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SALISBURY.

Currespondence of The Observer.

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It was a correct season to state the second of the control of the hard. He began reading then and had the crowd all his way. He read "Mister Nigger," "Away Down Home," "Isabel," "Possum Time," "De Augus Meetin," "Odessa," "Jane's Birthday." "Womanhood," "A Sarmint," and then was repeatedly prompted for other verses not in his programme. He repeated "Behvis News Newsia". "Program of the state o peated "Baby's Noggin," "A Protest,"
"The Little White Bride," and the eautiful sentiment dedicated to Mrs D. H. McCollough on her wedding day.

Mrs. Wiley took her song, "O Ask Me Not," and it was a dainty piece of That McNeill's folk-lore caught the growd from the start, was manifest on all sides. His dialect was characterisically African and he has evidently lived the life of everybody. Another thing that makes his verse enjoyable is his entire naturalness in his reading and writing. The sentimental verses caught the ear attuned to real harmony and most of his encores were

He read the love poem from which

Mr. McNelli was honored continuously on his trip here. He was the guest yesterday of Mrs. Edwin R. Overman, ho gave a 1 o'clock luncheon at which

LAURINBURG.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Laurinburg, Feb. 23.—Thursday evening, Mrs. Thomas T. Covington most delightfuily entertained the Thursday Afternoon Book. Club at a Washington party. It being the regular date for meeting, the usual programme was considered, first. This consisted of three readings: "Attempt at Settlement in North Carolina,'s Mrs. W. DeB. Mc. Eaching: "Culpepper's Rebellion." Mrs. T. J. Gill: "North Carolina,'s Mrs. W. DeB. Mc. Eaching: "Culpepper's Rebellion." Mrs. H. O. Covington. Business being disposed of the guests were taken into the hall. Here was found a full-size representation of the historical cherry tree, painted on cloth by the skillful hands of the hostess. Near the base of the tree was a niche into which one must place the point of a paper hatchet, white blindfolded, if one would win the prize. Miss Lillian Shaw Gill was the only successful contestant. She was awarded a heautiful handkerchief case, hand-painted in cherries, The refreshments were dainty conceits of small cakes in cherries and hatchets and silced fruit sulad, served in hund-painted tulip-shaped servers. The decorations were beautiful, artistic, and so defuly twined and twisted until one would not consider them as the customary hatches and cherries. Mrs. Lula Clayton assisted Mrs. Covington in doing the honors on this occasion. Besides the regular club members, there were present. Mrs. Neely. of Charlotte; Mrs. Robert C. Everett, Mrs. Marlon Francks-Hubbard, Mrs. Lula Clayton and Misses Sue Covington, Annie and Harriet MacLean.

better.—Mayor Start has smilled to be at his office again.

NEWBERN.

Correspondence of The Observer. Newbern, Feb. 23.—Washington is birth-form the Annapolis Naval Academy, repeaced the Father of His Country with by area of dignity, and Miss Octavia Hughes portrayed the charcef that day at the Father of His Country with by area of the great part of the geasant reception in Hughes' Hall. Mr. William H. Stevenson, a recent graduate of the Confederacy who gave a very light was obser

LEXINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer. Lexington, Feb. 23.—Mrs. J. G. Walser, assisted by Miss May Thompson, delightfully entertained the Sorosis Club yesterday afternoon. The meeting was devoted to a happy celebration of Washington's birthday. Many of the members read papers full of interest, commemorative of the historic day and doings of the great American. Among these were Mesdames Victor Humphreys, Holland Springs, R. L. Burkhead, S. E. Williams, and J. H. Greer. Apt quotations from Washing-ton and his works were read by members. The saloon was decorated uni-quely with the national flas, and a very quaint design of the famous cherry tree was brought to mind by a little tree on the table. Elegant refreshments were served, consisting of salads, cakes with colors, red, white and blue; and coffee. The club had a most enjoyable evening with the charming entertain-

DURHAM.

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Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Fob. 24.—Miss Rossi Green, daughter of Clerk of Court and Mrs. C. B. Green, entertained a large number of Jer Irlends at her home on Dillard street last night. The reception was given complimentary to her guests, Miss Lake Stafford and Miss Mary Merrimon, of Greensboro. During the evening 100 guests called at the elegant home.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout, the color scheme being red and white, which was carried out in all of the decorations and the menu. Red agalias were the flowers used in the hall, while the parlor was lovely with red carnations and maiden-har ferns. Red carnations and maiden-har ferns. Red carnations and smilax were the flowers used in the dining room. Streamers of wide red ribbon and smilax were brought from the chandelier to the four corpors of the table and ended with large bows. The center piece was a large visse of red carnations and the room was lighted with candles scattered about the room, these being in silver candle sticks and with red shades, casting a seft red glow over the beautiful scene.

The guests were received at the door

MOORESVILLE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Mooresville, Feb. 23.—A splendid entertainment was given in the Pressly building last night under the auspices of the library association. About \$40 was realized. The concert consisted of songs of the old and familiar kind, such as "Annie Laurie," "Jaunita," "Old Oaken Bucket," etc., and scored quite a hit. The soloists and chorus were composed of Mrs. Dr. Frontis, Mrs. Z. V. Turlington, Misses Jett Brawiey, Camille McCorkle, Annie Reid Walker, Nannie Lee Nesbit, Bess Rankin, Linda Houston, Martha McNeely, Dora Hudson, Julia Stirewalt and Rose Harris, of Concord, and Messrs. J. J. McNeely, D. M. Creswell, S. E. McNeely, B. M. McNeely, C. P. McNeely, R. M. Gray and Rock Culp.

Cuip.

Mrs. George C. Jones and Mrs. Harry
Deaton entertained the book club this
afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the
home of the latetr on Academy street. who gave a loclock luncheon at which there were distinguished associates. At each plate there was a card with a verse from the poet appropriate to took place in which three of the ladies took place in which

Correspondence of The Observer.
Thomasville, Feb. 24.—Thursday the teachers of the graded school and several other persons were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lambeth. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth have made Washington's birthday a time of rare enjoyment for the teachers. The invitations suggested some topic of Revolutionary history to each guest, and in this way a highly historical tlavor was given to the evening. When the guests were ushered into the dining room, they observed the patriotic idea beautifully carried out. In the center of the table the fated cherry tree stood as a monument to the work of George's batchet, while in a circle around this, 13 candles represented the charter members of our republic. At each plate was a miniature flag and a hatchet. These were carried away by the guests and are treasured as souvenirs. The diner was daintily served in five courses, each tempting the appetite to the utmost. Often in these the red, white and blue appealed to the palate as well as to patriotism.

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The very interesting and instructive literary programme was as follows: "Washington's Life," by Miss Morton; "The Historic Ground Around Boston and Cambridge," by Rev. W. A. Lambeth; "The Washington Elm and Bunker Hill," by Mr. F. S. Lambeth; "Thomas Jefferson," by Miss Cooke; "Washington's Visit to My Grandfather's," by Mr. McKenzie; "Valley Forge," by Miss Crowell; "Nathan Hale," by Mrs. Hauss; "Cornwallis's Silver Knee Buckles," by Miss Ella Lambeth; "The Declaration of Independence," by Miss Hoyle; "Lord Cornwallis and His Surrender at Yorktown," by J. N. Hauss; "Washington's Farewell to His Generals," by Miss Goodwyn; "Washington City and the Monument," by Mr. Charles Lambeth; "Mt. Vernon," by Mrs. Lambeth, and Bettye M. Goodwyn, A charming informality pervaded the entire evening. This was due to the adept management of the hostess.

REIDSVILLE:

Correspondence of The Observer.
Reidsville, Feb. 24.—Miss Minnie Williamson was hostens at the last meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Reading Club. The programme was a very interesting one. The lives of Francis Scott Key and Richard Henry Wilde formed the basis of an instructive paper by Mrs. A. L. Harris. The first wrote the words to what is regarded as our national another. Wilde is the author of "My Life is Lase a Summer Rose," a beautiful, pathetic little poem. William Gilmore Sims and Theodore O'Hara were discussed by Miss Williamson. Who is not familiar with "The muffled drum's sad roll has beat the soldiers' last tatoo?" O'Hara the kentuckian, wrote these lines, that are written on the tombs of many soldiers' monuments. Paul Hamilton Hayne and Henry Tinnod were the subjects of Miss Ellington's talk. Two short selections. The Bonny Brown Hand," by Hayne, The Bonny Brown Hand," by Hayne,

Reidsville's talented musician, was present and performed in his usual graceful manner on the plano, and made an interesting talk to the guests. The art scholars illustrated songs, among the best, being those of Misses Elizabeth Johnston and Pearle Cotten and Messrs. Eugene Walker and J. H. Carter, Jr. Delicious refreshments were served. Pictures of noted musicians were presented to some of the faithful music scholars. scholars.

Mrs. R. P. Richardson, Jr., entertained her Sundsy school class of the First Presbyterian church most delightfully Tuesday night. The class is composed of a number of young ladies and is a most

interesting one.

The George Washington birthday party at Mrs. S. C. Penn's residence Thursday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church was a success in every particular. An elaborate musical programme was rendered. dered.

WINSTON-SALEM.

Special to The Observer.
Winston-Salem, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs.
John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, who have
been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. A.
Brown for several days, returned home
to-day, Mr. Oates is editor of The North
Carolina Baptist.—Mrs. A. S. Buford, of
Salisbury, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Roan, went to Greensboro to-day, where she will be the guest
of her sisters, Mesdames J. S. Jones, and
J. W. Fry.—Capt. W. B. Lemly, of the
United States navy, is spending a few
days here with his father, Mr. W. A.
Lemly.—Judge Advocate General S. C.
Lemly, retired, after spending a few
days here, returned to Washington today.
Mrs. Clement, Marky, entartained, vas.

day.
Mrs. Clement Manly entertained yes-Mrs. Clement Many entertained yes-terday afternoon at 1 o'clock with one of her notably delightful luncheons, com-plimentary to Miss Irene Strayer, of Harrisburg, Va. Miss Elsie Sheppard's guest, and Miss Florence Anderson, of Bristol, Tenn., who is visiting Mrs. Walter Leak.

ter Leak.

At a meeting yesterday of the James B. Gordon chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, it was decided that most of the work of the chapter should, for the present, be in aiding the infirm and disabled veterais of the Confederacy, endeavoring to give them, as far as possible, the comfort and ease they are so surely entitled to in these times of quietude.

Correspondence of The Observer.
Rockingham, Feb. 24.—Mr. Sam Steele celebrated his birthday by giving a delightful cuchre party Thursday evening. The house was appropriately decorated with pictures of George Washington. The house was appropriately decorated with pictures of George Washington, numerous hatchets and cherry tree branches. The tables were numbered with cherries and tiny intchets were fastened to the score cards to keep tally. Mrs. J. P. Lenk won the lady's prize and Dr. Cole the gentleman's prize. Delicious refreshments were served after the granten.

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The Pleasure Club had a lovely time at the home of Miss Callie Covington Saturday afternoon. After an attractive contest an elegant lunch was served.

Misse Mary Cole and Minnie Stansill are visiting Mrs. Marion Cobb in Greensboro.—Miss Annie Steele left Saturday to visit friends in Charlotte, Greensboro and Durham.—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dockery, of Raleigh, sre at the home of Mr. H. C. Dockery.—Misses Louise and Ethel Carr are expected here next week to visit Miss Lucy Cole.

MT. HOLLY.

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Correspondence of The Observer.

Mt. Holly, Feb. 24.—Last evening Miss Lola Thompson delightfully entertained the Le Plasir Club at her beautiful home on Pinkney avenue. The home was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, which added greatly to the occasion. The hostess, dressed in white silk, met the guests in the hall and ushered them into the reception room where progressive trail and other games were played. The most enjoyable feature was a contest, "A penny for your thoughts," in which Misses Ida Rankin and Carrie Lentz won first prize. After the contest refreshments were served. Those present were; Misses Maude Lentz, Mamie Dunn, Ida and Lucy Rankin, Violet and Emma Holland. Carrie Lentz, Neil Rankin, Jean Henderson, Bertha Jenkins, Bettle Coon; Messrs, J. W. Holland, F. O. Lentz, W. K. Wolfe, J. T. Welch, C. C. Rankin, J. L. Rankin, J. L. Thompson, C. H. Jones and W. F. Holland, Jr.

Durham Firm Gets Railroad Con-

Correspondence of The Observer. Durham, Feb. 24.—Bensal & Mc-Cloud, who had the contract to grade he Durham & South Carolina Railroad, have a contract for grading 22 miles of the new tidewater road in Virginia. Yesterday this company shipped 36 mules from here and these were followed by 20 others to-day. They will begin the work of grading

Durham Has New Law Firm. Correspondence of The Observer,
Durham, Feb. 24.—Monday Durham
will have a new law firm, composed of
Mr. J. Martin Umstend, of this city, and
Mr. Doles W. Sorrell, of Wake county,
both of whom read law at the University, Mr. Umstead secured his license
more than a year aro and since that
time has been deputy clerk of court.
Mr. Sorrell secured his license this year.

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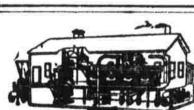
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