IN THE ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS

CLARENCE HAWKES, OF HADLEY, MASS., A BLIND MAN, WHO IS AN ARDENT FISHERMAN.
Photographed while baiting his hook for bass on the banks of the Connecticut River.

SARANAC LAKE

Outlook Bright for Brilliant Social Season.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., June 24.—The social event of the season so far at Saranac Lake, the hub of the Adirondacks, was the Mason-Moir wedding at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, when Miss Jean Moir became the bride of Dr. Howard Harris Mason, of Providency and New York. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Walter H. Larom, of Ogdensburg. The bridal party included Miss Edith Gwynne, of Summit, N. J.; Miss Millicent Clarke, of Cleveland; Miss Elizabeth Mann, of Richmond Hill, Long Island; Miss Gladys Carroll, of Saranac Lake; Daniel Howland and Ralph Mason, of Providence; Arthur Duncan Moir, jr., Robert Cook and Dr. Edward Park, of Saranac Lake. After a reception at the home of the bride, Dr. and Mrs. Mason left for the Thousand Islands, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Benson Bennett Sloane, of New York, has opened her home on Reservoir Hill, where she will spend the season.

Among the other New York people who are occupying cottages for the season are B. Alvarez, S. Herman Meyers, J. H. Lane, Mrs. W. B. Heinsheimer, Thomas P. Dillon, Mrs. Mary J. Evans and Mrs. Rudolf Townsend. Cottage rentals have been brisk this season and the majority of the handsome places are now open. In exclusive Highland Park many of the residents who have been in the habit of going into camp for the summer are remaining at their homes.

The Saranac Country Club, of which Dr. Joseph Longworth Nichols is the president, has opened its doors for the season, and several tournaments have already been held on the tennis courts and golf greens. Baseball is to be featured again this season, with games at Paul Smith's, Lake Placid and Saranac Lake. The opening game of the season was non-professional and called a large crowd to the public athletic grounds, where the business men and professional men of the town contested honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy Storer are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Longworth Nichols at their home in Highland Park. Dr. Nichols is a son of Mrs. Storer by a former marriage. The Storers sail within a few days for Europe and will be accompanied on their trip by the Rev. Father James Duffy, of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, of Saranac Lake.

Dr. George C. Rambaud, head of the Pasteur Institute of New York, and a former resident of Saranac Lake, with Mrs. Rambaud, stopped at Riverside Inn this week while on an automobile trip through the Adirondacks.

D. Bradford, of New York, is spending several weeks at Riverside Inn prior to opening his camp for the season. Miss Ella H. Headman, of Philadelphia, has joined her sister at Riverside Inn, where she will be a member of the large summer colony. Among the motor parties of the week were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hassay, of Rutland, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wood, Miss F. B. Kendrick and Miss Mary Morris, of Lebanon, Vt.

Joseph de la Torre, of Havana, Cuba, has opened his cottage in the village, after spending a few days at The Berkeley.

Miss Viola S. Hixson, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Leslie W. Ellias, of Buffalo, are among the arrivals of the week who have taken apartments at the Berkeley for the summer. M. Rosenstern, of New York, who spent last summer at the Berkeley, has returned to remain for the season.

The handsome grill at the Berkeley has been the stopping place of many tourists and automobile parties this week. Nathan Rosenberg, of Brooklyn, has joined the summer colony here.

UPPER SARANAC.

Upper Saranac, N. Y., June 24.—Douglass Blagdon, of Washington, D. C., who is spending the summer at the camp of his father, Thomas H. Blagdon, at Saranac Inn, has launched his houseboat, the only one of its kind in the Adirondacks. Mr. Blagdon constructed the boat himself and uses it in midsummer for fishing trips, while in the fall it serves as a portable hunting lodge. Young men at the inn are busy, and among the anglers A. P. Christy has proved his ability by catching three good sized trout along the shore of the island.

A jolly party of young people that visited the inn early this week came from the Fowler camp, at Robinwood, and was composed of Miss Agnes Fowler and Miss Hamilton, of New York; Miss Renshaw, of Noroton, Conn.; Miss Warfield, of Baltimore, and Miss Carpenter, of Bedford, N. Y., chaperoned by Mrs. Anderson Fowler, of New York.

The Rev. Arnold H. Hord and Mrs. Hord, of Lima, Peru, have joined Frank Firth and his sister-in-law, Miss Mary L. Lloyd, at the Birches, their attractive cottage at Saranac Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Magill, of New York, came up to the inn Monday for an indefinite stay. Mrs. J. H. Brewer, Miss Brewer and the Messrs. Brewer, of New York, arrived this week to remain for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gabler, of New York, who have been coming to the Adirondacks for a number of years, are occupying the Hoel Pond camp, which they purchased last season. Mr. Gabler made the trip from the city in his touring car. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Van Etten are also members of the camp colony on Hoel Pond, and came up early this month for a fortnight.

Miles Farrow, organist of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and who has been an annual visitor at Saranac Inn for several years, arrived this week and is occupying one of the cosey inn tents on the lay.

Mrs. A. H. Sargent, of New York, with her three daughters, is occupying the Blagdon cottage at the inn, and has been here for some time. Mrs. Sargent has been entertaining a few guests at the cottage.

Henry L. Graves, jr., of New York, stopped at Saranac Inn en route to Eagle Island camp this week. Mr. Graves is here for the season and is trying out his new mahogany speed boat.

F. J. Lewis, of Philadelphia, is at the inn getting his camp ready for occupancy.

PAUL SMITH'S.

Paul Smith's, N. Y., June 24.—From the roster of campers on the St. Regis chain of lakes it is apparent that a great many of the country's social leaders are remaining on this side for the summer, and not a few are coming to Paul Smith's to occupy camps and cottages. The word "camp" as applied to places at Paul Smith's generally denotes a series of from six to twenty handsome buildings artistically grouped together. The social season along the lakes will not suffer eclipse because of the coronation, and promises to be one of the most brilliant in many years. Campers who went to Europe in the early spring are returning here to avoid the crowds, and already the majority of summer homes are opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, who were absent last season, are coming to Birch Island this year, and their presence here augurs well for the social season among the younger set. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes always have a jolly party of young people at camp, and give many delightful entertainments at Birch Island throughout the season.

Mr. Stokes is commodore of the St. Regis Yacht Club, which holds semi-weekly sailings during the month of August. Simeon J. Drake, treasurer of the club, is at camp now, after spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. A. Clarke Robinson, in Paris. Mr. Drake is arranging for the opening of the club season, and is being assisted by William Rauch, secretary of the organization, who, with Mrs. Rauch, is now in camp. Mrs. Clifford Drake and her children are coming up from New York to spend the summer at Twin Pines Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Hotchkiss, of New Haven, are coming this week to open their camp on Spitfire Lake. Mrs. Hotchkiss's dinners and luncheons are a feature of the season, as are those of Mrs. George Fales Baker, who arrived at Hepburnwood on Thursday for the season. Mrs. Baker has a series of three cottages connected with covered walks and elaborately decorated with more than four thousand potted plants. Dr. Baker is here, and has brought two touring cars, as well as his string of thoroughbred horses.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. McAlpin, of New York, who were abroad last season, are coming Tuesday to open camp Wyndover, on Spitfire Lake. The new amusement hall at Camp Wyndover has been completed, and will be the scene of many jolly gatherings this summer.

Archibald S. White, of New York, is erecting two new amusement cabins at White Pine Camp, on Osgood Lake, where he will spend the season with his daughter, Miss Helene White.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Heyward Ferry and Miss Harriet Ferry are coming up from New York to-morrow to open the Wisner Camp, on the lower lake. Mr. Ferry will again bring his motor car to the mountains with him.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Trudeau, who have been coming to Paul Smith's for upward of thirty years, are now in their cottage, which adjoins that of Mrs. James H. Kidder, of New York. The annual fair for the benefit of Dr. Trudeau's cottage sanatorium at Trudeau is one of the features of the season, and with Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Miss R. A. Polhemus, Mrs. P. C. Maffitt, Mrs. R. P. Huntington, Mrs. A. J. Milbank, Mrs. George Fales Baker and many more of Dr. Trudeau's co-workers here, the event is already an assured success.

Mrs. James H. Kidder has opened the Glover cottage, and is entertaining her mother, Mrs. John Clarke. Mrs. Kidder brought her automobile up with her.

Miss Grace Scofield, of Tuxedo Park, has opened the Gordon camp, which has been enlarged and much improved this summer. Miss Scofield is here for the season. Mrs. Gideon Lee, with her daughter, came up early and opened the Lee camp for the season. Another addition to the Osgood colony of campers this season is Mrs. E. F. Droop and Miss Droop, of Buffalo, who have taken and are occupying the Otis camp. Mr. Otis came up early this month and enjoyed some unusual sport at his favorite pastime—angling for brook trout.

A. J. Milbank, of New York, with his niece, Miss Adele Keyes, has gone to his fishing camp on the Meacham River for his annual quest of trout. Mr. Milbank is one of the veteran and most successful anglers of the resort. Mrs. Milbank is coming in a few days to open her cottage for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Maffitt, of St. Louis, were among the early comers this year, and are occupying their usual cottage, at Paul Smith's. William Maffitt has been visiting his parents, who were joined this week by Miss Julia Maffitt, who is an enthusiastic horsewoman, and spends much of her time on the bridle paths about the resort.

Ralph Earle, of Philadelphia, has opened Kamp Katia, on Upper St. Regis Lake, where he will be joined in a few days by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Earle, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett, of Baltimore, with a large party, arrived at their Upper St. Regis camp on Tuesday, to remain for the season.

Mrs. Robert Hoe, of New York, is planning to open Point Rush presently, and Henry L. Hotchkiss, of New Haven, will come up this week and join his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Garrison, who, with her children, is at Camp Potluck.

Mrs. Thomas McKean, of Philadelphia, has opened Camp Medamine, on Upper St. Regis Lake, where she is to spend the season. Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. James, whose camps adjoin, are to come soon.

Miss Ellen R. Taylor, with her brother, Frederick Taylor, is coming to Camp Regment, after spending the winter in California.

Miss R. Augusta Polhemus is expected up from New York this week to open Camp Edenwold, where she will be joined by her sister, Mrs. Courtlandt P. Dixon, who, with Mr. Dixon and their daughters, will motor up.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jones, of Pasadena, Cal., are again members of the cottage colony at Paul Smith's, after an absence last season. Mr. Jones is one of the enthusiastic anglers at the resort and daily brings in good catches of speckled trout.

Mrs. Joseph Curtiss Sloane, with her children, came up early this month and opened the Preston cottage, which they are occupying for the summer. Professor Sloane, who is the head of the Berkeley School, in New York, spent the week end with his family here.

ALGONQUIN.

Algonquin, N. Y., June 24.—Angling in Lower Saranac Lake has been unusually good this spring, and large quantities of bass and trout have been taken. The handsome rustic camps in the vicinity of the Algonquin are being opened by their owners, and many of the summer visitors at the hotel are already arriving.

C. J. Swain, of Philadelphia, who has one of the largest camps on the lake, will again take an active part in all water sports, and has his fleet of fast boats in commission.

Miss Mary Woodruff, with her wards, the Masters Walter Philip Sterling and Herbert Ewald, of Louisville, has taken the McKee camp, near the Algonquin, for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Theobold Rosseter, of Philadelphia, have taken Camp Robinwood, near Algonquin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Schenken, of New York, are members of a jolly party at the Algonquin, which includes Mr. and Mrs. James L. Bott, Louis King Bott and James Bott, of Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Bott, with their family, made the trip from their Ohio home to the Adirondacks in a large touring car, and have since been joined by Mr. and Mrs. F. Wille, of Youngstown, Ohio, who came down from a visit to Canadian cities. The party will spend the season at Algonquin.

Mrs. G. W. Hickey, of New York, is also at the Algonquin, where she has taken apartments for the season. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKenna, of Yonkers, who spent last summer at the Algonquin, are negotiating for apartments again this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan Moir are spending the summer at their camp on Colby Lake.

With canoeing, fishing, tennis, automobiling and golf among the many diversions at the Algonquin, the days pass quickly, leaving only pleasant memories in their wake.

WESTPORT-ON-CHAMPLAIN.

Westport-on-Champlain, N. Y., June 24.—Motoring is coming to the front at Westport, and General John Tyler Cutting has started a movement for an automobile carnival to be held the latter part of July. General Cutting is receiving the enthusiastic support of the summer colony here, many of whom have brought cars which they will enter in the carnival. General Cutting will give silver cups in the events, which will include an elaborately decorated parade.

Boating at Westport still holds its own as against the inroads of any other sports, and will continue to do so because of the natural advantages of the bay. Yachts are daily coming up from the sound and stopping en route to the St. Lawrence at the north, and many of the summer contingent at Westport are launching new craft this season. Among them O. S. Presbrey, of New York, will have a large steam yacht; Wimberley J. De Renne, jr., of Savannah, a speed boat, and James Crary, of Brooklyn, a large launch. Others are bringing their former craft with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. De Renne and family arrived yesterday, when the Westport Inn, under the management of H. P. Smith, again opened its doors. Mr. De Renne devotes himself to bass fishing, and has an island in Lake Champlain which he leases for fishing purposes. Miss Audrey De Renne is one of the active members of the younger set, and brings her favorite mount with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram De Ronde are new members of the summer colony here, having taken the Edgewood cottage. Mr. De Ronde and his daughter, Miss Ethel, have been visiting friends on the Fulton Chain of lakes previous to coming to Westport. Miss De Ronde has her saddle horse here.

Miss Johnson and Shoto Johnson, who with their parents, Captain and Mrs. D. D. Johnson, of New York, are occupying Ferndale, are also among the young people who will devote much time to horseback riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch are at their shore bungalow, which they open early each season. Miss Alice Damrosch and Miss Gretchen Damrosch are here, and Mrs. H. S. B. Beale will also be a member of the summer colony. Many of the shore homes are now open, and among those here are Mr. and Mrs. Robertson Marshall and family, of Pine Ridge, N. J., who are at Pine Ridge bungalow.

Among the cottagers returning to the inn this season are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Morseman and family, of Omaha, Neb., who will occupy the Garden cottage. Mrs. Morseman will entertain her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. M. A. Gaston, of New York, has opened the Homestead, where she will entertain Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pyle, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilbur, of Bethlehem, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur are motoring up to Westport.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Worman are occupying their shore place, Kum-on-Down, and James M. Worman has opened Sunnyside.

Samuel W. Avery, of New York, who has a delightful camp on Button Island, in Lake Champlain, came up early this month to remain for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Presbrey have opened their shore place, Oak Point.

The golf links at Westport Inn are in the pink of condition, and those who have tried them are very enthusiastic. The tennis courts are also receiving the attention of a large number of young people at the resort and plans are being formulated for tournaments and contests. So many things are in tentative form that there are hardly enough days in the month or hours in the day to satisfy the active members of the younger set.

WAWBEEK.

Wawbeek, N. Y., June 24.—This beautiful resort opened its doors to-day with Edward Wiltbank, of New York, as the new manager of the Hotel Wawbeek. Many improvements have been made and the cottakes are well occupied now. Among the visitors present are Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Mumford and family, of New York, who are occupying Bungabeek cottage for the season. Mr. Mumford came up early this month and has been working havoc among the members of the finny tribe. His catches have been large, and include trout, bass and pickerel.

Dr. William Hanna Thompson and family, of New York, who spent last season at the resort, came up this week and opened the Herter cottage, which they will occupy for July and August.

Dr. and Mrs. T. D'Arcy Lucas, of New York, are at the Wawbeek, where Dr. Lucas is again the house physician. Dr. and Mrs. Lucas take an active interest in all out of door sports and last season demonstrated their ability as mountain climbers by making the ascent of Ampersand Mountain and spending the night on the summit.

Charles M. Daniels, champion amateur swimmer of the world, is occupying the Douglass camp, near the Wawbeek. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels came up early this spring and have devoted much of their time to aquatic sports. Mr. Daniels has a course marked out on the shore near his camp and takes a daily swim to keep in good trim. A guide or some one of the Daniels family keeps the time and follows the swimmer along the shore. Mr. Daniels has his fast boat, the Ketchup, in commission, and in addition to devoting much time to boating is one of the successful bass fishermen of the resort.

Mrs. F. S. Goodyear, of Buffalo, mother of Mrs. Daniels, has arrived and opened the Jules Bache camp for the season. Mrs. Goodyear has two automobiles at the camp.

The Herter camp, on the lake opposite Wawbeek, and which was occupied last season by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Gould, has been purchased by Mrs. E. Van Zandt Lane, of New York, who is making many changes and improvements. Mrs. Lane is launching a fine new boat.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson and family, of Pittsburg, have opened the Dunlap camp, on the bay, where they will spend the summer.

ELIZABETHTOWN.

Elizabethtown, N. Y., June 24.—Already the tide of automobile travel to the Adirondacks has reached this resort, the principal point in the North Woods along the route of the international highway, for the completion of which between Albany and the Canadian line the Legislature recently appropriated the sum of $1,500,000.

At the Windsor, of which Orlando Kellogg & Son are proprietors, this increase in automobile travel has been provided for by numerous additional suites and private baths. At Deer's Head Inn, Benjamin F. Stetson, the proprietor, who recently returned from an extended European tour, has made many improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neilson, of Philadelphia, who are among the early arrivals at the Windsor, have brought up their touring car. Mr. and Mrs. William Platt Lyman, of Boston, also registered at the Windsor, are others making the different tours of the mountains. William S. Kellogg, now in New York, is expected at the Windsor on July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Weldon and L. C. Hitt and party of five, from New York, are among those recently arrived by automobile at Deer's Head Inn. The cottage at the Inn will be occupied by a party of fifteen coming from New York next week. E. D. Riley and William Burr and son are recent New York arrivals at Deer's Head Inn.

Governor and Mrs. Dix will spend a considerable portion of the summer at Underwood, a village a short distance south of here on the line of the state highway. The Governor is a member of the Wawonaissa Club, having headquarters there, and an attractive cottage is being erected for his use.

LAKE PLACID.

Lake Placid, N. Y., June 24.—So far this season the principal diversion has been automobiling. At the Lake Placid Inn no fewer that five merry parties have turned on their way through the mountains during the week, and it is expected several more will arrive shortly. The roads are in excellent condition for motoring.

Among those who are covering the region by automobile are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mayo, of New Rochelle. With them are their two sons, "Billy" and "Jack." Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Allen, of Fair Haven, Vt., together with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lessard and H. W. Maywood, of the same place, drove up to the Lake Placid Inn recently for a short stay. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harned, of Elizabethtown, are touring by easy stages. A party of New York people, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. L. Ziegel and B. F. Brown, was also here for several days.

Dr. L. V. Muralt, the specialist, from Davos, Switzerland, who was here for a few days, was pronounced in his admiration of the Placid region.

The Lake Placid Inn seems to be the mecca for newly married persons. During the week three couples have arrived, among them Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Laemmle, of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mott, of Brooklyn. This party, together with Miss Brown, has made a record for mountain climbing. They have scaled Whiteface and several other peaks. Whiteface being climbed in four hours. They also enjoyed a five days' tour by automobile to the Ausable Chasm and to Lake George.

A tennis tournament, in which eighteen players were entered established Mrs. Mott as the champion with the racquet. The courts at the Inn are in excellent condition.

Mrs. W. F. Wolfe, of Malden-on-Hudson, is spending several days at the Inn. Mr. Franklin Bouker, of New York City, has taken apartments for the summer.

At the Grand View extensive preparations have been made for the opening, which will occur on June 27. The grounds have been improved extensively and the building remodelled at an expense of more than $10,000. Highly polished floors are being laid in the dining room and a large number of well appointed baths have been added to the already excellent equipment. The tennis courts are pronounced by qualified persons to be among the finest in the state.

The Arion Club, of New York City, has taken apartments for more than two hundred of its members, who will arrive in a short time.

Among those who will register on the opening day are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Craig. Mr. Craig is president of the New Orleans National Bank.

Members of the Lake Placid Club are beginning to arrive in increasingly large numbers. The golf links call the enthusiasts early and late, and several tournaments are being organized. Tennis, too, is a favorite pastime with many of the members.

Proprietor Leahy of the Northwoods Inn has wrought many changes in his establishment that make for the comfort and convenience of his guests. A most elaborate system of cooling has been installed and the lawns have received a competent landscape gardener's attention. Concrete walks now surround the building and lead up to the roomy portices.

J. E. Boynton and family, of Norwood, N. Y., were guests for several days while they made short automobile runs throughout this region. Others who spent several days here are D. I. Loomis, George C. Raymond, of New York, and J. Keglar, of Scranton.

J. Wesley Durham, of Philadelphia, has just opened Camp Kumseus, on Lake Placid. His camp is one of the most attractive on the lake.

Bustle of Preparation Fills Saratoga Springs

Saratoga Springs, June 24.—If guests of the New York hotels find it impossible to-day and to-morrow to get in touch with the managers or proprietors it will be because the majority of the bonifaces of the metropolis are guests of the Grand Union, in this village, while helping Fred A. Reed to celebrate the opening to-day of the big hotel, which for years has been under the management of Wooley & Gerrans, but is this season under the management of Mr. Reed. Incidentally, Mr. Reed is manager of the Park Avenue, New York, and also president of the New York Hotel Men's Association.

To-day has been spent in sightseeing, and this evening a banquet was enjoyed at the Union, at which a number of the village officials and business men were present, and had an opportunity of forming the acquaintance of the men who take care of the transient population in the great city of New York. A feature of the occasion was a musical selection by the orchestra, "The Springs of Saratoga," written by Arthur Nevin, of New York, at the request of Mrs. Spencer Trask, and played for the first time in public. The composition tells of the birth of the mineral waters far down in the ground, their struggle upward and final burst through the surface of Mother Earth.

In addition to the Union, the United States, American, Vermont House and Broadway Hall opened to-day for the reception of guests. The advance bookings at all of the hotels have been flattering and indicate that many tourists and others, aside from the regulars, plan to visit this place during the heated period.

Much of the increased popularity of this resort this year is directly due to the taking over by the state of the mineral springs. The work of the Reservation Commission, by the way, has been going on apace for several months, and much has been accomplished. Although many of its plans are only tentative and have not been worked out, enough has been done to give the visitors an idea of the enormous scope of the undertaking. Several of the mineral fountains taken over have been plugged or closed, to allow them to rest, so to speak, and others have been placed in readiness for the use of the public, free of all charge. These latter include Hathorn Nos. 1, 2 and 3; the Coesa, formerly the Carlsbad; the Peerless and the Magnetic. The last named will be used for bathing purposes under the direction of Dr. Earl King, and the others tubed into great glass bowls, where all who come may "drink and be merry." Water bottled by the commission under the direction of the state will be charged for. This is, of course, for shipping purposes, and it is from this source alone that the state will derive its revenue, and in a measure provide for the maintenance of the reservation.

While the Reservation Commission has been and is doing so much for the future of the Spa, the citizens have not been idle, and by a bond issue of $250,000 have purchased the Congress and Canfield parks. The former has for years been one of the show places of the town, and although under private ownership, this sylvan retreat has been visited by thousands during the last quarter of a century. Many of the grown-ups of to-day played beneath the shade of its forest trees or frisked along its gravelled walks. In later years they enjoyed the concerts which for years were a feature during the season. In those days a fee was charged. Now, however, everything will be free, and if the plans of the Park Commissioner carry there will be concerts on at least three evenings of each week.

The piazza concerts at the hotels, which for years have been such an important feature, will begin on the morning of July 4, when Carl Reinecke's orchestra will appear at the Union. Incident to these will be the usual dances and balls at the several hotels, which have been prominent week-end functions for many years, and which form such a delightful part of the social festivities for which the spa is famed.

The first of the large conventions to be held here this summer is that of the National Electric Supply men, numbering about three hundred. The association will convene on August 16 at the United States Hotel and be in session for three days.

The Business Men's Association has in contemplation an aviation meet to take place the latter part of July and cover a period of three days. It is expected that some of the best known aviators of the country will be present. This meet will be followed on July 28 and 29 by the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen on Saratoga Lake, the scene of many a championship aquatic contest in years gone by. Much interest is manifested by clubs having membership in the association, and it is expected that more crews will be present than for several years.

The formal opening of the Saratoga Golf Club took place a few days ago, and brought together on the links eighteen contestants from Amsterdam and Glens Falls.

Greater New Yorkers who are spending a few days in town include F. E. Barnes, jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Granger, Mrs. John Heidel, Frederick Heidel, G. F. Einstein, Mrs. S. S. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mumm, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruso, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kellart, the Misses Kellart, Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Ekman, Dr. S. P. White, Mrs. Frank Senior, Miss Mary Senior, Mrs. J. T. Tavares, Mrs. S. G. Cannon, Mrs. M. Norris, Miss H. K. Carpenter, Miss Dwyer, Miss Sara Ivison, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Andrews, Mrs. Arnold B. McStay and Morris Olean.

A Blind Man Who Loves to Fish

At this season of the year, when nature is inviting all mankind to come out into the woods and observe her beauties, few think of the sorrows of those who are totally blind and who cannot see nature as do those of us who have eyes. The lovers of baseball would suffer keenly if they were deprived of the pleasure of witnessing the games of the major and minor leagues. The disciples of Izaak Walton would be apt to think that if they were totally blind they would not be able to angle successfully for trout, bass and other fish. And yet in old Hadley, Mass., lives a blind man, Clarence Hawkes, a keen student of nature, a lover of poetry, a successful man of affairs, a keen sportsman, a successful fisherman, happy and contented. He loves a ball game, is able to score the battle of the bats, is a skilful fisherman, and with the philosophy that should equip every true disciple of old Walton.

It was a quarter of a century ago that Clarence Hawkes lost his sight. He was hunting with his father on the Hampshire hills of Massachusetts. They heard the whistling whir of a woodcock's wings, and almost at the same instant the elder man discharged his gun, and young Hawkes lost his sight. It was years before he recovered from that dreadful accident. Another accident that he had still earlier in life was the loss of a leg.

Later he was an honor pupil at the Perkins Institute for the Blind, and was valedictorian of his class. The inner sight revealed to him the poetry of life. He counts Helen Keller as one of his warm personal friends. One of his quatrains that he addressed to her is as follows:

Even the little waves that idly dance
Against the cliff will crumble it to sand;
And so with ceaseless toil the slightest hand
May wear away the walls of circumstance.

People ofttimes ask Mr. Hawkes: "How is it that without eyesight you can describe all the minutiæ of nature so vividly and so correctly? You have not seen these things for a quarter of a century; have you not forgotten?" The answer is found in the success which Mr. Hawkes has achieved. No, he has not forgotten.

The baseball games that he attends are in the driving park at Northampton, only a few miles from his home. Not infrequently he goes there unattended. These games are of the Connecticut league, of which the Northampton team is one of the constituent parts. The manager of a Western league team recently presented a blind professor, who was in the habit of attending the games, with a season pass, and when his attention was called to this fact Gilbert Edwards, the owner of the Northampton team, presented Mr. Hawkes with a season pass to all the games played at Northampton.

Clarence Hawkes's interest in the game is not a pretended or fancied one, but a vital one, springing from a thorough knowledge of the science of the national game. He can score a game accurately. Mr. Hawkes fishes for bass, muskallonge and pickerel in the Connecticut River and on adjacent ponds, and makes occasional trips for trout to the Hampshire hills, where his boyhood was spent.

Each spring Mr. Hawkes keeps tabs on the migrating birds as they come North. There are about sixty varieties to be heard in the old trees of Hadley during the season. This year Mr. Hawkes found a flock of real English starlings in his orchard.

Mr. Hawkes is especially fond of automobiling. Not infrequently he can tell more of the beauties of nature and the sights soon on a trip than other members of the party who have eyes and yet do not see so well.

In all things which he does, Mr. Hawkes shares the credit for his achievements with his wife, who, he says, furnishes eyes for her blind husband. Mrs. Hawkes is an artist, and also an excellent housekeeper. Her artistic sense gives color to the blind man's landscape, and her kindness, as he says, is "a lamp in the night."

Berkshire Hill Resorts All Open

Lenox, Mass., June 24.—The Berkshire Hills resorts are all open, and the early guest is met on every hand. New entertainments are provided by the hotels, added walks and drives have been opened in the hills, and on all sides the country presents its full interest and beauty.

Trolley tourists will have special cars with tourist guides to indicate and explain the interesting spots in the scenic run from Bennington to Sheffield. Since last season the trolley has entered South Egremont and Sheffield, and under construction is a line with which the Hoosac range will be crossed in Otis, making trolley connection from Boston to the Berkshires a future possibility.

Mrs. George Westinghouse, who indicated her interest in good roads by taking part in the celebration opening Jacob's Ladder highway last fall, has given a silk flag for the summit, where she first raised the colors. Cortlandt Field Bishop has sent word from Paris that he will furnish a bronze marker for the bowlder.

Nearly all of the Lenox cottagers are now in their country places. William D. Sloane and Charles Lanier are still abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane will return to Elm Court for the Fourth of July, as is their annual custom.

At the Hotel Aspinwall an automobile boulevard has been built through the grounds, one of the finest of Berkshire roads, lined with rough field stone walls, over which flowers and vines are climbing. The hotel has been redecorated in ivory white and presents a handsome appearance. Wonderful vistas, not planted out of public gaze, can be seen from the grounds and from the top of the Hotel Aspinwall—the terraces of hills, Monument Mountain, Mount Everett, The Dome, the Salisbury Hills, five ranges, one piled upon another—are revealed, while in between the little lake gems sparkle at the foot of the rounded hills. About Lake Mahkeenac is the home of the mountain laurel, the state flower of Massachusetts, where a multitude of pink and white blooms holds up the motorist and adds to the decoration of the bannered car. Many prominent persons are at the Hotel Aspinwall for the season, and the times will be brisk and lively at this, the handsomest of the Berkshire hotels.

One can sit a while on the piazza of the Curtis Hotel and see all of Lenox pass by. Either by motor in the morning or driving in the afternoon, this house, "on the broad highway," is a vantage point for those who want to see the passing throng. Few hotels have a more exclusive clientele than the Curtis.

Greenock Inn, in Lee, has a steady, interesting, excellent list of guests, who find pleasure in this homelike hotel. At the foot of Jacob's Ladder it is the rendezvous for the tourist.

Stockbridge's handsome hotels, the old Red Lion of 1773 and the new Heaton Hall above the town, are among the most popular of the Berkshire houses. Both are well filled, and the Red Lion leads all hotels in entertaining the tourists.

Superbly set amid maples and elms, the Mapelwood, in Pittsfield, compels the attention of visitors in the land of the Berkshire Hills. Under the same management this year is Idlewild Inn, in Williamstown, a fine location and a handsome new house, filled with every comfort.

In Dalton the Irving House finds ample patronage. It is a cosey, homelike place with wide piazzas for rest and pleasure.

BRONXVILLE.

Westchester County society will attend in large numbers and view from the Gramatan Casino the annual tennis tournament, which starts next Saturday under the auspices of the Bronxville Athletic Association for the Lawrence Challenge Cup. Gustav Touchard, who has won the two previous tournaments, will play, together with G. M. Church, runner up of last year, Theodore Roosevelt Pell, Wylie Grant, C. Gardner and Walter Melville Hall.