

Frances E Willard, "A Plea for the Forgotten" (letter)

"TO THE UNION SIGNAL: — I have this week visited the H. C. Anchorage for Girls, on Wabash Avenue, founded some yrs ago by the Central W.C.T.U.

I found more thirty-five ♀, some of them pitifully young, + twelve w/ babes in their arms. It was a sight to make careless hearts thoughtful + steady eyes dim. The poor child who was deceived, betrayed + robbed a few days ago by the man she trusted, + who tried to take her young life, was there. At least she had found those whom she could trust, + who told her they would do all in their power to help her build her wrecked young life anew on the ftdms of industry, purity, + honor.

"Some of us talked to these forgotten ones as helpfully + kindly as we could, + then they spoke to us w/ tears, of their gratitude for a home so friendly + mother-hearts so sheltering as those of Miss Alice Bond, who has stood by the work for yrs. w/ a heroism that knew no defeat in the darkest hrs; Miss Lyman, the matron, who has the love + good-will of every person connected w/ the Anchorage; Miss E.P. Vale, whom they term 'the mother of us all,' + other true + noble ♀ who make this home their special work."

(plea for fundraising)

"... I make this plea b/c I feel sure that there are a sufficient # of good + true ♂ + ♀ to pay this sum for these deceived + defrauded ones, if only the facts are brought to their knowledge... let us remember our sisters who are 'in bonds, as bound w/ them,' let us not forget that our blessed Lord was more considerate toward the Magdalenes than toward any others, b/c they most needed the comfort of His presence + the strength of His uplifting spirit."

FEW (signed)

Florence Ciffenton
Mrs. Charlton Edholm
Anchorage Mission

Union Signal (Chicago, ^{Chicago} Natl. newspaper)

1895 - 6/27, p. 13 - (letter) "Anchorage in Need of Funds" Treasurer - Mrs ME Keine
Florence Ciffenton Anchorage at 1408 Wabash Ave., Chicago Chairman - Miss Alice Bond

"under the auspices of Chicago Central WCTU but dep's on the public for its support." No endorsement, no hired workers except cook.
"A good anchorage, where the flukes of the anchor take deep + strong hold, is hailed with joy by every mariner. Such is the FCA... For 8 yrs the doors of the mission have been open day + night to any girl or woman in trouble, + 1000s have found a safe ~~place~~ home there + have been enabled to start out again w/ fresh courage."

its work - "to visit the slums, station-houses, + hospitals, rescuing girls + girls, taking them off the streets + caring for them until situations or homes can be provided for them. 100s have gone out fr. this mission who are now earning an honorable living, while many others have been sent to their own homes + have been restored to their friends or parents."

"For 8 yrs it has rescued girls, helped innocent + friendless girls + cared for young mothers + their babies. Last yr. 242 diff young girls found help + situations, + 2,000 lodgings were given."

12/5/95, p. 2 - "How the Ch. WCTU was started, what it has accomplished, + who have assisted" - Frances E. Willard

mentions Anchorage, "a home for friendless women" establ. 1886 started out as reading + coffee room, then became a mission b/c v. successful - 1st head: Mother Prindle ("now of the H. A. Midnight mission, NY").

Dr. Kate Bushnell, "a woman of great devotion + force of character" chose Mission's location + "entered upon her career w/ great enthusiasm."

A ssoc. w/ Josephine Butler through World's WCTU. Then "Miss Alice Bond, of Evanston, assumed the leadership of the A, wh. has grown steadily."

12/12/95, p. 4 Frances Willard, "Editorial Corresp- Field Notes No. 1" - report on visit to Chicago
Notes int "the Anchorage for friendless girls, is much larger + more useful than ever, thanks to the help given us by Bro. Ciffenton + the devoted personal care of M. Ad. Bond, Mrs Vail, + Miss Hyman, the matron, who seems to be just the woman for the place"

1-21-97 - Mrs Charlton Edholm, mentioned as well-known purity worker who is devoting much time to Ciffenton Homes + purity work