

WORTHY INSTITUTION

THE CHARLOTTE DAY NURSERY

An Observer Man Visits the Charlotte Day Nursery and sees Some Interesting Things—Many Little Children Cared For During the Day—Two Meals and Good Care Offered—The History of the Work Here in Charlotte.

The Charlotte Day Nursery, at 101 North Davidson street, is one of the city's most interesting, as well as most worthy institutions. No one can fully appreciate the work that is being done there unless he or she visits the home and sees what is actually going on. The purpose of the nursery is to take care of little children, during the day, while their mothers toil for a living.

One day last week an Observer man, accompanied by Mrs. David S. Yates, went to the Charlotte Day Nursery and saw many things of interest to himself and the public. The nursery is on the corner of Fourteenth and Davidson streets, and it is a large two-story affair of frame, which was once used as a boarding house. The building is not pretty to look upon but is fairly comfortable. The managers of the Day Nursery purchased it.

At a ring of the bell, when Mrs. Yates and the Observer representative arrived, Mrs. Raymer, the matron and the manager of the home, came forward and opened the door. It was Mrs. Yates' week on duty, and she was expected. The newspaper man was a visitor.

"Come in," said Mrs. Raymer, with a faint bit of the Northwest in her voice, "walk right in to the office." Mrs. Raymer is an interesting person. Her native home is Duluth, Minn. She has an attractive face, and a cheerful manner. She is peculiarly fitted for the work that she has in hand. She seems to see the bright side, her disposition is sweet and gentle. In other words she is a mother to one and all under her care. Soon after the reporter was ushered into the reception room, or office, a child was heard whimpering in the hall.

"That's my baby," said Mrs. Raymer, as she rose and went out of the door. Before she was well out of sight she returned, bearing a chubby-faced boy about 10 months old.

"Yes," she declared, "this is my little baby. He is a sweet fellow."

"Is it your own child?" was asked. "No, indeed, one of the children that is sent here to be cared for."

"What, Mrs. Raymer, do you do for these little ones?" was asked.

"Well, we receive them here early in the morning, at 7:30 o'clock, and keep them till 7 at night. The first thing we do for them is to wash their faces, and put aprons on them. We give them breakfast and dinner and entertain them. The youngest one, my charge, is but ten months and the oldest, 12 years old."

The newspaper man was invited to visit the various rooms. The first was the "rest room," where the children sleep. Sitting around in there were a number of cradles, or cribs, some of which were old-fashioned wooden concerns, like those that little brats of 50 years ago were rocked in.

"Some days in the summer," explained Mrs. Raymer, "all these little beds are full—every one containing a child. And it is a pleasant sight to see, too."

"This room," said Mrs. Raymer, as she crossed the hall and opened the second door to the left, "is the mothers' meeting room, where the Saturday meetings are held. We keep the funny papers and pictures here. You have no idea how the little boys and girls enjoy the funny papers, and, for a long time, we did not get but one, but now we have more. I used to call for such things through the press and many kind friends came to our aid. We would like to have fresh funny sheets. See how these are worn from constant use."

After inspecting the kitchen the party went into the kindergarten room, where Mrs. Julia LaBar had her class of tiny tots at work. The kindergarten has recently been started, and it is proving a valuable feature of the daily programme. The children are taught system, order and obedience. They are given lessons in singing, calisthenics and discipline.

As the visitors entered the room Mrs. LaBar was getting her class ready for devotional exercises. A dozen or more boys and girls were formed in a circle, with heads thrown back and every pair of feet closed. At the toe and shoulders braced and arms dropped by the side. At the back of the teacher the children closed their eyes and began to repeat the morning prayer. Every little mouth was intent, and all joined in with spirit, if not understanding. One little girl, a newcomer, stood close by Mrs. LaBar, who prompted her.

The kindergarten will prove very beneficial to those children, for it will be several years before they go to regular public schools and then possibly not for long. They get a training at the Day Nursery that would not come from anywhere else.

The Charlotte Day Nursery means a great deal more than one could at first believe. Many mothers cannot give their children the proper attention and labor for bread and meat, too, and in the Day Nursery, they have found a great blessing. There the little boys and girls, who would, of necessity, have to bring themselves up, get careful attention, and are started in the right way. It is not considered a reflection on a mother to take her baby there, but a credit, for she knows that the child will be safe in the hands of the good women in charge.

The people of Charlotte would respond to the call for help of the managers of this public institution, if they could only realize what it is. Instead of there being one Charlotte Day Nursery there would be a dozen or more, one in every community of working people. Those who are able to pay something for the nursing of their little ones would be allowed to do so, but the Day Nursery would be the place to have it done.

It has required pluck, patience and tact to proceed with the Charlotte Day Nursery, for there were prejudices against it, not only among the general run of Charlotte people, but especially among those whom it was intended to help. This, however, is gradually passing away, and the better class of working women are patronizing the home. They have learned that it is the best place for their little ones.

Those who have charge of this work believe that if it were carried out successfully and extensively, the need for Crutcher homes and work houses would be reduced, for among the many children cared for would be the urchins who are brought up in the streets, and they would be taught to obey the laws of God and man.

Those who started the Charlotte Day Nursery had to go out and solicit children, and they were met with rebuff after rebuff. The people were suspicious of them, and would not talk about the work. But this sort of feeling does not exist to-day, to any great extent, especially in the sections of the city where the institution is known.

The following names were given as the officers of the Charlotte Day Nursery: Mrs. Willard G. Rogers, president; Mrs. C. C. Register, secretary; Miss Julia Robertson, recording secretary, and Mrs. B. C. Hollan, treasurer.

ing by good warm fires, it should be remembered that the managers of the Charlotte Day Nursery are striving to feed, warm and care for a host of little children whose mothers are struggling to keep the wolf from the door. Every day in the week, except Sunday, this labor of love goes on. Charlotte is a city now, and the Day Nursery is a product of modern civilization. It has come to stay.

THE CONFEDERATE CARNIVAL

It Opens Wednesday at the City Hall and Promises to be Well Attended—Those in Charge Have Arranged an Interesting Programme With Special Features—A Benefit for the Vance Monument Fund.

The ladies who have in charge the Confederate Carnival are meeting with fine success in their work for that cause. Public interest is great in the undertaking not only for the carnival itself, but for the purpose as well. It is laudible in the Daughters of the Confederacy to endeavor to raise money for the completion of the monument to Vance—the great war Governor—and for other memorial work of the chapter. The cause appeals to every man, woman and child in Mecklenburg county—for the memory of Vance is dear to all.

The carnival opens on Wednesday, the 31, and closes Thursday night at 12 o'clock. It is desired to observe Wednesday as "County Day," and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend from all parts of the county.

The "Loom Exhibit" will prove, for many, an attractive feature, for many articles of historical value, besides works of art and antique curios, have been secured for the exhibit.

Each booth is well equipped with things of use and beauty, and the children's booth will delight and charm the little ones.

For those who love such things there will be a skilled palmist, who will unfold the mysteries of past, present and future. Each evening there will be a concert and other entertainment, and on both afternoons a delightful entertainment by some charming little folks under the skilled direction of Miss Burkheimer. Mrs. B. D. Heath is in charge of the entertainment department and has succeeded in securing several people, gifted with musical and literary talent, to assist in these entertainments. The complete programme for both afternoons and nights will be announced later.

Dr. Amari Richardson and his orchestra will give a concert one night of the carnival. Needless to say that a large crowd will be present at that hour.

As at the bazaars given by the Daughters of the Confederacy here, a delightful supper will be served. As there will be a play each night at the Academy, many theatre-goers will no doubt stop after the play at the carnival to partake of the supper.

LOCAL COTTON FIGURES.

Mecklenburg Farmers Holding the Staple for Higher Prices—Comparative Receipts.

That the farmers of this county are holding their cotton for higher prices is very evident. Not more than half of the crop of 1905-06 has been sold and the receipts for the season of 1905-06 up to date are little greater than for the corresponding period of the season of 1904-05, when the price ranged around 8 cents a pound and the farmers stored their staple and waited for the higher prices that came later. The receipts for the present season up to yesterday were 12,884 bales; the receipts for the corresponding period of the

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