

The Duke Memorial Board of Christian Education met on September 25, 1946 in the Church Parlor. Those present included Mr. Seeley, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Boddie, Mr. Whitford, and Miss Canada.

Mr. Whitford reported on an organizational meeting held by division heads recently in the Jefferson Cafeteria. Mrs. George Kale is new children's division head. At this meeting plans were made for promotion day, chiefly for the children's division. Definite times for promotion from one department to another were set up. It was decided to have parties after promotion and not before. Arrangements were made for draperies for the junior department.

Fifteen boys and girls from the junior department are to be promoted to the intermediate department, and five girls and four boys are to go from the intermediate department to the senior-young people department.

Dr. Cooper brought up for the group's consideration a plan for the new year in the senior-young people's department. The classes in this department have been smaller than in the past, and he suggested combining some of them. This would also help with the space problem. It was suggested that the boys and girls of the first, second, and third year classes be incorporated into one big class for each group. That is,

there would be one class of first year students composed of both boys and girls; the same would be true of the second and third year groups. Dr. Holton is to teach the first year class; Dr. Wilson, the second year; and Walter McDonald, the third year. Teachers would be alternated each month. In this way, the teachers would be able to maintain contact with the adult classes as well as with the classes they teach. By this plan Dr. Holton's class room and Dr. Wilson's class room would be unused, and the young adults could have them for their expanding program. Accordingly, Dr. Holton's class would meet in the present unused class room; Dr. Wilson's in Mrs. Holton's present class room; and Mr. McDonald's in Miss Canada's present class room. Dr. Seeley's class and meeting place would remain the same. The group voted to try this plan and to put it into operation for the present time. Next Sunday is the date set for the plan to begin. Dr. Holton is to go in the intermediate department and bring up the graduating class there for welcome into their new department.

The junior-adult classes and situation next came up for discussion. At the present time there is a group of older junior adults being taught by Dr. Proctor. Mr. Dick Sanders is teaching a class of younger people, and that class, which started as a returned G.-I. class in June, has now become co-ed.

Dr. Cooper suggested that we not refer to that class as a G.I. class as such, but allow the returnees to drift back

into whatever classes they prefer.

Dr. Seeley told of a church in Washington which he visited during the summer which had the following groups under the young adult division:

Young married couples
Older married couples
Two classes for single people.

He also showed a paper put out by this division.

After further discussion of the junior adult situation, the Board of Christian Education went on record as creating a new department for Duke Memorial Church. This department is to be called the Junior Adult Department. It is to be composed of people from the ages of approximately twenty-four to thirty-five. ~~The approximate~~ At the present time there are two classes in this department: Dr. Proctor's and Mr. Sanders'. If Mrs. Wilson's class so desires, they also may be considered a part of this department. Mr. Sanders' class is to be for the younger members, and Dr. Proctor's for the older members. Twenty-eight years is the approximate dividing line between the two classes.

It was recommended that ~~the~~ Church Parlor be used as the assembly hall for opening exercises.

The group then agreed that it would be a wise thing to print the plan of organization for the entire Sunday School in some issue of the bulletin. A special flyer could be used. This ~~is~~ to be done within the next few months.

It was voted to appoint Mr. Lester Smith as interim superintendent of the junior adult department. He is also to work with the committee. (Mr. Seeley, Mrs. Gates, and Dr. Cooper)

The junior adult department and its set-up is to go into effect on the first Sunday in October.

The group voted to officially assign the west side of the present young people's department for the use of the junior adult department to be used as and when needed.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

Mary Canada
Secretary