

Board of Health Correspondence and Complaints

Book #2: Board of Health correspondence 1897 – 1903

Additional Notes

Smallpox Report p. 108:

A request for a copy of the report was made to New York City's Board of Health. A specific inquiry was made regarding the NYC's Board of Health findings on the use of pasteurized milk to reduce mortality rates of children from cholera and other like diseases.

Licensing of Undertakers p. 109, 122

A letter to the City of Lynn's Board of Health inquiring as to their practices regarding the licensing of undertakers. This letter states that Lawrence undertakers are not licensed but instead file an annual bond. (109) A later letter addressed to the City Clerk of Lawrence notifies that office that the first city undertakers have been licensed and lists the names of the first undertakers to be licensed. (122)

Civil War Remains p. 160

A letter regarding the receipt of remains of Harvey A. Dunn, a Civil War soldier, who died from typhoid fever and the concern that Dunn's remains were not properly encased.

Contagious Disease Hospital p. 243, 268

A letter to the Mayor demanding that suitable hospital accommodations be made by the city for the treatment and care of residents suffering from contagious diseases. January 18, 1900

Location of Isolation Hospital p. 342

A letter to the Mayor requesting that the isolation Hospital be built at the Alms House. December 9, 1901

Filtration System pp. 370-371

A letter exploring the spread of diseases and the effectiveness of the water filtration system.

Clarification of the role of the Board of Health pp. 411-412

A letter to the City Solicitor seeking clarification as to the role of the Board of Health in the settlement of indigent persons' cases. Also, inquires as to whether the Isolation Hospital could be used for patients with contagious diseases other than just smallpox. March 26, 1903.