

bloom during the early fall, and to them are added those peculiar to the autumn months. The delicate, pink gerardia is one of the daintiest plants imaginable; its leaves are hardly visible amidst the numerous bell-shaped flowers which have so fragile a hold upon life that a day spans their existence, and their fallen petals cover the ground with a carpet fit for fairy dances.

The gentian *ochroleuca* is in no wise beautiful, for, as its name indicates, it is greenish-white in color; but the blue gentian is ever a treat to the eye. Its hue is unlike any other in nature unless it be the deep blue of an Italian sky. Remaining, as it does, until all else bright has departed, it stands among the dry, brown grass and leaves, its face turned trustingly heaven-ward, a symbol of faith and hope gratefully welcomed by hearts under the spell of autumn's gloomy influences.

Christmas decorations are amply provided for by the time-honored holly and the mistletoe with its white, waxy fruit, which, though differing from the English variety, is quite as effective.

This enumeration is not in the least exhaustive, as only the flowers and plants most readily found have been mentioned, but is it not sufficient to prove the title "pine barrens" a misnomer? M.

To Help Suffering Cubans.

The Aberdeen local committee for Cuban famine relief work has sent out the following circular:

ABERDEEN, N. C., Jan. 22, 1898.

DEAR SIR:—

In conjunction with the Cuban Famine Relief Work of the *Christian Herald*, we, the undersigned residents of Aberdeen, are undertaking to collect provisions and money from the surrounding country to contribute toward this relief. The need is very pressing. Many thousands appear to have already died of starvation, and we therefore earnestly solicit help from all who may learn of this appeal.

Contributions of meal, flour, corn, wheat and other non-perishable food substances, light clothing, blankets and money will be most useful.

Goods may be shipped to any of the undersigned or given through gentlemen in the surrounding towns who shall be associated with us in this work.

It is hoped that the response to this appeal may be quick and hearty. We wish to have shipment ready to leave Aberdeen by February 15th.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. PAGE,
H. A. PAGE,
J. McN. JOHNSON,
JOHN BLUE,
J. W. GRAHAM,
W. B. ECKHOUT.

An invitation has been extended to Pinehurst to share in this privilege of sending relief to the suffering people of this little island. The offertory at the services Sunday morning will be devoted to this purpose; as well as the Bible school offering.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF

PUPILS

For instruction in German, Latin, Botany, Geology and English Literature will be received by

PROF. D. F. LINCOLN,

HOLLY INN, PINEHURST, N. C.

THE PINE.

The following impromptu verses formed part of the response of Dr. Parcels to Mayor Fagan's address of welcome at Aberdeen on the 15th inst.:

The Oak, the Beech, the Maple, too,
Like Faith and Charity;
Sleep through the months of ice and snow—
The Pine's a nobler tree.

Like Hope, it rears its head on high,
Wherever it is seen;
Though cold and frosts and storms come nigh,
Its leaves are ever green.

In other climes, 'mong other trees,
We wander all alone,
List to the sounds of humming bees
And insects all unknown.

Still to the Pine fond mem'ry clings,
Like truthful precepts sown;
What other thought such pleasure brings?
The Pine tree is our own.

Though monarch of Carolina's woods
Seeks no allegiance;
In all her forests and her groves,
Asks no obedience.

It wields no sceptre, wears no crown,
A sov'reign strange, we see;
If merit true may win renown,
Pay homage to this tree.

Oh may the Pine reign proudly on,
Throughout the march of Time,
While kings arise, and fall anon,
Monarch ever grand, sublime.

GAME IN MOORE COUNTY.

Past, Present and Future of Hunting in this Section of North Carolina.

Here and there in an old junk pile in some of our blacksmith shops, we will find bear traps now in a state of innocuous desuetude. Wolf-pits are not infrequently seen throughout our woods, and the picture is easily drawn of the days when the lupine pests impelled by the pangs of hunger rushed into the jaws of death. The oldest inhabitant (he may be a man in middle life) will tell you that "oft in the stilly night" he and his neighbors have shot deer and wild turkeys from their own door steps. It was to be expected that the lumberman and the turpentine still would frighten game away; and that the devices and decoys by which the deer, wild turkey and the quail were brought within easy shot would in time make them scarce and timid. And yet, with an experienced guide, the hunter can to-day be sure of a successful day's sport. As a matter of information we copy here the statement of Landlord Powell of the Powell Hotel, Aberdeen. It reads:

Sportsmen from the North will receive special attention. The proprietor is familiar with the haunts and habits of the game in Moore county, and with gun and dog will give all possible assistance to his guests.

Now that the forests have been "worked for all they are worth" by the lumbermen, game will return if laws recently enacted by the state legislature are enforced, as they doubtless will be. The open season for all game, except deer, at present is from November 1st. to March 1st. For a period of five years it is forbidden to shoot or chase with dogs any deer, except in an enclosure exceeding five feet high on the premises of the owner thereof. Shooting wild turkeys from blinds or over bait is also forbidden. This act applies to Moore county and is for its special protection. We quote the prophecy of an expert huntsman:

"I venture to say that at the end of five years there will be an increase ten-fold of the game thus protected. Wild

turkeys are plentiful now, and being so well able to care for themselves cannot but increase. Quail also furnish fine sport, and not infrequently the gunner brings in a bag of twenty-five to forty for his half day's work. Just give us five years, and we'll show the finest hunting land in the state; in fact we will show one vast game preserve." Fox hunters will appreciate the fact that this is an open country for fox hunting. The hunter can ride for miles without meeting any obstructions to man or beast. It is no exaggeration to say that no such opportunity for this splendid sport exists east of the Mississippi river.

Our First Congress.

The first United States Congress met in Federal hall, Wall street, New York, on April 6th, 1789. The hall was fitted up for its use by Major L'Enfant, who afterwards laid out Washington city. He was offered in payment some lots out in the swamp, but he scorned the offer. These lots are now worth millions of dollars. It was on the portico over the front entrance of this hall that Washington was first inaugurated President of the United States.

The pay of the Speaker of the House—F. A. Muhlenberg—was twelve dollars a day. Members and senators received six dollars a day when in actual attendance, and six dollars for every twenty miles of travel. The clerk's salary was fifteen hundred dollars, and two dollars for every day of actual attendance at the sessions. The chaplain received five hundred dollars a session, and the sergeant-at-arms four dollars a day. So it will be seen that as only actual service was paid for, it behooved members of Congress in those days to attend strictly to business if they wished to draw their salaries.

The Senate at that time sat with closed doors, and it was five years before galleries were allowed.

President Washington wrote his own message to Congress, and at the opening of the session he carried it down to the state house and read it to the members himself, Senate and House sitting together to hear it.—*Exchange*.

Interesting Items from Other Pens.

Mrs. S. M. Wilnot of this city, is stopping at "The Oaks," in Pinehurst, N. C. It is strange to learn that Pinehurst has electric cars and all other modern improvements. "The Oaks" is a favorite place with northern people, is up to date in all its appointments and is already well known to many Bridgeport travelers.—*Bridgeport Daily Standard*.

Northern tourists who are spending the winter at Pinehurst, have inaugurated a new form of amusement. They make up excursions and visit neighboring towns, where members of their party entertain the people with recitations, songs, instrumental music, etc. Last week they made a pleasant visit to Aberdeen where they were extended a hearty reception by the mayor and citizens of the town. They expect to go on an excursion to Carthage soon. Our people would no doubt be glad to have them visit Sanford.—*Sanford Express*.

Through the courtesy of J. P. Rothermel, the druggist, we were shown a copy of the PINEHURST OUTLOOK, published at Pinehurst, North Carolina. Dr. W. H. Parcels, of this place, who is visiting at the celebrated southern resort, has a splendid article in the OUTLOOK, entitled "Told Yet Again." It teems with the brilliancy of the doctor's vast store of prose and poetry, and the descriptive

would have done credit to a Volney or Lamartine. We are pleased to learn that our eminent and popular physician is enjoying good health among the "pineys" as well as being as popular among the "tar-heels" as he is at home.—*Lewisburg (Pa.) Daily Courier*.

SOUTHERN PINES.

G. B. Blanchard of Auburn, Me., is a guest at the Ozone.

J. R. Bird of Philadelphia, Pa., likes this section so well that he is looking for a permanent location.

J. W. Forbush and wife of Gorham, N. H., and F. H. Blanchard and wife are stopping at the Ozone.

T. S. Drake of New Rochelle, N. Y., a large owner of Florida property, is stopping at the Ozone.

Clark J. Brown, A. C. Wilcox and Charles E. Gibson and wife took a pleasant drive to Pinehurst last Friday.

The entertainment recently held by the Kings Daughters for the benefit of the Congregational church netted the neat sum of \$63.00.

Last Wednesday afternoon the trolley car brought over quite a number of Pinehurst people. Among them we noticed Mr. Rogers, Miss Drew, Miss Hopkinson and others.

The Kings Daughters held an entertainment last evening for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers. The silent drill and gramophone were greatly appreciated by the large number of people present.

ABERDEEN.

A. J. Adams is visiting his sister, Mrs. P. R. Pleasants.

Miss Ethel Edes of Chicago is visiting Mrs. A. L. Geddes.

W. S. Primrose of Raleigh visited H. H. Powell this week.

Miss Addie Goodwin left for Biscoe Tuesday to attend the Bethune-Adams marriage.

Mrs. N. M. Bryan is well informed in the latest millinery styles. Give her a call, ladies.

Misses Katie Blue and Beulah Harrington are visiting Miss Nettie McAulay in Rockingham this week.

Messrs. L. S. Brewer and F. H. Weaver, who have been visiting in Pittsboro, N. C., returned Monday.

Much sympathy is expressed for Allen Moore, a worthy colored man, whose house was destroyed by fire last Monday night.

Rev. Mr. Emery of Southern Pines preached at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning for Rev. Mr. Dobbs, who preached at Pinehurst.

Dr. Bethune, formerly of this place, and Miss Lena Adams of Biscoe were married at Biscoe last Wednesday morning. A wedding breakfast was served at 12 o'clock, after which the happy couple started for their future home in Lumberton.

"If you had four apples," said the teacher, "and your father gave you four more, what would you have?"

"Colic," replied Bobby.—*New York Journal*.