

LETTER FROM REV. J. V. CLANCY

"Pinehurst." What pleasant recollections are summoned to mind by that word! It suggests an ideal winter resort where the wan and the weary, the sick and the discouraged go and find rest and recuperation, health and a new meaning to life. Blessings on the head of the man who first invented Pinehurst.

During last winter, by the advice of an ever watchful physician, it was deemed wise that we should seek the milder climate of the Southland, in order that we might escape the rigors of a New England February and March. The question at once arose as to where we should go. After canvassing the claims of numerous southern resorts, we finally decided to go to Pinehurst for a few days at least, and then if we were not satisfied to go on farther. Arriving at our destination after dark, we were greatly pleased with the interior appearance of the Holly Inn and of other buildings to which we were introduced. But when morning came what was our surprise and pleasure to look out upon a beautiful "New England village" with its graded streets, its well kept lawns, and its city-like appointments and conveniences. Pinehurst was indeed all and more than it had been represented to us to be.

What days of pleasure and health restoring followed. The air, redolent with the breath of the pines, acted like a tonic. It was a joy to be alive in such a place. Everything which our worthy host could do for the pleasure and profit of his guests was done. Did one wish to ride or drive, here were well trained saddle horses and comfortable carriages at his command. Did he wish healthful outdoor sports, he could find excellent lawn tennis courts, croquet grounds and a splendidly laid out golf field. If the day were stormy—which was very rare—there was indoor entertainment of various kinds to take up the time. Did one wish to read, he had but to mount the steps on the outside of the Casino and he would find himself in a well-furnished reading room, amply supplied with Washington, New York and Boston papers, while there were magazines galore. And if this were not enough to satisfy the most fastidious, the village library with its splendid assortment of books was just at hand at "the store."

The "Village Hall" plays no insignificant part in the profit and pleasure of Pinehurst. Here on Sunday morning was to be heard earnest, helpful sermons from visiting clergymen of various denominations. (No sectarianism is known in Pinehurst) Then the day was suitably brought to a close by bright and inspiring vesper services. One was made to realize that our Heavenly Father is honored and loved in this charming spot.

During each week entertainments which *entertained* were in order in the hall. There were concerts, and lectures, and amateur dramatics, and receptions. And in order that the week might be wound up in a cheery manner, the Saturday night "hop" was held. At this anyone—man or woman—who could prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that they had not yet passed their one-hundredth birthday, were permitted to "trip the light fantastic (or rheumatic) toe." And such "tripping" we do not expect to witness again in many a long day.

Our remembrance of the delightful

people whom we met in Pinehurst will ever be pleasant to us. Friends were made there whom we shall ever hope to number amongst our best and truest.

Now after eight months, in looking back over the experiences of the last year, we are exceedingly thankful for the circumstances which sent us to Pinehurst, and gave us one of the most delightful vacations which we ever enjoyed.

If we could only make it clear to scores of our friends who need rest and restoration to health that that is the spot of all others to which they should go for a few weeks or months of the winter and spring season, then we should feel that we had conferred a genuine favor upon our race.

JUDSON V. CLANCY.

WEST MEDFORD, MASS., Nov. 16th, '98.

Cheap Cotton.

Within sixty days thousands of tenant farmers in the central, or black-wax, belt of Texas—the richest agricultural section of the state—have deserted their mature cotton crops because they could earn more money by picking cotton for wages than by gathering their own crops and paying the rent. This has forced landlords upon whose hands rented farms were thrown back, to import negro labor from South Texas to pick the deserted crops; and the cost of picking, which, at the beginning of the season, was 35 cents per 100 pounds, has advanced to 50 cents. Reports from Arkansas tell of similar conditions there. The acute distress caused by 4-cent cotton may easily be appreciated when it is stated that the average cash yield of the staple at this price is less than \$9 an acre gross. Out of this the tenant pays one-fourth to the landlord, and, if he hires the cotton pickers, about \$3 an acre goes for that expense. The net result to the farmer is less than \$4 an acre, and this pittance is more than exhausted if he is compelled to hire help to plant and cultivate the crop. The best authorities agree that the day when cotton would pay wages to the producer passed when the price dropped below 7 cents per pound.—*Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.*

Princeton's Clairvoyant.

Over at Princeton there is a drayman named Spillman who is believed by the students to possess the power of second sight, and before examinations they often consult him in regard to the probabilities of being questioned upon this, that or the other problem or topic. The old man charges a fee for his advice, which is cheerfully paid by the students, and occasionally his predictions are fulfilled in such a remarkable manner that he temporarily abandons his legitimate occupation and goes into the clairvoyance business for the benefit of the boys who are coaching for examinations.

When Spillman fails to score nothing is said about it, but when he hits the mark, as he often does, the fact is known to everybody in college. Before the recent examinations a member of the sophomore class paid Spillman a fee to pick out the problems that would be selected by the examiners. He selected ten and it turned out that eight of them were on the examination papers.—*Mail and Express.*

Wicks. "There goes Stilson, talking to himself, as usual." Hicks. "Yes, there's nothing proud about Stilson."

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