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NEARING THE END.

A Most Successful Season Will Soon Close.

A Retrospective Glance at a Few of the Many Happy Events of the Winter.

Numerous Improvements Will Be Made About the Village During the Summer.

Another season is drawing to an end, and within a few weeks the numerous guests who have spent an enjoyable winter in our beautiful little village will all have departed for their Northern homes. The present year has again demonstrated the fact that the popularity of Pinehurst is steadily increasing. Despite the largely increased accommodations provided since the close of the previous season all the available rooms in the village were filled earlier than ever before, and, although the whole of one wing in the new Carolina was used for lodgers, several hundred people were turned away because no place could be found for them. While the whole history of the village has been one uninterrupted succession of successes the present season has undoubtedly proved more prosperous than any preceding it.

The most notable addition to the village since the previous season was the Carolina Hotel, the largest hotel in the state. Work on this building was started last summer and it was expected that the house would be ready to open about the first of February, but delay in getting the enormous amount of material required for a building of this size made it impossible to complete the structure at that time. While the manager might have been able to open a part of the house a week or two later, it was thought it would be better to defer the opening until next season, when, with everything completed and in good order, the new hotel would appear to better advantage and the guests would receive better service. The number of people who wished to stop in the village this year was so large, however, that the east wing of the Carolina was used for lodgers who obtained their meals at the other hotels. Landlord H. W. Priest and wife have been here during the winter superintending the furnishing of the house and looking after the comfort of the guests lodging there. They are very popular with the guests, all of whom will be pleased to learn that Manager Priest will be in charge when the Carolina opens next season. A large number of rooms have already been engaged for next winter and the Carolina will undoubtedly prove one of the most popular hotels in the

country. During the summer Mr. Priest will manage the Preston Hotel at Beach Bluff, Mass.

The first building to open this season was the Casino, which was ready for business on November 1st, and has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McAlpine of Alton Bay, N. H. The restaurant filled up early and the managers have had all the guests they could accommodate until within a few days. This is the first season that Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine have been in charge there, but they have been very successful in catering to the wants of their guests, with whom they are deservedly popular. The Casino will close on the 28th inst., and the managers will go direct to their attractive summer hostelry, the Lake Winnepesaukee House situated on the shores of the beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee at Alton

Treadway will go from here to his popular summer hotel, which has already been opened for the summer season.

The Berkshire Hotel opened somewhat late, owing to the death of the former manager who was expected to be here again this season, but was finally ready for business on the 9th of November, under the management of Mr. F. B. Kimball of the attractive Eagle Inn at Orwell, Vt. During the past summer this house had received additions that doubled the former capacity of the building and many other improvements were made, as well, but the enlarged building proved inadequate to accommodate the host of people who applied. The success here this season has eclipsed all previous records, and the number of guests who wish to remain after the close of the regular season is so large that Manager

lent season's business. There are very few villages the size of Pinehurst that can boast of a store containing such a large and varied stock of goods, and this fact seems to be appreciated by our Northern guests who each year do more of their buying here. The new postoffice has proved a great convenience, and Mrs. H. S. Davis, who has been in charge, has received many words of praise for the efficient manner in which she has performed her duties and for her uniform courtesy to all.

The village entertainments, which have been numerous and varied, were in charge of Mr. A. D. St. Clair of New York, who has worked hard and conscientiously to provide amusements pleasing to the people and certainly deserves the success he achieved. There have been musical and literary entertainments, amateur minstrels, comediettas and farces, colored baby show and cake walk, masked ball, whist parties and numerous other evening diversions that have served to make the time pass very pleasantly. The Holly Inn orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Trev. Sharp, has added greatly to the pleasure of those who attended the entertainments, and the regular Sunday evening concerts by this organization have been very popular with our villagers and have proved a real treat to all lovers of good music.

Religious services have been held in the Village Hall every Sabbath during the season, and our villagers have had the pleasure of listening to a number of very able clergymen of different denominations.

Of the out door sports here golf undoubtedly takes the lead. During the past summer the golf field was enlarged to more than double its former size and now includes 150 acres with eighteen holes. The course is very sporty and the hazards, both natural and artificial, are numerous and well placed. The great event of the season for the golfers (and everybody here plays golf) was the arrival of Vardon, who holds the world's golf championship. His first appearance on the Pinehurst links was on Friday, March 9th, when he played 36 holes match play against the best ball of the Pinehurst professionals, John Dunn Tucker and Lloyd B. Hallock, and won 8 up and 7 to play. The next day he played 36 holes match play against the best ball of the two best amateurs on the Pinehurst links, Messrs. George C. Dutton of Boston and Lathrop E. Baldwin of New York, and won 12 up and 11 to play. During this match he made his lowest score—71 for the 18 holes. He was followed over the course by a large crowd of enthusiasts, to whom his fine playing was a rare treat. Before leaving he wrote an unsolicited letter praising the Pinehurst Golf Links, which he considers will compare very favorably with any of the eastern courses.

A large number of tournaments have been held by the local amateurs during



Bay, N. H., which they will open about the middle of May. Quite a number of our villagers have signified their intention of spending the heated term with Landlord McAlpine.

The Holly Inn opened Nov. 30th under the management of Mr. Allen T. Treadway of the famous Red Lion Inn at Stockbridge, Mass. This is Mr. Treadway's second season at the Holly, having been associate manager there the previous winter. The season here opened up well and the house was filled at a very early date. The annex cottages, also, were soon occupied, and about the first of last month it became necessary to take the east wing of the mammoth new Carolina Hotel to provide rooms for a large number of guests who obtained their meals at the Inn but were unable to be lodged under its roof. Even with this increase in the accommodations a large number were obliged to be turned away, and Manager Treadway may well feel proud of the popularity his house has enjoyed during the season of 1899-1900. The Inn will remain open until the 30th inst., the last meal to be served being breakfast on that day. Manager

Kimball has decided to keep the Berkshire open until about the 10th of May. Landlord Kimball will open his summer hotel the first of June, and the large number of rooms engaged ahead shows that his popularity is not confined to our village, but that he is well-liked wherever he is known.

The several boarding house—the Concord and Lenox, the Pine Grove and the Magnolia—all opened during the first week in November and have enjoyed a fine season's business. Landlord Flint of the Pine Grove House will close his hostelry the first of May and will open his summer place, the Stone House Farm at North Reading, Mass., about the first of June. Landlord Pottle will close the Magnolia May 1st and will open his summer hotel, the Highland House at Jefferson Highlands, N. H., about the first of June. Landlord Robinson of the Lenox, Concord and Retreat will keep open until May 15th as a large number of his guests wish to remain after the close of the regular season.

Our village department store, under the management of Mr. Henry S. Davis of Farmington, N. H., has done an excel-