MASSACHUSETTS CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE.

The Massachusetts Child Labor Committee was organized November 28, 1908, at a meeting called by E. W. Lord. Hon Curtis Guild, Jr., Governor of Massachusetts, acted as chairman. The speakers were President Charles W. Eliot, Governor Guild and Meyer Bloomfield. A constitution was adopted, naming thirty-three active members and providing for as many associate members as can be secured. The plan of the committee is to spend a year in investigating the conditions of child labor in Massachusetts and in preparing and working for a model child labor law. This, it believes, should precede any active support of child labor legislation. An executive committee of eight and the officers are beginning the work of organization and investigation. The officers are: Chairman, Hon. Grafton D. Cushing; Vice-Chairman, Hon. Frank Leveroni; Treasurer, Professor Charles F. Bradley; Secretary, Richard K. Conant; Executive Committee, Henry Abrahams, Miss Georgie A. Bacon, Meyer Bloomfield, Howard W. Brown, Miss Alice L. Higgins, Miss Edith M. Howes, Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew and Everett W. Lord.

RICHARD K. CONANT,
Secretary.

MICHIGAN CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE.

The Michigan Child Labor Committee has been instrumental in introducing a bill, now before the state legislature, changing and improving the present law in regard to the employment of children. If this bill is passed, without bad amendments, Michigan will have a fairly good law. The State Federation of Women's Clubs and organized labor are aiding this committee.

FRANK T. CARLTON,
Secretary.

INTER-CHURCH CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE OF GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN.

The Inter-Church Child Labor Committee of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has held regular meetings on the last Monday of each month, except during the summer.

Many interesting topics have been discussed, including "Work in the Soft Coal Mines of Pennsylvania," "Sweatshops and Tenements," "The Michigan Labor Laws Relating to Women and Children," "Some Weak Spots in the Laws and Their Remedies," "The Dangers of Overwork and Idleness," "Benefits of Playgrounds and Industrial Schools," and "Local Conditions."

The subject, "The Newsboys," was ably discussed at different times by Judge Alfred Wolcott of the Circuit Court, and Judge Harry D. Jewell of the Probate and Juvenile Court, and others.

Helpful addresses and talks have been given by the different ministers of the city, including Rabbi Kahn, of Temple Emanuel.

Letters were written to our Representatives in Congress, urging the passage of the District of Columbia Child Labor Law Bill.

On January 27, 1908, a Committee of five was appointed, which is known as the Industrial Scholarship Fund Committee. The object is to assist to attend school worthy children who would otherwise be obliged to stay out and work to help support the family. Contributions have been received from Women's Clubs, Church Societies and individuals, amounting in all to \$186.10. The amount paid out is \$85.23. Balance on hand, \$100.87.

Last Spring two boys were assisted at \$1.50 per week each. One finished the seventh grade in June, and is now working. He will soon be able to return the money which was loaned to him from the fund. We are at present helping one boy and three girls. The boy is taking the eighth grade, and receives \$2.00 per week. He is fifteen, the oldest of five children, the mother a widow.

The girls receive one dollar per week each. All are members of large families. Two of the mothers have been deserted, one is a widow. In several instances children have been out of school for the want of shoes. In those cases, shoes have been purchased from the fund.

Incidentally, and in a quiet way, much personal work has been done by the members of the Scholarship Fund Committee. Where clothing and bedding were needed by these families, they have been provided. At Thanksgiving time, provisions and other useful things were sent; and on Christmas the members of each family were remembered by the Committee or their friends. The encouragement and inspiration of this personal interest are of great value.

Law infractions and unfavorable conditions are quite often reported to the Child Labor Committee. The Deputy Factory Inspector or the truant officer is at once notified, and when possible, the evils are corrected.

Eleven denominations are represented on this Committee. The interest is growing, and we hope during the coming year we may be able to do still more work along practical lines. March 21, 1908, we sent \$25.00 to Mr. Macy, the Treasurer, thus becoming a sustaining member of the National Child Labor Committee.

MRS. H. GAYLORD HOLT,
Chairman.

MINNESOTA CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE.

The Minnesota Child Labor Committee is just old enough to answer to roll call, but not old enough to offer an annual report, having been in existence (as fully organized) just one week. It owes its existence to the efforts of the National Child Labor Committee, through its field agent who, last October, suggested to a little group of persons the feasibility of such an organization in Minnesota. The Woman's Club of Minneapolis became