

# Bishop Turner's Funeral Impressive

**MANY DIGNITARIES IN A. M. E.  
CHURCH PRESENT**

**Thousands Pay Last Respects to the  
Great Divine**

Atlanta, Ga.—The funeral of Bishop Henry McNell Turner, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, was held at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city, on last Wednesday.

The attendance and procession were among the largest ever seen in Atlanta. The spacious auditorium of Big Bethel Church could hold only a small part of the immense throng present which completely filled Auburn avenue, Butler street and all of the adjoining spaces. The crowd outside was orderly, however, and traffic was not seriously interfered with at the corner.

The following program was conducted by Bishop J. S. Flipper who acted as master of ceremonies:

The processional was softly played during which Bishop B. F. Lee, now the senior bishop, led the procession of Bishops and General Officers while reciting the burial ceremonies for the church services.

First hymn.....Bishop C. T. Shaffer

Prayer.....Bishop L. J. Coppin

Song, "He knows"....Dr. B. F. Watson

Scripture reading.....Bishop John Hurst.

"Lead kindly light".....Bethel choir

Reading obituary..Bishop H. B. Parks

Sermon.....Bishop J. S. Flipper

"Jesus receives his own"....Dr. B. F. Watson.

Five minutes remarks....Bishops B. F. Lee and W. D. Chapelle.

"Holy spirit".....Morris Brown University Quartette.

Five minutes remarks....Bishop J. H. Jones and J. M. Connor.

"Home at last".....Dr. B. F. Watson

162 telegrams, letters and resolutions were announced by Prof J. R. Hawkins, financial secretary and a few were read by him. Drs J. G. Robinson, L. A. Townsley, J. F. Porter and several others read resolutions.

The following were the active pallbearers: Drs. J. A. Hadley, C. M. Tanner, J. L. Flemming, J. R. Flemming, R. V. Branch, W. C. Shelton, H. D. Canady, J. W. Jarvis. Among the 50 honorary pallbearers were Revs. R. H. Singleton and P. F. Curry of Savannah.

Almost every episcopal district connected had one or more representatives. The representatives from the Gorgia conference were Revs. R. H. Singleton, and J. T. Thomas, ministers, and Messrs E. Seabrook and A. G. Holbrook, of Savannah, laymen.

Four bishops were absent: Bishop J. A. Johnson and W. H. Heard, of Africa, Bishop Evans Tyer of New York and Bishop C. S. Smith of Texas.

The floral offering was most elaborate: The sermon by Bishop Flipper was a great effort. The interment in South View cemetery.

Bishop Turner was born in Abbeville S. C., February 1, 1831, and died at Windsor, Ont., Can., at 12:45 Saturday May 8, 1915, in the 85th year of his age.

He was found unconscious in the streets of Windsor at an early hour on Saturday morning; by a policeman and taken to the A. M. E. Church parsonage. All that medical skill could do was done, but he never regained consciousness and passed away at the hour named, thus obtaining his oft-expressed desire not to die on the soil of the United States.

His body lay in state from May 11 to 18th at the Episcopal residence on Young street and for 24 hours, May 18th and 19th at Big Bethel Church, during which time 22,600 persons white and colored took the last look at the face of the fallen divine.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. L. L. Turner; two sons, David P. and John M. Turner; a number of grand and great grand children and a sorrowing church and race to mourn his loss; but he fell as he lived. He died at his post.

Bishop Turner received 160,000 members in the church and was known as the Missionary Bishop. He was 35 years a bishop and 30 years the senior. He assisted in the organization of the church in Georgia and organized the church in West and South Africa.

**Resolution on the Death of Bishop**

**H. M. Turner**

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom, to remove from the sphere of His earthly activities, Rt. Rev. Henry McNell Turner, D. D., L. L. D., D. C. L., senior bishop

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of the A. M. E. Church at the ripe age of 84 years, and

Whereas, Bishop Turner was one of the foremost men of the race in this country and one of the greatest men of the age, and

Whereas, his love and learning, his originality and scholarship, obtained thru continuous application to study in the varied fields of human knowledge, have made his life an example for the young, and

Whereas, his great love for his race and his keen and prophetic vision as to its future welfare and growth have endeared him to the present generation wherever the Negro is dispersed throughout the world, and

Whereas, his work and sacrifices as chaplain in the U. S. Army during the Civil war; as member of the constitutional Convention and both branches of the state legislature during the period of reconstruction; as postmaster at Macon, Ga., and Government Inspector at Savannah, Ga; a organizer, pastor, presiding elder general officer, for 35 years bishop and 23 years senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church and the founder of the missionary work of the A. M. E. Church in Africa, crossing the ocean not less than six times to visit these far off fields of missionary endeavor, have left to the race and church a rich legacy that shall serve as an inspiration to the generations that are yet to come, Therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Evangelical Ministers' Union, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Second, that in the death of Bishop Turner, the country has lost an hon-

ored citizen; the race a brave and faithful champion and leader, the church a spiritual father, the family a fond husband and father and a kind protector, the cause of christian endeavor a noble example and the young a worthy source of inspiration.

Third, that we cherish his memory and transmit to our children in tradition, history and song the glorious deeds of our venerable sire.

Fourth, that these resolutions be read at the funeral services of the deceased at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday May 19 1915, a copy to be sent to the press, a copy to the bereaved family and that these resolutions be a part of the record of the Ministers' Union.

Fifth, that we commend the family to the tender care of Him who hath promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

Sixth, that the Union now adjourn as a mark of respect to the distinguished divine.

Respectfully,

R. H. SINGLETON	J. A. MARTIN
A. L. SAMPSON	J. S. STRIPLING
G. P. PRESCOTT	A. P. ATKINS
P. F. CURRY.	J. S. JENKINS
C. C. CARGILE	B. S. HANNAH
Wm. DANIELS	B J ROSS