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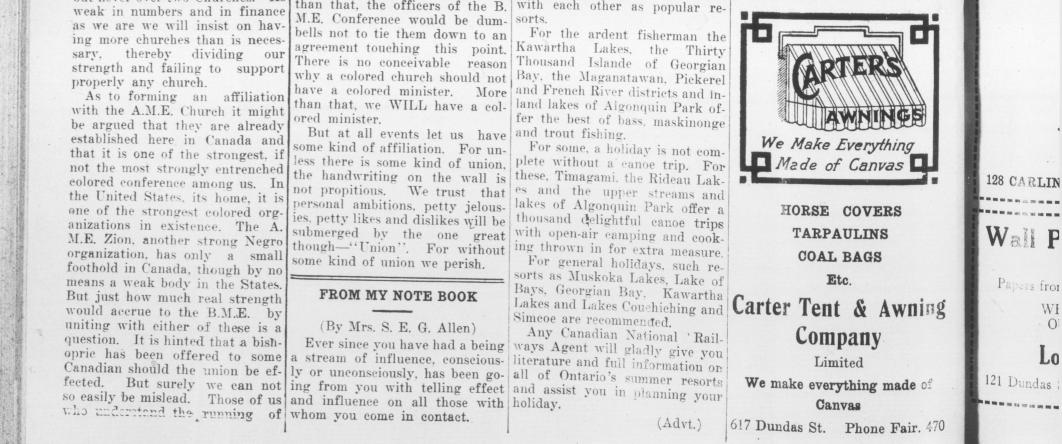
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Editorial

WILL THE B.M.E. **CONFERENCE UNITE**?

Much interest is centered on the approaching Annual Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church. The conference convenes in North Buxton on the 29th of June, lasting through the 4th of July. We understand that there will be representatives from the A.M.E., the A.M.E. Zion, both Colored Conferences of the United Church of Canada. Feeling the need of uniting with some stronger body the B.M.E. has asked these organizations to send representatives to its Conference, with the expectation of effecting an affiliation with some one of them. This proceedure is both wise and necessary for it is an obvious fact that our churches in the cities, towns and rural districts are showing a decided decline. It must ever be so and will go from bad to worse so long as there remains such a small colored population and as long as we attempt to stand alone. In some cities and even some smaller towns, we have a Baptist church, an A.M.E. Church and a B.M.E. Church, when according to our population, we should have one, but never over two Churches. As

political pull to land a bishopric in one of these conferences that it required to nominate Hoover of all else, as he who is consciousof and for the Advancement of the as Presidential candidate. Even ly and trustfully wholly depend-

if ALL the Negroes in Ontario belonged to one of these Conferences we doubt very seriously that with work, not with results. One year\$2.00 they could command enough influence to elect a Canadian as Bishop

We have been told by very exwilling to accept the B.M.E. in its ing.

Conference. What would be gained by such a union? In the first place, the United Church of Canada has set an example which all would do well to follow. When the churches of the one Christ cease quibbling over creeds and forms and rituals and unite their forces, then we may soon look forward to the day when His Kingdom will "come one earth as it is in heaven." The United Church

probably will not offer and most certainly will not give the B.M.E. a bishopric, but it does offer and

will pay a minimum salary to ministers, which salary is in nearly every instance, higher than that received by our present ministers.

Again, these salaries will not come through the route of solitors' subscription book, but they will come from monies raised by the Conference for that very purpose. All of which means that the Churches of the B.M.E. would have efficient, well trained Negro ministers, men who are real leaders, good speakers and fine pastors. There would then be some inducement for young colored ment of talent and ambition to enter the ministry, as it now is, few of our talented boys are looking toward the ministry as a life's work. Still, if there is any one profession that calls for the best which a race can produce, it is the high calling of the ministrv.

But would an affiliation with the United Church of Canada eliminate our colored preachers? Most certainly not. We do not believe the United Church would dream of doing such, and more than that, the officers of the B.

Man, in his proper calling, may expect help from on high. No man can be so independent

ent on God. Our responsibility has to do

The condition of a progressive soul is a hungry soul.

It is not in the power of the human will to trust any one. If cellent authority that the United we find any one worthy of trust, Church of Canada is ready and we trust that one without try-

They are slaves who dare not be.

In the right with two are three. No higher honor can be put upof the churches of the world on any man than to have it appear that God is with him, and works through him, and for him.

It is a good test of our Christian character to ask would it help or hinder a lowly believer to live beside us?

A good resolve "I will utter no word and convey no thought unworthy a Christian disciple." Kepler said, "I think thy

thoughts after Thee, O God"

A sense of wrong always makes us unjust, a most humiliating thought.

I know not one advanced Christ ian who tries to obey for the hope of heaven or the fear of hell.

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