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BISHOP DELANEY A TRIBUTE

"The strife is o'er, the battle done
The victory of Life is won,
The song of Triumph has begun,
Alleluia."

A few days ago there passed from the stage of life a character whose

influence and example reached far out into the life of not only Churchmen, but hundreds outside of his communion. One whose life and example it would be well for us all to emulate. That character was the Rt. Rev. Henry Beard Delaney, D. D., bishop suffragan of the six dioceses of the Carolinas, who has passed into that blessed peace which passeth all understanding.

He was a leader in word and deed, and lived the life of a true Christian. Nothing ever caused him to swerve in the least from the true spirit of the trust placed in him. He was practical and capable. He had a broad knowledge of and sympathy with the strength and weaknesses of the human family. He understood the pitfalls of life and always came as an experienced parent to the rescue of one who seemed near the brink.

We poor mortals sometimes are inclined to question the justice of Providence in removing from our midst so noble a character and influence as Bishop Delaney and leaving others who make no substantial contribution to the welfare of the human race.

The writer was very intimately associated with Dr. Delaney for over ten years. I first came in contact with him in 1903 when I entered St. Augustine's Normal and Collegiate Institute of Raleigh, N. C. He was their vice-principal and taught subjects in the academic department and many trades. It was he who organized the school farm from which he raised almost enough produce to feed all the student body. He organized the dairy department from which the milk and butter of the school was supplied. He organized and developed the poultry department from which the school got its entire supply of eggs and poultry. It was under his instruction that every brick and stone building, of which there are many and great on the school campus, was constructed. He instituted a department in the school by which deserving students who did not have the cash to defray their school expenses could work their way through school. He also made provisions through city contractors whereby deserving trade students could work at their trade through the summer vacation and amass sufficient funds to pay their schooling throughout the term. In short, he made it possible for any boy or girl desiring an education to get it at St. Augustine's school, money or no money. As a result of these acts of benevolence, the writer can point out many men of outstanding leadership and ability both in the ministry and out, who by being recipients of the favors of this splendid gentleman, were able to get along in life while it would have been impossible for them to have gotten their education otherwise. I mention these facts to show only the beneficent work of Bishop Delaney as a part of the school faculty.

In 1908, upon the death of Archdeacon Pollard, Dr. Delaney was advanced to that position, where his field was greatly enlarged. In this capacity he set about the task of raising the economic standards of those ministers under his supervision. He raised their stipends as nearly as possible to a living standard. He inspired those who would be discouraged to greater effort and determination to carry on. He also encouraged those who had a vocation to the Christian ministry to prepare themselves for this service and kept watch over them until they accomplished the same. He would then create openings for them either in his own diocese or petitioned for them in other dioceses. All his ministers loved and respected him and were willing to make the necessary sacrifice of enlisting in a diocese in which the stipends were comparatively low merely to serve under his care. It was he who urged me to prepare for the ministry. It was he who prepared and presented me for confirmation and it was he by whom I was encouraged in the General Theological seminary. It was he under whom I served three years as catechist or lay mis-

sonary in charge of two churches at Greensboro and Winston, N. C.

In 1918 he was elected suffragan bishop to serve in one of the three dioceses in the state of North Carolina. It was my privilege to cast a vote for him. Later his field widened to the diocese of east Carolina; then to western Carolina, then to both the dioceses of South Carolina. Few of us can grasp just what this means to any man.

Then, too, Bishop Delaney was a man who had an unusual grasp and understanding of Negro psychology. Few, if any, understood and sympathized with youth as he did. He organized in St. Augustine's school what was called the neighborhood Sunday school, which numbered several hundred children of all classes and kinds. He could call every one of them by his or her first name. He looked kindly and sympathetically upon the pranks and caprices of the youth, even though the joke was on himself. He would get as big a snicker out of a prank played on himself as those who played them.

He was a born musician. He trained all of the college choirs. He could play and teach well almost any musical instrument.

Dr. Delaney, as a man, was the embodiment of meekness and Christian piety. He never returned insult for insult. He was devoted to his work and could not be swerved from duty by any means whatsoever.

Once his oldest son, now Dr. L. T. Delaney, while a mere boy, went hunting. He stumbled, discharging the gun and shot his hand to pieces. Dr. Delaney was in the school chapel conducting services when the mistaken report came to him that his son had shot his head off. The bishop gave no sign of outward emotion but proceeded with the service until finished, then went to his son.

But Bishop Delaney is no more. That splendid character has passed on to his rest and his reward. And now it is up to us who are left to carry on. Though his body may lay moulding in the clay, "his works do follow him" into the lives and ministrations of those who received their inspiration from his contact and will keep alive the fire which Bishop Delaney kindled.

GEO. H. W. BULLOCK.

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