

The Duke Memorial Board of Christian Education met on February 25, 1947 at 7:30 in the Church Parlor. The following were present: Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Kale, Mr. Boddie, Mr. Holley, Mr. Whitford, Miss Cole, Mr. Cousins, Dr. Seeley, and Mrs. Stone.

The first topic of discussion was the question of the Sunday morning choir rehearsal. Mr. Whitford reported that he and Dr. Bookhout had met with the music committee but that nothing definite had been done because of the change in directors. Mr. Boddie stated that members of the Intermediate Department are going directly to the choir form the opening exercises. Dr. Wilson reported that this continues to be a problem with the Young People.

In discussing finances it was reported that the Pastor's Aid Class has increased its assessment from \$.06 to \$.10. Mr. Cousins is endeavoring to have other classes increase their assessments also.

Mr. Whitford reported that he had been trying to study literature needs and to see that orders are placed where necessary but that there is not waste. Mrs. Kale said that her secretary did not order material too carefully. It was agreed that more care should be used throughout the entire church school to prevent waste.

Miss Ann Eva Gibbs, newly appointed part-time director



of religious activities is doing very well according to Dr. Seeley. In hiring her the principle of not hiring anyone for part-time work was violated, but it is hoped that she will stay permanently. Her special field is the MYF.

Miss Alice Cole made a report on the week end youth caravan held last week end. This was planned to show students how the commissions and other phases for the MYF work. There was good attendance in spite of the weather.

Mr. Boddie reported that Miss Gibbs has been given a room with desk, chairs, and bookcases. He was appointed a committee of one to find out the needs and see Dr. Bookhout who would put them before the Board of Stewards.

Dr. Wilson asked for authorization for the Scout Troop to continue for another year. The troop committee is composed of the Messers Coman, Carpenter, and Tom Allen. Three or four men are to be added to this committee. Another den is needed. The troop has five Eagle scouts. There are ten new boys among the Tenderfoots with a waiting list of about ten or fifteen. Fifty are on the scout roll. Of these five are inactive. There will be about sixty by the first of May. Leaders meet once a month at a supper meeting. Camping and outdoor activities are stressed. Advancement is good with the entire troop being very active. The Board voted to authorize its chairman to sign the paper to continue the troop.

Mrs. Kale reported as follows for the Children's Department:



256 net enrollment. Average of 161 present for the last three months.

In January Mrs. Darkis conducted a mission study on India. The children contributed \$15 for a scholarship.

10 children went from the nursery to kindergarten last month,

Mrs. Schumacher has offered four rooms in an effort to relieve crowded nursery conditions.

Circle No. 5 donated \$35 to the Children's Division. This has been set aside for purchasing new material to broaden the spiritual life of children.

Reporting for the Senior-Young People, Mr. Holley said that there are 92 on roll. 38 were present last Sunday. The Youth Fund pledges are short and a new budget should be made. Mrs. Cherry is also trying to enlist some counselors.

Reporting for the Young Adults, Mrs. Stone stated that an organizational council has been held.

Mr. Boddie announced that the Intermediates have raised \$50 for a moving picture machine. Mr. Whitford said that he had been talking around individually about this for some time. It was voted to appoint a committee with the superintendent of the Sunday School to promote the raising of money for the moving picture machine. In addition to Mr. Whitford Mr. Whitford, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Boddie, and Mr. Cousins are to serve on the committee. Mr. Holley pledged \$50 from the Senior-Young People.



Mr. Whitford reported the following attendance statistics:

Average attendance this quarter 474  
" " last " 482

	<u>Year before</u>	<u>last year</u>	<u>this year</u>
Young People	56	63	36
Intermediates	36	37	41
Juniors	43	43	48
Primary	39	34	49
Kindergarten	24	31	37
Nursery	20	28	38
Young Adult			84

There is a decided improvement except for the Youth Division.

Mr. Seeley brought up the problems of one group in the Sunday School. This group is composed of the teachers who have lost contact with their own age group. Most of these are in the Young Adult classification, and it was suggested that they should be invited in to all of the socials held by the Young Adults.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

Mary Canada Stone  
Secretary