Bowling Clubs.
Robert C. McCrechie (with his wife and William, their son) came to Sherman W in the fall of 1907. He was the first National Bank. These were the early days. There was much need for civic improvement in which McCrechie were greatly interested and took an active part. Many new settlers were coming into the Yakima Valley even then. They had begun to talk about 'the Death Valley' because of the many deaths from dysentery. easd. We believed in most cases because the early settlers were using water from the Yakima River for cooking and all domestic purposes and the towns in the valley from blending to pass more empting their sewage into the river. In those days when new settlers who had
It is almost a year since I came to this sanatorium. Needless to say it has taken a big effort to keep a stiff upper lip and make the best of the situation. The many kindnesses — messages and gifts of flowers and callers have been a big help, especially those from my old home in the Yakima Valley where we lived for 30 years.

So, as I lie here almost helpless — my right side is paralyzed — because of my love for the Yakima Valley and my many friends there among whom you are number 1. I decided to have a one-sided talk with you today and if you can decipher this, maybe when I have made my final exit and they take me to lie beside Robert in Sunnyside you will use some of it in a final message to my many friends.
But mainly

* Also that stubborn old Scotch
  Presbyterian inherent from my
  forefathers and supported by
  Dr. Terry when we lived in
  "The Dalley"

yet the joke on me is that circumstances
prescribed that we worship at the
Methodist Episcopal Church nearly all our
17 years of married life. I taught the

Robert Bible and nearly all our friends
were Methodist and we enjoyed it.

There was no nearby Catholic church
where we desired before coming to
Sunrise Lane which died right together.
Interested in rich land were busy planting their orchards the homes for their wivest families received secondary consideration. Woman's Clubs filled an important place in the life of the women. A great many of these were well educated from fine families in the east and accustomed to cultural pursuits. Mr. R. K. Tiffany—assisted engineers' wife had organized the woman's improvement Club. That spring she was expecting a baby. A friend took Mr. McCreedy to one of its meetings. There were about ten members in attendance. Mr. Tiffany was expecting a baby she as President to resign. He McCreedy was elected President, and with encouragement and co-operation from the City Council and the Lumberite Owners who were of the old school and believed in the influence and benefits of righteous living so that there was a strong church life. No saloons or gambling clubs in the town. The Club became very busy and enthusiastic about securing
We had a good time socially. It was quite the thing to belong to the Woman's Club. We soon had over 100 members.

No word then had traveled from Sunnyside.

Wonderful meetings in Bethel Hall in winter and in a Park in summer. The Sage Buddha's Sisters.
attractive lawns & gardens
planting shade trees, cleaning
the alleys, slaughtering flies
and preventing pollution of the
Yakima River.
The Kemperide brothers
Club became very popular; every
member was busy. We gave four
dinners using four volumes of
silver plate, popular entertainments
and made as much as $500.00 a
year. We purchased the site for the
City Park and lands covered it as well as
smaller plots on the Hill planted
with trees, plots on the Hill given
to the Club by the town site owners.
In 1908 the Club sent Mr. McCracken
to the Annual State Convention of the I.D.C.
in Bellingham. He came home more
enthusiastic than ever about civic
improvement. Yakima has
always since its settlement been
very much alive and its women
have been loyal supporters of
its Merit enterprises. Wm. M. Beck
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Supporters of the W.F.K.C. work
Dr. Eugene R. Kelley, if they was interested
in the Club women's work and was
influential in having Governor Hoy
appoint Mr. W. C. Creede on the State Board
of Health where she served from 1912
until 21, finally, mainly thru
Mississippi influence (of Seattle
she was elected its President)
Her chief duty was lecturing for the
S. B. C. before schools, clubs, churches,
soldiers camps, etc. She also
was on the State Board of the Y. M. C. A.
for 40 or 41 years
is a Life member of the Board
She with Ruth Kerl McKee
and Mrs. Everett Collins in
Rutland received the Unite
women of Washington With Creede
was Ch. of Health on the State
Council of Defense during the
1st World War. She lectured on
the Plantations for the
Red Cross C.A. in 1919. She
acted as Ch. for several
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years a Ch. of Legislation for the women's state groups of organizations interested in that work. The League of Women's Voters, the W.P.A., and Minn. Women had quite a fight over the Minimum Wage Law in 1913.

Because I love the Yakima Valley and have appreciated and enjoyed so much the warm friendship of the women and been inspired by their example, I kind of want to be linked up with them so helpless as I am and I have scratched this article some of which you may use after I have myself in my exit. I have enjoyed a long happy life just trying to live as kindly and helpful as possible and as a consistent Scotch Presbyterian.
I made one of the addresses of welcome at the Gen. Federation Club Biennial Convention in San Francisco in 1912 was flattered because I was one of seven women nominated for President. Mrs. Penney backed me.
Air Mail

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Mrs. R. C. McCreed
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You may find this useful

Sincerely,