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GENERAL SUPT. T. H. DAWSON 1932-1949 Died Windsor 1949 The Methodist Church lost one of its most inspiring leaders in the death of Rev. T. H. Dawson. The under-



standing personality which he possessed made him an outstanding person among members of this and other connexions

Since his death the Superintendency has been taken on by the Rev.



Thos. H. Jackson, of Toronto, Ont. Under his leadership the 94th An- tle children but he didn't say to be nual Conference which is now in ses- childish. It is childish to let our sion is being held at the "Home emotions overrule plain common Church", London, June 27th to July 3rd, 1950.

Entertaining Pastor of 94th Confer- Synod he did not know. ence, REV. I. H. EDWARDS, present pastor of London B.M.E. Church-

Rev. Edwards became pastor at London following the 92nd Annual Conference in Owen Sound, Ont. In June, 1948. Under his able leadership the church at London has shown 95 Glenwood Avenue, London. great progress both of a spiritual and Dear Mrs. Howson: material nature. Present officers are: Trustees, Mr. P. Lewis, Mr. J. Brooks cheque for \$100.00 from the Credit Mr. L. Jenkins, Mr. C. Johnson. Stewards: Mr. W. Fountain, Mr. J. in the purchase of your range and Hill, Mr. D. Jenkins.

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Church Clerk: Mr. J. Hill. Assistant Clerk, Mrs. M. Walker. president; Willing Workers: Mrs. A. work and hope you will keep in touch Brooks, president; Financial Board, with us. Mr. Jas. Brooks, Mrs. H. Johnson, With our best wishes for your suc-Mr. P. Lewis, Rev. I. H. Edwards. cess in all your undertakings. we re-Young People's Society, Mrs. E. Tur- main, ner, president; Board of Directors, Mrs. F. Howson, president.

Ladies Entertained

A brief history of Beth Emmanuel Church since its beginning in 1848, was given by Mrs. Frank Howson, president of the church board of directors, at a meeting of Women's Missionary Society held in St. Andrew's Church parlors.

Mrs. B. S. Scott, president of the society, presided over a brief business session. Worship service was conducted by Miss E. V. Robinson. Women members of Beth Emmanuel Church were special guests at the tea hour.

A program of music was convened by Mrs. R. B. Crouch. Solos by Mrs. H. Berry and choral numbers by Beth Emmanuel Gospel Choir were enjoyed. Accompanist was Mrs. Agnes Brooks. Piano duets were given by Mrs. John Y. Mac-Kinnon and Mrs. Crouch.

Tea was served from a table attractive with lace cloth and centred by pink sweet peas. Mrs. Minnie Harris, president of the choir, and Mrs. Gladys Coursey presided.

BELIEVES ONTARIO NOT FAC-

ING UP TO COLOR PROBLEM Hamilton — Attacking problems of racial discrimination, Rev. Canon H. A. Leake told the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara recently the people of Ontario were not facing up to the color question. There was not a single Negro in the Synod or even in he average church, he said.

"We seem to think we are doing everything necessary for the Negro by segregating them," he declared 'Certainly we ought to face up to the fact that just because we are white men doesn't mean we ought to be thankful to God.

"Christ said we should be like litsense."

The Canon wondered if a breakdown in the color bar might be answer to the problem. He told the

COMMUNICATION

March 11, 1950 Mrs. Trank Howson,

I am very pleased to enclose a Women's Breakfast Club, to assist

steam table. Lou are to be congratulated on Brooks, Mrs. B. Fountain, Mrs. M. your success in raising the remainder time, and we are pleased that we can

be of some assistance to you. We are always interested in the Missionary Society, Mrs. J. Coursey, progress you are making in your

Cours sincerely, E. A. Langford, President

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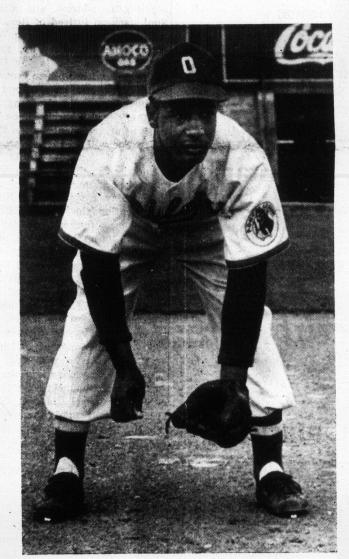
His Worship the Mayor, George A. Wenige wishes to extend a heartfelt welcome from the City of London to the pastors, delegates, members and friends of the 94th Annual Conference of the B.M.E. Church of Canala.

It is indeed an honour for London to be the host at this annual event.

SIGNED

G. A. WENIGE,

Mayor CITY OF LONDON



STANLEY ANDERSON

Three months ago a group of his friends gathered to wish him Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. accompanfarewell and good luck on his adventure in a baseball career. Now jed by Mr. Christopher DeWeaver in June we find that Stan has taken all of the good wishes bestowed of Detroit. While visiting in the city upon him and is putting them into practise. Playing left field also Mrs. Greta Timbers and her with the Olean Oilers who are heading the PONY League, Gabby cousin Mary, from Pontiac, Mich. is making a name for himself, and all of his well wishers at home are every bit as proud of him as his family. Upon his inauguration fined in Victoria Hospital sucering to the team of players "Gabby" was re-named Andy, and when the from severe burns received while announcer over the Hamilton station told of Andy's terrific steal burning rubbish in her yard. Her home and his field playing during a game in Hamilton against the nylon slip caught fire and she was Hamilton Cards he meant none other than London's "Gabby". In covered with flames. Her mother, a clipping from the Olean Times Herald, we notice that Andy was Mrs. F. Booker also received severe given eredit thusly: "Olean's run in the first frame came as a gift burns on the hands and face when from Dodger manager 'Doc' Alexon. With two out he dropped she tried to put the flames out. Their a throw from second baseman Isacillo on Frankie Marsh's grounder condition is fair. to give the Oilers life. That was all they needed to score, because Charlie Harman anl Andy Anderson immediately came through while at work but is doing fine. with singles and Marsh scored on Andy's blow." Topping the Mr. Howard McCurdy and a car Olean Oilers this early in the season with 23 games, at bat 81 times, load of friends from Amherstburg 26 runs, 33 hihts and a batting average of .407 "Gabby" with his were the guests of Mrs. Pearl Brown baseball ability, appears destined for a successful career.

London Notes

Mrs. C. E. Jenkins-Howson, Glenwood Ave., editor of "Dawn of Tomorrow," was a guest at the "at home" held by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luther Burton, at their home "Thorn lea". Thornhill, Ontario, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniv-

We are pleased to report Mrs. B. Fountaine is able to be home again having been onfined to the Hospital for a number of weeks.

Mrs. G. Coursey is able to be about

Mrs. Hattie Berry met with an accident in her home a few days ago while hanging curtains, falling off a high chair and wrenching her spine. She will be confined in the hospital for some time. Her services will be greatly missed during the sessions of Bethemanuel Church, being the Church soloist, during the Conference. We do wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Fred Jenkins, Mr. Ken Moxley of London and Miss Vera Duncan of Toronto, who are convalescing in the hospital, wish to be remembered to their friends and wish to thank the clubs and organizations who have been so kind to them.

Mr. Charlie Smith from Toronto was the guest over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson vis-

ited in Hamilton to see their son, Stanley play ball, who is now a coming star playing with the Oilers. Mr. and Mrs. John Vant accompanied by their mother, of Detroit

M. Harris and relatives in Ingersoll. Mr. James and Austin Bowen of Torontowere the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howson.

were the guests of their moth, Mrs.

Mr. Don Jenekins spent the week end in Windsor and Detroit. While in Windsor he was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Edwards.

Mr. David Jenkins has accepted a position on the staff of the city school in Welland. We wish him success. Miss Lois Carter received her teacher's certificate passing with honors at Normal School. She has return-

ed to Dresden, her home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelly had as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

Miss Mona Booker has been con-

Mr. Harry Coursey sprained his hip

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EDITORIAL

On Tuesday, June 27th, the 94th Annual Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Supt. J. H. Jackson, opened their sessions in the Bethemanuel Church on Grey St Pastors and delegates from various parts of Canada poured into the church at 12:30 noon. Representatives came from Owen Sound, Monteal, Nova Scotia, Harrow, St. Catharines, Toronto, Brantford, Stratford, Woodstock, Buxton, Windsor Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Amherstburg and Dresden. Much to the surprise of the committee in charge of preparing the meals. However under the guidance of level headed Rev. I. H. Edwards, dinner was hurried up and the afternoon session of the Laymen was opened by the president, Mr. Carl Woodbeck, from Tor-Officers were re-elected by acclamation. During the evening ervice the address was given by Supt. Jackson instead of Rev. Crawford from Toronto. Mayor Wenige, accompanied by his wife, gave an ence and wished them success in their plans and reports and work planned to do. He also congratulated the Home Church upon their work of arrangements in the Church. Sessions will be carried on during the rest of the week until Monday

evening when the Young People will give a program.

Thursday evening, Rev. Richards, representing the United Churches will bring a message. Friday evening at 8:30 a reception will be held in the Church by the Reception Committee, Mrs. Howson, Mrs. Coursey, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Kennedy, assisted by the

Family Club members and the

Young People's Club members
On Saturday, Mr. Stanley Drake
will bring his choir of 25 from Detroit, Mich., who will sing in the
afternoon service and in the evening at the Chalmers Church, Grey
St. The Gospel Choir of the B.M.
E Church will supply the music during the morning session in the B.M.
E. Church, Grey St.

The public is in invited to attend any of the services you wish.

HINT SABOTAGE IN ST. LOUIS ARGUS FIRE

St. Louis — An early morning fire recently destroyed the St. Louis Argus newspaper plant at 2312 Market Street.

The cause of the fire has been undetermined, but there are hints of sabotage since a rear window in the place was found open.

The damage is estimated at \$30,-000. The business office of the paper on the first floor front was saved.

The fire, discovered by a neighbor, is believed to have started in the basement. Not long after a 3-11 alarm had been turned in, the center of the structure collapsed which plunged tons of debris into the base-

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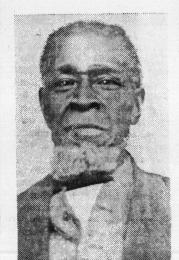
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of Canada

Colored Methodist dates away to October 4th, 1848 when land was sold in trust to William Hamilton Benjamin Harris, John Osburne, Henry James, Henry Logan, Thomas Wingate and George Winemiller, for the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Property for building at 275 Thames St. was originally thirty feet frontage by a hundred and ten feet deep. It was sold to trustees by William Clark, a carpenter who originally secured the land from the Crown on September 8th, 1848.

Litnesses to the sale agreement were: William Patrick, Hunter Murray and W. C. U. Connor, a missionary of A.M.E. Church. The original A.M.E. Church of London was known as the "Old Fugitive Slave Chapel on Thames Street" because it was found by slaves who made their way to London by means of the underground railway

Eighteen years before 1848 an effort was made to establish a colony of former slaves near Lucan at a place called Wilberforce in honour of the British Statesman of that name who had done so much to free Ne-



RT. REV. WILLIS NAZERY Bishop B.M.E. Church of Canada 1856-1875

groes in British possessions. The colony failed and the fugitives were scattered. The failure was due to our "old friend" racial prejudice. The Canada Company feared that a colored community would hinder their interest and refused to sell any more land to Negroes.

Archie Bremer stated in his book "Illustrated London," that John Brown the Negro liberator, spent days in London drawing up a constitution for his Free Slave Republic. The constitution was adopted at a meeting of abolitionists and colored men in Chatham on May 12 1858.

City residents of years ago claimed that Brown held a mass meeting of colored people in the little chapel on Thames St. in 1858. It was reported that Brown was the chief speaker of the evening. He wanted the Negroes of the city to be drilled, and in time, join with others on a raid of slave holders.

One of the original pastors of the chapel was Rev. Benjamin Miller, a on August 22nd. 1875. Next to be J. Rawlings was pastor.

ton had a barber shop on the market. General Superintendent since. George Duncan who was recognized In 1886 Rt. Rev. Walter Hawkins He had two sons, Hodgen and Isca.

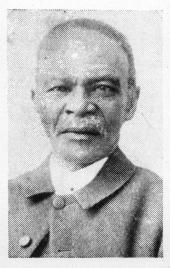
The B.M.E. Church Henry Logan lived on Pall Mall St. Mrs. Harper resided on Wellington Henry Logan lived on Pall Mall St. Road South. Her son Alex Harper for years was city auditor of Chicago. Henry Moorehead, known as Professor Moorehead, along with A.

Bishop B.M.E. Church of Canada 1875-7886

in Drew's "North Side View of Slav-William Berry lived over Clark's Bridge. He was a successful auctioneer and founded the City Chimney Sweep. His son William Berry still owns and operates the City Chimney Sweep business. A frequent visitor to the city was A. Stevens. He was a fiddler who had no fixed place.

On the 29th day of September, 1856 the Canadian Church of the African Methodist Episcopal Connexion separated from the United States connexion of A.M.E. to form an independent body called the British Methodist Episcopal Church and moved from the chapel on Thames Street to the building on Grey Street. Thus came into being, on September 29th, 1856, the Bethemanuel Methodist Epthe oldest churches in the city.

Rt. Rev. Willis Nazery came to London from the U.S.A. to be the first Bishop to take charge of the new connexion. He was bishop of the B.M.E. connexion from 1856 to 1875 when he died in Shelburne, N.S.



RT. REV. W. HAWKINS General Superintendent B. M. E. Church of Canada 1886-1894

runaway slave. Old city directories come head of the conference was Rt. show that in the early sixties Rev. Rev. R. R. Disney, from 1875 to 1886. During the years between 1856 and Former slaves who attended the 1898 the title of Bishop changed to Slave Chapel were: Isca Adams, re- General Superintendent. In 1898 it sided on (Ottaway Ave.) South St.; was changed to Bishop again. It Big Buckley, Rev. Geo. Barclay, pas- was changed back to General Supertor of the chapel. James Worthing- intendent in 1'08 and has remained

as a physical marvel, lived on Mait- was General Superintendent of the land Street. He was employed for B.M.E. Churches of Canada, until some years at Craig's Lumber Yard. 1894. Rt. Rev. C. A. Washington (Continued on page 4)

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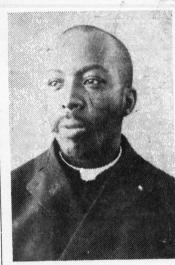
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RT. REV. C. A. WASHINGTON Bishop B.M.E. Church of Canada 1894-1906

Since 1932 Dr. T. H. Dawson has peen our General Superintendent. When the B.M.E. Church of London celebrated its 70th Anniversary, Rev. Wellington A. McClure was the pastor of the London Church. He was a former slave from the state of West Virginia, U.S.A. He came to London in 1913 from his former charge in North Buxton. The women took an active part in the church affairs and were sometimes licensed as local preachers.

The stewards were: C. H. Brown, Lewis De Groat and Albert Smith. Mrs. Michael DeGroat was church agent. Mrs. C. H. Brown was superintendent of the Sunday School. Wesley Fountain was the assistant



RT. REV. H. D. WRIGHT General Superintendent B. M. E. Church of Canada 1927-1932

superintendent. Mrs. Alice Drake was secretary, and Mrs. C. Steven son the treasurer. There was also at this time a Woman's Christian Temperance Union which was connected with the church. Meetings were held fortnightly. Mrs. S. R. Drake was president, Miss Mary Harris, secretary, and Mrs. Caroline Stevenson was the treasurer.

The majority of the members of the B.M.E. Church at this time were natives or descendants of natives of three U.S.A. states, West Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky. Former pastors of the B.M.E. Church in London. prior to Rev. W. A. McClure's time were Rev. J. M. Lawson, Rev. Herbert P. Wright, Rev. S. D. Smith, Rev. Mr. Ball and Rev. S. R. Drake. In the same year that the B.M.E. Church was celebrating its seventieth anniversary the official board licens- HAMILTON ROAD EAST

THE B.M.E. CHURCH OF CANADA ed as local preachers, Mrs. Caroline Kennedy, Mr. Paul Lewis and Mr. J. Stevenson and Mr. Lewis DeGroat. Brooks. took his turn as head of the con- Mr. DeGroat was then in his teens; The stewards were Mr. W. Foun-

erintendent until he died in 1927. of the London Church were Rev. clerk was Mrs. Jas. Hill. Mrs. C. S. Then Rev. H. D. Wright was our Smith, Rev. F. O. Stewart, Rev. Wood Johnson was president of the Misnext Superintendent until his death cock, Rev. E. A. Richardson, Rev. T. sionary Society. H. Jackson, the late Rev. C. A. Johnson, and once again Rev. E. A. Mr. Jas. Brooks, Mrs. H. Johnson

> came to London he worked hard to here in 1928 to 1932 he was successlift the heavy taxes which had hung ful during those depression years over the church for years. He left in not only clearing off the mort-London in 1937 to take up the charge gage but in installing a new furnace. in Windsor. The late Rev. C. A. Rev. E. A. Richardson, on his re-

pastorate the trustees were Mr. Carl day."

nexion, as Bishop from 1894 to 1906. a recording steward of the church tain and Mr. Jas. Hill, Mrs. A. After Rt. Rev. C. A. Washington, and an officer of the Sunday School. Brooks, Mrs. M. Harris. Mrs. H. Rev. S. R. Drafle was General Sup- After Rev. W. A. McClure, pastors Johnson and Mrs. M. Drake. The

The financial board consisted of and Rev. E. A. Richardson.

In 1932 when Rcv. T. H. Jackson When Rev. E. A. Richardson was

Johnson succeeded Rev. T. H. Jack- turn to London said: "I am more inson in 1937. Rev. C. A. Johnson be- terested in seeing in the future, our fore coming to London had the church filled, with not only members, charge in North Buxton. It was he friends and well wishers but with who is responsible for alterations more spiritual minded, God loving and improvements made in the young people, because "the young people are the church of tomorrow, During the Rev. E. A. Richardson's and they must be prepared for that

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TORONTO

cepted a position Bank of Nova Scot Mrs. Annie Dan Davis spent a f friends and relative Detroit, Mich.

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TORONTO NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis received word of the death of their uncle, Mr. James Richardson in Dresden. He left an estate of \$35,000.

Mr. Russell Rudd has returned to the city after attending McGill University. He has taken a position in the laboratory at the Parliament Building, Queens Park. We wish him success.

Miss Doris Grizzle has also accepted a position as clerk in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Annie Daniels and Mrs. M. Davis spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in Windsor and Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Daniels has taken quite ill since her return home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Stella Carter and niece Joyce from Cleveland are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davis during their holidays.

Mrs. Katheline Grizzle has been quite ill but is able to be about again.

Mr. Lewis DeGroat has returned to his home having been in the hospital undergoing an operation.

The Hamilton Colored All Star team played Toronto Diamond Star team Sunday, June 24th, Toronto being the winners.

Mrs. C. E. Howson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Davis and her daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Livingstone while in the city attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Burton at Thonrlea.

BRANTFORD NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and their daughters, Mary Frances and Vera will hold a joint wedding anniversary Saturday, July 1st.

Mrs. M. Mallotte is the guest of Mrs. A. Hill in London, Ont., during the B.M.E. Conference.

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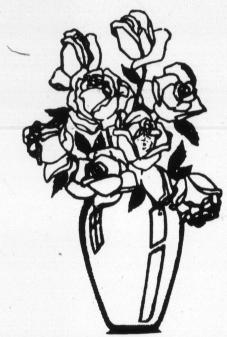
Thrill of Lifetime for Negro Graduate



One of the first Negro young women to graduate from an Ontario school of nursing, Marisse Scott, of Owen Sound, shares her happiness with members of her family following her graduation from St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, this week. Above, Marisse hands her treasured diploma to her father, M. J. Scott, as other members of her family gather around. Of her family of five sisters and two

brothers, not all were able to be present for graduation. Left to right, seated are her sister, Mrs. Robert McCarter; aunt, Mrs. Turner Tillman, who came from Buffalo for the occasion; Marisse; her mother, and another sister, Miss Leona Scott. Standing behind them are a friend, Frank Sheffield; uncle, Turner Tillman, and her father. Marisse next writes provincial examinations.

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NEW YORK, August 1 were nearly 60,000 Neg chrolled in colleges, univ Professional schools in States during the school 1950, according to The Ca ly organ of the N.A.A.C.I published its 39th annua al number.

Admittedly these figu complete, because of the ary information obtain mixed colleges. "This p cause it shows a stead ward that integration of to American life which of the N.A.AC.P."

Of the 59,543 stude 8,018 were graduated bachelors' degrees; 458 masters'; 8 with the Ph with the Pd.D.; 124 wi 69 with the D.D.S.; and LL.B.

Other items of intere sue of THE CRISIS inc icle on "The Negro Priva by Dr. Ira deA Reid; a 41st annual NAACP co Gloster B. Current; and an article, "The Negro munists," by Walter V

BROWN BOMBERS TEAM OPEN

The Brown Bombers has begun training for son at Lasky Recreation team is under the car of Horace "Hap" Co backfield star at Wes and University of Mic General manager B

coached the team last help of Bob William have Coleman take ing job so that Willia full time as a playi the squad.

Coleman has only a the team into shape a is scheduled for Septe the Bay City All-Sta The All-Stars are r top semi-pro footba played a National I team last year.

Although the scheen pleted, the following been contacted for Wayne, Ind.; Coldw nia, Ontario; Han Windsor Bulldogs; thers, Wilkes-Barre Highland Park Bea

The Bombers ex least 15 games this contest is being pla ly part of October

The club hopes city of Detroit in Pro eague next year port of business an ations this year.

> Such ex-Wayne Hazely, Willie Mo and Don Godbold in the fold.