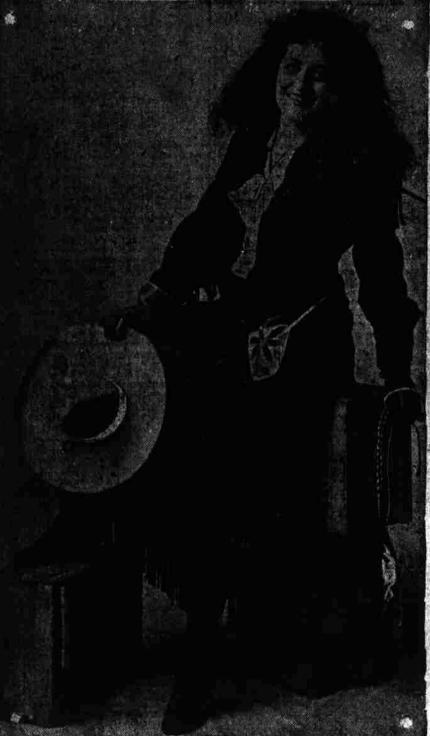
The Theatre.



Miss Ruth White, in "The Tenderfoot."

where a goodly portion of the say, debensir society of the French capital congregate. Mr. S. P. Pulem will be asset as
the swindlig stockbroker. calm imperturbable, simply overwhelming in his professions of pullosophy, and the impudent
self-assurance with which he pulms off
worthless shares on helpiess clients, is
simply delicious. Amongst the victima
are Mr. Arthur Wooley, as Tubby Bedford, another cliever variation of the
vacuous aristocrat with lots more money
than sense, with which we are all familiar; Mr. Barrie Maxwell, as General
Marchment, as gruff and trasciable as
most military men of high rank and
scant experience, but a thorough-paced
old reprobate as often as he can break
away from the matrimonial leading
strings that hold him so firmly, and Mr.
Robert Whyte, as the invertebrate Sir
Ormsby St. Ledger, the elderly, wellpreserved, hard-living bachelor detained
for the ill-assorted marriage already referred to, whose portraiture is the essence of entertaining carteature, illuminated by many a deft touch of instincttive comedy. Mr. Gus Vaughn, as the
young artist, true to his school-girl love,
as every artist always is on the stage,
whatever he may be in real life, acts
with manly grace and upaffected sincerity, and sings expressive love songs with



spirit of the open air when he wrote the lyrics, and Heartz, on furnishing the music, caught the spirit. The result is a score of tunes that are all of the whistling variety. Some of the remembered songs are "My Alamo Love," "The Tale of a Tortured Thomas Cat," "Adios," "The Soldiery," "I'm a Soldier of Forture," "Fascinating Venus." "Only a Kiss," and the spiendid finale of the second act, when the rangers march away to fight the hostile Indians.

A magnificently mounted production of Wilson Barrett's stirring religious

Wilson Barrett's stirring religious drams, "The Sign of the Cross" will be

years carried the banner of high Chrisyears carried the banner of high Christian thought into all theatrical territories. It was the first play to bring the Church into close association with the stage and it remains the one theatrical production which priest and clergy recommend their people to see. For some seasons Mr. Bennett's master work has been sumptuously offered in this country by Mr. William Greet's famous London company and production. Messrs. Fred G. Berger and 1. G. Criorin in purchasing the rights of this play for the United States and Canada had as their first thought the maintaining the high standard of performance and production held in the visits of the English company. They therefore secured as many as possible of Mr. Greet's London company to appear in the roles which they made famous in this country, and engaged also many American actors of renown to complete the cast of forty important characters. The superbly griggous seeme investiture from the Lyric Theatre London, which gave "The Sign of the Cross" such distinction as a spectanular drama, has also been purchased by Messrs. Berger and Craerin, and has been carefully and artistically repainted for this season by that noted artist Matt Morgan. The costumes are entirely new and made of the richest materials from the constant costume plates of the Lyric, London, production of "The Sign of the Cross." tion thought into all theatrical ter-

WINTHROP COLLEGE.

ence of The Observer. Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 27.—Dr. and Mrs. Kinard entertained the Newberry Mrs. Kinard entertained the Newberry girls Monday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Moncreiff gave an old-Mashloned candy-pull the same evening to Dr. Mocreiff's Sunday afternoon Bible class and the officers of the Young 'Women's Christian Association. All reported having had a fine time.

Mr. C. Bentheim, of Charlotte, visited Winthrop Thursday and gave, in the art room, a demonstration in modeling to the section of the art. a "The School of the art room, a demonstration in modeling to the section of the art class now pursuing that study. With great skill and expedition he first modeled, in clay, the head of a lion, observing that in the Italian courses of scuipture the student is required to begin with studies of animals; then, step by step, he explained and filustrated the process of making the plaster cast from the clay model. The lecture was most interesting and instructive, not ony to the students of the faculty who were present. Mr. Benthelm has presented to the college a fine bust of Beethoven, which will be placed in the auditorium.

Each of the four college classes is organizing a basket buil team, and we may expect to see some excellent playing in the students.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Monroe, Jan. 26.—The Van Dyke Club held a most deligatful meeting with Miss Faye Gaddy Saturday evening. Miss Gaddy had arranged a number of questions, the answers to which were names of books. Miss Virginia Newby won the prize, having guessed the greatest number. Delicious retreshments were served. Later in the evening, Miss Gaddy took the entire club for a break ride over the city, which was very much snjoyed. Every one declared that Miss Gaddy is a delightful hostens. Those present were Mrs. James T. Griffith, Mrs. Estelle Stewart, Misses Growell, Williams Newby, Morris, Nesbit, Weish, Gaddy and Scales. The next meeting will be with Miss Newby, February 3rd.

Mrs. E. R. McNeill has returned to her home in Raeford, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. John L. Scales.—Miss Bright Ogburn left Thursday to enter the State Normal College, at Greensboro.—Mrs. Frank Armfield has returned from a visit to her old home, High Point.

The Allegro Club held a very pleasant meeting Saturday afternoon with Miss Ashe Gaddy. "Chopin" was the subject for the afternoon. Interesting papers of the life and works of Chopin were read by Mrs. Lizzle Covington and Miss Kate Fairley.—Mrs. James T. Griffith sang a beautiful solo from Chopin, as did also Miss Allie Welse. Instrumental selos were rendered by Mrs. Greene and Mrs. W. J. Rudge. Dainty refreshments were served at the close.

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WASHINGTON.

Correspondence to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 25.—One of the most beautiful weddings of this season here, was solemnized at St.
Peter's Episcopal church this morning, when Miss Melissa Morton became the bride of Mr. Thomas H. Clark.
As the organ, under the deft touch of Mrs. Frank C. Kugler, pealed forth Tannhauser's wedding march, the guests of honor, Misses Muse Blount, Julia Haughton and Helen Clark and Dr. Joel Whitaker entered the church and occupied the seats reserved for them. Next came the ushers, Messrs.
B. S. Brownson, J. F. Tayloe, F. S. ondence to The Observer. B. S. Brownson, J. F. Tayloe, F. S. Worthy and Gilbert Bogart, who pass-ed up the alsie, taking positions at the foot of the chancel. Attending the bride were two bridesmaids, Misses e Hargrove and Tillie Morton, ed in blue crepe de chine, with picture hats, and carrying pink carnations. The groomsmen were Messrs Charles F. Morton and Wilson G. Lamb, Jr. The dame of honor, Mrs. Frank H. Rollins, was handsomely dressed in a gown of silk and duchess lace, with black hat, and carrying white carnations. Miss Irene Morton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, wearing white creps de chine and lace, with black hat and a pouguet of white carnations.

The bride next entered leaning on the arm of her father Mr. W. B. Mor-ton. Exquisitely attired in cream broadcloth, hand emproidered in wild roses, with hat of cream lace and roses, and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, her face beaming with happiness, she formed a beautiful picture. Passing up to the

called to extend congratulations.

Mr. Tom Baxter, of Atlanta; Miss which red roses were embrotdered,
The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Marie Long and Mr. H. O. Steele; Miss adorned the table. From the tall and the conduction of the conduction o Mrs. W. B. Morton, of this city, both pretty and attractive, and possessed of many lovely traits, which easily place her in the first rank of the Old North State's most charming daugh-

Mr. Clark is a son of Capt. James E. Clark, and is a rising young busi-ness man, having many friends in this city. A large number of handsome and useful gifts were received, showing the high esteem in which this pop-ular couple is held. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left for a tour of the Northern cities.

OXFORD.

Correspondence of The Observer. Oxford, Jan. 26 .- The present week has been one of unusual gayety in social life here. Many visitors are in town, and they have added much to the pleasantness of the occasions. drams. "The Sign of the Cross" will be one of the season's best attractions. Academy Tuesday.

This great play, with its blending of deeply religious feeling in the triumph of Christianity over Paganism with strong historical significance in depicting most cordial welcome by the hostess. scenes and actions in the darkest days After a most enjoyable game of six-of Rome under the tyrant Nero, has for hand uchre, elegant refreshments were served in four courses, by Miss Allene Cooper and Miss Lillie White, All voted it one of the most delightful card parties of the winter. The guests of Mrs. Cooper were: Mrs. Hugh Skinner, Miss Linda Hoskins, of Charlotte; Misses Frances, of Baltimore, Md.: Miss Gant, of Burlington; Miss Mollie Shaw, of Shawbore; Miss Belle Thorpe, of Oak Hill; Mrs. R. C. Strong, of Raieigh; Misses Fannie and Net Greg-ory, Charlotte Britt, Antionette Tayloe, Lulie Biggs, Annie Cannady, Laura Williams, Irwin Stark, Helen White: Mrs. J. C. Robards, Mrs. A. A. Chap-man, Mrs. T. Lanier, Mrs. W. A. De-

> nady, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. Luther Stark, Miss Kate White, Mrs. N. H. Monday afternoon at her attractive home on Main street, Mrs. N. Hilman entertained at a bridge whist party in honor of her sister Mrs. Hugh Skinner, of Smithfield, and Miss Linda Hoskins, of Charlotte. The prize, a hand-painted placque, was won by Miss Hoskins. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Luther Stark entertained the Social Club in a most charming manner. The first prize, a drawn-work centre-piece, was won by Miss Irwin Stark and the jone-hand prize, a pair of sliver scissors, by Mrs. W. A. Devin. The score cards were beautiful hand-painted designs, Elegant refreshments were enjoyed.
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> The Woman's Literary Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. John Webb. The programme of the day was one of unusual entertained at a bridge whist party in president. Mrs. John Webb. The programme of the day was one of unusual interest, the subjets for discussion being as follows: "Rise of Papacy and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction." Mrs. S. H. Cannady: "The Relation of the Fall of Rome to World History." Mrs. J. G. Hall: "The Hegira and Mohammedanism." Mrs. H. M. Shaw: "Writers of the Twelfth Century in England. Germany and Spain." Miss May Williams.

vin, Mrs. N. Landis, Mrs. C. H. Easton, Mrs. W. D. Bryan, Mrs. N. H. Can-

Tru'y miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Wooddard. Tenn. "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs becovery declared her end so near that her family had watched by her beddle forty-eight hours; when, at my argent request. Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the assonishing result that improvement becompletely recovered, and is a featibly woman to-day," Guicanteed ture for coughs and colds. 50c, and 15 do at R. H. Jordan & Co.'s, Druggists. Trial bottle free. A MODERN MIRACLE.

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY All of the subjects were treated with marked ability, creating unusual interest in the further study of Roman history.

STATESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Statesville had been at its height during the past week, receptions and other affairs being in almost continuous progress. At the home of Miss Altie Corpening, on Walnut street, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock the Entre Nous Club was hostess at a luncheon in honor of Miss Katie Lee Mills, one of its favorite members. After an hour very pleasantly spent the guests were invited into the dining room, beautifully decorated with flowers, smilax and ferns, where a luncheon was served. The table, with its dainty appointments of china, cut glass and silver, together with its decorations presented a charming scene. In a few appropriate and cloquent words Miss Isabel Scott, president of the Entre Nous Club, presented to Miss Mills, the bride-elect, in behalf of its members, an exquisite salad set of Lycett's china, whereupon Miss Mills gracefully responded, assuring the club of her appreciation. The guests of honor on this occasion were: Miss Mills, Mrs. J. H. Ham and Mrs. D. K. Pope, of Charlotte; Mrs. Banner, of Greensbore; Miss Mattle Holt, of Graham, and Miss Grace Brown, of of Greensboro; Miss Mattle Holt, of Graham, and Miss Grace Brown, of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Thompson

with a number of their friends, were entertained at an elegant luncheon Wednesday at 1 o'clock, by Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, brother and sister of the bride. About 18 guests were present and partook of the deli-cious six-course luncheon of meats, salada, ices, cakes and bonbons. The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Mills was a scene of gayety and beauty Wednesday evening, the occasion being the wedding reception in honor of their daughter, Miss Katle Lee, who became the bride of Mr. Thomas Garnett Fawcett Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Thos. Fawcett, of Mt. Airy, received in the hall. From an arch, a large white wedding bell was suspended, under which the bride and groom-elect and their attendants received. Miss Mary Carlton invited the guests in the dining room, and Mrs. J. H. Ham, of Charlotte, and Mrs. R. L. Poston presided at the table, assisted by Misses Elimina and Anna Belle Mills, Rae Gill and Essie Cowles. Miss Grace Brown, of Concord, served delicious drinks. During the evening Mrs. C. W. Banner, of Greensboro, sang beautifully a few selections, which were much enjoyed. In the library was displayed the magnificent array of bridal presents.

Thursday night at the opera house a dance was given, complimentary to the attendants of the Mills-Fawcett wedding. Despite the inclement weather a large number of couples were present and the dance continued until early Friday morning. The following cou-ples were present: Mrs. C. C. Phil-lips and Mr. E. J. Braswell; Miss Mary Carlton and Dr. L. W. McKesson; Miss Lizzie Steele and Mr. George Fawcett: Miss Sarah Allen and Mr. Frank Armfield; Miss Grace Brown of Concord, and Mr. H. L. McCall; Miss Mattie his best man, Mr. James E. Clark, Jr. Rev. Nathaniel Harding pronounced the words, making them husband and wife.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was tendered them at the home of the bride. Quite a large number of friends and acquaintances called to extend congressivation. Sarah Cowies and Mr. W. G. Cul-breath; Miss Elvy McElwee and Mr. A. P. Steele; Miss Minnie Sherrill and Mr. H. Moriat; Miss Cora Harbin and Mr. Jack Maroney; Miss Edith Moring and Mr. H. E. Craven; Miss Wearn, and Mr. H. E. Craven; Miss Wearn, of New York, and Mr. John M. Craig; Miss Hirshinger, of Charlotte, and Mr. M. C. Thompson. Staggs: G. E. Hughey, Allen Mills, W. O. Bristol, Fred Ramsey, W. W. Murphy, of Salisbury; C. P. Moore, of Durham; Junius Russell, of Salisbury; Earl Thompson and Ned March, of Salis-Thompson and Ned March, of Salisbury; chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Armfield, Mrs. D. M. Ausley, Mrs. J. Hoffmann and Mr. N. B. Mills. The Salisbury Orchestra was engaged for the occasion and furnished excellent music. LEXINGTON.

> Correspondence of The Observer Lexington, Jan. 27.-The Club of the

Twelve was entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. Richard C. Springs, on North Main street. In spite of the ice and rain, a goodly number of the membership was present and greatly enjoyed the following programme: "The Battle of Guilford Courthouse," by Mrs. Joel Hill: "The Hornet's Nest," by Mrs. R. C. Springs; "Flora McDonald," by Mrs. W. H. Menhanhall; "Reading," by Miss Gertrude Dammier, Miss McCall gave a recitation in her charming style. On entering the guests were given yellow cardboard keys (key of knowledge) tled with purple ribbon, with written quotations from Shakespeare on women. These were read as the roll was called. After dispensing with the regular afternoon work, a dainty

luncheon in three courses was served: grape fruit, deviled crab, pimieto sandwiches, olives, pickles, saited peanuts and crackers; orange ice with garnitures of crystalized violets, served in violet paper cups, to represent the club colors, purple and gold. Mrs. Springs, ever a charming and graceful hostess, proved on this occasion no exception to the general rule. invited guests not members of the

The invited guests not members of the club were: Mesdames Jno. W. Finch. W. H. Walter, J. P. Ward, Raymond McCrary, S. E. Williams, H. H. Springs, A. F. Welborn, Z. V. Walser, Z. I. Walser, R. L. Burkhead, R. Brown, J. R. Ruggins, J. R. Greer, W. A. Smith, C. C. Hargrave and Misses Eliza Hillyard and Edna McCrary. The Sorosis Book Club met with Mrs. J. R. Greer Thursday afternoon and an unusually pleasant afternoon was spent. The chief literary feature of this meeting was an excellent paper on Jefferson Davis, written by Mrs. W. E. Holt, Jr., in whose absence it was read by Mrs. Z. I. Walser, who is an excellent reader. Mrs. Walser also read cellent reader. Mrs. Walser also read a copy of "The Plea of the Southern Women for the Release of Davis from women for the Please of the Southern Women for the Release of Davis from Prison." This is a very interesting relic of the Confederacy. It was presented to President Lincoln in behalf of Davis and is very beautiful and pathetic in its noble appeal. Mrs. A. F. Welborn read an article on "Peck, the Southern Poet," and Mrs. C. A. Hanes read a selection on Westminster Abbey. Current events were also considered. An elegant and elaborate luncheon was served, after the litrary duties of the afternoon were overgonsisting of cold turkey, cranberry sauce, westphalia ham, chicken salad, beaten biscuif, salted peanuts, followed by frozen cream, maraschino chertes and assorted cakes. As the guests were leaving coffee was served. Mrs. Greer is an ideal hostess and is noted for her gracious and boundless hospitality. She was assisted in entertaining the ladies by Misses Edith Greer, her daughter; Mae and Nons Thompson, Mand Grimes and Searies Oyens.

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ASHBURN.

The following were the invited guests of the club: Mesdames J. R. Huggins, Geo. L. Leyburn, W. G. Penry, Joel Hill, R. C. Springs, S. W. Finch. Fred Thompson, Webster Koonts, W. H. Mendanhall, C. C. Hargrave and Miss Mae Thompson.

DURHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer. Durham, Jan. 27.—The elegant residence of General and Mrs. Julian S. Carr was the scene of a very happy ecasion on Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Carr entertained the Up-to-Date Cub. This beautiful home was rendered more attractive by the exquisite floral decorations. The spacious hall contained numbers of palms, azalias and boxes of Roman hyacinths. In the library and music room were vases of red carnations and hyacinths. parlors were decorated with white and pink carnations. Both beautiful and unique in design was a crystal basket filled with these flowers.

In the absence of the president of the club the hostess presided. Each lady responded to roll call by contributing information concerning some recent occurrance of universal interest. At each meeting a sketch of two CHARLOTTE or more ladies of the White House is given, "Dorothy Payne Madison," and "Elizabeth K. Monroe" were the subjects for the afternoon. Excellent papers relative to the Hves of these two ladies of the White House were read by Mrs. J. S. Carr and Mrs. J. M. Manning and were thoroughly enjoyed by every one.

After the exchange of club books Mrs. Carr invited her guests into the dining room where each one's place at table was designated by a card upon which stood the figure of a little school girl, hand-painted, wearing a red dress and sunbonnet, and with slate in hand. In every particular the color scheme of red was most artisti-cally and successfully carried out. The center-piece was a large crystal and silver loving cup, filled with American Beauty roses and ferns. A set of beautiful Japanese lace work, upon candle-sticks and candelabra containing lighted tapers a brilliant hue was cast through the red shades ornathe predominating color throughout the various courses of the delicious luncheon, which was served. In addition to the members of the club, who enjoyed Mrs. Carr's hospitality, there were also present her daughter. Mrs. William Patten, of Kansas City, and Miss Gore, of Baltimore.

COBB-HOLT WEDDING.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Reidsville, Jan. 27.—On Wednesday the 24th the wedding of Miss Maude Little-ton Cobb to Mr. Russel Holt Tucker was celebrated at the home of the bride's mothen, Mrs. J. W. Peay. The marriage was one around which deep interest had centered since the announcement of the engagement some weeks ago. Both parlors, the hall and dining room were beautifully decorated for the occasion. The room in which the ceremony took place was exquisite in white and green, a broad arch, from which a nuge white bell covered in feathery asparagus fern, was suspended, together with candelabra and potted plants formed the altar. Across the hall where the many and rare gifts were displayed mellow shades of pink predominated. In the dining room white and green were again blended artistically. The table was lovely with billows of white tulle, ferns and gleaming candles in silver holders.

At 8:30 o'clock the assembled guests gathered in the parlor and in a few moments Mrs. Francis Womanck's sweet voice.

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the afternoon were: Mr. Keith, of Tim-monésville, S. C., Miss Eddington, of Dalus, Texas, and Miss Bessle Johnson, of Asheville.

BURLINGTON.

Correspondence to The Observer. Burlington, Jan. 27.—The marriage of Mr. Arthur Pierce, of Greensboro, and Miss Laura Newlin, of this place, [merson, was solemnized in the Christian church on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The spacious church was filled to overflowing with friends Prescot. in the afternoon. The spacious church of both parties. Immense banks of ferns and other potted plants, en-hanged by the beautiful glow of the afternoon sun. made the church

bower of beauty. Promptly on the hour, to the strains of the bridal chorus from Lehengrin. rendered on the organ by Miss Mary

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