

A HALOYON THANKSGIVING.

Elaborate Preparations for Social Festivities in Millbrook.

MILLBROOK, Dutchess County, Nov. 22.—A week of uncommon pleasure and gayety is promised at Halcyon Hall in this place in celebration of Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Davison have arranged to close the season at their beautiful new country inn with a series of unique and brilliant social features.

On the evening preceding Thanksgiving Day there will be an informal dance in the handsome ballroom of Halcyon Hall. The fact that a large number of ladies and gentlemen well known in New-York society have signified their intention to be present is an assurance that this event will be very enjoyable.

On Thanksgiving Day the festivities will be of a peculiarly pleasing character. In the morning there will be a pigeon shoot in front of the house for prizes, and in the afternoon, probably, a baseball game. In the evening dinner will be served in true medieval baronial style. The dining room at Halcyon Hall suggests medievalism in its construction and decoration, and is well fitted to carry out an entertainment of this kind in its true spirit. There will be a procession of cooks carrying over their heads the peacock in full plumage, turkey gobbler, boar's head, sucking pig, ham, &c. When the plum pudding is served all the electric lights in the room will be put out, the room being lighted by the fitful glare of the immense wood fire, which takes up one end of the room. The pudding will be placed in the centre of the room on a Grecian salver, and the cooks will stand around it while the brandy and sugar are enwrapping it in blue flames. After the dessert, speeches, recitations, and songs will be in order.

The ball will commence at 10. The late supper will be unique in its character. Conventional viands will be avoided, and Welsh rarebit, golden buck, roasted apples, beer, mulled ale, and other dishes of this character will give a zest to the feast. A football game between two of the colleges is promised. Foot races of all kinds, chiefly of amusing character, will form features of the remaining days. On Friday and Saturday nights entertainments will be provided.