

BISHOP THEODORE DuBOSE BRATTON

Theodore DuBose Bratton was born on Roseland plantation, November 11, 1862, near Winnsboro, S. C., the son of General John Bratton, of the Confederate army, and Elizabeth Porcher duBose Bratton.

In his early youth T. D. Bratton was educated by an aunt, and in 1874 entered the Grammar School of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. ^{In 1880} his university studies were interrupted when he had to return home for two years to manage his father's plantation while General Bratton directed the Democratic campaigns for South Carolina offices. Upon returning to Sewanee, he took up teaching duties and served as a proctor of the University while attending classes. Continuing his professional activities, he entered the theology school in 1884 and graduated in 1887; B.D., 1890. (PBK, ATO)

His first active duties were in York, Lancaster and Chester counties, South Carolina, where he acted in the capacity of a missionary for a year. From 1888 until 1903, his duties included being rector of the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, S.C.; a tenure as professor of history of Converse College, Spartanburg; rectorship of St. Mary's School for Girls at Raleigh, N.C.; the position of examining chaplain as a diocesan head; membership on the standing committee, and a post as delegate to the church's General Convention.

On September 29, 1903, he was consecrated in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Mississippi, Bishop of Mississippi. He retired in 1938.

Theodore DuBose Bratton was in Y.M.C.A. service with our army in Europe, 1918-19. He was Chaplain General of the United Confederate Veterans in 1930. He served several years as a member of the national board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was a long-time member of the Board of Trustees as well as Chancellor of the University of the South, 1936-38.

Bishop Bratton received an honorary D.D. from the University of the South, 1901; L.L.D. from the Univ. of Mississippi, 1911.

He was the author of "An Apostle of Reality", a tribute to his uncle, the Rev. William Porcher DuBose.

He died June 25, 1944.

ATO worthy Grand Chaplain 1906-12