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80th Annual Conference B.M.E. Church

HELD IN TORONTO IN JULY, 1936

The historic Chestnut St. B.M.E. Church took on new life, when on Tuesday, July 7th, ministers and Delegates from many points in Ontario met in what was one of the most successful Conferences in recent times. Conference opened with Rev. J. T. Dawson, General Superintendent presiding. The Annual address was delivered by Rev. F. O. Stewart of Owen Sound. After which, the Lord's Supper was dispensed to a large number of Communicants.

The Conference assembled Wednesday morning with Rev. Supt. J. T. Dawson; Rev. F. O. Stewart, Secretary of Conference; Rev. A. R. Plummer, Windsor, Finance Secretary; Rev. George E. Crawford of St. Catharines, Rev. T. H. Jackson, London, President of the Finance Board, Rev. A. Richardson, Brantford, Chairman of General Conference Special Committee; Rev. C. A. Johnson, North Buxton; Deaconess Susie Johnson, Guelph; Rev. Dr. T. H. Henderson, Amherstburg; Rev. T. H. Dougherty, Fort Erie; Rev. L. C. Gow, B.A. Niagara Falls.

Lay Delegates: A. Smith, Toronto; Mrs. C. Jenkins, London; Mrs. M. Powell, Windsor; Mrs. J. Thomas, Collingwood; Mrs. Hulett, Niagara Falls; Mrs. C. Robbins, North Buxton; Mrs. Maud Harrison, Finance Agent, Owen Sound; Mrs. C. Lodd, Pres. of W.H. and F. Missionary Society; Miss Mgt. Jackson, Pres. S. S. and Y.P.S.

The Conference was unusually favored in having Rev. Dr. F. A. Price of Liberia W. Africa as Guest Speaker who conducted Meditation each morning and addressed a large congregation's Sunday evening. His talks were profound and inspiring. Mr. Chas. N. Washington, Martin's Ferry, Ohio (a son of our revered late Bishop Chas. A. Washington) added greatly to the services in his capable manner as a leader in Gospel Song. Mrs. Washington accompanied her husband at the piano. These dear ones sang



Dr. Dawson

Dr. Dawson is Superintendent of the British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, under whose supervision, the 80th Annual Conference was given in Toronto, and who will preside at the concluding meeting of the 80th Conference at Chatham during the week of Sept. 29th.

their way into all our hearts and we have been blessed.

In spite of the fact that unemployment is very much in our midst, the Annual Reports showed favorably. The general expression was that much of our success was due to the loyal support given by the citizens wherever our churches exist.

Vital issues were dealt with in an address given by Rev. F. O. Stewart of Owen Sound, which provoked much discussion upon which the Church has pronounced its stand in very certain terms. Divorce, Religion in the Public schools, the menace of insanity due to the alarming increase of marriages among the feeble minded.

The Conference went on record when a resolution was framed and forwarded to His Majesty King Edward VIII pledging the loyalty of the people of the British Methodist Episcopal Church. The Missionary Society with Mrs. Cora Lodd, President are planning a more intensive program of Missionary endeavour at home; with Mr. Cyril Henry a White Plains also Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Price, Liberia W. Africa. We are hopeful that no church will go far into this year's work before a Missionary Society shall be formed. The Social Service work which has been done in all our cities by the Governments worth of much praise but there is cases demand the personal intimate unofficial touch of members of our own group.

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Looks Like Big Year at Western Fair

Last-minute reports from W. D. Jackson, secretary of Western Fair, London, Ontario, indicate that this year at Western Ontario's own exhibition is going to set some new records.

All space in the Confederation Building was sold out six weeks ago and there are only a few booths left in the big Manufacturers Building. Entries have been coming in very rapidly.

Despite the fact that on account of the new automobile models not being released until October the manufacturers in that industry are unable to exhibit, space has been snapped up quickly and leaves more room for agricultural exhibits which, after all, are of greater interest to rural people.

The Night Horse Show as usual will be held the first four nights of the Fair, starting with Monday, Sept. 14th. This feature, shown in the new Ontario arena, has proved to be one of the most popular ever introduced, and "Standing Room Only" is usually the order of the evening.

The Grandstand Show this year will be of a high order, featuring world-famous acts, such as "The Revue of Revues," described as the most colossal production ever staged under the open sky; "The Arleys," gymnasts extraordinary; "Laddie Lamont," the funniest Scot on earth; "The Helen Reynold's Skating Champions," an act of rare beauty and marvelous ability; "Will Morris and Bobby," a comedy act packed with laughs from start to finish; "Les Kimris," sensational mid-air act on the Aeorplane Tourbillon; "Christiansen's Great Danes," a clever canine act filled with surprises.

On the ever-popular Midway will be found the world-famous carnival shows operated by Rubin & Cherry, whose name is a guarantee of the best in light variety amusement.

With six days Harness Horse racing and with many attractive agricultural and industrial exhibits in addition to the hundreds of other spots of interest about the spacious grounds, this year's Western Fair will be well worth a day of two of anyone's time.



REV. MR. GOW

Rev. Gow, born in Capetown, B.W. Africa, was a student of the Bible Class in Toronto, and has been in the B.M.E. Church for a period of years.

In the year 1924 Mr. Gow received his Local Preacher's license from Rev. T. H. Jackson in Guelph. In 1927 he received his Deacon's orders, and in 1929 his Elder's orders, passing each examination creditably.

This year Mr. Gow received his degree of B.A. from the McMaster University. He plans to return to Africa sometime in October, to help organize a new Seminary. Including in his teachings Greek, Latin and Theology.

HERNDON SPEAKS

Angelo Herndon heroic young Negro leader, was the guest of honor at a banquet held recently at Camp Unity Franklin Mass. This event opened the annual picnic of the International Labor defense. Mr. Herndon addressed the gathering explaining the significance of the recent decision of the Georgia Supreme Court which again upheld the barbarous "insurrection" slave law, under which he was sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang for demanding bread for hungry people. His speech exposed the encroachments of fascist forces in America and on a world scale