

IN SOCIETY.

Miss Sadie Root went to Durham on a visit. Mrs. John W. Brown returned yesterday from New York city. Miss Susie McFarland went to Durham to spend a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gregory of Louisville returned home yesterday. Miss Janet Watson of Silver arrived to enter the Baptist University. Miss Della Dowell of Rock Hill is the guest at the home of Capt. D. G. Conn. Mrs. W. C. Hufham and Miss Frances Hufham returned from Chapel Hill. Mrs. W. S. Stevenson of Smithfield spent the day here with Mrs. D. T. Moore. Mrs. J. G. Williams and Mrs. M. T. Riddle returned from a visit in Durham. The Kennetiss Book Club will meet this afternoon at 4:30 with Miss Eleanor Vass. Mrs. Laura A. Winston returned to Morgantown after visiting Mrs. T. H. Briggs. Mrs. O. J. Beavers and daughter, Miss Maud, of Waycross, Ga., left yesterday for home. Mrs. James C. MacRae arrived from Fayetteville to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Gray. Mrs. J. F. Stanback has returned from Chase City where she spent the past three months. Miss Caro Gray left for New York City, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. R. Fish. Mrs. J. W. Cameron and daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs. W. E. Dufrey, returned to Charlotte. Mrs. T. C. Williams, Jr., who has been visiting at the home of Capt. R. H. Powell, returned to Durham. Miss Lalla Rookh Ellington and Miss Kate Cummings returned from a visit in Clayton and other points. Miss Nannie Dowd of Jonesboro was here last evening, the guest of Miss Florence Robertson, on her way to New Bern. Mr. and Mrs. William Caserley arrived yesterday from Roanoke, Va., on a visit here. Mr. Caserley formerly lived here. Miss Sallie Purdie of Dunn, who has been spending the summer in the western part of the state, was in the city on her return home. Mrs. W. L. Groom and daughter, Miss Nellie, who have been attending the W. C. T. U. convention, returned to their home in Rocky Mount. Mr. Robert Royall, who has been ill in Wilmington, arrived here yesterday on his way to Wake Forest. His mother, Mrs. William Royall, joined him here. Mrs. H. E. Jarvis and children, who have been the guests of Dr. B. S. Utley, have returned to their home in Wausula, Fla. Mrs. Utley accompanied them to Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitaker, Mrs. D. J. Carroll, Miss Pattie Carroll and Dr. N. G. Carroll went to Durham yesterday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dixon, Jr., and Miss Louise Dixon to see the production of The Gansman there. Miss Patty Carroll will remain in Durham to visit her sister, Mrs. L. A. Carr. Caldwell-Johnson The wedding of Miss Lucile Forrest Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Johnson, to Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell will be celebrated Thursday, October 26th, in the home of the bride's parents in Richmond, Va. Mr. Caldwell formerly resided here, and was with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company. Donation Day at St. Luke's Home Do not forget to send us a donation today. To our gentlemen friends we will ask them to send us a load of wood, for it takes a lot of wood to warm our ladies. To our lady friends we will say send us anything in the way of eatables. Thanking you in advance. Sincerely, ST. LUKE'S CIRCLE. Runaway Match Statesville, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special. Miss J. Howell of Salisbury and C. L. Cotton of Albemarle arrived here last night from Salisbury and were married about 11 o'clock at Hotel Iredell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. K. Boyer. That the ceremony was performed here was due to paternal objection. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton will leave tomorrow for Oklahoma, where they will live. The Johnsonians With Mrs. Kenan The Johnsonian Club held a particularly enjoyable session yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas S. Kenan as hostess. Russia was the general subject for the afternoon, and excellent papers were read by Mrs. A. B. Andrews on Peter the Great, and by Mrs. R. H. Lewis on Russian Literature and the Influence of the Russian Church. Nearly all the club members were present, and besides these Mrs. Kenan had as her guests Mrs. R. S. Tucker, Mrs. W. B. Grimes, Mrs. R. D. W. Connor,

Miss Emily Kenan and Miss Louise Busbee. The hostess served elegant refreshments. Blue-Sikes Invitations have been received by friends reading: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sikes request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Grace Britton to Mr. Clifton N. Blue on the evening of Wednesday, October the twenty-fifth nineteen hundred and five at six o'clock. Presbyterian Church Red Springs, North Carolina. At Home after November the eighth, Aberdeen, North Carolina. A Theatre Party A party of young people from Henderson, Franklinton and Oxford was here last night to see the Babes in Toyland. After the theatre they had supper at Giersch's. In the party were Miss Mabel Vann of Franklinton and Miss Sue Robards, Miss Willie Parker, Miss Bettie Pittman, Miss Nannie Landis, Miss Olivia Lamb, Miss Susie Gilliam and Mrs. Alex. Cooper of Henderson, and Messrs. Brooks Parham of Oxford, Robert Davis, Samuel Watkins, Jr., Sydney Chavasse, Edwin B. Taylor, J. A. Moore, J. H. Brodie, S. S. Parham, Dr. John Hill Tucker, Col. Henry Perry of Henderson and A. H. Vann of Franklinton. Edgeworth Book Club Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special. Mrs. J. N. Leak was the gracious hostess of the Edgeworth Book Club yesterday afternoon at her home on West Gaston street. The house was decorated very beautifully in potted plants and roses. Progressive six-hand finch was played, after which refreshments were served. The club members are Mesdames L. J. Brandt, J. S. Betts, F. H. Chamberlain, J. R. Cutchin, W. P. Dillon, J. B. Ellington, W. W. Ellington, J. W. Forbis, C. G. Harrison, J. N. Leak, M. W. Nash, J. W. Patterson, W. E. Schenck, Jos. J. Stone, W. H. Stone, Jr., A. J. Sykes, John Thames, J. P. Turner, E. C. Watlington, G. W. Whitsett and N. O. Wood. SMITH-TAYLOR Notable Wedding Solemnized in New Bern Wednesday Evening New Bern, N. C., Oct. 5.—Special. Last evening the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Taylor, on Hancock street, was the scene of one of the loveliest and most notable weddings of the year, the occasion being the celebration of the nuptials of their accomplished and charming daughter, Miss Ellnor Lovick, to Mr. Frederic Grist Smith. The home, a picture in itself, was made even more attractive than usual with handsome and elaborate decorations of stately palms and trailing smilax, with a profusion of pink and white roses and beautiful carnations, the color scheme being pink and white. The drawing room, in which the ceremony was performed, was a veritable flower garden, the bow-window being rendered indescribably pretty and artistic with an overhanging arch made entirely of white roses and trailing arbutus. In the center of this lovely arch perched a beautiful white dove, symbolizing "Purity," from whose bill was suspended a large white wedding bell of roses, the entire background from ceiling to floor presenting a magnificent floral picture. Promptly at 9 o'clock the strains from Lohengrin's wedding march pealed forth under the artistic skill and accurate touch of Miss Annie Bell Hardison. The ushers were Messrs. Cecil W. Taylor, brother of the bride, and Wallace A. Smith, brother of the groom. Master Thomas Lee Taylor, attired in white broadcloth, and little Miss Mabel Darling Taylor, daintily gowned in white organdie over pink, entered the drawing room and proceeded to the arch, drawing the ribbons for the bridal party. The groom entered with Mr. Luther C. Barfoot, who was best man; then came the maid of honor, Miss Bertha Washington Wooten, wearing pink organdie and carrying pink carnations; next came Miss Fannie Smith, sister of the groom, with Mr. Carl Taylor, she wearing white organdie and carrying pink carnations. The bride then entered, leaning on the arm of her father, by whom she was given away. The bridal party stood immediately under the bell suspended from the floral arch, the ceremony being according to the impressive ritual of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Thomas P. Noe, rector of St. Paul's Church at Beaufort, was the celebrant. During the ceremony Miss Hardison played "Hearts and Flowers" in a soft, low tone. The bride was handsomely gowned in white silk crepe voile en train, elaborately trimmed with hand embroidery, and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses, her only ornaments being a crescent of pearls, the gift of the groom. While congratulations and best wishes were being showered upon the bridal couple, Miss Lottie Caffrey of Beaufort very sweetly sang "My Heart's Long Dream of You." The reception, which was a beautiful affair, immediately followed the ceremony, and delicious refreshments were bountifully served to the hundreds of guests who were present by Misses Lottie and Mamie Caffrey of Beaufort and Misses Lena B. Sanford and Annie B. Hardison of New Bern, the young ladies being prettily gowned in soft pink mull. The bride is a young lady of unusual charm and highly accomplished, being one of the most popular young ladies in the city, and she will be pleasantly remembered, especially by the theatre-goers of New Bern, having served for two years in the capacity of musician and accompanist at the new Masonic Opera House, her wide popularity being fully attested by one of the largest and most notable collections of wedding presents ever seen here, a number of them having been received from

many different parts of the United States. Mr. Smith is a member of a prominent family of New Bern and occupies a position as inspector and assistant manager of the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company in this city. He is a young man of splendid ability and sterling worth, and is highly popular and well known among the people of this city as well as elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home at present at the residence of the groom's father in this city, on Metcalf street.

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