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SPEAKING OF READING.

A Little Detailed Information Regarding the Pinehurst Circulating Library.

A CONVENIENT READING ROOM.

Pinehurst has been called repeatedly a model town, and to the careful observer who visits or lives in it, its right to being classed as such becomes daily more and more apparent. Its many advantages have frequently been set forth in these columns, but this time it is purposed to call attention to two co-related attractions that are certain to be of interest to everybody—the circulating library and the free reading room.

The clientele of Pinehurst is distinctively a cultured one, a class that reads and discriminates as to what it reads. To meet and satisfy the demands and requirements of just such a discriminating class of readers the Pinehurst library was established and is operated. Established in the fall of 1898 with a complete selection of the very best standard and current fiction, in addition to an extensive selection of standard miscellaneous works by recognized authorities on special subjects, it has since grown steadily in size and completeness, until now the books in active circulation number about 1200. This number may not appear large, but on examination of the recently issued catalogue, it is found that fully ninety-five per cent of the books catalogued may be fairly classed as current literature; this fact materially changes the relative apparent completeness of this collection as a living, circulating library, as contrasted with those libraries whose catalogues include thousands of standard, classic, special and reference works, which are rarely, if ever, read except for reference or especially desired information.

Carefully taken memoranda demonstrated from the first year of its existence that the patrons of the Pinehurst library were almost exclusively in search of current literature, principally fiction, rather than the classic, or what might be termed pedantic reading. The reason for this choice is plainly apparent. People come to Pinehurst for recreation and rest. Here labor and work, as a rule, are forgotten and laid aside and the visitor, in the great majority of cases, seek relaxation, amusement and repose; so, if he is wise, he chooses his literary food accordingly, and as a result, that literature which treats of adventure, experience, love (the exhaustless theme) and all the varied phases of real human, social life, as contrasted with the likewise real, but temporarily forgotten and abandoned, busi-

ness or work-a-day life, is the literature that the change-seeking, rest-requiring resoriter chooses and prefers to read.

The policy adhered to in Pinehurst from the first was to provide in it just what its patrons most desired and needed. So, in the library, the same rule having been carefully followed, are found today all the best and most popular works of standard and current fiction, to the comparative exclusion of the heavier works that elsewhere are seldom and here never read. A close comparison with the reports of sales of books recently published will show that the demand for the same books in the Pinehurst library is relatively the same. Mrs. Harry Redan, librarian, states that the calls for books justify their being named in the following order: "The Right of Way," by Gilbert Parker; "D'r'i and I," by Irving Bacheller;

library is located in the drug department of the general store, and is open from 8 a. m. until 7 p. m. daily. New books are always ordered as soon as the reading public and reviewers have passed on their merits, and every book thus approved is always to be found in the Pinehurst library.

The public reading room in the Casino, between the Holly Inn and the Harvard Hotel, is another interesting place, which may in a sense be said to be auxiliary to the circulating library. This department is in charge of Mrs. F. H. McAlpine, and here may be found nearly all the leading current magazines and a number of daily papers. This reading room, which is absolutely free to Pinehurst guests, is on the second floor of the Casino building, and consists of two large, comfortably heated and well lighted rooms, which are open to all



"Truth Dexter," by Sydney McCall; "The Man From Glengarry," by Ralph Connor; "Kim," by Rudyard Kipling; "The Cavaliers," by George W. Cable; and "Blennerhasset," by C. F. Pidgin. "Black Rock" and "Peter Sterling," by Paul Lester Ford, and "Via Crucis," by F. Marion Crawford, are also frequently called for. The works of Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Marie Corelli and other writers of fiction, equally far apart in style, are also asked for frequently, and readily supplied.

The number of books taken from this library daily is somewhat surprising. The average daily number is about 90, and on dull and rainy days the number frequently exceeds 100. The charge or expense is trifling, being only two cents per day for each volume. The revenue derived scarcely pays the actual running expenses of the library, but that is a secondary consideration, the first one being the conforming to Mr. Tufts' original idea to provide in Pinehurst all the advantages and conveniences of a modern city at a minimum of cost. The

from 8 a. m. until 10 p. m. In addition to a large variety of miscellaneous magazines and newspapers the following ones are regularly kept on file: Scribner's, McClure's, Munsey's, Frank Leslie's, Country Life, World's Work, Harper's and Century, New York Journal American, Boston Herald, Washington Post and Philadelphia Press. These newspapers are received daily and the magazines regularly as issued.

This information is published for the benefit of all those who may not be aware of the existence of these two very desirable institutions, and in the hope that it may be of interest and benefit to all who desire to keep "up-to-date" in current literature.

The Village Ball.

The first village ball of the season took place last Saturday evening at Village Hall, and was well attended. The Holly Inn orchestra furnished music, and an excellent time was enjoyed by all. Another ball will be given in the near future.

Holly Inn Festivities.

A large and enthusiastic coaching party left the Holly Inn, Friday, Feb. 14, for a cross country drive. Mr. Hyde handled the ribbons of the four like an expert, and everyone participating had a very enjoyable time.

Saturday evening, Feb. 15, was devoted to games, the most interesting of which was a potato race, in which a large number of guests participated. The prizes were won by Miss Whiting and Mr. Gray.

Saturday night, Feb. 22, will be devoted to a masquerade ball in the music room, and many entries are now arranged for this event which promises to be of much interest.

Next Sunday Evening Concert at the Hotel Carolina.

The following programme will be given next Sunday evening at 8 p. m., when the orchestra will be assisted by Mrs. H. St. John Smith, of Portland, Maine:

Grand March—From "Tannhauser"	Wagner
Overture—"Mirella"	Gounod
Vocal Solo—"The Holy City"	Adams
MRS. ST. JOHN SMITH.	
"Echoes from the Metropolitan Opera House"	Arr. Tobani
Flute Solo—"Salterello"	German
MR. DOLE.	
{ a "Lohengrin's Verwels An Elsa"	Wagner
{ b "Pilgrim Chorus" (Tannhauser)	
Vocal Solo—"O Promise Me"	De Koven
MRS. ST. JOHN SMITH.	
Hymn—"God Be With You"	Tomer

A Pleasant Whist Party.

The employes of the Berkshire hotel, in company with a number of invited guests, passed last Monday evening very enjoyably in the ever interesting game of progressive whist. The first lady's prize was won by Miss Lillian M. Foster, the second by Miss Kate Fitzgerald. The lady's "booby" prize fell to Miss Rose Cary, and Mr. C. A. Warwick captured the gentleman's "booby" token. Refreshments were served and all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Messrs. Fred Potter and Ed. Hall were the hosts.

Valentine Party.

Mrs. Anna D. Spence of the Hawthorne cottage entertained a number of friends at a Valentine party the evening of the fourteenth. Progressive hearts was the game. The prizes and refreshments were appropriate to the occasion. First prizes Mrs. Furbish and Mr. Hooper; consolation prizes Miss McEnnis and Mr. Chesterton. After refreshments were served Mrs. Spence recited "My Valentine," "Kentucky Philosophy" and "That Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Mrs. Morehouse will be at Holly Inn Friday and Saturday with art needle work and materials for lace work and embroidery.