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A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Day Made Memorable for Children of Village and Vicinity.

A Present For Every Child and Candy and Fruit as Well—The Programme in Detail.

Christmas is gone, but not forgotten, to the children of Pinehurst and vicinity, for never before has this day meant so much to them. And in thus reaching out to all its child population, Pinehurst not only observed but kept Christmas, and in so doing brought joy not only to others, but unto itself.

Through the thought and energy of a committee of ladies a large sum of money was raised for use in connection with two Christmas trees which were given at the Village Hall, Thursday evening for the children of the Village, and Friday afternoon for those residing in the immediate vicinity. With this money gifts of many sorts were bought and every child in the Village and close by was each given a present, a bag of confections and nuts, and an orange.

A beautiful holly tree was used in place of the fir, which was placed at the front of the stage in the hall and lavishly decorated with garlands of popcorn, cranberries, tinsel ornaments of copper and silver and gold, and large tissue paper oranges. Candles were dispensed with in the lighting and a beautiful and unique effect was secured by the use of vari-colored incandescent lights which were fastened to the limbs of the tree. Upon either side of the tree stood a table groaning under its weight of oranges and below on the floor, were tables filled with presents and loaded with confections.

Thursday Evening's Program.

Thursday evening's program which began at eight o'clock, filled the hall to overflowing. Seats were provided for the little ones at the front of the hall, where they might feast their eyes on the tree and its brilliant decorations, the goodies and the presents, and figure it out as often as they wished just "who would get this, or who would get that."

The program opened with a selection by the Holly Inn orchestra after which a company of children from the Pinehurst school, under the direction of Miss Spofford, sang two Christmas carols. Another selection by the orchestra was followed by another carol and then Mrs. Elsa Von Grafe, of the orchestra, gave a beautifully rendered cello solo.

Mr. A. S. Malcolm then read "The Night Before Christmas" in a particularly delightful way, which held the attention of his youthful hearers. As he fin-

ished faintly in the distance, came the clatter of hoofbeats and the merry sound of sleigh bells, all of which told the waiting children more plainly than words, that Santa Claus was approaching. Louder and louder grew the sound and presently the team came to a full stop just at the right of the stage, presumably entering through the window. A moment later Santa's gruff voice called "Whoa" and in a trice he had leaped out upon the stage and given the children the heartiest kind of a greeting.

of the floor, pitching as they move; lovely dolls with real hair and dresses that take off; jackknives, made to cut; tiny carts, perfect in every detail; and no end of other toys that were made for no other purpose than to delight the childish heart. Just before the little ones took their seats they were each given an orange and a bag of confectionery and nuts.

And then when the last child had come forward and there were no more to receive gifts, Santa Claus, spying confec-



"The Golf Season Has Opened."

He devoted a little time skirmishing about and seeing that the presents were just as he had left them the night before when it is rumored, he came down the chimney, and then he began to call off the names which the large assortment of mysterious packages bore, the owners coming forward in response. All sorts of things went into the hands of the little ones: queer bugs that walk backwards, and flutter their wings as they go; toy steamboats that "cut the waters"

and fruit still on hand, became benevolent, and he called the "Little Priest Boy," and the "Little White Boy," and the "Little McKinnon Boy" and half a dozen others who were none under forty, and they took their gifts with childish modesty. And then the editor of the "Outburst" was favored and Dr. Montgomery A. Crockett, the house physician was called, and then the young ladies came in for their share,

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES!

Pinehurst's Christmas Day Observances Singularly Appropriate.

Midnight Services Followed By Holy Communion and Morning Prayer and Sermon in Village Hall.

Pinehurst's religious observances of Christmas day were singularly beautiful and appropriate, giving it a fitting significance; making the day typical of New England. For weather the day was a repetition of Thanksgiving, just clear, cold and crisp, enough to make it a delight to be out of doors, dawning cloudy and clearing at noon for the day.

The Midnight Service.

The religious observances began Christmas morning at 12 A. M. with a singularly beautiful midnight song service and celebration of the Holy Communion, Rev. Dr. Henry H. Sleeper, rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth, N. J., officiating and a volunteer choir furnishing music. The service was held in the small room of the Village Hall, and the effect of the altar hung in white and decorated with greens, and the white robed clergyman, all under the faint glow of candles, was beautiful and impressive.

The Morning Service.

At 10 A. M., a second celebration of the Holy Communion was observed in the Village Hall, followed by morning prayer and sermon, at eleven, at which Rev. A. E. Johnson, of Providence, R. I., officiated, and a choir under the direction of Mrs. Montgomery A. Crockett, of Buffalo, N. Y., furnished music.

Rev. Mr. Johnson's Sermon.

Rev. Mr. Johnson's text was from Revelation XXI: III:

"And I heard a voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

He said in part:

"God with us" is the message of Christmas tide. Under the old dispensation the tabernacle in the wilderness was the place of God's meeting with His people. Though but a tent of skins, it was glorified by the manifestation of His special presence.

In man's life the body is the tabernacle of the immortal soul. At Christ's coming God made his dwelling place with man, for in the Incarnation "The world was made flesh, and dwelt (or tabernacled) among us." Man's nature made in the image of God was chosen to be

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