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HOLLY INN OPENS.

Starts on Its Fifth Season
November 30th.

The Prospects Bright for a Most Successful Season.

Thursday morning, Nov. 30th, the Holly Inn opened for its fifth season, under the management of Mr. Allen T. Treadway.

A short description of the Inn and a sketch of its history will doubtless be interesting to the readers of THE OUTLOOK.

The Inn was erected in the fall of 1895 and was first opened to the public on Jan. 24th of the following year, but those who were guests during that season would hardly recognize the magnificent hostelry which has taken the place of the original modest structure.

The first season opening late and with the confusion incidental to the building of a beautiful village in the wilderness, the management labored under great disadvantages, but guests came in such numbers and were so delighted with our grand climate and the accommodations provided, that Mr. Tufts felt justified in enlarging and making many improvements during the following summer.

Early in the season of 1896-97 it became apparent that the Inn was too small to accommodate the constantly increasing number of guests who were attracted by its healthful surroundings, modern comforts and excellent management. Before the season was over it was necessary to press every vacant house in the village into its service in order to care for all who applied. It was thus certain that if the Inn was to hold its popularity and increase its patronage it was necessary to make extensive improvements before another season.

In the spring of 1897 plans were drawn to increase the capacity of the Inn to more than double the former dimensions. The building was arranged in the form of a hollow square with a large open court in the center, thereby making it possible to have all the rooms in the house receive an abundance of pure air and sunshine. This court has been beautified by growing plants and flowers, and is a source of much pleasure to the guests. The number of cottages in the village having also proved unequal to the demand, several new, tasteful cottages were included in the list of improvements. Part of these were reserved exclusively for the use of hotel guests. In making these improvements everything was done in the neatest and best possible manner, and numerous conveniences were added for the comforts of its guests. With these in-

creased accommodations it was expected that the manager would be able to care for all who came.

The season of 1897-98 brought a host of new guests, as well as a large proportion of those who had previously learned to appreciate the advantages offered at this charming resort. The Inn was again filled and it was found necessary to make another addition of thirty-

conservatory to the music room.

The music room is an elegant apartment octagon shaped, forty feet across and with fourteen foot studding, and is finished to where the roof comes to a point at the top, twenty-eight feet from the floor. On three sides are bay extensions, that on the north being filled with a chimney containing a huge fireplace of finished brick. The extension on the

Here the orchestra gives its concerts every morning and evening, and the card parties and other entertainments at the Inn are also held in this room.

To the left of the corridor, near the music room, is the smoking room, with billiard and pool room connected. Both are tastefully fitted with every comfort and convenience. The billiard and pool tables are first class in every respect, and against the walls are placed comfortable chairs for the spectators. Both these rooms have been thoroughly renovated since last season. They are well lighted by large windows during the day, and by numerous electric lights at night, and being finished in native pine present a bright and cheery appearance. A great deal of interest was taken in billiards and pool last season. A large number of expert players were among the guests at the Inn and many friendly tournaments were held during the long winter evenings. A large percentage of those who were here last winter have signified their intention to return this season, and the billiard room will undoubtedly prove more popular than ever.

Close by the billiard room is the writing room, a well lighted apartment containing convenient writing tables with pens, ink and stationery.

Just beyond the writing room is the dining hall, one of the finest and best appointed rooms of its kind in the country. It is finished in curly hard pine, a handsome natural wood, contains a great open fireplace at each end, and large windows on three sides provide ample light. The ceiling is handsomely frescoed and the walls are of a brownish tint that harmonizes with the natural finish of the wood. Electric lights of many different tints and shapes are placed at convenient intervals across the supporting beams, which diffuse a soft light over the silver and glass on the tables below. The effect, whether in the day or when the lights are on, is grand. One could hardly imagine a prettier or better planned apartment. This dining room is in that part of the building erected during the summer of 1897 and it has a seating capacity of 225.

Ever since the Inn was built it has had among its guests people who owing to their poor physical condition require a higher degree of temperature than those in good health. The management decided to provide a place especially for these people, and the result is a warm, cozy parlor just off the lobby, where easy chairs, case of books, writing table and everything that can add to the comfort and convenience of those who use it can be obtained. This room is always kept at a little higher degree of temperature than the rest of the hotel and has a cheery and comfortable appearance.

The sleeping rooms in all parts of the Inn are light and airy, and all have been thoroughly renovated and put in first



THE HOLLY INN.

two guest rooms during the following summer.

The Inn is now, without doubt, one of the most attractive and best equipped hotels in the country.

The main doors of the Inn open into the handsome, commodious and well-

east is filled by a stage for the use of the orchestra, while that on the south has numerous windows to admit the sunlight. The inside is finished in natural wood, the cornice and wainscot being of handsome hard pine, with columns of the beautiful curly pine running from



THE DINING HALL, HOLLY INN.

lighted lobby. This is a very attractive apartment, finely furnished, and contains two large open fireplaces. The office is located at the back of the room, on the left. Directly opposite the entrance is the main stairway, and on either hand are corridors.

The corridor on the right leads past the coat room, writing room, smoking room, and parlors and through the

the floor to the ceiling. The walls and ceiling are beautifully decorated. A fine floor of our native pine provides an excellent surface for dancing. The room is well lighted by numerous large windows of pretty design, is heated by steam and the fireplace, and contains a profusion of electric lamps. The music room is one of the additions of last season, and has proved very popular with the guests.