

Transcript

“Nellie Bly Led the Way”

“The Grand Jury Reports on Abuses at Blackwell’s Island Asylum”

“Its Eyes Opened by ‘The World’s’ Account of the Horrors of Place—Condemning the Junior Physicians and the Nurses as Incompetent—Recommending the Employment of Female Doctors.”

“The October Grand Jury finished its investigation of the condition of the Female Insane Asylum on Blackwell’s Island yesterday and at noon filed into the Court of General Sessions and made its presentment to Judge Gildersleeve. The investigation was the immediate result of The World’s disclosures concerning the mismanagement of the institution. Miss Nellie Bly, who spent ten days in the asylum under the direction of The World, was the chief aid of the Grand Jury in its inquiry, and on her testimony most of the recommended changes are based. The Grand Jury, accompanied by Miss Nellie Bly, visited the Female Insane Asylum, Oct. 19, inquired into the method of conducting the institution, and examined a number of witnesses, including the physicians and nurses in charge of the asylum. They subsequently took the testimony of the medical superintendent, Dr. McDonald, and the other officers.”