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Patrolman William F. Werner was appointed a detective to fill the vacancy in the detective force caused by the dismissal of Detective William Lancaster.

The vote upon the appointment of Detective William F. Werner,
a detective, as above, was:

President Soper.....Yea,
Commissioner Ammidon.....Yea,
Commissioner Niles.....Yea.

In this connection the Board issued statement, as follows:-

Patrolman Werner has been on the force thirteen years, has a clean record, and the Board finds upon investigation that he has performed his duties in an exceptional manner: that he is highly recommended by a great number of people in the business community as well as by many in the residential neighborhoods in which he has worked. In the recent investigation of the Anne Arundel County lynching Officer Werner showed energy, industry and marked detective ability. The Board called for recommendations from the captains and his name appeared upon a list of three furnished by the Captain of his district as qualified for the position of detective.

While the Board feels that ordinarily vacancies in the Detective Service should be filled by selection from the grade of sergeant, it also thinks that it is wise to hold out encouragement to patrolmen who have shown themselves to have the qualifications of a detective, but who may be at a disadvantage in a competitive educational test for promotion to sergeant. The law does not contemplate that selection shall be confined to any grade, but that appointment should be open to all those of grades below Round Sergeant who may show especial aptitude and the application necessary to make a good detective. This qualification we are convinced Mr. Werner has in a marked degree.

Patrolman Robert T. Noel.

Report, as follows, from the Marshal, was read and ordered filed without further action:-

"Baltimore, Md., September 4th., 1912.