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Solemn, Stately and Impressive Ceremonies Mark Consecration of Father Demby as Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas.

HUNDREDS WITNESS CEREMONY

Bishop Tuttle Chief Consecrator. Assisted by Six Other Prelates and Ecclesiastics—Sermon by Bishop Gailor—An Epoch-Making Event.

(Special to The Monitor by Staff Correspondent.)

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 4.—An event of nation-wide importance took place in the beautiful All Saints' Episcopal church of this city Sunday morning, September 29, when the Venerable Edward Thomas Demby, archdeacon of Tennessee, was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas especially for work among his own race in that Diocese and in the Province of the Southwest.

The event is considered an epoch-making one in the history of the Episcopal church indicating a determination to aggressively prosecute missionary work among the Colored people of the southland. Certainly everything surrounding this great and impressive service of elevating the first Negro priest to the high and responsible office of the episcopate for work in the United States, seems most propitious. The weather was ideal, a bright and beautiful day. The stately, impressive and dignified service moved like clockwork from beginning to end. The arrangements for this solemn function were carefully planned and executed down to the minutest detail. This was due to the thorough work of preparation by the rector of All Saints, the Rev. D. R. Clarke, and the skill and efficiency of the incomparable master of ceremonies, the Rev. Henry Mizner, rector of St. Stephen's parish.

Service Starts Promptly

Promptly on the minute, at half past 10 o'clock, the appointed hour, the processional hymn, "Jesus with Thy Church Abide," was begun and the procession into the church started. It was in three divisions, each headed by a crucifier, bearing aloft the symbol of the Christian faith. First came



THE REV. D. R. CLARKE, B. D.
Rector of All Saints.

the cross bearer, Ernest Harris, Jr., leading the choir, in the midst of which marched Henry O'Fallon carrying a large American flag. In this division, following the choir, marched first the lay and clerical members of the standing committee of the Diocese of Missouri, next in order the clergy of Missouri and then the visiting clergy.

The Official Group.

The second division, or official group, was headed by Merrill Williams, crucifier. Following him came in order the rector of All Saints' parish, the Rev. D. R. Clarke; the Rev. D. E. Johnson, Jr., and the Rev. M. E. Spatches, readers of certificates of election and ordination, respectively; the Rt. Rev. Sidney C. Partridge, bishop of West Missouri, reader of the evidence of election, and the Rev. Claude Remick, deputy registrar. Immediately following these came the two attending presbyters, the Rev. D. E. Johnson, of Little Rock, and the Rev. Frederick C. Garrett, of Memphis, Tenn., preceding the bishop-elect, who was vested in his well-fitting purple cassock and linen rochet. Behind him walked his two presentors, the Rt. Rev. James Wise, bishop of Kansas, and the Rt. Rev. Edwin W. Saphore, suffragan bishop of Arkansas. Then followed the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, preacher, and the two co-consecrators, the Rt. Rev. James R. Winchester, bishop of Arkansas, and Frederick F. Johnson, bishop coadjutor of Missouri.

The Presiding Bishop.

Preceded by the third cross, carried by Stanton Page, came two acolytes, Leroy Roberson and John Gossin. Behind these was the Rev. Henry Mizner, the master of ceremonies, immediately preceding the Rt. Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle, bishop of Missouri, presiding bishop of the American Episcopal church, a most remarkable man, eighty-one years of age and a bishop for fifty years, holding the honored distinction of having consecrated more bishops than any bishop in the world, throughout the church's long and eventful history.

Bishop-elect Demby took his seat in the nave at the foot of the chancel between his two attending presbyters.

Chief Consecrator Begins Service.

Bishop Tuttle proceeded at once to the altar, which was beautiful with flowers and brilliant with many lights, and began the communion service. The epistle which was I. Tim. iii:1-7, and deals with the qualifications of a bishop, was read by Bishop Johnson; and the Holy Gospel, which was St. John xx:15-18, was read by Bishop Winchester. Next came the recitation of the Nicene Creed, which gets its name from the Council of Nice in 325, called by Constantine to define the Christian faith as to the Deity of Christ. The hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," was sung, which being ended, the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, D. D., bishop of Tennessee, whose drastic denunciation of lynching and fearless stand for law and order has won for him the admiration of thousands, and who had ordained the bishop-elect to the diaconate and priesthood, preached the consecration sermon on "The Qualifications for Christian Leadership."

Bishop Gailor's personal address to the bishop-elect was most effective and touching.

Bishop-Elect Presented.

After the sermon, Bishop-elect Demby was conducted by his presentors, Bishops Wise and Saphore, to Bishop Tuttle, who was seated at the appointed place in the sanctuary, just before the altar, with the two co-consecrators, Bishops Winchester and Johnson on either side. The presentors said, in the language prescribed by the ordinal:

"Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this Godly and well-learned man to be ordained and consecrated bishop."

The presiding bishop in a loud voice said: "Let the testimonials be read."

The Canon law of the Episcopal church requires that testimonials of election, ordination and confirmation by and consent of the bishops and standing committees of the American Episcopal church be read. These were read by the Rev. D. E. Johnson, Jr., of Hot Springs, Ark.; the Rev. M. E. Spatches, of Kansas City, Kas.; Bishop Partridge of West Missouri; Bishop Wise of Kansas, and Mr. R. B. Bancroft, secretary of the standing committee of Arkansas. It was noticeable that the consent of the bishops and standing committees was practically unanimous, although the consent of a majority of both is all that is canonically required.

Following the reading of the testimonials the bishop-designate read in a clear voice his promise of conformity to the law of the church and declaration of faith in the Holy Scriptures, the former of which was:

Reads Declarations.

"In the name of God, amen. I, Edward Thomas Demby, chosen bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, do promise conformity and obedience to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America. So help me God, through Jesus Christ."

Such declarations have to be signed and publicly read by every bishop of the Episcopal church before his consecration.

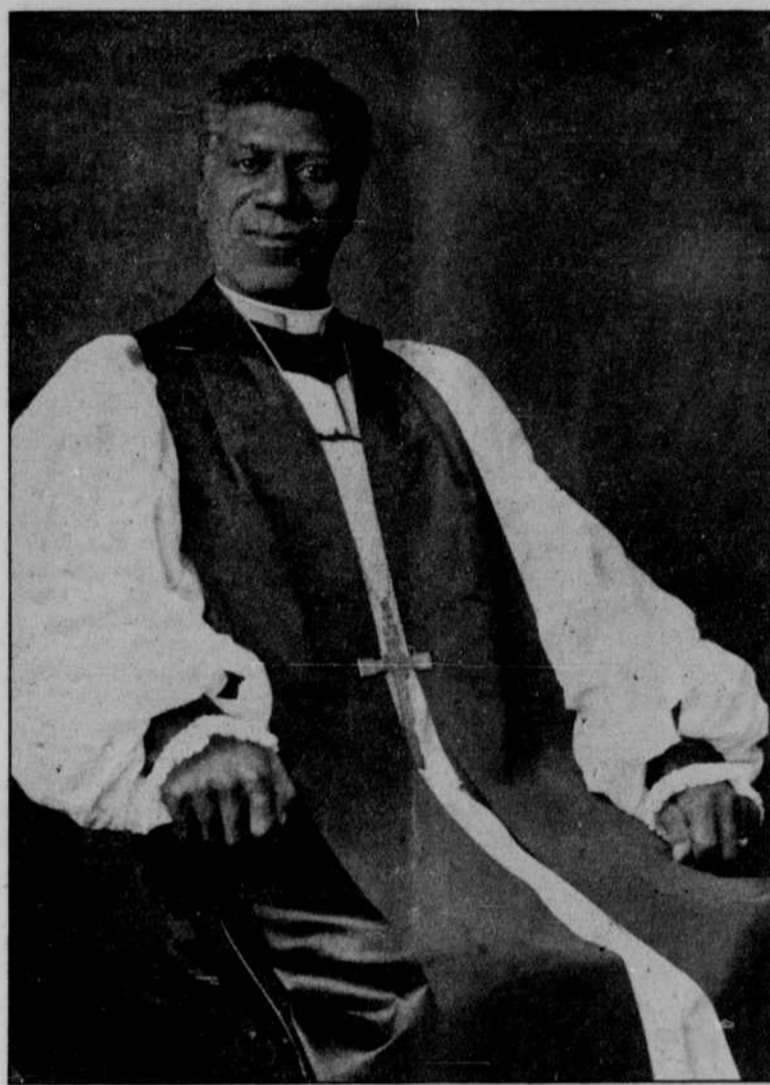
Commended to Prayers of Congregation.

Following the declaration, the presiding bishop, commended the bishop-elect to the prayers of the congregation, and Bishop Saphore said the Litany in which was inserted the petition.

"That it may please thee to bless this our brother elected, and to send Thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy church, and to the honor, praise and glory of Thy name; we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord."

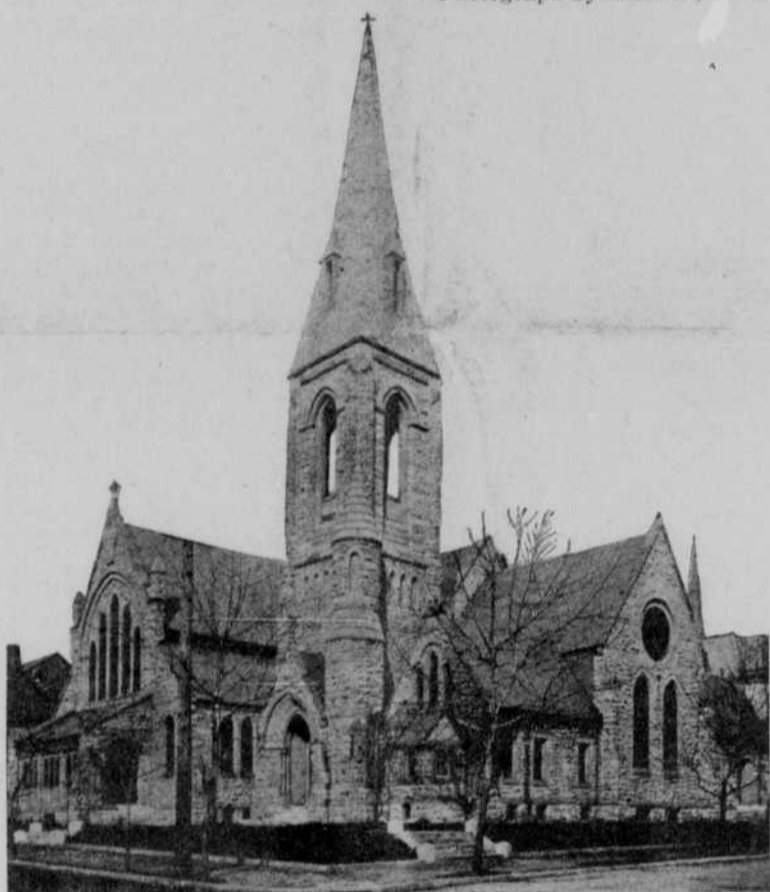
Examination and Investiture.

Then came the examination of the bishop-elect, covering many questions



THE RT. REV. EDWARD THOMAS DEMBY, D. D.
Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas.

—Photograph by Maxwell, St. Louis



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.
One of the Most Beautiful and Costly Edifices in the Country, Owned by Colored Episcopalians, Where Consecration Services Were Held.

—Photograph by Maxwell, St. Louis

among them his willingness to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrines, to guard the faith, to live soberly, righteously and godly, showing himself an example of good works to others, to set forward peace and good will among men, and to show himself gentle and merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help. To

each of these questions he replied, "I will do so, by God's help."

After his examination his attending presbyters invested him with the rest of his episcopal robes. During this investiture the following hymn was sung:

Lord of the living harvest
That whiteneth o'er the plain,
Where angels soon shall gather
Their sheaves of golden grain;
Accept these hands to labour,
This heart to trust and love,
And deign with them to hasten
Thy kingdom from above.

Come down, Thou Holy Spirit,
And fill his soul with light;
Clothe him in spotless raiment,
In vesture clean and white;
Within Thy sacred temple,
Be with him! let him stand,
To guide and teach Thy people
Throughout our native land.

Invocation of Holy Spirit and Imposition of Hands.

Then came perhaps the most impressive part of the service. The bishop-elect knelt at the prayer desk at the appointed place in the choir before the patriarchal form of Bishop Tuttle, on either side of whom stood Bishops Winchester and Johnson, while the other four bishops, Gailor, Partridge, Wise and Saphore, stood two on the right hand and two on the left of the kneeling bishop-elect. There was a brief silence. The organ gave the note, Bishop Wise began chanting the ancient hymn, "Veni, Creator Spiritus," "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire," invoking the Holy Spirit. This being ended, Bishop Tuttle said the prescribed prayer. The bishops all laid their hands upon the head of the bishop-elect, while Bishop Tuttle said:

The Words of Consecration.

"Receive the Holy Ghost for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands; in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God, which is given thee by this Imposition of our hands; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and soberness."

Delivery of Bible.

Then delivering the Bible into his hands the Bishop continued:

"Give heed unto reading, exhortation and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men; for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them; devour them not. Hold up the weak; heal the sick; bind up the broken; bring again the outcasts, seek the lost. Be so merciful, that you be not too remiss; so minister discipline that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bishop a Successor of the Apostles.

He then placed the gold chain from which was suspended the pectoral cross, a gift from his parishioners, around his neck, and Edward Thomas Demby arose a Bishop in the Church of God in that long and illustrious line

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National Race Congress Meets

Important, Successful and Well-Attended Session Held at Seat of Government.

AUDIENCE BY THE PRESIDENT

Who Is Deeply Moved by Judge Harrison's Earnest Words For Removal of Grievances.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Race Congress, which met in Washington October 1, 2 and 3, held, perhaps, the most successful and most influential meeting ever held in its history and the largest delegation took part. The sessions were held in the Metropolitan Wesleyan A. M. E. Zion church and were presided over by President W. H. Jernagin.

The following officers were elected: Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., Washington, D. C., president; Bishop I. N. Ross, Washington, D. C., vice president; Rev. C. H. Steptean, Baltimore, secretary; Rev. J. H. Randolph, Washington, D. C., assistant secretary; Rev. A. A. Grahmann, Phoenix, Va., corresponding and financial secretary; W. H. Dean, Washington, D. C., treasurer; E. A. P. Cheek, Newark, N. J., chaplain; William H. Harrison, Chicago, national organizer; H. J. Callis, chairman executive board.

There were a number of things accomplished looking forward to racial betterment. President Woodrow Wilson received the whole convention in the executive office, and the racial conditions were laid before him. Then a conference was held with Director General William G. McAdoo, and he was told by representatives of the race the treatment received in some sections of the country on railroads, and it was decided to send a representative to France to study the morale of the Negro soldiers, and they are going to ask for a representative on the peace commission, and five men will be sent to the commission wherever it meets.

Some strong addresses were delivered during the week, and Judge William H. Harrison presented the case of the whole race to the president in a manner which held the president spellbound and at times he was almost moved to tears.

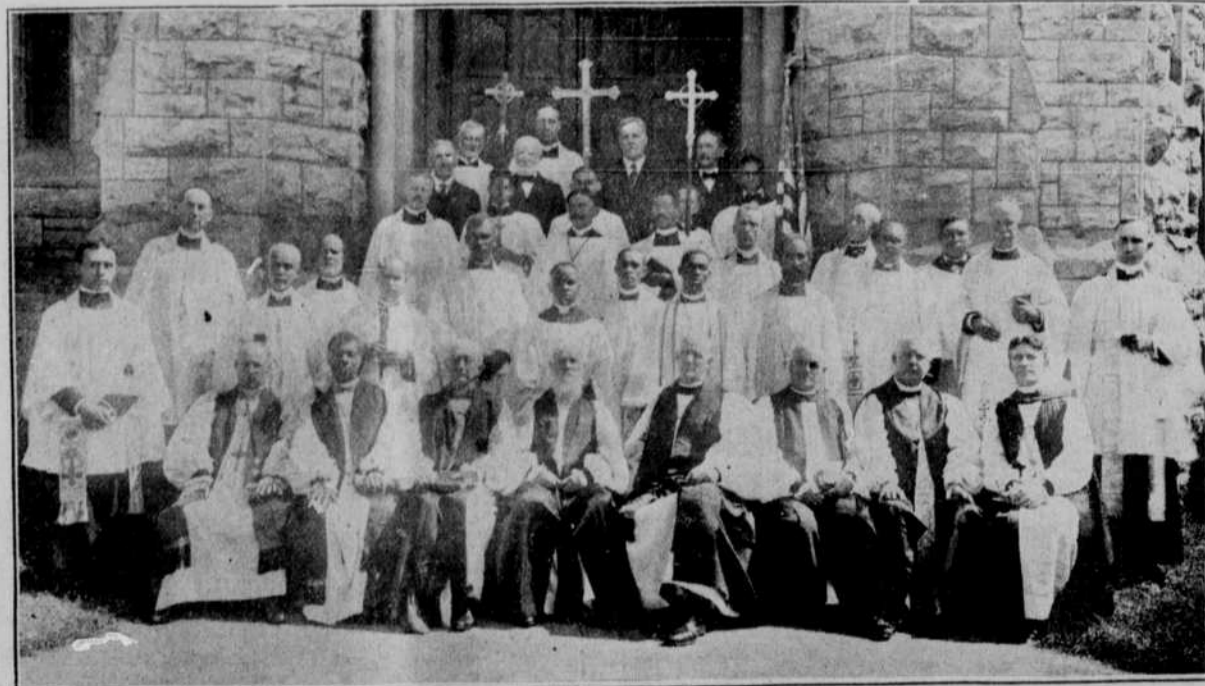
Emmett J. Scott, special assistant to Secretary Baker of the war department, delivered a special address and brought before the congress some valuable information concerning the Negro in the war. He said that 350,000 members of the race were in the military service of the country and 1,200 commissioned officers.

Delegation to the White House.

The most encouraging and most hopeful incident in the history of the race for many years was the cordial reception and democratic expressions of the president of the United States when he received the delegates to the Negro Race Congress, sitting in Washington, D. C., October 1, 2 and 3.

The delegation was led by Rev. W. H. Jernagin, D. D., Washington, D. C., president and bishop; I. N. Ross, D. D., Washington, D. C., vice president, into the White House. Promptly at 4:30 p. m., the secretary, Mr. Tumulty, advised the delegation that he chief executive was ready for the reception, whereupon the delegation walked in and stood in a crescent about the president. Judge William Harrison of Chicago was introduced to the president by Rev. W. H. Jernagin as spokesman. Judge Harrison asked the president's permission for a word of prayer, and

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GROUP OF BISHOPS, CLERGY AND LAY MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE AT CONSECRATION OF BISHOP DEMBY.

Bishops, in reading from right to left, are—Wise of Kansas; Gailor of Tennessee; Partridge of West Missouri; Johnson, coadjutor of Missouri; Tuttle of Missouri, presiding bishop; Winchester of Arkansas; Demby, suffragan of Arkansas, and Saphore, suffragan of Arkansas. Immediately behind Bishop Demby are Archdeacon Johnson, Archdeacon Phillips of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. F. C. Garrett. Standing immediately to the right of Bishop Saphore is the Rev. D. B. Clarke, rector of All Saints, and behind him the Rev. Henry Mizner, master of ceremonies. —Sexton Photo, St. Louis.



MRS. EDWARD THOMAS DEMBY,
Wife of the Bishop.
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