To Principals and Teachers of Public, Private, Sectarian and Other Schools:

The Commissioner of Health has reason to believe that the City Ordinance concerning Vaccination of School Children is not so generally known or intelligently interpreted as it should be in order to secure the fullest measure of protection to the school population.

The second section of the Ordinance (1084 of the Municipal Code, Article XXXV,) reads:

"No Principal of any Public School, and no Principal or Teacher of any Private, Sectarian or other school, shall admit to any such school any child or minor who shall not have been vaccinated within seven years next preceding the admission or application for admission to any such school of such child or minor, nor shall any Principal or Teacher retain in or permit to attend any such school any child or minor who shall not have been vaccinated as provided in this Article."

It is herein made the duty of Principals and Teachers in their respective schools to exclude from attendance every child who does not present evidence of such vaccination—which evidence consists of a Certificate signed by the Commissioner of Health or by a registered physician.

The last section of the Ordinance reads as follows:

"Any Principal of a Public School, or Principal or Teacher of any private or other school, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article, or shall in any way prevent or attempt to prevent the Commissioner of Health from exercising the power conferred on him by this Article, shall be fined for each offense not less than five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars."

It is not believed that any Principal or Teacher knowingly and intentionally violates, or neglects to enforce, the provisions of this Ordinance. Such violation and neglect do, however, exist to a degree that demands attention, and it is the object of this circular-letter to inform Principals and Teachers of their duties under the law so that they may not incur the odium of suffering the penalty prescribed in this last section.

Arthur R. Reynolds, M. D.
Commissioner of Health.
To Principals and Teachers of Public Schools:

The Commissioner of Health has reason to believe that the
City Association of Teachers of Primary Grades has not so
generally known or interested interested to the extent of
writing for a wide measure of protection to the schools
population.

The second section of the ordinance (CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY
CODE, ARTICLE XXI) read:

"No Principal of any Public School, and no Teacher
may be exonerated from responsibility and punishment
who, while performing his duties under the
Commissioner of Health, fails to report any neglected or
untended child who has not been paroled by the
Commissioner of Health, from the school or
hospital to which he is sent.

It is prescribed that any Principal or Teacher
who fails to report any neglected or abandoned
child, who has been paroled by the Commissioner
of Health, from the school to which he is sent,
shall be subject to the penalty provided in this
article.

The penalty prescribed in this last section

Commissioner of Health.