dining room by Mrs. T. O. Brawley, Mrs. John B. Houston, Miss Nora Brawley and Miss Dora Hudson, and were served with a delightful three-course luncheon by Mrs. Vadire Brawley and Miss Ethel Barbour. The dining room was decorated with ivy and potted plants and lit with pink candles.

Mrs. Fred Culp presided in the ladies' cloak room, while Mr. D. E. Turner looked after the gentlemen. In the back hall were Mrs. D. T. Turner and Mr. Rock Culp.

In the sitting room from the parlor were displayed the beautiful and costly gifts, many of which came from a distance. The display consisted of costly cut glass, silverware, hand-painted and choice chinaware, liners grassware, etc., which attested the great popularity of the couple. In this room punch was served by Misses Annie Rankin and Blanche Creswell.

Mrs. A. M. Turner presided over the register in the hall.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howard and is one of Mooresville's most charming and beautiful girls. The groom is the popular and efficient superintendent of the Dixie Cotton Mills and a most able business man.

Misses Nadne and Ruth Brawley were at home to the Round Dozen Club on St. Valentine's Eve from 7 to 10:30. Hearts of many sizes were everywhere in evidence. In the dining room the table with its white cloth and decorations of red hearts were very pretty and attractive. A search for hidden hearts was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening. After several minutes' hunt hearts were counted. To the boy was given a large candy heart for a prize; a valentine to the lucky girl. Fortunes were then told, after which they marched to the dining room, where delightful refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Clara Mills, Eloise Hawthorne, Adrey Camutt, Ella Cornelius and Lena Howard, and Messrs. Abe Haselton, Gray Sloop, Vance Norwood, Jay Shulenburger and Frank Lowrance. The guests were profuse in their thanks to Misses Nadine and Ruth Brawley for a most enjoyable evening.

NEWTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Newton, Feb. 14.—Despite a steady downpour of rain yesterday afternoon the members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club braved the weather to attend their regular semi-monthly meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. A. Gaither, on Main street. The book under discussion during the meeting was "Joseph Vance," by William De Morgan, and the hostess read two most excellent sketches of the author's life, which were very much enjoyed. The most instructive meeting that has ever been held by the club was this one, and the study of the afternoon was the Geography of North Carolina. Most of the members present had come prepared with most instructive papers on this subject, from all of which some new information was to be gathered. The musical part of the programme was most delightful and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Mrs. R. E. Clapp sang "Beloved, it is Morn," Mrs. R. P. Freeze the Irish ballad "Shoogy-Shoo," and the two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Knox and Miss Worth, "I Live and Love Thee." Those who have once enjoyed listening to the fine voices of these ladies realize what a real treat the club enjoyed. The hostess then announced that as it was the eve of St. Valentine's Day, the social part of the programme would partake somewhat of a valentine party. She then passed among her guests with a silver tray laden with beautiful hand-painted valentines, the work of Mrs. C. M. McCorkle. Each of these was numbered and thus were the ladies paired off for the rest of the afternoon.

A cordial invitation was next extended to proceed to the dining room and, all knowing the dainty task and true Southern hospitality of the fair hostess, were well aware that a treat indeed was in store. The dark, gloomy afternoon had rendered lights a necessity, and the soft electric globes had their light mellowed and softened by dainty shades of white and lavender, the club colors. The table was decorated with white Chinese lilies and narcissus, and blue violets scattered everywhere, while again dainty valentines served as plate cards. A most delightful luncheon was served and much regret was expressed that the moments flew so rapidly that dark bid fair to catch the guests still loath to leave this hospitable home. Besides the regular club members, there were present, as guests: Miss Jennie Worth, of Cresson; Mrs. R. E. Clapp, Mrs. R. P. Freeze, Mrs. J. R. Gaither, Mrs. C. M. McCorkle and Mrs. Donald Witherspoon.

Mrs. M. J. McCorkle, widow of the late Judge M. L. McCorkle, has been very ill with grip at the home of her son on Main street. She is very much improved to-day, however, and her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Samuel Fletcher, of Harrisonburg, Va., has been spending some time in Newton this week. He accompanied his sister, Mrs. J. S. Garrison, on her return home from spending some time with her parents in Virginia.—Miss Jennie Worth, of Cresson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Knox.—Judge W. J. Montgomery and Mr. W. G. Means, of Concord, were in Newton to-day on business.—Dr. Stokes, of Salisbury, spent the day in Newton, being called here as a witness.—Mr. A. A. Shuford, of Burke county, was the guest of friends in Newton this week.

MORGANTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Morganton, Feb. 13.—Mrs. W. A. Clinkscales entertained the Round Dozen Book Club most delightfully Thursday afternoon. It being the meeting nearest to St. Valentine's hearts were in evidence everywhere. There were three tables of progressive anagrams and the letters were printed on red hearts. The hostess gave each guest a little red silk bag and the score was kept by putting beans in the bags. After the game was finished and the first prize, a hand-embroidered collar, was given to Mrs. Benedict Bristol, the hostess auctioned off souvenirs and the guests bid on them, using the beans as money. After this an elaborate two-course luncheon was served. Besides the members of the club there were present: Miss Olga Foster and Miss Adelaide Erwin.

Miss Janie Pearson was hostess to the Saturday Afternoon Book Club on the 8th, and a delightful afternoon was spent in the study of Switzerland. The hostess read a most interesting paper on the myth of William Tell and entertaining articles were read by different members of the club about Andreas Hofer, the hero of the Tyrol; the Hospiell of St. Bernard; Lake Leman and the Castle of Chillon; Mt. Matterhaw, the friend of the Alps, and te Lion of Lucerne. The hostess had a number of beautiful post cards from Switzerland which were much enjoyed. Delicious cream, cake and punch were served. Miss Daisy King and Miss Olga Foster were guests of the club.

Mrs. C. E. Ross entertained a few friends at bridge Tuesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gilbert, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hobbie.

Mrs. Bessie Hunt and Mrs. W. A. Leslie also entertained at bridge at the home of Mrs. Leslie Friday in honor of Mrs. Gilbert.

Mrs. Andrew Kistler entertained informally Wednesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Lang, from Bethlehem, Pa.

Mrs. A. G. Lyman asked a number of her friends to an afternoon tea Tuesday to help celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leslie entertained the following guests at bridge Wednesday night; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Alexander, Mrs. Frank Hampton, Miss Olga Foster, Miss Eloise Erwin and Miss Adelaide Erwin. After the game delicious birds on toast, syllabub and cake were served.

On Monday night Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Erwin gave a charming bridge party to which were invited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leslie, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobbie, Mrs. H. A. Gilbert and Mrs. Z. T. Corpening.

Mrs. Stephen Smith, of Livingston, Ala., is with Mrs. G. H. Moran.—Mrs. Frank Hampton and little daughter are the guests of Mrs. W. E. Walton.—Miss Bessie Brown went over to Asheville Friday to hear Schumann-Heink.—Mr. F. M. Rogers of Winston-Salem, is visiting Mrs. G. H. Moran.—Mrs. Rosa Sudderth and Master William Sudderth spent a few days in Charlotte last week.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Veter have gone to the Thorne cottage, near Linville Falls, where they will live for the present.

HICKORY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Hickory, Feb. 14.—The younger set is looking forward, with much pleasant anticipation, to the Valentine party to be given by Miss Grace Abernethy at her home on Tenth avenue. The dainty invitations consisted of two red hearts, artistically tied with red ribbon bows—the outer heart bearing a gilt arrow, and the legend "Prepare your heart for Cupid's dart." The other heart bore the invitation.

The Traveler's Club met with Mrs. E. B. Cline Thursday, February 6th. Quotations from Sheridan, and anecdotes concerning him were given at roll call. Mrs. Cline told of the drama in Ireland, and read interesting extracts from Mr. Yeats' drama, "Cathleen in Hoolihan." Miss Essie Seagle gave a delightful paper on Sheridan, and Mrs. J. H. Shuford an equally interesting one on Peg Woffington. An extract from "The School For Scandal," read with much appreciation by Mrs. Chadwick ended the programme. "Esperanto" came in for a liberal share of the time devoted to current news, this language having a number of admirers here.

The members of the same club were borne on adverse winds, through the slush—the aftermath of Monday's 6-inch snow—to the home of Mrs. J. L. Cilley, Thursday afternoon, February 13th, when she was the club's genial hostess. The programme was opened by quotations from Thomas Moore. Mrs. A. B. Hutton then gave an entertaining sketch of Moore, "The National Poet of Ireland." Mrs. C. M. Shuford read his poem, "The Meeting of the Waters," and Mrs. L. R. Whitener read "Love-Making in Ireland," by MacDonagh. "The Last Rose of Summer" was sung as a double trio by Mesdames Murphy, Chadwick, Bost, Hutton, Cilley and Abernethy. Current news was especially interesting.

MONROE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Monroe, Feb. 14.—The New Century Book Club was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Laney at her beautiful home on Windsor street. The club is studying the Bay View Reading Course on Our Own Country. The programme at the last meeting was especially interesting and attractive. At roll call the members responded to their names with quotations from "Poor Richard's Almanac." A very complete and instructive paper on "The South in Literature Before and During the War" was read by Mrs. Etta Griffin. This was followed by a discussion on the subject: "What Uncle Sam is Doing," led by Mrs. Frank Laney. The next number was an entertaining sketch entitled: "Political Oratory: Clay, Calhoun and Webster," by Mrs. Davis Armfield. At the close of the programme there was a general discussion of Cooper's masterpiece, "The Last of the Mohicans." The guests were then ushered into the softly lighted dining room, where the club colors—green and white—and the club flower—the white carnation—appeared in the decorations. The refreshments were dainty in the extreme; the ices and cakes being in the shape of hearts, in deference to St. Valentine, the patron saint of the day. Besides the club members, the invited guests were: Mrs. Herbert Barrier, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Clara Harmon, of High Point. The New Century Book Club is composed of the following members: Mrs. Frank Laney, president; Mrs. W. A. Lane, vice president; Mrs. G. S. Lee, secretary; Mrs. E. M. Griffin, treasurer, and Mesdames J. E. Ashcraft, Lizzie Covington, S. H. Green, Davis Armfield, George Beasley, W. E. Cason, Etta Griffin, and Rufus Armfield. This club is very active and progressive. It is the only book club in Monroe that has joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. E. M. Griffin.

Mrs. Charles Iceman was hostess to the Sorosis Book Club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Hayne street. The subject for study this year is England, Scotland and Ireland, and as this is the ninth meeting of the club year, the work is very nearly completed. Mrs. John Blair read a charming article on "Rural England," by the great nature-lover, John Burroughs. The next number was a paper, read by Mrs. J. S. Fitzwater which gave a delightful picture of "English Village Life." The review of the lesson in English Literature was cleverly conducted by Mrs. W. S. Lee. Then Mrs. W. C. Heath followed with a number of interesting questions on John Wesley and Stokepogis, the scene of Gray's Elegy. This review feature of the meetings is proving to be very popular as well as improving. Dust is being brushed from old histories and literatures, and cobwebs from rusty brains. In fact it reminds one of old school days to see the staid matrons eager to tell what they know, and sometimes what they do not know. After the regular programme the guests were invited into the beautiful dining room where a luncheon of many dainty things was enjoyed. The Sorosis is the oldest of the five book clubs in Monroe, being about ten years old. It has one claim to be considered a club of strong-minded women; as this year, in defiance of superstition, it has thirteen names on roll. The members are as follows: Mesdames Henry B. Adams, president; John M. Blair, Randolph Redfearn, W. S. Lee, W. C. Heath, Charles Iceman, J. S. Fitzwater, J. A. Stewart, David A. Houston, Frank Armfield, Bruce Adams, W. J. Rudge, and Miss Anna Blair.

SHELBY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Shelby, Feb. 14.—Miss Wray Suttle, always a charming and gracious hostess, entertained Miss Wray Suttle, always a charming and gracious hostess, entertained delightfully Friday evening with a valentine party in honor of her attractive guests, Misses Essie Morgan and Charlie Mae Blanton, of Marion. The rooms were beautifully and artistically decorated in hearts. Matching hearts, a heart contest and distributing valentines were enjoyable diversions. A delicious hot luncheon was served, the couples progressing each course. The invited guests were: Misses Essie Morgan, Charlie Mae Blanton, Elva Wray, Miss Bost, of Newton; Miss Pearl Lattimore, Mattie Flack, Ora and Selma Eskridge, Ora Flack, Miss Allen, of Texas, and Madge Wedd, and Messrs. Forrest Eskridge, Reid Morrison, Cepe Blanton, Marshall McBrayer, Evans McBrayer, Rush Hamrick, Jap Suttle, O. L. Watts, John Irwin, Will Lineberger, Grover Hamrick and Henry T. Lewman, of Kentucky.

Miss Elva Wray was hostess at a delightful supper party one evening last week. Her guests were: Miss Wray Suttle and Messrs. Henry Lewman, Marshall McBrayer and Walters.

Misses Essie Morgan and Charlie Mae Blanton have returned to Marion.—Miss Bost, of Newton, was the guest of Mrs. Joe Smith this week.—Miss Kate Pearsall, of Morganton, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Robert L. Ryburn.—After a short visit to Mrs. I. W. Falson, of Charlotte, Mrs. R. L. Ryburn returned Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. O. Max Gardner and Miss Madge Webb are spending the week-end in Gastonia at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon.—Messrs. Claude and Harry McBrayer, of Lincolnton, were here Monday to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. E. McBrayer.—Congressman E. Y. Webb has returned to Washington.—Mrs. J. F. Jenkins has returned from High Shoals.

RALEIGH.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Last Thursday afternoon the Kentness Book Club met with Miss Louis Hall Briggs. There was quite a large attendance of club members, and several visitors were present. An interesting programme was presented and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutt entertained a few friends at cards Thursday evening of last week in honor of their guest, Dr. Woodrich, of the United States Department of Agriculture. Progressive duplicate whist was played and proved most enjoyable. After the game delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Dr. Woodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Hutt, Miss Hutt, Mrs. Jennie Pescud, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Dr. and Mrs. Tait Butler, Professor and Mrs. Jeffries and Mr. W. M. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson, entertained a few friends informally at dinner Monday evening.

Mrs. Frank M. Kimbark, of St. Louis, Mo., was guest of honor at a beautiful party given Friday afternoon by Misses May and Sudie Johnson at their home on Jones street. There were twenty ladies present and the afternoon was spent delightfully at bridge whist. Artistic valentines marked the places at the tables where each guest should be seated. After the game delicious refreshments were served in two courses. Those present were:: Mrs. Frank M. Kimbark, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. George Folk, Miss Sophie Wood, of Edenton; Miss Louie Busbee, Mrs. William Royall, Miss Belle Pescud, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Miss Sophie Busbee, Mrs. William Shipp, Mrs. Watkins Robards, Mrs. Graham Andrews, Miss Annie Root, Miss Mary Armistead Jones, Miss Fannie Johnson, Miss Eleanor Vass, Miss Betsy Montgomery, Miss Elizabeth Cheshire, Mrs. J. F. Epes, Jr., Miss May Jones, Miss Jones, of Asheville.

A charming luncheon was given Monday by Miss Margaret McPheeters in honor of Miss Mary Gilliam, of Petersburg, Va., who is the guest of Miss Blanche Heartt. Miss McPheeters' guests were: Miss Gilliam, Miss Blanche Heartt, Miss Josephine Boylan, Miss Katherine Boylan, Miss Betsy London, of Pittsboro; Miss Mary Hull McKimmon, Miss Carol Gray, Miss Fannie Johnson and Miss Louis McDonald.

Miss Margaret Boylan entertained the bridge club Friday afternoon.

The Tuesday Afternoon Club was delightfully entertained this week by Mrs. John W. Harden. The interesting programme on "The Life and Works of Charles Dickens" was continued. The programme for this meeting consisted of two papers—"the 'No Popery' Riots of 1780," by Mrs. B. R. Lacy, and "Dickens' Influence To-Day," by Mrs. W. R. Crawford; also two readings—one selected and read by Mrs. Charles Belvin, Jr., and Rose Ellen Hendricks' "Tribute to Dickens," read by Mrs. Brewer. Miss Elizabeth Burtt gave a synopsis of "Barnaby Rudge," after which it was freely and informally discussed by the club. Following the literary programme delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Eleanor Vass gave a charming afternoon tea Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Frank M. Kimbark, of St. Louis, Mo., who is visiting her parents, Col. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson. The house was lovely in its decorations of yellow jonquils, candles and ribbons. An elaborate menu in three courses was served. There were about forty guests present and all voted it one of the most delightful entertainments of the season.

The Fortnightly Review Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. James H. Pou. The programme for the afternoon was a most interesting one. It consisted of three papers, one by Mrs. George McGehee on the "Current Topics of the Day," one on "Jean Paul Richter," by Mrs. W. E. Shipp, and one on "Tristan and Isolde," by Mrs. Palmer Jerman. The club members present were: Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Mrs. George McGehee, Mrs. Palmer Jerman, Mrs. R. C. Strong, Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain, Dr. Dixon-Carroll, Mrs. Charles McKimmon, Mrs. H. A. Royster and Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

A charming event was the card party given Wednesday afternoon by Miss Blanche Heartt, complimentary to her guest, Miss Mary Gilliam, of Petersburg, Va. The afternoon was delightfully spent at euchre, after which dainty refreshments were served. Miss Heartt's guests were: Miss Mary Gilliam, Miss Margaret Boylan, Miss Annie Duncan, Miss Louia McDonald, Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Josephine Boylan, Miss Cora Gray, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Fannie Johnson, Misses Margaret and Susan McPheeters, Miss Katherine Boylan, Miss Mary Hull McKimmon, Miss Betsy London, of Pittsboro; the Misses Hoge, of Richmond; Misses Kate and Janet Badger, Miss Louise Wright, Miss Irene Lacy, Miss Maggie Leapier, Miss Annie Root, Miss Margaret Mackay, Miss Elsie Haywood, and Mesdames Frank M. Stronach, Murray Allen, Graham Andrews, Rufus McAden, William Jones, Arthur Cobb, W. N. H. Smith, Ben Baker.

An enjoyable little leap year dance was given Wednesday night by a number of Sunshine girls. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Third Regiment Orchestra. The dance cards were valentines in the shape of hearts. The german was beautifully led by Mr. Gordon Harris. Those dancing were: Miss Grizzel Hinton, with Mr. A. F. Miller; Miss Ray Brown, with Mr. Robert Powell; Miss Emma Roberts, with Mr. Hillyer; Miss Mary Stronach, with Mr. Bill Aycock; Miss Mary Habel, with Mr. Harry Smith; Miss Marie Terrell, with Mr. George Bagwell; Miss Margaret King, with Mr. Hinshaw; Miss Alice Wolcott, and Mr. Sam Smith; Miss Daisy Haywood, with Mr. Willis Holding; Miss Lucretia Roberts, with Mr. Winder Harris; Miss Keuster, with Mr. Stephens; Miss Bruns, with Mr. Bagwell; Miss Marjorie Terrell, with Mr. Ernest Watson; Miss Caroline Whiting, with Mr. William Mears.

Stags: Messrs. Gattis, Sadler, Hagan, Armfield, Hubert and Arthur Holding, Neal Ivey, John Roberts, Street Monroe, Scott, Lindsay, Ball, Stephens and Goss.

Chaperones: Mrs. D. H. Young, Mrs. Fred Woolcott, Mrs. Charles H. Gattis and Col. Fred A. Olds.

LEXINGTON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Lexington, Feb. 13.—Last Friday afternoon the "Club of the Twelve" held a lovely meeting with Mrs. Walter H. Mendenhall at her residence on Centre street and the following very interesting and instructive papers were read: "Union of Brussels," Mrs. F. C. Robbins; "Dutch Customs and Characteristics," Miss Camille Hunt; "Art and Letters," Mrs. Henry Propst. In the absence of Mrs. Propst her paper was read by Miss Gertrude Hamner.

Last but by no means least the guests enjoyed a most delicious and tempting three-course collation, served by the hostess, for which she is justly famed. After lingering long over the coffee cups, the members reluctantly took their departure to meet again on the 21st of February with Miss Camille Hunt. Mrs. Mendenhall's visitors were: Mesdames J. T. Greer, J. C. Leonard and Ottis Mendenhall.

The last meeting of the "Sorosis" was held with Mrs. J. W. Noell, and most delightfully were the members of this club entertained. The following programme was rendered on Switzerland, which country the club is studying this year, with readings on India: "Rual Life and Labor," Mrs. W. H. Walker; "Military Service," Mrs. C. A. Hanes; "The Golden East," Mrs. Z. V. Walker.

The Pleasure Club was most charmingly entertained by Mrs. W. E. Holt, Jr., last Wednesday afternoon. The fortunate prize winners were Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall, who received a cut-glass dish, and Miss Rosa Moffitt, an exquisite bunch of La France roses. Elegant refreshments were served by the hostess.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Blanche Gilliam Brown entertained most charmingly in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Clinard, of Winston.

The disagreeable weather was entirely forgotten as the guests assembled in the cozy parlors of the "Hotel March." Vases of crimson carnations added their beauty and fragrance to the decorations on this delightful occasion. Miss Camille Hunt making the highest score was given a silver top toilet box, who in turn presented it to the guest of honor, Mrs. Clinard.

At the terminus of the game Mrs. Brown served the daintiest of luncheons. The guests were: Mesdames W. H. Mendenhall, Ottis Mendenhall, Prantley Finch, C. A. Hunt, Sr., C. A. Hunt, Jr., G. W. Montcastle, Mangum Turner, H. S. Radcliffe, R. C. Springs, W. E. Holt, Bell Dermot Shemwell, E. C. Clinard, S. W. Finch and Miss Camille Hunt.

GREENSBORO.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 14.—

MY VALENTINE.

Within the depths of your dear eyes,
A world of love and sweetness hides,
And if I knew 'twas meant for me,
Your Valentine I'd surely be.

But then, your eyes are just as sweet,
When Tom, Dick or Harry you chance to meet;
So that is why, My Lady fine,
I cannot be your Valentine.

I cannot trust you, don't you see?
For you look at others as you look at me.
Yet within my heart O Lady mine,
You'll always be my Valentine.

Such a rare combination as the valentine season in leap year is not to be scoffed at, and cupid has been busy these past few days, with bow and arrow; but the sequel is—another story.

Mrs. J. S. Betts gave a beautiful reception Thursday afternoon at her home on North Elm street. The lower floor of this home was thrown together and artistically decorated. In the place of draperies at the wide folding doors smilax was festooned, the chandeliers were gracefully draped with the same and vases of pink roses were arranged on mantels and cabinets while ferns and potted plants were everywhere in evidence and many candles lighted the scene. On entering the front door the guests dropped their cards into the receiver held by Master Kirk Callum and passed into the reception hall to be greeted by Mrs. A. R. Perkins and Mrs. J. P. Turner, who turned them over to Mrs. Robert Wharton at the parlor door and were ushered into the parlor, where they found the receiving party, Mrs. Betts, Mrs. A. G. Corpening, Mrs. A. W. Cook, Mrs. R. Y. McPherson and Mrs. W. O. Wilson. Miss Mattie McCullen and Miss Rice served punch in the hall. Receiving in the dining room was Mrs. A. B. Kimball, assisted by Misses Kate Hardie, Laurine Richardson and Miss Bryan, who served delicious ices, cake and mints from a beautifully appointed table.

A most unique and attractive feature was the Japanese tea room, which breathed forth the witchery of that bewitched land. This room was lovely with its Japanese draperies, screens, low tea tables, bric-a-brac and fans, while from the ceiling were suspended Japanese parasols. The pink carnations with feathery smilax made a fitting back-ground for the Japanese ladies, who did the honors of the tea table. Mrs. Herbert Ballance made a dainty Japanese hostess and Misses Mary Callum and Douglas Hendrix in their pretty kimonas looking as if they had been transplanted from the land of Onoto Watanna, served real Japanese tea in exquisite Japanese tea cups accompanied by wafers. The fascination of this charming room proved so great that the guests were loathe to depart. A large number of guests called to enjoy Mrs. Bett's hospitality which was extended in such a charming manner.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week occurred Friday evening when Mrs. J. E. Latham entertained at euchre in honor of her sisters, Mrs. Gardner, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Moore, of Newbern. The artistic decorations that greeted the guests proved that St. Valentine ruled supreme. All who entered passed under a large red heart suspended from the chandelier in the centre of the reception hall, the folding doors leading into the parlors, library and dining room were thrown back and across the intervening space were festooned hundreds of crimson hearts. The hall was in green; ferns, potted plants and smilax were arranged with artistic taste. The parlors and library were in red, the carnations in rich profusion enhanced the beauty of these rooms. A delicious salad course with coffee was served in the dining room where the walls were hung with Southern smilax. The handsome highly polished mahogany table with lace covering had for a centerpiece a large cut-glass vase holding pink enchantress carnations, while from the chandelier hung smilax which was caught up at four corners of the table. Colonial glass candlesticks held pink candles with pink shades and dishes of cut-glass and silver held bon-bons and mints. While six-handed euchre was being played, the devotees of the game were refreshed by fruit frappe. The first prize was a magnificent bunch of carnations and a lovely, fragrant bunch of violets as the consolation made amends for any loss. Imediately after the game each guest was presented with a valentine and were requested to address and seal the same to some guest present and deposit in an improvised postoffice in the dining room. Excitement grew as the gentlemen and ladies gathered at the office and the merriment when the seals were broken was equal to an epidemic for all had caught the infection and comic valentines, ugly valentines, pretty valentines and love-sick valentines were the theme of the evening. This valentine evening in the charming home of Mrs. Latham will long be remembered by the large party of ladies and gentlemen who were so fortunate as to be present.

On Thursday evening Mrs. C. G. Wright entertained a few friends at her home on North Elm street. The game of flinch was indulged in with keen enjoyment and at its close chicken salad, pickled oysters, wafers and coffee were served with true Southern hospitality by the popular young hostess. Mrs. Wright's guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Micheau, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Vanstory, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hagan, Miss Sadie Dick, Mr. Thomas Bernard, Mr. Charles Hagan and Mr. John Gilmer.

Mrs. W. J. Meadows entertained quite a large party of friends at euchre Friday afternoon at her handsome home on Summit avenue. The lower floor of the house with its wide halls and beautifully appointed rooms were made very attractive with tall graceful ferns, potted plants and cut flowers. The hall and library were in green, the parlor and dining room making a pretty contrast with decorations of red Enchantress carnations. The valentine idea was beautifully carried out by little Miss Marguerite Meadows, who looked like a fairy in her costume representing the Queen of Hearts. She carried a large red bow and a golden arrow, from which was suspended little candy hearts. The score cards were dainty little heart-shaped boxes tied with red ribbon bows held by little cupids and into each box Miss Marguerite dropped a candy heart for each guest who scored. A hand-painted powder puff box was given as first prize, a green heart as the consolation and a red hat pin receiver as the booby. Refreshments were served in two courses. The first was chicken salad, memento hearts on lettuce leaves, cheese straws, wafers and coffee. The second pineapple hearts, whipped cream and marischino cherries. Mrs. Muir, Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw and Mrs. E. Sternberger assisted Mrs. Meadows in caring for her guests and Miss Louise Bradsher presided over the punch bowl.

Friday afternoon found the Bridge Club and a number of friends in the attractive home of Miss Frances Lyon, on North Elm street, where they were entertained delightfully. The score cards were valentines in the shape of red hearts and the tables were numbered by hand-painted cupids. A dainty salad course was served with excellent taste. Beside the club members those enjoying the hospitality of the young hostess were Mrs. Dr. Grimsley, Mrs. R. Y. McPherson and her guest, Miss Lydia Bryan, of New Jersey; Mrs. Williams, and Misses Mary Fry, Daisy O'Neal, Mattie McCullen and her guest, Miss Rice, the Misses Land, the Misses Strudwick and Miss Sadie Dick.

The Exchange Book Club had a delightful meeting with Mrs. William Adams Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Crabtree was hostess for the Bridge Club Friday afternoon at her home in Fisher Park Drive and gave a charming afternoon to her guests.

At the hospitable home of Mrs. J. N. Wilson, on Forbis street, the Saturday Afternoon Bridge Club held a most enjoyable and merry meeting.

"Otherdom," after being postponed on account of the illness of many of the members, was entertained by Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, at her home on Church street, where the time was whiled away in a most interesting and delightful way.

The ladies of the missionary societies of West Market Street M. E. church gave a reception to the young people of that church Tuesday evening. Much time and pains were given to make the evening a success and the unalloyed pleasure of the throngs of young people proved that the ladies had not worked in vain. The Home Mission Society of this church works on a unique plan. The society is divided into groups of ten members each, and are entertained by the chairman of each group respectively once a month. They meet to discuss plans for work, spend a social hour and enjoy simple refreshments, which enables them to come in touch with one another in a truly delightful and helpful way. Mrs. H. L. Scott entertained her band on Wednesday morning at her home on West Market street, and Mrs. G. W. Whitsett entertained the band of which she is chairman on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Minifree, of Graham, gave a box party at the Grand Friday evening to see "The Ham Tree." Their guests were: Miss Mary Foster, of Graham; Miss Wilson, of Baltimore; Solicitor Brooks, Mr. Thomas Beall and Mr. Paul Schenk. The handsomely gowned ladies, the jewels and the magnificent flowers, made a charming picture. A supper at Clegg's Cafe followed the play.

The Tuesday Afternoon Card Club will meet with Miss Marjorie Lyon next week, at her home on South Elm street.

Mrs. E. R. Micheau gave a beautiful valentine party to a few friends on Saturday afternoon at her home on North Elm street.

Thursday and Friday the Greensboro Art Club had in charge a magnificent display of some of the pictures of famous American artists as well as etchings by Whistler, Millet and Hayden. These were the original works of these noted artists and attracted a large number of Greensboro art lovers to the Carnegie Library, where the exhibition was held. The National Federation of Clubs are sending out this Traveling Art Gallery in the interest of the local clubs and the people of Greensboro especially appreciate the kindness of the Greensboro Art Club in giving them the opportunity to study the pictures of famous artists of our own land.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith, the former beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian church, are delighted to shake his hand once more. He is spending a few days in the city with his mother and sisters.—Rev. Dr. Robert P. Pell, president of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., spent Saturday in the city on educational business.—Miss Linton, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. G. Corpening at the Guilford-Benbow.—Miss Bryan, of New Jersey, is a guest of Mrs. R. Y. McPherson.—Mrs. Gardner, of Norfolk, and Miss Moore, of Newbern, are guests of their sister, Mrs. J. E. Latham.—Congressman Charles R. Thomas is in the city.—Mr. J. W. Bryan, of Charlotte; Mr. C. T. Williams, of Richmond; C. C. Lindsey, of Roanoke; Mr. W. H. Bagley, of Raleigh; Mr. S. B. Alexander, of Charlotte; Mr. E. Y. McIver, of Durham; Mr. E. L. Hall, of Charlotte; Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. James B. Pugh, of Wilson; Miss Mary Page, of Aberdeen; J. B. Hearty, of Charlotte, and C. C. Harding, of Charlotte, were visitors to Greensboro this week.

PIG-STY OR COTTON FIELD.

The old Mosaic Laws forbade the use of pork in any form, and modern science has confirmed the wisdom of the patriarch in making this Law. The flesh of the hog is indigestible; so is the fat. Food prepared with lard is unwholesome. To meet the demand for a cooking fat that is pure and easily digested, The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, have put on the market a shortening called COTTOLENE, made from refined vegetable oil. This cooking fat can be used in any and every way that lard now is, and can even be used in place of butter in making fine pastry. Contrast the source of lard—the filthy pig-sty, with the source of COTTOLENE—the pure, white cotton boll, and one can readily understand the great demand for this pure, vegetable shortening in preference to the fat of the hog.