

Many Prelates At Bishop Gaines Rites



THE LATE BISHOP A. L. GAINES, at the age of 61. Photo made in 1929, five years after he had been elected to the bishopric.



Bishop Gaines among his colleagues at the funeral of Bishop John Hurst this year.

Overworked
 "The late beloved bishop," he said, "always placed his work above his personal interests. Had he not failed to heed the advice of his physicians and attend the recent meeting in Norfolk, in all probability he would not have had the last attack which proved fatal."
 All through the services there was evident manifestation of sorrow. Bishop Monroe H. Davis was visibly moved and tears flowed from his eyes during the entire service.
 The widow showed suppressed sorrow and was referred to in the eulogy as the faithful wife and confidant of the deceased.
 Next to the eulogy in time consumed at the service was the reading of the long list of telegrams and communications sent in from various parts of the country.

Bishop Heard Selected
 Following the funeral, the bishops met and selected Bishop W. H. Heard of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia District to take over the work of Bishop Gaines until the 1932 Gen-

eral Conference. Bishop Heard assumed charge immediately.
 Some time prior to the meeting of the bishops it was known that a number of Baltimore friends of Bishop W. Sampson Brooks had circulated a petition asking the council to place him over this district. According to a member of the council, this petition did not come officially before the council. It was stated that Bishop Brooks was already burdened with all the work he could reasonably be asked to do.
 No other business came before the council, it was said.

GAINES, ABRAHAM LINCOLN—Bishop, Educator. Born May 1, 1866, Washington, Georgia; a Stephen A. and Josephine (Andrews) Gaines; educ. Atlanta Univ., Atlanta, Ga., 1887, A.B.; Atlanta Univ., 1891, M.A.; Gannon Theol. Sem., Atlanta, Ga., 1891, "D. Wilberforce Univ., 1893, D.D.; 1914, LL.D.; Paul Quinn College, Texas, 1923, Ph.D.
 m. Minnie Lillian Plant, June 1, 1890; four children, Josephine Gaines Laney, Cecelia Gaines Murray (deceased), Florence Gaines Glover, Jeanette Gaines Mossell.
 Ordained minister of the African Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, 1888; Pastor, Rutledge, Ga., 1888; Pastor, St. James Atlanta, Ga., 1889; made principal of the Gray Street School, Atlanta, Ga., 1890; Pastor, St. John's Church, Norfolk, Va., 1892;

With bishops of the A.M.E. Church gathered to pay last homage to their deceased co-worker, with 150 pastors of all denominations present, and a church packed to capacity, the funeral services of Bishop A. L. Gaines was held from Bethel A.M.E. Church, Baltimore, last month.

A number, estimated at 100 ministers of the Baltimore district, which was headed by Bishop Gaines, attended and formed two lines outside the church, headed by the attending bishops, through the center of which the coffin was borne. Large delegations from the Methodist Episcopal and Baptist churches were also present and stood in the lines of honor.

Bishops Attend

Bishops who attended were: W. Decker Johnson, S. L. Green, J. A. Gregg, W. Sampson Brooks, M. H. Davis, R. A. Grant, Reverdy C. Ransom, W. A. Fountain, W. T. Vernon, and ranking members of the general board: Dr. A. J. Wilson, Dr. J. G. Robinson, and Dr. John R. Hawkins.

Masons' Services

Bishop Gaines died at his late residence, 1522 McCulloh Street, Friday after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Gaines, and three children. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Members of the Masons, jurisdiction of Maryland, had charge of the services at the cemetery under the direction of Willard W. Allen, grand master, assisted by Irving W. Taylor, grand master of Masons, jurisdiction of Virginia, of which Bishop Gaines was grand chaplain.

William Lewellyn Wilson, director of music in Douglass Senior High School, composed a funeral march or Marche Funebre for the organ especially for the funeral of Bishop A. L. Gaines, held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Tuesday morning. Mr. Wilson played the number himself as the funeral procession passed from the church.

A duplicate manuscript will be presented Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines, the bishop's widow. Mr. Wilson served at Trinity A.M.E. Church as organist during all of the late bishop's terms there as pastor before his election to the bishopric.

In his eulogy Bishop Fountain set up the life and career of Bishop Gaines as one worthy of emulation.

Looking about him at the large array of veteran and younger ministers gathered about him he declared: "I admonish you younger ministers to take his life as an example and as a means of advancing yourselves and the cause of the denomination."

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