

The Daily Gleaner reported on May 18, 1925, that the Conference of the African Episcopal Methodist Church appointed the Rev. J. J. Thomas to succeed the late Rev. George Lewis Young, who had died unexpectedly on Dec. 6, 1924.

Rev. J. J. Thomas was "a native of Jamaica trained in one of the great universities of the U.S.A. and Minister of the Church of England. He labored in the States for a number of years, and like many Jamaicans, he has returned to his native land to work among his people," the Gleaner reported.

Moore's great-grandfather, Josiah Johnson Thomas, was a Jamaican citizen who graduated from Lincoln University in 1910. He preached at an Episcopal church in Pineville, South Carolina, from 1922 to late 1924.

The Episcopal Church of the USA originated from the Church of England.

Records from the archives of the South Carolina Episcopal Church show that "Rev. Josiah Johnson Thomas" was "transferred" from his church in South Carolina to Jamaica on Dec. 13, 1924, just one week after Rev. Young's unexpected death.

The Daily Gleaner later disclosed the full name of the subject of this report, identifying him as "the Rev. Josiah J. Thomas of the African Methodist Episcopal Denomination" in its May 29, 1925, issue.

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CONFERENCE OF A.M.E. CHURCH THE SECOND DAY

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SELECTIONS MADE

Rev. J. J. Thomas Appointed
As Successor to Late Rev.
G. L. Young.

APPOINTMENTS

The last item was the appointment of the ministers and pastors, which came in a sealed envelope direct from Bishop Gaines. The names of the ministers and the names of the churches in which they were to be appointed were read by the chairman. The appointment was in the form of a certificate. "Under the protection of Almighty God," Certificate of Pastors appointed, "we do hereby appoint Rev. Josiah Johnson Thomas, a worker approved unto God. This is to certify that the Rev. Josiah Johnson Thomas, was appointed by the Board of the General Conference of the A.M.E. Church, to the charge of the said charge under the jurisdiction of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. All the ministers and pastors who attended on the previous day were present, with the exception of the International Sea, at the Episcopal Church on the 6th day of May 1925. Signed on behalf of the Annual Conference.

After devotional service the conference was treated to a half hour's exhortation on the Canon of Discipline of the Church by Mr. Dunnar.

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The Conference of the A. M. E. Church continued on the second day's sitting, Wednesday, May 8, 1925. The Rev. Alfred Dunnar, B.D., occupied the chair as on the previous day, having been duly authorized to preside by the General Board.

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A. J. GAINES.

These were the appointments: Rev. Alfonso Dunnar appointed Superintending Elder of the A. M. E. Church, and the same was confirmed, and the report of the different churches were presented by the ministers, and in the majority of cases, progress in the deepening of spiritual life, increase of members and increase of property were recorded. The reports occupied quite a good part of the day.

SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee of selection was submitted. The committee consisted of the Rev. Dr. Patterson and Rev. J. J. Thomas. The latter is a native of Jamaica trained in the United States, and is the A. M. E. Minister of the Church of England. He labored in the States for a number of years, and like many other Jamaicans, he has returned to his native land to work among his people and offered his services to the church. His services were presented to the Conference, selected and appointed to the Brown's Hill, Rev. G. L. Young, the Rev. G. L. Young. The Rev. G. A. Miller was the other member of the Conference.

The business of this committee was to select and examine candidates who are pastors and who are willing to serve the church as deacons. The following were selected and examined: Messrs D. R. Roy, J. B. Miller and G. A. Miller.

The committee selected Messrs Roy and Miller as the Candidates, and May Pen Circuit respectively, and eligible candidates for ordination.

The committee on memorial gave

in their report. The Rev. C. B. Collins, Bishop Suffragan at Cleveland last year, and a brother of Dr. George Lewis Young, whose death created a very large gap in the A. M. E. Church.

APPROVATION SESSION.

After the opening of the afternoon session, the Conference voted to select candidates willing to east in their lot with the church, and who were willing to give their services to the study of preparatory to their entering the Ministry, gave their report. The men were selected, two from the Brown's Hill Circuit, and one from the Yallahs Circuit. After a very careful examination the Conference voted to accept the candidates, and to their different circuits, until next conference.

After the discussion of various other business, the Conference at 1:30 p.m. adjourned until 7:30 p.m. The next session was in the form of a black mass, missionary meeting, which was largely attended, and was most inspiring. Dr. Dacosta, who was inspired by the Rev. G. L. Young, was appointed Chairman.

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