

---and the Worst Is Yet to Come



HURON DIOCESE WOMEN WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Delegates From Entire District To Be in London Next Week for Meetings of Auxiliary to the Missionary Society — Record Attendance Expected.

With attendance expected to be the largest in its history, the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Huron Diocesan branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Anglican Church in Canada, will open in Crofton Hall on Tuesday, and continue during Wednesday and Thursday, Tuesday morning His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, will preach at a service in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the formal business of the session will be opened by Mrs. (Rev.) E. E. Sage, president of the Huron Diocese, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

During the convention, addresses will be delivered by Rev. Canon Tucker, Rev. J. R. Shield Boyd, returned missionary from China, and Miss Connell, of the Deaconess House, Toronto.

The following is a list of the delegates who will attend:

Alisa Craig—Mrs. L. H. Thomson, with Mrs. Ballantyne, 20 Elmwood avenue; Miss L. Chapman, with Mrs. Walker, Alexander street.

Aylmer—Mrs. Sanders, with Mrs. Gunne, Sherwood avenue; Mrs. Wright, with Mrs. Morley, St. James street; Mrs. Hill, with Mrs. Elliot, Wellington street.

Burford—Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. M. Campbell, with Mrs. Guymer, 120 Wharfedale road.

Berlin—Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Bowby, with Mrs. J. Smith, Princess avenue; Mrs. R. I. Kerr and Mrs. W. E. Woeffe, with Mrs. Callard, 323 St. James street.

Blenheim—Mrs. Zappe, with Mrs. J. Smith, Princess avenue; Mrs. Morris, with W. W. C. A., Dundas street; Miss Crookshank, with Mrs. Hart, Byron avenue; Miss L. Jennings, with Mrs. Bowen, St. George street.

Brantford (Grace Church).—Mrs. Watts, with Mrs. Becker, St. George street; Mrs. Petrie, with Mrs. Keene, Dufferin avenue; Mrs. Maudsley, with Mrs. Farman, 815 Queen's avenue, with Laborde, with Mrs. Taylor, 354 Central avenue. (St. James Church).—Mrs. Joskin, with Mrs. Moss, with Mrs. Beer, 801 Dufferin avenue.

Byron.—Mrs. E. Kahn, with friends; Miss Parrott, with friends; Mrs. Caledonia, with Mrs. Lee, with Mrs. Smith, 734 Richmond street; Mrs. John Burnham and Mrs. Chif, N. D. Loft, C. P. R. Hotel.

Chatham (Christ Church).—Mrs. Fraser, with Mrs. Wilks, Stanley street; Mrs. Schlenker, with the Misses Thoms, 446 Queen's avenue. (Holy Trinity).—Mrs. Spence, with friends; Mrs. E. I. McIntyre, with Mrs. Underwood, King street.

Clinton.—Mrs. Rattenburg, with friends; Mrs. Paul, with Mrs. Paul, 613 Wellington street; Mrs. Collins, with Mrs. Chittick, King street; Miss Fotts, with Mrs. Paul, 613 Wellington street.

Courtright.—Mrs. Johnston and Miss M. Kerr, with Mrs. Appleyard, Dundas street.

Corunna.—Mrs. Softly and Miss M. Warwick, with Mrs. Coombs, 672 Talbot street.

Delaware.—Mrs. Leigh with Mrs. E. A. Gibson, 626 Queen's avenue; Mrs. W. Johnstone with friends.

Dover South.—Mrs. Trumper with Mrs. Davidson, 878 Richmond street; Mrs. R. Johnson with friends.

Dresden.—Mrs. Wheeler with Mrs. Orr, 504 Waterloo street; Mrs. Conway with Mrs. Henry, 636 Princess avenue.

Exeter.—Mrs. Knight with Mrs. Cole- 682 Queen's avenue.

Frederick.—Mrs. Goggan with Mrs. Morley, Ridout street.

Forest.—Mrs. Rawlings with friends; Mrs. I. Jones with Mrs. Beverly, Dundas street.

Galt.—Miss C. F. Dykes with Mrs. Greene, Waverley street; Miss Eiscoe with Mrs. Robinson, Hospital for the Insane; Mrs. Charles Brett with Mrs. Finnigan, 46 Blackfriars street; Mrs. H. R. Horton with Mrs. Robinson, Hospital for the Insane; Mrs. Johnson with Mrs. Johnstone, 870 Helmutz avenue.

Glencoe.—Miss H. Blackburn with friends; Miss Owen with Mrs. T. G. A. Wright, Maple street.

Gorrie.—Mrs. Roberts with Mrs. Wilson, Duchess avenue.

Granton.—Mrs. W. I. Eccleston and Mrs. Brewer with Mrs. Isaac, 220 Dundas street; Mrs. A. C. German and Miss Gibson with Mrs. Gibson, 157 Oxford street west.

Glanworth.—Mrs. Bielestein with friends; Miss Shore with friends; Mrs. A. C. Fisher with friends.

Hopeler.—Mrs. George with Mrs. Betta, 566 Queen's avenue; Miss Bray with Mrs. Jewer, Helmutz avenue; Miss H. Warren with Mrs. T. B. Clarke, All Saints rectory.

Highgate.—Mrs. R. Lambert with friends.

Hyde Park.—Mrs. Durnford with friends; Mrs. Colville with friends.

Ingersoll.—Dr. Helen Wood with Miss McDonough, Oxford street.

Kirkton.—Mrs. Ryott, with Mrs. Richardson, Broughdale.

Listowel.—Mrs. Langford, with Mrs. Taylor, 123 Mill street.

Lucan.—Mrs. Lowe, with friends at 446 King street; Mrs. L. Weir, with friends, 127 Doris street; Mrs. McLean, with friends, 130 Colborne street.

Lynedoch.—Mrs. T. L. Armstrong, with Mrs. Cowans, 117 Wortley road.

Millbank.—Mrs. Hughes and Miss E. Miller, with Miss Jones, Kensington street; Mrs. George Tanner and Miss T. E. Harrow, with Mrs. A. W. Jones, 159 Langarth.

Mitchell.—Mrs. Charlton, with Mrs. Davis, The Deane, London South; Mrs. F. H. Thompson, with friends.

Morpeth.—Mrs. Early and Mrs. Sheppey, with Mrs. Wycoff, 912 Dundas street.

Norwich.—Mrs. Tancock, with Mrs. Tancock, St. James street; Mrs. B. I. Ellis, with Mrs. Marshall, Cedar Grove.

Owen Sound.—Mrs. L. Ardlit, with Mrs. Blinn, Mill street; Mrs. McWilliams, with friends.

Paisley.—Mrs. A. Archer, Y. W. C. A., 326 Dundas street; Mrs. L. Dal, with Mrs. Blair, Princess avenue; Miss M. Sharp, Y. W. C. A., 326 Dundas street.

Paris.—Mrs. Purton, with Mrs. H. Blackburn, Alma street; Mrs. Sanders, with Mrs. C. Mitchell, Annet street; Miss Burt, with Mrs. McKegney, Hyla street.

Petrolia.—Mrs. C. Jones, with friends; Mrs. W. Lowery, with friends.

Port Dover.—Mrs. F. Tuck, with Mrs. Jarvis, Oxford street.

Port Rowan.—Mrs. Jackson, with Mrs. Jeeves, Helmutz avenue.

Port Stanley.—Mrs. Price, with friends.

Princeton.—Mrs. W. Freeman, with Mrs. Norwood, Memorial Rectory; Mrs. E. Crittenden, with Mrs. Grice, Queen's avenue.

Preston.—Mrs. Moss, with friends; Mrs. Herbert, with Mrs. Spittal, 101 Chesapeake street; Mrs. Giles, with friends; Mrs. Hudson and Miss Pattinson, with Mrs. Milligan, 446 Queen's avenue.

Radogtown.—Mrs. A. Shore, with Miss Eliot, 400 Dufferin; Mrs. Little and Mrs. A. Pow, with the Misses Thomson, 445 Queen's avenue.

Sarnia.—Mrs. Kenny, with Mrs. Patterson, 934 Queen's avenue; Mrs. Coe, with Misses Thomson, 445 Queen's avenue; Mrs. W. I. Phillips, with Mrs. Stockwell, Richmond street; Mrs. Newton, with Mrs. F. Lawson, Chesapeake street.

Sebringville.—Mrs. C. M. Paul, with Mrs. A. Smith, St. James street; Miss Grace Gale, Y. W. C. A., 513 Wellington street.

Simcoe.—Mrs. Hicks, with Mrs. de la Bédoullé, 1810 Queen's avenue.

St. Marys.—Mrs. Stanley, with Mrs. Ashby, William street; Mrs. Worsley, with R. Puddicombe, Grand avenue; Miss Dinsmore, with friends.

St. Thomas.—Mrs. Westgate and Miss Poes, with Mrs. Gibson, Oxford street west; Mrs. Elliott, with Mrs. Bice, Elmwood avenue; Miss Hughes, with Mrs. Sage, St. George's Rectory.

Strathroy.—Mrs. Robinson, with Mrs. Fisher, Waterloo street; Mrs. R. M. Pincombe, with Mrs. Wheeler, Leane avenue; Mrs. Richards and Miss Brook, with Mrs. Black, King street.

Stratford.—Miss E. C. Dempsey, with Mrs. Gould; Mrs. A. R. McFarlane, with Mrs. Niven, Colborne street; Miss Dent, with Mrs. Gahan, 644 Talbot; Mrs. W. H. Gregory, with Miss Lander, Waterloo street.

Thamesford.—Mrs. P. Calhoun, with Mrs. Appleyard, St. Matthews Rectory; Mrs. D. Foster, with Mrs. Layne, 215 Hamilton road.

Tilsonburg.—Mrs. T. B. Howard, with friends; Mrs. Charles Waller, Y. W. C. A., 510 Wellington street.

Tyroneville.—Mrs. Macdonald, with Mrs. Grant, 22 Edward street; Miss Backus, with Mrs. Moorehouse, Queen's avenue.

Walkerville.—Miss Phyllis Marshall and Miss Ina Williamson, with Mrs. Clegg, Simcoe street; Mrs. Buchanan, with Mrs. Gahan, 64 Talbot street; Mrs. Cook, with Mrs. Parker, 11 Ardavan place.

Warwick.—Mrs. T. McCausland, with friends, 753 William street; Mrs. C. Hawkins, with friends at 569 Princess avenue; Mrs. I. H. Robinson, with Mrs. Car-

son, Mrs. M. Shue, with Mrs. Hale, Waterloo street.

Wilmot.—Mrs. R. I. Felck, Y. W. C. A.; Miss C. E. Brown, with Mrs. Davidson, 876 Richmond street; Mrs. H. Walker, with Mrs. J. Puddicombe, 160 Sydenham.

Wingham.—Mrs. C. M. Walker, with Mrs. Howden, 371 Dufferin.

Woodhouse.—Mrs. Ward, with Mrs. Tilley, King street; Mrs. Frank Bowby, with Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, King street.

Windsor (All Saints).—Miss Norburg, with Mrs. Waller, Huron College; Mrs. I. Dent, with Mrs. McBride, 501 Colborne street; Mrs. Barrett, with friends at 575 Queen's avenue; Miss Carlisle, with Miss Imlach, Harvard street; Mrs. Hall, at Bishopstove; Miss Penwell, with Mrs. Lee, Wolfe street; Miss A. Mann, with Mrs. Sage, St. George's Rectory; Mrs. I. Armstrong, with Mrs. E. Edwards, Hayman Apartments; Miss M. Hollowell, at Bishopstove.

Church of Ascension.—Mrs. Snelgrove, with friends; Mrs. George Scott, with friends; Miss Crawford, with Miss Burwell, Sherwood avenue.

Woodstock (Old St. Paul's).—Mrs. McLaughlin, with friends; Mrs. Irwin, with friends.

New St. Paul's.—Mrs. Stone, with friends; Mrs. Williamson, with friends; Mrs. McCleneghan, with friends.

TO CELEBRATE ITS 69TH ANNIVERSARY

Talbot St. Baptist Church Will Have Unique Birthday Service Sunday.

MOTHER OF DENOMINATION

All Other Baptist Churches of City Are Offshoots of Pioneer Church.

Sunday will mark the sixty-ninth anniversary of Talbot Street Baptist Church, and will be observed by special anniversary services at which Rev. Thomas Trotter, D. D., of McMaster University, Toronto, will preach.

In the summer of 1844, Rev. R. A. Fyfe, of Montreal, came to London, at that time a veritable "city of the woods," surrounded by forests and with stumps standing even in the middle of principal streets. His purpose was to ascertain the number of residents holding the Baptist faith. He did not find a sufficient number to organize a church, but a year later the American Baptist Board sent a preacher into this district. He made a tour of the territory between Windsor and Niagara Falls, and deeming the number of Baptists large enough to form an association, a church was organized at a meeting in the home of Duncan Bell, on March 21, 1845.

Nine Constituted First Church.

There were just nine people present and Talbot Street Baptist Church had its beginning in the passing of the following resolution: "Resolved, That we whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby constitute ourselves a church, and intend to walk together as a church of Christ."

It was some years before this little congregation secured a pastor, but meetings were held in the Mechanics' Institute Hall, on the southwest corner of the court house property, facing Ridout street, on Aug. 11, 1845, the first baptism took place.

Rev. James Ingles, First Pastor.

Rev. James Ingles, a Scotchman, was the first pastor. One of the present members of the church, Mrs. Wellstead, was a member under his pastorate and has been continuously a member under all succeeding pastorate down to the present pastorate of Rev. H. H. Bingham. Mrs. Wellstead attended the prayer meeting last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Ingles was succeeded by Rev. Robert Boyd, D. D., under whose leadership the old York Street Church, at the corner of Talbot and York streets, was built. Previous to the building of the York Street Church, now used as a warehouse for T. W. Wright and Sons, the congregation for some time in an old Methodist chapel on York street, for which an annual rental of \$125 was paid. In 1849 the church membership was 49.

Rev. Dr. Boyd was succeeded by Rev. Charles Campbell, Rev. T. H. Wills and Rev. James Cooper, D. D., who came from Madison University in 1865. Under Dr. Cooper's pastorate the work expanded so that an associate pastor was found necessary. To this position Rev. R. B. Montgomery was appointed.

The church continued to grow, and in 1877, 63 members, with entire harmony and good-will, withdrew to form the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, meeting in an old frame Anglican Church at Adelaide and King streets.

Under the ministry of Rev. Alexander Grant, who came to London in 1879, the present Talbot Street Church building was erected. Rev. W. H. Porter succeeded Rev. Mr. Grant on Dec. 11, 1881.

Other "Offshoots."

Maitland Street Baptist Church grew out of a Sunday school organized by young men of Talbot Street Church, on April 6, 1885, 44 members of Talbot Street Church organized the London South Baptist Church, a building being leased and subsequently purchased from Knox Presbyterian Church.

Succeeding pastors were: Rev. Ira Smith, Rev. A. T. Sowerby, Ph. D.; Rev. J. J. Ross, Rev. A. J. Vining and the present pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham.

Mother of Baptist Religious Life.

Talbot Street Church has been the mother of the Baptist religious life of London. During the 69 years of its history between 29 and 39 young men have gone out from its membership to enter the ministry of their denomination. At the present time the members of the London Baptist churches number 2,000.

CARNIVAL AT EXETER.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Exeter, March 20.—A grand masquerade carnival was held at the rink on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Exeter curlers. Prizes were given for best comic, historical and national costumes, graceful skating and a mile race.

The most interesting thing was a hockey match among the curlers with brooms and a football. They had no skates on, and were dressed up, and many were padded. Ice was excellent, with E. band in attendance. There was a large crowd.

PROUDFOOT SEEKS TO RELIEVE COURTS

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If this regular procedure had been followed on Tuesday and the rules properly suspended the all-night frays might have been avoided.

Mr. Proudfoot's Bill.

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During the last five years many thousand people moved into this city, and we know of no city that is in a better position to absorb, assimilate and make happy such an influx of new citizens.

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This store, we feel, is a thoroughly representative London institution, that has won the confidence through fair and liberal treatment of all native Londoners and therefore merits the confidence of all newcomers who contribute so largely to our increasing business year by year, and who soon learn to depend upon the merchandise which carries our guarantee of satisfaction and the refund of money on all unneeded goods.

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Handsome Suit of Black Jacquard Cloth, kimono sleeve, one-button cutaway front, detached collar of lace; skirt prettily draped. Price \$27.50

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New stock just received, in which are the finest makes, all superior qualities, pretty designs, new and very neat and pure Irish huck weave, in all wanted widths. Get your supply of this stock, 15-inch width. Prices, yard 30c, 35c and 45c

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Main Floor.

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DOLLAR DAY PROVED SUCCESS AT WINGHAM

Prizes Given for People and Animals—Big Crowd Was In Town.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, March 20.—The merchants and businessmen of the town recently met in the town hall and arranged for a "Dollar Day." This gave citizens and outside patrons a chance for bargains and prizes given by the businessmen for the occasion.

A larger crowd of people flocked to the town than Wingham has had for some time. The hotels were filled to capacity and the council chambers were also opened as retiring places for the ladies. Business was good, and Chief Allen and Constable Lewis handled the crowds well. Not one person was seen on the streets under the influence of intoxicants.

A. H. Wilford, president, and Abner Cosen, secretary of the association, were very much pleased with the success of the day.

There were several committees appointed, and these stated that they would try it again later on.

The band gave excellent selections for the day, and handled the parade, which marched to the town hall, followed by different teams, which were all judged in front of the hall. It was a hard job to give a decision on the animals, as they were some of the best that have been

seen here since the fall fair.

The winners of prizes were as follows. Oldest lady was Mrs. C. Vanaalstine, of Turnbury, 83 years old, who got an easy chair.

Oldest gentleman was A. Reid, of East Warrnash, 87 years old, an arm chair.

Largest load of people on sleigh or wagon, won by Albert Foster, of Culcross, having 21 people; \$5.

Most recently married couple were Mr. and Mrs. James McGee; \$5.