

File No. 36404

Baltimore, November 13, 1924.

Doctor C. Hampson Jones,  
Commissioner of Health,  
City Hall Annex,  
City.

Dear Doctor Jones:

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Your communication of November 5th, asks me to advise you if Section 10, Article 14 of the Baltimore City Code 1906, applies to the New Sydenham Municipal Hospital at Montebello. The section referred to provides:

"The diseases which shall be treated in the Municipal Hospital for infectious diseases to be erected under the provisions of Ordinance No. 127, approved May 2, 1901, and Ordinance No. 9, approved September 29, 1905 when same is erected shall be diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and chicken pox."

Ordinance No. 127, approved May 2, 1901, authorized the appointment of a commission to purchase a suitable lot for the erection of a municipal hospital and appropriated \$25,000.00 therefor. Ordinance No. 9, approved September 29, 1905, authorized the commission appointed under Ordinance No. 127, to erect the building on the lot which had been purchased by them and appropriated \$25,000.00 for that building. The Municipal Hospital erected pursuant to the authority of those Ordinances was known as "Sydenham Hospital".

By Chapter 722 of the Acts of 1914, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore was authorized to issue its stock to an amount not exceeding \$750,000.00, the proceeds to be used "to provide a hospital for contagious diseases". Pursuant to this authority, Ordinance No. 382, approved July 7, 1920, was passed authorizing the submission of the loan to erect the hospital for "contagious diseases", and the loan was approved. The hospital has been erected and is known as "New Sydenham".

The institution first erected was limited in its accommodations and it was probably for that reason that the ordinance limited the diseases which should be treated therein, perhaps recognizing those named as the most severe from a contagious standpoint.

The new hospital is a modern institution, much larger and is