CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY.

SUCCESS OF THE INSTITUTE AT AVON-BY-THE-SEA.

ITS OFFICERS—THE INFLUENCE OF DR. DEEMS—SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.

Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J., Aug. 8 (Special).—Many seaside resorts can boast of their myriads of young men and maidens bedecked in all the colors of the rainbow; many can point with pride to their blazers and tennis suits, but it is only here that the venerable philosopher and college professors can be seen in their sober black garments, crabbing on the same log with the summer youth of variegated hue. Since the American Institute of Christian Philosophy has been in session here a change has come over the spirit of the place. An influx of science and philosophy into a modern summer resort is a strange occurrence. Since last Tuesday, when long files of venerable-looking gentlemen could be seen entering town from the railroad station, a constant buzz of wonder and amazement has gone forth from the crowds on the hotel verandas.

THE REV. C. F. DEEMS, D. D.

The work of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy cannot be measured in type. It cannot be computed in figures. It has not attracted the attention of the masses and has none of the aid which comes to other valuable institutions by reason of conspicuous results. It must appeal for its support more to the few who are able to value the solidity of a foundation than to the many who casually admire the beautiful outlines of a structure. It makes a firm stand against materialism and all other theories of the kind. It has presented an array of talent which shows the world that all the brains are not on the side of those who scorn or neglect a faith in God, but that the best intellects of the world, the most competent judges among men, are on the true side. It has strengthened the faith and courage of the young men in the colleges of the country among whom its literature has been distributed. Its publications have already been sought for by some of the eminent scholars in Japan, who are now especially turning their thoughts to the Christian religion as the religion of the country.

The Rev. Charles F. Deems, D. D., LL. D., of the Church of the Strangers in New-York, is the president of the institute. He is a man well known to the religious, scientific and philosophical world. Besides his great mental powers he is a man of great natural shrewdness and far-sightedness. He gives a great deal of time to the business of the institute and is a model president. They re-elect him every year with great regularity. He is a good-humored and pleasant clergyman for any one to meet. In fact, to behold the doctor one would never suppose he was the man who leads the onward march of the philosophers. The Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, S. T. D., of New-York, is vice-president; William Harmon Brown, of New-York, is treasurer; Professor Charles M. Davis, of New-York, is recording secretary, and the Rev. John B. Devins, of New-York, is corresponding secretary.

The fifteenth summer school is now in session on the grounds of the Seaside Assembly. The Hall of Philosophy was built expressly for their use. There they sit in conclave and discuss momentous questions and dispute concerning theories. Their lectures and debates are of the greatest interest to scholars in all parts of the country. They never arrive at an opinion on one of these subjects until after most mature deliberation.

The Rev. Dr. MacCracken said of the institute: "The lectures given each year are themselves almost a faculty of graduate philosophy for the whole country."

There are no honorary members. There are no expenses for rents. There are no salaried officers. No institution can be managed more economically.

The School of Political Science, of which Professor David I. Green, of Johns Hopkins University, is dean, has suddenly taken great strides toward success. Professor Green teaches full classes. The course includes the more simple and fundamental principles to be observed in the production and distribution of wealth and the discussion of special subjects of popular interest, such as monopolies, socialism, silver question, tariff and pauperism.

Dr. A. L. Turner, of New-York, recently entertained his large number of Assembly friends at the Hotel Oxford. The genial and hospitable Colonel L. L. Davis, the proprietor, succeeded admirably in giving everybody a good time. Speeches were made by the Rev. John E. Peters, of Atlantic City, the Rev. E. Morris Fergusson, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and others.

Among the guests at the Hotel Oxford are C. H. Roberts, Mrs. George Jeremiah, Mrs. A. R. Jeremiah, George A. Hearn, F. R. Whitfield, Charles Cary Thain, all of New-York; C. A. Spear, of Somerville, N. J.; Miss Jessie Bennet, Miss Kate Patterson and Miss Sarah B. Price, of Baltimore, and Mrs. W. E. Stewart, of Plainfield.

The new arrivals at the Buckingham include Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bedell, Mrs. A. E. Bedell, Mrs. Robert P. Beel, Albert Ball, of Newark; Mrs. W. F. Dixon, of Paterson; Edward Martin, Theodore S. Oxholm, of Yonkers; Allison Dodge, of Bloomfield, N. J.; Mrs. J. K. Hyer, Mrs. William J. Sloan, of Lakewood, N. J.; Miss W. E. Stewart, W. E. Stewart, jr., Miss Ada Stewart, of Plainfield; F. C. Neale, Mrs. J. W. Van Winkle and J. Hollee Wells, of New-York.

RESISTING JUDICIAL CHANGES.

THE NEW BILL POSTPONED IN THE RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATURE.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 8 (Special).—The special session of the General Assembly terminated this week, without accomplishing much beyond the special legislation rendered necessary by the election muddle in the town of Lincoln. The Judiciary bill was attacked so fiercely in the Senate by the Democrats, aided by the Newport County Republicans, that it was finally postponed to the January session. As this special session was called for the express purpose of passing the Judiciary bill, the leaders are naturally much disappointed. The impossibility of getting a full attendance of members and any serious consideration of measures in a July session is now recognized.

There is already talk of candidates for Governor for next spring election. It is understood that Governor Ladd is not a candidate for re-election. William F. Sayles, of Pawtucket, will be urged to stand a nomination. Mr. Sayles has such large business interests to take up his time that there is some doubt of his acceptance. If he refuses D. Russell Brown, of Providence, is likely to be the candidate. On the Democratic side the nomination is said to lie between Mayor Daniel B. Pond, of Woonsocket; ex-Lieutenant-Governor William T. Wardwell, of Bristol, and George L. Littlefield, of Pawtucket. The last-named is a new and growing candidate. He has the advantage of wealth, and represents the Mugwump element of the party. He is a brother of ex-Governor Alfred H. Littlefield and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Daniel Littlefield, both Republicans.

The Senatorship will be a formidable factor in the next spring election. Of candidates on the Republican side there will probably be Senator Aldrich, ex-Governor George Peabody Wetmore and Governor Herbert W. Ladd. Democratic candidates include ex-Governor Davis, Congressman Page and Colonel Samuel R. Honey, of Newport. If the Democrats should secure the Legislature by a narrow margin, General Elisey Arnold (Dem.) might probably be elected by Republican votes, as he is a Protectionist, a temperance man and, in fact, a Republican in principle, although nominally a Jacksonian Democrat. Senator Aldrich is not a candidate from his own seeking, but force of circumstances make him the strongest and most popular man on the Republican side, and only the most emphatic declaration can take him out of the race.

Joseph E. Dispeau, a leading citizen of Pawtucket, committed suicide by inhaling chloroform on Thursday morning. He was noted far and near as a caterer. He was also a writer and debater on various reforms. He was a director in two banks, and also of a fire insurance company, and was in other ways a man of affairs. Financial troubles led to the rash deed.

The second oldest American schooner in commission, if not the oldest, is in port in the Hiram, a Biddeford lumber schooner, built in 1819.

Bishop Mathew Harkins has gone to Europe, accompanied by the Rev. Father Kane, of Valley Falls.

The State militia goes into camp Tuesday, August 18, at Oakland Beach. As the camp ground is to be plotted for house lots, this will probably be the last camp at the Beach. This is also the last camp that General E. H. Rhodes will participate in as brigade commander, as he is to resign his commission and go on the retired list, which the General Assembly recently provided for. General Rhodes has commanded the militia for ten years.

The fourth annual field day, to be held at the agricultural station, Kingston, under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry, will occur next Wednesday. Governor Ladd and other officials will participate.

A COLONIAL INN.

A FESTIVAL AT EATON TAVERN—TWO SHARKS CAPTURED.

Norwich, Aug. 8 (Special).—There was a jolly rural festival at the old Eaton Tavern at quaint, elm-shaded Plainfield village, twelve miles northeast of this city, a few days ago, and after dinner Landlord Bishop told his guests about the historic inn. The Eaton Tavern is perhaps the only inn in New-England that was a tavern during the Revolutionary epoch. It is a low, rambling, roomy wooden structure, with great chimneys and capacious cellar, and at its door swings the faded, yet still handsome, sign that was there in colonial days. It has a picture of the Eaton Inn, done in strong colors, and the legend: "Refreshment for man and beast." On the wide veranda is an ample old armchair, in which both Washington and Lafayette sat one afternoon more than 100 years ago, when they met at Plainfield, as the French Marquis was marching with his French troops between Boston and New-York. At that time Washington reviewed the French soldiers near Plainfield, and thousands of people who had gathered from all parts of the country witnessed the exhibition.

A day or two ago T. A. Lake and son, of the inland village of South Woodstock, had a day's outing off Block Island, and in a few hours pulled aboard their craft fifty-eight bluefish that weighed over five pounds each. The sword-fishermen, who cruise in Noank smacks from fifteen to thirty miles due east of Block Island in quest of the big ugly fish, never had so great success before. In one day's fishing recently the Block Island steam yacht, the Dodge Brothers masters, harpooned and killed eleven swordfish, several of which weighed over 500 pounds each. Swordfish sell for 6 and 8 cents a pound, but the sport is as dangerous as it is thrilling. In its dying flurry a swordfish drives straight ahead in blind fury through the sea, and fishermen say, "It's good day to any small boat that gets in its way." Twice last season and once this a dying swordfish drove his long sword through the stout sides of yawls. In the last instance, a week or two ago, the sword crashed through the yawl belonging to the smack Mattie and Lena, of Stonington, and ripped open the thigh of one of the boat's oarsmen. Another big fish is plentiful this season, whose room in Northern waters, sailors and fathers think, is a good deal preferable to his company. He is the huge man-eating shark. Ten days ago the Ocean View yacht, of Block Island, killed a 1,000-pound shark within a mile of the island, and it took all the strength of the crew, five men, to pull the beast aboard. A still bigger shark was taken a few days ago off Saybrook, at the mouth of the Connecticut River, in the great net of bony fishermen. He was fourteen feet long and had a mouth like the street coal shute at a city residence.

Sportsmen in all parts of the State rejoice at the reappointment of A. C. Collins as game warden for Hartford County. Mr. Collins created the long-named Connecticut society for the protection of game and fish, and he has done more in enforcing the fish and game statutes than all the rest of the people of Connecticut together. He is perfectly fearless and a terror to poachers. Poachers openly defied him at first, but he sent detectives all about the State, personally prosecuted law-breakers, and now there is hardly a violation of the game and fish laws in the State.

AFFAIRS IN CONNECTICUT.

A NEW OPINION ON STATE EXPENSES—MR. AND MRS. HOOKER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Hartford, Aug. 8 (Special).—The notable political event of the week has been the promulgation of an opinion from Charles J. Cole, a leading Republican lawyer of this city, and Hyde, Gross & Hyde, a leading firm of lawyers, all Democrats, at the request of Governor Bulkeley and Treasurer Henry, on the state of affairs at the Capitol. The opinion is a careful review of the constitution of the State in those provisions which affect the payment of State expenses, and of the various appropriation laws, specific and general, which have been placed on the statute books from time to time. It takes decidedly the opposite view from the opinion of Mr. Hamersley, the Democratic Counsel, who furnished the opinion by which Controller Staub has been administering the affairs of the State. The opinion of this week is to the effect that Staub is not the sole judge of what State expenses shall be paid, as he has assumed to be, and plainly intimates that the conduct of that official is such that a mandamus would lie against him for the failure to draw his orders for State expenses, as he has been doing since July 1. It clearly places the responsibility for the payment of the State expenses on the Executive, and all the departments have been notified that bills must hereafter be contracted in the name of the State of Connecticut, and that they will be paid from a voluntary fund until such time as the Legislature shall make necessary provision for the payment, the theory being that the constitution and the appropriation laws should not be so construed as to prevent the operation of the State government in any sense.

The Democratic party is not in a harmonious condition in this State at present, while the Harrison-Porter controversy seems to have the effect of making the Republicans more united than ever in maintaining the ground of the special committee of the House that there has been no election of State officers and that there should be a joint convention for the purpose of taking constitutional action.

The golden wedding of John and Isabella Beecher Hooker in this city Wednesday was a notable event for the woman suffragists of the State, as well as an interesting affair for those immediately concerned. The suffragists took advantage of the occasion to present to Mrs. Hooker a bride's cake, with fifty gold dollars for the loaf, dollars which they were obliged to buy of jewellers at an advanced rate, the little coins having passed entirely out of the banks of the city.

CITY FOLKS AMONG THE HILLS.

INCIDENTS OF LIFE AT RHINEBECK—VICE-PRESIDENT MORTON AT ELLERSLIE.

Rhinebeck, Aug. 8 (Special).—The class of people of moderate means who go to the country in the hottest July and August weather for a brief outing are now rapidly filling the numerous private boarding houses and farm-houses in this vicinity. The farmers' vehicles of all sorts and descriptions come in town daily, filled with these sojourners, all clad in regulation outing suits. By their presence and numbers they add life to the streets of this pretty village, and with the money they spend make glad the hearts of Rhinebeck's merchants. Straw-rides, tennis, fishing and boating on the pretty lakes about here, and in the evening merry unconventional hops and dances, make the time pass rapidly and pleasantly. After these pleasures and two weeks or more in the bracing country air, subsisting on the healthy, hearty farmers' fare, they return to their city homes as well satisfied with their outing as their richer neighbors who swell the lists at the fashionable hotels across the Hudson in the Catskills.

Vice-President Morton returned to Ellerslie yesterday. Mr. Morton is in excellent health and spirits after his summer outing in the Adirondacks, where he has passed a most enjoyable time. He will remain at Ellerslie during the greater part of August. Mrs. Hartpense, his sister, accompanied by Miss Hartpense, left here in the early part of the week for a brief visit at Greenfield, Mass., where they will be the guests of Mr. Morton's nephew, the Rev. Dr. Robbins, previous to their return home in Philadelphia.

William Astor recently left "Fernclift" for a Western trip which will include a visit to Denver, Colorado, where he has acquired large real estate interests.

Aukony, the home of Mrs. William Bergh Kip, undoubtedly occupies one of the most commanding situations of any estate along the river, and from its finely kept lawns a magnificent panoramic view of the Hudson, with the blue peaks of the Catskills in the background, greets the eye, the beauty of which is certainly not exceeded from any other situation along the "American Rhine." It is no wonder that Aukony, the Indian chief from whom the Kips in 1700 purchased the place, should have selected this picturesque spot to pitch his wigwam. The place has been in the continuous possession of the Kip family ever since.

Franklin H. Delano and Mrs. Delano, who is a sister of the late John Jacob Astor, are spending the season abroad. They divide their time between Geneva, Nice, Monte Carlo, where they have a beautiful home, and Carlsbad, where Mr. Delano takes the baths. His health is much improved. In consequence of their absence, "Stein Valetje," their magnificent estate on the Hudson, near here, is closed this summer.

Mrs. Amelie Rives Chanler, who is expected soon to return to this country, will probably spend some time here, at Rokeby-on-Hudson, the Chanler homestead.

Ogden Mills made a brief visit to his country seat, the Maturin-Livingston estate, at Staatsburg, on Friday. Mr. Mills then drove to Rhinebeck, afterward taking the train at Rhinecliff for New-York.

The following are among the guests who have registered at the Rhinebeck Inn during the week: Charles Lex Brooke, L. M. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson, of New-York; Dr. P. A. Banker, Elizabeth, N. J.; and Mrs. Sanford Smith, Morristown, N. J.

LAKE HOPATCONG.

Lake Hopatcong, N. J. Aug. 8 (Special).—The cottagers here have succeeded in their efforts to build a town hall. Work on a new stone building, similar in design to the Union Chapel, will be begun next week.

The arrivals of the week have included many prominent New-York folks. Wheeler H. Peckham and Mrs. Peckham and Mrs. Keasbey, of Newark, registered a few days ago. J. Edward Simmons is here for the season with his family. George I. Seney is a prominent guest. D. N. Botassi, the Greek Consul-General in New-York, is registered here.

Senator Garret S. Hobart, of New-Jersey, is here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont-Smith, who left the lake last week, will return shortly as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frotheringham, at Crescent Lodge.

Judah B. Voorhees, ex-Surrogate of King's County, is registered with Mrs. Voorhees. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Talmage are other Brooklyn guests.

THE MAIL AT NARRAGANSETT PIER.

MORE WORK FOR THE POSTOFFICE EMPLOYES THAN EVER BEFORE.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 8 (Special).—Long lists of arrivals and few departures, crowded hotels and a thronged bathing beach, gayety unexampled at the Casino and Sherry's, private entertainments of the most brilliant character—this is the story of the Pier for this week. The coming week will be even more brilliant in its way, for the lawn tennis tournament will begin with Monday and continue through the week. E. Harrison Sanford, O. H. Campbell and Lloyd Saltus have the tournament in charge.

The mail received here is heavier than ever in the history of the place, an indication that this is the best season the Pier has enjoyed.

The New-York Society of Decorative Art will hold a sale at the Casino on Monday, and many young lady guests are to assist.

The Revere garden party, held on Friday for the benefit of St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, was a great success in all ways.

The steam yacht Peerless, belonging to C. W. Harkness, of New-York, and the Susquehanna, the property of Joseph Stickney, of the same place, have been anchored off the Pier this week.

Miss Helen Moore, of New-York, is at the Champlin Cottage.

An elegant dinner party was given at the Casino, Monday evening to Le Lancey Nicoll and wife, of New-York. Among those present were Mrs. Alexander Brown, Edward Gray, Franklin Abbott, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Henry Whelon and C. G. Kotch.

Among the hotel arrivals the following names are noted:

Chandler's—C. E. Odlorne and wife, C. E. Odlorne, jr., Henry T. Bryant, A. W. Harrison, A. H. Lyman, John Berry, New-York.

Atlantic House—Miss W. P. Robinson, Rahway, N. J.; Samuel S. Smith, Louis G. Smith, R. E. Everett, Miss G. Everett, A. P. Meade, 2d; Miss May Irvin, Miss Fannie Irvin, Mrs. Lamson, Miss Charlotte Lamson, Miss Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Sherman, Miss Potter, Miss Clark, L. O. Clark, D. H. Voorhees, H. K. Travis, A. A. Kingsland, New-York.

Massasoit House—Professor Albert Bausch and wife, W. Pell, Mrs. Joseph Wright, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thom, Leonard Jacobs, jr., New-York.

Atwood House—John R. Potts, Miss Eleanor B. Foulke, A. Manton Chace, Telfair M. Minton, W. J. Dunn, New-York.

The Gladstone—Robert A. Wyles and wife, George W. McGill, Miss Vanderpoel, Miss H. G. Benson, Mrs. C. R. Childs, S. H. Dewing, H. C. Harding, Miss M. L. Porter, Miss L. Nutting, Miss Atwater, C. H. Childs, Miss Childs, Thomas Billelea and family, Miss A. Kelcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Henriques, Mrs. Douglass Hearne, Mrs. M. A. Walker, J. A. Churchill, G. A. Churchill, S. F. Moriarty, H. J. Wright, Mrs. F. H. Valentine and David Lapsley.

Metatoxet House—George H. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Schermerhorn and wife, Miss Harriet D. Brown, J. Randolph Grymes and wife, Miss Huckly, Miss Biggins, H. A. Blanchard and wife, E. Hunt Allen, jr., New-York.

Revere House—Dr. William B. Fisher, Hoboken, N. J.; Everett I. Barton, Lawrence W. Muller, Miss Therese Anthon, B. R. Riordan, Mrs. George E. Falle, A. L. Hammersley, jr., New-York.

Ocean House—J. M. Buchanan and wife, T. S. Carter, Mrs. H. Hayes, Mrs. A. Smith, New-York; Miss Lulu J. Sinclair, Brooklyn.

Clarke's Hall—Herbert Seymour, H. V. Wright, New-York.

Hotel Columbus—Harry L. Adams, Mrs. Rowland Redmond, New-York.

Matthewson House—The Rev. John B. Morgan, Paris; Harry A. Day, Charles T. Minton, H. Goodwin and wife, D. L. Harris, W. E. Dormeyer, J. Charles Harrison, Edward Felix, Emile Wilnauer, C. W. Burnes, H. Courtney, H. A. Trimm, J. H. Conkling, J. G. White and family, Miss Jeannette Leib, Mott, H. B. Helmke, John L. McCammon, New-York.

Continental Hotel—W. M. Johnston, Richard T. Wilson, jr., Mrs. Fred W. Jones, Miss Emilie Jones, Mrs. Henry Davison, Miss C. Beverly Davison, Miss Ella H. Davison, Miss C. Theresa Davison, Mrs. Henry J. Davison, jr., Mrs. S. H. Mudge, George Foster, Allan Latham, New-York; Samuel C. Schoch and wife, Newark.

Pettaquamscutt House—Mrs. George Richardson and family, Mrs. E. E. Van Duesen, New-York.

The Berwick—Walter E. Trimm, Nettie E. Day, Fannie C. Magerrey, Brooklyn; J. L. Harriman, William M. Burns, Alexander V. Campbell, F. A. Burr, Mrs. F. G. Merriam, Miss Fenton, George A. Morton, L. D. Richmond, New-York.

Greene's Inn—H. Courtney, De Lancey Nicoll, W. H. Aikin and wife, Miss Miller, Benjamin Barker, jr., Richard Pancoast, Miss Morrell, New-York.

The Rockingham—Mrs. Durell, Miss A. C. Gebhard, D. E. Davies, James Green, J. Leigh Green, Mabel Green, Mrs. B. Eiserman, J. W. Eiserman, Miss Florence Eiserman, Joseph Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. McKim, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. James S. Barclay, Miss S. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. William Bloodgood, George Harrall, New-York; John Ditmar and family, Brooklyn.

LAWN TENNIS AT BLOCK ISLAND.

Block Island, R. I., Aug. 8 (Special).—A tennis tournament this week at the Ocean View was well contested and proved most enjoyable. Among the New-York contestants were Messrs. Anthony Arnoux, J. A. Carter, G. Enos, C. B. Geissenhainer, F. W. Geissenhainer, jr., J. F. Taylor and A. H. Van Brunt. Messrs. Arnoux and Carter hotly contested for the leather medal, with the odds in favor of the latter.

Many yachts have put in during the week, the most noted being the Puritan.

A jolly party from the Ocean View chartered a steam yacht for a trip to Narragansett Pier on Tuesday, and another jolly company came over from Newport and Jamestown on Monday.

Block Island enterprise has at last succeeded in getting The Sunday Tribune here on the day of publication, to the great satisfaction of the New-York guests.

F. W. Geissenhainer, of Sea Cliff, N. Y., and J. A. Geissenhainer, M. C., and family, of Freehold, N. J., have registered at the Ocean View for August. Charles R. Ingersoll, of New-Haven, ex-Governor of Connecticut, is also among the prominent guests at this leading house.

Captain Henry C. Pike, of New-York, is one of the daily frequenters of the fine surf on Crescent Beach.

Increasing arrivals are putting the accommodations of several hotels to the test, the Manisses being already full to overflowing.

The handsome Queen Anne cottage of E. C. Ellis, of Monson, Mass., is well along, and promises to be especially fine both inside and out.

A large party of St. Louis people are spending the season at the Ocean View, headed by Major D. M. Houser, of "The St. Louis Globe-Democrat."

Hotel registers show the following recent additions:

Ocean View Hotel—Charles W. Carpenter, George W. Carpenter, third, W. S. Campbell, Robert D. Farlee, F. S. Ferry and wife, A. A. Gross, W. W. Hall, J. A. Westervelt, Arthur S. Van Brunt, J. A. Ferris, Thomas Masson, Christopher Boylan and Miss Boylan, E. J. Burgess, Charles S. Coleman, G. E. Armstrong, G. Enos, the Rev. Vincent Pisek, Charles B. Geissenhainer, New-York; Thomas W. Glen and wife and Miss Fanny Magivny, Brooklyn.

Manisses Hotel—Howard C. Williams, H. B. Gardner, E. W. Husted, Mrs. Anthony J. Allaire and Miss Allaire, Robert Cochran, L. S. Carrere, Mrs. T. Newman, Mrs. H. P. Robbins, John A. Hutchinson and wife, New-York; A. D. Warner and wife, Miss Warner, Dickson Warner, Fred Warner, Brooklyn.

Spring House—Professor Albert Bausch and wife, George B. Swayne and wife, New-York; Benjamin L. Ward, Mrs. T. C. Long, Brooklyn.

National Hotel—The Rev. Arthur Cheever and wife, E. H. Landon and wife, New-York.

Adrian House—H. L. Schuttler, M. D., and wife, the Rev. J. H. Messenger and wife, H. N. Welch, John Eaton, Albany, N. Y.

GUESTS AT HOTEL NETHERWOOD.

Netherwood Heights, N. J., Aug. 8 (Special).—Under the excellent management of Proprietor Miller, Hotel Netherwood ranks with the leading hotels of the country. Its proximity to New-York—only fifty minutes from the foot of Liberty-st., over the New-Jersey Central Railroad, with about fifty trains daily each way—renders it one of the most available resorts in the country for business men and their families. Among the guests here are Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ribins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schaefer, Mr. and F. H. Richardson, Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs S. H. Tobey, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brewster, A. E. Benary, Mrs. M. Benary, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Balch, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bridgman, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crossman, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colson, T. M. Donald, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dos Passos, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fellman, and Misses Fellman, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fremont, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gondran, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hancy, J. August Hinchman, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Harbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Jordan, Frank Jordan and Miss Daisy Jordan, Mrs. Kuhne, Miss Kuhne and Mr. Kuhne, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis, C. E. Laidlaw, Miss Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCready, Colonel and Mrs. F. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin, jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Macy, and Miss Macy, Miss Claire Fairchild, and E. B. McCoy.

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CROWDS IN THE CATSKILLS.

THE FASCINATION THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TO THE MOUNTAIN HAMLETS.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS—A SUMMER SCHOOL AT DRY BROOK—CONCERTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Hunter, N. Y., Aug. 8 (Special).—There is a fascination about this interior old mountain hamlet which brings thousands of visitors here every summer. You can't see the Hudson River nor any extended landscape unless you climb one of the surrounding mountains; there is no immense hotel nor any absorbing attraction of magnitude. The peaceful valley is pretty, and mountain peaks lofty and beautiful pierce the sky all around. The Stony Clove Notch is near at hand. The air is good, the numerous hotels are well appointed and commodious. This village is one of the most populous centres in the range every summer. Visitors return here from year to year, bringing new guests with them, until the rooms are occupied and Hunter is full as now. Among the leading hotels are the St. Charles, Hunter, Prospect, Central and Kaatsberg.

J. S. Burdette, the humorist, gave a characteristic entertainment here on Thursday evening.

Hunter House guests are a lively party this season; straw rides, bicycle trips, fishing parties, tennis contests and kindred sports are common events there.

Mrs. McKee Rankin and daughter are at the Laurel House.

Dr. Lee Ponynnk, the Chinese author, and Count L. de Morrisky are visiting the leading resorts here. Count M. Saxe-Kulieke is stopping at the elegant country seat of Simon Zweighaft, near Haines Falls, known as "Deer Park," upon which the diamond broker is said to have expended $100,000.

Miss Alice Northrup, niece of Jay Gould, and Mrs. Read, the widow of Buchanan Read, the poet, are at Lauren villa, Roxbury.

Charles Collins, the Dutch dialect vocalist, appeared as "Fritz Stein" at Griffin's Corners with a full cast of home talent for four nights this week.

The cottage of Charles Ording on the hillside at Griffin's is admired by all visitors and travellers. Miss May Bohling and brother, of Jersey Heights, and Martha Blades, of Brooklyn, are guests there.

The second annual tennis tournament at the Prospect Park will begin next week. Entries close on Tuesday.

The Prospect is a pleasant and convenient base for excursion parties to the mountains, either by carriage or by the frequent trains on the Catskill Mountain road.

Louis Stern, of Stern Bros., New-York, and his large family were among recent arrivals at the Grand. He brings five horses and several carriages. That resort is now full. In fact, nearly every hotel in the range is now filled with guests. There is no choice of rooms left at the leading places.

The new Grant House, at Stamford, is one of the neatest and best-fitted of the smaller hotels in the range. Its airy balconies command the most charming views, its dining tables are the largest, and its stairs are the easiest of all. It will doubtless be re-christened next year, to avoid conflict of names, either as Hotel Stamford or Stamford Inn. The house has a complete sewer system of its own, built at large expense. Mr. Grant's guests seem delighted.

The new pipe organ of the Stamford Presbyterian Church will have its trial to-morrow. The recital last night was a pleasant affair, conducted by Elizabeth H. Manser, of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark.

Mr. Harding, at the Kaaterskill, always delights to please his little guests. He has just erected a playhouse for them, shaped like a Chinese pagoda, and thirty-three feet in diameter, which he calls the "Carrousal." There has been much brilliancy at this mammoth resort during the week, in spite of the lowering skies. Mme. Jeanne Franko Kraemer, the violinist, gave a most enjoyable concert, assisted by Miss Rosalind Richmond, granddaughter of Dean Richmond, who also plays the violin, and Miss Marie Sickels, who gave a pleasing recitation most effectively. Another evening impersonations of Mansfield, Mantell and other notables, with sleight-of-hand performances by a party of strolling players, entertained the children. On Wednesday night the regular hop, enlivened by many elaborate new gowns and rare jewels; a tally-ho party next, composed of Oliver Harriman, jr., and wife, Miss Zorka Stocovich, Miss Wetherell, Miss Bodstein, Miss Augusta Banshaw, Professor W. C. Mason, Miss A. Rothschild and George J. Harding and wife; and to-night a medical banquet, at which sundry matters pertaining mainly to the palate, stomach and digestive organs were actively discussed by such doctors as these, who had been invited, viz., Stephen Smith, Joseph E. Winters, William Oliver Moore, A. D. Rockwell, Henry D. Chapin, George F. Shrady, Clarence C. Rice, Virgil P. Gibney, Stuart Douglas, E. E. Smith, William P. Mason, William T. Bill, John G. Perry, F. P. Foster, G. M. Hammond, Dr. Francis A. Scratchley, the resident house physician, acting in part as host.

The new bowling alley in Twilight Park has four beds and when completed will cost $4,000. It is much enjoyed by the residents and their friends. The second Park hop of the season occurred there to-night. There is not a spare room in the Park for August. The new Twilight Inn is full, the balcony stalls over Bowling Alley, all occupied. Benjamin Franklin, of Brooklyn, has fine bachelor's quarters there.

A summer school of methods and practice will open at Dry Brook on August 31, to continue a week, in charge of School Commissioners Douglas, of Ulster, and Beekerout, of Delaware County, assisted by E. O. Harkness, Sherman Maynard and Sarah Maynard.

Among latest arrivals at the houses named are these: Hotel St. Charles—Mrs. M. B. Smith, A. Alonzo Teets, B. F. Isherwood, Constance Martha, Mrs. Charles Williams and daughters, Charles C. Vallette, M. M. Robinson and wife, Charles E. Guest, Miss S. M. Van Amringe, Charles L. Read and wife, Mrs. William Haw, Miss W. G. Downes, Miss J. Caldwell, Kate Judson, H. W. Bodine, S. Winterbottom and wife, New-York; John A. Mixsen, William. E. Fitzsimons and family, T. H. Virckles and family, Le Grand S. Churchill and wife, William Hachan Page and family, the Misses McDonald, Mrs. E. Covert, Mrs. A. L. Covert and daughters, Miss P. R. Dorr, Brooklyn.

Grant House—H. C. Stetson, Edward Slocum, Charles Lowther and family, Miss Pindergast, T. E. Thompson, R. Burgess, Mrs. M. Monick and daughter, Miss M. Charman, L. A. Barthe, New-York; Mrs. H. C. Baldwin and daughters, C. A. Hasbrouck, Helen Burnap, Edgar J. Phillips and family, Francis H. Joy, A. P. Brown, I. H. Caldins, G. B. Germond, Mrs. E. Blanvelt and daughter, Mrs. P. A. Quackenboss and daughter, Brooklyn.

Kaaterskill—Washington E. Connor and wife, Frank R. Lawrence and wife, Mrs. E. M. Field and family, General Charles H. T. Collis, Louis Plant and wife, H. C. Halsted and wife, J. H. Friedlander, L. Williams and wife.

Prospect Park—R. A. Harrison and family, Mrs. P. F. Pistor and daughter, A. W. Spear, jr., Mrs. E. Owen and daughter, D. H. Wensel, Mrs. J. Mohrman, F. D. Bochstein, Charles S. Young, W. H. Beers, W. D. Tallmadge, New-York; Howard DuBois, O. W. Hamilton, Emma Behr, Edward Haight, I. F. Elfurt and son, W. E. Smith, Brooklyn.

DANCING AT WATCH HILL.

THE FIRST GERMAN IN THE HOTEL—HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Watch Hill, R. I., Aug. 8 (Special).—One of the advantages which this pleasant summer resort affords is what it offers in the way of church worship. In the cosey Union Chapel three services are held every Sunday, at 7 o'clock in the morning, the services are for Catholics especially. At 11 the services are generally understood to be for the guests, and the best pulpit talent of the various denominations is secured for it. In the evening the waiters and others working in hotels and unable to attend either of the other services are afforded an opportunity to hear the Gospel preached. This summer the minister is a colored theological student from Newton Seminary, who not only leads the service every Sunday evening, but is employed at one of the hotels.

The Larkin House gave its first formal dance of the season this week. Its spacious dance hall was crowded. A german will soon be given at that house.

The Watch Hill House held a brilliant german Monday evening. During the evening a supper was served in the dining-room.

The following are among the arrivals at the hotels:

Atlantic House—Mary Rock, Troy, N. Y.; J. F. McKee, Gloversville, N. Y.; F. O. Alsop, Mrs. and Miss Allie Lasss, James J. Kearney, Syracuse, N. Y.; A. G. Hacksack, Morristown, N. J.; M. J. Tuttle, E. F. Farrington, Montclair, N. J.; E. W. Bennett, J. J. Scanlan, H. McGinnis, Miss Grace McGinnis, Boston; J. R. Robinson, Chicago; Mrs. E. W. Fulton, New-Orleans; Miss Minnie Canning, New-York.

Larkin House—T. B. Bishop, Florida; Mrs. C. and Miss E. Sanford, L. Sanford, Plainfield, N. J.; G. W. Wells and family, Le Roy, N. Y.; Mrs. R. P. Bruff, Charles Bruff, Richard P. Bruff, Brooklyn; George O. Kingsbery, Harry L. Kingsbery, Springfield, Mass.; W. S. Campbell, D. B. Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Dabry, Miss Flossie Wicks, W. F. Rockwell, H. C. Harding, L. H. Denrig, Mrs. William Havermeyer, Master Arthur Havermyer, New-York; J. M. Maclay, Yonkers, N. Y.; Mrs. H. J. Page, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Porter, Covington, Ky.; J. A. Adlington, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. E. P. Sprague, Miss Verta Sprague, Miss Veta Silsby, Auburn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Holt, J. Grey, Owsley, William Ripley, Chicago; Miss Julia Hubbard, Wheeling, West Va.; C. W. and Miss Erwin Hutchinson, Utica, N. Y.; C. E. Ingalls, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Lewis, Mrs. George S. Leonard, H. L. and M. S. Benedict, Lucius O. Leonard, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mrs. T. W. Gibson, C. F. Wymond, J. W. Bryant, Misses E. W. and T. W. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Upmond, Indianapolis; Mrs. S. S. Kebler, Quincy, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Platt, Scranton, Penn.; Miss Lillian L. Green, Fort Plain, N. Y.

Plimpton House—Mrs. Eliza Upson, Miss Eliza Tellman, Miss Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brinson, Miss Edna M. Brinson, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. Burton, Gus Stark, Louis M. Mowbray, A. Bryson, Charles P. Huntington, T. Riessecker, Mrs. A. Mowbray, Mi