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## TRIBUTE TO ALLEYNE

### At Stirring Reception Attended By Hundreds.

In a brilliantly lighted church on Winyah avenue, before a congregation of friends and well-wishers who packed the edifice to capacity there was tendered, last evening, a public reception to Bishop and Mrs. Cameron C. Alleyne of 21 Winyah avenue. The reception was occasioned by the recent promotion of the Rev. Alleyne, until last night pastor of St. Catherine's A. M. E. Zion church of this city, to a Bishopric in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and his appointment to serve as a resident Bishop on the West coast of Africa.

From the lips of ecclesiasts high in the council of the Negro churches of the United States, Africa and South America, from the lips of civil authorities and those who have been associated with the Rev. Alleyne in the course of his seven years' ministry in this city, there sounded last night high praise and warm tributes of affection, admiration and respect for the man who, by the dignities he has won, has brought to his congregation and to his community prestige and honor and a position that places him among the leading churchmen of his race.

The man whom hundreds gathered to bid God-speed last night, has the rare distinction of being but the second minister unanimously elected bishop at a General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church in the 128 years of its existence. This was brought out last evening by Bishop P. A. Wallace, who represented the Board of Bishops of the Church and who declared that the Rev. Alleyne's elevation to the rank of bishops was truly "of the Lord."

Characterizing Rev. Alleyne as one of the best preachers of his race, as a man of rare intellectual attainments and of splendid executive ability, Bishop Wallace maintained that the appointment of the local minister has instilled new life in the missionary cause in this country and that the Church, throughout the world, will be conscious of the stirrings of renewed energy because Bishop Alleyne has been given the opportunity to labor in a larger sphere for the salvation of his race and the honor and glory of God.

The words of the bishop were echoed and re-echoed by each of the speakers of the evening and were brilliantly substantiated by the Rev. Bagnal, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The wide vision, the capacity for clear thinking, and the courageous speech of the Rev. Alleyne have marked him from the beginning, the speaker said, as such a man as is needed by every church in the world today, and as one of those radicals who do not hesitate to depart from the old paths and to blaze new trails where men may not fear to follow.

Representing the local churches both Negro and white ministers last night paid eloquent tribute to Bishop Alleyne, two sentiments in particular predominating. The first of these is the joy that has arisen in every congregation of the city at the announcement that a local preacher has been called to labor far afield, because his work here has been good, and the second the sorrow that his going will occasion in the hearts of those he must leave behind him.

The Rev. George Reynolds, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in his address last evening, dwelt feelingly on the cordial relationships that have existed in New Rochelle during the past few years between the ministers, priests and rabbis and declared that his own tribute of honor and respect, which he paid thus publicly to Bishop Alleyne, but voiced the attitude in which the entire community holds the retiring minister of St. Catherine's. It would be impossible, Dr. Reynolds brought

out, to have contact with Bishop Alleyne and not to realize the unusual calibre of the man and not to come to regard him with affection for his qualities as a man and admiration for his leadership as a minister.

The Bethesda Baptist Church, through its minister, the Rev. J. B. Boddie, likewise contributed generously to the public homage being paid Bishop Alleyne. However varied the tenets of their respective creeds might be, Rev. Boddie declared, he and Bishop Alleyne have been united in the common service to the cause of mankind, and the Bishop's attitude has resulted in deep and abiding affection and warm loyalty in the heart and mind of his fellow-laborer.

From that part of Africa where Bishop Alleyne will live, shortly, a message of greeting and welcome was brought by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, whose inspiring address to the new Bishop hailed him as a true son of his race, returning, as is fitting, to serve faithfully in his motherland. From Africa also, a second message of greeting was brought by Mrs. Peters, who for the past ten years, has served on foreign fields. Mrs. Peters explained the request that had been sent from Africa to the General Conference, that a Bishop of their own faith might be sent to minister to the

## WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TOUR.

By Jas. W. Eichelberger, Jr.

Aboard S. S. Cameronia, June 14, 1924.—American delegates to the World Sunday School Convention sailed on two specially chartered ships—Cameronia from New York and Marloch from Montreal—on June 7th. Four hundred thirty-five constitute the party on the Cameronia and one hundred twenty-six on the Marloch. There are four delegates of our group on the Cameronia, Mrs. Jennie E. Lewis of Chicago, Ill., District Superintendent of Sunday Schools of the East Chicago District representing the A. M. E. Church; Dr. C. C. Johnson, of Aiken, S. C., Grand Master of F. and A. M. of South Carolina Jurisdiction representing the National Baptists (Union); Miss Sarah J. Janifer of Washington, D. C., and the writer representing the A. M. E. Zion Church. To date, the voyage has been delightful. The sea has been comparatively calm, the crew decorous, the party congenial. Mr. Geo. W. Pen-

lege and Dr. Joseph L. Peacock, President of Shaw University—Simultaneous services. In the afternoon, Sunday School is conducted.

MONDAY EVENING—Lecture on Scotland by the Rev. Robert McGowan, of Pittsburgh.

TUESDAY EVENING—Mock Republican and Democratic Conventions and Elections. Coolidge and Hoover were Republican nominees; Bryan and McAdoo, the Democratic. The Republican nominees were elected by an overwhelming majority.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—World Service, Near East, Japan, Korea, International Journal of Religious Education, Huguenot Walloon Tercentenary, World Convention Program, Negro Leper Colonies. The writer spoke for the Negro.

THURSDAY EVENING—Marion Lawrence Memorial.

FRIDAY EVENING—Star Concert—Miss Sarah J. Janifer represented our group with a solo and responded to a tumultuous encore.

SATURDAY EVENING—Flag Day—Pageant. The writer represented our group in same.

SUNDAY MORNING—Dr. L. A. Weigle is expected to speak.

Miss Sarah J. Janifer was in demand each day as a singer aboard.

We are expected to call at Moville, Ireland on Sunday and land at Glasgow early Sunday morning. The convention is in session June 18-26.

Among other distinguished passengers aboard not mentioned above are Mr. Fleming H. Revell, publisher; Bishop W. M. Weekley of United Brethren; Dr. H. H. Meyer, Editor of Sunday School Publications of the M. E. Church and wife; Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Chairman of the Executive Committee of International Council of Religious Education, who delivered the address at General Conference; Dr. John T. Paris, Editor of Sunday School Publications of Presbyterian Church; Dr. Chas. W. Brewbaker, General Secretary of United Brethren.

Probably you will be interested in the "Cameronia" Sea Song:

My breakfast lies in the ocean,  
My dinner lies in the sea;  
My stomach is in a commotion,  
So don't mention supper to me.

One member of my party was sea-sick. We are all invigorated and spiritually enriched preparatory to entering the World's Ninth Convention.

Glasgow, Scotland.

June 16, 1924.

We arrived in Glasgow last night about 11 o'clock. My party has been assigned to the home of Lady MacLeod, one of the wealthiest and most upstanding leaders in Glasgow, a city of a million inhabitants. We have been heartily received and are being royally entertained. I am assigned by the Pulpit Supply Committee to "preach" Sunday morning on the "Diet of Worship" of a church here. **Bon Voyage Receptions and Testimonials.**

Bishop L. W. Kyles, acting for the Board of Bishop sent a check to cover the appropriation of \$750 for my expense to the World Convention. This amount had been borrowed from him by the Board against the appropriation to the Department. It is hoped that generous individuals and schools will contribute that amount to reimburse the regular fund lest the Department suffer in its re-organization.

The Chicago Church School Leaders Union of the A. M. E. Zion Church of which Superintendent H. E. Shepard is president, resolved its May monthly meeting into a reception in my honor. At this time the St. Catherine School, Dr. E. T. M'Viver, pastor, and Mr. Shepard, Supt., gave me \$25.00 toward expense; the St. Catherine V. C. E. of which Mr. Geo. McMiller is president, gave \$5.00.

On Wednesday, June 5th, at the call of Presiding Elder W. T. Beck, a Bon Voyage Testimonial was tendered me at my home by Chicago people. A unique program was ren-

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## THE HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS.

Elder E. George Biddle.

That there is inspiring and convincing harmony in the Four Gospels handed down to us from the beginning is indisputable. Matthew has always had the preeminence as to position, and as of first importance as an outline of The Life and Work of Christ.

Matthew gave his genealogy as referring to "The Son of David," and "The King of the Jews;" and doubtless got his genealogical table from Joseph himself, who, as Luke says, was "of the house and lineage of David," and from youth up had been well acquainted with the line of his ancestors; so he went to Bethlehem well prepared "to be taxed."

Matthew's genealogical table has the boldness, swing and dash of the masculine mind; He traces from Abraham to David; in this list of frail, erring humanity nothing is said about Adam or of God; the narrator is thinking of and looking at Jesus as the coming "King of the Jews."

It is held by some Bible students that Mark's Gospel is the oldest of the four Gospels, but we have never seen any convincing evidence for that statement. Mark writes of Jesus as "The Servant of Jehovah," and he gives us no detailed genealogy; why should he? Who writes genealogies of servants? With a bold and commanding statement in the very first verse of his Gospel he says, "the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." And then he proceeds to tell what Jesus did, rather than what he was. So in this Gospel Jesus is the "Or" of medieval symbolism; as "man" is the symbol in Matthew, and the "eagle" in John, so here in Mark, Jesus is held forth as "The Servant of God;" as was fully prophesied in Isaiah.

Luke's wonderful introduction to his Gospel, as follows; "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto you in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed." This preamble or introduction should put to silence those who deny the reliability of the Gospel as we have it. In Luke's incomparable Gospel we have a genealogical table in many respects different from Matthew's, but when rightly read in perfect harmony therewith. He begins his table, not with Abraham as Matthew did, but traces his lineage backward from the father of Joseph to God; considering him not for the Jews only, but for humanity. As Matthew in all probability got his genealogical list from Joseph, so evidently Luke got his from the throbbing Mary and burning lips of the Virgin Mary. Unlike Matthew's bold and masculine genealogy, Luke's is tender and feminine.

Now follows the Gospel of John, like Mark's without any detailed genealogy, but seeing that the three previous gospels had said little about the Judean ministry, he takes that in hand; not in the least contradicting Matthew pointing to Jesus as "The King of the Jews," or of Luke pointing to him as the Redeemer of lost humanity; he boldly asserts that he is "The Son of God." Then all through this matchless Gospel Jesus speaks for Himself; claiming to be co-equal and co-eternal with God.

Reading the Gospels from these four different angles, as well as reading and studying them as a whole, we find perfect harmony. John does not begin with Abraham as Matthew does, for Christ was "before Abraham. He does not begin with Adam,

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MRS. (MOTHER) A. J. BAGGETT  
Noted Evangelist and Preacher.

African Zionists in their own territory. That such a Christian gentleman and cultured scholar as Bishop Alleyne comes in answer to their request and their prayer, occasions, Mrs. Peters said, the deepest gratitude on the part of the Africans and the welcome the Bishop and his wife will receive will quite equal, the speaker said, the farewell American parishioners tendered them last night.

Ordinary men, however, well educated, however loyal Christians and however admirable in their personalities, cannot fill the requirement of the foreign field, maintained Rev. A. A. Crooke of South America. It is the extraordinary man, of extraordinary mental, spiritual and personal capacity for which there is a need abroad, the speaker said, and such a man is being sent to Africa in Bishop Alleyne. There is no exile in his appointment to Africa, Rev. Crooke said; there is rather an implied honor on the part of the church which deems Rev. Alleyne worthy and capable of the larger labors and the big-

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niman of Pittsburgh, a member of the World Convention's Transportation Committee since 1907, is director of all convention parties aboard the Cameronia. Thanks to his complete plans and ingenuity, there is a succession of worthwhile events included in the program. The daily schedule is as follows:

7:30 and 8:30 A. M., Breakfast, (two sittings.)

9:30, Popular Songs.

10:30, Devotions—special message.

11:10, Address by Dr. L. A. Weigle, of Yale University.

12:00 and 1 P. M., Luncheon.

3:30, Tea on deck and in public rooms.

5:00, Orchestra.

6:00 and 7:00 P. M., Dinner.

8:45, Special Programs.

As on all ships, deck games, indoor games, and the usual provisions for entertainment are provided.

Special Programs.

SUNDAY MORNING—Sermons by the Rev. James I. Vance; evening, Prof. J. M. McGraw of Cornell Col-