

have been full of an endless procession of pedlars of greenery with all kinds of queer rigs from the single ox, cow or staid mule to the two horse prairie schooner. Here Santa Claus is black as well as white and sells as well as makes gifts. \*.\*

#### The Children's Christmas Tree.

On Monday evening the children's Christmas tree celebration took place. The Village Hall was filled to standing room only. The tree was an enormous cedar, by far the largest that has appeared in the Village Hall within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It was most beautifully decorated, and when filled with the presents, etc., it was indeed a gorgeous, and above all, a very artistic looking affair. The Village Hall was very tastefully decorated. The Pinehurst Santa Claus, Mr. A. C. Butler, in due time, made his appearance and was applauded to the echo. He was clad in a Klondike suit of fur with all other fittings to match, and made a most imposing and stately Kris Kringle. He kept the large audience in good humor by his witty remarks and added greatly to the success of the entertainment by the way he distributed the prizes, etc., etc. Mrs. Foster played the accompaniments in an able manner.

The entertainment opened with the singing of Christmas carols by the children, and then followed two recitations by Master Fletcher Robinson, who was very loudly and deservedly encored. Then followed two comic choruses and songs by the children, after which another reading by Master Robinson which was also well received. Then followed Mr. Santa Claus to whom too much praise cannot be given. Mr. C. E. Kennedy and Mr. A. C. Butler also kindly lent their phonographs which enlivened the proceedings during and after the presentation of gifts.

It would be impossible to say enough or to speak in terms warm enough of the committee of management, but as the lady who took a most prominent part, will not have her name mentioned, we cannot publish them and the management hereby thank the committee for their untiring efforts and also congratulate them on their brilliant success.

#### Christmas Sociable.

On Tuesday, Christmas evening, there was a sociable in the Village Hall. It was a very enjoyable affair and reflected great credit on Mrs. Fowle who had it in charge. There were three tables, presided over by the Misses Bradbury, Barstow and Carrington, who poured chocolate, dispensed bon bons, etc., etc., in the most liberal, and at the same time, in the most approved fashion, and made quite a success in their respective rules. There was a large and respective gathering and all were made welcome and comfortable by the charming and indefatigable hostess, who was here, there, and everywhere at once. There was some singing, and Mr. Miller played a piano solo. More singing, after which all were invited to partake in the social dance at the Holly Inn. Mrs. Foster kindly accompanied in the part songs.

The thanks of the management are hereby tendered to Mrs. Fowle and the young ladies who presided, and also, to all who helped to make this sociable such a success.

#### Christmas Services.

The usual union Christmas services were held here last Sunday morning, conducted by the Rev. C. M. Emery, who preached in a very effective manner and who was attentively listened to by the large congregation present. His subject was very appropriate to the season of the year. The music was also that of Christmas and was tastefully rendered by the choir and joined in by those present. Mr. Emery renewed his acquaintance with a large number of friends who are very glad to meet him year after year. Mrs. Foster presided at the piano. The Sunday school and Bible class was also opened by Mr. Emery who led the Bible class. Mr. E. T. Underhill kindly and most efficiently took charge of the Sunday school and showed by the masterly way he went about it that he is thoroughly acquainted with the work. Miss Bertha Taylor took charge of the girls class in an able manner. These services were much enjoyed and are being better attended each succeeding Sunday.

At 3 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Gregory conducted the Episcopal services in the Village Hall. As last Sunday was the fourth Sunday in advent, the music for that day was sung. Miss Barstow presided at the piano, and the singing was very enjoyable.

At 7.15 p. m. the prayer and praise service was led by Mr. Bliss. Mr. E. T. Underhill and Mr. Bliss with others, addressed the meeting which was very well attended and during which a large number of hymns were sung by the assemblage and all seemed to enjoy this service thoroughly.

#### Next Sunday's Services.

Morning service at 11 a. m., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fox of Pinebluff. Mr. Fox is a very able minister and it is hoped that he will have a large attendance. If possible there will be special music at this service.

At 12 noon the Sunday school and adult Bible class led by Mr. Fox.

At 3 p. m. the Episcopal service, Rev. Mr. Gregory.

At 7.15 p. m. the praise and prayer service led by Mr. E. T. Underhill.

All are most cordially invited to these services, not only to listen, but to take an active part, and to help to make the evening one of solid enjoyment to all who attend.

#### Christmas at the Hotels.

The Holly Inn served an elaborate menu to its guests as well as a large number of transients who went to this well known hostelry for their Christmas dinner. The orchestra also gave a concert during the dinner hour which afforded much pleasure to the guests.

At the Berkshire Landlord Kimball served one of the best Christmas dinners ever offered to the public who have made this hotel their home while in Pinehurst. The menu was exceptionally good and well served as the waitresses of this house are well drilled and thoroughly understand their duties.

#### Notice.

Flashlight photographs of the Christmas tree and interior of Village Hall are now ready at the Pinehurst Photographic Studio.  
C. E. MERROW, Prop.

#### Scotch Foursomes.

A very exciting and interesting game of golf was played today (Tuesday) on the Pinehurst golf links, of which is called a "Scotch foursome," or best ball match, the players being D. J. Ross and Mr. Dutton against Alec Ross and Mr. Sise. A large number of ladies and gentlemen witnessed the contest. Some excellent play was made throughout showing in the best of form. The condition of the fair-green was good, and the putting-greens was in first class shape. The score was even at the end of the eighteen holes.

#### Golf Pool.

"Golf pool," is the latest. A pool table is arranged as a six-hole course, with the pockets for holes, and two balls are used. The player uses a cue as a substitute for a putter, driver, brassy, niblick and other long-handled implements employed by the golfer on the regular grass links. "Golf pool" has already become a favorite game in New York, and it has the advantage of not depending at all on the state of the weather and can be played at night as well as in the day time. It was rather mystifying to the crack pool player when he first saw "golf pool" in a Broadway billiard room, because it was not conducted under any of the recognized pool rules and seemed to him to be downright uncanny. But he soon took to it, and now, when anyone proposes a game of pool, his prospective antagonist is very likely to ask, with affected carelessness, "Fifteen ball, pin or golf?" And then it is all "up to the other fellow."—*American Golf.*

#### Success.

They say nothing succeeds like success. If you write the word with a capital—*Success*—which is the title of one of the newest periodicals, it will be almost as true as the adage itself. In a very short time its circulation has increased remarkably. Doubtless enterprise and advertisement have had something to do with it. But it appears to us to be due in a larger measure to the fact that every page of its monthly contents is devoted in one way and another to the purpose of keeping true to its name; to all the ways and means of achieving success, not merely material, worldly success, but as well the higher endeavor for worthy achievements in the field of art, literature, the drama, music and whatever noble aspiration possesses the youthful heart. It tries to aid in every direction all who are struggling upward and to encourage them. And besides giving examples of success in the past it records those of the present time. It offers generous prizes to its canvassers, and we note that a woman of North Carolina, Mrs. C. L. Coler, has just won \$125.00 for turning in 820 subscribers. \*.\*

#### Whist Party.

The duplicate and progressive whist party held in Village Hall last Friday evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the participants. The tables were equally divided between those who wished to play duplicate and those desiring to play progressive. The same committee which had charge of the first whist party two weeks ago, again had charge of this party. Mr. St. Clair, Mrs.

Mahew and Miss Taylor, to their efforts may be ascribed the success of the party. There were twelve prizes divided equally between those playing duplicate and the progressive whist tables. Miss Rose Garfield won the first ladies' prize for duplicate. Miss Davis, Miss Pott, Mr. Harry Stowe and Mrs. Martin also won prizes at the duplicate whist.

Mr. Harry Stillings, Mr. Bliss, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Dickson were the fortunate winners at progressive whist. Refreshments of cake and fruit, punch and sandwiches was served during the evening.

#### A Social Blunderbuss.

Lord John Russell of England was a man of noble character, but of a curious artlessness of disposition. He never cultivated the ability to pay harmless compliments. More than once he got himself into such scrapes as the following:

Once, at a concert at Buckingham palace, he was seen to get up suddenly, turn his back on the duchess of Sutherland, by whom he had been sitting, walk to the remotest part of the room and sit down by the duchess of Inverness. When questioned afterward as to the cause of his unceremonious move, which had the look of a quarrel, he said: "I could not have sat any longer by that great fire; I should have fainted."

"O, that was a very good reason for moving; but I hope you told the duchess of Sutherland why you left her."

"Well, no; I don't think I did that. But I told the duchess of Inverness why I came and set by her."—*Youth's Companion.*

#### His Master's Sober Request.

The policeman had given his testimony, which was unqualifiedly to the fact of the old gentleman's intoxication. Then the old servant was called to the witness box. There was a mingled expression of indignation and determination in his countenance. He testified flatly, to the surprise of the court, that the old man was sober when he came home. The magistrate proceeded to question the witness:

"You say that Mr. — was sober when he came home?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did he get to bed alone?"

"No, sir."

"Did you put him to bed?"

"Yes, sir."

"And he was perfectly sober?"

"Yes, sir."

"What did he say when you put him to bed?"

"He said 'Good night.'"

"Anything else?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was it? Tell us exactly what he said, every word."

"He said as how I was to wake him and call him early, for he was to be the queen of the May."

The old man was fined.—*The King.*

#### SPECIAL ATTENTION

Given Pinehurst visitors at the

Summit Hotel, Carthage, N. C.