

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S DIVISION
FOR OCTOBER 1946

In September Dr. J. C. Glenn requested a call meeting of the Children's Division, which was held at the Jefferson Cafeteria. Mr. W. E. Whitford, superintendent of the Duke Memorial Church School, presided at this meeting in the absence of Dr. Glenn.

The purpose of this meeting was to give each departmental superintendent an opportunity to tell of some of the work which was being carried on in the departments and also to state their needs for the coming year. The incoming division superintendent, Mrs. Geo. F. Kale, was introduced at this meeting.

The following departments were represented at the meeting: Mrs. A. M. Lee, superintendent of the Nursery Department; Mrs. T. D. Wolf, superintendent of the Kindergarden Department; Miss Leila West, superintendent of the Primary Department, and one of her co-workers, Mrs. George T. Hargitt; Mrs. F. X. Schumacher, superintendent of the Junior Department. The superintendent of the Intermediate Department, Mr. N. P. Boddie, and the superintendent of the Young People's Division, Dr. Gerald Cooper, were also invited to attend.

The meeting was helpful from the standpoint that it gave each department an opportunity to hear of the work being done in the other departments. It enabled the superintendents of both the Sunday School and the Children's Division to know what would be expected in the way of new teachers, secretaries, and equipment for the coming year.

During the second week of October each departmental superintendent held a meeting of their respective department. The NURSERY DEPARTMENT met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Lee. It was at this time the furnishing of a "Toddle Room" adjacent to the Nursery Department, was discussed. With the assistance of her teachers and through the generosity of some of the members of the church who were contacted individually, and through the Sunday School, Mrs. Lee was able to completely furnish the room with a rug, baby bed, baby pen, rocking chairs, linens for the bed, and suitable toys. This room has already proved to be very beneficial for the purpose of entertaining the younger children who have not yet adjusted themselves to the Sunday School and who are inclined to cry and disturb the other children.

Two new teachers were added to the Nursery Department during October, Mrs. H. Frank Davis and Mrs. C. M. Munford. The other teachers and officers in this department are: Mrs. A. M. Lee, superintendent, Mrs. Melvin P. Hawkins, Miss Nancy Reade, Mrs. B. D. Cooke, Miss Lyda Angier and Miss Leila Taylor. Mr. A. T. Best has been very helpful to the Nursery Department, acting as doorman and sometimes as disciplinarian and the department is very appreciative of this service.

The Nursery Department has 38 children enrolled and during the month of October the average attendance was 31.

The meeting for the KINDERGARDEN DEPARTMENT was held on October 7, at the home of Mrs. T. D. Wolf. Plans for the Hallowe'en party were made and committees appointed. Mrs. Wolf discussed with the teachers the course of study for the first quarter. During the month of October three new teachers were added to the personnel of this department, Mrs. T. Moyle Johnson, Mrs. Rex Cowan and Miss Lucy Belle Turner. The other members are Mrs. T. D. Wolf, superintendent; Mrs. C. M. Tuttle, Mrs. Dayton Dean, Mrs. P. B. Parks, Jr., Miss Pamela Cherry and Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward.

The Kindergarden Department has an enrollment of 46 children with an average attendance of 29 during October.

On October 10, the PRIMARY DEPARTMENT met with Mrs. Geo. T. Hargitt at which time plans for the departmental Hallowe'en party were made. Mothers of the children in the department served on the various committees and this proved very helpful to the teachers in planning the party. Miss Leila West discussed the course of study and each teacher was assigned a certain Sunday during each month to have charge of the devotional exercises.

There were three new teachers added to the Primary Department: Miss Alice Collins, Mrs. Sadie Sanders and Mrs. Patsy Holly. Mrs. Elsie Johnson is the new pianist. Other members of the teaching staff are Miss Leila West, superintendent, Mrs. George T. Hargitt, Mrs. Louis McKee, Mrs. Richard White, Miss Betty Seeley and Miss Lella Taylor

The Primary Department has an enrollment of 71 children and an average attendance for October of 63.

On October 8, Mrs. F. X. Schumacher, superintendent of the

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, held a meeting in the Church Parlor and invited ten of the mothers. From this group a Mother's Committee was formed. The committee agreed to be responsible for the parties during the year and to give their support in helping to make the Junior Department a more attractive and interesting place for the children. New drapes are being made and will be ready for this department in the near future. One of our church's most loyal members paid for the material, and one of the circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are making the drapes. The division is most grateful for these services rendered.

The following new members have been added to the Junior Dept., Mrs. E. S. Harrar, Miss Pricilla Sanders, Mrs. Burt Pendergraph, and Mrs. Fred Ervin. The other members are Miss Lucille Long, Miss Virginia Munford, Mr. W. H. Cherry, Mr. Ed Coble, and Mrs. Phillip Umstead. Mrs. Schumacher had to be relieved of the duty as superintendent, for two months on account of illness in the family. Mrs. F. R. Darkis has taken this responsibility for the time being.

The Junior Department has 61 children enrolled and during October and the average attendance was 47.

On October 31, the Children's Division held their Hallowe'en party at the church in their departments. The Kindergarden Department held their party in the afternoon and that night the Primary and Juniors held theirs. Anyone who attended, I am sure, would say it was a success.

The above is a report of things that have been done in this division since the first of October. The following is a report of requests that have been made but have not been fulfilled:

1. We are still in need of a person to visit new mothers and enroll the new babies on the Cradle Roll of the Nursery Department.
2. Mrs. Wolf states that the Kindergarden Department is in need of a coat rack. The present coat rack does not have adequate space for the children's wraps and she would like for the coat hooks to be placed on the wall so each child may be taught to take care of his own wraps.
3. A rack is needed for the teachers to hang their wraps on also.
4. A bulletin board is needed in the assembly room.

5. A 5 x 7 wash rug is needed for the children to sit on when playing with the blocks, rather than have them sit on the cold floor.
6. Mrs. Wolf would like for the little chair and table set to be replaced as soon as possible. The one she is using at present is borrowed and is not for sale.
7. More space will be needed soon for conducting the classes and it is hoped something may be worked out with the Junior Department so one of their classrooms may be available, when it is needed.
8. In the Primary Department there is a window that is hanging on one hinge. This is located in the classroom under the Pastor's Study on the front corner of the Sunday School Building. This should be fixed right away in order for Mrs. Hargitt to continue conducting her class there.
9. This department is badly in need of new bulletin boards. Some of the rooms have boards which are in bad condition and other classrooms do not have any. Six bulletin boards are needed here.
10. The chairs and tables in the classrooms and the assembly room are in bad condition but nothing so serious that a pan of warm water, good soap, a cloth, and enough muscle behind it cannot eliminate.
11. The Junior Department needs one more man teacher.
12. The Junior Department needs to have curtain rods installed very soon so that when the new drapes are completed they can be put up.

As far as teachers and officers are concerned the Children's Division is in fairly good shape for the present, provided all the teachers and officers are present and on time.

This last statement brings to my mind a suggestion I would like to make to the Board. Can our Sunday School, as a whole, work up a list of people, who although they are not willing to take the responsibility of serving as a teacher or officer each Sunday, be willing to accept the responsibility of serving as a substitute to an officer or teacher. Every officer and teacher should have one person they can d-

depend on to fill their duties when emergencies arise and they cannot be in their place. There is nothing that will encourage a child to stay away from Sunday School so^{much} as for him to have a teacher that is irregular in attendance.

At the present time there are 221 children enrolled in this division and 38 teachers and officers.

