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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE B. M. E. CHURCH IN SESSION

Windsor, Ont., June 24—Last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. S. R. Drake, General Superintendent called to order the 68th Annual Conference of the B.M.E. Church of Canada.

There were at the opening session the following ministers: Reverends H. D. Wright of N. Buxton; H. F. Logan, St. Catharines; F. Woodcock, Niagara Falls; E. A. Richardson, Owen Sound; J. A. Dawson, Windsor; W. W. Adams, Brantford; L. Johnson, Harrow, S. A. Lucas, Brantford; F. O. Stewart, London.

The following delegates were present: Mr. C. H. Brown, London; Mrs. E. Talbot, Harrow; Mr. J. Thomas, Collingwood; Mrs. Mary Howard, Miss L. Stanfield, Miss S. Stanfield, Toronto; Mrs. M. Jackson, Fort William; Mrs. W. W. Adams, Brantford; J. Lucas, Brantford; Mrs. H. Banks, Toronto; W. Harrison, Windsor; Mrs. M. J. Slatt, Conference Missionary.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. W. Adams, of Brantford. He spoke from Romans 14—10. His subject was: "All Must Appear Before the Judgment Seat of God."

After the sermon, Sacrament was served to fifty communicants. The reception to the ministers and delegates Wednesday was one of the most successful features of the conference so far.

The Conference will remain in session through Monday evening, June 30. Many important subjects will be discussed, chief among which is the subject of World Peace and the Ontario Temperance Act.

Actors Rush To Open Arms of Church

(By The Associated Negro Press)
New York City, June—The recent action of Negro churches is somewhat lifting the ban against amusements and the makers of amusements has been gladly welcomed by theatrical workers, according to James A. Jackson, editor of The Page, in the Billboard. Many of the headliners have rushed to cooperate with the church.



MR. J. W. MONTGOMERY, of Toronto, Ont., Past President of the Colored Branch of the Social Workers organization. He is still a faithful member and an enthusiastic worker. He holds an important position at Osgoode Hall. The following article appeared in the Chatham paper 28 years ago, when Mr. Montgomery left that city to accept his first government appointment:

J. Washington Montgomery for several years connected with S. A. Taylor's barber shop, has taken the position as messenger in the Standard Bank. Mr. Montgomery is one of the most trustworthy of young men and is admirably fitted for his new situation.

FULL EQUALITY FOR NEGROES

St. Paul, Miss., June—If the Third Party is successful at the polls next November the Negro will be accorded full economic and political equality in every section of the country. A plank carrying this declaration was made part of the platform, after a hot debate, by the convention that has recently closed its sessions in this city. The southern delegates led by one, E. R. Meitzer, from Texas, led a bitter fight against the adoption of the plank, but were defeated by an overwhelming vote. The southerners declared the plank was bunk of the purest sort because the convention knew that its provisions could not be carried out in any section of the South.

SOLVE PROBLEM BY HAVING COMMON CAUSE

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Toronto, Canada, June —Speaking before the delegates of the National Conference of Social Work here on Thursday, William Pickens, field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, declared that the way of the South in dealing with the Negro problem was the method of segregation and that instead of being a cure, it was a system for the development of trouble.

"We must substitute for this system a community interests for the Negro," Mr. Pickens urged. "We must cease the abortive effort to encyst him; we cannot successfully encyst him; we must assimilate him. Blood assimilation is not necessary—not an end to be purposed at any rate. But there must be full assimilation in civil culture and in civil processes; in industry, in economics, in education, in politics."

The field secretary was firm in his conviction that most of the attempts to solve the Negro problem had been successes in so far as they had shown us what we must not do, rather than what we must. He urged especial caution against the attempt to drive Americans, of whatever race or color, apart, claiming that it was only as the various groups should recognize their dependability, the one on the other, and their common interest in advancing the welfare of the nation, that a proper form of respect and cooperation might be developed.

He pointed out that those people who preach against intermixture of any sort are flying in the face of economic, industrial and social cooperation which has been going on for ages and has brought the human race to where it is today, and plead that deaf ears be turned to those who should argue against the human race pooling its many talents in the effort to keep aloof and above separate races and nationalities.

WELFARE LAW VIOLATED.

Bessemer, Ala., June — That the Welfare Law applying to children has been willfully violated in this city by local factory owners is declared to be the fact by Miss Ruth Poyner of the State Child Welfare Department. She asserts that 60 per cent of the violators are Negro children and 40 per cent are white minors.

POLICE PROTECTION GIVEN TO NEGRO SPEAKER

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Alton, Ill., June — Propaganda to the effect that you only need to be good to be recognized just like any other American was given a set back here this week when at graduating exercises featuring a Negro as the principal speaker, police were called to guard the school because of the threatening anonymous letters the school officials had received because of the colored boy's presence on the program.

The youth, Alexander Whitfield, 17, was awarded the honor on the basis of highest scholastic record for the four years he attend the high school. Announcement of the award was made last week.

Since that time a great deal of discussion has been occasioned by the award, and the principal of the school, William H. Wheeler, has been the recipient of a number of anonymous letters threatening to break up the graduating exercises should the Negro be allowed to hold the honor.

The letters were disregarded, but a request was made last night for police protection, and nine police officers, some in civilian clothes, were scattered about the auditorium and outside the building. The expected trouble failed to materialize, however, and Whitfield was allowed to deliver his address undisturbed.

The annual school outing, a boat ride on the Mississippi, was held last week and Whitfield was barred from the celebration. The reason given by school authorities was that the boat company had a rule against Negroes being allowed on the boats.

The anonymous letters and adverse comment were said to have come from sources outside of the school; and a last minute attempt to have the male members of the class refuse to appear on the platform during the exercises was also a failure.

Ninety boys and girls, seven of whom were Negroes, were graduated from the school, and the exercises were witnessed by approximately 300 persons, of which number about 5 per cent were Negroes.

GILPIN IN NEW SHOW

New York, N.Y., June — Charles Gilpin, former star of "Emperor Jones," is to be cast in a new piece, "The Black Hour," under the direction of John Cort.

This new production calls for a cast of eleven people.