



**Municipal Department of Public Safety
for Young Women**
Auxiliary to the Police Department

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Portland, Oregon,

QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1st. to April 1st., 1911.

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During the months of January, February and March, 1911, this Department has handled the cases of 76 girls. Of these 8 were runaways; 2 were insane and 1 was defective. We have found and cared for 13 sick girls and have furnished transportation for 5 girls to their homes, or to friends. Our aim is always to provide family homes whenever possible, but during the quarter we found it necessary to send 13 girls to Institutions. 3 girls have been placed upon parole, and there are 78 on our "After Care" list.

We have made 76 special investigations and held 504 personal interviews. 9 lodging houses were reported as harboring girls, and we are considering the plan of giving the names and location of such places in our future reports. The keeping of lodging house registers has improved. There have been investigated 15 pitfalls for girls. In the Municipal Court convictions have been secured in almost every instance, but advantage has been taken by appeal, thereby doing great injustice to girl witnesses, as they are never able to furnish bonds, and our cases are thus long delayed.

Other organizations co-operated with were 15. We have furnished 177 meals and 20 nights' lodgings, and have written 525 letters. Office expenses were \$196.66.

We are glad to report improved conditions in most of the small theatres, but there are large numbers of young girls still attending alone the night performances. Until parents realize the danger we can do but little to cope with this condition, unless the curfew law is enforced. We have had the largest number of serious cases during this quarter than of any since the establishment of this Department.

Miss Della Reed has been appointed under Civil Service as office secretary, making three workers now in the Department. The office is open daily from 8:30 to 5:30, and the noon hour is reserved for business girls.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR YOUNG WOMEN. 1910.

In some respects the year just closed has been the most difficult and trying since the organization of the department. We have met the problems as well as we were able and are starting out upon the new year with renewed energy and a deeper interest in protective and preventive measures among young women. We believe if more time could be spent in efforts to remedy conditions that fewer girls would pass through this department.

Of one thing Portland should be especially proud and that is that there is not a public dance hall now running.

There have been reported 63 lodging houses which harbor young girls and women without question. We have investigated 32 of these places and in some instances, where we could obtain sufficient evidence, have obtained conviction against them. We again call attention to the fact that all lodging houses should be compelled to keep their registers properly.

During the year we have handled the cases of 411 new girls between the ages of 17 and 24 years; of these 120 were placed upon the "After Care" list as needing further attention. 8 girls were placed upon parole where the offenses were serious.

We have sent to hospitals, Louise Home, House of the Good Shepherd, Salvation Army Rescue Home, House of St. Elizabeth and the Florence Crittendon Refuge Home 101 persons.

There were found sick 38 girls who were away from home or helpless and assistance given them sometimes with food or medical attention. Besides these we have handled the cases of 14 insane young women, the largest in the history of the department. We are deeply indebted to several of the physicians who are specialists for their kindness in giving free medical attendance to our girls.

Transportation has been furnished to 15 where necessary to return girls to their homes. We have made 201 investigations of special importance; have sent out 1250 letters and co-operated with all the local institutions and many outside the city and state.

Fake newspaper advertisements which allure girls under the guise of marriage or employment have been given much attention and several important cases have developed. Indictments have been secured against

persons advertising objectionable medicines. We have received the heartiest support from the local newspapers in this branch of our work.

Since the new Federal law against the traffic in girls went into effect we have been especially busy and have assisted in the Federal and State Court cases.

We have furnished 108 lodgings and 467 meals to girls out of employment or temporarily out of money. The total incidental expense of the department for the year has been \$684.91.

It has been necessary to close the office in this department a portion of the day in order that the outside work might be done. It can readily be seen from the above report that two persons are wholly inadequate for both the office and outside work. We respectfully request that we be given this year an office girl to receive telephone calls and keep the office open during all the business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin
Supt. Municipal Dept. Public Safety for
Young Women.

Portland, Oregon,

July 11th, 1910.

Mayor Simon,

City Hall,

Portland. Ore.

Dear Sir;-

I herewith submit to you the report of the Municipal Department of Public Safety for Young Women for the period of six months, from January 1st to July 1st, 1910.

As the protective work becomes known, we find that calls come in from so many sources that at times we are overwhelmed with work to such an extent that we are unable to care for it in the proper manner.

We have endeavored this year to handle no cases which do not properly belong to this department but when a young woman comes to us for assistance which we might give, it seems hard to refuse unless we are sure we can direct her to a place where her need will be fully appreciated and met.

There have come to us during the six months, the cases of 230 girls of whom 156 have never been in any trouble before. We now have on the "After Care" list 74 girls who need looking after in various ways. Among this class I believe we do our best work, but we have not been able to give them the needed time this year. The utter loneliness and helplessness of strange girls in a large city is sometimes pitiful and we believe first aid to the tempted is fully as important as first aid to the injured.

We have given 936 interviews and sent out over 600 letters. The replies to some of these letters would make interesting human life stories.

There have been furnished 167 meals and 33 night lodgings. These not to beggars nor dissolute women but to girls out of employment or temporarily embarrassed. There have been 26 sick girls taken from lodging houses and sent to hospitals or other places where they were properly cared for. The various physicians of the

city have been most kind to us.

Transportation has been furnished to 10 and many a home gladdened by the return of a daughter who had wandered out into the great world alone.

36 girls have been sent to institutions and 3 placed upon parole. These are the girls who refuse to profit by after care and must be restrained for their own good and that of other girls.

The saddest cases we handle are those of mental disease. There have been 9 cases of insanity during 6 months and 2 defectives.

There have been located 17 runaway girls, nearly all of whom rebelled against parental authority.

49 lodging houses have been reported for harboring young girls and we have done good work among landlords and proprietors whom we insist should be held responsible for these conditions. There have been 12 pitfalls for girls located and we have endeavored to deal with them. Among these have been the public dance halls, shooting galleries, grills which sell liquor to girls under 21 years of age and newspaper advertisements which are misleading.

The office expenses for the 6 months were \$342.39.

As to the success of this department we leave the public to judge with the consciousness that we have been faithful to the best of our ability. The best of the work is that which never reaches the press nor the eye of the public but is hidden deep in human hearts which express their gratitude not in words.

Our seas are not all smooth for sailing as can be imagined. The currents are strong against us and we have met some difficulties which might seem to call for explanations, but have refrained, remembering the old saying, "Your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe it." We are grateful to you and to all friends who have encouraged us and thereby assisted materially in the work of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Lola G. Baldwin

Municipal Department of Public Safety for

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Statistical Report for Six Months

January 1st to July 1st, 1910.

Total		
Number of girls		-230
Runaway girls		17
Sick	"	26
Insane	"	9
Defective	"	2
New	"	-158
Received after care		74
Placed on parole		3
Sent to institutions		36
Furnished transportation to		10
Number of meals furnished to girls		-167
" " lodgings " " "		83
Investigations made in special cases		76
Personal interviews held		936
Lodging houses investigated		23
" " reported for harboring girls		49
Pitfalls investigated		12
Organizations co-operated with		25
Letters written		600
Office expenses		\$342.39



Women's Auxiliary
Department of Police
Public Safety for Young Women

MRS. LOLA G. BALDWIN,
SUPERINTENDENT

Portland, Oregon,

January 26th, 1910.

Honorable Joseph Simon,
Mayor City of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose a report of the work of the Department of Public Safety for Young Women for the year 1909. I am at work upon evidence with regard to the 5 cent dance halls and will be ready to submit the same soon.

I wish to thank you for the hearty sympathy and support which you have accorded this department since the beginning of your administration. It means a great deal to have the approval of the Mayor of the city, as Portland was the first city in the United States to inaugurate special protective work for girls. Like all new movements it is dependent upon the support of those who know and understand what we are trying to do. We believe that the welfare of the nation depends upon the future wives and mothers, and that no civic measure tending to protect them should fail for lack of support.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin
Municipal Dept. Public Safety for Young
Women.

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Women's Auxiliary Police Department
Department of Public Safety
for Young Women.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1909

Office expenses (salaries not included) - - - - -	\$668.96
No. of meals given - - - - -	861
" " lodgings " - - - - -	323
" " investigations made - - - - -	732
Pitfalls (where girls are allured for immoral purposes) - - - -	126
Lodging houses investigated - - - - -	70
Interviews held with girls, parents or those interested - - - -	1913
Letters sent out to " " " " " - - - - -	1465
Girls placed on "After-care" list (further attention needed) - -	295
New girls to which aid or counsel has been given - - - - -	460
Sick girls assisted - - - - -	111
Physicians called (number of times) - - - - -	21
Ambulance " " " " - - - - -	9
Transportation furnished to - - - - -	34
Sent to institutions and hospitals - - - - -	40
Placed on parole - - - - -	26
Discharged or transferred to others from parole - - - - -	18

Respectfully submitted,

Supt. Municipal Dept. Public Safety for
Young Women.

I enclose the following eight months report for the year 1909, as probably you have not received a previous tabulated report.

Report from January to September, 1909.

Office expenses (salaries not included) - - - -	\$421.22
Meals furnished to unemployed or needy girls -	533
Lodging " " " " " " -	266
Investigations made - - - - -	464
Pitfalls investigated - - - - -	108
Lodging houses " - - - - -	55
General interviews - - - - -	1301
Letters written - - - - -	1095
New girls (never before listed) - - - - -	350
Placed on after-care list - - - - -	200
Sick girls cared for - - - - -	81
Physicians called (times) - - - - -	14
Ambulance " " - - - - -	6
Transportation furnished to - - - - -	28
Other organizations worked with (times) - - - -	200
Telegrams sent - - - - -	7
Girls on parole - - - - -	16
Sent to various institutions - - - - -	24

Portland, Oregon, July 1st, 1909.

Dear Sir:-

We herewith submit a six months report of the Women's Auxiliary to the Police Department which is the department of public safety for young women. The protective work for girls has been in operation for nearly five years in Portland but only during the past eighteen months has it been a municipal department and under Civil Service. Until June 1909 the work was authorized by a city ordinance but at the last election the city charter was amended by a large majority vote so that now the Women's Auxiliary is a permanent and regular part of police protection.

During the period of five years the work has passed beyond the experimental stage and it has been demonstrated that preventive measures are better than corrective, especially in dealing with young women. Several cities have adopted the plan inaugurated by Portland,- Seattle and Tacoma might especially be mentioned.

This department does not aim to use any crusade methods nor to regulate the whole city of Portland, but it does stand for making the path safe for the feet of the girl who desires to lead a clean, honest, useful life and to this end we investigate pitfalls, employment offices, lodging houses, restaurants where liquor is sold, and places of public amusement.

During the past two months we have thoroughly investigated the so called massage parlors, finding there were thirty such places operating under city licenses and our investigation proved that twenty-six of the thirty were either houses of assignation or places of very shady repute. We obtained convictions and closed many of these pitfalls and were instrumental in having a new ordinance passed which will regulate such places, as we have poof that some of these were alluring innocent girls.

We are also interested in a list of twenty-six Frenchmen supposed to be "macques" as fourteen of these men have no other employment. We have sent out a general notice to eighteen garages warning drivers about taking young girls out in their machines late at night unchaperoned.

We have signed 15 complaints and attended to the prosecution of each. Sent two men to the penitentiary, and one to the rock pile. Assisted the U.S. Immigration Bureau with regard to 2 alien women, one a mother with two children, and have been instrumental in having the authorities in Japan care for these women upontheir arrival.

Have had four marriages.

The girls upon the "after care" list are those whose cases cannot be disposed of for various reasons. The heaviest part of our work comes from the girls who need attention termed "after care". The term "new girls" means those who have never come in touch with the department before.. No girl is ever counted twice. No money is ever given from this office. If a girl is out of employment and destitute and we cannot find any friends or relatives upon whom she can rely, we furnish

her lodgings and meals to tide her over the emergency and she is encouraged when she gets employment to return the amount that we have advanced.

The following is a tabulated report for the first six months ~~work~~ of 1909:

New Girls - - - - -	273
Girls on "After Care" list- -	134
Sick girls - - - - -	53
Lodgings furnished - - - - -	244
Meals " - - - - -	442
Transportation furnished to -	24
Girls on parole - - - - -	12
Physician called , times - - -	9
Ambulance " " - - - - -	5
Telegrams - - - - -	4
Investigations made - - - - -	349
Interviews - - - - -	989
Other organizations worked	
	with 136
Pitfalls investigated - - - - -	55
Lodging houses " - - - - -	45
Office expenses - - - - -	\$ 303.33 not including salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Lola G. Baldwin