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OPINION.

plumbing work.

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The Century Dictionary defines a Journeyman as "a workman, or mechanic, who has served his apprenticeship, and specifically as a qualified mechanic employed in the exercise of his trade, as distinguished from a master mechanic, or foreman".

It does not appear to me that Section 511 was intended to embrace a Journeyman Plumber, but was designed to cover the case of a Master Plumber. If these conclusions be correct, then the Commissioner of Health need only recognize the plumber who has a Master Plumber's Certificate, and would be under no obligation to issue a permit to a Journeyman Plumber.

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The existence of the very cordial relations between the State Board of Commissioners of Practical Plumbing and the Health Department should make it easy for these two departments to arrive at an accommodation, so that hereafter Master Plumbers' Certificates, alone, will be issued. The Commissioner of Health should bring this matter to the attention of the State Board, as in that way the State Board would see, both the impropriety and danger of issuing a Journeyman's certificate; or, if for practical reasons, a Journeyman's certificate is desirable, it should be couched in such terms as to show that it is not issued under Section 511, and does not clothe the owner thereof with the powers conferred by that Section.

Truly yours,

(Signed) Sylvan Hayes Lauchheimer,
Deputy City Solicitor.

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LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, October 13th, 1908.

Dr. James Bosley,
Commissioner of Health.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 30th in which you ask