this time, and when the club adjourned a real wintry wind hurried it home, but many of the members were undecided as to whether the meeting had been held in December or May.

Mrs. E. B. Cline was the hostess of the Travelers' Club Thursday, November 5th. Among the quotations in response to roll-call upon Apollo Mrs. F. A. Abernethy's telling of Phaeton was of special interest. An article on "Aeolic Lyric Poetry," by Mrs. Royster, showed much thought and research. The place of honor was given to Sappho, who Plato called "The Tenth Muse." The reading of "Song to the Rose" attributed to Sappho in Mrs. Browning's translation was an added pleasure. The statue of Anacreon, the poet of love and wine, was spoken of, representing him in a state of "vinous hilarity," a condition usually expressed not so prettily.

Miss Amelia McComb then presented in an interesting manner the next subject, "Doric or Choral Lyric Poets." Arion and Simonides with others were mentioned, but stress was laid upon Pindar, the greatest of Greek lyric poets. Mrs. Chadwick read for Mrs. J. H. Shuford several of Pindar's Odes, commemorative of the victors in the sacred games. Pindar might be styled the poet laureate of the games.

Current events were of interest, especially so an article on prohibition, read by Mrs. Cline. Refreshments and the spirit of the hospitality shown by the hostess seemed to emphasize the social (not "vinous") "hilarity" of a very pleasant hour.

Owing to sickness at Mrs. J. A. Martin's, the Travelers' Club met instead with Miss Schenck. "The Muses" was the subject for quotations. In the first topic, "Archaic Sculpture and Architecture," Miss Schenck concentrated much valuable and useful information. Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney then read from Tarbell and from Reinach's Apollo selections on "Vase-Painting," an art which throws a great deal of light upon the customs and manners of antiquity.

For Mrs. A. B. Hutton, Miss Geitner gave the next subject, "Dress" speaking of the ancient mode, and the dress of the modern peasants with some ludicrous illustrations from "In Argolis."

The programme was ended by Mrs. Royster's reading an exhaustive article, written by Miss Josie Person, on "The Daily Life of the Greeks." The enthusiasm of the writer, combined with beauty in composition, gave vividness and interest to many curious facts, mostly of ancient times.

The meeting adjourned with the serving of appetizing refreshments to meet next with Mrs. F. A. Abernethy, November 19th.

GOLDSBORO.

Correspondence to The Observer.

Goldsboro, Nov. 20.—On Tuesday evening, Miss Bessie Edwards gave a delightful entertainment in honor of her cousin, Miss Lois Edwards, of Lakeville, Fla. The invited guests were, Misses Vivian Wooten, Emma Finlayson, Elsie Dortch, Mamie Best and Miriam Edwards, Messrs. Ben Witherington, George Freeman, Edwin Lee, Paul Borden, Leslie Yelverton, Norwood Bass, Will Ormond and Jake Meyerburg.

Miss Mamie Best gave a small party complimentary to her guest, Miss Nina Holt, of Burlington, Wednesday morning. Progressive hearts was played and the prize was won by Miss Claudia Applewhite.

The Wake Forest Glee Club gave a very enjoyable performance in the Messenger Opera House last Tuesday night. The many encores that were called for, showed how thoroughly the music was appreciated.

Miss Janet Dortch is visiting relatives in Raleigh.—Mrs. J. L. Barham is in Reidsville, where she was dame of honor at the wedding of her friend, Miss Annie Walker.—Miss Mary Emma Gidings is in Wilmington, visiting Mrs. E. C. Vitou at the home of her father, Capt. J. T. Harper.—Miss Martha Gaga, of Chester, S. C., is the guest of Miss Rachel Borden.—Miss Elsie Dortch is visiting friends in Richmond.—Miss Elizabeth Smith, who is attending the Southern Conservatory of Music, was at home for a few days last week to the pleasure of her many friends.

SANFORD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Sanford, Nov. 20.—Mr. T. M. Cross entertained a number of his friends at a "smoker" Tuesday night at his home on Carthage avenue, the occasion being his fifty-seventh birthday. Time was turned backward in her flight, and host and guests indulged in reminiscences of their youthful days jokes and laughter. A delicious luncheon consisting of fried oysters, cheese straws, wafers, celery, pickles, coffee, fruits, nuts and candies was served.

Those enjoying Mr. Cross' hospitality were Messrs. D. E. McIver, Vance Scott, Lux Cross, T. Y. Hanner, G. T. Womble, S. P. Wilkins, R. W. Allen, D. C. Lawrence, Jesse Carter and Dr. T. W. McCracken.

The Sanford Literary Club met Tuesday afternoon with Miss Howard. Edgar Allen Poe was the author for the afternoon. The following papers were read and discussed: 1. Life of Edgar Allen Poe, Mrs. Carrington. 2. His Poetical Work—Selections, Mrs. Allen. 3. Short Stories of Poe, Miss Allen. 4. Reading—The Masque of the Red Death, Miss Ledbetter. The hostess served delicious fruits and candies.

The young men delightfully entertained the Lotus Club Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Makepeace. Upon arrival each couple was given a bottle and piece of crepe paper from which a doll was to be made, the young lady instructing, the gentleman doing the work. Mr. Harry Edwards being the most successful was awarded the prize, a large doll. Refreshments consisting of cream and cake were served.

MOORESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Mooresville, Nov. 20.—The members and guests of the Mooresville Pleasure Club were charmingly entertained by Miss Olive Gray Thursday afternoon from 3 to 4:30 o'clock in a social and informal meeting. When the guests had assembled dainty score cards of red, white and blue were distributed by the hostess and the hunt for partners commenced. Progressive peanuts was the feature of entertainment and those winning the highest number of peanuts were Mesdames W. D. Templeton and J. P. Mills, who tied for the prize, a beautiful "Ivory Bust of Dickens," which fell to Mrs. Templeton. Delightful refreshments consisting of Waldorf salad, pressed chicken with tomato aspic, cream cheese, diamond bates biscuit, punch, stuffed dates and caramels. Those who had the pleasure of being invited were: Mesdames George Goodman, George Jones, J. F. Brawley, W. D. Templeton, J. P. Mills, C. E. Hawthorn, J. D. Reathman, C. F. McNeely, D. Mills, Paul Grissom, of Virginia, and Misses Julia Strewalt, N. Smoot, B. Fevre, Flossie Johnston, Fannie Lee Nesbit, Mary McNeely, Bess Shulenburger, Ruth Culbertson, Nona and Jett Brawley, and Miss McAnulty Yomia, of Tennessee. The next meeting of the Pleasure Club will be with Miss Ruth Culbertson on next Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church held a very pleasant meeting with Mrs. Moses White on Tuesday evening at her home on Church street.

Miss Grace Ranki ncharmingly entertained a few friends at tea Friday evening of last week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Norman. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McNeely, Miss Maud Lutz, and Messrs. Branch McNeely and Davis McLelland.

CONCORD.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Concord, Nov. 20.—Most decidedly pleasant and enjoyable was the at home given by Mrs. J. Leonard Brown on last Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Notwithstanding the day was cold and raw, few regrets were sent and a steady stream of callers found their way to this pretty new home, thrown open for the first time to the numerous friends of the hostess.

The decorations throughout the house were chiefly of chrysanthemums and were both pretty and artistic. Receiving in the hall were Misses Ohla Brown, Shirley Montgomery and Pattie Adams, of Monroe. In the parlor white and pink were the prevailing colors, and here Mrs. Brown was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. A. Cannon, Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Misses Elizabeth Gibson, Cassie and Atlea Watson. The dining room, in yellow, was especially attractive and the refreshments served were dainty and tempting. Mrs. A. M. Brown poured and Mrs. James C. Gibson chocolate. From a cozy corner in the rear hall Mrs. Louis Brown served punch.

Another pleasure organization is the Card Club, which was formed last Saturday, with a membership of thirty-six. The meetings are to be held weekly, the first one being held on Friday at the home of Mrs. R. K. Black, with Mrs. Black, Mrs. John Fox and Miss Mary King as hostesses.

The many Concord friends of Mr. Ben R. Craven, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Craven, are interested in the announcement of his marriage to Miss Julia Weatherby Donnell, which took place in Grace M. E. church, at Greensboro, on Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock. Mr. Henry Craven, of this city, was best man on this occasion.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bridge Club was held on Thursday afternoon with Misses Belle and Kate Means.

Miss Ruby Eldridge, of Greensboro, spent a few days of last week with her friend, Miss Josephine Smith.

The initiative meeting of the Sans Souci Club was held on Tuesday with Miss Mary Bingham at her home on Georgia avenue. After several spirited games of euchre, dainty and delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. George M. Lore was the pleasant hostess of the Social Club on last Thursday. Besides the club members there were present to enjoy her hospitality Mesdames Welsh, J. C. Wadsworth, W. C. Houston, J. W. Cannon, A. M. Brown, J. M. Grier, Elam King, and H. B. Adams, of Monroe.

Mrs. D. Lutter Bost entertained the Emery Club at her home on South Union street on Tuesday afternoon. After an hour spent on dainty handiwork, most tempting refreshments were served. The guests of honor were Mesdames W. C. Correll, L. A. Brown, M. L. Brown, Elam King and M. L. Marsh.

Mrs. James A. McAulay, of Mount Gilead, is the guest of Mrs. D. Lutter Bost.—Mrs. Henry B. Adams and daughter, Miss Pattie, returned Tuesday to their home in Monroe.—Mrs. J. C. McDowell and children, of Morganton, are visiting here.—Mrs. Doris Mauney returned to her home in King's Mountain Monday, after a stay of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Laura Festred.—Miss Matilda Midyette, of Ashland, Va., is visiting Miss Jenn Coltrane.—Mrs. J. W. Cannon and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., are in Winston visiting Mesdames J. B. Douglass and W. G. Hill. On Wednesday they were guests of honor at a most elaborate reception given by Mrs. J. B. Douglass.—Mrs. Jessie Sims Johnson spent the week-end with her friend, Mrs. R. A. Brown.

WILKESBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Wilkesboro, Nov. 20.—The social circles of this place were very much enlivened yesterday evening when Miss Nellie McNeill became the wife of Mr. William Ambrose Dimmette at the Baptist church, in the presence of their many friends. Rev. Milton McNeill, father of the bride, officiated. When Mrs. John A. Holbrook, the bride's sister, had sung "O Promise Me," Miss Bertha Spainhour, who presided at the organ, began to render Lohengrin's beautiful wedding march, and it was then that the wedding party entered. The ushers, Messrs. Joseph Previtte, Charles Myers, James Thompson and Presley Brown were followed by the flower girls, little Misses Maurine Moore and Ruby Spainhour, daintily dressed in white batiste over taffeta, with val lace and carrying baskets of double violets, these, in turn, were followed by the bride and the maid of honor, Miss Rosa McNeill, the bride's sister. The bride was gowned in a beautiful creation of white liberty satin over taffeta, and trimmed with real lace. Ehe wore the bride's veil and carried a huge bouquet of bride's roses, tied with white chiffon. The maid of honor wore light blue liberty satin, trimmed with cream velvetian lace and carried white carnations. At the altar the bride was met by the groom, attired in the conventional black, who, with the best man, Mr. Walter Horton, emerged from the pastor's study. There beneath an improvised arch of evergreens, from which was suspended a large white wedding bell, the two were made man and wife. Immediately behind the minister was a background of evergreens, symmetrically surmounted by innumerable candles and flanked by palms. During the ceremony the entrance march was softened into a melody in F, and this upon the retreat of the party was followed Mendelssohn's march. Following the marriage a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holbrook. In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. McNeill, Miss Rosa McNeill and Mr. Walter Horton. Where best wishes and congratulations were extended to the bride and groom, in the parlor the guests were conducted into the sitting room, where they were received by Mesdames F. G. Holman and A. S. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Church, and where were arranged the many beautiful wedding presents, evidences of the bride's popularity. The guests were then piloted into the dining room where refreshments in two courses were served. The newly married couple will leave on the afternoon train for Greensboro, their future home, where the groom holds a responsible position with the Greensboro National Bank.

GREENSBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, Nov. 20.—An event of more than usual importance and interest took place Wednesday evening, when Dr. Louis Fielding Tisinger, of Eufaula, Ala., led to hymens' altar Miss Mattie McCullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McCullen. A large crowd was gathered in West Market Street Methodist church to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Alpheus McCullen, of Washington, N. C. The chancel was beautifully and artistically decorated in palms, ferns and Southern smilax, among which was shed the soft glow from the light of many candles, the whole making a very pleasing effect. Professor George H. Thompson rendered the musical programme, the following selections being given before the ceremony "Andante, in F," Wely; "Traumerie," Schurman; "The Answer." The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," while Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was given as the recessional. During the ceremony Professor Thompson played very softly Tannhauser's "Song to the Evening Star." The bridesmaids and ushers were first to enter the church, entering from the main entrance and marching to the altar in couples. First were Messrs. Paul Blinco and Weldon Clay Burton, of Richmond, Va., followed by Misses Marie McCullen and Cora Galloway Pannill; Carlton Ogburn, of Atlanta, and Robert Tucker, of Richmond; Miss Louise Rice and Miss Charlotte Fennill, of Wilmington. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Midyette, of Ashland, Va., followed by the bride-elect, accompanied by her father. The bridegroom-elect, accompanied by his brother, Mr. C. H. Tisinger, acting as best man, entered from the pastor's study. The bride wore a gown of white satin trimmed in duchess lace and pearls, a veil caught up with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The maid of honor was gowned in pink messaline and carried a shower bouquet of pink sweet peas. The bridesmaids were attired in tasteful gowns of white Egyptian cloth, and carried pink chrysanthemums. After an extensive wedding tour in the Northern States the newly wedded couple will make their home in Eufaula, Ala.

Tuesday afternoon of last week Misses Paisley Ellington and Ula Adams entertained at the home of Miss Ellington in honor of Miss Rachel Petty, whose marriage to Mr. Waldo Porter took place Wednesday. Bridge was played, the highest score being made by Mrs. Norvell,. The guests were received in the hall by little Miss Gena Adams; those receiving in the parlor were Misses Ellington and Adams, assisted by Mrs. Gilmer Holland, of Danville, and Miss Petty, who wore a handsome gown of apricot messaline satin with a black picture hat. Punch was served in the library by Miss Fannie Barringer. At the conclusion o fthe games Master Lacy McAlister appeared drawing an express wagon on which was a trunk tied with white satin ribbon, and filled with all kinds of beautiful and useful gifts for the bride.

Frappe and cake were served and each guest was presented with a bunch of sweet peas. Those present were: Misses Rachel Patty, Bernice Smith, Marie Reynolds, Mary Benbow, Louise Bradshaw, Mamie Banner, Bessie Grissom, Sadie Dick, Annie McIver, Mary Fry, Frances Lyon, Aiken Land, Alice Callum, Josephine Gilmer, Waynesville; Mesdames Gilmer Holland, Dale Starbuck, M. H. Justice, Edwin Norvell, George Sterne.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. O. White gave a euchre party, the guest of honor being Mrs. Sue Hume, whose marriage takes place on December the third to Dr. John A. Williams. The guests were received in the hall by Mrs. W. B. Merrimon, those receiving in the library were Mrs. White, Mrs. Hume and Mrs. A. H. Wastfall, Mrs. Frank P. Morton presided over the book in which the guests wrote advice and many useful household hints for the bride. The house was beautifully and artistically decorated with many beautiful cut flowers and potted plants and lighted by candles. Eight tables of six-hand euchre were played, the first prize, a hand-painted bon-bon dish, was won by Miss Josephine Gilmer, while the consolation fell to Mrs. Turner, who presented it to the guest of honor. The prize for the bride-to-be was a dainty white satin pin cushion. Among those present were: Mesdames Hume, Morton, Merrimon, Bradshaw, Wastfall, Jordan, Cone, Justice, Perkins Lindau, Dick, Crabtree, Hobgood, Cobb, Sloan, Hood, Corpening, Thompson, Pearson, Myers, Meadows, Jarboe, Brawley, Turner; Misses Cator Gilmer and Case.

Mrs. S. L. Gilmer entertained at cards on Monday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Josephine Gilmer, of Waynesville. There were nine tables of six-hand euchre. The interest and excitement ran high until the last game, when it was found that Miss Annie McIver had won the young ladies' prize, Mrs. Grimsley the married ladies', while the consolation was drawn by Miss Paisly Ellington. The guest of honor was presented with a beautiful scarf. Dainty and delicious refreshments were served and Mrs. Gilmer, as usual, proved herself a most charming hostess.

Mrs. Kirk Callum and her daughter, Miss Mary, gave a charming card and flinch party to a number of their friends Tuesday afternoon. The prizes, which were lovely bunches of carnations, were won by Mrs. W. A. Porter and Mrs. Laurinda Richardson. A delicious salad course was served and the afternoon was most pleasantly spent.

A meeting of the Reviewer's Club was held on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. W. Battle, at her home on Wainnan street.

The Wednesday Bridge Club was most charmingly entertained by Mrs. Malone at her home on Gaston street.

One of the most delightful of the social functions was the euchre and flinch party given by Mrs. James Carrigan Thursday afternoon at her home on Spring street. The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of La France roses, ferns and palms. The highest score was made by Miss Alice Callum, who was presented with a beautiful brass fern dish, while the consolation fell to Mrs. Walter Roberson. Delightful refreshments consisting of chicken salad, asparagus with mayonnaise, olives, celery, cheese sandwiches, beaten biscuit and coffee were served.

The Tuesday Afternoon Card Club was very delightfully entertained by Miss Mary Catoe at the home of Mrs. Ceasar Cone.

DURHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Nov. 20.—The dance Friday night in the armory from 9 to 12:30 was a delightful affair in which twenty-five couples participated. The Durham Orchestra furnished the music and the dance was a combination of the german, waltz and two-step. The sight was beautiful, the only decorations were the pretty girls in their different colored dresses and brilliant lights. The figures were led by Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson and Miss Ethel Carr. The dance was given in honor of the visiting girls and their hostesses. It was an informal delightful dance, and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody present.

The dinner party given to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brooks, of Detroit, Mich., by Mrs. W. A. Erwin Wednesday evening was delightful in every sense of the word. The colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin is at all times lovely and Wednesday was given additional ornamentation by the profuse decorations in the halls and parlors, banked with chrysanthemums. A large, oval table in the centre created the greatest admiration on account of its beautiful drawn work and the excess of pink carnations surrounding the rosebuds, to which were added sprays of asparagus ferns, the whole forming the lovely centrepiece of the dining table. The color scheme of pink was thoroughly and beautifully carried out through the whole dinner. An elaborate eight-course luncheon in the daintiest style was served. Pink carnations were given as souvenirs with the last course. After dinner the guests were entertained with music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brooks, Col. and Mrs. J. Harper Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rose, Mrs. R. W. Winston, and Mrs. J. C. Michie.

Mrs. J. Harper Erwin's delightful dinner party Thursday evening was an event that drew a good many city folks to their suburban home. A most delicious course dinner was served prior to the intellectual pleasure in which were the games, bridge and a guessing contest for those not knowing the game of bridge.

The floral courtship furnished unusual amusement and was a clever form of entertainment. Those present were: Miss Louise Patterson, of Detroit; Miss Helen Banners, of Burlington, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brooks, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holt, Jr., Miss Bertha Holt and Mr. Robert Holt, of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Michie, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fatton, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Griswold, and Mrs. W. A. Erwin; Messrs. Sidney Minor, Will Minor, Lathrop Morehead, J. W. Burroughs and Rev. Sidney S. Bost.

The Roundabout Club was charmingly entertained by Mrs. P. W. Vaughan at her home on Dilliard street. There were six tables full and flinch was the game played. Mrs. Vaughan gracefully received her guests gowned in a raspberry directoire of the latest style, assisted by her daughter, Miss Annie Louise, who was also charmingly dressed in a baby blue satin. After two hours for progressive flinch delicious as well as beautiful refreshments were served in two courses.

Saturday afternoon just as night came on, Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the Second Baptist church, was called on to officiate in the marriage of a couple from Chapel Hill, Mr. H. M. Williams and Miss Ella Hogan. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. Nichols, on Vickers avenue, who is a mutual friend. While it had all appearances of being a gretna green, it was not. The couple had the consent of the bride's parents, but they decided they would rather come quietly to Durham and surprise their friends.

Sunday evening at 7:30, just before the time for services at the various churches, there was a marriage solemnized at the home and by Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, pastor of Memorial Methodist church. The contracting parties were Mr. J. Dameron Woods and Miss Daisy Salmon. Their friends say it was not a runaway affair but simply the desire of the couple to have a quiet wedding, and this method was adopted. A few friends went to the parsonage with them. The groom is the son of Mr. E. A. Woods, and a well known young man. The bride is largely connected here and very popular. They have taken rooms with Mr. W. T. Greene till they go to housekeeping.

The Book and Embroidery Clue had a most delightful meeting Tuesday with Mrs. J. M. Sasser, of Liberty street, as hostess. After two or more hours of work and conversation delicious refreshments were served. This over, the books were distributed and all adjourned to meet the second week in December with Mrs. Anna Budd.

Mrs. James S. Manning gave something entirely new Monday evening when she entertained the Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club and the husbands of the members. There were seven tables and pivot bridge was played. The highest score was made by Mrs. L. A. Carr, but the men played good cards, despite their infrequent and untutored hands.

The playing began at 8:30 with all the twenty-eight guests present. After two hours of the exciting game refreshments were served. An elaborate luncheon this was, too, turkey salads, sandwiches, beaten biscuit and salted almonds. Miss Julia Manning and Master Frederick Manning, serving the good things, while Miss Alma Mordecai served punch. The evening was a joint tribute to the married men and Miss Mordecai, who left the next day for her home in New Orleans, after a protracted visit here to her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Manning. The home on Mangum street was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and ferns.

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club was charmingly entertained by Mrs. John I. Rose from 3:30 till 5. The home on Queen street was a very pretty in its decorations of autumn leaves and chrysanthemums. Promptly at 3:30 the head table began playing, as is the custom. At the close it was found Miss Ethel Carr had made the score of the afternoon. A delicious salad course was served with hot chocolate, after which with much reluctance all bade Mrs. Rose good night and thanking her for such a delightful afternoon.

The marriage vows that joined for life Mr. Reginal T. Newstead, one of Durham's well known and highly honored young men, and Miss Alice Piper, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Annie Piper, were said at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, No. 1006 Mangum street. Rev. G. T. Adams officiated. The wedding was beautiful in its simplicity. It was the desire of the young people to have a very quiet wedding. There were no attendants, only Miss Alice Hundley presided at the piano and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the couple went from the sitting room to the parlor, and while the troth was being plighted Schubert's "Serenade" was softly played. Congratulations and best wishes were said and then the wedding party went immediately to the union station and took the train for a Northern bridal trip. At the home the decorations with palms, ferns and cut flowers in hall, sitting room and dining room made a beautiful picture. In the sitting room was displayed as fine a collection of presents as any Durham bride ever received. There were massive and magnificent cut glass pieces as well as silver and china and all were beautiful. Mr. Umstead is the son of Mr. H. L. Umstead, is well known and has many warm friends in this section of the county. His bride is a daughter of the late Mr. J. G. Piper, and a charming, lovely woman.

After returning from their tour the couple will go to housekeeping in the beautiful home formerly owned by Mr. S. P. Mason and from whom the groom purchased it a short while ago.

The home of Capt. J. F. Freeland was the scene of a surprise but happy event Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock when his daughter, Miss Adalaide Stone Freeland, was given in marriage to Capt. B. F. Carpenter, conductor of the Seaboard road between Louisburg and Franklinton. The young people had planned to keep the matter very quiet except from the members of the family and most intimate friends and they succeeded, for but very few knew of the approaching nuptials until the ceremony had taken place. There were no attendants. The parlors and hall were prettily decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns. In the parlor, where the vows were said, was a bank of flowers forming a background for the scene enacted. Rev. G. T. Adams performed the ceremony. There was no music. The bride was gowned in a traveling suit of brown broadcloth. As soon as the marriage was over the couple, with friends, went to the union station, where they took the train for a Northern tour. The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Umstead, of Stem; Mrs. Bertram Freeland, of High Point, and Mrs. B. N. Sykes, of Greenville.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Henry Rigsbee and Miss Louise Carpenter were married Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. It was a very quiet wedding, only the immediate family being present.

WILMINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 20.—Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson entertained very delightfully, when they were at home to a few of their friends in an informal way, Thursday being the seventh anniversary of their wedding. Delicious refreshments were served to the guests and the occasion was one of much pleasure to all who were present. Those who were invited, some of whom were unable to attend, were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Metts, Mr. Hargrove Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Bellamy, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach, Miss Lucile Murchison.

The opening dance of L'Ariosa German Club, on Thursday evening of last week, which was also the first formal dance of the season, given complimentary to the King-Rountree wedding party, was a most delightful affair, and one of the most beautiful dances given in the history of the club. The spacious ball room of the Masonic Temple was attractively decorated, and a large number of members and visitors were present. The out-of-town guests present were: Miss Alice Hucke, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. J. R. McNeil, Miss Madge Johnston, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Bessie Shotter, Savannah, Ga.; Miss Dorothy King, Mr. Harry Markoe, Jr., also of New York; Miss Isabel Shotter, of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. I. Western Kendall, of New York; Miss Jean King, of New York; Mr. Hugh Blythe, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Wynne Ffoulkes, of Philadelphia; Miss Emory, of Baltimore; Mr. J. T. Gittings, of Baltimore, and Miss Margaret Harris, of New Jersey. These dances are given every month, and add greatly to the social life of this city. Hollowbushe's Band furnished the music, and the dance was led through many intricate figures by the leader, Mr. Robert Carter.

One of the most beautiful weddings that has ever taken place in Wilmington, was that of Miss Isabel Rountree and Mr. VanRenselier Choate King, formerly of New York, but for several years past a resident of this city, which was solemnized on Thursday afternoon last in Saint James' church. The interior of this beautiful old church was elaborately decorated and the occasion was one for the outpouring of a large number of the most prominent leaders in Wilmington society, and the historic old church was thronged with guests. The bridesmaids entered from the choir room, meeting the bride as she entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. George Rountree, and preceding her up the aisle. The bridesmaids were beautifully gowned in delicate shade of pink chiffon cloth and wore large white hats, trimmed with pink roses, and carried pink roses, while the maid of honor, Miss Isabel Shotter, a cousin of the bride, was beautifully and becomingly gowned in white. The bride wore a handsome gown of white satin, and carried Bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The wedding party consisted of Miss Cynthia Rountree, sister of the bride; Miss Dorothy King, and Miss Jean King, of New York, sisters of the groom; Miss Bessie Shotter, of Savannah, Ga.; Miss Lucy Bridgers, of Wilmington, while Miss Isabel Shotter, of Savannah, acted as maid of honor. The groomsmen were: Mr. Hugh Blythe, of Chicago; Mr. Harry Markoe, Jr., of New York; Mr. C. McD. Davis, Mr. Milton Calder and Mr. Burke Bridgers, of Wilmington, while Mr. I. Western Kendal, of New York, acted as best man. The marriage service which was performed by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, bishop of East Carolina, was very impressive. After the ceremony a very small reception was held, only a few intimate friends being invited on account of a recent bereavement in the family of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. King left on the northbound train for a honeymoon trip to Northern cities. Returning they will be at home to their friends at 516 Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer returned to their home on Thursday last, after an extended tour to the Holy Land, Egypt, Madeira Islands, Algiers, a cruise through the Mediterranean, and an extended visit to all the large cities of Europe and the Cathedral towns of England. They have been absent from their home for nearly a year, and their host of friends in Wilmington are delighted to welcome them back again.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Walter Parsley, at which time a local branch of the National Red Cross Society was launched in this city. This is only the second branch of this society which has been launched in North Carolina, and plans have been laid for effective work from the beginning. The local society will affiliate with the national organization, and will not only assist in the great work that it is carrying on all over the world, but in case of plague or pestilence or great disaster, its help would be extended here. The Red Cross stamps have been issued, and many of the merchants have generously loaned their assistance by purchasing same.

LEAKSVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Leaksville, Nov. 20.—The Chelidon Club met with Mrs. Grissom on Wednesday and spent a delightful hour, in which it seemed their name was fully justified. The charming hostess conducted the guests to the dining room, which was fitted up into a veritable Japanese bower, and presided over by Mrs. Hoover, who made a quaint little Jap with her flowing robes, and who served tea and wafers.

Then varied amusements were the order of the entertainment: first, fishing for peanuts in a bowl of water with hatpins, at which Mrs. R. B. Wall proved an expert and received the prize, a bottle of Hudnut's toilet-water. Then a glass jar containing nuts was exhibited for the guests to guess the number of nuts. Mrs. D. F. King guessed the correct number and received a lucnh set. The final diversion was to prove the best pitcher by having the guests throw nuts into a can, for which Mrs. T. W. Field received the prize, a ruche.

Thursday the Hosiery Club met with Miss Nell Fagg, with the following programme; Paper, "Life of Mozart," Mrs. Hopper; instrumental duet, Misses Taylor and Fagg; paper, "Hans Sach, the Cobbler Poet," Mrs. Taylor; poem, "German Folk Lore," Mrs. Van Noppen.

The Chalmers Glenn Chapter of the U. D. C. met with Mrs. Hoover Friday. The following programme was very much enjoyed: Paper, "Capture of New Orleans"; vocal solo, Mrs. A. T. Hopper; paper, "Fall of Vicksburg," Mrs. J. P. Price; "Incidents of the War," by club.

The Thimble Club met with Mrs. Benton Field, Friday, and spent a pleasant and profitable hour.

The young men gave a delightful dance at the Phelps barn, two miles in the country, which was greatly enjoyed.—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harris entertained Thursday evening a large number of young people in honor of their guests, Misses Thomas and Smith, of Martinsville.

ASHEBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Asheboro, Nov. 20.—All the young people in town gathered at the home of Mr. W. A. Coffin on last Thursday evening to participate in an old-time country corn shucking and never was an evening more delightfully spent. The corn was piled in the centre of the barn lot, surrounded by benches, and scores of Japanese lanterns furnished the light. The young people, fifty or more in number, went to work with a will, and for two hours, amid gales of laughter whenever a red ear was shucked, the work and fun continued. At the end of that time the corn shucked and housed, the guests repaired to the house where coffee, cake and sandwiches were served. The house was thrown open to the guests and the merriment continued until a late hour, when reluctant good-nights were said, every one voting to have another corn shucking next year.

Mrs. H. B. Martin entertained "The Ramblers" on Friday afternoon, November 13th. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. J. D. Ross and Miss Mullie Rush, after which the guests were entertained with a novel contest. Peanuts were piled on a table and each guest was given a knife and told to fish and see how many of the nuts she could place on the knife with one trial, then to walk around the table with the knife in her hand and the number of nuts remaining on the knife would indicate the number of husbands she would have. Miss Esther Amman proved herself entitled to the greatest number of husbands and was awarded the prize. Seasonable refreshments were served.

One of the most delightful informal affairs of the season was the thimble party given by Mrs. W. A. Coffin Monday afternoon last in honor of Mrs. Daniel Shaw, of Laurinburg, the guest of Mrs. W. C. Hammond. The young matrons all had their embroidery and the two hours spent in work and animated conversation passed only too quickly. But the warning of the lengthening shadows was heeded, and after partaking of the delicious salad, wafers, hot chocolate and salted peanuts, which the hostess so daintily served, wraps were donned and farewells said. Those who feel indebted to Mrs. Coffin are: Mrs. Shaw, the guest of honor; Mesdames William C. Hammer, W. A. Underwood, E. H. Morris, W. C. Hammond, J. D. Simpson, W. D. Stedman, D. B. McCrary, J. D. Ross, W. J. Scarboro, T. H. Redding, Annie Robins, W. H. Moring, J. V. Hunter, J. T. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Redding entertained at progressive forty-two Wednesday evening. The folding doors between the parlors, hall and dining room were thrown open and the seven tables arranged in these rooms. At the end of the eleventh game the scores were counted and Miss Clara Moffitt, Mr. L. L. Whitaker and Dr. D. K. Lockhardt were found to have tied, winning ten out of eleven games. In cutting for the prize Mr. Whitaker was the fortunate winner, but he immediately presented it, a dainty box of candy, to Miss Moffitt. The booby, a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and asparagus fern, was won by Mr. Jesse Scarboro, who presented it to his partner, Miss Osborne. Miss Annie Blair kept the score and assisted the hostess in serving coffee, lettuce and nut sandwiches, Malaga grapes and mints.

Miss Florence Blair's music added much to the pleasure of the evening, and every one left thanking Mr. and Mrs. Redding for one of the most delightful evenings ever spent socially. Those present were: Misses Nannie Bulla, May McAlister, Florence, Etta and Annie Blair, Edith and Agnes Moring, Bess Coffin, Erma Whitfield, Clara Moffitt, Laura Stinson, Maggie Lee Erwin, Ione Cates, Daisy Osborne, Messrs. L. L. Whitaker, O. V. Worsley, Fred Hendricks, Charles Fox, E. L. Amman, Clarence Rush, R. C. Kelly, Jesse Scarboro, Frank Byrd, Henry Robins, Sulon Stedman, Dr. D. K. Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross and Col. W. P. Wood.

SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, Nov. 20.—An enthusiastic and representative audience greeted the Choral Society at the graded school auditorium Thursday evening when it made its first appearance before the public. Every number on the programme was perfectly rendered. The choruses were sung with superb effect and the solo work was artistic to the highest degree. Opening with Gounod's stirring and inspiring "Soldiers' Chorus" the members gave their hearers a musical treat beyond their greatest expectations. Mr. Taylor has indeed shown himself to be a director of superior ability. Mr. Collins sang with fine effect. Mrs. Smith was in beautiful voice. Miss Crouch played most beautifully and brilliantly. Mr. Taylor's violin solo was of the rarest beauty and Mr. Blainey, who was heard here for the first time, charmed one and all by his splendid baritone in the prologue from "Pagliacci."

Another charming musical event of the week was Miss Julia Crouch's entertainment on Friday evening in her handsome and spacious drawing room at the Empire Hotel. She gave her friends another opportunity to hear Mr. Blainey's fine voice and that they appreciated the privilege was very evident from their intense enjoyment and their repeated calls for song after song. Miss Goodykoonts sang most delightfully and Mr. Taylor

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On and Off Chat About Fat

The society reporter picked up the following gem at Madam Brewster's not twenty-four hours ago. One of her millionaire customers struggling into a new gown asked the famous costumer how she kept her figure in such superb shape. "You habitually eat and drink heartily and even thoughtlessly, not to say riotously at times," she complained, "whereas I live like a hermit. Yet I can't keep slim and, apparently, you can't get fat." "Guilty," replied the fashion czarina. "I admit I dont fatten up nor do I thin down, but it is because I have the power, my dear Mrs. ——, (the name almost slipped out), to say to my fat 'Thus far and no farther.' I I don't exercise nor diet nor run any danger of wrinkles or stomach trouble either. Here is the secret