performances; a number of these children are employed in the moving-picture shows and five-cent theaters which have recently become so common in this and other cities. Some of the children permitted to engage in these performances have been as young as five years of age, and it is becoming evident that measures will have to be taken to impose more careful restrictions on this class of employment.

HENRY J. HARRIS,
Secretary.

JANUARY 11, 1910.

ILLINOIS CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE.

The Child Labor Committee of Chicago has had but one meeting,—at the time of its organization. I am sorry to say it has no work to report.

The Consumers' League has continued the work it has been doing the past five years in connection with the county court, in helping to enforce the law. Names and addresses of children applying for certificates are sent to the secretary of the league, and as she recommends, the certificate is given or refused.

The child labor and compulsory education laws in Illinois are fairly well codified. Enforcement of these laws has been fairly good in the past, but from the factory office there appears to be a falling off in this direction at the present time. Reports are not frequent nor lucid, although our educational reports show the difference between enrollment and attendance, and factory inspectors' reports give number of children employed, number of inspections, and number of prosecutions. We have no means—aside from factory reports—of collecting information regarding court cases under child labor laws.

The press and all reformatory and educational bodies are utilized to educate the public on this subject.

We do not employ a salaried secretary and have no systematized financial backing. The most interesting part of our work is the giving of labor certificates to children who come through the court. Here we have evidence of the two grave defects in the law: the very low educational test and the failure to require the child to prove his age when he claims to be sixteen.

HARRIET M. VAN DER VAART,
Secretary.

DECEMBER 11, 1909.

INDIANA CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE.

Failure to secure legislation at the legislative session of 1909 that would have brought Indiana up to the level of the neighboring states proved the necessity of organization. At a meeting called at Indianapolis last June, a temporary organization was effected, and this organization was made permanent at the annual meeting held at Columbus, Ind., October 25th. It is planned to form local groups in the leading cities of the state and to keep the matter thoroughly before the people during the coming year. The