

Excerpt from “Report of the Philanthropy Department, 1914-15.” Chicago Woman’s Club Records. Box 24, Folder 1.

“...A committee which has an enthusiastic membership, is the one helping Judge Bartelme in her purpose to instruct and entertain the young girls who have been paroled by the Juvenile Court. These girls must report to a Probation Officer and it has formerly been the custom for them to go to the City Hall once a week for that purpose. It was found that in the halls and elevators of the Court House, men were accustomed to lie in wait for these young girls, inviting them to go for a ride or to the moving picture shows, and temptation was constantly put in their way. Miss Bartelme and her friends have devised a plan by which many of these girls report to Probation Officers at a home which has been established for this purpose near Garfield Park. A flat was rented and a matron put in charge. Here girls may be sent when committed by the court. Their clothing washed, mended and supplemented if necessary and the matron may give some practical lessons on personal cleanliness and household duties before the girls are placed in domestic service. The girl is required to return to this home once a week where she is met by a Probation Officer who is responsible to the court for her safety. At present, the committee from the Philanthropy Dept. is carrying on a class in shirt waist making, and other sewing. A teacher being employed for the professional part of the work, members of the committee supervise the work and sometimes tell stories or give personal instruction in such household niceties as may be of advantage to the girls. This work will be continued.”