IN THE REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

WINSTON-SALEM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 19.—Ruminating, the other day, after the manner of Mr. Pecksniff, on the strange mutability of human affairs, I could not but note with regret and misgiving the radical changes that have come in this matter of courtship. In this "Wooing o' it" which used to be so deliciously uncertain as to results so enchantingly dominated by sentiment, so delicately and diplomatically prolonged even into the solemn certainties and stern requirements of married life. All of that is changed now. It is just as certain how a courtship will end these days as it was uncertain in the old days. We can say as absolutely whether a girl will marry a man as we can compute interest when principal, time and rate are given. It must be due to some important change in the mechanism of courtship that this element of doubt has been eliminated from ante-nuptial actions to be transferred with added force to post-nuptial possibilities. Yes, it is undeniably true, there is something wrong with the mechanism of love-making. In the first place, like many latter day text books, it is made too easy—for the men, I mean. They don't have to do anything brave, heroic or self-sacrificing; they don't have to make the once trying initiative; the girls as a rule do this and more. Then after it is started and well on the way, the girls, kind creatures, don't mind at all about lending a helping hand, though it is oftener the glad hand of receptivity than the other kind. And it is just here that the weakest point in the mechanism of love-making shows itself; gifts varying in value in verse ratio to the means of the poor fellow, who is doing the courting, are made to do the work of the good, honest, upright and down right love-making of some four or five decades ago. The first harmless missile in this onslaught attack for the citadel of a maiden's heart is a box of candy, and no doubt it had its origin in something as saccharine as "sweets to the sweet." Then, as success seems more and more problematical, boxes of candy grow more frequent and ponderous; new weapons of attack are tried, orchids thornless and fragile as they are, take the place of American Beauties and Parina violets; stones ranging in size from diamond chippings to inch square lapis lazuli, and in value from glass amethysts to the glittering radiance of the sunburst, are called into willing and acceptable service in this modern mode of love-making. At last this powerful mechanism prevails; the citadel surrenders and the maiden won. Her ideas of her own specific value enlarged and exaggerated by what it has taken to win her go on increasing in sumptuary details, until the earth and the fullness thereof seem pitiful and scant to her pampered vision.

Then again, modern courtship has been denuded of much of its charm and sweetness by the bold freedom with which young folks, whether lovers or not, hail and address one another. No title of respect throws, for any length of time, even the thinnest veil of reserve and remoteness between young people of opposite sexes. Mr. Smith and Miss Jones are hardly introduced before they call each other John and Mary as pat as you please and to hear a woman speak of and address her husband habitually by the old-fashioned title of respect, would be as unlikely as a call for alimony would have been in the old days, when she addressed him no other way.

So courtship has come to be a costly cumbrous business that ends more and more frequently in alimony or something more tragical. But as revolutions never move backward any more than the shadow moves backward on the dial plate. We need not look for a return to the sweet, shy love-making of other days; nay we must expect rather greater changes which will in some way make the false standards and unlovely usages of to-day less objectionable only by comparison with greater and more shocking innovations.

Christmas with its approaching festivities has succeeded in putting nearly every other form of social activity out of commission. The clubs, save the whist and bridge, have had their last meetings till after the holidays, and everybody is either making, buying or otherwise getting Christmas presents, and in spite of panic, scrip and other hampering financial difficulties, more tokens of good will, mere "little blotters and bags and nondescript rags" will change hands this Christmas than ever before.

One of last week's pleasantest functions was the elegant two-course luncheon given by Mrs. P. N. Bailey in honor of her aunt, Mrs. Flora Leak, and the latter's most intimate friends. Covers were laid for ten on this happy occasion, and the afternoon was one of great social pleasure.

At its last meeting, which took place last Thursday afternoon, the Embroidery Club was agreeably entertained by Mrs. W. A. Whitaker. The approaching Christmas season made this meeting a specially busy one. After deft fingers and busy tongues had grown weary, the hostess served enjoyable refreshments.

The following interesting announcement has been received in the Twin City:

Mr. Elam Sparks Dortch
has the honor of
announcing the marriage of his
daughter,
Pearl
to
Mr. Philip Maulsby Colbert
on Wednesday, the eleventh of December
one thousand nine hundred and seven
at Taylortown, Louisiana.

Mr. Colbert is the popular secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and has many friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Colbert will arrive this week and will make their home in the Twin City.

Another wedding awakening much interest, not only in Winston-Salem, but elsewhere in the State, is the marriage of Mr. Alexander Hanes, of this city, to Miss Mary Leigh Robinson, which was solemnized at high noon on Wednesday, December 18th, in Christ's church, Elizabeth City. The bridal party accompanying Mr. Hanes on this charming mission consisted of his mother, Mrs. John W. Hanes; Miss Lucy Hanes, Mr. Robert Lassiter, Mr. George Hodgin, Mr. Will Hill, Dr. Fred Hanes, of Baltimore, and Mr. James Hanes, of the State University. The bride has visited the Twin City on several occasions and her winsome personality will be a charming acquisition to our social world.

The Bridge Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Lewis. The membership of sixteen nearly always shows up, which makes this club one of the most enjoyable in the city.

Mrs. W. A. Whitaker was hostess to a very agreeable meeting of the Round Dozen on Wednesday afternoon. The members of this club are getting much pleasure and profit from the study of American history according to Fiske, supplemented by the Bay View course. Among the guests whose presence will brighten the Twin City during the Christmas festivities, are Miss Sue Swift, of Ottawa, Illinois, who will be the guest of Miss Margaret Hanks; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Porcher, of Columbia, S. C., who will be with Mrs. H. F. Gray; Misses Mary Walker, of Richmond, and Willa Morris, of Raleigh, who will be the guests of Miss Lora Terrell; Mr. and Mrs. Turner Farish, of Granby, Canada, who will be with Mrs. Farish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farrish.

Mrs. S. M. Gowes, of Greenville, S. C., Miss Sarah Lee, of Abbeville, S. C., and Miss Lona Tillman, daughter of Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, were the guests for a few days this week of Manager J. E. Kavanaugh, of the Zinzendorf.—Miss Myrtle Hines, of Mt. Airy, who was the guest of Miss Mary Ogburn, has returned home.—Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Schuler, to the delight of their friends, have returned home after a stay of several months in Europe.—Mrs. Webb and Miss Belle Webb, of Hillsboro, are the guests of Mrs. Andrew Mickle.—Miss Evelyn Walker, of Guilford Female College, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. B. Crawford.—Miss Edwin Lockett will spend Christmas holidays with her parents.—Miss Carroll Coleman will spend the holidays in New York, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Roger Williams. Before returning, Miss Coleman will visit relatives in Yonkers, Brooklyn and Baltimore.—Miss Margret Bailey, of Brooklyn, who has been the charming guest of Mrs. Charles L. Summers, has returned home.—Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Gray and little son of Baltimore, have arrived in the city and are the guests of Mr. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gray. They will remain till after the holidays.—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blackburn, of Greensboro, will spend the holidays with Mr. Blackburn's parents.

The schools will close for the holidays Friday afternoon and several members of the faculty will spend their vacation North. Miss Florence Brown and Miss Buford will leave for New York Saturday. Miss Cleve Stafford will spend some time with friends in High Point. T. P. B.

HIGH POINT.

Correspondence of The Observer.

High Point, Dec. 19.

"Riding upon the goat, with snow-white hair,
I come, the last of all. This crown of mine
Is of the holly; in my hand I bear
The thyrsus, tipped with fragrant cones of pine,
I celebrate the birth of the Devine,
And the return of the Saturnian reign,—
My songs are carols sung at every shrine,
Proclaiming 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

One of the most special happenings of the week was the returning of William C. Jones and bride from their wedding trip through the important Northern cities. Mrs. Jones, as Miss Alice Cary Ogburn, is well known in High Point, where by her attractive and interesting personality she has won many warm friends, who rejoice that her home will be among them, and that not only by her own sweet traits of character, but coming as the wife of such a popular and prominent man she will occupy an enviable position.

Mesdames Gurney and Oscar Kearns each entertained last week with lovely course dinners, which were very enjoyable.

The Christmas entertainments planned by the various Sunday schools will be unusually good and of much interest not only to the children, but to the "grown ups," as well.

The many friends of Mrs. Davis Armfield, of Monroe, nee Miss Annie Ragan, are pleased to know she will spend the holidays at Bloomington, the home of her mother, Mrs. Amos Ragan.

Monday evening Mrs. Al Caldwell entertained Miss Winifred Alice Snow and her bridesmaids at a most delightful dinner.

Thursday afternoon Miss Berta Louise Ragan and Mrs. Charles Merrimon Hauser will be hostesses at a handkerchief shower given in compliment to Miss Winifred Alice Snow who, on January 1st, will wed Mr. Alvis Decatur Barnes.

The W. O. T. Club held an important called meeting at the home of Miss Berta Louise Ragan Wednesday afternoon.

The Entre Nous Club, one of the livest social clubs in town, was pleasantly entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Anson T. Beaver. There were artistic decorations, an interesting game, pretty prizes and dainty refreshments. Mrs. James Joseph Farriss, the newly elected president, was in the chair and presided graciously. Mrs. Farriss is one of the most experienced local club women in town, having for several terms served as president of the W. O. T. Club, the oldest and one of the strictest clubs in town.

A dinner of rare prettiness and keen enjoyment was the one Saturday evening, when Mrs. Lawrence W. Hazard was hostess at the Hotel Elwood, and Miss Winifred Alice Snow was the guest of honor. Mrs. Hazard loves social life, but loves it most when she is giving others pleasure, and in this she never succeeded better than when at the head of this pretty pink and green decorated table, by the side of the dainty, lovely bride-elect and surrounded by the lovely bridesmaids she dispensed gracious hospitalities, and made them feel that each of their paths in life would be as fair and fragrant as the beautiful pink carnations given to the following guests: Misses Winifred Alice Snow, Mary Allie Burton, Blanche Bradshaw, Jessimine Adderton Burton, Clara Ione Cox, Berta Louise Ragan, Edith Moore, Clara Boyd and Mesdames William Ernest Snow and William A. Hayes.

Miss Florence Pearson was hostess Wednesday evening at a little chafing dish party given in honor of Miss Elizabeth Welsh Galt, whose engagement to Mr. William Davidson Alexander, the 2d, was announced a few weeks ago. The enjoyable party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Davis, on South Main street.

The following card to a wedding of much note, and which ever since the announcement in October has been one of the most absorbing topics in High Point society and of much interest throughout the State, and in other States, where the bride-elect and prospective groom are so popularly known, was issued a few days since:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ansel Snow
invite you to be present
at the First Presbyterian church
High Point, North Carolina,
on the evening of Wednesday, January the first
at six o'clock,
to witness the marriage of their daughter,
Winifred
to
Mr. Alvis Decatur Barnes.

Enclosed in the envelope with these handsome invitations were dainty admission cards. High Point is already making gala for this wedding, and will continue to do so for the next ten days. A great many prominent out-of-town people are expected for the happy occasion, a number coming early enough to attend some of the ante-nuptial functions. The pretty Presbyterian church, of which the bride's father is one of the main springs and which the young bride has attended since infancy, will be prettily decorated where just before the ceremony a special musical programme will be rendered by excellent local talent, Miss Edith Moore, a singer of whom High Point is justly proud, rendering the solos. Miss Annie Barnes, of Reidsville, sister of the groom, will be maid of honor, and Misses Jessimine Adderton Burton, Clara Ione Cox, Berta Louise Ragan and Blanche Bradshaw will be bridesmaids. The bride will wear a purple going-away gown and the bridesmaids will be gowned in white coat suits. With the exception of a few relatives, the ushers and groomsmen will be from out of town. The ceremony will be read by Rev. Eugene L. Siler, the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Thursday evening at her residence on South Main street Mrs. James Joseph Farriss, the accomplished president of the Entre Nous Club, was hostess to the club members and their husbands at an informal reception from 8 to 11. With its usual setting of ferns and palms, and here and there the added touch of cut flowers, this always pretty home was cosy and inviting and seemed just the fitting place to enjoy the pleasant contest game, in which each one indulged with much spirit. The prizes were pretty and appropriate and the dainty and palatable refreshments were served to the guests: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson T. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Burnett, Dr. and Mrs. Guy Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ghees, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Long, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene L. Siler, Dr. and Mrs. Dred Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Tate and Mrs. Julia Jones Steele.

The next regular W. O. T. Club meeting will not be until after the holidays, when it will meet with Mrs. Alfred Shorter Caldwell the second.

Another marriage of the near future in which High Point people are greatly interested is that of Miss Elizabeth Welsh Galt and Mr. William Davidson Alexander the second, which will take place the middle of January, 1908. Miss Galt is the eldest daughter of Rev. Alexander Galt, rector of the Episcopal church of High Point, but formerly of southern Virginia, and his wife, Mrs. Emily Cocke Galt is pretty, bright and talented, and though young, very young, having just passed 18 yet she is educated and accomplished. Two years ago she graduated with honors from the Hannah Moore Seminary, near Baltimore, and since that time has been doing post work. Though having been a resident of High Point for only a few months, yet her pleasant, kindly manner has drawn 'round her a circle of friends whom she holds by the force of her true worth and her strong personality of sweet, gentle womanliness. Mr. Alexander also is a new resident of High Point, but by his steady, correct ways, his strict attention to business, and his affableness in social life he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He is a son of Mr. William Davidson Alexander, of Charlotte, is a graduate of A. & M. College, and holds the responsible position of superintendent of city waterworks.

DURHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Dec. 20.—Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Wolf entertained the members of the Biology and Geology classes at their home at Trinity Park Thursday night of last week from 8 until 10 o'clock at a delightful class party. Pastimes were indulged in among which were "progressive football" in which the Geology class was victorious by a score of 42 to 26. During the halves of the game punch was served the guests by Miss Elsie Mims, who presided at the punch bowl. After the contest dainty refreshments were served. When the hour came for leaving those present voted Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe ideal hostesses and all present were loud in their praise of the evening so pleasantly spent. Among those present were: Miss Elsie Mims and Mr. John Cole, Miss Ada Godwin and Mr. C. H. Geddie, Miss Mattie Aldham and Mr. C. C. Barnhardt, Miss Isabelle Pinnix and Mr. Brenard Elias, Miss Evelyn Jones and Mr. Kope Elias, Miss Lillian White and Mr. M. H. Winecoff, Miss Malene Harrel and Mr. C. K. Proctors. Stags: Mr. Fred Flowers, Spright Wrenis and Mr. Jash Horn.

There was quite a surprise among the Durham people when the phone message came Friday that Mr. J. W. Wilkinson, cashier of the Peoples' Bank in East Durham, had gone to Raleigh and was married.

The bride was Miss Pearl Wray, of Augiers, Harnett county. They were married in the Yarboro House and Rev. J. M. Daniels officiated. After the marriage which was very quiet few knowing anything about it, the couple left for a trip in the South. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson will make this city their home.

On Thursday evening of last week Prof. A. H. Meritt, who has the department of Greek in Trinity, entertained the members of the Chronicle club as a surprise. The ... [illegible] ... given as a token of esteem and a consummation of that ... that exists between the faculty and the body of journalism at Trinity. The home of Prof. Meritt was prettily decorated and those who shared of his hospitality are loud in their praise of how they were treated on Friendly ... this occasion. It was an event that was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Friday evening the Hesperian Society of Trinity College will hold their annual Christmas reception in their hall, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Extensive preparations were undergone and no effort spared to make the reception an enjoyable one. The active members of the society with their alumni and many young ladies of the city composed those in attendance.

Saturday evening of last week immediately after the close of the basket ball game between Trinity and the Portsmouth, Va., Y. M. C. A. team the Columbian literary society of Trinity College gave a reception. Tickets were issued to its old and honorary members living in the city. The reception took place in the spacious dining hall in the Epworth building. Refreshments were served and toasts were responded to by members of the society, representatives of the home and visiting teams. Everybody present had a rayol good time.

A social event of great interest to the people throughout the State was the announcement of the engagement of Miss Maude Angire, of this city, daughter of Mr. J. C. Angire, to Mr. William Blue, of Aberdeen. The announcement took place at the home of Mrs. E. M. Stokes, on Ashton Place, sister of Miss Angiree, Friday afternoon at a meeting of the L. Alleger book cub.

Beautiful decorations, suggestive of the Christmas season were seen everywhere. Themanties were banked with holly and mistletoe. Christmas bells and mistletoe hung from the chandelieres.

Miss Angier's engagement was announced in the most unique manner. Each guest was given a card on which was written:

"These stumbling lines arranged all right,
Then read from top to bottom down,
Will bring a piece of news to light,
Ne'en heard before of in this town."

The guests then gathered around tables where the lines of the poem were found. All had a merry time trying to arrange them and many guesses were made to learn the piece of news when the lines were finally arranged and read from top to bottom down. "Maude Angier to William Blue, January 16th, 1908." Miss Angier was showered with congratulations and good wishes.

A delicious course luncheon was served by Misses Mattie Toms and Estelle Flowers. The invited guests were: Mrs. William Morris, Mrs. Shakelford, Mrs. Powel, Miss Jordan, Miss Amy Blackwell, Miss Mary Duke and the members of the L'Alleges club, Miss Maude Angier, Miss Myrtle Albright, Miss Eva Cruse, Miss Ethel Carr, Miss Louise Carr, Miss Rosa Green, Miss Eleanor Green, Miss Sallie Glass, Miss Louise Glass, Miss Hallie Holman, Miss Jean Holman, Miss Willie Smith, Miss Joe Tayloe, Miss Kate Tayloe, Miss Lessie Peay, Miss Jean Venable, Misses Lila Wright, Mis Gertrude Winston and Mrs. E. M. Stokes.

At 3:30 on Thursday afternoon thirteen members of the "Up-to-Date" Club assembled in the drawing room of the attractive home of Mrs. L. L. Morehead, with Mrs. Q. E. Rawls, who was a guest of the club, making a total of fourteen present.

After very interesting items of news from all the ladies present, two papers were read on "Education in Mexico." The first paper, on "Picture writing and Schools," was prepared and read by Mrs. J. Harper Erwin and the second paper on "Cultural Life and Entertainments," prepared by Mrs. E. J. Parrish and read by Mrs. A. G. Carr, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Parrish. Both papers seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed. After exchanging books the guests were invited by the gracious hostess into the dining room and for a moment the guests thought they had stepped into Mexico. There were lovely Mexican flags everywhere and the table, with its beautiful decorations of red and green, Mexican colors, was a picture never to be forgotten. The centrepiece, a large cut-glass vase of most gorgeous American Beauty roses, which were so fragrant and glowing that they looked as if they might have been grown under the soft sunny skies of the country represented in the decorations. The places were found by dainty place cards with hand-painted violets, the club flower, and the most charming bit of sentiment. The favors were perfect red satin boxed heart shaped with the Mexican picador, mounted on horseback. The box was filled with Mexican bon-bons. The individual almond dishes were also very unique, which the guests were allowed to appreciate.

The luncheon was a delightful and dainty affair, served in courses. There were genuine Mexican melons, sent from that country to the hostess. The guests were loath to leave the home, but the knowledge that one could take the memory home with them gave each courage to say goodnight to the hostess and to thank her for an afternoon without a ripple to mar its perfect fitness. The club adjourned to meet after the holidays.

Another very enjoyable affair was the entertainment of the "Tourist" Club by Mrs. Julian S. Carr, Jr., at her beautiful home on East Main street on Thursday afternoon of last week. The handsome home was bright with glowing fires and tall vases filled with roses and carnations; palms and ferns growing in jardiniere formed a beautiful contrast with the soft tinted walls and graceful hangings of the windows. The brilliant sunshine of the crisp winter day made possible the wearing of smart afternoon gowns, which added to the pretty picture.

Mrs. John Sprunt Hill, president of the club, presided with her usual charming manner.

After informal discussion of current events, which was not confined to Spain, the country being studied, but to various countries, Mrs. L. A. Carr read a delightful paper on "Ferdinand and Isabella." This was followed by a paper on the "Spanish Inquisition" by Mrs. ... [illegible] ... Mrs. John Sprunt Hill, the president, read ... a very pleasing ... of the life of Columbus.

After the literary programme an elegant luncheon was served in the dining room in buffet style.

Here the Spanish colors of yellow and red prevailed in all the decorations, which were very unique and effective.

Besides the members of the club Mrs. E. R. Leyburn, Mrs. Venable, Mrs. F. L. Fuller and Mrs. F. W. Vaughan were guests of Mrs. Carr.

Miss Mary Waldon Huske entertained on Saturday afternoon the Spinster Club at the residence of Dr. J. M. Manning on Dillard street. There was a full meeting and books exchanged.

As leap year is now at hand there was a contest in which each spinster sought her intended. When he was found, everybody seemed contented. Dainty refreshments were served, after which all adjourned to meet after the holidays.

The Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club met with Mrs. John S. Rose at her home on Queen street. The guests of honor were Miss Mary Smeeds and Miss Knox, both of Raleigh. The beautiful afternoon made it possible to wear pretty light gowns and every lady seemed to be in high spirits. Nearly all the members were present, so there were only a few guests, they were Mrs. John M. Manning, Mrs. L. A. Carr and Mrs. William B. La Far.

BADLY MIXED UP.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach liver and kidney complaints, by all druggists, 50c.

WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 19.—The most prominent as well as thoroughly enjoyed social event of the past week was the first December german of the Halcyon German Club of this city. This dance was given last Thursday evening in the parlors of the Elks' Home, in the Baughm Building on Main street. The brilliantly lighted hall, filled with some of Washington's most beautiful young women and gallant young men, formed a beautiful picture. Dancing began promptly at 10:30 and, to the inspiring strains of the Washington Concert Band resplendent in its uniforms was continued until the hour of 1. And even then it was with sincere regret that good-byes were said and one of the pleasantest dances of the winter season had come to a close. The Halcyon Club of this city has a State-wide reputation as entertainer and last Thursday evening it surpassed its former reputation. The german was gracefully led by the club leader, Mr. S. F. Burbank, Jr., who took as his partner Miss Elizabeth Hill. Many new and intricate figures were introduced during the evening.

Other couples dancing were: Mr. E. H. Moore and Miss Baughm; I. F. Goddard and Miss Eva Hassell; Mr. Wolf and Miss Julia Moore; J. G. Bragaw, Jr., and Miss Julia Haughton; C. H. Richardson and Miss Laughinghouse; Mr. Worthington and Miss Annie Laughinghouse; Mr. Williamson and Miss May Tayloe; J. M. Robinson and Miss Mary Hassell; Murray Jones and Miss Katie Moore; Mr. Whorton and Miss Willie Hargrove; H. C. Carter, Jr., and Miss Lucile Nicholson; F. S. Worthy and Miss Annie Nicholson; E. M. Short and Miss Dora McRae, of Chapel Hill; R. S. Neal and Miss Dobson, of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. J. M. Saunders and Miss Cammie Short; J. D. Kinser and Miss Helen Kugler; J. E. Clark, Jr., and Miss Maude Windley; B. S. Brunson and Miss Marcia Myers; J. M. Saunders and Miss Emma Carter; C. R. Bright and Miss Mary Weeks, of Weeksville; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grimes; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rodman; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bragaw; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hoyt; Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Fulford; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hoyt; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cook. Stags: C. G. Blakely, Walter Windley, T. W. Mallison, Herman Carrow, W. H. Whitley, Jr., J. D. Callis, Harry McMullan, J. F. Tayloe, W. H. Ellison, F. H. Beaton and E. K. Gulley. Chaperones: Mesdames W. L. Laughinghouse, M. H. Bonner, H. R. Bright, Messrs. J. G. McCormick, James D. Proctor, C. B. Skipper and Leon T. Cook.

Another charming social event of the past week took place last Friday evening when Mrs. W. A. B. Branch, Mrs. W. B. Morrison and the Misses Campbell entertained the card club of this city at the home of Mrs. Branch on East Market street. The home was beautifully and tastefully decorated in Christmas evergreen and the entire color scheme was red and green, the same being ingenuously carried out in the refreshments as well as the decorations. Miss Lena Windley, in a bower of green, charmingly presided over the punch bowl. At the card tables all the guests entered into the game with spirit and zest and after fourteen games had been played the prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, Mrs. S. C. Bragaw; twenty-hand prize, Miss Annie Laughinghouse; booby prize, Miss Helen Kugler. After the game dainty and delicious refreshments were served the guests and only too soon came the hour for departing, and it was with a feeling of genuine regret that good-byes were said and a very pleasant evening ended. Mrs. Branch, Mrs. Morrison and the Misses Campbell proved themselves charming hostesses and the evening will be long remembered by all who attended.

The following were invited guests: Mesdames H. H. Carrow, T. E. Leigh, W. D. Grimes, J. F. Randolph, C. H. Harding, J. E. Clark, J. B. Fowle, A. M. Dumay, A. D. MacLean, J. G. Studdart, D. T. Tayloe, F. W. Hoyt, W. C. Rodman, H. Howell, J. C. Rodman, J. D. Grimes, J. H. Small, J. K. Hoyt, J. I. Leary, J. H. Rhodes, C. B. McKeel, F. H. Short, F. A. Tillery, O. W. Blakely, C. H. Richardson, N. S. Fulford, K. G. Henry, William Blount, Jr., W. C. Hassell, S. C. Bragaw, W. P. Small, W. F. Clark, E. W. Ayers, L. L. Knight, J. A. Lang (Kinston), A. L. Bowers, George T. Leach and Mrs. Guilford. Misses Annice and Carrie Bright, Willie Hargrove, Lillian Bonner, Marcia, Penelope and Jane Myers, Fannie and Josephine Whitney, Lida Rodman, Annie Carrow, May Tayloe, Lucile and Annie P. Nicholson, Margie Blount, Jennie Cox (Fremont), Rosa, Cammie and Mary Short, Helen Kugler, Olive Gallagher, Susan Saunders, Blossom Gallagher, Julia Hoyt, Julia Moore, Mattie and Annie Laughinghouse, Muse Blount, Katie Moore, Adeline and Elizabeth Mayo, Mary Carter, May Rumley, Miss Dobson, (Lynchburg), Maude Windley, Olivia Hodgers, Daisy Tankard, Mamie Burbank, Hattie Jones, Plum Crawley, Eva Bell, Elizabeth Hill, Emma Carter, Sadie Martin, Minnie Morrison, Estelle Davis, Lena Windley and Carrie Hughes.

LUMBERTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Lumberton, Dec. 20.—Mr. R. E. Lee entertained a few of his attorney friends at his home Thursday evening, the occasion being his 32d birthday. An elegant course dinner was served and the evening was a most enjoyable one. Those present were: Messrs. J. G. McCormick, James D. Proctor, C. B. Skipper and Leon T. Cook.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Miss Belle Rozier on Fifth street Friday night by a number of her friends. Various games animated conversation and refreshments made the hours pass rapidly.

Miss Polly Crowder, music teacher for the Lumberton graded school, gave a recital for her music class at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLeod on Main street. Miss Crowder has about thirty pupils, all of whom seem to have made rapid progress, their excellent rendition of musical selections last evening reflecting much credit on the ability of their teacher. The occasion was one of much pleasure to the large number of appreciative guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baggett entertained a number of friends at their hospitable home Monday evening, the occasion being a fruit supper. Various amusements, music and lively conversation, besides an abundance of fruits of all kinds, made the evening a most delightful one. There were eighteen young people present.

The Robeson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy gave a Confederate tea at the handsome residence of Mrs. Lizzie Proctor Monday evening for the purpose of raising money for a square which the chapter purposed to place in the Confederate arch to be erected at Raleigh. A silver offering was received from each guest upon arrival by Misses Annie Ruth Caldwell and Mildred McIntyre, two charming little ladies who were beautifully dressed for the occasion. Mesdames A. W. McLean and R. C. Lawrence received in the hall, from where the guests were ushered into rooms beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe and ferns and flags. In the dining room cream and cake were served by Mesdames L. T. Townsend and R. E. L. Correll. Mesdames C. H. Durham and Stephen McIntyre presided at the table in the hall, where coffee was served. Miss Mary Watson received in the library. Each guest was given a tiny Confederate flag as souvenir. Several national airs were sung by the children and a number of piano and violin selections were rendered by Miss Polly Crowder and Messrs. W. Lennon and R. B. Carlyle. The occasion was a success socially and financially. The sum of $20.25 was realized.

The Young Matrons' Club was entertained at the charming home of Mrs. A. T. McLean Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, the occasion being their monthly meeting. The hall and parlor were tastily decorated with holly and mistletoe. The guests were received in the hall by Misses Jessie Fuller and Sallie McLean and conducted into the parlor where they were received by the hostess. Mrs. McLean had requested the ladies to add a plum to the Christmas pie by answering the invitations to her reception in verse. These "plums of verse" she placed in a make-believe pie and passed around with the request that each lady take a plum, then each lady read the verse she had taken, causing much merriment. Mrs. Ivin Jenkins' verse received more votes. The guests were invited to the dining room, where a three-course luncheon was served by Misses McLean and Fuller. The occasion was a most delightful one.

Misses Emma Link and Elsa Kerr, who have been milliners for the firm of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle the past season, have returned to their homes in Virginia to spend the holidays.—Mrs. R. S. Sledge and little daughter, Etta, left Friday for a visit to relatives at Wake Forest, Raleigh and Danville.—Mrs. D. W. Craig and Mrs. Daisy Jenkins have gone to Tatum, S. C., for a visit to their mother, Mrs. Herriett Watson.—Miss Edith Courtney, of Batesburg, S. C., is spending several days here visiting her sister, Miss Daisy Courtney, milliner for Mrs. Patterson and Miss Breece. They will both leave for their home in Baltimore to-morrow.—The Waverly Hotel changed hands Tuesday.—Mr. A. Bichery and family, of McCall, are now in charge. Mr. B. F. Nunn, the former proprietor, has purchased Maple Shade Inn, and Mr. Nunn and family left for their new home Tuesday. Misses May and Ruby Woolard and Mattie Hall and Olive Glass, of Maxton, were the guests of Miss Ida McKenzie this week.

SALISBURY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, Dec. 20.—The climax of Salisbury's recent interesting social events was reached Wednesday evening, December 18th, when Miss Josephine Branch Craige became the bride of Dr. Clarence Kluttz. The wedding, which took place in St. Luke's Episcopal church, was both beautiful and impressive, and never was Miss Craige more exquisitely lovely than in her wedding gown of soft ivory satin and point lace. Fifteen of Miss Craige's most intimate girl friends occupied the choir seats. After the ceremony an informal reception was given to the bridal party and out-of-town guests.

Mrs. William Blackmer, Mrs. N. P. Murphy and Mrs. Frank Lee Robbins were Book Club hostesses on Tuesday afternoon. At Mrs. Blackmer's meeting Arthur C. Benson's charming book, "The Home of Quiet," was discussed. Mrs. Murphy and her guests paid beautiful tribute to Whittier on this his centenary. The Christian Reid Book Club spent a most enjoyable afternoon with Mrs. Robbins in the discussion and appreciation of Gilbert K. Chesterton's "Charles Dickens."

A most interesting meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club was held with Mrs. A. E. Reynolds. Besides the regular members of the club Mrs. Reynolds' guests were: Mrs. Ashe and Miss Mary Armistead Jones, of Raleigh; Miss Mary Young, of Davidson; Miss Johnson, of Charlotte, and Mrs. S. H. Wiley.

Mrs. E. W. Burt delightfully entertained the Five Hundred Club on Friday afternoon.

Miss Kathleen Kluttz was hostess to the Bridge Club Thursday afternoon. She had as her guest Miss Madeleine White, of Graham, who came to attend the Craige-Kluttz marriage. Miss White leaves for Concord Saturday afternoon, where she will spend Christmas.

Mr. M. C. Quinn has returned from Norfolk, where he went to say good-bye to his son, Philip, who sailed with the fleet to the Pacific. He is on the ship Kearsarge.

Senator Overman returned here from Washington Saturday night for the Christmas holidays. [illegible]

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