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Dr. L. H. Berry
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Chicago, 15, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your of Feb 1st finally reached me a few days ago, just about one month ago.

I have been somewhat indisposed for the last six months or more, recuperating from a heart attack of early Sept.

Dr Francis and my family are trying to make an invalid out of me and I have tried to obey orders which has been quite the opposite of a very active busy life in public service for more than 50 years. However, I am doing very well with this rest cure.

I recently retired from the P.S. after 47 years of continuous service, and even though I am a man of leisure, sitting quietly reading, with a morning walk and mid-afternoon period in bed, I am some-what restless.

I was glad to hear from you, but hindered from replying because of the recent passing of my Aunt Georgia Archer, (mother's sister) last week. She passed last Monday the 5th and was funeralized at St Jas last Thursday. This occasion, as you might know, brought in many of my relatives from N.Y & Wash, D.C., which of course, caused this delay of answering your letter.

The memory of your father and our connections

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over the past years are very dear to me.

I will remember when he was transferred from the N.C. Conference to Va. and sent to the Princess Anne Circuit. I remember meeting him in District Conference and S.S. Institute that year, and voted him to come to St Jas. and preach for us. I was at that time District Supt of S.S. of the Portsmouth Dist. under Dr. Geo. D. Jimmerson P.E. at that time.

Your father accepted my invitation and came to us on a Sunday afternoon and our people were very much impressed with him. I followed thru and at the end of the Conference year, I wrote Bishop J. A. Johnson to have him sent to St James, endeavoring to show the Bishop of our possibilities of growth and development as I saw it in making such a request, there being such an array of young people that followed the S.S. at that time. I went in as Supt. during the administration of Rev. O. T. Day, following Miles Simmons and served the S.S. for 25 consecutive years.

The Bishop granted our request and we had quite a successful administration under Dr. Berry. I was appointed a Steward that year and served the Ports District as a representative. At the Annual Conference which met at Farmville, Va. Dr. Berry was promoted to the P. Eldership of the Ports Dist. succeeding Dr. Jimmerson, who passed just a few months prior to the meeting of the Conference. Our charge at St Jas was left open but later supplied by Dr. J. W. Sanders from Bethel: Balto. From the Ports Dist. Dr. Berry went to Emanuel Ports, the head of the Dist. and

Bunny. I am expecting her home very soon. now
as she and the boys have handled all my correspondence
up to now, and I know she will get our my neck
if she catches me writing a letter of such length.

I hope the work of you boys to this end will
be successful. You may write Eva Floyd for a
contribution to this effort. Her address is 710 Appomattox
St. - Norfolk, Va.

This leaves the rest of my family well, but
watching me. Ha! Ha! Hope your mother & sisters are
well. Kindly remember me to each of them.

You might write Dr. Francis for some help.
Wish I was able to help you more in this fine
effort you are making, but my nerves are now
faultering as (perhaps as a Dr. you can see) I must
now close.

Write me again sometime

Yours truly

