

The Duke Memorial Board of Christian Education met on November 19, 1946 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Seeley, and the following members were presents: Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Holley, Mr. Whitford, Miss Canada, Mr. Cousins, and Dr. Cooper. Dr. Bookhout was a special guest.

Mrs. Gates brought up the problem of the children and young people going to the Durham Diary during the Sunday School hour. It was pointed out that some of the grown ups were also guilty of this practice. The suggestion was made that we try to close the Diary during the Sunday church hours. It was voted to refer this matter to the Board of Stewards for their consideration and action. Mr. Whitford and Dr. Bookhout said that they would see that this was done.

Reporting for the Young People, Dr. Cooper stated that the attendance was better with the new set-up. Mr. Holley brought up the problem of students going to the choir. He said that in the Senior-Young People's Department one teacher was in the choir and about eighteen young people. In one class only one pupil was left after the others had left for Sunday morning choir rehearsal. Some do not come into the classes because of the choir rehearsal, and some leave early for the same reason. Mrs. Allen said that this was not merely a problem for

the Young People, but that in the Intermediates there was the same problem with a thirteen-year-old boy who is in the Choir. She also said that the noise outside of her department which adjoins the Choir Room destroys her devotional programs. It was agreed that the problem existed and that something should be done. Various suggestions were made including Dr. Seeley's suggestion that there be an adult choir and a young people's choir as in a church which he visited in Washington. It was pointed out that the anxiety about the work makes the Choir members and director want to appear well. Mrs. Gates suggested that the Youth Committee and Music Committee get together and try to work out the situation together. The entire group recommended that the Choir not start its practice until 10:35. It was voted that someone from the Board should cooperate with the Youth Committee to go to the Music Committee for consultation.

Miss Canada requested \$25 for the Young Adults for films on the Life of Paul. A discussion revealed that there was only \$5 in the Board's treasury, and they regretfully reported that they would be unable to help out. This resulted in a discussion of the financial set-up of the entire Sunday School. It was suggested that there should be funds available for this type of work. Mr. Whitford reported that for the first Sunday in November only \$27 was turned in for the entire Sunday School; of this amount \$9 was from adult classes. Dr. Bookhout suggested that there might be some way of talking the Pastor's Aide

Class or some other of the more wealthy classes into giving more for the General Sunday School. It was then voted to look into ~~what~~ we are collecting from each class and to possibly change the assessments for some classes. Mr. Cousins and Mr. Whitford were to do this. This motion is in general line with the policy of attempting to present a unified budget.

Mrs. Gates reported that the Young Adult Department put on a fine dinner. Not so many were present, but ~~it~~ was a step forward.

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Wilson it was voted to register the cub group.

The new budget of the Church calls for a director of religious education. All members of the Board were urged to keep working for this. It was pointed out that the person for this job must have the time to do it; it should be a person who is interested in a full-time job and who will not sandwich it in between other activities. A general discussion of how, when, and ^{who} ~~how~~ to hire a director followed. The Board of Christian Education went on record as voting to recommend to the Board of Stewards that a committee composed of the chairman of the Board of Stewards, the chairman of the Sunday School and Young People's Committee, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, the Pastor, and the chairman of the Board of Christian Education be authorized to select applicants for the position of director of religious education.

Mrs. Kale's report on the Children's Division was then given. This is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Whitford^{said} that while attendance is not picking up we are holding our own. There are now 731 on roll whereas last year at this time we had 590 on roll.

Mary Canada
Secretary