

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Board of Aldermen of the City of
Cambridge.

The undersigned respectfully
represent -

That a Spring of water is well known
to have appeared in the roadway in Garden St.
above the corner of Linnean St., after the widening
of said roadway by the City; which caused a
quantity of water, always to be in the street -

That the water being cool & fresh, was much
used by the passers-by for drinking, especially
in summer; but used at much inconvenience,
being on the surface of the ground & in the
actual roadway =

That with a view to the accommodation
and refreshment of the Public, the under-
signed have laid pipes to conduct the water
to the side of the street, & just within the
fence at the corner of the Botanic Garden
where it is delivered into a temporary
receptacle, and a Cup & Chain provided
convenient for the use of the passers-by
and neighbors, & the flow is conducted
to a receptacle adjacent to the Cesspool;

That since this has been done the water is used by (as is estimated) more than one hundred people pr. day, & on Sundays by at least thrice that number, to their great refreshment, and to much acception.

That the undersigned have expended the sum of fifty dollars and upwards in these their endeavors. - But that their success is incomplete, owing to the difficulty of confining the water without following up the source, which would require a temporary disturbance of the Street which they are not warranted to meddle with, and a further outlay in pipe, Cement & labor, -

That if this were properly done, not only the flow of water from beneath, into the Street (which still continues, notwithstanding their endeavors) would be permanently prevented, but a more copious and unfailing supply of cold and pure water would be delivered at the Street corner, & probably at a height of three feet above the ground there

and would supply a drinking place or fountain, where it would be largely and most beneficially used.

And the undersigned pray that the matter of securing and utilizing this water, upon the plan here proposed, may be considered, and if approved, may be adopted by your honorable Body, and executed at the expense of the City of Cambridge.

And your petitioners respectfully submit the above

Sgd.

Asa Gray

Wm. B. Ewer

Cambridge August 16th. 1870

In Board of Aldermen. August 31, 1870.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest.

Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

In Common Council, Sept. 6, 1870

Concurred

Attest

J. W. Cotton
Clerk

Approved

H. R. Harding

Mayor

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Communication
of Asa Gray & co.
Spring - Lincoln St
Aug. 31. 1870.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept 21st 1870

~~Ordered~~

The Joint Standing Committee
on Roads & Bridges

to which was referred
the petition of Asa Gray & others
respecting a spring of water in Garden
Street, opposite Winnean Street
would respectfully

Report ————— that in view of the
limited supply of water & the larger
expense of supplying a street fountain,
from this, than from the street pipes
in the vicinity & considering that a
street fountain has recently been
located in the vicinity, at the junction
of Garden Street & Concord Avenue,
your Committee recommend that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw.
For the Committee

James H. Sparrow

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Report of
Committee on Roads & Bridges
on
Petition of Asa. Gray sets
Sept. 21. 1876. 66

In Common Council September, 1876
Resolved - Attest J. W. Cotton Clerk
Approved. - H. R. Bonding, Mayor
Sept 25th