

The Duke Memorial Board of Christian Education met on January 2, 1946 in the Church Parlor. Dr. W.J. Seeley called the meeting to order at eight o'clock. The following members were present: Drs. Seeley, Spence, and Wilson, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Whitford, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Crisp, Miss Kuykendahl, and Miss Canada.

Mrs. Crisp announced that three parties were given for the children on the Friday night before Christmas. Approximately 45 juniors and 45 primaries attended the party at which there were gifts, games, refreshments, and a Santa Claus. She also stated that Cpl. Ball was leaving the department and asked for suggestions for a teacher for his class of 9-year^{old} boys. Dick Saunders, D.K. Jackson, Sam Holton, Holt Thornton, Francis Lentz, and John Lentz were suggested. Mrs. Crisp also announced that the Thanksgiving offering of the children's division was taken to Wright's Refuge. She commended Mrs. Wolfe for the splendid work that she is doing with the ^{Kindergarten} ~~Junior~~ Department.

Mr. Hayward reported that 21 classes had not reported on their attendance lists. He also explained the effort that is being made to unsnarl the records system. At the present no classes distinguish between active and inactive members, and he is trying to have this distinction introduced. Mr. Whitford is also trying to obtain an accurate list of every member of the Sunday School for the files in the Sunday School Office.

Mr. Whitford reported that an attempt is being made to obtain a more accurate report of the money records. It seems that because of the inadequacy of the system Duke Memorial is not fully represented at conference. Departments hold back money for projects, but there is no way to show these projects on the record. The Board agreed to do all possible to help solve the problem.

Mr. Whitford made the following attendance report:

Fall Quarter

1941	5432
1942	5177
1943	5142
1944	5550
1945	6234

There has been an average increase of 49 persons per Sunday for 1945 over 1944. Attendance is off in the Primary Department because the rooms need improvements. The Juniors and Cradle Roll are holding their own. The Beginners are growing. The Adults are gradually increasing. The Young People and Intermediates are holding their own. The Junior Adults are up and down, but are not growing. Mr. Whitford reported that collections are slightly above those of last year.

A general discussion of the problems of the church such as the need for teachers, the fixing of the Primary Department, the lack of heat, the list of people on the Sunday School book followed. It was agreed by all present that an educational director was the primary need for this church. The members of the Board decided that the next meeting should be devoted to the discussion of a director

of religious education. It was also suggested that members of the Board of Stewards be invited to the next meeting.

Mr. Whitford reported that the Worker's Council would meet on January 30, and it was decided to have the Board meet with them at that time.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Mary Canada
Secretary