

**LIFE OF REV. PEABODY.**

**Was Son of Southern Planter And Served in Confederate Army.**

Rev. F. A. DeRosset, Archdeacon and rector of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral at Springfield and a personal friend of Mr. Peabody furnished the following facts about his life and work.

Douglas Cairns Peabody came of an ancient and honorable family with prominent connections in the early history of the nation. His father was Charles A. Peabody, born in Bridgeport, Conn., and was one of the founders of Trinity Parish, Columbus, Ga., and was a prominent horticulturist. His mother was born in Hartford, Conn., and was a beautiful and lovely character. Douglas C. Peabody was born at his father's plantation, Spring Hill, six miles from Columbus, Ga. The date of his birth was May 22, 1848. He was baptized and confirmed and ordained to the diaconate in the church at Columbus. He was in private school until he was 15 years old.

He served in Capt. Henry Bellamy's battalion, Reserve Regiment of artillery in Hood's command, Stewart's Corps of the Army of the Confederacy in 1864 and '65.

After peace was declared he worked on the plantation with his father, repairing their ruined fortunes and selling all the cotton they raised at 50 cents a pound. He then went to the University of Georgia, taking the four years' course in three years, having been prepared by Dr. O. D. Smith, now president of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute where young Douglas Welles Peabody has just been graduated.

D. C. Peabody was graduated by his college in 1872 with the degree of A. A. Thence he went directly to the Berkeley divinity school in Middletown, Conn., where he entered upon his course of preparation for holy orders. He completed his course in 1875 and was ordered deacon by Bishop Beckwith of Georgia. He passed his diaconate at Saint Phillip's as assistant to the Rev. R. C. Foute and was advanced to the priesthood at that church in Atlanta, Ga., in 1876 and entered upon his first rectorship at St. James' church, Glastonbury, Conn., which he held for three years.

Later he became rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazlewood, Pittsburg, from 1879 to 1886. In 1886 Rev. Mr. Peabody went to Rockford in the diocese of Chicago, where he labored with good results for nine years. While there he built the beautiful Parish House, costing \$37,000 with an endowment of \$10,000, making a record of which any rector might be proud. He found there a parish of only 150 communicants and left it a parish of 250, having transferred in the meantime 200 communicants. He was for many years Dean of the Northern Convocation and a deputy to the general convention in 1892 at Baltimore when the celebrated prayer book revision was completed.

In November, 1894, he became rector of Trinity church, Mobile, Ala., a large parish of 466 actual communicants, and a congregation which filled the church every Sunday. He held the highest position a presbyter can hold in a diocese, he was president of the standing committee, and always a deputy to the triennial general convention. He was beloved by all and held in the highest estimation of those within and without the church.

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