

The Commission on Education met on November 16, 1959, with vice-chairman Tom McCauley presiding. Thirteen members were present.

Mrs. Dunham reported on plans for the December 6 Family night. There will be a Men's Table for display of articles men have made. The Gleaner Class will have charge of the food; the Minnie P. Gates class will manage the nursery. A similar plan was successful at the last supper..

Mr. Whitford reported that: attendance is holding up well; names of classes are needed on class room doors; the Treasury spent \$575 more than the income through October. Mr. Walker was appointed to arrange a chart of classrooms.

Mr. Dunham stated that he has 3 men on his Membership Cultivation Committee: Jack Cliff; Guy Branson; S.J. Angier.

Attention was called to the Bishop's Convocation on the Ministry, Nov. 28, at Duke Memorial, by Mr. Shoaf, who said the convocation was designed to interest and motivate young men of High School and College age to become interested in the ministry. Mr. Whitford moved that Duke Memorial pay the fee of \$12.50 for the young men of our church who will attend. Mr. Dunham seconded the motion.

Mrs. Bookhout stated that there was a Parent's meeting of Mary Canada's 5th grade on Nov. 8 with 8 or 9 families in attendance. On Nov. 22 there will be a similar meeting for 6th grade parents. These meetings give an opportunity to discuss Christian education. Mrs. T.E. Beard will take over the Toddler room during church. She makes a total of 4 paid workers.

Mr. Shoaf reported on plans being made for Christmas activities. Besides Family Night on Dec. 6, the Senior High group is planning to present a play on Sunday night, Dec. 20; classes are planning dinners and parties.

Mr. Shoaf thanked the Commission for letting him go to the Conference on Christian Education. He said the emphasis throughout the conference was on the transmission of faith by sharing and personal relationships.

Mr. Shoaf said a new Junior High curriculum will be put in use in the fall of 1961. It will be an improvement for the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade boys and girls. There will be a restudy of the whole church school curriculum for its effectiveness in helping to capture the real substance of Christian faith.

Adult education was discussed, pointing out that what children learn of Christian faith is from adult teachers. Importance of helping adults to strengthen and enrich their Christian experiences is great, since children learn from all adults. Volunteer Christian education courses, with college extension credit was suggested.

Following a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned.

Tom McCauley, Vice chairman

Thelma H. Hargitt, Secretary

