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**Balance on hand** $19.17

Signed by: James W. Grimm
Treasurer
To the President & Members of the Chicago Civil Service League,

Gentlemen:--

It is with great regret that I find it impossible to present this report in person. It does not seem possible that a year has passed since my last annual report to the League was made, but I am reminded by my calendar that another report is due.

It is noticeable that while the number of cases which have received the attention of the Civil Service Commission has not diminished during the last year, the number of cases arising within the membership of the League has diminished very considerably.

The Thomes and O'Donnell case has been advanced to the position where it can be taken up on notice by your counsel at any time. It is only just to say that the matter has depended entirely, during the last three months, upon the condition of Mr. Pyfe, assistant corporation counsel, who has the matter in charge. As is well known, Mr. Pyfe has only within the last few days, come out of the hospital after undergoing a serious operation. In view of the fact that the Court would grant any reasonable extension of time to counsel, or the Board, upon motion, it is a matter simply of granting without order of Court, what the Court would order as a matter of course.

The most important matters for immediate consideration are in connection with the appointment of a successor to the late commissioner J.W. Ela. A successor will undoubtedly be appointed before many days, and while the League, as an organization, cannot wisely, in my judgement, make any personal recommendations, it would be entirely within the line of its duty to make the general suggestion over its official signatures to the appointing power, the Mayor of Chicago, that the Civil Service League expects
that no backward steps will be taken in Civil Service matters, and that the
standard of ability heretofore attained in the Civil Service Commission,
will be maintained in the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. Ela.

Another matter which it may be well to consider, is the possibility
of the enactment of a State Civil Service law at the coming session of the
legislature. Every member of the Board, if he approves the draft of the bill
to be presented, ought to notify his representative in the House and the
Senate of his position with reference to Civil Service and to urge that the
bill should become a law. It is also definitely known that efforts will be
made to amend the municipal Civil Service Law under which members of this
League are employed. Amendments will be proposed by the real friends of the
Law, as well as by its enemies. The friends of Civil Service, generally,
will do well if they succeed in preventing such changes as will go toward
destroying the usefulness of the law. It will be more than we have any right
to expect, if the friends of the law are able to have it improved by amend-
ment.

There should be a committee on legislative action appointed,
whose duty it shall be to accumulate all the information available with ref-
ereence to action which may be taken to Springfield.

I desire also to recommend the appointment of a committee of
your membership, under the name of a library committee or some similar designa-
tion, of which it shall be the duty to procure and preserve everything in the
way of Civil Service literature, reports, periodicals, decisions of courts,
or any matter, which in future years, may be of great value to the League.
This would include copies of the reports made by the United States Civil,
Service commission, the Civil Service Commission of New York and Mass.,
together with the publications of various Civil Service associations, where-
ever they may be located. This in my judgement, should not be an expensive
enterprise, and feeling as I do, that the Chicago Civil Service League is an
institution which will find a wider field of usefulness, as time goes on, it
become more than a merely local association with merely a selfish interest to preserve.

Very Respectfully submitted

[Signature]
To the president, Board of Directors and Members of the Chicago Civil Service League,
gentlemen:--

In submitting this, my second annual report as Sec'y. of the League, I shall be very brief owing to the volume of business to be transacted this evening.

The close of our first year showed a net membership, including those under suspension for non-payment of dues, of 78 members. This year we have a net membership, including reinstatements, of 143. It is a source of congratulation that the membership improves steadily, and that the position of the League as a factor for good, continues to grow stronger. The possibilities for future usefulness were never so encouraging as at the present time.

The first real important test to be applied to the Civil Service system in Chicago, will be found in the administration of the next Mayor of Chicago and it behooves every member to be vigilant. There should be no cessation in the reports made by individual members to the Board of Directors, of all infringements upon the law, whether members of this league suffer thereby or not. This body with proper management and interest upon the part of its members shall possess as complete a knowledge of Civil Service matters in Chicago as that of the Civil Service Commission itself. In making the above suggestions, I do not say with a full knowledge, that the usefulness of this organization depends entirely upon its knowledge of the manner in which the law is administered by the heads of the city departments, who are in most cases hostile to the law. I would advise that the Board of Directors take some immediate action in seeking aid of daily press to urge the appointment of a man of high integrity and respect for the law to fill the vacancy created.
by the death of the late John W. Ela.

      Trusting that the coming year may show the same ratio in advancement, I beg to remain,

      Respectfully yours,

                                      Lionel A. Bell
                                      Secretary