

**ANNUAL MASQUERADE.****Event One of the Most Successful of a Long Series.**

The annual masquerade of the Village employees, held at the Village hall, Monday evening, proved one of the most successful of the long series, and was enjoyed by a company of onlookers which taxed the capacity of the hall. The usual prizes were given for clever costumes, a committee of guests including Mr. J. D. Foot, Mr. Frank Presbrey, Mr. George H. Quincy, Dr. George S. Hill, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Leonard Tufts and Mrs. Herbert L. Jillson, making the awards.

Tuesday evening The Carolina delegation appeared in the Music Hall of the hotel, providing an evening of enjoyment for as many of the guests as could crowd into the hall. Prizes were awarded by a committee including Mr. and Mrs. William C. Freeman, Mrs. C. A. Lockwood, Mrs. Montgomery A. Crockett, Mr. H. C. Fownes, Mr. F. W. Kenyon and Mr. Aldice G. Warren.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT.****Annual U. S. R. A. Tournament in Progress This Week.**

The annual United States Revolver Association State Championship pistol shoot is in progress this week and arousing keen interest among members of the local club. The entry list is, naturally, limited only to the best shots, but the competition is keen and excellent work is being done. The entry list, as usual, include several women.

**G. L. LYON WINS.****Leads Field by Seven Targets in Gun Club Championship.**

The annual club championship tournament of the Gun Club developed a close contest between G. L. Lyon of Durham, N. C., and J. O. H. Denny of Pittsburg, Mr. Lyon winning with 101 to 94 for Mr. Denny. The event was 100 single and 50 tower trap targets.

**Two More Weeks of The Zoo.**

Only two more weeks of The Zoo remain, for the presence of the animals will be required very shortly in Massachusetts. The venture has proved most popular, not only with guests of the Village, but with people from the surrounding country, as well.

**Whist at The Berkshire.**

Progressive whist provided a pleasant evening at The Berkshire on Wednesday. The prize winners were Mrs. Yorston, Miss Hinckley, Mr. MacMasters and Mrs. Higgins.

**Miss Hinckley Closing Out.**

Miss Bessie Otis Hinckley at The Merrow Studio, is planning to leave soon after a busy season, and is offering special many attractive bargains. \* \* \*

**BIRDS ROUND PINEHURST.****Miss Olney Gives Entertaining Talk at Library.**

An intelligent and appreciative company was in attendance at Miss Elizabeth Olney's talk on the birds found around Pinehurst, delivered in the Library room, Tuesday evening. The speaker's enthusiasm, ready wit and graphic descriptions of interesting personal experiences won her audience completely, and it is hoped that other talks of a like character may be heard. Miss Olney was assisted in her talk by colored prints of some sixty varieties of birds, which were hung about the room.

Many of the most ardent devotees of bird study have planned trips afield with Miss Olney for the purpose of a closer study of the feathered song colony.

**The Oldest Tree in the World.**

The dragon tree of the Canary Islands is notable for the existence of individuals believed to be the oldest living vegetable organism in the world. The age of one tree, in particular, the once famous dragon tree of Tenerife, has usually been estimated to be from four thousand to six thousand years, having thus an antiquity comparable with that of the Pyramids. This wonder of the plant world was seventy feet or more in height, and survived intact until the year 1819, when during a terrific storm one of the large branches was broken off. A similar storm in 1867 stripped the trunk of its remaining branches and left it standing alone. This tree derives its common name from a reddish exudation known as dragon's blood, found in the sepulchral caves of the Guanches, and supposed to have been used by them in embalming their dead. It is said to have been at one time an important article of export from the Canaries, and has never fallen entirely into disuse.

**MR. GEORGE H. QUINCY.**

Mr. Quincy has been an annual visitor here for years and his friends are legion.

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