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Emily Entry Vernon



Bishop William T. Vernon (1872-1946)
Born and raised in Missouri, Bishop Vernon received his formal education from
Lincoln University in Missouri. After working in the public service, he returned to
Lincoln University in 1900 to study for the ministry. He was ordained a minister in
1902 and served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri, from
1902 to 1908. In 1908, he was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.
During his tenure, he was instrumental in the founding of the Episcopal Church in
the state of Kansas. He was also a member of the Episcopal Board of Christian
Education in the United States. Bishop Vernon died in 1946.



Emily Entry Vernon (1876-1946)
Born in Fort Larned, Kansas, Mrs. Vernon grew up in Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania where her father, Bishop James C. Entry, served as business
manager of the Christian Recorder and as A.B.E. publication. After graduating from
Wilkes College, she joined the faculty of Wilkes University in 1900 as
instructor of mathematics and Latin and married Bishop Vernon in 1902. As the wife
of Bishop Vernon, she fulfilled her church responsibilities by assisting in the
various and fundraising efforts of A.B.E. women's organizations. During her stay in
South Africa, she helped expand educational and health services to the women and
children of the area. In honor of her work in Africa, the Emily Vernon Institute, an
A.B.E. missionary school, was established in Beaufort in 1930. When she
returned to the United States, Mrs. Vernon continued to participate in women's
religious and civic organizations. As a national leader, she became well known as a

