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## WINTER'S DISCOMFITURE.

Reluctantly Winter prepareth to leave,  
While knowing how few at his absence will  
grieve.  
The north wind hath lent him his trumpet to  
blow,  
As raging, he rideth enveloped in snow.  
How fiercely he hurlth sharp hail-stones and  
sleet,  
While icicles serve him as spurs for his feet.  
Though Boreas may stiffen his frost-sprinkled  
hair,  
But little he recks it, and why should he care?  
Away from fair Nature's green pastures and leas,  
His journey will lead him to ice-covered seas.  
Yet blustering March is his god-child most dear,  
To his rival the spring, he dreads 'tis quite clear,  
To give him, and so a sharp tussle ensues!  
He'll fight to the death, though the battle he lose.  
Hence all these commotions, this blowing of  
blasts,  
While praying for peace the community fasts!  
How blessed that Easter should come on apace,  
To save from destruction our suffering race.  
ANNA HUBBARD MERCUR.

## BABY SHOW AND CAKE WALK.

The Pinehurst Village Hall Crowded to  
the Doors Last Week Thursday.

Thursday evening last week the annual colored baby show and cake walk was held in the Village Hall and, as formerly, proved the most successful entertainment of the season. Long before the appointed hour a large crowd had gathered at the entrance to the hall, and when the doors opened at 7.30 the building was quickly filled, and late-comers were unable to gain an entrance.

The furnishings of the hall were arranged especially for this occasion. In the centre was a large table draped with the national colors and bearing the four large prize cakes. These cakes were beautifully decorated with colored sugar and reflected great credit on their maker, Mr. Paul Rechter, the baker at Holly Inn, who is an artist in his line. Around the sides of the hall were placed three rows of seats, and the folding doors of the chapel were opened, making it a part of the main hall, and that space was also filled with seats.

The main attraction, to the ladies at least, was the cunning little colored babies. There were fifteen of these all dressed in their best and trying to look their prettiest. They reposed in the arms of their proud mamnies who were seated in two rows across the front of the stage. This was the first opportunity that many of our Northern guests have had to inspect little pickaninnies at short range, and all seemed anxious to improve the occasion. For over half an hour the space in front of the stage was packed with an admiring throng of ladies and gentlemen who were busily engaged in making their choice for the prizes.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the company was called to order by the master of ceremonies, Dr. Walter H. Parcels, who announced that the time had come to award the prizes, two in number, the winners being decided by vote of the audience. The ballots were collected by a committee composed of Messrs. Harry Stowe, M. F. Black and Trev. Sharp, who then

retired to an ante-room to count the votes. On returning they announced the result as follows: 1st prize, \$5.00 to No. 12, Miss Bertha Violet Parcels Goins; 2d prize, \$2.50 to No. 13, Robert Lee Phillips Richardson. The winner of the second prize this year received the first prize last winter. Each of the other babies received a special prize of \$1.00.

Following are the names of the babies entered: Janette Baxter Dowd, Bertha Violet Parcels Goins, Robert Lee Phillips Richardson, Robert Lee Hinds, George Dewey Crutchfield, Stonewall Jackson, Emma Hampton, Laura Thompson, Irene Chambers, David J. Wilson, Mamie Russell, Sarah F. Monroe, Walter Richardson, C. Birdie McKinnis, Mamie Mabel Gaines.

The first two babies on the above list were named for two Northern young

respond to a hearty encore. Sir Walter Scott then followed with a song that was well received. This ended the musical part of the program.

Next in order was the cake walk by the children. There were eight or ten couples of the little tots, and the way they pranced around the hall elicited a tumult of applause. Messrs. W. A. Warden, H. W. Baldwin and James McCutcheon were appointed judges, and put the children through their paces. The following were declared the winners: 1st prize, a large cake, Howard Scott and Gertie Goins; 2nd prize, a small cake, Ernest Gaddy and Loria McNeill.

Then came the principal event of the evening, the cake walk by the adults, in which twenty-one couples participated. As the contestants lined up for the march all cast hopeful glances toward the huge

any choice from among the many candidates for preferment. Gradually the contest was narrowed down by the judges, who weeded out the least graceful couples, until there were but four couples on the floor. These were declared winners as follows: 1st, Bob Ingram and Mamie McIver, large prize cake; 2d, Ed King and Anna Richardson, small cake; 3d, George Nazer and Nannie Black, special cash prize; 4th, Fred Johnson and wife, special cash prize. Bob Ingram, who was one of the winners of the first prize, was the winner of the first prize in the cake walk last year, also. The entertainment closed with the awarding of the prizes.

Henderson McDonald, banjo artist, acted as accompanist, and Prof. Philazeler presided at the piano during the cake walk.

The committee in charge of the affair were: Dr. W. H. Parcels and Messrs. J. W. McArdle, W. A. Warden, Thomas B. Jones, F. T. Spinney, A. D. St. Clair and Harry G. Stowe. The selection of Dr. Parcels as master of ceremonies was a particularly happy one and he filled the position to the entire satisfaction of all.

The entertainment was the most successful of any held in the village this season and the committee are to be congratulated on the happy result of their efforts.

## Progressive Euchre at the Inn.

Last Friday evening a progressive euchre party was given in the music room at Holly Inn by the guests at that hostelry and about sixty people took part in the entertainment, which proved to be most enjoyable. Play began about 8 o'clock and lasted until 10, when refreshments were served, after which the guests spent a short time in pleasant social converse.

The three ladies' prizes were won as follows: 1st by Mrs. Cook, 2d by Mrs. Mitchell, 3d or booby by Miss Parker. The gentlemen prize winners were: 1st Mr. Barker, 2d Mr. Rollins, and 3d or booby prize, Mr. Bauman.

The "lone hand" prize, offered for either lady or gentleman making the greatest number of lone hand plays, was won by Mr. Curtis who was brave enough to go it alone three times.

It is to be hoped that this affair may be the forerunner of many pleasant occasions, and the guests at the Inn look forward to the next with eager eyes. \* \* \*

## Whist at the Casino.

Last Monday evening the Casino parlor was the scene of a very pleasant gathering, the occasion being a progressive whist party tendered to the Casino guests by the hostess, Mrs. F. H. McAlpine, who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. F. H. Carpenter. The evening's play proved very interesting and resulted in the following being declared the winners: 1st ladies' prize, a souvenir tooth-



REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE AT PINEHURST.

ladies who are spending the winter here.

While the ballots were being taken and counted a very enjoyable entertainment was furnished by the colored people. First on the program was a song by Prof. Philazeler, who strode in attired in a gorgeous costume. He was assisted by a large chorus and was well received.

Next came a dance by Esther Baldwin, Loria McNeill and Annabelle Scott, which proved very pleasing.

Willie Spanes and Walter Scott then took the floor for a clog dance, and they were followed by Ethel and Blanche Scott in song and dance.

The next number was a stump speech by Wayman Ludlow, assisted by Robert Brady, which made a decided hit. This was followed by a dance by Anna Richardson and Harriet McLaughlin, which proved one of the most interesting events of the evening.

Then came a song by Mary Grant and Mamie McIver, who were obliged to

prize cake reposing on the table in the centre of the room. The judges who picked the winners in the children's cake walk were also chosen to decide upon the winners in this contest, and then the signal was given for the march to begin.

Around the hall they circled, the prize cake in the centre acting as an incentive to each couple to do their prettiest, while admiring friends in the audience about the sides of the hall cheered first one and then another of the many competitors, endeavoring to spur them on the victory.

The walk was a revelation to a large portion of the audience. All styles were represented, from the Grecian bend with mincing step, to the hop, skip and jump. The contestants were of all sizes and shades. The tall and slim beau was often found beside the short and stout belle, and the chocolate colored maid pranced beside the ebony-hued swain. All came in for a share of the applause, and for some time it was hard to make