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A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE 69TH ANNUAL B.M.E. CONFERENCE

(By Rev. F. O. Stewart, Reporter)

From the opening doxology to the closing benediction, every session of the sixty ninth annual conference of the B.M.E. Church, held in St. Catharines, Ont., from June 23rd to 29th, inclusive, was filled with interest of the very highest degree. Rev. S. R. Drake, General Superintendent for the past sixteen years, called the meeting to order promptly at 8 p.m. In a few preliminary remarks he exhorted the minister's and delegates to be courteous towards each other, and cautious in all of their deliberations. Reminding each one that the community in which we are gathered would be expecting much from this body of men and women, representing the Church of God. After the devotional exercises were over the superintendent then introduced the Rev. E. A. Richardson, pastor of the Owen Sound Church as the speaker for the annual message. While Rev. Richardson is our youngest preacher in point of service, and possibly in years of existence, he proved himself a master in depth of thought, and brought a very strong and inspiring message. At the close of the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, the General Superintendent officiating. Ministers present: Revs. H. F. Logan, T. Woodcock, E. A. Richardson, H. D. Wright, S. A. Lucas, F. O. Stewart, A. R. Plummer, J. T. Dawson, and T. H. Jackson. One candidate for the ministry, Bro. C. A. Johnston; and one ordained elder, Rev. W. C. Perry, were received as probationers. Rev. L. Johnston. Delegates: Mrs. M. Howard, Toronto; Mr. M. Monteur, Windsor; Mr. Sidney Prince, N. Buxton; Mrs. M. Talbert, Harrow; Mr. J. Thomas, Collingwood.

The session opened on Wednesday morning, June 24th with devotional exercises, after which the conference proceeded to organize, appointing the following committees: Orders and Admission, Revs. H. D. Wright, Jas. T. Dawson and F. O. Stewart; Memorial, Revs. H. F. Logan, S. A. Lucas and Mrs. H. Banks; Letters and Petitions, Revs. L. Johnston, T. Woodcock and Mrs. M. J. Scott; Finance, Rev. J. T. Dawson, F. Edmonds and M. Monteur; Postman, T. Woodcock; Reporter to Newspaper, F. O. Stewart.

The afternoon was taken up with the reception of reports from the different churches of the connection. A feature of this year which was lauded by the presiding officer, was the fact that nearly all the reports were in by noon on the opening day. This proves, said the superintendent, that we are improving each year in our work, and another year will find us doing even better. The report of the statistical secretary shows that there was raised for all purposes, \$15,753.50; in view of the fact that the year just closed has been one of considerable depression along industrial lines, each church is deserving of special commendation for the splendid showing made.

The reception on Wednesday, given by the local church to ministers and delegates was a very happy event. His Worship, Mayor J. Smith, in his usual happy way brought greetings and a hearty welcome on behalf of the city. Mr. E. C. Graves, M.P.P. assured the members of the conference of his intense interest at all times in the colored people, as he had always found them honest, law-abiding citizens. Messrs. Geo. Bell and Ivan Dorsey welcomed the conference on behalf of the Sunday School and Brotherhood respectively, of the local church. Rev. J. Pue-Gilchrist of First Church was the representative from the Ministerial Alliance, but could not remain. A well loaded table of delicious things received the guests at the close of the program.

Thursday morning the session opened at 9.30 a.m. Mrs. M. J. Scott, our conference missionary made her report which showed that she is still a very valuable and worthy asset to the B.M.E. Church Conference. Mrs. H. Banks, missionary number two also reported, showing considerable work accomplished during the year. A vote of appreciation for service rendered was given these women by the conference.

Rev. R. R. Ball, D.D., of Rochester, N.Y. visited the afternoon session and in a reminiscent mood reviewed his boyhood days in St. Catharines. Dr. Ball stated in his opening remarks that he was under a spell of emotion as he stood upon the platform and let

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DR. H. W. HILL, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health of the University of Western Ontario, and public spirited citizen, is an active worker for the Canadian League for the Advancement of Colored People.

Gold Mine Labor Good

Johannesburg—Noting marked progress in the gold-mining industry of the Transvaal, and advocating a nine months' contract for the native mine labor supply, Sir E. A. Waller, K. B.E., President of the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, in making his recent annual address, paid tribute to the British South African natives employed in the gold mines, whose improved efficiency has been more than ordinary. The President's address also showed that the health of the mine natives has improved steadily, the death rate for last year being 9.99 as against 11.47 for the previous year. Sir Waller's estimate of the gold miners is regarded as one of the reasons why the Prince of Wales is now visiting the gold fields, now being at Komantipoort on the Transvaal border.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to inform all those who gave their names to Rev. Logan for one of the Conference pictures, that the proof showed them to be O.K. and will be completed according to orders sent in to 8 Water Street, St. Catharines, Ont. For information, write to Rev. H. F. Logan, this address. N.B.—Do not delay, send in your name at your earliest possible convenience.

NEGROES PROFIT FROM FLORIDA REAL ESTATE

Jacksonville, Fla.—Negroes are profiting from the great real estate boom which is sweeping the State and making millionaires over night. Many of our people who bought lands years ago, which was not wanted by the whites have been offered almost unbelievable prices for it. Lands which were low, wet and in undesirable localities and sold to Negroes for little more than nothing are bringing prices which are a fortune to our people. There will be many a Negro made wealthy when the boom is over. The following are concrete examples of what our people are doing. At Miami, a Negro who purchased a small island over thirty years ago at one dollar an acre sold it recently for \$250,000. Another who paid \$250 for a small tract of land way out received \$212,000. The Manhattan beach near Jacksonville, which was purchased two years ago by a group of our business men for \$45,000 sold recently for \$115,000, and had they held it the price would be much more today. Opportunities to acquire wealth through handling real estate by our people are also here. A realty man of this city recently bought a piece of property for \$8,000, putting up an option, and two hours later sold it for \$8,500. These are some of the things that the realty boom is doing for our people in Florida.

N. Y. Medical Men Break the Barrier

New York, July 1.—The colored citizens of this city are elated over the recent victories they have scored in gaining recognition in the medical work here. After efforts which have extended over a period of five years, colored nurses and doctors were granted the rights of internship in all the city hospitals. Colored doctors who have long been in the outpatient department of Harlem Hospital have also been granted the right to become adjunct visiting physicians on the medical and surgical staff.

Ten colored internes will be appointed for the next January examinations of the Harlem Hospital and five provisional adjunct visiting physicians have already been appointed.

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