

According to our time-honored custom the Democrat will not make its usual appearance next Thursday morning, for we feel that as we near the end of another laborious year, we are entitled to our share of the festivities of the joyous Christmas season.

In this connection we would like to thank our multitude of friends for their loyal support during the past year, as well as the thirty-one preceding years. Notwithstanding the jeers and knocks of a comparatively few thoughtless individuals thanks to our host of loyal supporters, our business, small as yet, is mounting higher and higher on the ladder of success, and before the new year is far wasted, we propose to install a plant modern in every way, and to issue an entirely new and different Democrat, a paper that would be a credit to even a baby city. And to this end, we ask for a continuance of your patronage.

We wish for each one of our friends the merriest Christmas ever, and a New Year crowded with happiness and prosperity.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

"THE best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to a mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."—F. M. Balfour.

BANQUET OF A. L. SOCIETY A SUCCESS

Many Prominent Men and Women of the Town Join to Eat and Pay Tribute to the Work of the Society

The annual banquet of the Appalachian Literary Society, given Saturday night at Justice Hall, in honor of the Eutawpians, was a very delightful and enjoyable occasion. One of the merriest programs was rendered, that has been given during the school year. The program consisted first of a play entitled, "The Birds Christmas Carol," which was nicely presented by selected characters of both societies.

2. Mr. Russel Hodges gave a brief but very interesting history of the A. L. Society, touching upon the life of its first president, Romey Story.

3. Hon. E. S. Coffey emphasized very emphatically the intrinsic value of a literary society.

4. Prof. Wright drew some very charming pictures, illustrating the value of co-operation in society work.

5. Mr. John Howell gave a very fine explanation as to what relations should exist between the two literary societies.

6. Prof. I. G. Greer made a very impressive talk upon the educational policies of ex-Governor Aycock.

7. Mr. W. A. Graham's fine explanation of one's duty to their society was so impressive it seemed that every listener was inspired to take upon himself or herself new ambition for the future work.

8. A duette was given by Miss Anna Laura Choate and Miss Bonnie Dixon.

9. Mr. Fred Hodges expressed the society's appreciation of those present.

10. Hon. F. A. Linney whose life is an inspiration for every struggling boy, elicited the extreme necessity of a young person struggling to reach that supreme position for which Nature him.

Other guests of the occasion who did not participate in the program were as follows: Mesdames F. A. Linney, E. S. Coffey and I. G. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Brown. D. A. Brown was chief toastmaster for the affair. Hats were plentiful, three courses were served which consisted of fried oysters, coffee, lettuce, pickles, sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate.

There is no doubt but that the two societies, which are doing such great work, will be heard from in the future. The town and teachers extend their interest and hearty co-operation.

—Reported.

THE METHODIST REVIVAL.

The meeting conducted by Rev. James H. Greene in the Court House during the past two weeks closed on Sunday night in a great service. As many as 75 or more professed conversion and the churches were much revived. In many ways it was a wonderful meeting showing Mr. Greene to be a great Gospel preacher. The building was crowded almost every night, and especially the last night every available space was filled. The evangelist after a very earnest talk said that he wanted to give all who were willing to be used in the work that the Lord wanted them to have a chance to indicate it. First, however, he called all to silent prayer, and for a minute or more there was a most impressive silence in the great audience. When called on to express themselves, more than 20 pledged themselves to have family prayer. He also conducted chapel service at the School most of the days and on Saturday 18 of the students professed conversion.

J. M. D.

TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS

A recital was given by the Music Department in the School auditorium on Monday evening which was very much enjoyed by those present. The programme consisted of both vocal and instrumental selection all of which were good, some of the instrumental being especially good, showing musical talent of no ordinary character on the part of student and skill on the part of teacher. The choruses by the Chorus Class were well rendered and much enjoyed.

Mr. John Young, a student of the Training School, was taken with an acute case of appendicitis the past week and was taken to the hospital at Rutherfordton.

Mr. G. M. Parker, of North Wilkesboro, an author of some works, was at the school the past Thursday and made interesting talks to several of the classes which were appreciated by the students.

The Training School will close for the holidays on Dec. 21.

J. M. D.

Uncompromisingly Morose.
"Christmas comes but once a year," said the ready-made philosopher.
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher; "a tornado doesn't come even as often as that. But consider how long it takes to get over it."

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With a view to making this really A Merry Christmas we have enlarged our already large stock and endeavored to get just such things as will please the throngs of Christmas shoppers, and while we are not attempting to give you a list of all the good things, we will mention a few articles suitable for Christmas gifts, that may help you in solving some of your gift problems.

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