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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

The Commission on Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met at the church in a supper meeting Friday evening, February 20, at 6:00 o'clock, with eleven members in attendance as follows: Mrs. W. J. Seeley, Kathleene Cox, Alberta Lane, Lester A. Smith, Philip M. Umstead, S. J. Angier, Elizabeth Johnson, W. E. Whitford, Edgar B. Fisher, Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr., R. N. Wilson.

During the business session Mrs. Seeley reported for the Children's Division stating that there is a need for a pianist for the primary department, and that plans are being made for the beautification of the whole division.

Report from the Youth Division shows improvement in the work and program for intermediates, and that a study of personal conduct is being made in the youth evening meetings.

Report from the Adult Department: Special project of the Anchor Class has been that of repairing the hymnals in the sanctuary.

Explanation by Mr. Fisher of the United Evangelistic Mission was of special importance. He stated that all our emphasis for some time would be on evangelism, that a class in church membership would begin on Saturday morning, Feb. 21, and continue until Palm Sunday when the members would be received into the church. Then there would be a week of preaching and visitation during which the South Carolina ministers would visit and assist in the work in our conference, and later on the ministers in our conference would visit the churches in the S. C. Conference and assist with the work there. On Saturday, April 18, Youth Rallies have been planned for every District, the one for the Durham District to be held at Duke Memorial Church. Mr. Fisher emphasized the part the Church School should take in this mission, that great preparation should be made in publicity, getting the names of prospects, and praying for the success of this work.

Miss Johnson urged everyone to be aware of this special work in evangelism this spring, and that in all our planning we keep this in mind. She also announced that Dr. Mary Alice Jones, of the General Board of Education, would be at Duke Memorial on Wednesday and Thursday nights, Feb. 25 and 26, to speak to workers with children, and that Miss Kate Crowell of Charlotte would lead a week--end workshop for nursery workers March 6 and 7.

Dates for Vacation Church School were discussed, and it was voted unanimously to hold Vacation Church School the two weeks of July 13-24.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$1249.55 in the treasury Feb. 1, 1953. The Secretary reported attendance was off some because of sickness in homes and rainy Sundays.

The meeting was then adjourned, so that members could attend the Workers' Conference at 7:30 in the Church Parlor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Whitford, Chairman
Kathleene Cox, Secretary

