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BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLDS 78th CONFERENCE

The ministers and lay delegates have come to London for the 78th annual session over which Rev. Superintendent Jas. T. Dawson will preside. The Finance Bard held a special meeting Saturday, July 7th with the President, Rev. Thos. H. Jackson in charge.

Sunday morning, ministers, lay delegates and visiting friends gathered in a spiritual retreat which touched what is to date one of the most interesting conferences in recent years.

Sunday a.m. devotion was conducted by Rev. J. T. Dawson, superintendent who presented Rev. L. C. Gow of Niagara Falls who gave a very inspiring message from St. Matt. 5: 13. Finding your place and filling it in the world. Communion was administered to about 40 ministers and lay folk.

Rev. George E. Crawford of Owen Sound brought a well directed message to all to consider well their bound and duty of surrendering to Christ I Thess. 2: 19: What is our hope.

Brother Thomas Doherty of Fort Erie brought a message in the evening when he emphasized Christ passing now and in our midst to bless.

Monday morning the 78th session of conference was called to order by Supt. Dawson and Rev. F. O. Stewart Secretary. After organization church reports were received.

Discussions arising out of church reports all very wholesome (annual).

And thus the 78th Annual Conference closed on Wednesday July 11th at noon.

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THE 19th GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At 2 o'clock sharp Wednesday afternoon, July 11, the 19th General Conference of the British Methodist Church went into session; General Supt. Dawson, Ministers and delegates showing as much enthusiasm as when the annual session began five days earlier.

A wonderful address was given by the General Superintendent who spoke of the noble work carried on by

the deceased Bishop Hawkins, S. R. Drake and late H. D. Wright.

Supt. Dawson wished to thank the members and friends who saw fit to bestow upon him the highest office in the church as Superintendent to carry on in the vacancy left and found pleasure in serving the church and people. He also said "A religious education was greatly needed and the challenge had come and must be answered, and can only be done by the whole soul-heartedness of the people. He also spoke of loyalty to the man who is ahead, and his desire to always be of service in any capacity.

The church must plan for the future and an appeal is extended that a whole and sincere co-operation will spread throughout the whole church connection to bring this about. Rev. Mr. Dawson also thanked the ministers and churches for their co-operation during the two years term as superintendent. Faith and prayer is our mighty strength because "beneath each stormy wind that blows, etc."

Rev. Supt. Dawson has served in this connection for a period of over sixteen years.

Evening Session, Wednesday July 11
Address of welcome by Mr. B. Fountain. Response, Miss Wilson
Address of welcome to the city by Mayor Wenige; responded to by Rev. Johnson of N. Guxton.

Recitation by Kay Jenkins, "Where Malinden Sings" by Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Message from the Middlesex Presbytery by Dr. McCamus.

Quartette by Mississippi Four "Live Humble and Let the Church Move On."

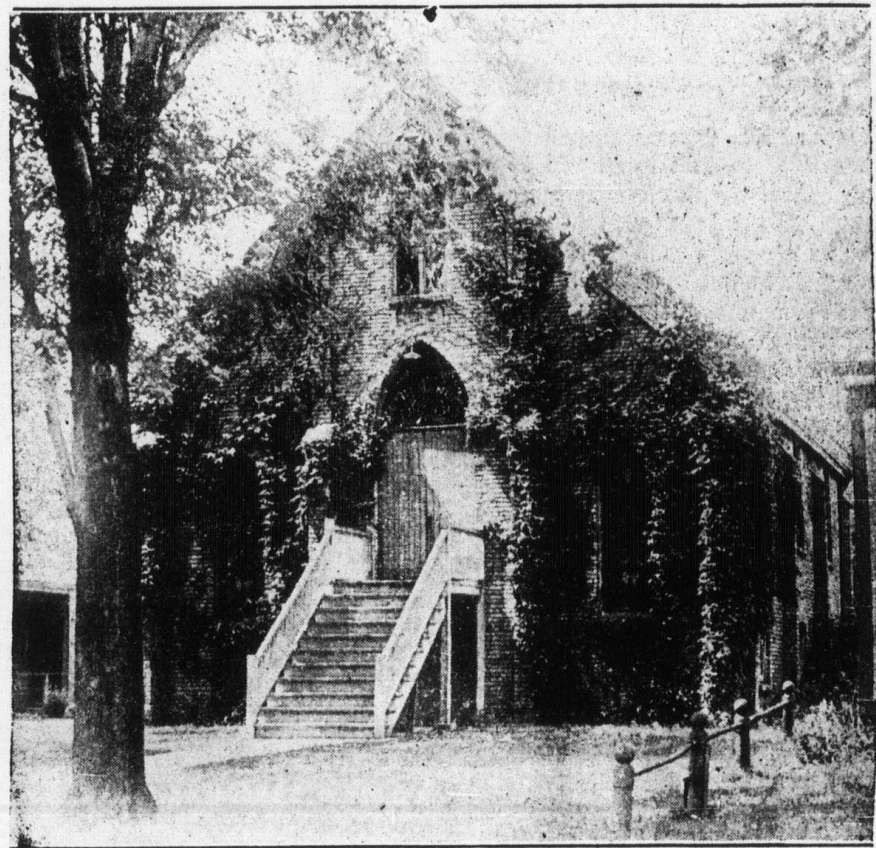
Address from Mr. Ross member of St. Andrews Church.

Message from Dr. Young, Dundas St. Centre. Responded to by Rev. E. Richardson.

Duet by Misses Drake and Fountain
Address by Mr. Killingsworth representing the Catholic Church and the City Council.

Address by Col. Brown of Western University on "Booker T. Washington

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BETH EMANUEL B.M.E. CHURCH
Where the British Methodist Episcopal Church is now celebrating its 78th Anniversary and holding the Annual Conference.

URGES N.A.A.C.P. AND CHURCH TO COMBINE

Oklahoma City, June 30—Declaring that the N.A.A.C.P. and the Negro Church both are led on by visions so similar and objectives so identical that it is a marvel that no one has seriously studied and boldly proclaimed the mutual aid that each can lend the other, due to their interpretations," Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, fiery pastor of Atlanta, stirred the large audience at the Friday night session of the 25th annual conference.

Calling for "a frankness of understanding which shall bring these two forces together with power so irresistible as to greatly accelerate our progress as an oppressed minority group in a hostile and prejudiced society," Rev. Henderson urged the association "to lay the foundation to its future support by interpreting its own objectives as truly religious and thus claim the support which religion imparts to its ideals. By so doing, the Association will unconsciously render a great service to the Negro church, and will rescue its religion from priestliness. The chief trouble with

all religion, and particularly that of the Negro, is that it is too emotional It concerns itself with intellectual difficulties in order to escape moral and ethical realities. Its idealism keep its head in the clouds while its soul remains insensitive to life's inhumanities. The N.A.A.C.P. is the best escape for the Negro church from this meaningless and anemic type of religion.

"The time has full arrived when these two organizations should combine their forces for the mightiest offensive in the life history of our group in America. Let them unite, and realize that they are complementary forces a neat social struggle and new life will come to the church as it attracts to its fold red-blooded youth whose creeds concern deeds.

The speaker then suggested a four-point program for the N.A.A.C.P.; First: An open bid for the support of the Negro church; second: Urging Negro churches to send their ministers as delegates to N.A.A.C.P. annual conferences; third: organize a department of church memberships and bring every Negro church into it and fourth: organize a college branch of the N.A.A.C.P. upon the campus of every Negro school