the idea that it is [illegible] in the exercise, in part at least, of the police power of the state.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

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Have of hire & have the above rewritten - to excuse interlineation etc - Dr. Jastrow has kindly consented to speak at the meeting and we are in hopes of getting R. J. Meyer of the Railway Commission to speak and I intend to open up into the subject - "Looking Ahead" - The meeting will probably be held Jany 18. or 19th

Dec. 26, 1908.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff,
First Vice-President and Secretary,
American Civic Association,
North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

We are about to set on foot in this city a plan which has for its movement a preparation of a comprehensive plan for th improvement of this city. There will be, within the course of two or three weeks, a citizens meeting held, and at this meeting we wish to throw upon the screen quite a number of slides, to show what has been done in other cities and by way of contrast to show by slides the present condition of things in our city. We shall receive a large numbe of our slides from Mr. Nolen with whom we expect to give the contract for the work. There are a few extra slides that I would like to get, particularly the one showing the proposed plan of cutting through from the City Hall to Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. A map of this is shown on page 1537 of Charities and The Commons, February 1, 1908. Would like also a slide found on the next page, 1538, and one of the cut on page 1539; and a slide of the map on page 1543, being the map of St. Louis with changes proposed. Perhaps you also have one of the proposed approaches for the St. Paul capitol shown at page 1547.

I shall be very glad to pay for these slides, and if you do not sell them, will be glad to pay for the use of them.

I will appreciate it if you can get to me these slides without much delay.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 28, 1908.

Mr. Henry A. Barker,

Chairman of Dep't. of Parks,

American Civic Association,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

Under another cover I send you a copy of the last annual report of our association.

Of late, we have met some opposition in our common council. We finally succeeded in having the council appropriate one-half mill tax for the maintenance of parks, but after quite a fight. In order to affect the future, we were instrumental in having the mayor of the city appoint a committee of five persons to investigate and report to the council as to the question of how much, at the present time, the assessed taxable value of the property of the city had been increased by reason of the park work. This committee is to make the report in March. We want to make a good report. It will tend to influence citizens hereafter. Could you send me or give me reference to some literature that would enable me to put the matter before the committee in a strong light? Our city is a city of about 26,000 inhabitants, its assessed value is something over $25,000,000 on the basis of two-thirds the actual value. We are putting up a capital that is to cost some $[illegible],000,000, and other improvements are being made so that we feel the importance of [illegible] made especially with the University and the history of the city.

I will appreciate a prompt reply.

Yours very truly,

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Dec. 28, 1908.

Hon. C. W. Constantine,

129 N. Butler St.,

City.

Dear Mr. Constantine:

To save time I thought I would drop you a line asking you to write me authorizing me to put your name down for your subscription for the work we discussed last Monday night. I am getting along quite well I think with the subscriptions. Mr. Brown, Father Naughtin, Mr. Schlinger have each put down $25. Mr. Bagley, Mr. Steensland and Mr. Curtis have each put down $50 and Mr. Hoyt and myself $100 each. Besides this I have secured $100 from Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Swensen. I intend to ask Andrew Brown to put down $25 and this will make just an even $500.

We are now planning to hold the citizen's meeting about the 18th or 19th of January.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

John M. Olin

Since writing the above Mr. Andrew Brown came in and subscribed 25-00.

J. M. O.

Dec. [illegible], 1908.

Mayor of Cincinnati,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I would like very much, if possible, to secure photographs of the drawings that are found between pages fifty and fifty-one of the report for the Park System for the City of Cincinnati, gotten out in 1907 [illegible] photographs showing first the "Existing park system" in Cincinnati, and second the "proposed [illegible] park system" in Cincinnati. I want to have a couple of slides made for a meeting we are to hold in about three weeks, which meeting has for its object the securing of some comprehensive plan for the improvement of this city. Of course I shall be very glad to pay for the photographs. I would enclose such pay in this letter [illegible] the amount.

Yours very truly,

John [illegible] Olin.

Dec. 28, 1908.

Augustus Frenyn,

Photographer,

Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to secure a copy of the photograph cut found at page 139 of Mulford Robinson's book on Civic Art, to show the advantages of a curved street in your city. I wish to use same at a public meeting we are to hold here soon with reference to securing some comprehensive plan for the improvement of our capital. I will very gladly remit the cost of the photograph and would do so if I knew what the cost would be. You will accommodate me very much if you will send the photograph promptly.

Yours very truly,

Edward Olin

JMO-S

Dec. 28, 1908.

Mr. Webster Wheelock,

Editor Pioneer Press,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I was interested in reading your article on the "Resetting of the Minnesota Capital", found on page 1545 February, 1908, number of Charities and The Commons. We are to hold a citizens meeting here about the 18th or 19th of January for the purpose of organizing movement for the preparation of some comprehensive plan for the improvement of our capital city. I would like to secure a photographic cut found at page 1547 of the above number of the Charities and The Commons. If you could get ~~a copy~~ for me I would be very glad to pay for the same, and would be very much obliged for the accommodation.

Very truly yours,

John Olmsted

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Dec. 28, 1908.

Mr. John Icke,

City Engineer, City.

My Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a sketch by Mr. Nolan and letter accompanying the same and also a copy of my letter to him. I wish you would look this sketch through and prepare a foundation plan such as you think might answer the purpose. I then would like to talk the matter over with you. You can return the enclosed to me after you are through with them.

Yours very truly.

Johnwell Shair

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Dec. 28, 1908.

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

Yours of December 26th just received enclosing sketch for toilet building in Tenney Park. I am just about to hold court but I thought I would send you a line stating, as it seems to me, this building is larger and more expensive than we can very well afford or perhaps need just at this time. I may be entirely wrong about it but that is the way it impresses me. You say in one place on the sketch that the building would be 18x25, but rooms drawn by you make it 26x34. Such a building would cost considerable money. Could it not be cut down very materially and still be sufficiently large to answer all purposes here? I will talk the matter over with Mr. Icke and will ultimately return sketches to you as you suggest.

I note what you say about the building looking heavy if we use stone altogether. I think your suggestion is a good one.

Sometime I wish you could send me your extra blue print of Tenney Park. I would like to put one in possession of Mr. Ferry.

Very truly yours,

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John M. Olin

Dec. 28, 1908.

Hon. T. C. Richmond, Atty.,

City.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the directors of the association, I write you concerning the agreement to be entered into by the property owners with reference to building line restrictions etc. It was a part of the original agreement between the association and these property owners that they should enter into an agreement with themselves so drawn as to run with the land, which would fix a building line both on the front of the property and also on the side lines. It is very essential to the improvement that this agreement should be signed without further delay. It is also essential that the different property owners fix among themselves, if they have not already done so, the dividing line at the water's edge between the respective ownerships. When this is done, the whole property fronting the boulevard should be platted in such a way that the houses when built should front squarely the road or boulevard. Mr. Nolen, the landscape architect, tells me that he cannot properly prepare a design for the improvement of the park strip, so as to be best not only for the public but the adjoining property owners, until a map is prepared that will show the location of every lot fronting this parkway. Hence, you can see the necessity of the property owners proceeding at once without further delay to adjust the dividing lines among themselves and also to follow this up with a proper plat of the whole tract.

One thing that makes prompt action absolutely necessary is, that Mr. Bayless has already had prepared a plat of his two blocks. This plat

will soon be filed with the council and the council will be asked to approve the same. Now before this plat is filed, an agreement should be made with Mr. B[illegible]er establishing a building line in keeping with the building line to be established beyond. It is unnecessary for me to emphasize the importance of securing this agreement with Mr. B[illegible]er.

I feel very strongly that the property owners interested in this property owe it to our association not to delay matters any longer. We have gone ahead in good faith on our part and have even gone faster than was required by the contract to put in shape the park strip. Indeed, we have had to borrow quite heavily money with which to make this improvement and are now in debt for the same. All that is asked above, is required by the agreement first entered into, and I trust that you will be able to get the parties who are interested together, without further delay, and have the agreement signed, the necessary plat made.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Dec. 31, 1908.

Mr. William C. MacLean,
Dock Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours enclosing letter from Waukesha Lime & Stone Co., under date of Dec. 29, received. I think you had better order some cars of this material at the price named, but you want it understood that they are not to be delivered F.O.B. cars Madison, but F.O.B. cars on the switches at the Hoven switch and also on the tracks at Mendota. I return the letter of the company to you, but you had better ultimately leave it with me for record here.

I enclose herewith a bill from Geffert. Wish you would examine the same see if it is all right, and indicate to what account you think it ought to be charged.

Yours truly,

JMD.
(2 Encls.)

John M. Olin
President.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Hon. C. W. Constantine,

City.

Dear Mr. Constantine:-

Yours of the 28th was duly received. Please accept thanks for same. I think this a very liberal subscription on your part. Indeed, it is perhaps more than you ought to pay, and I assure you I appreciate it.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Mr. William Burrowbridge,

R. F. D. #5, Box 80,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $48.97 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Dec. 31, 1908.

The Central Wisconsin Trust Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.00 to pay your bill as receiver of the Capital City Carriage Company. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Hoffman Feed Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $22.50 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Mr. P. Lynch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.75 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Dec. 31, 1908.

Mautz Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.58 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 2, 1909.

H. G. Kroncke Hardware Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.50 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Idwell Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 4, 1909.

Mr. Irving Guild,

6 Beacon St.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find ten cents for which please send me one copy of the pamphlet presented by the Boston Society of Architects and other associations, upon which resolution was adopted by the legislature authorizing the Governor to appoint commission etc.

I would like very much to get a copy of ~~capitol~~ "House report No. 288 Commonwealth of Massachusetts" being a report on French and other continental ~~societies~~ systems of taking land for public purposes. I would very gladly pay for such report if I could get it.

Yours very truly,

Johnwell Olin

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Jan. 4, 1909.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Park Foreman,
City.

Dear Sir:

Please indicate to what account the enclosed bill should be charged. Can you not get these dealers educated to forward the bill first to you?

Now as to the talk we had over the telephone last evening I want to make the following statement:

We are in a transition stage as to our park work. At the head of it is Mr. Nolen so far as expert advise or opinion is concerned. We wish to move cautiously and carefully in any changes that are made. Whatever you do under his direction will be entirely satisfactory. But until he does give direction, we do not wish any radical thing done. As illustrating my point, even Mr. Mische during the two years he was here, would not have thought of proceeding to cut down to the ground the elders as you did in Tenney Park without first consulting me. Now you may be perfectly right in what you did. That is not the question. I know that Mr. Mische felt from his talks with you that you were more of a gardener than anything else, but he felt that you would work into our work alright in time. Now Mr. Mische may not have been right in his judgment concerning you, but you can easily see that his opinion has made me feel all the more like going slow. Just so far as I feel that you are entirely competent to do any particular branch of the work, I want to put the same in your hands with as little interference as possible. It will be better

Jan. 4, 1909.

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both for you and for me and for the directors generally. It is no re-
flection upon you that I do not feel, under the circumstances, like
allowing you to go ahead in making radical changes without having first
eceived any explicit direction either from Mr. Nolen or from the board
f directors.

The next time Mr. Nolen is here I shall have a full and frank
lk with him and make it a point to have him spend with you on the ground whatever
he deems necessary to put you fully into possession of his ideas as
the trimming etc., of the trees and shrubs as well as other matters.

Now the above is not to be considered by you as any reflection
tever upon your ability. It is simply that we want to move carefully
as to avoid mistakes, and prevent so far as possible unnecessary
iticism. I do not care for the criticism of ignorant people, after I
el convinced that we are right in what we are doing.

I will try and arrange to have Mr. Nolen come out early enough
t spring to enable you to do any such radical cutting of the shrub
you did in Tenney Park, if he deems this the right thing to do.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin
President

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Jan. 4, 1909.

Munson-Whitaker Company,

Tremont Bldg.,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Yours of January 2nd received and also a copy of your pamphlet entitled Care of Trees. I am very much obliged to you indeed for the pamphlet. I shall read the same through with much interest. We are trying to get some effective ordinance passed by our council here which will safeguard all trees.

Yours very truly,

Jotwell Olin

JMO-S

Jan. 4, 190 .

. John Nolen,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

ear Mr. Nolen:

I perhaps owe you an apology for not answering sooner. have received everying excepting the return of the slides, and those ill come along in ample time for our meeting. I was tied up in court t least week and was not able to do anything further in the way of getting he funds etc. but will try and close that matter out this week. I nclose herewith draft for $2.35 to pay for the literature you sent me n city planning. I also thank you very much for your courtesy in this atter. If I only had time to study the matter up thoroughly I could o much better at the meeting than I should be able to. At best I can nly touch on the edges of the subject.

You will remember when here you told me some ~~statement~~ about the lan of the city of Berlin either purchasing, or directing as to the ivision and use of the very large tract of land outside the city limits. wish ~~with~~ if you can do so without much trouble, you would state to me just what you stated at y house on that matter.

I will take up with Mr. Icke within a day ro two the matter of the ollet houses for Tenney Park and write you again.

Yours truly,
Johnsell Blair

Jan. 4, 1909.

Mr. Webster Wheelock,
Editor Pioneer Press,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you very much for the photograph of St. Paul Capital approaches as projected. I should have answered your note sooner if it were not for the fact that I was very much crowded in court. I send under another cover a copy of the last annual report of our association. Of course we are comparatively a small city and cannot do things in a large way as much as we would like. We are however I think making headway. By the time of our next annual meeting I think we shall have raised at least one quarter of a million dollars by private contribution for this kind of work, which I feel is rather a good showing for a city of about twenty-six thousand inhabitants at the present time and about thirteen thousand when we commenced the work.

I am much interested in the plan of your city to secure proper approaches to the beautiful capital building, and I trust we may be able to do something along the same line here, although anything effective would require the co-operation of the state. Our city is too small to meet the entire expanse that would be necessarily involved.

Yours very truly,

Edward A. Bair

JMO-S

Jan. 4, 1909.

John D. Hayes,

City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find warrant for $6.40 to pay for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

(Warrant)

Jan. 4, 1909.

Klueter & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for $34.75 to pay for your bill for feed. Please receipt the same and return same to me.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

(Check)

Jan. 4, 1909.

Play-Ground Association of America,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check for $5 as a contribution for the work of your association.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S
(Check)

Jan. 5, 1909.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff,
122 S. Broad St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am returning under another cover cut of the Fairmount Parkway which you kindly sent me. I want to thank you very much for the same.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Jan. 5, 1909.

Mr. William MacLean,

Park Foreman,

City.

Dear Sir:

Will you examine the enclosed bills presented by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company and state whether they have furnished any other cars than those that were used for repairing the drives. If so, separate them, and let me know the number for the drives and number for the parks.

You will notice what they have done and I do not propose to stand for it. I will take the matter up as I did a year ago and get a warrant out as soon as you return the bills to me.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Jan. 4, 1909.

J. Horace McFarland,
President American Civic Association,
703 North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for $10 as contribution toward the work of your association, so much as is necessary to apply on annual dues and balance to be used for the general work of the association. I also today send check of $5 for the play-ground work. I feel that the citizens of this country generally are greatly indebted to the work of this associati

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Jan. 4, 1909.

Wisconsin Culvert Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find warrant for $125 to pay for the grader purchased of your company for the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S
(Warrant)

Jan. 5, 1909.

Mr. George W. Reigle,
Clerk of the Town of Madison,
R. F. D. Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Reigle:

I enclose herewith a bill against the town of Madison showing that there is now due to our association $44.25 for labor performed and material furnished, to keep in repair the public road of said ~~passage~~ from over the Isom hill. Will you not be so kind as to get a warrant to me for the above amount payable to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association?

Yours very truly,

JMO-S
(Enc.)

Jan. 6, 1909.

Mr. A. C. Class,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Class:

Since our talk yesterday, it has been definitely determined to have our citizens meeting one week later, and either on the 25th or 26th of this month. I described to you yesterday the general character of the meeting. I expect to say something on the subject of "Looking Ahead". Mr. Brown, our secretary, will handle the slides, as arranged by Mr. Nolen with the view of special application to the city of Madison as the capital of the state. Dr. Jastrow, of the university, has consented to speak on the subject of "Civic Beauty as an Asset." Mayor Schubert will make just a few brief, general remarks at the opening of the speaking. The speaking will be preceded by a dinner, the plan being that the citizens will gather between six and half past six and sit down at the tables promptly at six-thirty and that the speaking will commence about eight o'clock.

Now I wish very much that you might see it your way to be present at this meeting and give us a talk of from fifteen to twenty minutes. The wording of your subject we will leave to you, but would like to know within a few days what the wording would be so as to put the same on the program. Of course we would be pleased to have you bring with you as our guests the members of your park board etc., only notifying me in advance the number of persons who would come.

I would very much appreciate a reasonably prompt answer and I trust it will be a favorable one. You, as representing Milwaukee could say some things that one living at Madison could not say without being charged with

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having some selfish motive. Moreover you are the best equipped person to speak along this line of anyone that I know of in the state. I do not say this to flatter anyone, for that is not my disposition.

Very sincerely yours,

JMO-S

Jan. 7, 1909.

Dr. A. A. Dye,
920 E. Gorham St., City.

Dear Dr. Dye:

In as much as you are planning to leave the city shortly, and you may not find it convenient to call at the office, I have decided to drop you a line stating the situation as to the securing of some general comprehensive plan for the improvement of the city of Madison, which will take into consideration all of the different problems involved. We are now planning to hold the citizens meeting on either January 25th or 26th. We intend sending out invitations signed by citizens committee made up as follows: J. C. Schubert, Frank W. Hoyt, A. A. Dye, Al. Schmedeman, W. D. Curtis, Judge E. Ray Stevens, [illegible] Frank W. Cantwell, Burr W. Jones, Frank Gilbert, F. Warren [illegible]er, Montgomery, Father Naughtin, T. E. Brittingham, John M. Olin and George Raymer.

To carry our plan through will require $2500. Of this amount, our directors have voted to appropriate $1000 out of the funds on hand, on condition that we raise the other $1500 by private subscription. The doing of this work has been as usual left to me. I am not calling upon people generally, but upon a comparative few, and with the distinct understanding in each case that whatever is given for this special purpose is not to interfere with the regular contribution for the general work this year. The officers of our association have subscribed $500 toward the $1500. The subscriptions thus far made are as follows:

T. E. Brittingham, F. W. Hoyt, E. W. Montgomery and Mangus

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Swansen and myself have each put down $100. W. D. Curtis, Halle Steensland W. R. Bagley, and W. S. Heddles have each put down $50. C. F. Cooley, F. M. Schlimgen, C. N. Brown, George Riley, Father Naughtin, J. C. Schubert, A. S. Brown, Edward J. Young, C. W. Constantine, L. M. Hanks, A. F. Menges, Frank W. Cantwell, Joseph M. Boyd and Ralph W. Jackman have each put down $25.

Could you not help on this special work to the amount say of $50? If you feel you cannot give this amount, of course we shall be pleased to receive $25, but I hope very much that you may feel able to give us the larger sum. As you know, this is a matter that we will appeal to everybody.

At the same time you answer the above matter will you authorize me to put down your name on the regular $25 list of subscribers for the general work of the association the present year. The only reason I suggest this is that you are now going away and will be absent when we send out the postal cards.

If you would like to talk over more fully, and can get the time, I would be pleased to have you call at the office and give you any additional information I have as to the plan we have in mind.

I am very desirous of getting the $1500 all raised before the close of this week so that we can announce at the public meeting that the $2500 is fully provided for.

Very truly yours,

John W. Davis

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Jan. 7, 1909.

Dr. Richard T. Ely,

205 Prospect Ave., City.

Dear Mr. Ely:

The directors of our association have had under consideration for sometime the question of securing some comprehensive plan for the improvement of the city of Madison, which shall take into consideration all of the different problems that should be considered, not only for the immediate present but for the future. I know you are interested in such a movement as this. The difficulty that has confronted us is the money question. It will require $2500 to carry the plan through and meet the expense of publishing a report including maps etc., of one thousand copies. Our directors have voted to appropriate out of the general funds $1000 toward the work, on condition that $1500 be raised by special contribution for this purpose. The work of securing these subscriptions as usual has fallen upon me. I do not intend to call upon people generally. This would hurt our general subscriptions, and would take too much time to explain. Moreover, we do not want subscriptions for this work to interfere with the general subscriptions for the general work of the association.

The officers of the association have raised $500 toward the $1500. The subscriptions thus far run as follows:

T. E. Brittingham, F. W. Hoyt, F. W. Montgomery and M. Swansen and myself have each put down $100. W. E. Curtis, Halle Steensland, W. R. Bagley, W. S. Heddles have each put down $50. C. F. Cooley, F. M. Schlimgen, C. N. Brown, George Riley, Father Naughtin, J. C.

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chibert, A. S. Brown, Edward J. Young, C. W. Constantine, L. M. [illegible], A. F. Menges, Frank W. Cantwell, Joseph M. Boyd, and Ralph W. [illegible]ckman have each put down $25. I would appreciate it if you could help us in this matter. I am asking no one to contribute less than $25 nor more than $100.

Our plan is to hold a public citizens meeting on either the 25th or 26th of this month and I am trying to secure the $1500 before the close of this week. Could you not send me a note stating that you would help in this matter in at least $25 and also authorize me to put down your name on the $25 list for the general work of the association the present year?

I feel that the securing of such a plan as conptemplated for the city will help more than almost any other one thing that we can do.

I should much prefer to call on you personally and talk the matter over, but I am exceedingly crowded with work and take this method of laying the matter before you to save time. I would appreciate very much a prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

Johnson Chin

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Jan. 7, 1909.

Mr. Joseph Jastro,

City.

Dear Mr. Jastro:

Your suggested topic "Beauty as a Civic Asset" I think is very good.

We have decided to hold the meeting either on Monday, January 25th or Tuesday, January 26th. Will let you know within a few days which one of these two dates is selected.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Jan. 8, 1908.

Charles N. Brown, Atty.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Enclosed I hand you the topic selected by Dr. Jastrow at the citizens' meeting. Upon the whole, I think we better hold the meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, unless you and Mayor Schubert think otherwise.

I am waiting to hear from Mr. Clas of Milwaukee. If he decides to come and give us an address, we would then be able to make out the definite program. I will let you know as soon as possible.

As soon as we agree on a definite date, we ought to notify Dr. Jastrow.

Yours truly,

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Enc.)

President.

Jan. 8, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

There is a matter which has come up with Mr. MacLean that I wish to submit to you. Without consulting me, and so far as I know without consulting you, he went ahead and cut out down to the ground the large elder bushes and the greater part of the wild rose bushes, and also cut off part way down a number of the red dog wood in Tenney Park. What he has done may be the right thing, but we desire to move very carefully in such matters, and I was greatly annoyed at what he had done, learning as I did that you had not directed it.

Now it might be well for you to look forward at your next trip to going over the drives and parks with Mr. MacLean with a view of settling pretty definitely with him just what should be done ~~in all~~ about the lines of trimming etc. I told him that I thought you might be on the ground early the coming spring to indicate to him whatever is necessary to be done, so that the work could be done after such visit and before the spring planting. I feel all the time that MacLean is more of an ordinary gardiner than anything else, and do not feel like trusting his judgment very much on ~~improving~~ matters, until after he has had more training directly under you. I know this was the judgment or estimate of him by Mr. Mische.

Very truly yours,

Johnson Olmsted

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Jan. 8, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

We have determined, on account of conflicts with some other public gatherings, to postpone our citizen's meeting until Monday, January 25th or Tuesday, January, 26th, probably the latter date. This fact, however, need make no difference with our understanding. The plan is without doubt going through, and I think most enthusiastically. I have had no one whom I have asked to aid in raising the $1500 decline. There is already subscribed $1100 of the $1500, leaving only $400 more to be subscribed, to make up the necessary $2500. I hope to have this $400 by the close of this week or the fore part of next.

I now write to suggest that you will arrange your work so as to get at the work here at Madison at the very earliest date possible. We want to get, so far as possible, a benefit of your work with the 1909 legislature. We are planning to make quite a feature out of our annual meeting, and I wish you could look forward to giving an address at that meeting along the line suggested by you in our last talk here, which was this I remember on Madison as the capital city, or something like that.

Mr. A. C. Clas called upon me the other day and informed me that the people of Milwaukee were strongly in favor of the state acquiring the land in front of the capital park opposite the lake. I explained to him our plans here, and I am hoping that he, together with a number of other

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representative men may be at our meeting on the 26th.

I am very glad indeed that we shall be able to secure your services for the preparation of a city plan for Madison. I think it will not be a bad thing for you, and I am very sure it will be a good thing for us. Being the capital of the state, it will attract a good deal of attention and the more work you do on this plan the better you would understand the city's needs and the more valuable will be your services in other directions.

There is another reason why it is desirable to get your work done here at as early a date as possible, that is because of the situation with reference to the depot of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company. That company is now talking about constructing a new depot. As you know, we do not want this done until you are able to get out your plan. We then intend to bring all the force possible to bear upon these two officials of the road to have them carry out your plan.

We are having a law prepared along the lines of the Pennsylvania and Connecticut statutes, but modified so as to avoid so far as possible constitutional questions. When I get the proposed bill in shape, I will send a copy of it to you for your criticisms and suggestions. This law will provide for the establishment of a city plan commission to be made up of either five or seven members.

In this connection, I might say that I am looking forward to the reorganization within the next two or three years of our Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, so as to put the work upon some permanent

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basis that will do away with the necessity of raising our funds by private subscription. I have felt for a good while that this would be necessary ultimately and I guess it ought to be done before I let go of it. How would some plan similar to what they have done in certain sections of Illinois strike you, under which a park district is established which would include not only the city of Madison but certain outlying territory? As I remember I had sent me some years ago from Peoria Illinois a copy of such law. I mention this now that you may have it in mind with the view of your suggestions later.

Very sincerely yours,

JMO-S

Jan. 8, 1908.

Mr. Peter Burger,
718 University Ave.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.05 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

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Jan. 8, 1909.

Messers. Blied & Schneider,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.25 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Jan. 8, 1909.

Mr. Joseph Dottl,

512 S. Park St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $2.30 and the other for $10.15 to pay your bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)

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President

Jan. 8, 1908

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $1.20 and the other for $.30 to pay your two bills. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

Jan. 8, 1908.

Mr. Louis A. Geffert,
204 E. Washington Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.15 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 8, 1909/

Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.36 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John Blue

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 8, 1909

Mr. F. C. Plaener,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $29.20 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John Blue

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 8, 1909

Mr. Anton C. Paulsen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $13.40 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 11, 1909.

George Curtis, Jr.,

c/o Tax Commission,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

Please accept thanks for your note of to-day, subscribing $25.00 to the securing of city plan, etc.

I have sent to each of the parties named in your letter a copy of the last annual report, with a note stating that they are sent at your suggestion.

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Yours truly,

President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Mr. George C. Curtis,
Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

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President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Dr. A. A. Dye,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Dye:-

Yours of Jan. 10 received, contributing $25.00 toward the securing of the city plan for Madison and also renewing your contribution of $25.00 for the work for the present year. I want to thank you very much for the generous contributions.

Very truly yours,

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John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 11, 1909

Mr. George Gibson,

Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Mr. Sig Heinemann,

Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

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President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Mr. John O'Dea,
Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Mr. A. H. Stange,
Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 11, 1909.

Mr. E. M. Smart, Atty.,
Merrill, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. George Curtis, Jr., I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

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President.

Jan. 12, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Swuare,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I should have written you yesterday, but was prevented by rush of work. I had a conference yesterday with your Mr. Clark, and arranged to have him meet Mr. MacLean, Severt and Louis last night at the city hall and go over planting, etc.

Mr. Brittingham brought me a typewritten copy of your report for the State Park Board and I took great interest in reading it through last night. I think it is an unusually good and able report. You had a difficult problem before you, and I think you handled it with unusual skill and ability. Mr. Brittingham is perfectly delighted with your work.

I enclose herewith a letter which I have written as suggested by you, as to the necessity of securing state parks. I dictated it very hurriedly and it is not what I wish it were.

The slides came yesterday and I will turn same over to Mr. Brown.

The $1500 is now all raised with the exception of $75.00. I think I will get that to-morrow.

Sincerely yours,

Johnson Clark

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(Enc.)

Jan. 12, 1909

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Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ferry:-

I write to find out what progress has been made on the plans for boat-house and bath-house in Brittingham Park. We are to have the regular monthly meeting of our directors on Monday evening of next week, and, if possible, I would like to report progress. We are exceedingly anxious to get these plans in shape so that we can have contracts let and have the work begin immediately after the weather is suitable in the spring.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 13, 1909.

Mr. E. S. Case,
Freight Agt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $51.42 for freight on two cars of quarry screenings from Waukesha. Will you please be so kind as to receipt one of the duplicate bills and return same to me, and very much oblige?

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(Enc.)

Yours truly,
Johnson-Clin
President.

Jan. 13, 1909.

Mr. Democrat Printing Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.50 to pay your bill of Jan. 1, 1909, against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige,

Yours truly,
Johnson-Clin
President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 13, 1909.

Mr. William Faber,

South Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $19.80 for 198 cubic yards of top soil at ten cents per cubic yard. Mr. MacLean will call to get the receipt.

Yours truly,

President.

JMO-D

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 13, 1909.

Mr. Andrew A. Mayers,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find three warrants, one for $1.75, one for $.55 and one for $.95, to pay your bills against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

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(3 Encls.)

Jan. 13, 1909.

Mr. William G. MacLean,
Mr.
Park Foreman,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I will send the warrant to Mr. Faber, as suggested.

There was a Mr. Charles Turner in her yesterday who lives near the black bridge, he tells me, crossing the outlet of the Yahara river, and says he has about fifteen tons of marsh hay that he would be willing to dispose of at $5.00 per ton. His post office address is R. F. D. 4, Box 19.

I do not know whether you need more of this hay for mulching. There is quite a portion of Henry Vilas Park that needs to be mulched more in order to keep down the weeds for a year or so. There is the small stack of hay, as you remember, on the marsh, that it was thought best to use for this purpose, and this ought to be gotten off while the ground is frozen. I would be sure and get out enough manure and hay this winter for thorough mulching for all the planting.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

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Jan. 16, 1909.

Mr. Henry A. Barker,
Sec'y. Metropolitan Park Commission,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you very much for your letter of the 14th, and also for copy of paper dated Jan. 13, and the complimentary notice contained therein concerning our work here.

I have forgotten whether I stated to you in my former letter, that we have already made arrangements with Mr. John Nolen to prepare a comprehensive plan for the improvement of Madison. Our association, by voluntary contributions, will meet the entire expense of securing the plan and publishing a thousand copies or more of the report. The money has all been raised for the purpose, and we are to have a general citizens' meeting on the 26th of this month to launch the project at which we hope to arouse some enthusiasm and to have present a good many of our legislators.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 16, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen, Esq.,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

I intended writing you Thursday, before leaving for Chicago, to tell you that all of the $1500 had been raised and $50 additional. I have not seen all the parties and I may raise a little more under precaution.

We shall hold as I have already written, our citizens' meeting on Tuesday January 26th. We expect to bring the project in the papers on Tuesday morning next. I wish very much you could be here. I think we will have a good audience and I am sure everything will go along alright.

Of course so far as you are concerned as I wrote before, you are to consider the arrangements closed on the terms of our previous talks and correspondence. I would like if you could do so at this time, to write me a line stating when in your best judgment you could commence the work here at Madison.

Very sincerely yours.

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Jan. 18, 1909.

Mr. James E. Moseley,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.75 to pay the enclosed bill. Please receipt and return the bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Jan. 20, 1909.

Mr. Alfred C. Clas,
c/o Ferry & Clas,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Clas:-

Yours of the 18th came in my absence yesterday from the city. We shall be very glad indeed to have you with us on the evening of Jan. 26, and to have you give us a paper on the subject stated, namely, "Progress of Civic Art and Civic Art Commissions." The rest of the program is as follows: Introductory address by Mayor Schubert, "Looking Ahead" by myself, "Beauty as a Civic Asset" by Prof. Jastrow, and "Looking About" by Mr. Charles N. Brown, the latter being the lantern slide talk.

Will you pardon me in suggesting that it would be expected that your paper would take about twenty minutes? I speak plainly about the matter so that you may understand the exact situation, feeling that that is always desirable.

As to the other members of your park board attending, it occurred to our board last evening that such members might prefer to postpone their visit to Madison until the annual meeting of our association, which will be about the middle of April. We intend to make quite a feature of this meeting. Mr. Nolen will then give a carefully prepared address on Madison as the Capital of the State.

However, if any of the parties from your city would wish to come to this meeting, be so kind as to send me by return mail, if possible, the number who would come, giving their names if you can, and we shall be very glad to provide places for them at the table. We would like to

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know, however, at as early a date as possible.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

John M. Olin.

Jan. 20, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,

Landscape Architect,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

At the meeting of our directors held last evening, Mr. MacLean laid before the board the enclosed communication from Mr. John W. Duncan, president of the Association of Park Superintendents. We decided to refer the matter to you to get your opinion as to what ought to be done, if anything, by our association. We would not feel justified in spending any large amount of money. It occurred to me also that there may be some other exhibit or exhibits at this exhibition that you might think it worth our while more to prepare for if we did anything than for this exhibit, and I did not wish to act in the matter until submitting it to you. Hope you can give the matter prompt attention.

We have sent out notices for our meeting one week from last night. The program as printed on the postal card is as follows: Introductory address by Mayor Schubert, "Looking Ahead" by myself, "Beauty as a Civic Asset" by Prof. Jastrow, "Looking About" (illustrated) by Charles N. Brown.

After printing the program I got a letter from Mr. A. C. Clas of Milwaukee, stating that he would be pleased to attend the meeting and to read a paper on the "Progress of Civic Art and Civic Art Commissions." We hope to have an interesting meeting. I send you, under another cover, a copy of last night's Journal and yesterday morning's Democrat.

While your Mr. Clark was here, he made some inquiries about correspondence, etc., by Mr. Mische, as to the ordering of trees last year. I

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told him at this time that I thought the correspondence was at the city hall. I find since that a good deal of it at least was on my table. I thought I would just bundle up a larger portion of it and send it to you, with request that you return it after you are through with it. I do not know as it will be of any aid to you, but it serves to illustrate how the trees were ordered.

Yours truly,

JMO-D
(Encls.)

President.

Jan. 21, 1909.

Mr. W. E. Chase,
302 State St.,
City

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 19 received, and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same.

I trust that you will send in your name to Mr. Charles N. Brown, stating that you will be present at the meeting on next Tuesday evening.

JMO-D

Yours truly,

President.

Jan. 21, 1909.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please examine the enclosed bill, state what it is for and return same to me?

Yours truly,

(Enc.)

President.

Jan. 21, 1909.

Mr. F. A. Waugh,

Chief of Division and Professor of Landscape Gardening,

Massachusetts Agricultural College,

Amherst, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 16 received, and contents noted.

I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, some of the copies of the reports of our association, as requested.

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Yours truly,

President.

Jan. 21, 1909.

Mr. John C. Prien,
Agt. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Prien:-

I write you concerning a matter which we had up with your road a year or so ago, and that is the charges per car for shipping screenings from the Olin side track or switch to the city for the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. This matter I know is familiar to you. Ever since 1899, your road has kindly furnished the cars and put them upon the transfer track at Madison for $3.00 per car, and the Northwestern road has shipped the cars from that point to the switches near the Farwell Drive free of charge. After the railway rate law was passed, the question arose as to charging regular rates, and after explaining fully the situation to your officials, you consented to accept the same charge as before, namely $5.00 per car. Inasmuch as we are the only association of this kind in the state, and we are acting merely as trustees for the city, there is no question about the right of the railroad company either to make this charge or to render the service without any charge. If we are to pay the regular rate, then that makes it prohibitive for our association. We have always regarded this as a contribution on the part of your road toward the work we have been here carrying on for the last seventeen years.

I enclose the bills herewith and ask that you will take the matter up with the proper officials and see if they will not adjust the matter by charging the same as heretofore, namely $3.00 per car. I supposed of course, in ordering this material shipped, that the same rate would be charged as

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has been charged heretofore since the railway rate law went into effect.

I thought first of writing directly to President Earling, or to Mr. Underwood, General Manager, but concluded not to trouble them with this matter.

I will appreciate it if you can take it up with the proper officials and adjust it along the lines indicated above.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D
(Encls.)

President.

Jan. 23, 1909.

Mr. R. L. Case,
Agt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you warrant for $49.51 to pay for freight on two cars of quarry screenings shipped from Waukesha to Mendota. Will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed formal bill, and return same to me, and much oblige?

JMO-D
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President

Jan. 23, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of Jan. 21 received. Please accept thanks for information enclosed as to places having adopted city plans.

Enclosed please find warrant for $21.70 to pay for Bird's Eye View of Tenney Park. It has not yet arrived, but it undoubtedly will be along within a day or so, and I will see that the same is framed and put in some prominent window. I no doubt we shall like it very much and that it will help us.

From present indications, our only fear now is that we shall have more people at our meeting on next Tuesday evening than we can accommodate, and this is worrying me somewhat.

Please receipt the enclosed bill, which I return, and very much oblige.

The representative of the Jewell Nursery Company, of Lake City, Minn., has just called at the office, and he is very anxious that we should submit to him a list of shrubs, trees, etc., for work this spring. I asked him to send me a copy of his list of nursery stock. It seems that this is a firm that has been in existence for something over forty years and has something over 1100 acres planted, and I should judge, from all I can hear, is a reputable, reliable firm, and they being located in this section, are quite anxious to do business with us here at Madison. I told him that I

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would recommend that you give them an opportunity to bid.

Yours truly,

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Jan. 23, 1909.

Mr. George W. Reigle,

Town Clerk of the Town of Madison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Reigle:-

I have not heard anything from you since I sent the bill against the Town for money paid out for labor and material in repairing road over Isom Hill. Could you drop me a line, stating when a warrant would be sent for this bill, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

JMC-D

President.

Jan. 25, 1909.

Mr. John W. Duncan,

Prest. Association of Park Superintendents,

Boston, Mass,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Jan. 16, addressed to William G. MacLean, foreman of parks, was by him laid before our board of directors at their monthly meeting held last Tuesday evening, Jan. 19.

We voted to refer the matter to our landscape architect, Mr. John Nolen, of Cambridge, Mass., and I have just received a letter from him under date of Jan. 22, concerning the matter.

He agrees with me that we would hardly be justified in spending any large amount of money, but, as I understand the situation, the sort of exhibit that is called for would not cost very much.

If I understand the proposition correctly, we would furnish to you a list of photographs from which you might make a selection, and then you would attend to enlarging the same and we would pay cost of such work. You state in your letter, "you simply supplying prints or original negatives and then paying your share of expense in the getting up of the work."

We can furnish the photographs easily, but I would like if you could give me an outside figure as to what our share of the expense would be. Will you also indicate about the number of photographs you would like to have us submit to you?

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 26, 1909.

Klueter & Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

On Jan. 5, 1909, a warrant was sent you for $34.75, for which I have receipted bill. Mr. MacLean has handed me the enclosed, which I think covers the same items which were paid for by the above warrant. Please look into the matter and send bill for whatever may be due you, and oblige.

(Encls.)

Yours truly,
John W. Blair
President.

Jan. 25, 1909.

King & Walker Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 to pay your bill against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,
John W. Blair
President.

Jan. 25, 1909.

Mautz Bros.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.15 to pay your bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Clair

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 26, 1909

Mr. John Nolen,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I enclose herewith warrant for $300 to pay for balance for first year's services for city and our association. Please be so kind as to sign the enclosed voucher, and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Clair

President.

JMO-D
(Warrant)

Jan. 26, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of the 22nd received as to the doing of the work for preparing city plan, etc.

I have turned over a part of your letter to Mayor Schubert, asking him to see at once Mr. Icke, the engineer, and arrange to get the necessary plans, etc. He has promised to give the matter prompt attention. I will follow it up to see that this is done.

I have seen Mr. Porter, secretary of the Capitol Commission, and he will get me foundation plan of the capitol and I will forward that to you.

The Bird's Eye View of Tenney Park came yesterday and it will be framed by to-morrow morning, and I will see that it is put up in some prominent window.

We have some three hundred and five different acceptances for the meeting this evening. In fact, we have all that we can accommodate and must decline further acceptances. I hope the meeting will go off well.

I was interested in your suggestion that in order to complete the program, we ought to have some one say something on the topic "Looking Backward." As a matter of fact, I am going to consider that phase of the subject first, in order to enable us to get a better view in the other direction. I am using some of your letters to me because they express cer-

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tain points better than I could do it myself, so you may be in a position to accuse me very properly of plagiarism. I have been so busy that I could not very well prepare anything such as I would like for the occasion.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John M. Olin

President.

P.S. [illegible]

Jan. 25, 1909.

Sumner & Morris,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find five warrants, one for $8.10, one for $.82, one for $13.50, one for 5.00, and one for $7.07, which includes the bill for $5.95 and $1.12 against Tenney Park Improvement. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

(5 Warrants)
(6 Encls.)

Yours truly,

President.

Jan. 25, 1909.

Mr. E. F. Paunack,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $10.87 and the other for $24.72, to pay your two bills against the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

JMO-D.
(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

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(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Jan. 28, 1909.

Hon. George A. Buckstaff,

Oshkosh, Wis.

Dear Mr. Buckstaff:-

Yours of the 27th received.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of last evening's Journal, which has a pretty complete copy of my paper before the citizens' meeting on Tuesday evening. The head lines are those of the paper and not mine.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

President

Jan. 28, 1909

Jewel Nursery Co.,

Lake City, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Jan. 26 received, and contents noted. I have forwarded your catalogue to Mr. John Nolen, our landscape architect, so that he may examine the same.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

President.

Jan. 28, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1362 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

I was in Milwaukee yesterday. I understand there was sent to you from the office a copy of the Democrat and Journal.

The meeting was an unusually large and enthusiastic one. From all appearances a very good impression was made. Of course, we do not expect that all people will agree with all of the suggestions made. I sent you from Milwaukee a copy of the Free Press. It had the best report by far of any of the Milwaukee papers.

The Bird's Eye View of Tenney Park has been framed and it looks exceedingly well. We have it in the window of Williams' Drug Store, just under my office. Will keep it there some eight or ten days and then put it in some other prominent place.

I am sending you, under another cover, a catalogue of the Jewel Nursery, which I have just received.

I have been expecting to get a statement from you as to the quantity of trees and shrubs it will take to do the planting in Tenney Park and also in that part of Brittingham Park that is to be planted next year. Whether we will try to do any more planting toward South Madison would depend upon the extent of the planting in Tenney Park and Brittingham Park.

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Very truly yours,

James Allen.

Jan. 28, 1909.

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Ladnscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

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Very truly yours,

James Allen
President

Jan. 29, 1909.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

Park Foreman;

City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed papers explain themselves. If I understand them correctly, we owe two bills, one being for $30.95 and the other for $31.75. We have had a large amount of trouble and confusion about these bills. I wish you would indicate to what account they should be charged and try and see if you cannot get these men that you purchase from to send their bills in the first instance directly to you.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

(Encls.)

President.

Jan. 29, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours from New York, under date of Jan. 27, just received. I have called up Mr. Brown and asked him to forward the slides at once to you. Inasmuch as he cannot very well separate those which you intended to leave and did leave with me for the city, I advised him to send all of them back and then you could bring them with you when you come next to the city.

Very truly yours,

JMO-D

John M. Olin.

President.

Jan. 30, 1909.

Cantwell Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.50 to pay for envelopes for the association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 1, 1909.

Hon. H. P. Bird,
Senate Chamber,
City

Dear Mr. Bird:-

Yours of Jan. 29 received, enclosing check for $25.00 for securing plan for permanent improvement of the city of Madison.

I want to thank you very much for this contribution, not only for the amount but for what to me is much more important, the evidence it furnishes of the good will of the donor toward the capital city of the state and the work which we are here trying to do.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

John M. Olin.

The above was dictated before our visit yesterday, but did not get sent out.

J. M. O.

Feb. 1, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

Through a mistake by the clerical force, the proposed bill was not enclosed in the letter sent you Saturday. The same I enclose herewith. I also enclose a cutting from the Madison Democrat of yesterday, Sunday morning, January 31st, containing a copy of the paper by Dr. Jastrow given before the citizens' meeting on "Beauty as a Civic Asset". I am very sure that you will enjoy reading the same.

I am glad that you received your pay for work in Milwaukee. I have not yet seen Mr. Alyward about the Fairhaven matter but will make it a point to do so in the near future.

You will remember that when you were here we had some talk about the annual meeting, and you giving an address at that meeting on the subject of Madison as the State Capital, or something like that. I will say that we are arranging to make quite a feature of our annual meeting this year. We are going to hold it, as presently advised, in the gymnasium of the High School building. This will accommodate some four or five hundred people easily. Our plan now is to invite all the members of the Legislature and perhaps some prominent citizens from other parts of the state. Hence, you will have an unusual opportunity for reaching not only the people of Madison but representatives from all parts of the state. I will try and have the program arranged so that you can have about an hour.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

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(Enc.)

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. C. A. Ballard,
1042 Erin St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.80 to pay your bill against the Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. Charles N. Brown,
City.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith papers that have been returned from the Secretary of State's office.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Feb. 2, 1909.

Cantwell Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.00 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Ellis

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Feb. 2, 1909.

Hon. James H. Frear,

Secretary of State,

City.

Dear Sir:

I had not known that a report had been made out and sent to you as to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. It was done without my knowledge by the secretary.

Yours very truly,

Johnson Ellis

JMC-S

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. George B. Ferry,

Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of February 1st received, and also the sketch as to boat houses and bath houses.

I regret that we are limited in funds as to these two buildings. I think it will be absolutely necessary to keep within the limits fixed namely $5,000 for the boat house, and $7,500 for the bath house.

We are intending ultimately to construct a number of boat houses and bath houses in different parts of the city. We are exceedingly desirous that whatever we do should be done in good taste. This is what we wish to secure from this time on in all of the structures erected in the different parks.

We are to have our next monthly meeting of the directors one week from next Monday evening. I wish very much you could in some way arrange to get to Madison, and look over the ground before that meeting. I know this is a small matter to bother you with. Looking at it, however, in another way it may be a matter of considerable importance. It is important that we get a right start, that we establish a proper standard for future work of this kind.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. William G. MacLean,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please state to what part of the work the enclosed bill should be charged, and oblige?

Yours truly,

(Enc.)

John M. Clair

President.

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. Vroman Mason,

City.

Dear Mr. Mason:-

It was a mistake in having your card sent out at $25.00. It was not intended and I hope you will excuse the error. It was not changed after my talk with you as I supposed I had done.

Yours truly,

JMC-D

John M. Clair

President.

Feb. 2, 1909.

Hon. Frederick W. von Cotzhausen,
Counselor at Law,
31 Metropolitan Block,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of February 1st received and contents noted. I think the bills or resolutions which I have prepared cover Nos. 1 and 2 of your letter. Although one of them does not apply to cities of the first class, I take it for granted that the Milwaukee people may wish to have a bill specially framed for that city. But the work I have done can easily be taken by Mr. Estabrook and put in shape so as to get for Milwaukee just what you are aiming at.

I shall be pleased to see Mr. Estabrook and fully inform him of the situation.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

JMO-S

Feb. 2, 1909.

Mr. William Swenson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your note and subscription of Mr. Anderson for $10.00. Enclosed please find half a dozen postal cards.

Yours truly,

JMO-D

(Encls.)

Feb. 4, 1909.

Mr. Ernest W. Eddy,

9½ W. Main St., City.

Dear Mr. Eddy:

Your postal raising your subscription as requested from $15 to $25 for the park work received. I want to personally thank you very much for such a liberal subscription. I know it is more than your fair share when compared with some other people.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

Feb. 4, 1909.

Dr. Edward Kremers,

313 Chemistry Bldg., City.

My Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you very much for your letter of February 3rd and the three postal cards enclosed. I think I will forward these with your letter to Mr. Nolen. I think he would like to have some slides made of the same with the idea of using them here in his talk. The three photographs are an excellent illustration of all that you said in your talk with me.

Very truly yours,

JMO-S

Feb. 4, 1909.

Mr. Emil T. Mische,

Park Superintendent,

Portland. Oregon.

Dear Mr. Mische:-

Your favor of the 29th received and contents noted. I wish to thank you very much for the same.

I think I sent you a copy of the Democrat containing an account of the citizens' meeting. It was a great success. I will try and get you a copy of last Sunday's Democrat, which contains in full the paper by Dr. Jastrow on Civic Beauty as an Asset. I know you will be very much interested in reading it. It is an excellent paper.

I shall be pleased to read your letter to the board of directors at its next meeting.

Yours truly.

JMO-D

President.

Feb. 4, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,

1382 Harvard Square,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Yours of February 2nd received enclosing list of shrub planting in Tenney Park. It was unnecessary for you to be at the trouble of sending me a detailed statement of the shrubs but I am much obliged to you for the same. All I wanted at this time was to get some idea of the number of trees and shrubs that were to be planted. Could you give me approximately the number of shrubs that are to be gathered here in this vicinity including trees from nursery? I could then put the two together and then get quite an accurate idea of the amount of work involved in the planting.

I enclose herewith a letter which I just received from Professor Kremers which explains itself; the three postal cards referred to by him I thought perhaps you might desire to make three slides from these for the purpose of illustrating the idea of harmony etc. I think perhaps you might make good use of such slides at our annual meeting.

Yours very truly,

Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Feb. 4, 1909.

Mr. John Nelson,

c/o Times Publishing Co.,

Victoria, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

A circular which you have sent to the town clerk of Madison has been handed to me. The city of Madison through voluntary effort has done something the last seventeen years. The work has been done largely through the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I send you under another cover a copy of the last annual report of the association and also a copy of an earlier report containing the constitution and by-laws and act under which we are incorporated. You may find the reports of some interest.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

JMO-S

Feb. 4, 1909.

State Journal Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.25 to pay your bill for printing 1500 circulars. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Feb. 5, 1909.

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,

City.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I hand you herewith the subscription list for the special work of securing a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the city of Madison aggregating as I figure $1650. I also hand you a check signed by Senator Bird in payment of his subscription of $25 and a check by myself of $50 toward my $100 subscription. I think perhaps you better open up a special account for this work. We do not need to collect in much of the money yet. I ask that you open up the account now because I wish to draw on that account for certain expenses connected with the citizens' meeting.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

JMO-S

(Enc.)

Feb. 5, 1909.

Hon. George A. Buckstaff,

Oshkosh, Wis.

Dear Mr. Buckstaff:-

I was somewhat interested, amused, and also disgusted, with an editorial that appeared in the Oshkosh Northwestern and was copied in the Madison State Journal of Monday of this week, headed: "Madison's Cry For Money."

According to this editorial, every dollar of money appropriated by the state to run its university or to build its capitol, or to pay its supreme court judges, etc., is appropriated for the benefit of the city of Madison. I had hoped that the day had passed when papers like the Oshkosh Northwestern would seek to arouse prejudice, the result of which could only be to injure the capital of the state rather than help it.

Perhaps the people of Madison are more selfish and hoggish than the people of other cities. Personally I do not believe it. Personally I feel that the people are entitled to a little credit for what they have done here the last seventeen years, and I cannot help feeling that the $225,000 which they have contributed voluntarily up to date to improve the city and its surroundings has been some benefit not only to the city but to the people of the state. It seems to me that an editor of a paper like the Oshkosh Northwestern ought to rise above such narrow prejudice as is expressed in this editorial. I do not believe such an editorial expresses the sentiment of the better people of Oshkosh.

I do not know what your relations are to the editor of this paper, but if you can say a word to stop this kind of misrepresentation just now, I

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would much appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

JMC-D

President.

Feb. 5, 1909.

Mr. H. E. Clark,
2014 Madison St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $750.50 for your bill for extra filling in Brittingham Park. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Feb. 5, 1909.

Editor Oshkosh Northwestern,

Oshkosh, Wis'it

Dear Sir:-

My attention has been called to an editorial which appeared in your paper recently under the head of, "Madison's Cry For Money", which editorial was copied by the Wisconsin State Journal in its issue of Feb. 1, 1909.

I am not writing for publication nor to enter into any newspaper controversy. I think the editorial a most unfair one and believe, upon reflection, that you will conclude that it is at least unfair toward the people of Madison. I cannot see why any newspaper should represent that the appropriations made by the state to maintain its public institutions should be considered as appropriated for the city of Madison merely because these institutions, or some of them, happen to be located here because Madison is the capital of the state.

I know the prejudice that has existed heretofore on the part of some toward Madison. I had hoped that this prejudice was dying out. I had hoped that what the citizens have been trying to do here through voluntary effort for the last seventeen years would tend to remove this prejudice. It seems to me it is something to the credit of the citizens of Madison to have raised, during the last seventeen years through voluntary contributions, $225,000, in round numbers, to improve the city and its surroundings. I feel further that the raising and expenditure of this money for this purpose has been something of a benefit not only to Madison but to the people of the state; especially to the four thousand young men and women who live among us for four years or more.

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of

the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and I would like very much if you could take the time to glance the same through and then see whether or not you feel that the editorial referred to correctly represents the facts.

Personally I would be the last one to desire that the State of Wisconsin should do a single thing for the city of Madison that ought to be done by the city for itself. Personally I feel that the citizens of Madison should do something more than their fair share toward making Madison a capital city worthy of the state of Wisconsin, and if we do not do this I feel that we will render ourselves justly subject to criticism on the part of the people of the state.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

President.

JMO-D

Feb. 5, 1909.

Mr. John Gregory,

Editor Evening Wisconsin,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

In your paper of Jan. 27, 1909, appeared an editorial headed "Madison Cries Money, Money, Money." And in it you ask, "Doesn't the Legislature generally manage to spend money enough for Madison with the constitution as it stands?"

From what I know of you and your reputation, I am very sure you would not knowingly make a misstatement or misrepresentation in your paper, or sanction the same, and, upon reflection, I believe you will conclude that this editorial is not quite fair. Personally I do not know that the legislature has, as yet, ever appropriated a dollar for the city of Madison. It is not the fault of the city of Madison that the capitol is here, or that the university is here, and I cannot see the justice in representing that money appropriated to construct the capitol and to run the university is appropriated for the city of Madison. I had always supposed that this was a state institution, that it belonged to the people of the state, and that the state was supporting it.

The citizens of Madison have their faults, but I do not think they can be called hoggish or selfish any more than the citizens of other cities of the same size. During the past seventeen years we have raised by private contributions for the improvement of the city and its surroundings, in round numbers, $225,000, in addition to what the city has done through direct taxation. Now I have always felt that these contributions were, in a measure,

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for the benefit of the people of the state. The four thousand and over of young people here at the University are gathered from all parts of the state, and I know of no class of people who enjoy improved surroundings more or profit more by such surroundings than these young people.

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and I ask you to do me the favor to look it through, and then consider whether the editorial in question does not do the citizens of Madison some injustice.

The suggestion made by me in my address on the 26th of last month that the constitution of the state be amended was not made primarily with reference to anything that might be done by the state here at Madison, and this the address plainly shows.

Of course, I do not write this for publication. I would like to make it plain that personally I would not have the State of Wisconsin spend a dollar for the city of Madison to help it do anything which properly belongs to the city to do. I feel that the people of Madison should do something more than their fair share to make this city a worthy capital of the state. But by reason of its size, and the small amount of wealth here comparatively, there are certain things which the citizens of Madison cannot do for the state which must be done if this city is ever to be a capital worthy of Wisconsin. These things may not be done in my day and generation; if not, a succeeding generation will do them at a largely increased cost.

Very respectfully yours,

WHO-D

President.

Feb. 5, 1909.

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Mr. E. F. Paunack,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $408.68 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

With your warrant [illegible] in our [illegible] - this year we will make [illegible] all right before 10 years out.

Feb. 5, 1909.

State Journal Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $27 to pay for your bill for printing in connection with the recent citizens' meeting.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

JMO-S

(Warrant)

Feb. 6, 1909.

Wisconsin Telephone Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Encl.)

President.

Feb. 8, 1909.

Klueter & Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $30.95 and one for $31.75 to pay your two bills. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Encls.)

President.

Feb. 8, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:

Yours of February 5th received enclosing proposed letter to nurserymen.

I do not now recall anything that needs to be added. I sent you correspondence of Mr. Mische and I thought that included some of the orders he made. As I remember there was something in his order to the effect that it was the duty of the nursery company to trace the goods as they were shipped so as to see that they were put through without delay, and it seems to me there was something in the order as to the method of transportation, whether by fast or slow freight, but I am not sure about this.

The order should specify just where the goods are to be shipped, and in this case it ought to specify that the goods be left on the switch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company near the Fuller & Johnson shops, or if not there, on the switch track of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, near the Fuller & Johnson shops.

I think the order had better be given in the name of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and that the goods should be consigned to that association, and that immediately upon shipment a letter giving notice of that fact should be sent both to me and to William C. MacLean, park foreman. Inasmuch as we wish to plant at least

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the block in the city limits extending to Emerald Street, the order ought to cover the goods for this planting.

Have you considered the question whether there ought to be goods ordered to take the place of some destroyed and some that died in Henry Vilas Park? I will talk this matter over with Mr. MacLean tomorrow if possible.

Thank you very much for your check for $15.

The slides were very helpful at our meeting and we thank you very much for the same.

Under another cover I send you a supplement to Madison Democrat of yesterday morning, showing some snow pictures that I thought you would be interested in.

Yours very truly,

JMO-S

[illegible]

P.S. Could you give me anything as to date when you will be here again, - this question is frequently asked. The Mayor asked it again this morning. - Have you [illegible] the plans for proposed [illegible] [illegible] Ave? This I regard [illegible] [illegible] and I hope this contract will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Feb. 8, 1909.

Mr. Anton C. Paulsen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.25 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 8, 1909

Mr. Charles Wehrmann,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.25 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 9, 1909.

Mr. F. A. Bridge, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for the subscription of $10 for the work of the association.

I shall be pleased to talk matters over with you as suggested if you can drop in at the office sometime.

Yours very truly,

John M. Clair

JMC-S

Feb. 9, 1909.

Mr. John F. Icke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith the letter from Mr. Ferry, concerning bridge in Tenney Park. I think this is what you inquired for this morning.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

JMC-D

(1Enc.)

Feb. 9, 1909.

Mr. John Nolen,
Landscape Architect,
1382 Harvard Square,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nolen:-

Mr. MacLean has just been in and we have gome over some matters which I wish to call your attention to.

1. Mr. MacLean suggests that a copy of the list of shrubs etc. be sent to Storrs & Harrison of Plainsville, Ohio. He says this is an excellent firm, that the park commission in Chicago have dealt largely with the firm in a very satisfactory manner.

2. Mr. MacLean suggests that the planting ought to be omitted in the two triangles for the sanitaries in Tenney Park. He says the work necessary to be done in constructing these closets make it impossible to have the planting done now. I am inclined to think he is right.

3. When your Mr. Clark was here, I had Mr. MacLean put in his hands the copy of the planting plan prepared by Mr. Mische for Brittingham Park, and he tells me that he pointed out to Mr. Clark just the portions to be planted this spring. In addition to such planting we wish to plant the one block adjoining the city limits on the south. I have just had a a talk with Mr. Ickе and he is to get me a survey of that block to send to you as soon as possible.

4. Of course the list of plants should be made out for Brittingham Park the same as for Tenney Park and should be submitted at the same time to the dealers. I presume they will all go into the same car and in that event our men will have to transfer by teams from the

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switch track near Fuller & Johnson shops to Brittingham P[illegible]ark. I would like

5. If possible to do so, without too much trouble, [illegible]o be gathere
a statement approximately of the number of trees and shrubs t[illegible] together
in this vicinity including those coming from the nursery. This, [illegible]he
with the lists to be purchased will give me a very good idea of t[illegible]
amount of work ahead of us this spring.

6. Mr. Ickе informs me over the telephone that he will have ready by the end of this week, the maps requested by you to enable you to start in the work for making a city plan for Madison. At the same time I will enclose a ground plan of the capitol as requested.

7. The common council has ordered the improvement of East Washington Avenue. Mr. Ickе has prepared a plan for the improvement which, I understand, incorporates the ideas of Mr. Mische as to how the street should be improved. I regard the proper improvement of this avenue as very important. The final action on the plan will come up before the council at its April meeting. I am desirous, if you have not already done so, that you should examine the plan for the proposed work and make any suggestion that occurs to you. The removal of the old so-called market place and proper improvement of this avenue has been one of the things that I have urged in every one of the annual reports for a number of years, and our association is exceedingly interested in this matter.

8. In this connection, I suggest again that as soon as you can possibly do so I wish you would indicate about when you now expect to reach Madison again.

Very truly yours,

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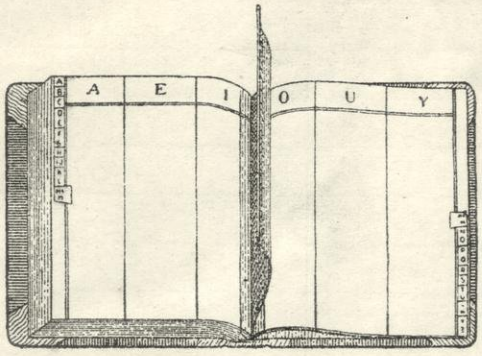

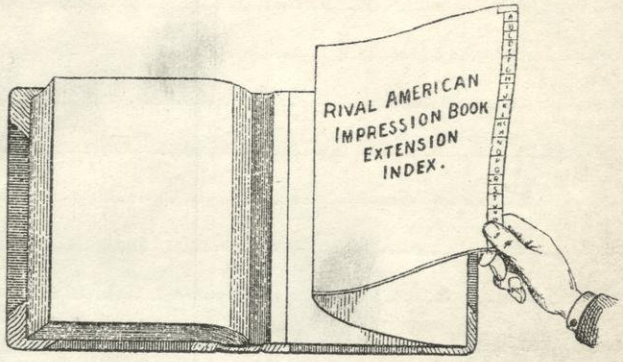

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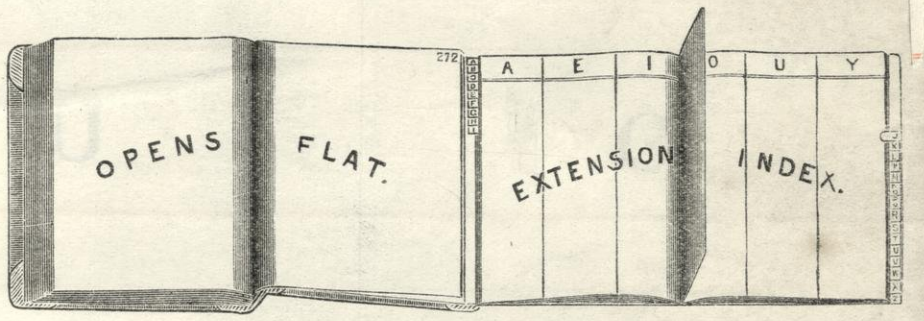

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