New Year's Greetings to the Young Baptists of S. C., Their Readers and Friends

Dear Fellow Laborers: We have launched our ship and set our sails for a voyage upon the unknown sea of another year. How far we are to go and how well we will sail depends on our hope, obedience and trust in the Almighty Captain of our salvation. What a fine thing it would be if all the young Baptists of the State, their leaders and friends would decide this New Year to attend church Sunday School and B. T. U. every Sunday unless Proventially hindered. It would be a God sent blessing if we all would put forth special effort to make this a banner year in church, S. S. and B. T. U. attendance. We can accomplish much along this line by making it our business to invite every body saint and sinner, regardless to religious inclinations, to attend the Divine services for the information and the inspiration of the saved and the salvation of the lost.

During the past year most of us have been busier than usual, our minds being greatly disturbed by so many of our young men being called into the armed forces of the United States, and the continued [illegible] of war and other things that trouble our minds, but these are things in the force of nature that we must suffer on account of sin. But in these crises we must remember the wise words of Jesus Christ; "Render therefore unto Ceasar the things that are Cesar's and unto God the things which are Gord's." It is true that as individuals we must support and obey the orders of our Government. It is also true that as Christians we are duty bound to obey the orders of Jesus Christ our redeemer and guide. God tells us in His word not to neglet the church, that is to say you must not neglet the program of the church. I Believe there never was a time in the history of the Christian church when we as a people more need the massage and ministry of the church than now. There never was a time when the ministers, supt., presidents and teachers of the church, school and union need to be more loyal and wholehearted in support of the church and the fundamental principles of its doctrine than now. We are being told by the newspapers magazines and radio nearly every day that the church and the things for which it stands are being attacted by forces better organized and educated than ever in its history. If this is true then what must we as Christians do to meet these conditions? Isn't it essential then that we put forth every effort we can to better organize equip and educate our forces to combat these evil forces that are now striving to under mine the very foundation of the Christian church. We see then how essential it is that we double our effort in the support of our church schools. The more we raise and donate to them, the better prepared and equipped will these church schools be to put over a program of religious education. We are all proud to know that the Morris College Thanksgiving drive was a huge success. We thank you so much for your support and fine spirit in this drive. But that was last year, this is a New Year. It calls for new effort, let us strive to improve on last year's work.

We shall be somewhat embarrassed this year in our field work as our Corresponding Secretary Dr. Dynamo Campbell, has left the state and is now pastoring in Detroit, Michigan. A special committee was appointed by the Executive Board of the Convention to assist him with the program of the convention until we meet at Morris college in July. Facing these conditions we can see that the officers and members of the convention will have to do a large portion of your own field work this year. I am appealing to you regardless to these handicaps to make this session of the convention the greatest of all sessions from a spiritual, financial and numerical point of view. WE must help Dr. Starks, complete the hundred thousand dollars drive for Benedict college. We must do more for Morris college, we must lift her to a higher standard of Christian education. We can do it if we will begin now and put our hearts into the task, and ask the guidance and blessings of our supreme Leader.

Yours for a happy, progressive and blessed New Year.

CHARLES F. GANDY
President

Special Services at Bishops Memorial A. M. E. Church, Sunday, January 17th

"Every Member Rally, A Special Sermon and the Famous Allen University Choir to be Features at Morning Worship

BISHOPS MEMORIAL A. M. E. CHURCH, WASHINGTON ST.

Rev. H. B. Butler, Jr., Pastor

Last Sunday the Sunday school opened at the appointed hour with the Supt. Dr. W. D. Chappelle, in charge. The lesson was beautifully taught, and the review by the superintendent was a pleasure to witness.

At 11:30 morning worship began. There was a large crowd of people out. The choir was at its best, and gave a beautiful anthem setting for the service. The pastor spoke from the subject: "Companionship With Christ". There were many visitors among the worshippers, and many pleasant expressions were heard pertaining the morning worship.

Next Sunday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. a Special Service will be given. There will be an "EVERY MEMBER RALLY". A special sermon and "THE FAMOUS ALLEN UNIVERSITY CHOIR", under the direction of Mrs. G. J. (Belcher) McMillan, will furnish a program of SPECIAL MUSIC.

The public is invited to witness this extar-ordinary service. Our began "Come to the Little Friendly Church Around the Corner", where you are always welcome to the service.

Miss Sarah Williams, reporter.

Metropolitan Community Church N.Y.C

REV. R. A. LAWRENCE, PASTOR

In spite of [illegible] weather in the month of Dec. the members of the M. Methodist Church were pleased to see Mother Dora Miss Blondine Middleton, Sister's son, celebrated their first anniversary.

Dr. Thomas C. Reese, Pastor of the Fifth Seventh Day Adventist Church, delivered a very fine sermon. The Choir sang, Dr. G.A. Anderson of Mother Horne's Home, Editor of the "Christian Recorder", preached to us one of the finest sermons we ever heard from the 14th Chapter of St. John, text, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory." The Junior and Senior Choirs rendered excellent music.

On the 25th, the S. S. had its Christmas tree celebration. A very fine program was arranged by Miss Mell Lawrence, the pastor's daughter. She also served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Over $80.00 was spent to make our young people happy. The gifts were beautiful. The Supt., Rev. Joseph Aldridge, with his efficient staff of teachers is doing a wonderful work. Mrs. Susie Jerideau, pres. of the League, also converted.

Through the solicitation of Miss Eloise Small's, a robe was presented to one of our assistant Pastors, Rev. Joseph Aldridge, one who is doing a very fine work inassisting our Pastor in the work of the Church.

On the 27th the Young Choir under the direction of Mr. Hiram Tolton, renrered a Christmas Cantata entitled "Belles on Christmas Day", which was a treat to every one who witnessed this excellent affair.

January 2 was a beautiful Sunday. Our S. S. was largely attended. Eleven o'clock, our Pastor delivered one of his [illegible] the evening hour of worship the manifestation of the Holy Spirit was still flowing strong. During the day, twenty two persons joined the Church. From the first Sunday in Dec. to the first Sunday in Jan. our membership has increased by forty-two persons. We thank God for the outpouring of his blessings upon us. Up to date, we have taken in on our first rally almost $4,000.

We are looking forward to the presentation of the Advent portion of Handel's "Messiah" by the Senior Choir in celebration of our Pastor's birthday on the third Sun. night in Jan. Mr. Charles Alford is the director, Mr. David Fontain and Miss Joy Merrimore, accompanists. On the fourth Monday night, the leaders will have their Christmas shower. They are working very hard to make this shower a grand affair. On the fifth Sunday night, our Gospel Choir, Mr. Earl Ross, director, will render a musical program. This will be a Gospel feast.

Missionary Secretary Gives Optemistic View Of Post-War Period

In the center of composite 2nd and 3rd rows are Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of Missions, AME church, and Bishop A. J. Allen of the 16th Episcopal district.

DR. L. L. BERRY SURVEYS FIELD IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES; KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH MISSIONARIES OF AME CHURCH

By BAXTER LEACH

New York City—"While war has upset all missionary activities throughout the Protestant World I have been able to keep in full touch with the missionaries attached to this department" declared Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal church, in an exclusive interview here on Friday. In a resume of church activities he gives an optomistic outlook of the Department of Missions and believes that in the post war period the department will be able to cope with changing world conditions. The general missionary activities of the church are directed here of which the Rev. L. L. Berry is the dynamic and versatile Executive head. During his administration this department has reached its highest peak in the service in Mission Fields.

Foreign Fields of Church

"The denomination carries on a mission work in West Africa, South America, the West Indies, Santo Domingo, Panama, Haiti, Bermuda, Venezuela and Cuba, with many of the colonies serving as mission schools" said Dr. Berry. "During world war conditions the setup has not been very largely hampered," he continued, "in that the native are under their own people."

Dr. Berry also pointed out that the department is planning a post war program which will be great asset to all its conditions. Six Millions of Dollars [illegible]

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Where They Preside

Bishop L. H. Ross who was in charge of two Fine governed district in that section of Canada known as the Maritime and Nova Scotia conferences as well as the Bermuda Islands. Bishop J. A. Gregg who presides over the Pacific Coast conference and supervises the work in Canada and the Alaska Mission. Bishop N. W. [illegible] who presides over the Western District and supervises the work in Vancouver Island. C. E. Carey who presides over the Western District and supervises the work in California, Oregon and Pacific Coast states. Bishop Reed who presides over the Mission District and supervises the work in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Bishop Carey who presides over the Western District and supervises the work in Alaska. Bishop Gaines who presides over the Western