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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

The January meeting of the Commission on Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met in the Church Parlor on Friday evening, January 16, with eleven members in attendance as follows: W. E. Whitford, E. B. Fisher, Elizabeth Johnson, Alberta Lane, Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr., Lester A. Smith, Irving E. Allen, S. J. Angier, Kathleene Cox, Mrs. Fred Duncan, Edgar Fisher, Jr.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Fisher.

The first item of business was to get approval on spending \$30.00 to help sponsor the Durham Area Christian Workers' School. This was voted unanimously in favor. Announcement was made that on Feb. 24-26 Dr. Mary Alice Jones, head of the Children's Division of the Methodist Church, would be in Durham and would speak to the Children's Division workers.

Three new people, Mrs. Charles Chewning and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rankin, Jr., were elected as teachers in the Church School. It was announced that Tom Cranford had agreed to serve as superintendent of the Intermediate Department for this quarter.

Mrs. Fred Duncan was recognized as the representative on the Commission from the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Suggestions were made from the group regarding a program for the Workers' Conference to be held February 20. Report on Christian Workers' School, inspirational message; panel discussion using members of the group; and time to discuss the United Evangelistic Mission, were some of the things suggested. The suggestion which seemed perhaps best was to have someone from each department, selected by the Division Superintendent, to give the outstanding thing from that department, and then let the Division Superintendents be on the panel to answer questions.

Miss Johnson stated that the Church Membership Class would begin soon.

Mrs. Coble reported for the Anchor Class of the Adult Department: coffee hour is observed on Sunday between the class time and the church worship service; good attendance; new projects are making draperies for certain rooms in the church and repairing the church hymnals. It was suggested that new hymnals are needed for the sanctuary so that all will be alike in the one room.

Miss Johnson reported for the children's division, saying that there had been good department planning meetings, that committees of mothers had been chosen to beautify the departments, and that a group from our church would go to observe in at least one of the Charlotte churches the next week.

The student recognition service was termed good. Suggestion was made that members of the Commission read the article in the January Church School on Race Relations since this is one of the special days coming up in February. It was announced that a study was going on at the present time in the youth department on "Problems of Boys and Girls in courtship and marriage."

Mr. Angier reported a balance in the treasury January 1 of \$1182.18.

Miss Johnson asked the members of the Commission visit the different departments in order to see what is being done and what is needed to help make the work more vital.

In discussing the kind of literature used in the Church School the director stated that the Methodist literature was being used throughout, but additional books and other materials were purchased occasionally upon request.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Johnson.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. Whitford, Chairman
Kathleene Cox, Secretary

