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New York State Board of Charities Correspondence A1977

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The correspondence in this series consists of transmittal letters or cover letters sent with routine institutional reports; responses to inquiries from the board about the number of certain types of patients (e.g. insane persons, epileptics) in each institution; requests for or comments on the board's reports; comments on social welfare policy; comments on or requests for copies of bill proposals; and comments by the president of the board on legal action to be taken against institutions refusing inspection.
Creator:	New York (State). State Board of Charities
Title:	Board of Charities correspondence
Quantity:	26.7 cubic feet
Quantity:	30 microfilm rolls 35mm
Inclusive Date:	1867-1902
Series:	A1977

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Arrangement

Volumes arranged chronologically; unbound files chronologically, then alphabetically within each letter file.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of disbound volumes and unbound files of incoming and outgoing administrative correspondence.

The correspondence consists of: transmittal letters or cover letters sent with routine institutional reports; these letters often contain statistics on admissions, discharges, and expenditures; responses to inquiries from the board about the number of certain types of patients (e.g. insane persons, epileptics) in each institution; requests for or comments on the board's reports, some

from out-of-state institutions; comments on social welfare policy, also often from out-of-state; requests for blank forms; comments on or requests for copies of bill proposals; and comments by the president of the board on legal action to be taken against institutions refusing inspection.

A few volumes contain correspondence dealing mostly with one subject, such as: responses from institutions to the board's request for a census of epileptics in connection with the opening of the Craig Colony for Epileptics (volume 48); responses from institutions to the board's request for a census of insane persons in connection with the establishment of the Binghamton State Asylum for the Chronic Insane (volume 13); arrangements for exhibits by individual institutions at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago (volume 38); and responses to circulars on record keeping and on corporal punishment policy (volume 55).

Incoming correspondence through 1896 was mostly directed to the secretary of the board; most later correspondence was directed to the Inspector of Charities. Private institutions were the most frequent correspondents. Among the individual correspondents represented in this series are: Theodore W. Dwight; Josephine Shaw Lowell; William Rhinelanders Stewart; John Gray; Charles Loring Brace; John Ordronaux; Louisa Lee Schuyler; Frank Sanborn; Frederick Wines; Isabel Barrows; Samuel J. Barrows; and Zebulon R. Brockway.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Volumes indexed alphabetically; unbound files not indexed.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Alternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available for use at the New York State Archives or through interlibrary loan.

Access Terms

- Social service
- Supervising
- New York (State)
- Public welfare
- Gray, John.
- Schuyler, Louisa Lee.
- Stewart, William Rhineland, 1852-1929.
- Brockway, Z. R. (Zebulon Reed), 1827-1920
- Sanborn, F. B. (Franklin Benjamin), 1831-1917.
- Ordronaux, John, 1830-1908.
- Binghamton Asylum for the Insane
- Brace, Charles Loring, 1826-1890.
- Barrows, Samuel J. (Samuel June), 1845-1909.
- Lowell, Josephine Shaw, 1843-1905
- Dwight, Theodore W. (Theodore William), 1822-1892
- Wines, Frederick Howard, 1838-1912.
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)
- Barrows, Isabel Chapin, 1845-1913.
- Craig Colony (Sonyea, N.Y.)