

Anna Louise Inn Is Boon to Working Girl



Pen drawing of Anna Louise Inn by Sarah Gofstan Ware.

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The Anna Louise Inn, a non-chest department of The Cincinnati Union Bethel, was built in 1909 by gifts from 30 interested friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft being the largest givers. This sum was raised by James O. White, the superintendent of the Bethel, through private solicitation.

Because of the great interest and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Taft, also because a young woman's name seemed appro-

priate, the Inn was named Anna Louise for their youngest daughter, Anna Louise Taft Semple. At the time the building was erected there was only one other place where the working girl could find inexpensive and suitable accommodations.

All the 285 rooms are single. There is a well equipped laundry. There is a spacious drawing room where guests are welcome, and small sitting rooms on each floor for the girls' exclusive use.

There are fine porches that help to make the hot summer days more pleasant. No restriction is made because of religious affiliations. The Union Bethel Board of Directors controls the management and are chosen because of their outstanding interest and service to civic enterprises.

Since its opening in May 1909, the Inn has been entirely self-sustaining, which is a source of great pride and gratification, both to the guests of the house and the Board of Directors.