



SIR S. L. PENNEY, Grand Recorder, Chester, S. C.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

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Eulogy.
Music.
Address—Rev. D. H. Sims, D. D.
Response—J. S. Simback, G. H. P.
Music.
Address—Comp. L. D. Davis, D. D.
Response—Comp. S. L. Penney.
Music.
Installation of Officers by Past Grand High Priest, Dr. C. C. Johnson.
Notices, Doxology.

Wednesday night at Bethel A. M. E. Church, October 14, 8 o'clock.
Opening by the Master of Ceremonies.
Music.
Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.
Address—F. W. H. Thomas.
Response—R. E. G. Commander, J. O. Singleton.
Music.
Address—F. T. L. D. A. M.
Response—Dr. W. G. Wall.
Music.
Installation of Officers by R. E. G. Commander, J. S. Simback.
Remarks by Dr. C. C. Johnson, R. E. G. Commander.
Doxology.

STATE COLLEGE NEWS.

Orangeburg, S. C., Oct. 6.—The Athletic Association had its first meeting Saturday night in the College auditorium. The meeting is annually called this season of the year to elect officers and create a College spirit among the new students.
Among the notes of the night and the singing of College songs, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert Witherspoon, President of the Y. M. C. A. and Vice-President of the Athletic Association.



SIR B. J. GLADDEN, P. Grand Quartermaster Gen'l.

Association from last year. Mr. Witherspoon is from Bennettsville, S. C.

Enthusiasm was high, and the Boosters were busily boosting their candidates. But after the dust of enthusiasm settled down the Association found as its officers: Eugene Williams from Camden, president; John Dickson from Society Hill, vice-president; Miss Bertha Brooks from Atlanta, Ga., Secretary (acting); Miss Mozelle Taggart from McCormick was elected Secretary permanently. Samuel Challenor from Kingstree, head cheer leader; Bertha Brooks, second cheer leader; Jack Price, from Laurens, third cheer leader; Sam White from Rock Hill, fourth cheer leader. Harry Rattray, from Miami, Fla., student manager for foot ball and publicity; Sam Williams, from Union, student manager for base ball; Mez Nance from Nicholas, student manager for basket ball.

The students are pleased with the officers elected. After the president and vice-president were elected and some interesting remarks as to the aim of the Association this year, Dr. Wilkin-son was presented. He assured the Association that his whole heart is behind the development of physical bodies.
State College sees nothing but success this year. The team is in first class shape, and the boys are filled with "Pep."
The meeting came to a close by singing "Dear S. S. C." and the Alma Mater Hall, Hall, Carolina.
Waymon Johnson.

THE MISSIONARY JOHN WORK.

By William Pickens.
(By The Associated Negro Press.)
Twenty-five years ago we were a student in college, and at a great meeting of missionaries and philanthropists we heard the "Fisk Singers" with their leader, John Work. Twenty-two years ago we were a student in a university, and along came these same singers, and their leader. In many annual gatherings of Christians since, we have sat and seen the smug saints enjoy those singers and their leader, John Work. The righteous sat self-satisfiedly, clapped their hands lustily, smiled graciously and praised condescendingly. They laughed at the humor and wept at the pathos of that wonderful singing. Now John Work is dead.
If he was not directly killed by these "brethren in Christ" his death was at least hastened by the treatment he received from them, or by the neglect and ingratitude with which they allowed one of their hired Pharisees to practically drive him out of Fisk University with whips of scorpions. John Work had served Fisk University for a generation before this little man was

ever heard of at the institution. Bethel A. M. E. church, the influence and popularity of Rev. J. W. Weston assisted by the brown man was evidently so the Rev. S. K. Howard officiated great as to arouse the jealousy of the little white man who was brought into the institution as a superior officer. We do not know what influence at first re-moved Work from leadership and membership in the "Fisk Singers," but we know it was a very evil influence that finally forced him out of the institution altogether, so that in his feeble days, broken in health by long sacrificial work for Fisk, he had to take refuge in a school maintained by colored people. After pursuing the "missionary ideals" for all of his sound life, he was kicked out by a newcomer—and like an old horse was allowed to find what pasturage he might.

Of all the water-eyed saints, from Boston to California, who had shouted "amen!" in a hundred great meetings where his fine voice thrilled, none arose to save him from the foot of Baal and the boot of Mammon. John Work and his brother Fred were the pioneers in stereotyping the great "spiritual" music of the Negro race, and the voices of the "Fisk Singers" laid the foundation for all the future success of that music.

And yet they tell us to be "unselfish" and to "sacrifice for the Lord," and to go into "missionary work" instead of going into a paying business. Well, a few more examples and the failure of men like John Work will leave only idiots for "missionary service." The memory of the saints is just about as weak as that of the sinners. If good, faithful, loyal and divine service may win happiness for a person, certainly John Work deserved to die happy, and honored at Fisk—instead of to be kicked out, forgotten by those who had "raved" over his singing, and as a refugee in an institution maintained by humble black people, who at least were more appreciative of his worth than were the hypocrites of the bigger and abler organizations which he had served for all his more active life.

Black men must continue to do missionary work among black people but they have got to get a better deal from the "white brethren" with whom they are so often employed—or else the next generation of colored Americans will make the recent strike of students at Fisk and the recent protest of Alumni at Howard look like the doings of "Uncle Tom's" and "Aunt Jemima's" by comparison.
John Work is dead—Long live the John Works!

McClellanville News.
Will Williamson, a long sufferer of heart failure, died early Monday morning and was buried Tuesday a. m., 10 o'clock at

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