

ILLINOIS · WOMAN'S · ALLIANCE.

Justice to Children. Loyalty to Women.

Chicago, Ills.. Jan. 19th, 1891.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Chicago.

Gentlemen:--

We, the Illinois Woman's Alliance, do hereby petition your honorable body to construct this year at least three bathing houses in crowded portions of the city for the accomodation of ~~men~~ *women* and children. We urge that they be furnished with hot and cold water and kept open throughout the year, and that laundry facilities be attached that working women and those living in small apartments may, by the payment of a small sum, be enabled to do their weekly washing.

This plan is in vogue in all the large cities of Europe, the expense of the bath-houses being fully met by the revenue of the laundry. We further urge that the authorities of London, Paris, Christiania, Manchester and Berlin be consulted that Chicago, the second city of America, may secure the best plans of construction and best methods of conducting these bathing-houses.

We ask it for the health and sanitation of the people.

Respectfully,

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" J. H. Randall,

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