

difficulty. Give me busy women to deal with—they alone attend to business promptly. My matrons have been most obliging in attending to the registry office when I have been out. No outsider can estimate to the full the multitudinous duties which have devolved on these women and I have often been lost in admiration at the patience and clearheadedness they have shown in meeting all requirements. In a house such as ours, which never shuts down and where girls are coming Sundays and week days alike, the strain is very great. I think we should have more assistance in the coming year. Many people in speaking of the Home seem to forget the fact that we are not exactly a charity, that the girls who come to us pay their board after the first 24 hours and that they could get board elsewhere at almost the same rate. Our charge of \$2.50 per week could be made to cover all expenses, except that of advertising, if we had a much larger number of inmates.

I see from the March number of the *Arena* that a great many Y. W. C. A. boarding houses in the States are self-supporting but they always have 25 to 40 regular inmates. My present aim is to cover housekeeping expenses and salaries out of fees. I do not aim at covering rent, fuel, advertising, etc.

During the emigration season we meet the train from the East—that in itself is a great work. Then there is the registry office, this gives us a great deal of trouble and we should always be able to place our immigrants without running a regular registry office.

We are exceedingly glad to be back in our old quarters on Assiniboine Avenue. They are far more suited to our needs than our small winter house.

On the whole I feel satisfied with the year's work. I was very touched by one servant girl in the city who for the last 8 months has contributed one dollar monthly to the Home.

I conclude by hoping that those who read this report will see their way to making some contribution towards our Building Fund.

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