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# REPORT.

*To the Honorable*

*the Common Council of the City of New York:*

In obedience to the requirements of the statute, the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park respectfully submits this report of its proceedings for the year ending with the 31st day of December 1864, being its eighth annual report.

In prosecuting the work during the past year, the Board has confined itself to the advancement and completion of structures previously designed and in process of construction, and to forwarding the Drive in the upper part of the Park, in order that its whole area might be rendered accessible to the public at the earliest practicable date.

With the exception of the expenditure upon the enclosing wall, the main outlay of the year has been upon that portion of the Park lying above One Hundred and Sixth street, upon which the Board could not properly commence work till the protracted legal proceedings for its acquisition were complete. The addition of this land to the Park can scarcely fail to be a continuing source of satisfaction.

The force employed during the year has been considerably diminished.

The stone work of the Terrace being now complete in its exterior, with the exception of a few details, affords an opportunity for observation of its proportions and of its adaptation to the purposes for which it was designed.

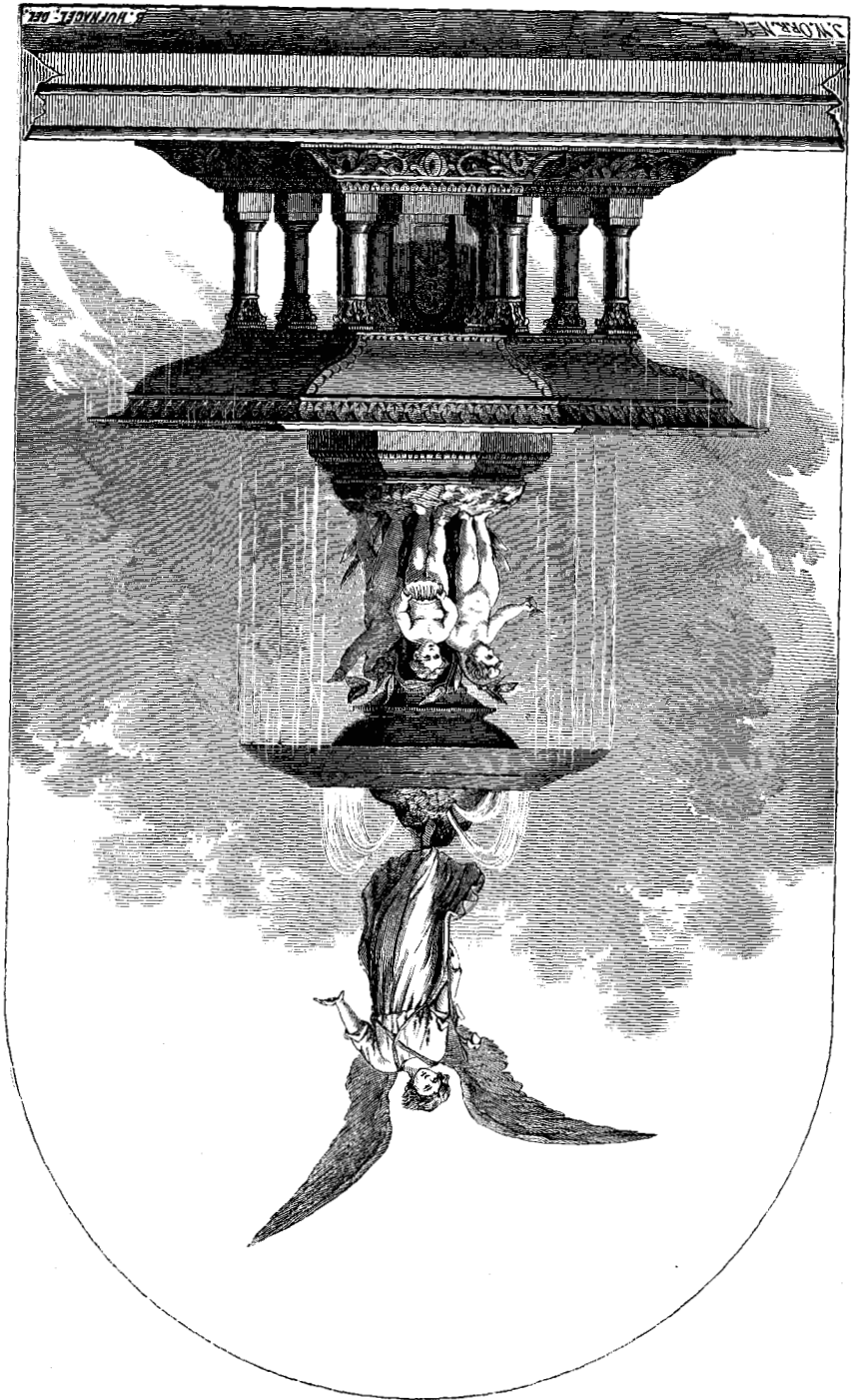
Being the central and main architectural structure of the Park, to which all others were intended to be subordinate, and being, with its connections, the principal assembling place for pedestrians, it seemed fitting that an expenditure should here be made commensurate in some degree with the important relative position that this structure was to hold.

In its design and in the elaboration of its details, the aim of the Board has been to maintain purity of taste and skillfulness of execution; the general objects of the design have, it is believed, been attained, and an agreeable connection secured between the formal lines of the Mall and the Terrace and those of the adjacent natural surfaces.

From the centres of two smaller fountain basins that have been completed south of the Terrace, small jets rise, which, with the intended arrangement of an evergreen hedge and two ornamental drinking fountains at the head of the Mall, will realize the effects intended at this locality.

The Board has commissioned Miss Emma Stebbins to model the principal figures of the fountain on the Esplanade north of the Terrace. As this fountain, in connection with the Terrace, forms a most important feature, and as

FOUNTAIN AT THE TERRACE.





much time must necessarily elapse before it can be completed, the Board has felt it proper in this instance to depart from its general determination not to make any considerable expenditure in the purchase or procurement of statuary or works of art.

An archway of iron, carrying the walk over the Bridle Road at the southwest of the grand Reservoir, has been completed. The rustic wooden bridge across the ravine, a rustic stone bridge across the valley below, and an iron archway at the north of the grand Reservoir, are well advanced.

The foundations of the intended archway to carry the walk over the bridle road, up to the south gate house, are ready for the finer stone and iron work.

The archways and bridges above mentioned comprehend all of this class of structure that the Board at present intend to construct.

During the past year, one mile of drive has been completed, and there are now complete and in use, nine miles of drive; of the ride, there are about five and a half miles complete and in use; of walks, about one and a half miles were completed during the year, making in all now complete and in use about twenty-two and a half miles. The finished portion of the drive, with about half a mile now incomplete, but well advanced, comprises all of the drive at present contemplated.

The aim of the Board has been, at the north end of the Park, to preserve, as far as possible, existing bold and striking natural features of the landscape.

The earth and rock excavation and filling required for

a Lake of about twelve acres, at the northeast corner of the Park, as also the excavation for a narrower body of water in the valley, are well advanced. Their outlines are now in the process of development, and it is hoped will be finished in the coming season.

On the brow of the broken and precipitous hills, now a part of the Park, that bound the Harlem plains on the south, may still be seen the remains of military fortifications, consisting of breastworks of earth about three feet in height. These works formed a part of a chain of fortifications of the war of 1812 that extended from the Harlem to the Hudson river, passing across the Park to a point a little west of what is now the Eighth avenue, and extending along the rocky eminence on the west of the plains to Manhattanville. The stone structure still standing on the rocky bluff overlooking the Harlem plains formed a portion of this line. A roof, added at a later date, rendered it serviceable as a powder magazine. In making some earth excavations on the northerly slope of the Great Hill, about two feet below the surface, the remains of a military encampment were found. The ground, in spaces of about eight feet square, was compactly trodden, and in a corner of each space was a recess, rudely built of stone, for a fire-place, with straps of iron, that seemed to have been used in cooking. Shot and bayonets were also found in the vicinity. There is sufficient known of the history of this property to warrant the belief that it was passed over, and perhaps occupied during the year 1776 by the British and Hessian troops shortly after their landing on the island, and that it was

occupied in the war of 1812 by the American troops. The relics alluded to belong probably to the latter period. During the war of 1812, a barrier gate was erected at McGown's Pass across the eastern post road that passed to the west of the present Mount St. Vincent buildings, where that road intersects the line of One Hundred and Seventh street. At this gate sentries were posted.

The remains of these works, that so much enhance the interest of this section of the Park, will, as far as practicable, be preserved.

The excavations for the foundation of the exterior wall, the preparation of the slopes, and the laying of the foundation for the wall, have formed an important portion of the work of the year, and are nearly complete for two-thirds of the distance around the Park.

The disturbed condition of values of material and labor has rendered it difficult to forward the superstructure of the wall as rapidly as was desired. In addition to this, the difficulty in getting stone suitable for the upper portion of the wall at prices at all admissible, has tended to retard this character of work. It seems now that it will be better not to rely upon the stone of this island for the upper and more conspicuous part of the wall, but to select some stone more easily worked and less liable to changes in color.

In planting, progress has been made to the extent of 20,658 trees and shrubs during the year. Of these 8,379 were taken from the Park nurseries.

Experience clearly shows that it is not, as a general

rule, economical to plant trees of a very large size ; those of less size, carefully transplanted and well cared for, being much less likely to fail in the process, and generally making far better trees.

There are frequent instances of the successful transplantation of quite large trees, but the increased expense and the great liability to die out, in from one to four years after their removal, point to the economy in time and money, and in the ultimate perfectness of the trees, to the superiority of the practice of removing trees of the usual nursery sizes.

With the growth of the earlier planted trees, much of the impatience that was expressed in the first years of the Park for the immediate planting of large trees seems to have yielded to a recognition of the necessity of time to produce trees of luxuriance of growth and perfection of form. An investigation of the formerly much-alluded-to successful results of foreign transplantation of large trees will not, it is believed, justify the practice. Loudon, than whom few have been closer observers of trees, distinguished as a botanist, as a landscape gardener, and as a writer on these subjects—in some observations indicating how much he found to admire in trees in their younger growth, says :

“If we compare young trees with old ones in these respects, we think it will not be denied that young trees are objects of much greater interest than old ones. In a picturesque point of view, we allow that the old tree has an advantage: it has also the advantage in point of shelter and shade; and if it were to be cut down it would produce more timber. But will an old tree prove a source of as much interest to the possessor of it, by its



B. Hufnagel, Des.

ARCHWAY FOR THE FOOT PATH UNDER DRIVE EAST OF THE PLAY GROUND.

variations, in consequence of its yearly increase in size, as a young tree, provided that the possessor has a historical and gardening knowledge of trees? We think not, and we would only ask any one who is of a different opinion, whether, if he were to be allowed to have only one tree in his garden, he would prefer a tree of ten years' growth or a tree that was already full grown? With the latter tree the mind is carried back to times which, though interesting in some respects, it is desirable should never recur, with the former it is carried forward along with all the improvements which are now contemplated or in progress, in civilized society throughout the world. For our own part, independently of all moral, historical and economical considerations, so great is the botanical and horticultural interest connected in our minds with young trees, and so delightful to us the idea of preparing the soil in such a manner as to cause them to grow with extraordinary rapidity, that, if any one were to present us with a timbered estate, the first thing we should do would be to cut down all the old trees and to plant young ones."

In these remarks our author is influenced more by the interest of a botanist and an individual owner, than most of the visitors to a public park would be. But these views serve to suggest the advantages that are found in young trees.

With the exception of small areas, principally at the north end and along the borders, the surface of the Park has already assumed the general form proposed.

The modes of fertilization have varied according as circumstances rendered one material or another less expensive or more advantageous. In the past two or three years the expenditures for fertilizing have been greatly diminished.

In its report for the year 1863, the Board made the following statement: "The continuing advance in the

price of labor and materials renders it at this time impossible to make reliable estimates for the future work of the Park. These prices already exceed, in many particulars, those contemplated in the estimates upon which the Board have based its plans for the completion of the Park." The same causes have continued through the past year to an extent that renders the sum of money now at the disposal of the Board inadequate to the completion of the work.

The Commissioners of the Park will, therefore, make application to the Legislature for such additional sum as will supply the existing deficiency, and enable them to erect some structures that experience shows are required for the public convenience.

The building of the exterior enclosure, including the gateways, will necessarily be delayed until further provision of money is made. The total length of wall, exclusive of gateways, and of such portions as will at present, from the precipitousness of the rock, require no enclosure, will be 29,025 feet, or about seven miles.

The Board respectfully asks the attention of your Honorable Body to the established grade of the Eighth avenue, from Eighty-third to Ninetieth street; it is believed that a grade on a main avenue of the city as objectionable as a glance shows this to be, cannot be permanent. This subject is alluded to for the reason that the elevation of the Park wall is controlled by the grade of the avenue, and until it is fixed in such a manner as will be likely to render it permanent, it will not be best to construct the wall along this portion of the line.

The want of proper channels for the drainage of the Park has been the occasion of inconvenience from the time of the commencement of the work; it has been no less so at the northern portion of the Park, inasmuch as the plan of the sewerage of the surrounding district is not, it is believed, yet fully determined.

Your Honorable Body has, during the past year, provided the requisite ordinance for a sewer in Seventy-second street, from the Fifth avenue to the East river; and for a sewer in One Hundred and Tenth street, from a point west of the Eighth avenue towards the East river. Neither of these works has yet been commenced. The first-mentioned was authorized in the year 1863 by both Boards of the Common Council, but failed to receive the approval of the Mayor of the city, as alluded to in a previous report of the Board.

By an act of the Legislature of the State, at its session of 1864, Manhattan square, a piece of ground belonging to the city, situated between Seventy-seventh and Eighty-first street and Eighth and Ninth avenues, containing about nineteen acres, was placed under the control and management of the Commissioners of the Central Park, and it was made the duty of the Board to enclose, lay out, grade, regulate, drain, and improve the same. Inasmuch as no fund was provided by the act from which the cost of this work could be defrayed, the Board has taken no measures to carry the provisions of the act into effect other than the initiation of surveys, and the notification of removal to persons residing on the ground. The drainage and improvement of this and the low grounds in the im-



mediate vicinity, now covered with water and mud, will add much to the salubrity of the neighborhood.

At the same session the Legislature provided for the widening and improving Seventh avenue from the Park, to Harlem river. Fulfilling the requirements of the act, the Commissioners of the Central Park, on the 12th of May, 1864, authorized application to be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for the opening and widening of the said avenue, Messrs. John Anderson, Shepherd Knapp, and Charles A. Lamont were, on the 27th day of July, appointed such Commissioners. They have yet made no report. Until proceedings of these Commissioners are complete, the Board will be unable to take the requisite measures to carry on this improvement, so desirable in itself, and so essential to connect the Park with the large improvements contemplated at the north end of the island; which, if carried into execution, will, by the opening of agreeable avenues for travel, more fully develop the highly picturesque features of the island scenery, give access to the magnificent public and private edifices that are located in the more rural part of the city, and render this metropolis far in advance of any city on either continent in the extent and interest of its varied suburban drives. Generally the public works that have heretofore been carried out on this island, and in the State and Nation, have been conceived on too limited and narrow a scale.

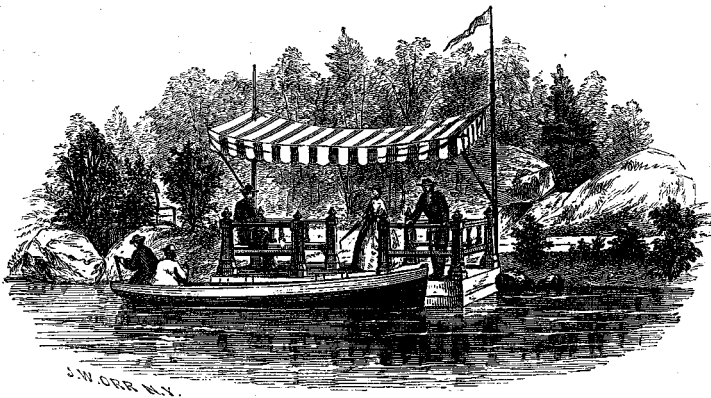
Wealth and population have always outstripped and demonstrated the inadequacy of the improvements intended for their accommodation. There is to-day within

seven miles of the Park a population of a million and a half of people.

If the past is to be taken as a guide for the future, the year 1880, but fifteen years hence, will find a population of from two and a half to three millions on the same area.

Projects that will subserve the health, comfort, amusement, and safety of the population that is to occupy this area are not unworthy the attention of the highest abilities, and should be up to the measure of the future magnificence of the great city they are to adorn.

In this connection it should not be forgotten that with all the facilities that Railroads are to furnish for the transportation of people on this island, the waters that surround it are to be, more and more crowded, with the fleets of commerce and with the necessary craft for conveying passengers along its whole length; access to the Park from at least four points on the North and East rivers where passage boats can conveniently land, should be kept clean and inviting, and made agreeable and somewhat in harmony with the objects of the Park.



BOAT LANDING SOUTH OF RAMBLE.

*The Assessed Value of the three Wards surrounding the Park, for nine years, is as follows :*

WARD.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Twelfth.....	\$8,149,360	\$8,134,013	\$8,476,890	\$10,062,725	\$11,857,114
Nineteenth.....	8,041,183	8,558,624	10,971,775	12,621,894	16,830,472
Twenty-second.....	10,239,022	10,489,454	11,563,506	13,261,025	14,775,440
Total.....	\$26,429,565	\$27,182,091	\$31,012,171	\$35,945,644	\$43,463,026

WARD.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.
Twelfth.....	\$12,454,375	\$13,100,385	\$14,134,825	\$15,493,575
Nineteenth.....	16,986,152	17,903,137	19,003,452	20,462,607
Twenty-second.....	17,666,866	18,041,857	18,281,222	18,756,276
Total.....	\$47,107,393	\$49,045,379	\$51,419,499	\$54,712,458 26,429,565

Showing a total increased valuation on the three }  
Wards, from 1856 to 1864, of..... } \$28,282,893

The rate of tax for the year 1864 is 2.16, yielding, on the increased valuation, an increased tax of..... \$610,910 49

The total expenditures for construction from May 1, 1857, to January 1, 1865, is..... 4,368,136 50

The cost of the land of the Park to the city is. 4,815,671 60

Total cost of Park up to this time ..... \$9,183,808 10

Total increased tax in three wards..... \$610,910 49

The annual interest on the cost of the land and improvement of the Park up to this time at six per cent..... \$551,028 49

Deduct one per cent. on \$399,300

of the above stock, issued at five per cent.....	3,993 00	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>555,021 49</u>

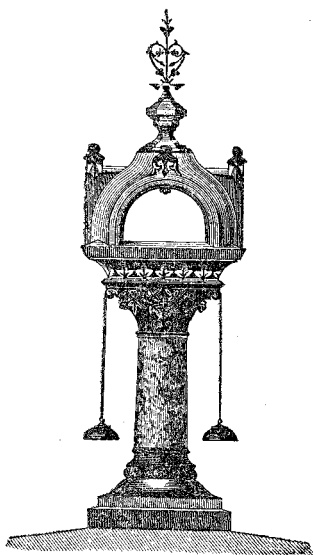
Excess of increased tax in three Wards over in- terest on cost of land and improvements ....	<u>\$55,889 00</u>
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The Commissioners of the Park are gratified to be able to state that the number of visitors to the Park continues to increase with each year.

Allowing an average of three persons to each vehicle passing into the Park, the following will show approximately the number of persons who have entered the Park for the past three years :

1862 .....	4,195,515
1863 .....	4,327,409
1864 .....	5,740,079

The number for the year 1864 being not much less than six millions.



DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

The following Table gives the number of Visitors at the Park during each month in the year for the past four years.

MONTHS.	1861.			1862.			1863.			1864.		
	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.
January.....	600,007	1,094	18,540	254,672	1,984	32,773	51,462	3,952	38,069	555,668	3,953	83,246
February.....	265,185	2,075	37,022	302,327	1,671	39,052	49,080	3,489	49,344	134,322	6,244	55,038
March.....	43,349	3,575	20,906	81,865	4,024	32,446	41,064	4,490	44,520	90,630	7,635	67,757
April.....	60,674	9,110	27,683	76,927	7,839	58,567	115,764	10,094	79,095	95,386	14,192	87,575
May.....	110,761	6,708	43,586	133,701	10,349	77,974	137,999	449	3,618	151,678	13,533	147,344
June.....	110,511	5,809	47,655	202,000	8,919	84,254	159,779	12,630	110,792	121,574	14,802	111,253
July.....	91,076	6,994	35,648	184,048	4,814	62,074	89,160	9,378	92,363	380,165	8,085	142,511
August.....	134,671	4,800	37,120	272,093	4,715	69,802	189,366	12,250	115,970	186,016	4,778	89,524
September.....	173,003	7,071	49,624	192,236	7,334	70,184	181,850	9,211	163,600	225,256	5,288	92,159
October.....	118,862	10,890	58,561	153,387	7,822	67,099	150,418	10,035	108,531	148,488	9,395	98,112
November.....	70,789	8,608	43,226	97,507	7,049	60,789	75,231	9,195	50,990	87,291	9,308	92,361
December.....	84,375	6,713	48,278	55,155	5,125	53,996	227,163	5,551	65,558	118,725	3,184	81,281
Totals.....	1,863,263	73,547	467,849	1,996,918	71,645	709,010	1,469,335	90,724	922,450	2,295,199	100,397	1,148,161

The largest number of pedestrians entering the Park during any one month, was in January ..... 555,668

The largest number of equestrians entering the Park during any one month, was in June..... 14,802

The largest number of vehicles entering the Park during any one month, was in May..... 147,344

The following Tables give the number of Visitors at each entrance to the Park for each month during the year.

PEDESTRIANS.

1864.	59th st. and 5th av.	72d st. and 5th av.	79th st. and 5th av.	90th st. and 5th av.	102d st. and 5th av.	59th st. and 6th av.	59th st. and 7th av.	59th st. and 8th av.	72d st. and 5th av.	85th st. and 8th av.	96th st. and 8th av.	100th st. and 8th av.	110th st. and 6th av.
January.....	43,909	57,777	13,953	432	132	106,145	18,410	72,648	100,273	2,257	679	597	1,090
February....	12,600	27,910	3,633	869	159	27,944	9,574	28,486	18,331	2,636	734	655	1,258
March.....	6,196	12,244	2,741	965	234	20,813	764	26,432	4,597	6,517	733	671	1,534
April.....	12,331	11,244	3,350	1,009	210	21,382	12,185	14,869	11,200	5,530	887	589	1,383
May.....	19,973	23,386	4,283	1,436	303	34,277	27,297	32,364	22,919	10,349	966	677	1,875
June.....	15,994	29,211	9,147	1,772	296	43,894	33,759	33,879	14,025	11,094	937	678	1,969
July.....	26,921	60,272	20,276	2,295	434	61,806	21,380	129,907	42,019	15,376	955	886	2,098
August.....	15,751	22,468	8,049	888	441	36,618	25,234	47,765	21,091	11,195	658	687	2,475
September..	3,488	13,004	7,081	1,417	365	21,284	135,285	9,402	56,367	5,962	480	593	1,594
October.....	11,826	21,737	6,625	1,502	404	28,642	22,697	21,331	15,234	7,593	668	708	1,860
November...	7,463	5,802	2,833	804	296	29,196	10,324	13,415	7,166	4,975	553	620	1,812
December...	11,570	23,027	5,419	407	114	27,592	10,789	29,617	8,901	1,723	292	572	883
	188,022	308,082	79,390	13,796	3,398	449,593	327,698	460,115	322,123	85,207	8,442	7,933	19,831

EQUESTRIANS.

January.....	2,178	60	81	48	5	.....	.....	967	119	24	63	6	505
February....	3,654	165	50	117	4	.....	.....	1,153	51	38	92	41	845
March.....	4,165	253	58	384	3	.....	.....	1,393	39	109	151	16	1,092
April.....	10,452	383	102	219	17	.....	.....	1,238	73	70	152	18	1,426
May.....	9,295	336	133	91	9	.....	.....	1,598	141	113	189	24	3,865
June.....	10,425	655	236	26	4	.....	.....	1,380	90	153	199	29	1,975
July.....	5,106	200	213	6	5	.....	.....	825	81	144	89	12	530
August.....	3,001	138	148	22	3	.....	.....	381	68	135	102	9	731
September...	2,764	205	70	69	8	.....	.....	642	191	214	118	10	605
October.....	6,022	503	185	43	18	.....	.....	851	245	266	227	86	1,000
November...	6,143	326	101	23	6	.....	.....	1,175	171	149	143	48	999
December....	2,132	73	75	19	10	.....	.....	240	42	51	33	2	333
	65,337	3,297	1,452	1,067	92	.....	.....	11,743	1,311	1,466	1,558	301	13,706

VEHICLES.

1864.	59th st. and 5th av.	72d st. and 5th av.	79th st. and 5th av.	90th st. and 5th av.	96th st. and 5th av.	102d st. and 5th av.	59th st. and 8th av.	72d st. and 8th av.	85th st. and 8th av.	96th st. and 8th av.	109th st. and 8th av.	110th st. and 7th av.
January.....	26,130	989	1,000	426	.....	12	8,768	1,270	448	494	133	11,030
February.....	23,694	989	587	1,632	.....	39	10,712	2,921	428	526	138	14,751
March.....	25,101	1,209	1,706	2,584	.....	8	1,965	182	143	200	80	2,437
April.....	49,265	2,270	1,370	2,931	.....	54	7,263	841	425	695	155	22,161
May.....	86,649	3,488	1,530	3,049	.....	66	9,224	3,415	467	643	159	18,564
June.....	63,022	2,829	2,915	1,624	.....	111	10,994	1,169	514	804	166	29,280
July.....	94,828	3,579	5,526	1,295	.....	89	6,185	1,143	721	845	189	24,780
August.....	59,798	3,710	3,163	1,790	.....	100	5,634	1,990	1,060	773	140	19,592
September.....	49,084	3,225	1,499	2,096	.....	98	5,588	7,220	781	710	137	23,137
October.....	53,367	5,270	2,287	2,746	.....	91	5,751	3,013	1,158	895	162	22,306
November.....	24,234	4,346	1,352	1,377	.....	158	3,023	2,396	1,072	590	136	28,011
December.....	44,915	1,386	1,772	1,120	.....	92	3,965	1,219	749	442	78	24,500
	600,087	33,290	24,707	22,670	.....	918	79,132	26,779	7,866	6,617	1,623	240,549

The largest number of pedestrians that entered the Park on any one day, was on January 17.....	45,129
The smallest number of pedestrians that entered the Park on any one day, was on March 30.....	46
The largest number of equestrians that entered the Park on any one day, was on June 12.....	1,075
The smallest number of equestrians that entered the Park on any one day, was on March 26.....	1
The largest number of vehicles that entered the Park on any one day, was on May 29.....	13,814
The smallest number of vehicles that entered the Park on any one day, was on March 26.....	101
The number entering the Park on Sundays is largely increased.	



RUSTIC STONE ARCHWAY IN THE RAMBLE.



## STATEMENT

*Showing Sunday attendance at the Central Park by months, during the past three years.*

MONTHS.	1862.				1863.				1864.			
	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Sleighs.	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Sleighs.	Pedestrians.	Equestrians.	Vehicles.	Sleighs.
January.....	45,322	178	2,479	1,346	17,539	792	8,254	22	134,738	757	9,881	11,097
February.....	68,444	242	2,312	4,851	13,334	522	11,794	.....	68,355	1,231	14,972	.....
March.....	35,168	713	7,865	.....	18,019	661	6,476	.....	59,458	1,755	16,911	.....
April.....	39,916	1,000	11,549	.....	42,043	1,439	12,781	.....	50,245	2,631	15,552	.....
May.....	80,599	1,320	17,079	.....	63,994	2,141	20,423	.....	115,493	1,880	30,601	.....
June.....	77,943	890	14,999	.....	65,113	2,134	17,881	.....	74,707	1,997	16,561	.....
July.....	60,077	580	10,015	.....	38,613	1,018	13,845	.....	135,673	1,416	29,486	.....
August.....	109,508	967	14,343	.....	73,428	2,600	21,855	.....	55,293	540	11,400	.....
September.....	60,315	826	11,633	.....	43,651	1,498	21,729	.....	51,287	576	12,962	.....
October.....	48,282	840	14,653	.....	60,159	1,575	18,206	.....	46,698	1,196	16,749	.....
November.....	37,543	1,051	12,555	.....	40,775	1,614	16,550	.....	32,634	1,478	15,728	.....
December.....	17,921	631	9,576	.....	25,276	461	7,032	.....	57,542	403	7,793	9,624
	681,043	9,238	129,058	6,197	501,944	16,455	176,826	22	882,123	15,860	198,590	20,721

The following Table shows the number of Visitors entering the Park during each hour of the day for each month during the year.

PEDESTRIANS.

MONTHS.	From 5 A.M. to 6 A.M.	6 A.M. to 7 A.M.	7 A.M. to 8 A.M.	8 A.M. to 9 A.M.	9 A.M. to 10 A.M.	10 A.M. to 11 A.M.	11 A.M. to 12 M.	12 M. to 1 P.M.	1 P.M. to 2 P.M.	2 P.M. to 3 P.M.	3 P.M. to 4 P.M.	4 P.M. to 5 P.M.	5 P.M. to 6 P.M.	6 P.M. to 7 P.M.	7 P.M. to 8 P.M.	8 P.M. to 9 P.M.	9 P.M. to 10 P.M.	10 P.M. to 11 P.M.
January.....		10	865	3,099	8,484	15,684	20,562	25,234	46,847	91,161	85,228	48,564	19,670	13,873	15,956	11,743	4,697	978
February.....		5	617	1,668	4,090	6,842	8,597	10,072	10,667	26,550	30,749	13,884	5,447	2,998	3,407	2,833	756	294
March.....		141	793	1,428	1,890	3,862	4,515	5,937	11,804	18,335	24,297	15,160	3,719	937	275	123	2	
April.....		199	1,080	2,192	3,691	5,791	5,914	5,811	8,772	16,930	21,722	17,272	5,426	2,008	718	191	1	
May.....		891	2,093	3,587	6,013	8,633	8,269	10,268	17,325	31,919	44,917	33,569	14,706	5,339	2,326	1,160	8	
June.....		1,773	3,226	5,704	9,574	11,187	10,817	7,215	12,914	19,903	49,328	58,572	17,991	7,971	6,506	3,454		
July.....		423	1,412	2,371	2,398	5,658	7,611	7,647	11,726	18,422	42,545	75,176	75,587	47,953	26,551	23,216	18,180	5,975
August.....		510	1,195	2,555	4,679	6,940	10,094	10,053	8,602	9,417	20,353	29,700	35,507	20,862	10,114	8,747	5,935	2,002
September.....		114	576	1,490	2,217	4,342	6,782	7,503	9,361	14,574	35,972	31,123	45,625	19,145	6,561	4,812	2,903	1,184
October.....			921	1,811	1,799	6,897	11,082	11,961	7,356	11,466	25,145	33,068	23,359	7,837	2,421	1,503	701	28
November.....			106	478	1,420	2,867	4,230	4,974	7,309	12,477	17,911	19,421	11,405	3,568	1,460	633	203	5
December.....			928	2,451	4,458	6,902	10,390	10,361	14,612	21,190	21,464	11,991	4,511	2,524	3,664	2,533	676	234
	1,047	8,157	19,770	34,649	67,268	102,188	110,673	122,108	201,405	363,738	428,910	377,975	168,858	89,397	70,187	48,111	14,832	3,360

EQUESTRIANS.

January.....		1	445	386	183	239	170	184	297	503	635	529	245	116	42	6		
February.....			675	238	337	398	321	300	348	329	1,205	1,044	348	81	17	7	2	
March.....		503	672	329	295	415	333	325	530	1,032	1,549	1,083	435	85	31	5		
April.....		994	1,018	513	448	472	440	469	573	650	1,158	1,993	2,750	1,327	855	236	22	5
May.....		2,167	1,379	435	375	523	337	402	777	937	1,866	1,849	1,692	795	238	68		
June.....		2,164	1,534	831	814	336	326	184	291	768	1,198	1,669	2,077	1,695	1,145	248	20	
July.....		535	852	414	273	125	95	155	153	165	626	802	1,030	1,087	712	496	123	26
August.....		226	757	167	135	113	151	97	67	158	370	373	607	859	510	240	38	2
September.....		97	579	403	182	156	175	130	111	276	438	749	714	569	169	42	12	2
October.....			1,735	1,516	720	481	512	331	189	115	515	956	1,171	803	231	85	1	
November.....			472	770	330	361	403	326	337	518	1,125	2,006	1,960	597	79	9		
December.....				225	167	158	203	147	144	177	413	786	623	127	10	2		
	858	10,274	9,218	4,534	3,849	3,922	3,113	2,915	4,225	8,206	13,283	14,277	11,589	5,650	3,172	803	74	14

VEHICLES.

1864.	From	6 A.M.	7 A.M.	8 A.M.	9 A.M.	10 A.M.	11 A.M.	12 M.	1 P.M.	2 P.M.	3 P.M.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	7 P.M.	8 P.M.	9 P.M.	10 P.M.
	5 A.M. to 6 A.M.	6 A.M. to 7 A.M.	7 A.M. to 8 A.M.	8 A.M. to 9 A.M.	9 A.M. to 10 A.M.	10 A.M. to 11 A.M.	11 A.M. to 12 M.	12 M. to 1 P.M.	1 P.M. to 2 P.M.	2 P.M. to 3 P.M.	3 P.M. to 4 P.M.	4 P.M. to 5 P.M.	5 P.M. to 6 P.M.	6 P.M. to 7 P.M.	7 P.M. to 8 P.M.	8 P.M. to 9 P.M.	9 P.M. to 10 P.M.	10 P.M. to 11 P.M.
January .....		7	556	1 209	2,042	3 102	3,649	4,400	6,202	10,253	15,153	15,980	10,568	6,412	3,015	1,694	666	315
February .....		5	542	1,236	1,977	2 870	3,185	2,443	5,230	8 861	12,266	11,192	10,722	1 324	516	29	19	5
March .....		264	879	1,162	1,822	2 801	2,775	2,313	3,598	7,793	12,986	12,177	6,236	2,380	885	295		
April .....		468	1,358	1,887	2,484	3,458	3 491	2,872	5,080	10,175	16,400	19,372	11,979	5,478	1,399	428		
May .....		2,058	2,159	2,111	3,766	3,444	3,401	3,524	5,690	13,810	30,211	33,940	23,672	13,488	4,574	4,385	1,295	83
June .....		2,399	2,735	2,955	4,539	3,803	3,516	2,405	3,590	7,253	14,698	19,611	20,355	14,948	8,810	1,930		
July .....	957	1,632	2,435	2 779	2,894	3,706	2,450	2,149	2,967	5,145	9,542	15,406	20,643	26,736	26,303	8 803	2,594	1,125
August .....	577	1,544	1,942	2,407	2 809	3,577	2,516	2,998	4,845	4,431	8,664	14,143	16,912	14,238	8,825	2 785	1,076	461
September .....	100	280	1,439	1,739	1 1 2	2,539	2,251	2,368	2,0 8	5,893	10,392	20,950	18,702	10,033	4 626	1,966	970	396
October .....		959	1,919	2,826	3,502	4,606	4 748	3 043	4,013	8,569	6,883	22,322	15,093	5,870	2,039	753	18	
November .....		228	1,043	1,734	1,377	2,861	3,093	3,291	4,846	10,148	23,225	23,275	12,546	3,028	1,224	468	28	
December .....			344	1,300	2,153	2,557	2,613	2,306	3,659	9,951	20,790	16,962	5,166	1,490	1,155	329	213	106
	1,634	9,891	17,251	23,325	30,830	39,324	37,633	34,163	52,078	101,282	181,240	225,330	167,994	105,475	63,461	23,865	6,840	2,496

The hour from 3 to 4 P. M. shows the largest number of pedestrians entering the Park for the whole year, but during the months of July, August, and September, a larger number of pedestrians entered between 4 and 5 P. M.

The number of equestrians and vehicles entering the Park is the largest between 4 and 5 P. M. In the months of June, July, and August, the greatest number enters at a later hour.

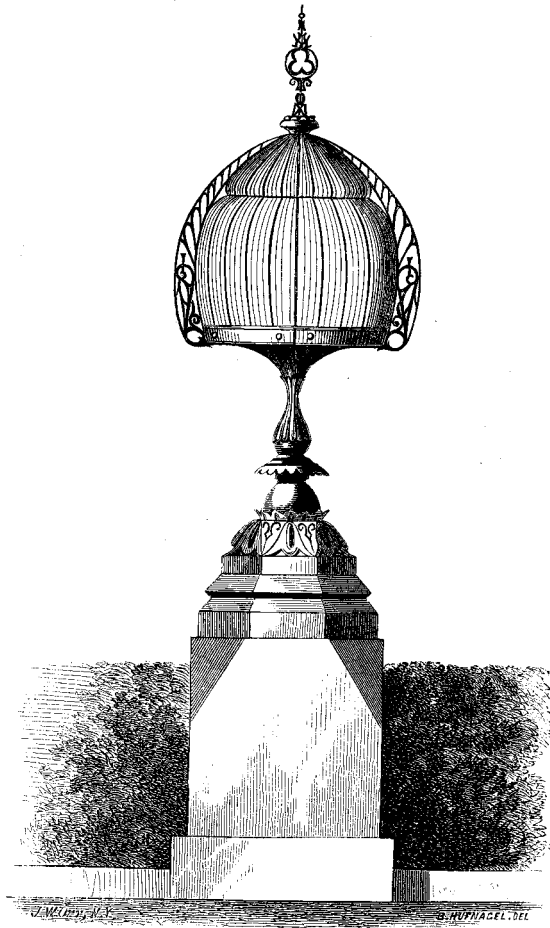
Citizens and strangers appreciate the ample and increasing attractions of this common pleasure ground.

The foliage becoming dense with the lapse of time, constantly presents new and more striking effects. The planting has been done in areas as the ground was prepared; upon some portions, consequently, the growth gives evidence of more maturity than upon others. Already in some parts of the Park, there is sufficient development to readily lead the imagination to realize in some measure, beauties which the hand of nature will perfect in her own good time. It is from the fields and the flowers, the festooning of the climbing vine, the many-shaped and many-colored drapery of the forest, and from the green carpeting of the lawn, that the most refined gratifications are derived. These, to the lover of nature, are always sources of pure enjoyment, and in their perfect development afford pleasure to vast numbers, in modes to which it will be difficult to take exception.

If other countries excel in the magnitude of the products of the animal kingdom, by general consent naturalists accord to our own continent marked superiority of

vegetable life. Its trees are peculiarly numerous and majestic, its fields luxuriant and prolific, its flowers brilliant and varied. It seems appropriate, then, that this city should in its chief work endeavor to mark and emphasize this characteristic of the country, from every river, plain, and mountain side, of whose broad latitudes are derived the bounteous supports of its present growth, and the well-founded promises of its future greatness. So far as is consistent with the convenient use of the grounds, vegetation should hold the first place of distinction; it is the work of nature, invulnerable to criticism, accepted by all, as well the cultivated as the ignorant, and affords a limitless field for interesting observation and instruction.

There is not only fitness in this idea, but there is safety. All art-work is the subject of animadversion; much of it sinks beneath observation; it is the fortune of but very little of it to escape wide censure, less of it finds permanent acceptance. Such as finds a place in the Park in answer to the demands of convenience and pleasure should therefore be subordinate to its recognized natural features and in harmony with them, not impertinently thrusting itself into conspicuous notice, but fitly fulfilling the purposes for which it is admitted. Art, as the follower and student of nature, is dignified; in so high a service there is scope and range enough to meet the requirements of the loftiest genius. Neither variety in design nor poverty in detail are wanting in the school in which nature is the exemplar; architecture and all the kindred arts that are brought into use on the Park, rejecting all symbolisms of classic and pagan mythology as



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things of a past civilization, and leaving out the petrified emblems of exploded faiths, should be submissive to the predominance of nature and illustrate the purer faith of our age.

To the extent that is consistent with the enjoyment of its advantage by the greatest number of those who seek recreation within its boundaries, the Commissioners of the Park will endeavor to accommodate and encourage the more organized and active exercises, sports, and amusements to which allusion was made in a previous report.

Experience will best indicate the measure to which these amusements are admissible.

On the 28th day of April a portion of one of the regiments of the First Division of the National Guard, in contravention of the ordinances of the Board, and in opposition to the remonstrances of the keepers at the entrance and on the way, entered the Park and moved by the carriage-way to the Green, and there, with men and horses, proceeded to parade and drill upon the lawn.

This act afforded an example for another regiment to undertake a parade at the same locality. The exigencies of the Park generally requiring but a small force of keepers, no provision is made to repel the unexpected advance of a considerable body of armed men. Remonstrance with the officers of the regiment was all the opposition that could be effectually presented at the time.

These proceedings on the part of these regiments did not meet the approbation of many of the most efficient officers and men of the First Division of the National Guard, who, while they felt that provision should be

made of a parade ground in the City, so that their commands should be relieved of the expense and inconvenience of leaving the city for their annual regimental drills and parades, yet were unwilling to take any but proper measures to supply that necessity.

Deeming their organization especially provided for the preservation and maintenance of order, they were averse from being identified with, or responsible for any acts of disorder, whether resulting from misapprehension or design.

The attention of Brigadier-General Josiah T. Miller, Inspector-General of the State, having been called to the necessity of grounds for the accommodation of parades of the military of the city, and of other portions of the State, he uses in his report this language :

“Parade grounds are also essential, and the State should provide one for each division, and particularly for the First Division. This parade ground in the First Division ought not to be in the Central Park. Military occupancy and exercise are inconsistent with the rules adopted for the government of the Park, as well as with the objects for which the Park itself was originally designed. Grounds equally convenient for military purposes might be obtained in the immediate vicinity of the Park, the occupancy of which by the military would accommodate officers and privates, and at the same time increase the enjoyment of the general public, always fond of military spectacles.”

The subject was soon brought before your Honorable Body, and on the coming in of the report of a Joint Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Council-



men, who had given the subject full examination, the following resolution was adopted :

*“ Resolved, That that part of the square known as Hamilton square, lying between the Third and Fourth avenues, and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-ninth streets, be, and is hereby set apart and appropriated for the use of the First Division New York State National Guard, as a parade ground.”*

The Common Council having thus made provision for the admitted requirements of the military of the city, all that remains is to have the grounds put in order for their early accommodation.

The Commissioners of the Park take this occasion to express their appreciation of the considerate manner with which the officers and members of the National Guard generally met this whole subject, and the prompt disapprobation expressed by them of a course of action on the part of officers of two regiments of the city calculated to weaken the respect for order, and to initiate practices tending to materially interfere with the public enjoyment of the Park.

On the 11th day of January last a resolution was passed by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, to the following effect :

*“ Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Central Park be, and they are hereby directed to inform this Board by what authority they have set apart one of the ponds on the Park for the exclusive use of a skating club, to the exclusion of the public at large.”*

As the resolution had evidently been introduced under

some misapprehension, the Board readily furnished the information desired in a communication, of which the following is a copy:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS }  
 OF THE CENTRAL PARK, }  
 New York, February 17, 1864.

*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :*

The Commissioners of the Central Park have received a resolution purporting to have been adopted by your Honorable body, expressing a desire to know "by what authority they have set apart one of the ponds on the Park for the exclusive use of a skating club, to the exclusion of the public at large."

As the language of the resolution indicates that the Board of Aldermen is under some misapprehension as to the real nature of the proceeding alluded to, it is proper to say that the Commissioners have simply endeavored to regulate and organize the public uses of the skating ponds so as best to subserve the convenience and the pleasure of all resorting to them. Before the season opened, on the application of an organization formed for the purpose of advancing the art of skating, composed of citizens of respectability, it was thought best, as an experiment, to permit them to use a small, unfrequented sheet of ice, remote from the main skating pond, to which few ever resorted, on condition that they should conform to the regulations of the Commissioners of the Park—at their own expense remove the snow from the ice, and keep it in order, an arrangement not exclusive of similar organizations.

The effect of this would naturally be to draw many of the best skaters from the main lakes to this small pond, which is so situated as to afford spectators on its banks a favorable opportunity to see the movements of those upon the ice, and thus relieve the larger surfaces of ice,—bring the smaller one into active use—afford amusement to great numbers who desire to see the evolutions of expert skaters, and at the same time offer some opportunity for the cultivation of the art; in other words, by this means enlarge and improve the public uses of the ice, and not impair or abridge them.

The arrangements seemed to work very satisfactorily. After two or three days' skating, and some weeks before the adoption of the above resolution, it appearing that increased numbers were attracted to this lake, it was opened and has since remained open to all who desire its use, as well to those who belong to skating organizations as those who do not, under the same rules, provided for the preservation of the ice, and for the maintenance of order at the other lakes of the Park.

From the outset of their organization, the Commissioners of the Park have made it a cardinal principle of their action to assure to the public, without respect to class or degree, the fullest and freest opportunity for the use and enjoyment of the Park that is consistent with its proper conservation and with the maintenance of order, and all allegations of favoritism or privilege designed for the exclusive benefit of special classes or individuals are without any foundation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park.

ANDW. H. GREEN,  
*Comptroller of the Park.*

The interest in this favorite exercise continues unabated; the Board will not relax exertions to provide conveniences for the large numbers that find in it enjoyment, as well as for those who are spectators. The facilities for skating could be increased if those who do not skate were willing, when the ice is crowded, to observe the participators from the shore.

By the subjoined table, showing the days on which there was skating on the lakes, during the past six years, it will appear that the number of days varies very considerably, and that it is not probable that in our climate any winter will be so prolonged as to exhaust the general ardor with which opportunities for this invigorating exercise are welcomed.

1858-9.	1859-60.	1860-61.	1861-2.	1862-3.	1863-4.
December 29.	December 24.	December 14	December 29.	December 22.	December 11.
January 3.	" 25.	" 15.	" 30	January 20.	" 23.
" 22.	" 26.	" 16.	" 31.	February 5.	" 24.
" 23.	" 27.	" 18.	January 1.	" 24.	" 25.
" 4.	" 28.	January 11.	" 2.	" 25.	" 26.
" 25.	" 29.	" 12.	" 3.	December 11.	" 27.
" 26.	" 30.	" 13.	" 4.	" 23.	January 3.
" 27.	" 31.	" 14.	" 5.	" 24.	" 4.
" 28.	January 1.	" 15.	" 6.	" 25.	" 6.
" 29.	" 2.	" 19.	" 7.	" 26.	" 7.
" 30.	" 3.	" 20.	" 8.	" 27.	" 8.
February 10.	" 4.	" 21.	" 11.		" 9.
" 11.	" 5.	" 22.	" 14.		" 10.
" 12.	" 6.	" 23.	" 17.		" 11.
" 21.	" 7.	" 26.	" 22.		" 12.
" 22.	" 26.	" 28.	" 23.		" 13.
" 23.	" 27.	" 29.	" 24.		" 14.
March 5.	" 28.	" 30.	" 27.		" 16.
" 6.	" 29.	" 31.	" 28.		" 17.
	" 30.	February 1.	" 29.		" 22.
	" 31.	" 4.	February 1.		" 23.
	February 1.	" 5.	" 2.		February 18.
	" 2.	" 6.	" 3.		" 19.
	" 3.	" 7.	" 4.		" 20.
	" 5.	" 8.	" 5.		" 21.
	" 8.	" 9.	" 6.		
	" 9.	" 10.	" 8.		
	" 10.		" 9.		
	" 11.		" 10.		
	" 12.		" 11.		
	" 13.		" 12.		
	" 14.		" 13.		
	" 15.		" 15.		
	" 16.		" 16.		
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			March 1.		
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			" 3.		
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			" 6.		
			" 7.		
			" 8.		
No. of days, 19.	No. of days, 37.	No. of days, 27.	No. of days, 50.	No. of days, 11.	No. of days, 25.

The music held on Saturdays has become a fixed and regularly expected popular entertainment.

The subjoined table shows the days on which musical entertainments were given at the Park, for the past six years :

1859.		1860.		1861.		1862.		1863.		1864.	
July	9.	August	25.	August	10.	June	7.	May	30.	June	4.
"	23.	September	1.	"	17.	"	14.	June	6.	"	11.
"	30.	"	8.	"	24.	"	21.	"	13.	"	18.
August	6.	"	15.	"	31.	"	28.	"	20.	"	25.
"	20.	"	22.	September	7.	July	5.	"	27.	July	2.
"	27.	"	29.	"	14.	"	12.	July	4.	"	4.
September	3.	October	13.	"	21.	"	19.	"	11.	"	9.
"	10.	"	27.	"	28.	"	26.	"	18.	"	16.
October	1.	November	18.	October	5.	August	2.	"	25.	"	23.
"	15.			"	12.	"	9.	August	1.	"	30.
						"	16.	"	8.	August	6.
						"	23.	"	15.	"	13.
						"	30.	"	22.	"	20.
						September	6.	"	29.	"	27.
						"	13.	September	5.	September	3.
						"	20.	"	12.	"	10.
						"	27.	"	26.	"	17.
						October	4.	October	3.	"	24.
						"	18.	"	10.	October	1.
						"	25.	"	17.	"	8.
						November	1.			"	15.
										"	22.
										"	29.
										Evenings of	
										July 6, 13, & 20.	

## TOTAL NUMBER OF MUSIC DAYS.

1859.....	10
1860.....	9
1861.....	10
1862.....	21
1863.....	20
1864.....	26

The cost of these entertainments in 1864 was \$3,733. Of this the Third, Sixth, and Central Park North and East River Railroad Companies contributed \$1,834. The Seventh and Eighth Avenue Railroad Companies declined to make any contribution toward defraying the expenses, though by means of them their receipts were largely increased. It is practicable to provide seats or standing room within convenient distances for hearing, but for a very small proportion of the great numbers that attend.

There seems to be no mode of accommodating the public otherwise than by the establishment of another band at some other locality on the Park. It is the intention of the Board to maintain a high standard in the character of the music of these occasions. New compositions of native and foreign authors adapted to out-of-door

performance are promptly obtained, and in the programmes are interspersed national airs from the music of other countries, that the stranger who may be present, catching the sound of a familiar air, may feel that in this city he finds a welcome.

*The subjoined table shows the statistics of the Boat service for 1864.*

WEEKS.	CALL BOATS.	PASSAGE BOATS.
For the week ending May 7, . . .	211½	58
“ “ “ 14, . . .	119½	198
“ “ “ 21, . . .	210	493½
“ “ “ 28, . . .	240½	634
“ “ June 4, . . .	596	944
“ “ “ 11, . . .	531	987½
“ “ “ 18, . . .	1,138	1,381½
“ “ “ 25, . . .	1,279½	1,766½
“ “ July 2, . . .	555	656½
“ “ “ 9, . . .	768½	3,189½
“ “ “ 16, . . .	946	2,898½
“ “ “ 23, . . .	1,210½	2,352
“ “ “ 30, . . .	867½	2,286½
“ “ Aug. 6, . . .	502½	1,524
“ “ “ 13, . . .	790	1,662½
“ “ “ 20, . . .	1,178	2,213
“ “ “ 27, . . .	786½	2,046½
“ “ Sept. 3, . . .	986	2,596
“ “ “ 10, . . .	661	1,259½
“ “ “ 17, . . .	1,124½	1,525
“ “ “ 24, . . .	564	853
“ “ Oct. 1, . . .	528	697½
“ “ “ 8, . . .	695	1,042½
“ “ “ 15, . . .	387½	733
“ “ “ 22, . . .	401½	418
“ “ “ 29, . . .	398	507
“ “ Nov. 5, . . .	142	230½
“ “ “ 12, . . .	90½	121
“ “ “ 19, . . .	94	77
“ “ “ 26, . . .	350	433½
TOTAL, . . .	18,162½	35,784½



*B. Hufnagel, Del.*

BOAT LANDING AT THE WEST SHORE OF THE LAKE.

The total revenue derived from these passengers by

Mr. Dick was . . . . .	\$6,208 85
To total expense of conducting the boats, . . . . .	5,228 50

As compared with the year 1863, there appears an increase of 21,883 persons carried.

A very general disposition prevails among those who resort to the Park to conform to the prescribed regulations. Minor transgressions are committed through thoughtlessness, and a want of familiarity with the rules of the Park.

The larger portion of arrests are for fast driving.

The subjoined table shows the number of arrests on the Park for the past two years :

	1863.	1864.
In January, . . . . .	18	2
" February, . . . . .	5	6
" March, . . . . .	5	10
" April, . . . . .	8	7
" May, . . . . .	13	30
" June, . . . . .	11	8
" July, . . . . .	3	18
" August, . . . . .	1	17
" September, . . . . .	5	13
" October, . . . . .	5	7
" November, . . . . .	7	6
" December, . . . . .	5	6
Total, . . . . .	86	130



These arrests were for the following causes:

	1863.	1864.
Fast driving, . . . . .	47	63
Fast riding, . . . . .	1	5
Breaking shrubs and flowers, . . . . .	9	2
Assault and battery, . . . . .	1	6
Thieving, . . . . .	1	6
Disorderly conduct, . . . . .	23	48
Other offences, . . . . .	4	0
Total, . . . . .	86	130

The Penalties imposed upon those arrested and taken before the magistrate were as follows:

Fined fifteen dollars and less, each . . . . .	63
Bound over to keep the peace . . . . .	6
Sent to the House of Correction or Asylum . . . . .	5
Discharged with reprimand or otherwise . . . . .	56
Total . . . . .	130

Five additional urinals have been provided. The number of conveniences of this character will be increased from time to time, as the means at the disposal of the Board will admit.

In the progress of the work, the principal portion of the trees in the nursery at the Great Hill has been removed and planted; another nursery has been established at the east of the Mount St. Vincent building—a place well sheltered and very favorable for the early development of trees, shrubs, and flowers. From the growth of

this nursery it is hoped hereafter the most of the shrubs required for planting will be procured.

By consent of the Board having the Reservoirs in charge, openings have been made in the inclosing fence of the old Croton Reservoir, at points up to which the Park walks were already laid; the grounds within the Reservoir inclosure now form a part of the system of walks that conduct the pedestrian from one end of the Park to the other. The utility of the Reservoirs render them features of interest. The water surface of the grand Reservoir is about ninety-six acres; the depth of water when full, about thirty-eight feet, and its capacity more than 1,000,000,000 New York gallons.

The walk about this Reservoir, also forming a connecting link in the Park system, having a surface of broken stone not agreeable to pedestrians, has not been much used.

It is understood that the Croton Aqueduct Board intend in the coming year to complete this surface in such manner as will render it more acceptable to the numbers that desire to view from it, the great storehouse of water for the city.

In the spring of 1863 fourteen European sparrows, *Moineau* of France, were let loose in the Park; they have increased in number and are quite tame, and will probably become domesticated. In Europe they are now much valued for their capacity for consuming worms, though formerly in some districts they were killed in large numbers, on the ground that they were destructive to the grain fields.

The small refreshment house, or Casino, situated eastwardly from the Mall, was opened in the early part of the year; it has afforded convenient opportunity for persons visiting the Park to obtain light refreshments in a well-ordered and cleanly place. It cannot, however, be well confined to the purpose which it was intended to answer, to wit, that of a house in which to serve light refreshments for ladies and children, until the other buildings contemplated for other kinds of refreshment on a more extended scale are erected; when these are all complete, a proper classification of refreshments to be obtained at each will operate, it is believed, to the advantage of the public. Until the whole plan is carried out, the Casino will serve to supply to some extent the present inadequacy of accommodations of this character.

The site selected for the principal house, in which more substantial refreshments are to be provided, is on an eminence overlooking the Lake and the Ramble from the west. At this site is sufficient space for a building of adequate dimensions, and the requisite outbuildings, convenient to the drive, and not too remote from the Terrace, Mall, and Ramble.

The various movements on the part of individuals and societies toward the establishment of botanical and zoological gardens do not yet appear to have resulted in any practical measure, at all adequate to the accomplishment of the objects embraced within a liberal apprehension of the scope of institutions of this character.

There is no doubt expressed of the propriety of founding such establishments in the city. Their scientific

utility and their general popular attractions are conceded.

In the Old World they are maintained in cities of the second and third class.

The Board have deferred any general measures toward their establishment till the subject was more widely discussed, and until the collections they already have on hand can receive greater care and more fitting accommodations than the means at the disposal of the Board have enabled it yet to bestow upon them.

The collection now at the Park is composed mainly from donations, and comprises at the date of this report, the following:

#### MAMMALIA.

##### Order: QUADRUMANA.

Family: Simia.

Genus: *Circopithecus*. 3 specimens. Monkey of the Old World.

Family: *Cebidus*.

Genus: *Cebus*. 2 specimens. American Monkey.

##### Order: CARNARIA.

Family: *Carnivora*. Tribe: *Plantigrada*.

Genus: *Ursus*. 2 specimens of *Ursus Americanus*. 2 varieties: 1 Florida Black Bear; 1 Minnesota Black Bear.

Genus: *Potos*. 1 Kinkajou, or Mica Lion. *Potos Caudivolvulus*.

Genus: *Viverra*. 3 Coati-mundis, or ant-bears. *Viverra narica*.

Tribe: *Digitigrada*.

Genus: *Canus*. 5 Prairie Wolves, Illinois. *Canus latrans*. 1 Virginian Silver-gray Fox. *Canus Cineres-argentatus*.

##### Order: MARSUPIALIA.

Tribe: *Didelphis*. 1 Opossum. *Didelphis Virginiana*.

## Order: RODENTIA.

Genus: *Sciurus*; sub-genus, *Sciurus*. 3 species. 1 Fox Squirrel, *Sciurus vulpinus*; 4 Gray Squirrels, *Sciurus Carolinensis*; 1 Costa-Rica Squirrel.

Genus: *Hydromys*. 1 Coypu, or Nutria, *Hydromys Coypou*.

Genus: *Hystrix*. 1 Canadian Porcupine, *Hystrix Canadensis*.

Genus: *Lepus*. 2 species. 1 English Rabbit, *Lepus Cuniculus*; 1 American Hare, *Lepus Americanus*.

Genus: *Cavia*. 2 Guinea Pigs, *Cavia Cobaya*.

## Order: PACHYDERMATA.

Family: *Pachydermata ordinaria*.

Genus: *Sus*. 1 Peccary, *Sus Tajassu*. Collared variety.

## Order: RUMINANTIA.

Genus: *Cervus*. 2 species. 13 Common Deer, *Cervus Virginianus*; 1 Elk, *Cervus Alces*.

Genus: *Ovis*. 2 species. 2 Broad-tail African Sheep; 61 Southdown Sheep.

Genus: *Bos*. 1 Bison, or American Buffalo, Missouri. *Bos Americanus*.

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**AVES.**

## Order: RAPACIÆ.

Family: "DIURNAL BIRDS." Tribe, *Falco*. Section: "IGNOBLE BIRDS OF PREY."

Genus: *Aquila*. 14 Eagles, American species.

Genus: *Astur*. 4 Hawks.

Family: "NOCTURNAL BIRDS."

Genus: *Strix*. Sub-genus: *Strix*. 2 American "Little Owls." *Strix Passerina*.

## Order: PASSERINÆ.

Family: *Coniostres*.

Genus: *Fringilla*. 60 German Sparrows.

Genus: *Corvus*. Sub-genus: *Garrulus*. 2 American Blue Jays, *Corvus Cristatus*.

## Order: SCANSORLÆ.

Genus: *Psittacus*. Sub-genus: *Ara*. 1 specimen, Central America. Sub-genus: "*Cockatoo*." 1 specimen. Sub-genus: "*Parroquet proper*." 8 specimens; 2 species; 6 Porto Rico; 2 Central America.

## Order: GALLINACÆ.

Genus: *Pavo*. 42 Pea-fowl. *Pavo Cristatus*.  
 Genus: *Numida*. 9 Guinea fowl. *Numida Meleagris*.  
 Genus: *Phasianus*. Sub-genus: *Gallus*. 6 Spanish Bantams.  
 Genus: *Perdix*, 13 specimens. 13 "American Quail."  
 Genus: *Tetrao*. 3 specimens. 3 "American Partridges."  
 Genus: *Columba*. About 170 specimens, including 5 Cuban Doves (2 varieties), 2 Chinese Doves. Ring Doves, Pouters, Tumblers, Carriers, Nuns, Swallow-Pigeons, Ruffle-necks, Bantam-Pigeons, &c., &c.  
 Genus: *Crax*. 4 Central American Curassows. *Crax Alecta*.  
 Genus: *Penelope*. 4 Central American Penelopes. *Penelope Cristatu*.

## Order: GRALLATORIÆ.

Family: PRESSIROSTRES.  
 Genus: *Charadrius*. 1 Central American Plover.  
 Family: CULTRIROSTRES.  
 Tribe I. Genus: *Grus*. 1 Cuban Trumpeter Crane.  
 Tribe II. Genus: *Ardea*. 2 species. 1 Costa-Rica Tiger Bittern; 1 Bittern.  
 Tribe III. Genus: *Ciconia*. 2 German Storks. *Ciconia Alba*.  
 Genus: *Platalea*. 1 Spoonbill.  
 Family: PHENICOPTERUS. 1 Flamingo. *Phenicopterus ruber*.

## Order: PALMIPEDES.

Family: TOTIPALMATÆ.  
 Genus: *Pelecanus*. 1 Pelican. *Pelecanus Fuscus*.  
 Family: LAMELLIROSTRES.  
 Genus: *Anas*. Sub-genus: *Cygnus*. 3 species. 59 White European Swan. 2 White American Swan, 1 Black Australian Swan. *Cygnus Atratus*. Sub-genus: *Anser*. 2 species. 4 Black-headed Poland Geese, 12 Chinese Swan-geese. *Cygnopsis sinensis*. 2 varieties, 8 white and 4 brown, Sub-genus: *Anas*. 5 species. 5 Yagaza, or Porto-Rico Wild Duck, 2 Central America Whistling Duck, *Dendrocygna antemalis*, 9 Brazilian Ducks, 35 Aylesbury Ducks, 4 Muscovy Ducks, *Cairina moschata*, 5 miscellaneous.

**REPTILIA.**

Order: CHELONIA.

Genus: *Testudo*. 2 species. 2 South American Tortoises. *Testudo Marginata*, 1 Gallipagos Tortoise.Genus: *Emys*. 2 Snapping Turtles, *Chelydra serpentina*.

Order: OPHIDIA.

Family: *Serpentia*. Tribe: *Serpens* "proper." Section: *non-venomous*.Genus: *Boa*. 1 Anaconda.**PISCES.**

Order: MALACOPTERYGII ABDOMINALES.

Family: CIPRINIDÆ.

Genus: *Cyprinus*. Sub-genus: *Ciprinus*. Gold Fish.

The mortality among the animals has been apparently large, and is in a considerable degree owing to want of care in their transportation to the Park. They frequently arrive in so feeble a condition, from want of food and proper attention on their way, as to render it impossible to restore them. On their arrival they are properly cared for, and they become at once objects of amusement and interest.

Their classification and arrangement will be hereafter the subject of more especial attention, and the Board hopes for additions to its collections from those interested in the subject at home and abroad. When the necessary means are at its disposal, efforts of the Board in this department, and in that of Botany, will first be directed to the formation of a complete collection of the animals and plants of the American continent. A distinguished English writer on the subject of these collections, several years since, says :

“There are doubtless hundreds of species and varieties of trees and shrubs in North America that have never yet been seen in Europe.” \* \* \* \*

“One of the first steps toward the equalization of the plants of different regions of similar capacities for growing such plants is to determine with something like precision what the plants of each region are. This can only be done by assembling living specimens of all of them, or of such a class of them as it may be desirable to equalize, in one garden, and cultivating them there for some time, so as to determine the species and varieties.” \* \* \* \*

It would doubtless contribute to the spread all over the world of the trees and shrubs of North America, if one part of them could be seen in a grand natural garden at New York and another in a garden or arboretum at Charleston; or if the whole could be assembled in one grand park or pleasure ground at Washington.”

The allowance by law for the maintenance of the Park is a sum not exceeding \$150,000 per annum.

The estimates for the past five years have been as follows :

For the year 1860 (eight months and twelve days).	\$80,000 00
“ 1861 .....	114,000 00
“ 1862 . .....	118,841 75
“ 1863 .....	147,341 75
“ 1864 .....	150,000 00

In the past two years, additional portions of the Park have been opened for use. This fact, with the increase of prices of labor and materials has rendered the moneys derived from these estimates inadequate to meet the expenses of maintenance.

An appendix (A) annexed to this report is a statement



in detail of the condition of the gifts, devises, or bequests made to the Board for the purpose of embellishing or ornamenting the Park, and of the names of the persons by whom the same are so given, devised, or bequeathed.

The value of these gifts is expressed in the generous disposition which has prompted them, and in their capacity for public gratification, rather than in any money estimate. In some instances these donations are of considerable pecuniary value, and the Board expresses its cordial acknowledgment to those donors, to whom the public are indebted for very much of instruction and amusement, as well as to those express and transportation companies that have kindly forwarded donations free of cost.

The Treasurer's account, herewith submitted, shows the expenditures of the past year in detail. It is accompanied by a summary of receipts and expenditures of the Board since its organization.

Dated New York, December 31, 1864.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDW. H. GREEN,            HENRY G. STEBBINS,  
*Comptroller of the Park.      President of the Board of  
Commissioners of the Central Park.*

## REFERENCE TO THE CENTRAL PARK GUIDE.

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### GATES.

5th Avenue and	59th Street—	The Scholars' Gate.
6th	“ “ 59th	“ The Artists' Gate.
7th	“ “ 59th	“ The Artizans' Gate.
8th	“ “ 59th	“ The Merchants' Gate.
8th	“ “ 72d	“ The Women's Gate.
8th	“ “ 79th	“ The Hunter's Gate.
8th	“ “ 85th	“ The Mariners' Gate.
8th	“ “ 96th	“ The Gate of All Saints.
8th	“ “ 100th	“ The Boys' Gate.
5th	“ “ 72d	“ The Children's Gate.
5th	“ “ 79th	“ The Engineers' and Miners' Gate.
5th	“ “ 90th	“ The Strangers' Gate.
5th	“ “ 96th	“ The Woodman's Gate.
5th	“ “ 102d	“ The Girls' Gate.
6th	“ “ 110th	“ The Farmers' Gate.
7th	“ “ 110th	“ The Warriors' Gate.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Pond.</li> <li>2. Museum and Park Offices.</li> <li>3. Play Ground.</li> <li>4. The Green.</li> <li>5. The Marble Arch.</li> <li>6. Site of the Shakespeare Monument.</li> <li>7. The Mall.</li> <li>8. Oak and Elm, planted by the Prince of Wales.</li> <li>9. Music Pavilion.</li> <li>10. Vine-covered Walk.</li> <li>11. Carriage Concourse.</li> <li>12. Casino, or Refreshment House.</li> <li>13. Fountain.</li> <li>14. The Terrace.</li> <li>15. The Circle.</li> <li>16. Site for Refectory.</li> <li>17. The Lake.</li> <li>18. The Bow Bridge.</li> <li>19. Conservatory Lake.</li> <li>20. Site for Flower-house.</li> <li>21. Dove Cot.</li> <li>22. Evergreen Walk.</li> <li>23. The Cedars.</li> <li>24. East Carriage Step—entrance to Ramble.</li> <li>25. The Ramble.</li> <li>26. Ladies' Cottage.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27. Gentlemen's Cottage.</li> <li>28. Schiller's Monument.</li> <li>29. The Tunnel.</li> <li>30. Balcony Bridge.</li> <li>31. West Carriage Step—entrance to Ramble.</li> <li>32. Spring.</li> <li>33. The Knoll.</li> <li>34. Site for the Maze.</li> <li>35. South Gate House.</li> <li>36. North Gate House.</li> <li>37. The West Meadow.</li> <li>38. The East Meadow.</li> <li>39. The Nursery.</li> <li>40. Old Fortification.</li> <li>41. Mount St. Vincent Buildings.</li> <li>42. The Pool.</li> <li>43. The Loch.</li> <li>44. The Great Hill.</li> <li>45. Block House, War of 1812.</li> <li>46. The Cliffs.</li> <li>47. Harlem Lake.</li> <li>c. Cascade.</li> <li>s. Summer House.</li> <li>d. Drinking Fountain.</li> <li>h. Drinking Place for Horses.</li> <li>b. Bridge, or Archway.</li> <li>l. Boat Landing.</li> <li>u. Urinal.</li> </ol> |
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## APPENDIX A.

Statement in detail of the condition of the gifts, devises, or bequests for the purpose of embellishing or ornamenting the Park, and the names of the persons by whom the same are so given, devised, or bequeathed.

OCTOBER 18, 1860.

*Eighty-seven casts, in plaster, of the works of the late THOMAS CRAWFORD, presented by Mrs. LOUISA W. CRAWFORD, consisting of the following statues, bas-reliefs, and sketches :*

## STATUES.

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| 1. Orpheus, life size.                                | 17. Indian Woman, little larger than life size. |
| 2. Apollo and Diana, third life size.                 | 18. America.                                    |
| 3. Cupid, life size.                                  | 19. Indian Grave.                               |
| 4. Genius of Mirth, life size.                        | 20. Hebe, life size.                            |
| 5. Pilgrim Princess, third life size.                 | 21. Hebe and Ganymede, life size.               |
| 6. Boy playing marbles, life size.                    | 22. Mercury and Psyche, third life size.        |
| 7. Flora, life size.                                  | 23. Daughter of Herodias, life size.            |
| 8. Beethoven, heroic.                                 | 24. Dancing Jenny, life size.                   |
| 9. The Mechanic, little larger than life size.        | 25. Boy with a broken tambourine, life size.    |
| 10. The Schoolmaster, a little larger than life size. | 26. Aurora, two-thirds life size.               |
| 11. The Schoolboy, little larger than life size.      | 27. Truants, life size.                         |
| 12. The Merchant, little larger than life size.       | 28. The Peri, life size.                        |
| 13. The Soldier, little larger than life size.        | 29. Hunting-boy, with hound, life size.         |
| 14. The Woodsman, little larger than life size.       | 30. Raphael, one-third life size.               |
| 15. Indian Hunter, little larger than life size.      | 31. James Otis, heroic.                         |
| 16. Indian Chief, little larger than life size.       | 32. Patrick Henry, colossal.                    |
|   | 33. Thomas Jefferson, colossal.                 |
|   | 34. Children in the Wood, life size.            |
|   | 35. Dying Indian Girl, two-thirds life size.    |

**BAS-RELIEFS.**

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| <p>1. Woman of Samaria.<br/>         2, 3. Two monumental groups.<br/>         4. Origin of Drawing.<br/>         5. Hercules and Diana.<br/>         6. Cupid stringing his bow with flowers.<br/>         7. Apollo and Pegasus.<br/>         8. Muse with the lyre.<br/>         9. Anacreon and Nymph.<br/>         10. Fawn and goat.<br/>         11. Muse and Cupid.</p> | <p>12, 13, 14. Three bas-reliefs of a Nymph and Satyr.<br/>         15. Huntress.<br/>         16. Repose in Egypt.<br/>         17. Justice.<br/>         18, 19. Two niches for the monument of Mr. Binney.<br/>         20, 21. Two bas-reliefs for the Washington Monument, Va.<br/>         22. Christ blessing little children.</p> |
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**SKETCHES.**

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| <p>Eve with Cain and Abel.<br/>         Eve listening to the Tempter.<br/>         Two sketches of the Flora.<br/>         Thomas Jefferson.<br/>         Washington Monument, Va.<br/>         Equestrian of Washington.<br/>         Equestrian of Washington, with Liberty.<br/>         Freedom, for the U. S. A. Capitol.<br/>         Dancing Jenny.<br/>         Aurora.<br/>         Justice and History, for the U. S. A.<br/>         Jacob wrestling with the Angel.<br/>         Children in the Wood.<br/>         Washington.<br/>         Beethoven.</p> | <p>James Otis.<br/>         Patrick Henry.<br/>         Mason.<br/>         Two sketches of Sappho.<br/>         Rebecca.<br/>         Daughter of Herodias.<br/>         Dying Indian Woman.<br/>         The Tenants.<br/>         Boy with broken tambourine.<br/>         Indian Chief.<br/>         Raphael.<br/>         Spring and Autumn.<br/>         Burd Monument.<br/>         Jupiter and Psyche.<br/>         The Pediment for the U. S. A. Capitol.</p> |
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1860.

- June 25. The statue of Flora, in marble, by Crawford, presented by R. K. Haight, Esq.  
 (This statue has not as yet been delivered on the Park.)

1863.

- Feb. 28. One Bronze Fountain, Boy and Swan, presented by Thomas Richardson, Esq.  
 May 18. One group of Bronze Eagles, presented by G. W. Burnham, Esq.

1864.

- July 14. One Bronze Statue of Eve, presented by Marshall O. Roberts, Esq.  
 " " One Stone Idol, presented by Capt. John M. Dow.  
 Aug. 9. One Stone Idol, presented by Hon. E. O. Crosby.

1862.  
 Sept. 20. Plan and model for laying out the Park, presented by Mrs. Susan M. Parish.  
 Nov. 22. One Venetian Gondola, presented by John A. C. Gray, Esq.  
 1864.  
 Dec. 2. One Topographical Map of the Central Park, presented by H. F. Krause, Esq.  
 Feb. 23. One Rustic Settee, presented by officers of 132d Regiment N. Y. V.  
 Nov. 17. One fine specimen of Amethyst, presented by John McIntyre, Esq.

*The following PREPARED SPECIMENS have been received :*

1862.  
 Feb. 6. Ox "Gen. Scott," presented by Wm. Laylor, Esq.  
 Oct. 24. Ox "Constitution," presented by Bryan Lawrence, Esq.  
 " " Two sheep, presented by Bryan Lawrence, Esq.  
 1864.  
 Oct. 22. Two California Hares, presented by James Stokes, Jr., Esq.  
 1863.  
 Mar. 18. One Calf, presented by Wm. Laylor, Esq.

*The following named PLANTS have been received :*

- Ten Betula Pumila, (seven D).  
 Fifty Ledum Latifolium.  
 Fifty Andromeda Polifolia,  
 Presented by Prof. George Thurber.  
 1864.  
 Feb. 20. One lot of Laurel from Lookout Mountain, (D) presented by Major-Gen. Danl. Butterfield.  
 May 12. One lot Pitcher Plant, (D) presented by John M. Reed, Esq.  
 Nov. 28. One Cactus Plant, presented by F. C. Beschomann, Esq.

*The following named packages of SEEDS have been received :*

- Giant Cedar of California, presented by Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq.  
 Nelumbium Luteum, presented by C. E. Whitehead, Esq.  
 Pawpaw Seed, (D) presented by W. F. Drake, M. D.  
 Convolvulus, (D) presented by John G. Crosby, Esq.  
 Rosin Plant, presented by Lewis Masquerier, Esq.

*The following ANIMALS have also been presented :*

1860.

- May 24. Twelve White Swans, presented by the Senate of the city of Hamburg.
- Oct. 18. Twenty-four White Swans, presented by the Worshipful Company of Vintners, London.
- Oct. 18. Twenty-six White Swans, presented by the Worshipful Company of Dyers, London.
- Nov. 1. Ten White Swans, presented by the Senate of the city of Hamburg.
- (Of these seventy-two swans, thirty-one are dead.)
- Two Trumpet Cranes, (D) presented by G. Granville White, Esq.
- One Peacock, presented by G. Granville White, Esq.
- One American Eagle, (D) presented by Albert S. Joslyn, Esq.
- One Deer, presented by Joseph Conrad, Esq.
- One Deer.
- Gold Fish, presented by William D. Murphy, Esq.
- Two Canadian Geese, (D) presented by Charles M. Graham, Esq.

1862.

- Feb. 8. One young Swan, presented by Captain Grumley.
- May 8. One Deer, (D) presented by George William Curtis, Esq.
- June 14. One Doe, (D) presented by Edward E. Mitchell, Esq.
- “ 21. Two Poland Geese, presented by Thomas Richardson, Esq.
- “ “ Five Aylesbury Ducks, (D) presented by Thomas Richardson, Esq.
- “ “ One Gynarium Argenteum, presented by Thomas Richardson, Esq.
- July 29. One Raccoon, (D) presented by I. A. Pilat, Esq.
- Aug. 19. Two Pelicans, (D) presented by Col. Thorpe.
- Sept. 1. One Australian Cockatoo, presented by Robert Lewin, Esq.
- “ 24. One Monkey, presented by Frank Towle, Esq.
- “ “ One Black Eagle, presented by Isaac B. Caryl, Esq.
- “ “ One Marsh Hawk, (D) presented by Woodhull Lawrence, Esq.
- Oct. 30. Two Deer, presented by Hon. Bayard Clark.
- “ 23. One Red Fox, (D) presented by Thomas S. Dick, Esq.
- Nov. 1. Two Syrian Gazelles, (D) presented by G. Granville White, Esq.
- “ 10. One Eagle, presented by William H. Beardsley, Esq.
- “ 11. One Opossum, (D) presented by J. Potter, Esq.
- “ 20. Two Musk Deer, (D) presented by G. Granville White, Esq.
- “ 24. One Doe, presented by S. T. Nichols, Esq.
- “ “ One American Eagle, presented by W. T. Blodgett, Esq.

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- Mar. 7. One Gallipagos Land Tortoise, presented by Col. J. S. Williamson.
- May 4. One Macaw; presented by Jacob Hays, Esq.
- “ 10. One Cockatoo, presented by S. E. Sifkin, Esq.
- June 9. One pair Poland Star Pigeons, presented by John Norris, Esq.
- “ 16. One pair English Rabbits, presented by George W. Snow, Esq.

- June 25. One pair Peacocks, presented by John A. Havens, Esq.
- July 6. One Horned Owl, (D) presented by D. M. Collins, Esq.
- “ 8. Three Marsh Hawks, (D) presented by M. B. W. Wheeler, Esq.
- “ 8. One Pelican, (D) presented by G. Granville White, Esq.
- “ 20. One Black Bear, presented by J. W. Phoenix, Esq.
- “ 22. Two pairs Skylark, (D) presented by Louis B. Binsse, Esq.
- “ 23. One White English Rabbit, presented by Edward McHugh, Esq.
- “ 24. One Magpie, (D) presented by John Norris, Esq.
- “ “ One American Eagle, presented by Capt. Pennell.
- “ 30. Two pair Yaguaza Ducks, presented by George Latimer, Esq.
- Aug. 7. Three Bitterns, (D) presented by Francis Ambruster, Esq.
- “ 20. Three American Eagles, presented by H. E. Dickenson, Esq.
- Sept 11. Six Deer, (five D) } Presented by Authorities of  
 “ “ Two Fawns, (D) } the City of Philadelphia.  
 “ “ Thirteen Gray Squirrels.
- “ 15. One Prairie Wolf, (D) } Presented by C. S.  
 “ “ One Silver Gray Fox, (D) } Forster, Esq.
- “ 22. One pair Fish Hawks, (D) presented by M. W. Cooper, Esq.
- “ 24. One White Owl, (D) presented by R. B. Minturn, Esq.
- “ 30. One Screech Owl, (D) presented by F. Pollard, Esq.
- Oct. 8. Four pair of Pigeons, }  
 “ 14. Five pair of Pigeons, } Presented by Mrs. R. B. Roosevelt.  
 “ “ One pair of Spantish Bantams, }
- “ 21. One Small Owl, (D) presented by Frank Towle, Esq.
- “ 23. Three White Rabbits, presented by Dr. H. Giles Luther.
- “ 30. One Hen Hawk, presented by Hugh Farraly, Esq.
- Nov. 4. Six Brazilian Black Ducks, presented by Thomas Richardson, Esq.
- “ 7. One Bittern, }  
 “ “ One Squirrel, } Presented by  
 “ “ One Perro de Agua, (or Wa- } Capt. John M. Dow.  
 “ “ ter Dog), (D) }  
 “ “ One Parrot, (D) }
- “ “ One Snapping Turtle, (D) presented by Timothy Daly, Esq.
- “ 11. One Ringtail Monkey, (D) presented by Capt. Joseph W. Scott.
- “ 12. One pair of Paroquets, (D) presented by George Latimer, Esq.
- “ 13. One Opossum, (D) presented by Miss G. E. Tredwell.
- “ 24. One Arctic or Snowy Owl, (D) presented by Dr. S. W. Francis.
- “ “ One Heron, }  
 “ “ One pair Pigeons, } Presented by Mrs. Sarah L. Van Wagener.
- Dec. 2. One Swan Goose, presented by J. Emory, Esq.
- “ “ One Bittern, presented by F. A. Koepping, Esq.
- “ 13. One American Eagle, presented by Dr. S. W. Francis.
- “ 19. One Pair Guinea Figs, (D) presented by James A. Bracklin, Esq.
- Dec. 24. Eighty Fancy Pigeons, presented by W. R. Powell, Esq.
- “ 28. One Red Fox, (D) presented by Dr. W. F. Drake.

- Dec. 29. One Falcon, presented by Dr. Guide Furman.
- " 31. Two Red Foxes, (D) } Presented by John G. Bell, Esq.
- " " One Owl, (D) }
- " " Two English Rabbits, presented by Charles T. Henley, Esq.
- 1864.
- Jan. 2. One American Swan, presented by S. E. Van Tine, Esq.
- " 6. One Coypu, presented by N. Espenchied, Esq.
- " 8. Twenty-two Fancy Pigeons, } Presented by W. R.
- " " Six Rowen Ducks, (one D) } Powell, Esq.
- " 12. One Gray Squirrel, (D) presented by Mortimer Hendricks, Esq.
- " 15. One Japanese Bantam, (D) presented by Dr. S. M. Francis.
- " 18. One pair Lopped-ear Rabbits, presented by Gardiner Stuart, Esq.
- " 19. One Eagle, } Presented by James Grant, Esq.
- " " One pair Grouse, (D) }
- " " One Gray Eagle, presented by Col. S. H. Mix.
- " " One Trumpet Crane, presented by Salvador Cisneros.
- Feb. 8. One Hen Hawk, presented by John Ransom, Esq.
- " 9. One Raccoon, (D) presented by Dr. Lord.
- " 13. One Raccoon, (D) presented by W. J. Folger, Esq.
- Mch. 4. One Deer, presented by the Forester Club.
- " 5. One Owl, (D) presented by G. W. McCormick, Esq.
- " 20. Three Quail.
- April 1. One pair Rabbits. presented by Master Willie Northrup.
- " 2. One Florida Black Eagle, presented by Officers and Crew of U. S. S. *Restless*.
- " 15. One pair Paroquets, (D) presented by George Latimer, Esq.
- " 16. One Crested Curassow, presented by H. P. Degraff, Esq.
- " 19. One Hawk, presented by Stanley A. Dayton, Esq.
- " 21. Twenty-one Fancy Pigeons, } presented by Mrs. R. B. Roosevelt.
- " " One Gray Squirrel, }
- " 23. Two Deer, presented by Col. N. Martin Curtis.
- " " Three Fox Squirrels, (two D) presented by E. A. Layton, Esq.
- " 30. One Fox, (D) presented by Miss Bessy Price.
- May 2. One pair Joey Birds, (D) presented by Mrs. D. Hayward.
- " 4. Three Quail, presented by A. M. Allerton, Esq.
- " 5. One Silver-gray Fox, (D) presented by Augustus Fuller, Esq.
- " 7. One Thrush, (D) presented by E. C. Colton, Esq.
- " 9. One Raccoon, (D) presented by Robert Gentle, Esq.
- " 10. One Rabbit, presented by Miss Sophia Griffiths.
- " 11. One Pea-hen, presented by John O'Reilly, M. D.
- " 14. One Utia, (D) presented by T. M. Burgiere, Esq.
- " 18. One Red Fox, (D) presented by George Wilkes, Esq.
- " 19. One Ringdove, presented by W. A. Conklin, Esq.
- " 25. One Deer, presented by Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq.
- " " One pair Brown China Geese, presented by E. A. Wendell, Esq.



- May 25. One Parrot, (D) presented by David Hoadley, Esq.  
 " " Five Ringdoves, }  
 " " Six Paroquets, } presented by George Latimer, Esq.  
 " 29. One pair Rabbits, presented by Miss Collyer.  
 " 30. One Eagle, presented by officers Twenty-second Regiment N. Y. S.  
 N. G.
- June 2. Two Swan Geese, presented by Elias Wade, Jr., Esq.  
 " " Two Broad-tail Sheep, presented by Messrs. C. J. & F. W. Coggill.  
 " 4. One Porcupine, presented by A. J. Huntoon, Esq.  
 " 7. Two pair Curassows, (two  
 D.) }  
 " " Two Penelopes. }  
 " " Two Trumpet Cranes, (D.) }  
 " " Two Macaws, (D.) }  
 " " One Parrot. } presented by Capt. John M. Dow.  
 " " One Water Hen, (D.) }  
 " " Five Whistling Ducks. }  
 " " One Kinkajou. }  
 " " One Pisoto or Ant Bear. }  
 " " One Opossum, (D.) }
- " 11. One Red Fox, (D) presented by Wm. Williams, Jr., Esq.  
 " " One pair Ringdoves, presented by Master F. W. Fuller.  
 " 13. One Monkey, presented by R. H. Swift, Esq.  
 " 15. One pair Tumbler Pigeons, presented by William Caw, Esq.  
 " 23. Five Young Prairie Wolves, [D] presented A. M. Allerton, Esq.  
 " " Three Peacocks, presented by Henry Winthrop Sargent, Esq.  
 " 25. One Siebright Hen, (D) presented by Miss Emma Havens.  
 " 28. One Raccoon, (D) presented by David Edrehi, Esq.  
 " " One Rabbit, presented by H. R. Hedden, Esq.  
 " " One Barber Pole Snake, [D] presented by Capt. A. J. Chapman.  
 " 29. One Prairie Wolf, [D] presented by Jackson Haines, Esq.
- July 5. One Woodcock, [D] presented by John D. Nelson, Esq.  
 " 6. One Oppossum, presented by John McGuggen, Esq.  
 " 13. One Rabbit, presented by Master H. F. Steinecker.  
 " 14. One Rabbit, presented by W. A. Conklin, Esq.  
 " 16. One Silver-gray Fox, presented by James W. Tappen, Esq.  
 " 19. One pair Rabbits, presented by William E. Sparks, Esq.  
 " 23. One Water Turtle, [D] presented by Capt. J. G. Richardson.
- July 26. One young Doe, presented by Isaac P. Martin, Esq.  
 " 29. Three Muscovy Ducks, [D] presented by Capt. Stamper.
- Aug. 4. One Parrot, presented by Master E. W. Clarke.  
 " 6. One pair Rabbits, presented by Mrs. Mary Belknap.  
 " 8. One Eagle, presented by Stewart McIver, Esq.  
 " 9. Two Tortoise Turtles, presented by Capt. M. Chichester.  
 " 12. One Quail, presented by Mrs. Henry Spence.

- Aug. 13. One Raccoon, [D] presented by James Odell, Esq.  
 " 19. One Cuban Dove, presented by "Americano."  
 " 23. One Iguana, presented by Messrs. H. G. Schmidt & Co.  
 " 25. One Boa Constrictor, presented by Brig. Gen. Ashoth.  
 " 26. One Peahen, presented by Henry Winthrop Sargent, Esq.  
 " 28. One pair Squirrels, presented by Miss Lucy S. Waterbury.  
 " 29. One Monkey, presented by Henry Decker, Esq.  
 " 30. One pair Pigeons, presented by Mrs. Howard.
- Sept. 2. One Osprey, [D] presented by Thomas W. Geary, Esq.  
 " 14. One Red Fox, [D] presented by James S. Brower, Esq.  
 " 15. One pair Foxes, [D] presented by R. W. Cameron, Esq.  
 " " One pair Peccaries, [D] presented by Robert Gordon, Esq.  
 " " One Venezuela Fox, [D] presented by Robert Gordon, Esq.  
 " 22. One pair Flamingoes, [D] presented by Elias Wade, Jr., Esq.  
 " 23. One Raccoon, [D] presented by E. McDonald, Esq.  
 " " Eleven Cuban Birds, [10 D] presented by G. S. Hernandez, Esq.  
 " 29. One Raccoon, [D] presented by D. M. Diggs, Esq.
- Oct. 8. One Peahen, presented by Master John L. Beland.  
 " 11. One Raccoon, [D] presented by William Willett, Esq.  
 " " One Hawk, [D] presented by Capt. Wm. B. Bell.  
 " 21. One Hoot Owl, presented by Charles A. Miller, Esq.  
 " 22. One pair Snapping Turtles, presented by M. A. Kellog, Esq.  
 " 28. One Eagle, presented by C. W. Bradley, Esq.  
 " " One Partridge, [D] presented by C. R. Carpenter, Esq.
- Nov. 2. One Hawk, presented by D. G. Piper, Esq.  
 " 18. Two Ant Bears, presented by Hon. R. C. M. Hoyt.  
 " " Eight Spanish Bantams, presented by Mrs. R. B. Roosevelt.  
 " 19. Three Rabbits, presented by Master George R. Brooks.  
 " 22. Two Penelopes, }  
 " " One Curassow. } presented by Charles H. Russell, Esq.  
 " 30. One pair Guinea Pigs, presented by Alex. McC. Stetson, Esq.
- Dec. 2. One pair Blue Jays, }  
 " " One Robin, } presented by T. F. Trenor, Esq.  
 " 7. One Gray Squirrel, presented by Miss Bessey Greenfield.  
 " 3. One Black Bear, presented by Brig. Gen. Asboth.  
 " 12. One Ocelot Cub, presented by Samuel Ward, Esq.  
 " 18. One Buffalo, }  
 " " One Elk, } presented by Chas. M. Ellard, Esq.  
 " 21. One Deer, presented by Francis Butler, Esq.  
 " " One Duck, [D] presented by John Butterfass, Esq.  
 " 24. One pair China Doves, presented by Capt. James Chisam.  
 " 28. One Horned Owl, [D] presented by R. L. Stuart, Esq.  
 " " One Eagle, presented by Brig. Gen. Asboth.

The letter D opposite the donation denotes that it is dead.

The above are in good condition, except otherwise noted.

## SUMMARY OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Construction Account.*

Balance on hand, December 31, 1863, . . . . . \$189,357 43

The total receipts of the year ending December 31, 1864, are as follows :

From issue of Stock by the city of New York, . . . . .	\$300,000 00	
Pound receipts, . . . . .	342 51	
Interest on deposits, . . . . .	2,612 85	
Sale of wool, . . . . .	129 92	
Sale of grass, . . . . .	1,049 00	
Rent of house, . . . . .	103 33	
Shakspeare Monument Association, . . . . .	85 00	
Licenses for sale of skates, refreshments, &c., . . . . .	4,415 61	
Sale of old buildings, . . . . .	135 50	
Amount re-transferred to general fund, . . . . .	39,116 10	
		347,989 82
		<u>\$537,347 25</u>

The total expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1864, are as follows :

Salaries and compensation of officers and clerks, . . . . .	\$6,219 85	
Surveys, engineers, architects, draughtsmen, &c., . . . . .	26,645 52	
Gardening department, . . . . .	3,603 00	
Incidental expenses, . . . . .	6,578 64	
Materials of construction and tools, . . . . .	154,167 05	
Stationery, printing, advertising, drawing materials, &c., . . . . .	3,333 79	
Trees, plants, and manure, . . . . .	4,128 38	
Labor account, amount paid laborers, mechanics, cartmen, &c., . . . . .	242,930 98	
Earth filling, . . . . .	4,983 02	
		452,590 23
		<u><u>\$84,757 02</u></u>
Balance, . . . . .		

The total receipts of the Board from the commencement of its organization, May 1, 1857, are as follows:

From issues of stock by the city of New	
York, . . . . .	\$4,411,697 48
Sale of buildings on the Park, . . . . .	6,125 87
Payment of lost tools, . . . . .	442 76
Rent of buildings, . . . . .	153 33
Exhibition of plans, . . . . .	294 85
Sales of grass, . . . . .	2,213 25
Sales of wool, . . . . .	129 92
Interest on deposits, . . . . .	20,142 74
Pound receipts, . . . . .	1,199 87
Licenses, sales of skates, refreshments, hire of chairs, &c., . . . . .	7,175 61
Sale of old iron, steel, wood, and animals, . . . . .	1,211 66
Labor and materials furnished by Park, . . . . .	1,997 66
Premium on exchange, gold for silver, . . . . .	23 52
Shakspeare Monument Association, . . . . .	85 00
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	\$4,452,893 52

The expenditures thus far are as follows:

From May 1, 1857, to January 1, 1858, . . . . .	\$77,881 41
" January 1, 1858, to January 1, 1859, . . . . .	507,487 86
" " 1859, " 1860, . . . . .	1,179,246 47
" " 1860, " 1861, . . . . .	878,354 95
" " 1861, " 1862, . . . . .	479,163 66
" " 1862, " 1863, . . . . .	461,540 32
" " 1863, " 1864, . . . . .	331,871 60
" " 1864, " 1865, . . . . .	452,590 23
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	\$4,368,136 50
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Balance, . . . . .	\$84,757 02
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*Maintenance Account, 1863.*

To balance transferred from general fund, . . . . . \$39,116 10

The expenditures on account of Maintenance, 1863, in addition to those in the report of last year, are as follows:

	LABOR.	MATERIALS.	TOTAL.
Roads, . . . . .	\$341 37		\$341 37
Walks, . . . . .	183 71		183 71
Plantations, . . . . .	285 61	\$55 00	340 61
Turf, . . . . .		20	20
Water, . . . . .	60		60
Ice, . . . . .	718 52	229 43	947 95
Irrigation, . . . . .	23 61	79 78	103 39
Transverse roads, . . . . .	8 10		8 10
Tools, . . . . .	100 54	14 93	115 47
Surface drainage, . . . . .	2 70		2 70
Buildings, . . . . .	290 47	631 76	922 23
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	745 78	39 87	785 65
Park and gate-keepers' wages, . . . . .	3,090 51		3,090 51
Keep of animals, . . . . .	39 09		39 09
Stationery and printing, . . . . .	27 50		27 50
			\$6,909 08
			<u>\$46,025 18</u>

Received from the city of New York for portion of deficiency for Maintenance, 1863, . . . . . 30,000 00

By balance carried to Maintenance, 1864, . . . . . \$16,025 18

*Maintenance Account, 1864.*

To balance carried from Maintenance, 1863, . . . . . \$16,025 18  
 The expenditures on account of Maintenance, 1864, thus far, are  
 as follows:

	LABOR.	MATERIALS.	TOTAL.
Irrigation, . . . . .	\$11,347 75	\$849 42	\$12,197 17
Thorough drainage, . . . . .	195 31		195 31
Transverse roads, . . . . .	224 25		224 25
Masonry, . . . . .	912 54	77 26	989 80
Tools, . . . . .	1,720 46	811 94	2,532 40
Roads, . . . . .	15,528 17	9,039 25	24,567 42
Walks, . . . . .	10,081 27	1,903 79	11,985 06
Plantations, . . . . .	13,945 63	61 93	14,007 56
Turf, . . . . .	13,652 47	541 59	14,194 06
Ice, . . . . .	3,514 73	777 02	4,291 75
Water, . . . . .	177 46	1 14	178 60
Buildings, . . . . .	5,020 79	1,849 68	6,870 47
Surface drainage, . . . . .	35 56		35 56
Manure, . . . . .			
Music, . . . . .	1,934 00		1,934 00
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	9,387 08	4,181 33	13,568 41
Park and gate-keepers' wages and uniforms, . . . . .	50,563 12		50,563 12
Special park-keepers' wages	861 85		861 85
Stationery, printing, and advertising, . . . . .	1,042 48		1,042 48
Purchase and keep of animals, . . . . .	2,492 47	403 39	2,895 86
Proportion of salaries, . . . . .	9,000 00		9,000 00
			<u>\$172,135 13</u>
			<u>\$188,160 31</u>
Received from the city of New York for maintenance of Park for the year 1864, . . . . .			\$150,000 00
Received from Shakspeare Monument Association, . . . . .			39 31
Amount transferred from general fund, . . . . .			38,121 00
			<u>\$188,160 31</u>
Balance, December 31, 1864, Construction Account, . . . . .			\$84,757 02
Less amount transferred to the credit of Maintenance, 1864, . . . . .			38,121 00
			<u>\$46,636 02</u>

ANDW. H. GREEN,  
*Treas. Board of Commrs. of Central Park.*

*Topographical Description of the Central Park, by Areas of Surface, &c.,  
January, 1, 1865.*

Length of Park, from 59th to 110th streets.....		13,507 ft. $9\frac{4}{10}$ in.
Breadth " " 5th to 8th avenues.....		2,718 " $6\frac{9}{10}$ "
Superficial area.....		843. $\frac{019}{1000}$ acres.
	Acres.	Elevation of water above tide.
Area, exterior to inclosure, 59th street and 110th street, Broad Walks.....	3. $\frac{098}{1000}$	Feet. ...
Do. occupied by four Transverse Roads.....	9. $\frac{474}{1000}$	....
Do. " new Croton Reservoir....	106. $\frac{726}{1000}$	115.20
Do. " old Reservoir.....	35. $\frac{289}{1000}$	115.20
		154. $\frac{587}{1000}$ "
Total area of Park within enclosure, exclusive of above areas.		688. $\frac{432}{1000}$ acres.
	Acres.	Elevation above tide.
Area of the Pond (near 59th street, between 5th and 6th avenues)..	4. $\frac{800}{1000}$	26.00
Do. " Lake (between 72d and 78th sts)	20. $\frac{167}{1000}$	53.20
Do. " Conservatory water (east of Lake, near 5th av.).....	2. $\frac{579}{1000}$	41.00
Do. " Pool (near 8th av., between 101st and 102d streets)....	2. $\frac{013}{1000}$	45.00
Do. " the Loch and Harlem Lake, <i>estimated</i> .....	14. $\frac{148}{1000}$	
Total area of waters of the Park at this date, <i>estimated</i> .....	43. $\frac{707}{1000}$	acres.
	Acres.	
Area occupied by Carriage Roads.....	48,000	
Do. occupied by Bridle Roads.	15. $\frac{242}{1000}$	
Do. occupied by Walks, <i>estimated</i> .....	33. $\frac{345}{1000}$	
Total.....	95. $\frac{587}{1000}$	acres.
		140. $\frac{294}{1000}$ acrs.
Total area of ground within inclosure, exclusive of Reservoirs, Ponds, Roads and Walks.....		548. $\frac{133}{1000}$ acres.
Area of rock surface, mainly without soil or shrubbery, <i>estimated</i> .		24,000
Area of Park ground fertilized, or chiefly fertilized, and in trees and shrubbery, or in open lawns, exclusive of Reservoirs, Roads, Walks, Ponds, rock surface, &c., <i>estimated</i> .....		524. $\frac{128}{1000}$ acres.

Greatest natural elevation of surface of ground above tide—"The Knoll," near Eighth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets.....	136 feet*
Least natural elevation of surface of ground, near Fifth avenue, at One Hundred and Seventh street, <i>below</i> tide.....	$\frac{2}{10}$ "

The dimensions of the Park have been ascertained from an accurate system of triangulation, using the city standard of measure in the measurements.

The areas that are noted as *estimated*, apply in part to portions of the Park not completed, and are subject to modifications.

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\* A point of ground has been raised, by filling over a part of the rock through which the tunnel passes, at the southwest corner of the old reservoir, to a height of 140 feet.



## REFERENCES.

Area of Pond at A, . . . . .	5 acres.
“ Lake at B, . . . . .	20 “
“ Open ground at C, . . . . .	10 “
“ “ D, known as “The Green,” . . . . .	15 “
“ Ground known as “The Ramble,” between Lake and Reservoir, E, . . . . .	36 “
“ Open ground at F, } . . . . .	23 “
“ “ G, } . . . . .	
“ Pool, H. . . . .	2 “

Length of Mall, 1,212 feet; width 35 feet.

Site reserved for Refectory, J.

Old Arsenal, proposed to be altered for a Museum, L.

Terrace, for a concourse of carriages, N.

Ornamental Water, O, in connection with intended Conservatory, K.

Tunnel, P, length, 142 feet; width, 40 feet; height, 19 feet.

Roads and Walks finished are represented in full lines, and colored.

“ “ in progress of construction, dotted lines, and colored.

“ “ not commenced are represented in dotted lines, and not colored.

Grounds planted or in grass, or ready for planting or seeding, are colored green.

Water is colored blue.

Black Figures show the widths of Road.

Red Figures show the elevations above Tide-water.

Red Lines, full or dotted, are contour lines of the original surface, and where these are shown the ground has not yet been broken.

Rocks that are especially prominent are indicated by line shading.

Trees and Shrubbery are indicated in the usual manner.

The Red Figures on the 5th and 8th avenues, and 59th and 110th streets, show the elevations of the established grades.

A portion of the plan of the Northern part is not matured.

R. Music Pavilion.

S. Waterfall.

T. Water Terrace.

U. V. Gate-houses of New Croton Reservoir.

W. Casino.

Z. Dove Cote.

## CHAPTER 275.

## AN ACT

*To amend an Act entitled "An Act to alter the Map or Plan of the City of New York," passed April fifteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.*

Passed April 21, 1864; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The second section of the Act entitled "An Act to alter the Map or Plan of the City of New York," passed April fifteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2. The said part of the said avenue, hereby enlarged to the width of one hundred and fifty feet, is hereby declared to be one of the streets or avenues of the city of New York, in like manner and with the like effect as if the same had been so laid out by the Commissioners appointed in and by the Act entitled "An Act relative to the improvements touching the laying out streets and roads in the city of New York, passed April third, eighteen hundred and seven, and the said part of the said avenue, in its enlarged width, shall be widened, opened (except where already opened), laid out, graded, regulated, sewered, paved, and improved by and under the direction of the Commissioners of the Central Park; and all acts and parts of acts now in force, in relation to the widening, opening, laying out, grading, regulating, sewerage, paving, and improving streets and avenues in the said city, shall apply to the said part of the said avenue in its enlarged width, except that the Commissioners of the Central Park are hereby authorized for and in the name of the Mayor,

Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, and of the several departments thereof, to perform the work to be done under the provisions of this act; and the said Commissioners shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties in relation to widening, opening, laying out, grading, regulating, sewerage, paving, and improving the said part of the said avenue in its enlarged width, and each and every part of the said work, which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of New York, and the several departments thereof, now possess and perform in relation to similar work in, to, and upon the other streets and avenues in the said city. The said Commissioners of the Central Park are hereby authorized and directed to apply, by petition, to the Supreme Court, at any Special Term thereof, held in the First Judicial District for the appointment of Commissioners for the opening of the said Seventh Avenue, from the southerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, to the Harlem River, and for the widening of the said avenue, as provided in and by this Act; and it shall be the duty of the Corporation Counsel to perform and discharge all the legal services required in the proceedings to carry out the provisions of this act, without any additional compensation beyond the salary and allowance now provided by law; and all assessments, awards, and expenses, for or on account of the said work, or any part thereof, shall be ascertained, assessed, laid, imposed, collected, and paid, in the manner, and by and to the parties and officers now provided or designated by law; and the said part of the said avenue, in its enlarged width, shall henceforth be under the care, management, and control of the Commissioners of the Central Park, in the same manner and to the same extent that the Central Park is or may hereafter be under their care, management, and control.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,        }  
Office of the Secretary of State. }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file

in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

[SEAL] Given under my hand and seal of office, at the city of Albany, this 22d day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,  
Secretary of State.

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CHAP. 319.

AN ACT

*In relation to Manhattan Square, in the City of New York.*

Passed April 23, 1864; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. That piece or parcel of land in the city of New York, known as Manhattan Square, bounded on the north by Eighty-first Street, on the east by the Eighth Avenue, on the south by Seventy-seventh Street, and on the west by Ninth Avenue, is hereby annexed to the Central Park, and shall be under the care, management and control of the Commissioners of the said Central Park, as fully and completely as the other part of the said Central Park is now, or may hereafter be under their care, management and control; and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners to enclose, lay out, grade, regulate, drain, and improve the said piece of ground hereby annexed to the said Central Park, and to connect the same with the said Central Park, in such way or ways as shall not interfere with the full, free and uninterrupted use of the Eighth Avenue as a public street; and the said Commissioners shall have power to establish and maintain on the said piece of ground, or any other part of the Central Park, a Botanical and Zoological Garden, pro-

vided, however, that the said Commissioners shall not fix or establish, or in any manner change or alter the grade of the streets surrounding the said piece of ground known as Manhattan Square, as now fixed and established by law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Office of the Secretary of State. }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the city of  
[SEAL.] Albany, this twenty-third day of April, in the year  
one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,  
Secretary of State.

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## CHAPTER 26.

### AN ACT

*For the improvement, maintenance, regulation, and government of the Central Park, in the City of New York, and to provide additional means therefor.*

Passed February 10th, 1865.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1.—The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, are hereby authorized and directed hereafter to create and issue at such time, and in such amounts as shall be deemed by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, requisite to carry out the objects of this act, a public fund or

stock to the aggregate amount authorized by this act. The said stock shall be denominated "The Central Park Improvement Fund," and the aggregate amount hereby authorized to be issued, is expressly limited to a sum of which the annual interest, at the rate of interest at which said stock is issued, is one hundred thousand dollars. All the provisions of the act entitled "An act to regulate the finances of the city of New York," passed June eighth, eighteen hundred and twelve, so far as the same may be applicable, shall apply to the stock or fund thus created. Such stock or fund shall be redeemable in thirty years from the issue thereof, and the said Park shall be, and the same is hereby specifically pledged for the redemption thereof.

§ 2.—For the payment of the interest on the said stock or fund, the Board of Supervisors of the city and county of New York, shall order and cause to be raised by tax, on the estates real and personal, subject to taxation, according to law within said city and county, and to be collected in addition to the ordinary taxes yearly and every year, until the whole amount of such fund or stock be paid, a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest annually accruing on said fund of stock, at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, not exceeding the aforesaid limitation of one hundred thousand dollars.

§ 3.—The moneys raised upon the fund or stock, hereby authorized, shall be deposited by the Comptroller of the City of New York, as fast as the same shall be realized by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, to the credit of the said Board of Commissioners, with such bank or trust company as shall be designated by said Board; such moneys shall be used and appropriated by said Board for the construction, improvement and regulation of the said Central Park, and for the purpose contemplated in this act, and shall be drawn from said bank or company by a warrant signed by at least a majority of said Commissioners after the same shall have been authorized by the said Board, at a meeting thereof duly convened.

§ 4.—In case the said Board shall at any time require money for immediate use, or before said Board can realize the

moneys authorized by law to be raised for the laying out, construction, government, maintenance, or improvement of said Park, the said Board may obtain advances of money on the faith of said stock in anticipation of the issue thereof or otherwise, at not exceeding seven per cent. interest, and to an amount not greater than fifty per cent. of the moneys then authorized by law to be raised, and the person or corporation making such advances shall be entitled to be reimbursed by said Board out of such moneys, the amount of such advances.

§ 5.—All gifts, devises, or bequests made to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, or to said Board, for the purpose of improving or ornamenting said Park, or for the establishment within its limits of museums of natural history, zoological, and botanical gardens or observatories, and all interest, income, and increase thereof, shall be under the exclusive control and management of, and except such surplus animals and duplicate specimens as said Board may deem it best for the interest of said garden to dispose of by sale or otherwise, shall be forever properly protected, preserved and arranged by said Board for public use and enjoyment, subject to such rules and regulations as said Board may prescribe, and in lieu of the statement heretofore required to be made, respecting such gifts, devises and bequests, the said Board shall, hereafter, with its annual report, make a statement of the condition of all the gifts, devises and bequests of the previous year, and of the names of the persons making the same.

§ 6.—Admission to said zoological or botanical gardens shall be either free to the public or upon the payment of such sum as may be prescribed by said Board; and all income from said gardens, and from the sale of the surplus animals thereof, shall be applied to the expense of the maintenance, government and support thereof, or of said Park. Said Board may agree for the management and maintenance of said gardens with any society heretofore incorporated by the Legislature of the State for that purpose; but the above mentioned gardens shall always be under the control of said Board.

§ 7.—No military encampment, parade, drill, review, or other military evolutions or exercise, shall be held or performed on said Park, or any part thereof, except with the previous consent of the said Board; nor shall any military company, regiment, or other military body, enter or move in military order within the said Park. No military officer shall have authority to order, direct, or hold any such parade, drill, review, or other evolutions or exercise, or encampment within said Park, except in case of riot, insurrection, rebellion or war.

§ 8.—This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Office of the Secretary of State. }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

[L. s.] Given under my hand and seal of office, at the city of Albany, this eleventh day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,  
Secretary of State.



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