

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

Hold Their Communication in Town of Winnsboro.

Grand Master and Officers Re-Elected. A Grand and Enthusiastic Meeting Throughout

The 33rd annual communication of the Most Worshipful Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of South Carolina and jurisdiction was held at Winnsboro last week. The following Grand Lodge officers were present:

- Dr. C. C. Johnson G M, Rev. B. F. McDowell D G M, T. L. Shiver G S W, J. I. Washington G J W, R. M. Nixon G T, E. J. Sawyer G S, Rev. I. D. Davis G L, C. C. McRae G C, R. C. Davis G P, T. W. Williams G Marshall, A. J. Johnson G S D, H. W. Hines G J D, Dr. D. Moorer G S S, Rev. E. W. Allen G J S, S. J. Hart G. Sword B, H. L. Davis G. Stan. B, McDonald Ragin G. T. H. E. F. W. H. D. D. G. M. J. Levy D D G M, J. C. Jackson D D G M.

There were present also over one hundred of the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in the State together with a large number of visiting Masons of this and other States.

The Grand Lodge convened at 12 o'clock on Tuesday and after the enrollment of the members and the appointment of the various committees, the Grand Master delivered an appropriate address. At night a public meeting was held in the A. M. E. church where several able and eloquent addresses were made to a large audience.

On Wednesday the different grand officers reported and the annual election was held. Dr. C. C. Johnson was unanimously re-elected. A public installation was held at the A. M. E. church at night in the presence of a crowded audience. Much business was transacted on Thursday and at night a large and enthusiastic meeting was held and the reports showed that during the year over five hundred of the best men of the State had been added to the list of members and that the outlook was far more encouraging than it has ever been in the State. The proof was clear that the bogus faction is only getting those who are not able to get into regular Masonry.

Invitations from a number of different places for the next annual meeting were received. That of the city of Sater was accepted. The recommendation of the Grand Master to hold a great international Masonic Congress in Charleston on 7th and 8th of April 1902 was adopted, and the thousands of regular Masons from all the States and Territories will be invited to attend this great gathering.

HAPPY GREETINGS

Written For The Recorder by J. A. Bookhart, City Collector

We happily greet thee—one and all
A merry Christmas day
While Old Saint Nicholas on thee call
Hear what he has to say.
He brings to you a paper dear
RECORDING the names of all,
The rich, the poor, they never fear
Nor let the banner fall
Look up with cheerful hearts, be glad
And rest in peace this day,
Remember this and don't be sad—
A Merry Christmas Day.
We hope for you a merry time.
This Christmas Day you see;
In union let each heart combine
For Him who made you free.
While Christmas comes to every door
To some it brings a smile;
But still it never slights the poor
Nor shun the smallest child.
Flowers have drooped their little heads
And whispered all good night
While dew drops on their little beds
Greeting with all its might.
Remember now the Christmas Day,
Just how it came about,
And as we celebrate, we may
Tell it without a doubt.
You know way back in olden times
While shepherds watched their flocks
By night, they watched at every sign
As you would watch the clock.
It was a night in
Far in the east
A land designed for
The shepherds fit their eyes.

Beyond the walls of Bethlehem
A wondrous light appeared
So very bright it seems to them,
They must now start with fears,
Yet list—the strains of music came
Upon the still night air,
With greetings of the Holy Name
Who had the cross to bear.
There was another greeting heard—
There was a choral song,
By one with shining wings—in words
"Fear not!" a greeting throng.
Behold, I bring to you, he said
Glad tidings of great joy
While peace may rest upon your head
Good will men may enjoy.
While quivering o'er white cliffs of years
The blessed tidings comes
And softly floating out with cares
A voice that greets, welcome.
Still floating out upon the breeze
Glad ringing Christmas bells
Of peace, good will, we greet with ease
Glad tidings still it tells.
Dear friend, good will embodies all
While you may read and think,
How hard it is for us to toil
Or satisfy with ink.
We try to please you all we can;
Expecting in return
That you will lend a helping hand
THE RECORDER'S wheel to turn
We bid you Heaven's speed,
Whatever you do in work or play,
New life—new year you lead.

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY

All Who Haven't Homes Ought Purchase at Once.

Some Plans by Which a Farm Can Successfully be Bought and Managed

The latest leaflet issued by the Bureau of Nature Study contains, among other things, the following valuable hints to farmers who desire to secure a home of their own: the first step in the direction of helping and improving their condition:

We feel that the farmers are not paying enough attention to buying land and building homes for themselves and families. About the first duty of every farmer should be to have a home of his own. For to have a home means that you are able to protect your family. It means that your word stands for something in the community where you live. It means that people can come to you, instead of you always going to them. It means a place where each member of the family can be in sickness or in health. In short, it means that you are in a better position to serve yourself and family, your country and your God.

We fully understand that it is not an easy thing in these days of low prices of cotton and other farm products, to save money on the farm. The family must eat and wear. The doctor must be paid. The preacher and teacher must have their pay. It's hard. It takes good heads, good hands and good hearts to succeed. It takes a good head to plan right. It takes good hands to carry out good plans. It takes an honest heart to stay away from the courts and jails. Our people lose thousands of dollars every year going to courts. The man who works hard every day, stays at home day and night as he should, is seldom asked to attend court. This kind of farmer can buy land. Now let each farmer without a home, set his pegs to buy one. We will name two common pegs. We will also tell you how you may drive them down. We would name the first peg GOOD TRADE.

Find a healthful place for your future home. Buy land where you can build your house on a hill, or a place where water runs off freely. the chain of titles from the Indians on down should be unbroken. Get a good lawyer to look this matter up. Buy a good (fertile) farm, if possible. However, if you are a good farmer you may be able to make a good (fertile) farm out of a poor farm. Don't bargain for more than fifty acres, unless you have some money with which to make yourself secure.

Let us name the other peg, SAFE PAYMENTS.

A very small potato may choke you if you try to swallow it whole. Most farmers have to buy land on a credit, or rather on the installment plan. Then don't take too

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Reduced Rates Via Southern Railway

On account of the South Carolina and west Indian exposition the Southern railway will sell tickets from Columbia, at the following cheap rates to Charleston and return.

\$5.85 for tickets on sale daily from November 30, to May 31, 1902 with final limit to June 3, 1902, inclusive.

\$4.30 for tickets on sale daily from November 30 to May 31, 1902, inclusive, with final limit of ten days in addition to date of sale.

\$3.25 for tickets to be sold on Tuesday and Thursday of each week from December 3, to May 29, 1902, inclusive with final limit of seven days in addition to date of sale.

The Southern railway operates four trains a day to Charleston on the following convenient schedules.

No. 16, leaves Blanding Street station at 1.35 a. m., arriving Charleston at 7.00 a. m. and carries the Charlotte-Charleston, and Greenville Charleston sleeping cars.

No. 6 leaves union depot at 7.00 a. m., arriving Charleston 11.15 a. m.

No. 8 leaves Blanding Street station at 11.40 a. m., arrives Orangeburg at 1.05 a. m., Branchville 1.32 p. m., leaves at 1.47 p. m., stopping 20 minutes for dinner, arrives Summerville at 2.57 p. m., and arrives Charleston at 5.35 p. m. and carries the New York and Charleston sleeping car, beginning December 2.

No. 14 leaves union depot 3.00 p. m., arriving Charleston at 7.30 p. m., and carries the St. Louis and Charleston car, effective December 3.

For Pullman car space tickets, etc., call on R. L. Casey, U. T. A., 1513 Main street.

THE Negroes gets better protection in Africa than they do in America. Last week a merchant over there named Wittenberg was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for impaling a Negro on a ram rod. A merchant named Kolnick was sentenced for three years for pouring petroleum on a Negro's hands and then setting him on fire. and a

MISSIONS IN SO. CAROLINA.

Rev. Dr. Bouey Tells What The People Are Doing

He Also Speaks of the Work of This Paper. To Leave for Africa on January 14th.

To the People's Recorder:

I have been pleased to read your columns, and observe your motto and manner of Editorials—It truly has the right name "People's Recorder." In keeping before our eyes, the record we have made since the war closed, and calling our attention to the fact, that we are making a record currently—You are doing more good than you know of. Yes, you are building grander than you know. You will, brother editor, never know how much good your editorial life is doing until heaven's record, in the final day opens it to you. Negro Journalism is hard, but you seem to be facing it like a man of grace. Of course, none but a man of grace can "advise, counsel and admonish" successfully. In fact, none should lead our people but men and women of grace.

You sing out for morality in no uncertain language. That is right, for our young people ought to be better than their parents. But after all, the growth of the people depends upon the leaders, both as to quality and quantity.

I got back to the old state Oct.

third merchant was sentenced to eight months in jail for destroying the eye of a Negro chief with a whip.—Ex.

1st, last, representing the Foreign Mission work of the National Baptist Foreign Board. I have been received very kindly by the brethren throughout the State, I have received the following monies in the State—

Zion Baptist Columbia, S. C.	\$38.49
Upper Wateree Association	42.73
Antioch Association	6.20
Gassemans Association	61.45
Church at Irmo	1.00
Pee Dee Association	60.10
Old Ashley Association	30.17
New Ashley Association	28.03
New Ashley S. S. Convention	6.25
St. John Bapt Ch. Crosland	3.78
Rev. Guinyard, Charleston	1.00
Cash Charleston	1.00
Orangeburg Association	34.30
Morris St. Bapt. Ch. Charleston	15.00
Lower Wateree Association	25.00
Dr. Gilbert Central Ch. Chas'tn	10.00
Mt. Maria Bapt Ch. Camden	10.20
Capt. H. Williams Georgetown	1.75
Bethesda Bapt Ch Georgetown	43.60
1st Calvary Bapt Ch. Columbia	6.80
Bethesda Bapt Ch. Society Hill	40.68
Macedonia Bapt Ch Darlington	28.05
2d Baptist Church Florence	5.00
Total	\$500.58

Through your serviceable columns I reflect my thanks to the many dear brethren for their aid to my work, which lays heavily on my heart—

I will sail from New York for Liberia Africa, Jan. 14, 1902.

God bless you for your personal kindness—

I am yours for poor pleading Africa,

P. S. It shall, D. V., be your privilege to hear from me when I am over the great father of waters,

H. N. B.