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— STAR ISLAND —

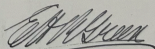
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3rd. Is the expense of upkeep a heavy one?

The expense has been larger than we anticipated, but the additional expense has been very gratifying to us. In addition to the painting and natural cleaning up of the boat, we ran up against wear and tear caused by the enormous crowds that visited her. This made it necessary for us to protect her decks, gangways and other places where spectators would walk. This was done by covering such parts with one-inch pine planking. In the beginning we expected a few visitors, but we found that on Sundays and holidays we had an attendance of probably ten thousand a day. This necessitated a larger crew. We have a continuous stream of visitors in the summer from about 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. The additional crew is also required to look after the illumination. The expense last year was in the neighborhood of \$16,000.00.

I trust the above information will answer your purpose, and I shall be pleased at any time to answer any further questions you may ask in regard to establishing an historical exhibit.

Very truly yours,



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