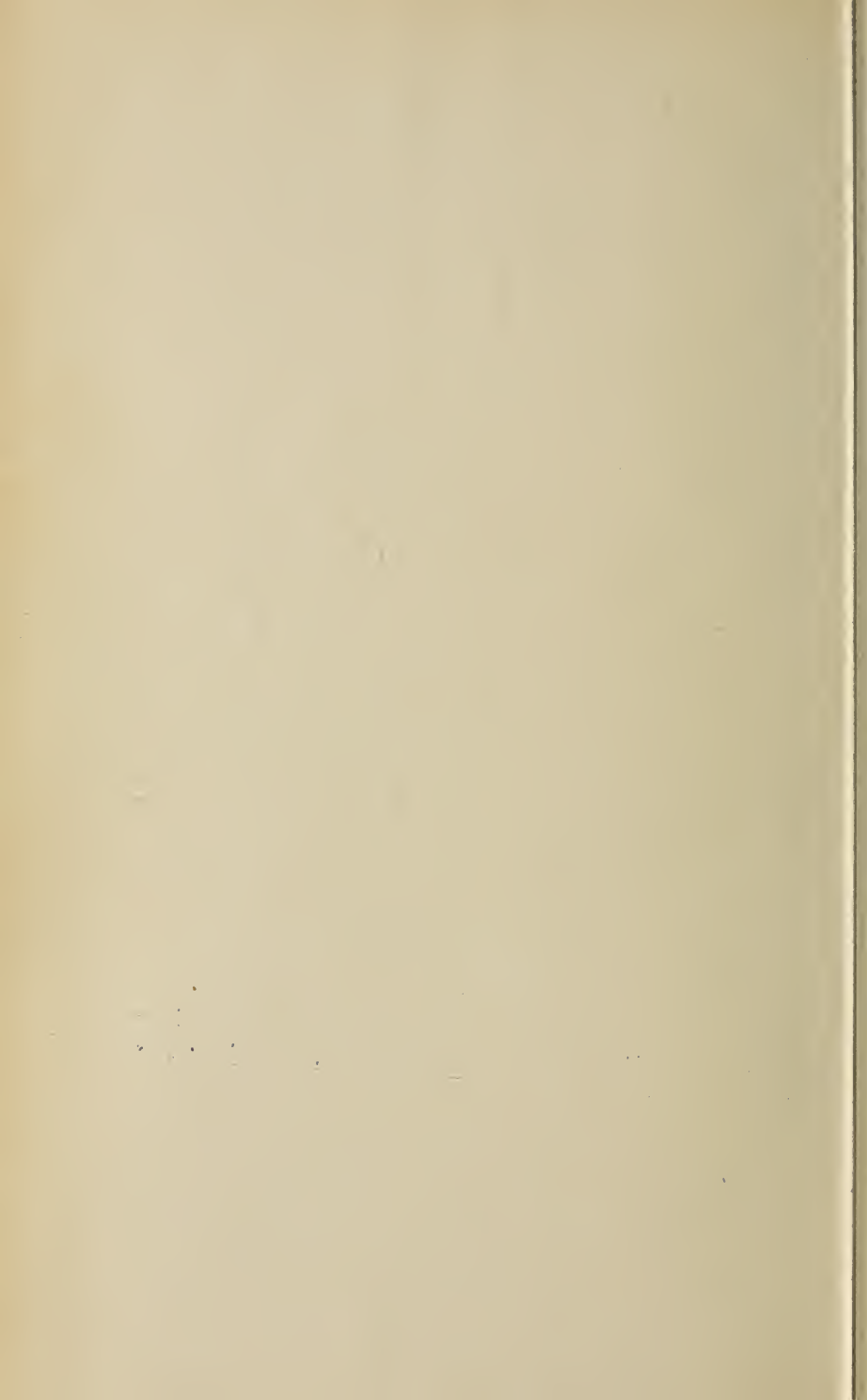


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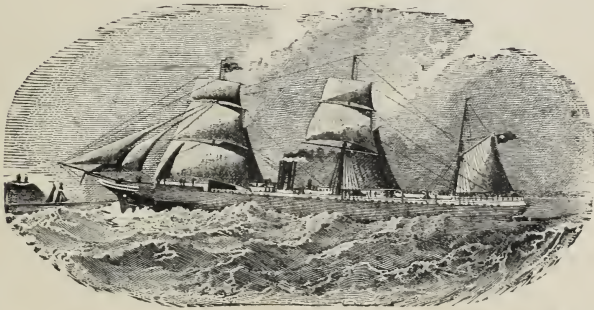
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The ocean's heart beats on forevermore,
Its pulses of health which throbb against the shore
Where e'en the waves bathe its temples, far and o'er,
Softly, refreshingly,
The ocean's balm, and the grove's fragrant breath,
Mingle with wind-tossed waves dispelling dews of death.

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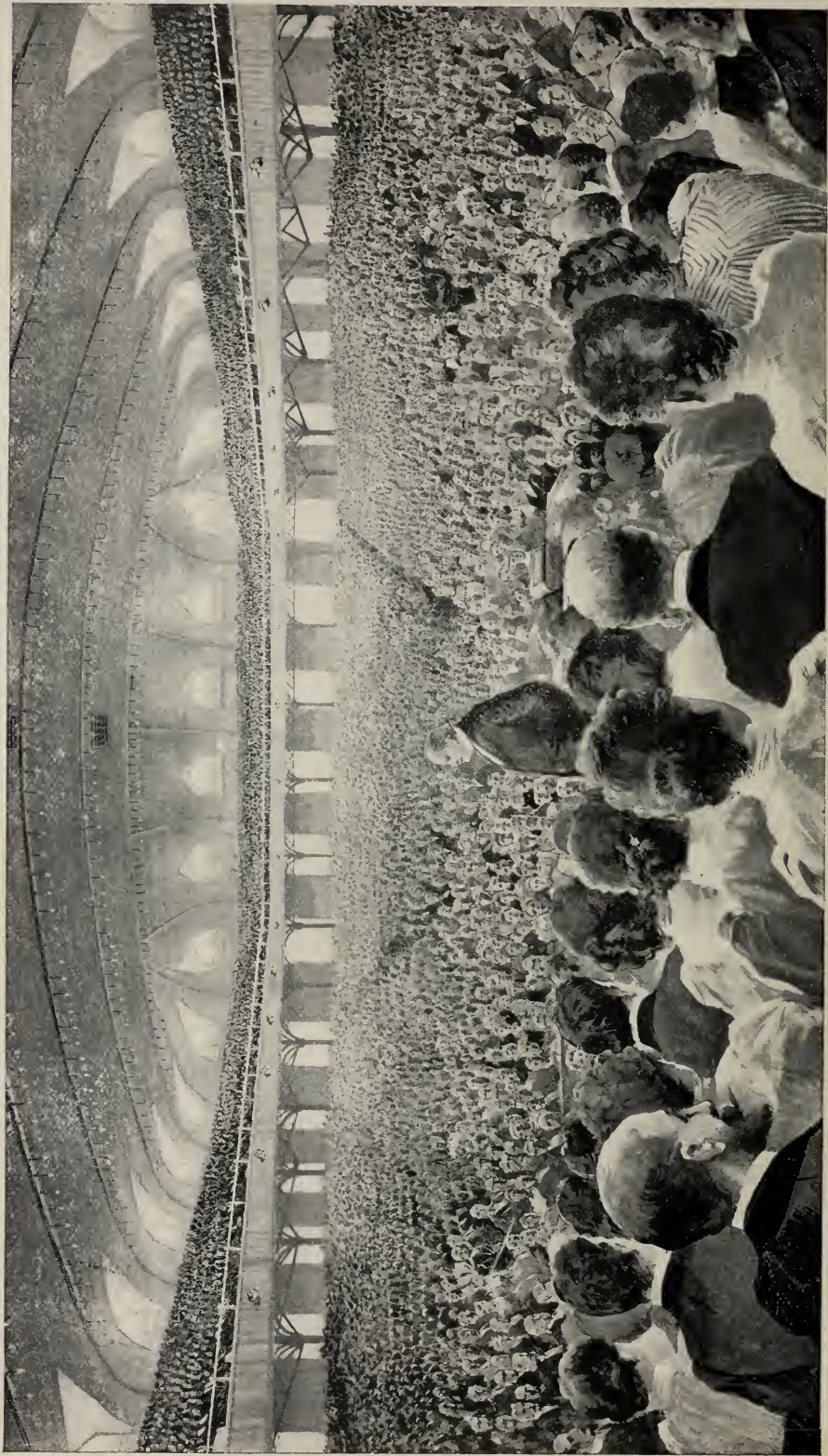
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THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;
Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed ;
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
Here many a time the story they rehearsed,
Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



Bishop J. N. FitzGerald

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AT ITS
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, NOVEMBER 15, 1900

Dear Brethren:—In annual session we are permitted to meet again. I give you greeting in the name of the Lord who hath so greatly prospered our Association during the year just past, and whose blessings upon us as individuals have been manifold and rich. To Him we should ascribe praises for all of His mercies toward us. And especially should we give thanks for that outpouring of His spirit which resulted in the conversion of many souls and in the sanctification of many believers who bowed at our altars during the months of our recent special labors. The favor thus manifested will doubtless lead us all to consecrate to Him, more fully than ever, our powers, that they may be employed in the further advancement of His kingdom.

With a single exception our number remains undepleted. Our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, Col. James S. Yard, has entered into rest. We mourn his departure from us, and we sadly record his name in the list of our honored dead. The memory of his noble life will be an inspiration to us as

we strive still further to carry forward the work with which we have been charged.

The season of Nineteen Hundred, which was more protracted than any in our history, will be long remembered by all who were permitted to spend it, or even a part of it, at Ocean Grove. From the opening day to the day of closing—a period of nearly three months—unusual interest was manifested by the multitudes that thronged our grounds and attended the various services. Without interruption between the first hour, when the inaugural sermon was preached, and the last hour, when the final service was held, the work of sowing and reaping went gladly and successfully on. Not until the records that are kept on high shall be opened to us, can we know the full extent of the spiritual benefits that were derived by those who came within our gates during the time that was set apart as our "season" in the closing year of the century. Enough, however, is known to fill our hearts with gratitude and our lips with praise to Him who hath wrought so mightily in our midst.

While the strictly religious department was being thus cared for and prospered, the other departments were being conducted with marked success by those who had been specially delegated to administer them.

The educational, the musical, the benevolent, the social and the business features show results that are most gratifying.

For the full details of the year's work I beg your attention to the reports of the other officers, and also to those which the various standing committees will present through their respective chairmen. From those reports may be learned the particulars of that which has been done, and through them may be seen the present condition of our affairs. An examination of them will, I feel sure, give us all

great satisfaction, and lead us to look out into the future with a degree of hope even larger than that which we have hitherto cherished.

If our grounds can be preserved from invasion by forces that would destroy our distinctive features, and from influences that are inimical to the great object that we have in view; and if in the spirit of true consecration we adhere to and exemplify the great scriptural doctrines which we are set to maintain, we should move forward to even more glorious achievements in the name of the Master.

J. N. FITZGERALD,

President.



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REPORT

OF

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The Devotional Committee in presenting their annual report for the season of 1900 desire to express their gratitude for the favor, both from the Lord and the people, which has made them humble instruments in the spiritual results of the services committed to their charge.

The preachers who have been invited to the occupancy of the platform have been men whose profession of holiness has been openly defined, and whose cultivated ability in its presentation has proved a source of attractive enlightenment to the masses of people who were present at the meetings, either as excursionists of a few days, or as visitors for the summer.

The meetings specially under their care were: Sunrise service, 5.45 a. m.; Family Prayer, 6.45 a. m.; Young People, 9 a. m.; Helping Hand, 9 a. m.; Auditorium, 10.30 a. m., 7.45 p. m.; Immediate Sanctification, 1.30 p. m.; Year Round Holiness, 3.30 p. m.; Children's Meeting, 4 p. m.; Twilight, 6 p. m. Sundays: Sunday School, primary, regular and Bible Class, 2 p. m.; Beach Meeting, 6 p. m. With any incidental service held between these hours, with a responsible oversight of the music.

This oversight has extended to the acceptance and

modes of conduct of the various moral and religious enterprises which have had their representation during the summer term, as also to the lectures, concerts and entertainments which it has been deemed wise to permit.

The numbers attending have been exceptionally large, and the responsibility felt to be proportionally great. The committee has believed in their enlightenment by the Holy Spirit, and while conscious of many imperfections in their judgment, they yet felt that they have been wisely guided, and contemplate the results with a deep sense of gratitude.

Opening Day

The last Sunday in June has for many years been selected for the opening of the season. Last year the Auditorium had been occupied for the first three Sundays of the month by St. Paul's church, but it was found by them to be more conducive to general prosperity to pursue its regular course, and the plan was not repeated, so that the opening of the Auditorium was made at the regular time; Bishop FitzGerald presiding.

The services were opened with "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts," under Prof. Morgan, assisted by the choir, the Park Sisters, the Bradfords, Prof. Nardroff, Ray FitzGerald, Miss Sammis, J. T. Gracey and others. The Scriptures were read by Dr. J. H. Alday. The collect was repeated. Prayer by the vice president, after which the venerable Bishop Andrews, of New York, gave us his presence with a sermon on the "Love of God," whose sweetness and beauty captivated the souls of the people. The congregation was larger than usual for the opening Sunday and seemed inspired with the energy of a fuller religious life, through a realization of the love which passes knowledge.

The usual summer meetings were organized under the same leadership as last year. In the evening, by request of the Devotional Committee, Rev. Eli Gifford, of the First Methodist church of Asbury Park, preached a discourse on the "Wages of Sin," whose plainness and vigor held attention from its beginning to its close.

The summer Sunday School arranged for its organization with: Bible Class, under the charge of Dr. O'Hanlon; Intermediate, Rev. George W. Evans, and primary, Mrs. W. H. Skirm.

Patriotic Sabbath

It has been our custom for years past to connect the Sabbath nearest the national anniversary with appropriate services. On this occasion the National Sabbath Association had arranged the service, and Dr. Hathaway, the national secretary, was to take the morning service, with the theme of "The Sabbath Essential to National Prosperity." Other duties called the secretary across the ocean, and Dr. Neeley, the recently elected corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union, ably filled his place. So highly was the address appreciated that the audience by a unanimous vote requested its publication.

Dr. Spencer, senior secretary of the Church Extension Society, conducted the evening service, thus giving the Grove the service of two of the corresponding secretaries of the denomination.

July Fourth

The exercises began at their most appropriate place in the Young People's Temple, where a full and interesting program of music, singing, procession, oratory and a special solo by Miss Blanche Bennett had been arranged by the young ladies, with a special address by Senator McClellan.

Bishop FitzGerald appropriately introduced the exercises.

In the Auditorium the anniversary was observed under the presidency of A. H. DeHaven, Esq., who introduced the speakers and defined the topics. The flag presented by the people occupied the central place, with smaller ones festooned all around. The music, patriotic both in language and instrument, occupied a full place in the exercises. The usual religious service occupied its regular place. Rev. Dr. Vanhorne, of Newark, made the prayer. Dr. Alday read Holy Scripture fitting to the occasion. Miss Margaret Asay introduced a new feature into the old Declaration by reciting instead of reading, after which Judge Wilbur M. Heisley, of Long Branch, delivered an oration, which recognized the 80,000,000 of population which we were rapidly approaching; and their responsibility to the rest of the world, for an example of honest and intelligent self government, which could only be reached by the high character of its citizenship. There might be the greatest prosperity without that and we should fail in our mission to the world. These principles were applied to our present attitude towards Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, as also to our courts, banks, schools, labor unions, etc., and closed with special reference to the home circle.

The oration was delivered in forms of thought and language both clear and graceful, and was listened to with marked attention to its close.

The King's Daughters

The King's Daughters held their twelfth summer meeting of the International Order of the King's Sons and Daughters, by the central council of the order, at the Young

People's Temple, on Saturday, July 7, with Mrs. Margaret Bottome, president, in the chair.

There was a devotional meeting in Thornley Chapel, with words of welcome from Bishop FitzGerald and an address by Mrs. Bottome in the morning; a conference of workers under Mrs. J. C. Davis; a symposium, with topics, including, "The Value of the Order to the Church," "Obligations to the Order," Publications, Extension of Settlement Work, Rescue Work, etc., concluding with an eloquent address in the evening by Dr. T. B. Neeley.

The whole occasion was one of more than ordinary interest and encouraged the order to persevere in their noble work for suffering humanity, to which they have devoted their lives.

Mrs. Bottome was able to remain for a couple of weeks, a welcome assistant in the various meetings at the Grove. She had fully recovered her health, for which there had been serious apprehensions, and was able to be present and conduct a number of Bible readings and exhortatory services.

Her gift, in the spiritual interpretation of Holy Scripture which reaches the highest level of psychological analysis, seemed specially illuminated, and was made a blessing to the large audiences who attended these meetings in the Tabernacle.

Hospital Sunday

The following Sabbath was dedicated to hospital presentations, and named "Hospital Sunday" as representative of the great humanitarian sentiment which, under Christian development, so largely pervaded the present generation. Its benevolence had met the chains of poverty in various classes of institutions, but it was reserved to this later date to fully provide the uses of medical and surgical discoveries which



The Swimming Pool

so greatly alleviate the suffering of our race, and extend the period of longevity, for the poor as for the rich.

These ideas were brought out in the sermon of Rev. Dr. James Buckley, D.D., Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, who, in his own inimitable manner, presented these ideas from "The liberal man deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things shall he stand."

In the evening, after prayer by Rev. Dr. Agnew, of the Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, and a solo by Mrs. Carr, of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Spencer, corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society, spoke from "The lamb shall overcome them."

The general plan of the summer was described in "The great forces arrayed against Christianity and the small forces organized in its favor," with the result of their final triumph in the overthrow of evil and the supremacy of Christ's religion.

Sunday School Assembly Chautauqua

The Ocean Grove Sunday School and Chautauqua Assembly began its sixteenth annual session on July 9th and closed July 19th, with six daily sessions, including a boys' and girls' hour, under the charge of Mrs. B. B. Loomis; a normal department under Prof. Hutchinson; a post graduate department under Rev. Dr. Clymer; a musical recreation hour; a Round Table, and Evening Lecture, all under the general superintendence of Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis.

The subjects for the first day were "Lessons from the Life of Abraham," "The Sunday Schools," "The Spiritual Faculties," "Stabat Mater," "Sunday School Music," and an evening lecture by Dr. Clymer, in which our national perils were freely discussed.

This time, with variant subjects of thought, study and

days of the assembly school. Among these were "The Teacher's Preparation," "Spiritual Death," "Decision," "Spiritual Culture," "The Law of Concentration," "Training Classes," "Illustration and Interrogation," "Spiritual Rewards," with similar topics, all of an interesting and profitable character.

The closing day was termed "Recognition Day," and was celebrated by the regular Chautauqua march and parade, passing through the arches, and conferring of diplomas by Bishop FitzGerald.

The sermons on the Sabbath of the Assembly were preached in the morning by Rev. Dr. Kelly, D.D., editor of the Methodist Review, from the simple word "I," from which was deduced the idea of "Personality," which meant, in its expression, citizenship, perpetuity of being, power, boundless possibilities of progress, proprietorship of relationship to God, the vast range of exploration possible to the human intellect, with its power of discovery. The conclusion from all this was that there was no psychological obstacle to the mind pressing into the realms of spirit as taught in the revelations of Jesus, and illustrated in the experience of spiritual men and women in the church.

In the evening the pulpit of the Auditorium was occupied by Rev. J. O. Spencer, D.D., principal of Hudson River Institute, on "Ye shall receive power," in which he discussed how the Holy Ghost was the real power, not only of individuals, but nations, and was the force which was—through providential means—extending Christianity throughout the world.

Floral Day

Floral Day, which has now become one of the great events of Ocean Grove, came with Nature's greeting in an ideal Sabbath of sunshine and ocean breeze.

Mr. McMahon, of Sea Bright, who is called the "Florist of the Shore," brought his palms for platform background, lilies, hydrangeas and evergreens for foreground, with flowers of all varieties distributed everywhere throughout the building. These were interspersed with the flags of all nations, illustrative both of nationality and denominations, white forms of doves swaying to and fro over the heads of the choristers, mottoes of Scripture on white muslin along the gallery and over the platform, the perfume of the flowers made still more delicious by the breeze which stirred their leaves, and the pealing of the chimes of "Joy to the world, the Lord is Come," that according to the Ocean Grove Times, "made up a composite of beauty and inspiration which it is safe to say none ever saw excelled, and very few had ever seen equalled."

Dr. Yatman introduced the service with a history of his connection with the young people and its phenomenal growth, after which Bishop FitzGerald and the people welcomed him with the Ocean Grove salute, and he told the story of his forty thousand mile journey around the world.

The attendance at the evening service filled every seat in the house, and numbers, unable to obtain admittance, were compelled to remain outside or look in and go away. This service was musical and recitative, including the "Hallelujah Chorus," of which a United States Consular agent said, "It is worth coming from Spain to hear music like that." The parable of "The Sower and His Seed" was well recited by Miss Margaret Asay in a manner which brought out its meaning. A number of young ladies recited Scripture, referring to seed time and harvest, which was concluded by a brief address from Mr. Yatman on "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Then came a "march" of young ladies from the north of the platform under a banner of Faith; another

he also reap." Then came a "march" of young ladies from the north of the platform under a banner of Faith; another from the south of the platform with a banner of Hope, and another from the centre with Charity. These grouped themselves into committees to distribute souvenirs which symbolized the seed. Then Dr. Stokes' hymn, "Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit." The exercises closed a remarkable day in Ocean Grove.

The W. C. T. U.

The 24th and 25th of July were occupied by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, under the presidency of Mrs. Emma Bourne.

This devoted lady has lost none of her pristine vigor in the administration of her work. Indeed the advance of years appears to increase the force of her life and the activity of her labor. The temperance work among the colored people formed a prominent thought in the discussions at the convention, as also the work of Miss Parrish, a 'round the world missionary in temperance work.

The ladies expressed themselves as having had the best service ever held in the result of inspiriting the workers in the cause. Their earnest persistence in the midst of a general depression in temperance matters is worthy of highest commendations, and Ocean Grove is always glad to express its appreciation of their labors.

Their meetings were held in the Temple, which is much better fitted for services, the congregations of which do not fill the Auditorium, and by bringing the people closer together compel a greater interest.

National Temperance and Publication Society

The National Temperance and Publication Society celebrated its twenty-fifth annual gathering at Ocean Grove from

July 26th to 30th, inclusive. Dr. James B. Dunn, General Secretary, presided.

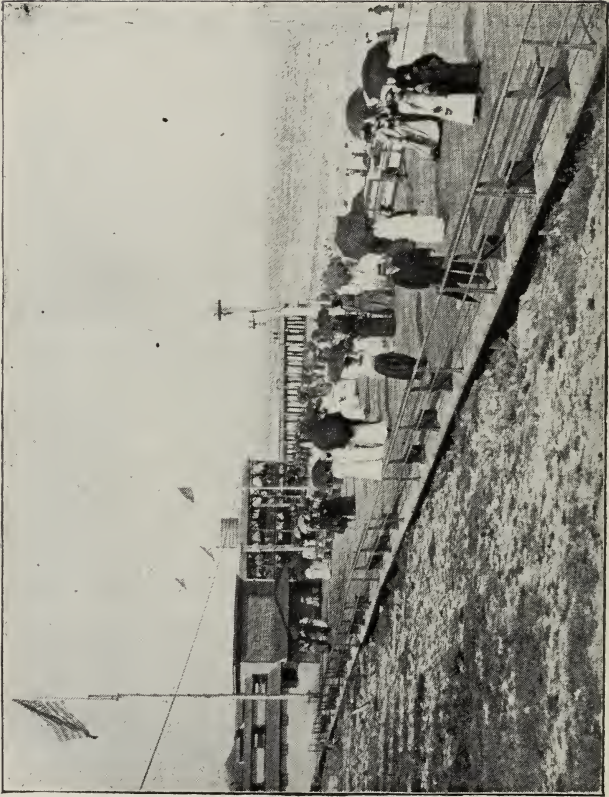
In the address of welcome by President FitzGerald the fact was emphasized that education is by the use of facts and not of gush, and the nation must be educated to the truth as it is in temperance facts sent forth by the society. Dr. Babcock responded, eulogizing the pulpit as the best friend of the temperance cause.

Dr. Crane, of Boston; Rev. Henry Wood, League Superintendent; Hon. Joshua Levering, Dr. Mings, of Asbury Park, Rev. James H. James, Rev. C. H. Meade, who delivered one of the most effective addresses of his life, and others delivered lectures and addresses.

The Sabbath sermons by Rev. Dr. Ward Platt, of Buffalo, and Rev. Dr. Burrill, of New York, were models of impressive force and intelligent presentation of the gospel as applied to the temperance and all other reforms. In these sermons the religion of Jesus stood first of all. Dr. Platt compared the struggles of the cause with all great leaders and inventors—and with Christianity. Dr. Burrill discussed the religion of the Pharisees and of Jesus, both of which recognize the existence of two great powers—good and evil—and that the saloons were the great agencies of the evil.

Memorial Service

This tenderly appreciative ceremony touching the hearts of the people generally with mingled sorrow and triumph, was held on July 31, in the Tabernacle, with eighty names of men, women and children, whose pure Christian lives and devotion to Ocean Grove, demanded such public recognition. Funeral services had been held for each of these in the localities where their church membership was held, but it seemed



Along the Boardwalk

fitting that in Ocean Grove, where they had fought the battles of the Gospel under the lines of the "promotion of holiness," these fallen soldiers should be fittingly remembered in the sacred eulogies of their spiritual nature.

The conduct of this meeting is unique. There is a song appropriate to the occasion, a prayer, a Scripture, an announcement that the eulogies must be short, that one address only should be made for one individual, and then the meeting is thrown open to any who, within these rules, will speak to the names before them. These names are all written in large letters upon a blackboard in full view of the congregation, and then announced to the people. An hour is passed in this way, when after a "Song of Triumph," the people, standing, join the leader in a pledge to so conduct their lives as to join their beloved departed comrades in their new encampment beyond the "Great Divide." Then a benediction, and the people go forth again to their regular duty in the Ocean Grove army.

Among those specially noted were Col. J. S. Yarrl, a member of the Association; Rev. Dr. Lowrie, last year's leader of the Young People's Meeting; Mrs. A. R. Thompson, secretary Elin Association; Mary Bowen and Josie Hamilton, managers; A. Dewson, an aged and useful local preacher; Mrs. Mary Preston, aged ninety years, mother of T. J. Preston, a member of the Association. These all died in the faith, and their works do follow them.

The list of holy men and women who have made Ocean Grove their "House Beautiful" in the progress of their Christian journey and have safely reached its end, increases with the increasing numbers who for longer or shorter periods come to us.

In the November number of the "Guide to Holiness" is the record of a saintly suffering life illuminated with the portrait

through which the glory of the Lord seems shining, contributed by Dr. A. H. Tuttle, which says:

For several summers Mrs. Eddey has been carried in a wheel chair and a baggage car to Ocean Grove. She loved the great ocean; and the spiritual atmosphere of that consecrated place was vitality to her. She often expressed a wish that she might die there. This wish her Father granted. Her sufferings during the last few weeks were peculiarly severe, even for her who had already drained the dregs of the cup of physical woe. But her triumph was complete. In her paroxysms, she would cry, "My will is to do the Lord's will." She frequently repeated the last words of Moody: "Earth is receding. Heaven opens. God is calling." Like the sweet music of a cathedral organ heard in the noise of an Alpine storm, her voice was heard repeating:

"My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is almost run."

While quoting passages from the Book she loved, on August 28th last, this battle-scarred warrior passed under the arch of triumph into the City of God.

The funeral services were held at Ocean Grove, under the direction of Rev. C. H. Yatman, and again at her late home in Newark, under the direction of Rev. T. P. Frost, D.D. Loving hands laid the sacred dust in Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy, N. J.

She has not lived in vain. The aim of life is neither happiness nor usefulness, but holiness. While she has been both happy and useful in spite of her limitations, yet over and above these the great meaning of her life is HOLINESS. Out of the crucible of tribulation she has come forth like gold refined. Hidden from the great world, her life was hid with Christ. She is another witness of the power of Christ to save

to the uttermost. For out of the extreme of suffering she has come forth fully saved.

So die the people who make Holiness life's greatest effect.

Col. James S. Yard, whose failing health for the past year had prevented his meeting us, died at his home in Freehold, on Sunday, April 29, 1900.

It had been the privilege of the vice president to frequently visit, pray and converse with him concerning the deep things of God. He was always in a spiritual mood and manifested a warm interest in Ocean Grove. The funeral services were held at his home and church, at which Dr. Alday and the vice president were present and participated in the services, attended by the community generally and representative men from different parts of the country.

Dr. Ballard read the following eulogy on behalf of the Ocean Grove Association:

There are men who are greater in themselves than the average of men, who live in the seclusion of their modesty and whose influence is widely felt—like wave circles—beyond that seclusion. They do not force themselves into the noonday sunlight for the revelation of a garish splendor, but their shaded power is known in the fertility which surrounds them. Their's is not the noise and clatter of a hundred wheels of loud machinery, but the silent force of the vital steam which propels them all.

Such men have been sought for by Ocean Grove to make up the twenty-six who compose its peculiar organization. Possessing in themselves their own perpetuation, when one of their number is called away from earth, one like him is found to take his place, and under such circumstances Ocean Grove sought and found James Sterling Yard, whose obsequies it mournfully attends today.

He had made his impression upon us as a thoughtful man whose opinions were convictions founded upon an intelligent and exhaustive consideration of all the facts and interests involved.

These were placed in all the varied lights and shades which should influence a decision, until that decision was reached. Once reached it became a conscience, and as a conscience it was irrevocable. This was true of all life's relationships, political, social and religious, and manifested itself in all the complex questions continually presented to both his public and private life. Ocean Grove needed such a man and Ocean Grove found him in Col. Yard.

In the free use of his talents and position for the furtherance of the best interests of morality and religion as found in this association, he made his life conspicuous. As a clear, fluent, intelligent and forceful writer, his identification with the public press made him exceptionally forceful in those interests; while the purity of his life made these writings still more influential. In his position as a political leader he aided greatly in rendering harmless attempts to destroy the religious character of the institution he loved, and one of the most convincingly intelligent articles ever written in defence of the Sunday sacredness of Ocean Grove, came from his pen only a few weeks ago.

It was, however, in his religious belief and experience that his value was most largely felt by us. Trained from childhood in a Methodism of religion, in which the name of "Yard" is conspicuous as an integral part of both its early and later history, he validated that training through a thorough examination of its doctrines, as exponents of Scripture. In this, however, there was no bigotry. A man or woman of another creed, no matter what the creed, came in for the recognition of fraternity. If they were new

creatures in Christ, they were part of his family even though they did not live in "Methodist places." If they had so learned Christ as to know God, they were His children with the same rights of heirship as his own. If they could walk in the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit so as to know His conscious presence, that was all. There was neither Jew or Gentile in his broad charity—all were one in Christ Jesus.

In the intimacies allowable to personal friendship, it was sometimes my privilege to visit him during the illness which terminated his life. These visits were occasions of rare spiritual profit and pleasure. We always prayed together, and the voicing of the prayer brought the sense of the Holy Spirit into positive evidence and joy. In the midst of anguish he was rejoicing. He was conscious of his immortality by the eternal life within him, and whose thrills responded to our prayer of faith.

We pay this imperfect tribute to his memory, in the realization of his loss. We believe he is with his confreres of an association so deeply loved who have preceded him in relief from labor and appointment to higher usefulness. In proper time we will fill his place upon our rolls, content if we can find his equal. In some after day when we shall have followed his steps across the silent land, we trust to have his company again in the great association which has for its camping ground the eden groves of the new heaven and earth, by the banks of the river of life eternal.

We invited Brother Yard to our Christmas festivities, to which I received the following reply:

Dec. 26, 1899.

Dear Bro. Ballard:

I acknowledge with much pleasure the receipt of your note of 23d, enclosing memorial of the anniversary reception and conveying assurances from yourself and Dr. Alday of

your continued interest in my welfare and prayers for my relief. In my confinement nothing gives me more unalloyed satisfaction, nor tends more to reconcile me to my situation than the assurance that I am still remembered and held in the kindly esteem of my old associates.

Please accept herewith my best wishes for yourself and the good Doctor for your perfect enjoyment of the present holiday season.

And believe me,

Yours truly,

JAMES S. YARD.

H. W. Murphy has passed the summer in comparative comfort. While deprived of the use of his lower limbs and unable to distinctly articulate, he has yet maintained a cheerful spirit along with a trustful reliance on the providential guidance of the Lord who ordered his path. To see him day by day wheeled in his chair over the grounds, and sitting in it in the Auditorium, always living in spiritual sunshine, was a benediction to those of us who were favored with the ability for active labor.

After two years of heroic struggle, Caroline Sawyer Lawrence, wife of Rev. Benjamin M. Adams, entered the rest for which a long life of well-doing, loving and thinking had so well prepared her, on Sunday, December 2d. She was a woman, beautiful in person, gracious and dignified in manner, loyal, brave, tender in character—faithful until death. She is at home—she who made home so like heaven. She has found the "place prepared"—she who had so often prepared a place for others. Fragrant flowers were laid upon her casket, but none so fragrant as the kind words and helpful deeds, the memory of which made the tears flow in many

homes that day, and will be the "Light at eventide" of her sorrowing husband. "He gave thee, He took thee, He will restore thee."

Anniversary Service

The thirty-first anniversary of the first religious service held on the grounds of Ocean Grove in what is now set apart as Thompson Park, and which has been regularly observed by appropriate religious exercises, was held on the evening of July 31, between the hours of six and seven, in the presence of a congregation larger than has been usual to the occasion.

Dr. Alday read the Ocean Grove chapter, Isaiah 35. Dr. Wallace, as the only person present who had been associated with the first meeting held on the ground, opened the service with a prayer and afterward reviewed the history of the wonderful years of progress and spoke tenderly of the multitudes then living who have since exchanged earth for heaven. Rev. Mr. Evans followed in an interesting comparison of the past and present of Ocean Grove, demonstrating its financial and spiritual solvency. Bishop FitzGerald spoke encouraging words. The vice president expressed the ability of Ocean Grove to hold its own in the lines inaugurated in that first meeting. Dr. Leopold, an evangelical association presiding elder, spoke eulogistic words as a representative of affiliated denominations, and Dr. Yatman gave an eloquent tribute to Mrs. Thornley, in whose tent the first meeting was held. This special service, like the Declaration of Independence for the nation, is of large value in recalling the first principles upon which Ocean Grove is founded and in keeping in memory the noble men and women who have left an inefaceable impress upon it.

Summer School of Theology

The Summer School of Theology was opened on August 1st by Rev. Dr. J. E. Price, its Dean, with the fraternal greetings of Bishop FitzGerald, who recognized the value of a pure theology, largely illustrated through the freshly discovered facts of science.

The introductory lecture on "The Message of Evolution" was given by the Dean, in which it was shown that evolution was in perfect harmony with the Bible revelation and brought God nearer to us by revealing Him in all the processes of nature.

The principle was applied to the providence of daily life, bringing origin and development into perfect harmony with each other on the line of perpetual advance. Only a mind of the highest order and talent of the highest cultivation could have produced this masterly lecture.

Rev. Dr. Purvis followed with the first of four lectures on the Epistle to the Hebrews, which involved its authorship, origin, literary form, the priesthood and ministry of Jesus, and of the two orders in the ministry.

This analysis of Hebrews lent a charm both to ecclesiastical Jewish history and Christian theology as "Jesus" was developed from them.

Prof. Faulkner appositely followed with the "Christian Ministry after the Apostles," and "Pagan Societies Contrasted with Church Government," in their effect upon the social life developing from either.

Dr. F. W. Davenport delivered an illustrated lecture on "Egypt and the Nile," which for vivid clearness of description, permeated with pathos and humor and the model use of a model voice, earned the gratitude of a long suffering peo-

ple who so frequently strained their attention over indistinct utterances which wearied when they should have entertained.

The lecture of Dr. Sitterly on the "Best books of the year," evinced a careful, thoughtful study of the recent publications of the literary world.

Mr. J. Clarke on "Wireless Telegraphy," gave to that subject as intelligible a form as the popular level of scientific knowledge permitted.

Rev. H. H. Lowry, late of Pekin, China, delivered an interesting lecture on "Chinese and the Boxers." The lecture was full of interesting incidents of history, all bearing upon the causes and conduct of this great uprising against the Christian ministers and converts.

A very much more than ordinary interest was exhibited in "Protoplasm and Bacteria," as given in the lectures of Prof. H. W. Conn. These subjects always arouse interested attention on account of the extraordinary discoveries at the present time of their nature and character with their far-reaching results in the department of physiology.

The knowledge of Prof. Conn was up-to-date, and the theories deduced were plausible.

"Ocean Grove to Alaska," by Rev. A. E. Barnett, gave a well pleased audience five hundred fine views from snapshots of a trip described in the title. While vividly interesting, but few of the audience felt inclined to exchange the sweltering heat of a New Jersey summer for the cooler climate of an Alaskan winter.

Dr. C. W. Millard's "Spiritual Man" received unusual commendation and was freely designated as a spiritual refreshment.

It was founded on the sound Wesleyan doctrine that a man only becomes a spiritual man when he is "born of the spirit," along with which fact the life of God comes into it.

After this he is only spiritual as he walks in that life or spirit and grows up a spiritual man in Christ Jesus.

Dr. R. W. Rogers lectured on the "Letter Writing of Egyptian Kings," also "The Garden of Eden," and "Palestine and Its Neighbors." In these a vast amount of close research into the modern discoveries connected with the facts of what we call antiquity, was displayed, and an equal ability in placing these discoveries in their natural harmony with Biblical history.

To those of his audience who felt an interest in antiquarian researches his lectures were especially interesting.

"The Talks on Authors," by Prof. Bliss Perry, editor of the *American Monthly*, was amply compensatory for any failures of subjects or lecturers on the part of the schedule advertisement. That on Robert Louis Stevenson was exceptionally fine, and takes a rightful rank with the best analysis of a popular author which has ever appeared.

The sermon of Dr. Geo. E. Reed, on August 5, President of Dickinson College, on "The common people heard him gladly," was universally accepted as one of the most intellectually forcible and tenderly persuasive discourses uttered from the Ocean Grove platform. The most deeply metaphysical mind found matter for extended thought, and the mind of the ordinary thinker—the common people—was perfectly able to understand and "heard him gladly."

Dr. Robert MacIntyre lectured on the "Evolution of Abraham Lincoln," as the outgrowth of a new period of science springing from the impulse given to thought by the writings of Darwin.

The illustrated lecture of Captain Campbell on "The Philippines," demonstrating their history, traits of character and modes of life, through appropriate language and scenery, left a fuller impression of that peculiar people than could

probably have been attained in any other method of presentation.

In the evening Prof. H. H. Hammill preached on "No Remission of Sin Without the Shedding of Blood," and so blended eternal justice with the death of Christ as to show clearly that sin's forgiveness and the cleansing of the soul were the natural developments of both.

The lectures of Tallie Esen Morgan on "Musical Theory and Sight Singing" commanded interested attention, as they delineated how in this way all singing could be greatly improved.

The lectures of Dr. Peritz on the subject of "Hebrew History," while scholarly and able, were made the subject of protest from a number of ministerial auditors on the ground of unsettling faith without waiting for the completion of the philological researches which alone could present the whole case in all the lights belonging to it.

Dean Price, in a report giving statistics of financial profit to the Association from the operation of the Summer School, and also his own observation as to its value on educational and spiritual lines, tendered his resignation as Dean in the following:

"And now having served the Association for six years as Dean of its Summer School, I must ask to be released from further responsibility in this capacity. In laying down the work of the school which I have loved so much and whose far-reaching influence for good in our Methodism I have been in a position to observe, I must ask that you will convey to the members of the Association my grateful appreciation of all the kindness, courtesy and co-operation shown me by them in this work. Sharing with you the prayer that God

may greatly bless and always prosper our beloved Ocean Grove, I am

“Yours fraternally,

“J. E. PRICE.”

After the reading of the letter the Dean was invited to address the Association in reference to his resignation before any action was taken regarding its acceptance, in which he made it clear that the work of the school required so much time rightfully belonging to the pastorate, that without an excess of labor greater than any constitution could bear, the work of the school could not properly be done, and therefore he must lay it down.

The following paper expressing the sentiment of the Association was subsequently adopted:

“In accepting the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. E. Price, who as the Dean of our Summer School of Theology, has for six years fellowshipped with our work in this department, we desire to express our high appreciation of his gentlemanly and Christian qualities—of his superior scholarship and of the rare energies with which he has prosecuted the work that has been committed to his trust.”

The appointment of a Dean and suggestions of any changes in its mode of operation were referred to the semi-annual meeting, when the Executive Committee will be expected to report upon them.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, held their annual meeting from August 11th to the 14th, inclusive.

The services excited a more than usual attention from the perilous situation of our missionaries in China, of whose



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condition little at that time was known, and for whose safety the gravest fears existed. Miss Danforth, whose national reputation as an intelligent and able oratress had induced her selection for the Sabbath morning service, was present, and, while suffering from previous indisposition, made one of the most acceptable presentations of the cause heretofore given.

In the afternoon a special offering for the society was made in the Auditorium, after reading the reports from Mrs. VanKirk, treasurer, and \$400 was subscribed. Some of the warm friends of the society were absent, whose contributions later increased this sum by several hundred dollars.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. Thompson, who had spent many years in missionary work in South America, spoke intelligently from the standpoint of "The Conversion of Roman Catholics," which as given from personal experience was deeply interesting.

The venerable president was able to attend to all the duties of her office, and in these duties formed a living link between the present and the past, especially pleasant to those who belong to both these periods.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

The Woman's Home Missionary Society opened their exercises under Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, of New York, presiding, with the welcome of the Ocean Grove vice president, followed by an address by Mrs. J. B. Corbin, of Rahway, on the "Gateway of the Nations."

There was a general discussion of the theme appropriately designated, "From the Front," which gave the condition of the work over the frontiers in better shape than probably could have been given by any other, and in which Mrs. Wells, Crouch and Miss VanMater participated.

In the afternoon meeting Miss C. T. Thomas presided, and Mrs. Yates, Miss E. H. Hana and Miss Clara Helm represented respectively the W. F. M. Society, the W. H. M. Society, South, and the Deaconess Assembly.

Mrs. Woodruff spoke on the Twentieth Century Offering; Mrs. Albright on the work and homes of the W. H. M. Society, appropriately introducing the Deaconess Day.



The Deaconesses

The Deaconess Assembly of the Woman's Home Missionary Society met on the morning of August 16th, in the

Young People's Temple, under the charge of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Bishop Walden presiding. Rev. Dr. Ames spoke on the National Training School, Mrs. Street and Mrs. Treleaven on Hospital Experience, Miss Foster on Reflecting Christ, and Bishop FitzGerald closed the morning session in a brief address. The afternoon was devoted to practical work, and the evening to an address on the Deaconess work as reviewed by a business man.

On the succeeding morning Bishop Walden, just from the funeral of a beloved daughter, at whose bedside he had witnessed a triumphant death, who had separated a few days of time from the pressing cares of Episcopal duties, delivered an address replete with encouragement. The speakers were ladies of large ability and spoke gratefully of their Rest Home at Ocean Grove, as an institution where fresh vitality was inspired for the performance of labors from which other well paid laborers shrank with an aversion they could not overcome.

They comprehend many of the noblest women of the land whose intelligent self-sacrifice surpasses the devotion of Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy, in the extent of their labors and the impression of outward deeds upon the world, of the value of Christianity. The world knows no such heroism in the interests of purity as is found in these elect ladies and the church can find no mode by which her advance in public estimation can be made more solidly substantial.

Camp Meeting

This central force of Ocean Grove, toward which all other service is simply preparative, began its exercises on Saturday, August 17th, with a gathering for prayer in the forenoon and a workers' conference in the afternoon.

These meetings were occasions of heart-searching, from which arose prayerful pleadings for the elimination of all impediments to the thorough working of Divine power through us and for intellectual direction in its employment. These were intensified by the tender devotion of the Lord's Supper, which was administered in the evening, at the Auditorium, to a multitude of people, including probably all denominations of Evangelical Christians. In this unity of faith the presence of Jesus was evidently felt in the tears which united all hearts together in one in the symbols of the death of the Lord.

On Sabbath morning the daily program was inaugurated by the consecration greeting in the Tabernacle at 5.45 a. m. Rev. Mr. Brown, who was slated for its leadership, was not able to be present at the camp for this year, and it was placed in the charge of the vice president. This was followed by the family prayer at 6.45, also under the special charge of the vice president. Then at 9 a. m., came the great Young People's Meeting, under Mr. Yatman, whose force and power had been rising day by day and was now overflowing. At the same hour the Helping Hand, under Rev. W. Franklin, assisted by Miss Lizzie Sharp, began its work. At 10.30 the regular preaching by Bishop Hamilton, who delivered a masterly production on the "Imminence of Peace."

The 1.30 service of Mrs. Smith was deferred till the next day. At 2 p. m., the Bible Class of Dr. O'Hanlon, the general Sunday School of Rev. Mr. Evans, and the primary under Mrs. Skirm, all held their sessions. At 3 p. m., the Devotional Committee held the Holiness Meeting, and at 4 p. m., Mrs. Thompson held a preliminary organization of the Children's Service. At 6 p. m., the Beach Service, under the vice president. At 6.30 the Twilight Service conducted by Dr. Yatman, and with a preliminary song service at 7.30. the

sermon of the evening was preached by Rev. Mr. Parsels, who took the place, in an effective sermon, of Rev. Dr. Bridgeman, who, owing to a sudden bronchial attack, was unable to fill his appointment. In the after meeting which followed, the altar was filled with persons presenting themselves for advancement in all phases of spiritual experience.

Monday followed the same general line, with an increase of both numbers and power. In the morning Rev. M. Barnett preached a scholarly sermon, and in the evening Rev. Mr. McBurney, one of great power. An after service followed, which evinced a deeper feeling than was usual at this stage of the meeting.

Mrs. Smith's meeting for the immediate realization of sanctification was inaugurated at 1.30, and so largely attended that many were unable to find entrance. Its fervor was so intense that it seemed impracticable to close at the regular time, and the committee concluded to permit its development into the regular Holiness meeting at 3 p. m. Even then a large number were unable to obtain admittance and for a part of the time afterward the two meetings were held jointly in the Auditorium. They were both on the same special lines, and their blending for the time seemed beneficial.

The Children's Meeting, under Mrs. Thompson, opened well, and one child whose radiant face bore witness to its reality was converted.

On the morning of Tuesday, August 21, Rev. Mr. Huntington, of Nebraska, preached on the influence for good or evil exerted by our lives, a close personal analysis of all subterfuges substituted for duty. The evening was filled by Rev. Mr. Snyder, a rising young member of the New Jersey Conference, whose sermon evinced a free acquaintance with current literature, which was largely and interestingly used in illustrating, "Verily we are guilty concerning our brother."

Wednesday 22, Rev. Robert Wood, of England, who was filling an official appointment in this country, preached in the morning a clear, effective sermon on "Crucifixion with Christ," and in the evening, "What doing was necessary in order to be saved." He placed the emotional and active phases of Christianity in their proper relation to each other and discussed the motives inspiring both these phases.

On Thursday morning Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas, of the Philadelphia Conference, editor of the Philadelphia Methodist, led the thought of the people to a clear exposition of the law of God and what use we were to make of it. This presentation was from an original point of view, but was proved logically true in all the points presented, and historically true in the facts presented for illustration. In the evening Rev. Mr. Neal, of Philadelphia, delivered a discourse which held the close attention of the congregation, on the "Danger of Losing the Soul," and the impossibility of any adequate exchange for its loss.

On Friday morning Rev. A. J. Sullivan, of Philadelphia, spoke on the "Beast in human nature." The discourse was unique and full of important matter, effectively delivered, treating specially on courtship and marriage.

Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Canada, followed in the evening with a sermon pressing in earnest forms the duties which pertain to us and the power by which they are performed as a result of "Abiding in Christ."

Dr. Schofield, of New York, preached on Saturday morning so effectively on the "Glorious gospel of the Son of God," that all sense of discomfort from the overpowering heat largely disappeared under its eloquent presentation.

The sermon of Rev. Dr. Caswell, of Wilmington, Del., in the evening, was also through another line on "The glorious gospel." Thought, metaphor and illustration succeed-

ed each other in rapid sequence, making the glory seem yet more glorious.

The "Bishops," one of whom had been expected to serve us on the second Sabbath of our encampment, found it impossible to do so. In the pathways of providence Rev. Joseph Smith, an eloquent evangelist of national fame, came quietly here for much needed rest by the shores of the ocean, and in association with people of like precious faith. The opportunity to present the great subject of "Holiness to the Lord" on the line of the motto of Ocean Grove was so apparent that, upon the pressure of the Devotional Committee, he gave up his contemplated rest and put all the power of body, soul and spirit into a sermon on that great doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal church. His clearness of exposition and apposite forcefulness of expression impressed the subject upon the people that its memory will long remain a factor in their religious thought and life.

In the evening Dr. Westwood, of Philadelphia, gave expression in the service to a strong and eloquent appeal to the reputable as well as other classes of people to become converted. The doctrine of the new birth was illustrated in convincing forms, not as an evolution, but as a creation. This address commanded the closest attention from the people specially named.

On Monday morning Dr. O'Hanlon preached what he facetiously called the "Washday sermon," which illustrated the need of cleansing the daily and weekly life from the worldly dust which accumulates from the associations of life. The sermon was eminently spiritual and in line with "cleansing from all unrighteousness."

Rev. C. B. Thompson, of New York, told the people on Monday evening the "Old, old story of Jesus and His love" in forms of persuasiveness that attracted attentive listening.

Evidently coming from the speaker's heart, the sermon went to the hearts of the people in its urgent appeal to settle life's greatest question without delay.

Rev. Dr. West, of Illinois, delivered the discourse on Tuesday morning on "The gospel, in power, in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." His special points were "Conviction of sin, the conversion of the soul, and salvation to the uttermost." His presentation was free from the ostentatious pessimism so common to the pulpit utterances of the day, and in describing his subject as God's great thought toward us, the Hallelujas of the people gave proof still of their hope and trust in the gospel.

The preacher of Tuesday evening was Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Providence, R. I., who providentially took the place of Rev. Dr. Pardington, who was unable to be present, and fill his appointment. He discoursed on "The lamb of God" in an intensity of utterance which never loosened its grip upon his audience until its close.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Dr. Martindale presented the gospel under the theme of "Spiritual agriculture," sowing the gospel seed through weeping. No more sweetly impressive discourse than this was preached in all the series.

Rev. Mr. Hudson's sermon in the evening was one whose earnest directness toward his great points and their application to the people cannot be too highly commended. He remained with us during the entire camp, and gave both acceptable and effective service, especially in the department of song, in which he was especially gifted.

The sermon of Dr. Padington, on Thursday a. m., was in the form of "Lessons drawn from the Wedding Supper," with application principally to the wise and unwise people of the world. The discourse deserved the universal appreciation it received.

Dr. Adams, of Brooklyn, took the evening, and spoke on "Being without God and without hope in the world," clearly developing the proposition that to be without God was to be without hope, and that if we were without them in this world, we would necessarily be without them in the other.

On the morning of Friday, Rev. Mr. Rue pictured the transfiguration from the theme of "Up in the mountains with God." The circumstances were so vividly presented that the people appeared to feel the scenes so brought home to them as being re-enacted in their presence.

In the evening Dr. Kavanaugh, of Brooklyn, brought the attention of the people to the "Martyrdom of Stephen" in a pathos and power which captured the emotion as well as thought of the hearers. His conception of the "Vision of Christ" as the greatest inspiration of gospel life was especially appreciated.

The sermon of Dr. Griffith on September 1st, discoursed on "Five revelations to us." The first of death to the body; the second of its condemnation; the third of being alive to God; the fourth of purity; and the last of closeness to heaven. Its line was orthodox and its impression profound.

Dr. Bradshaw, of Wyoming Conference, told in the evening of "Completeness in Christ" in a strongly illustrated proposition that it was not possible for a sinner to get the best out of the life that now is, and equally impossible to get it out of the life to come.

On Sunday, September 9, Bishop Breyfogel, of the Evangelical Association, preached on "Glorying in the cross." It was a sermon of close analytical and metaphysical thought in its discussion of human misery and degradation, with the answers the world has given and the answers of Calvary. His word picture of that scene surpassed de-

scription, and while its vividness remained upon the mind he enforced the great lessons it taught to the people.

The grand climax of the annual camp meeting was reached on Sunday morning in the general love feast.

Late in the season as it was, the Auditorium was filled to the doors. Bishop J. N. FitzGerald opened the services at 8.45 o'clock in the morning with the hymn, "How Happy Every Child of Grace," and Rev. William B. Osborn, founder of Ocean Grove, offered prayer. The narration of Christian experience then began and continued for about an hour and a half.

But who can describe such a scene? Hundreds rose to speak with animation bordering on ecstasy of their joys in Christian fellowship and hope immortal.

Strong, enthusiastic voices blended with the sweet tremulous tones of women. Ministers caught the inspiration and evangelistic workers sang their love to Christ. Sometimes four or five were speaking at the same time in different parts of the lower floor and galleries. Nobody waited for the organ to start a thrilling song. Every stanza once begun, was at once taken up until the melody swelled into sublime symphonies of loyalty and love to Him who redeemed them.

Among the speakers were Mrs. Bottome, Mrs. Osborn, and Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist.

There were pilgrims of 80 and 90 years, testifying of their nearing the home "over there." Strangers who had never been in such a service before, were constrained to tell the old, old story, that they knew so well. Representatives of five or six different denominations participated with as much freedom and gladness as the most ardent followers of John Wesley.

It was a difficult undertaking for the Bishop, when the meeting was fairly launched, to guide its course, or put down



Picturesque View Near Ocean Grove

the brakes, with dozens still on the floor wanting to get in a word for Jesus. It was found necessary to call up Mrs. Fitch to give her experience in song. Amid the consequent shouting it was found possible to change the order of the day's exercises and prepare for preaching.

The last sermon of the regular camp was preached by Rev. Dr. Foster, of Philadelphia, on "The Knowledge of the Son of God." Its great conception was the attainment of the stature of Christ, which alone was reached by obedience to His law. Every proposition was clearly stated and solidly proved. The sermon was delivered with great power and fittingly closed the discourses of the season.

With weather ideally perfect, on Monday morning the closing service began with the baptism of thirty children by Bishop FitzGerald, assisted by the clerical members of the Association. This impressive ceremony was so conducted as to leave an abiding sense of the value arising from the early consecration of childhood to God, in their specialty of Divine protection.

The president then introduced the reports of the meetings, when Dr. Ballard presented the Sunrise Service, the Family Prayer and the Beach meetings, all of which were under his charge. Dr. Alday reported for the Holiness meeting, to which the Bishop and himself had given special attention. Bro. Franklin spoke for the Helping Hand, and the report of Lizzie Smith told of glorious work in the meetings under her charge. Dr. Yatman represented the Young People and Twilight Meetings. Brother Evans reported in behalf of Mrs. Skirm for the primary Sunday school, and personally for the general school under his charge. Dr. O'Hanlon detailed the working of the Bible Class and Brother Thompson that of the Children's Meeting.

Then, guided by the solemn tones of the organ, Bishop

FitzGerald, with the members of the Association followed by the choir and the people, led the "Jerusalem March," from the platform round inside the chancel and out by a central aisle, across to the Temple, pausing there briefly, on through Thornley Chapel and the Tabernacle, all round the Auditorium and back to the platform, where amid the music of organ and choir, and the waving of handkerchiefs, a pause was made, in which Dr. Griffith voiced a prayer full of tender sentiments. Mrs. Fitch sang "Let the meeting go on," after which some closing words by the Bishop ended amid shouts and tears by the people in declaring that the encampment of the Ocean Grove camp-meeting for 1900 was ended and had passed into history.

Sunday morning, September 9, Rev. A. J. Palmer preached one of the sermons which stood par excellence among the first, both in the depth and range of thought, and forcefulness of delivery, on the theme of "The noblest character must be built on the completest subjugation to God." While the doctor was not in the best physical condition, yet the ability of public speaking, which has made him an orator of national reputation, was maintained throughout the discourse.

The evening was given to a "Praise Service" in the Auditorium. Most of the sweet singers of our Methodistic Israel and the players upon instruments would not be with us for another Sunday and it was deemed appropriate that a service in which they should be the chief participants should occupy the evening. Bishop FitzGerald selected appropriate scriptures applicable both to voice and instruments, which were read as introductory to each musical rendering with suitable remarks, which gave a peculiar fitness to the exercises. The congregation was large and attentive and expressed themselves as greatly profited by the occasion.

Public worship in the Auditorium was held for the last time on September 16, when the Rev. Dr. Vogel, of Jersey City, preached two of the best discourses of the season, and to the great delight of the people, so delivered them that every auditor could distinctly hear and catch his meaning.

For the first time in our camp meeting history three Sundays were included in the arrangement.

This concession was made by the committee, in response to the earnest request of many people who were unable to come here before the latter part of August and who desired greatly to participate in the camp services. It was also believed that the longer continuance of these services, both for the Sundays and added secular days, would leave a still more religious impression upon the people; and also, incidentally, assist persons who kept houses for the accommodation of the people in meeting their expenses, with some small margin for their labor and risk.

It was a doubt whether a series of meetings extending several days beyond the usual time, and many of whose participants would have departed, would not fail in interest before the close.

It is gratifying to report that no such result followed, but the interest was maintained to the end. The tide of spiritual fervor rose as high on the last as on any other day of the encampment, and while the attendance was not quite up to the central Sunday, it equalled the average of the closing days of the past.

The Devotional Committee decided to dispense with regular afternoon preaching in the camp-meeting service and put in its place such evangelistic exercises as might be found available for the purpose. The experiment appears to have worked well, and larger spiritual results have followed the change, which will now probably be permanent.

The "after preaching" service was conducted by the preachers themselves, under the direction of Bishop FitzGerald. It is the judgment of the Devotional Committee that all after meetings should be held outside the Auditorium.

A number of workers in evangelistic fields were with us for longer or shorter periods, seeking rest from long protracted labor. Among these were Rev. Thos. Harrison, Rev. Dr. Baker, Rev. Thos. Houston, who aided in the Holiness Meetings, as did Dr. Brooks, who gave us a few days of plain talks on the doctrine of holiness; Rev. W. B. Osborn, who worked in our meetings; and Mrs. W. B. Osborn, who joined her husband in labors abundant.

Mrs. Van Cott, an evangelist of over a third of a century, led a number of special meetings in her own impressive way.

Amanda Smith, of world-wide fame, was with us for a few days, and received a hearty welcome from the people.

Sunrise Consecration Meeting

The Sunrise Consecration Meeting at 5.45 a. m., was assigned to the care of the vice president. It was opened on the morning of August 19, with about the past average attendance, but with a much higher average of spirituality. The consecration pledge made at its close was adopted as a formula for all the meetings which succeeded and ran: "I have pledged myself to thee, O God, for whatever work thy providence may permit me to do this day."

The people were gathered at the altar, offering themselves a willing sacrifice and adopted this ceremony, with the pledge as a fitting close for every service. On Tuesday the audience increased, with deepened spirituality.

As day after day followed, the Divine power was more and more distinctly manifested through tears and allelulias,

which caused the faces of the people to shine with the joy of the Lord.

The day of its final close was one of such closeness to God that many souls felt the certainties of a Divine presence in greater measure than ever before, and left for their homes with a consecration for work in their churches made greatly powerful by the baptisms of the Holy Ghost which had come upon them over and over in the progress of the meetings.

Family Prayer

This observance at 6.45 a. m., in the Auditorium has become an institution at Ocean Grove which the large numbers attending would not willingly see abolished. The feeling that while away from home, the forms of worship in the home are still kept up in practice is one peculiarly refreshing to mothers and fathers in our Israel. Both the attendance and spirit were encouraging to the vice president, under whose charge it was held.

Helping Hand Meeting

The Lord was with us in great power and with blessing. Sister Sharp, my co-laborer, was very successful in teaching and leading. And other helpers were ready to work, and seekers were ready to be led. Persons in all stages of Christian experience were there and helped into a better state.

A Swedish girl, troubled about the freedom of the will, was helped into light and peace. A saloon-keeper, saved some years ago, who had seen hundreds brought to Christ, but had not power to talk to his own son about his soul, sought and found the needed help.

A young woman at the organ, was convicted for heart purity, sought and found and was very loud in witnessing of

the precious grace. Two middle-aged women found perfect love and were filled with overflowing joy. A brother, who had lost the brightness of his experience, was restored. A husband and wife, who had allowed the world to rob them of the richness of their experience, were restored. A wife asked her husband to kneel with her at the altar, and they were so richly blessed that they went home and wrote a gospel song, which was sung two mornings after with great effect. We were singing of the "Same Power," and it came in such volume and richness that a mother in the church rose up and jumped, jumped and jumped, though 91 years old, and the congregation was filled with laughter, tears and shouts of victory, thanksgiving and praise to God and the Lamb.

"May the people praise God;
 May all the people praise him."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN.

Young People's Meeting

These meetings have fully equalled in attendance the years gone by. Their inspirational character has been so marked a feature that conversions have steadily followed them from June to September. Their avowed purpose has been "to make bad people good, good people better, and to keep them so by the gospel of Jesus Christ." This purpose has in a large measure been fulfilled to the thousands who worshipped there and accepted the words and music to that end. In no one year of the eighteen I have led this meeting has there been such unanimity of spirit and desire to help as in this one. From the Devotional Committee, from clergymen of all denominations, and from the children there has been such loyal support and help that I can but praise

God for all these favors as they have been given, both from above and below.

There have been seventy-eight Young People's and eight Twilight services.

"Floral Day," in July, was a notable day, and the "Old Folks' Day" was one of marked success. The people have been liberal, cheerful and blessed by God here, and have grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

C. H. YATMAN, Leader.

The following letter was written on leaving:

Sept. 8, 1900.

To the Devotional Committee, Ocean Grove Association.

Dear Brethren:—Early on Monday I am off for my winter's work. Before I go, let me thank you heartily for your love, loyalty and help to the work you have assigned me here in the Temple. I've done my best. I wish it had been better. Pray for me when you meet in the praying hour.

Yours for souls,

C. H. YATMAN.

These meetings have had a large, popular attendance, which have included a larger proportion of mature and aged people, who have occupied most of the front and middle seats, usually accorded to the young people. These have been crowded to the rear of the Temple to such an extent as to make it difficult to impress them, and as a consequence fewer of them attended than in former days.

The accessories of costly music do not seem to accomplish the purpose for which so much money is expended, and some different forms of attractive activity seem absolutely



The Late Col. James S. Yard

necessary to place them in their olden spiritual level of power among the young people.

Dr. Yatman comes back to us invigorated rather than worn by evangelistic labors in his tour round the world, in which he had added largely to his repertoire of illustrative incidents.

SUGGESTIONS

That the front seats be reserved for young people.

That the young people be grouped into appropriate forms of religious work.

That there be a variety of exercises, readings and comments upon Scripture, or plain religious tracts, poems, recitations, articulated solos, etc.

Private meetings after their devotional hour, with which nothing shall be allowed to interfere; and the morning lectures, which have taken their time, be held in the Auditorium.

Have their own excursions.

Immediate Sanctification Meeting

To give anything like a satisfactory report of this meeting during the camp is quite impossible, for victory and glory cannot be transmitted to paper. It has been a wonderful series of meetings—victory all along the line. Many hungry souls found Christ a satisfying portion. Day after day the altar has been filled with those inquiring the way of salvation. From the same altar it was not an unusual thing to hear the cry of the penitent sinner, the backslider, and the believer seeking purity, all ascending together to the throne of grace.

The blessed Holy Ghost was in each meeting in great power, performing His office work of convicting and sealing. The leader, Mrs. Lizzie R. Smith, was so completely

under the guidance of the Spirit, that Christ, and not the leader, was seen at all times.

Mrs. Smith was assisted by Brother and Sister Loper, whose sweet songs, sung in the power of the Holy Ghost, brought many men and women to seek the Saviour. The meetings were one long "glory," which will continue to be sung in many newly baptized souls.

There have been in all about 161 at the altar, seeking either pardon, restoration or purity. About 102 of these came definitely into the light. The Lord wonderfully blessed the human leader of this meeting and made her a blessing to many precious souls. Every afternoon the Tabernacle was filled with people, and the interest with each meeting grew more intense. The blessings received by all in these meetings is better felt than told.

Meetings, thirteen in all.

The Summer Sunday Schools

The summer Sunday schools lost none of their interest during the season. The regular intermediate department was successfully conducted as heretofore by Rev. G. W. Evans, the secretary of the Association; the primary department by Mrs. W. H. Skirm, and the Bible Class by Dr. O'Hanlon.

The latter reports an attendance ranging from 520 in the beginning to 2,463 later on, with an aggregate of 12,530. While some of the questions asked there were frivolous, and sometimes personal, yet the most were elicitive of answers which solved many a doubt in the thoughts of the people. In the other schools the best talent in the country volunteered its gratuitous service, and there was not only no loss, but an absolute advantage to the children on the instruction usually received in their homes.

We cannot use too much care and effort in the Sunday school instruction of the children of the families who come here and entrust them to our care.

The Holiness Meeting

The Holiness Meeting began its daily assembling on June 24th, and continued till the close of the season in September, when it resumed the regular routine of Sabbath afternoons. Its time for meeting in other parts of the year had always been 3.30 p. m., and as very many people, especially those engaged in managing boarding houses, were unable to attend in the morning, it was deemed advisable to continue the meetings at that part of the day rather than in the morning, as had been the custom in years past.

There was the disadvantage of losing the morning freshness, which on the other hand was compensated by the larger leisure of the afternoon, and the privilege desired by almost all of attending the Young People's Meeting. The attendance was on the whole larger, and while some preferred the 9 o'clock hour, there was a general feeling that the later time was best. It has been understood from the beginning that this meeting represented in fullest forms the primary object of Ocean Grove in the promotion of holiness.

It meant the putting aside all theories of a completed work of salvation in the simple conversion of life and forgiveness of sins; and placing the "plain account of Christian perfection" by John Wesley, as the doctrine of Ocean Grove.

The conduct of the meeting has kept steadily in view: Definite experience of the cleansing from all unrighteousness, the destruction of the corruption of nature, and the purification of the heart, which are to be reached after the conversion and forgiveness of sins. These are still to be fol-

lowed by growth in grace, involving a fuller personal knowledge of God, with all advancements of spiritual life.

The Children's Meeting

Dear Brethren:—In making this report I desire first to acknowledge the goodness of my Heavenly Father in giving me strength day by day for the work and the exceeding kindness of the many faithful workers who aided in the singing and by their Christian counsel to the children. While the attendance was not as large as it should have been, the meetings were very precious, and many boys and girls were soundly converted, giving evidence of a new life.

Fourteen meetings were held, and 138 children gave themselves to Jesus. Each one of these was talked with regarding a Christian life, and their names and addresses taken. Besides these many young people were helped in the meetings. A number of backsliders were reclaimed and several young people were converted and became active workers in the meetings. A number of children took an active part in the meetings by reading the Scriptures, praying and going out and bringing others to Jesus. Many parents seemed interested and were present at different times. A mother brought her boy to the altar, and he was converted; another brought her three daughters; a pastor brought his two children, and another pastor his boy, and all were converted. One Jewish boy that was converted, when asked what would he do when he was tempted to do wrong, said he "would talk with Jesus about it." Many other instances of the intelligence of childhood conversion could be given. One little afflicted girl, knowing she could not live very long, said she was not prepared to live with Jesus, but at the altar she gave herself to Him and went away rejoicing, because He had given her a clean heart.

I came to the work in weakness, trusting in the Lord; the results are with Him. With many thanks to the members of the Association for their great kindness, I am most truly,

CARRIE G. THOMPSON.

It has been the earnest desire of the Association to connect their leaders in their work with the regular authorities of the Methodist Episcopal church. An opportunity came to secure the services of Mrs. S. M. Thompson, who for several years had superintended the children's service at Pitman Grove, which would be accompanied with the assistance of her husband, who was superintendent of the Junior Epworth Leagues of the entire State, and whose adaptability to this work was phenomenal.

There was a thorough though gentle examination of the experience through which the children passed in their conversion, in which nothing was admitted as satisfactory which did not involve that great change which devoted their hearts to the love of God and their lives to the obedience of Jesus.

Twilight Meeting

There are so many people in the Grove in the summer and so variously occupied that while no one hour or service suits them all, yet some hour or service can be found accessible to the varied convenience of the multitude.

The Twilight Meeting meets the need of a very considerable number, and has been well attended and evinced a good spiritual interest. Dr. Yatman was in charge with his usual force and on one evening Rev. B. M. Adams, its leader in Ocean Grove's early days, was present, lending to it his old-time force and fervor.

Beach Meeting

This service, under the charge of the vice president, was held as heretofore on Sunday evenings, upon the beach at 6



Street View in Ocean Grove

e'clock. It still gains in popular favor, probably because more care is given to the selection of speakers whose voices could be heard above the roll of the surf, and whose addresses were short, epigrammatic, practical and fervent, and who expressed the mightiest facts of the gospel in the tersest and most comprehensive words.

The cultivated singers declined to risk their voices as leaders, and the players on instruments declined to risk them in the open air. The people fell back upon the old tunes, and "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy," "Jesus, lover of my soul," "Out on the ocean, all boundless we ride," with other hymns of similar character took their place, and were rendered with a fervor from the thousands of voices present, which enabled them to be heard for long distances beyond, overcoming the roar of the ocean surf. It would be difficult now to induce the people to go back to any other form of service of song than this.

The responses were read by the people generally, and while no conversions are attributed specially to the meetings, yet the earnest spirit in which the exercises were received could not but induce permanent benefit.

Music

By order of the Association the entire music for the season was placed solely under the direction of Prof. Tali Esen Morgan, who puts the intense virility which comes down from his Welsh ancestry into the music until every nerve is full of it. This is not only true of himself, but his inspiration flows into the choirs appointed by him, whether grown people or children, trained or untrained. Whatever the mode of previous culture, he succeeds in reducing to harmony what in most cases would be discord, and bringing success from likelihoods of defeat.

The choir, gathered from different communities, whose interpretations of music always varied; from different denominations, whose tone of doctrine toned their musical renderings; from different masters, whose conceptions of training are as different as themselves, made it a marvel that the four hundred members thus brought together could be reduced to such a uniformity of time and tune as to challenge the admiration of the vast number of cultured people who came from all parts of the country to Ocean Grove.

In gathering this choir, all musical culture, either of voice or instrument within the circle of the Grove and its surroundings, which could be made available, were utilized, and produced a chorus which for number or ability had few equals in the country. The persons who thus gave their time and talent to the services without pecuniary compensation, found themselves more than compensated in the elevation of their musical knowledge and expression, which could not have been obtained in any other way without large expenditures of time and money.

Mr. Nardhoff, as organist, is entitled to a large share of praise for the skill and expression with which the music was rendered. The same line of praise is due to Mr. H. Munroe Brown, whose proficiency as an organ and piano tuner and repairer is characterized by Prof. Morgan as one of the best he ever knew; whose ingenuity kept the organ in a state of efficiency beyond the most sanguine expectations.

The Park Sisters maintained their high standard of excellence, as also the Bradford Trio, both of whom were engaged for assistance during the summer to the choir and the Young People's Meeting. To these were added many soloists, both of voice and instrument, for whose service the Association expresses its gratitude.

The Ocean Grove orchestra was composed of twenty-

five young ladies of the best Christian character, who gave both their talent and service without cost during the entire season. Their work was pronounced by musical critics and artists of national fame to be as perfect as any they had ever known in the most accomplished musical circles.

It appears to have grown into acceptance that the occupancy by Ocean Grove of its place as a summer religious resort, entails upon it, outside of its special services of religion, the maintenance of a high character of musical entertainment. In carrying out this conception they have been exceptionally successful.

The musical festivals and concerts have been of the highest order, and given elsewhere would have commanded the usual high prices of admission. It has been our policy to give them at prices scarcely remunerative, in order that the people who summer here might have access to the purest and best obtainable at a cost always within their means, while equalizing their cost to the Association.

Among the finest of these was the oratorio of "The Messiah," on August 10, by the Damrosch orchestra. The perfect adaptation of the music to the scenes and emotions which are represented in the life and death of Jesus has long placed this wonderful production of musical genius at the head of musical compositions. Its rendering at Ocean Grove has always been of so high a character that an appreciative audience from the towns and country round about us, as well as from our own people, is always assured. Its performance during this season in nowise detracted from its high reputation.

The oratorio of "The Holy City" was given on the evening of July 31st, under the direction of Prof. Morgan, and was conducted to the end without a single break. The tone was appropriately solemn and sweet from beginning to

end, and lifted the souls of the people into an appreciation of the power wherein the New Jerusalem, the Holy City of God, the music of "Allelulia, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," will fill the souls educated here to its appreciation with a joy unspeakable and full of glory. Its success was so great that its repetition was demanded, and given on a date later in the season.

"The Stabat Mater" was another of the highest character of musical entertainments given by Prof. Morgan and choir to Ocean Grove, and whose repetition was made a matter of necessity by the demand of the people, both those who had and had not heard it before.

"The Children's Musical Festival" was probably the most popular of all. The perfect training of the choir was apparent in the seven hundred children who filled the choir seats above the platform. Apparelled generally in white, each carrying a United States flag as they marched through the aisles to their seats above the platform, they made an impressive spectacle, which was heightened as they sang the "Palms," and that sweetest of tender lyrics, "Daddy," with the "Swing Song," whose grace and rhythm prevented any weariness to the listener, all of which made its repetition also a necessity and gave an attendance very nearly as large as on its first performance.

Among the special musical attractions, equalling any other, was the "Hallelulia Chorus," whose popularity was so great that it was demanded on almost all occasions, and strangers frequently stated that they came to the musical service especially to listen to it. This was true also of the rendering by the choir of "Vital Spark of Heavenly Flame," while their various anthems received a large appreciation.

It is no small advantage to the families who summer here that an enthusiastic taste for music appropriate to their

age and acquirement can be cultivated in the children whom they are endeavoring to train for immortality, and who must go out into the world and meet its temptations to evil. It is clear that if a taste for pure music can be inducted into them before amusements of a corrupting kind are placed before them, they are better safe-guarded than if this were not so.

Ladies' Elim Association

"What is Elim, and what is its object?" The providing a place, where the rates of board shall be lower than the average, while at the same time the surroundings shall be those of a refined Christian home; where the weary workers in the Master's vineyard shall for a time forget the heat and burden of the day, in that broadening, deepening brain and heart-stirring atmosphere, both physical and mental, for which the name of Ocean Grove stands today. This has been possible for more than a quarter of a century, and now we have a building in good repair, enlarged and modernized, with greater capacity and more of comfort than seemed possible a few years ago.

The income is not sufficient to cover expenses, nor do we design it so to be. The deficiency is met by subscriptions and contributions. The lawn social, which has been a means of raising funds for some years past, was, for various reasons, dispensed with this year. The generous gift of Mrs. E. Stickney, of Albany, of \$125, made this possible.

We come together with much sadness. She who last year stood before you with the year's report, has "gone on before." Our dear friend, the treasurer, preceded her by a few months, followed closely by the vice president. With these vacant places, serving as a reminder of the necessity of work, while with us it is yet day, we took up the summer's



Ocean Liner "St. Paul" Stranded at Long Branch.

work. The results we can not know. We hope and believe they are far-reaching and lasting.

In looking over the record we note these facts: The number entertained is greater than that of any previous year. The management of the house has been most satisfactory. The guests have expressed their appreciation in many beautiful ways. On the whole, the year 1900, the first of our semi-centennial, is one to be remembered with gratitude to God, who has been so graciously pleased to smile upon our humble efforts for the advancement of His kingdom. Sincere thanks are tendered to those who have kindly donated articles or goods.

Donations were as follows: Mr. van Gilluwe, one barrel of flour; Summers & Clevenger, 100 lbs. flour; Mr. Lillagore, bath-house tickets; Mrs. DeHaven, cloth for floor covering, silk for drapery, kitchen utensils.

Number of guests, 299: Ministers, 80; Missionaries, 9; Christian workers, 7; evangelists, 1; ministerial students, 3. Denominations: Methodists, 174; Presbyterians, 35; Reformed, 15; Baptists, 16; Episcopalians, 18; Evangelical, 3; Congregational, 2; Catholic, 1; Reformed Dutch, 3; Primitive Methodist, 7; United Evangelical, 2; Buddhist, 1; Methodist Protestant, 2; Welsh Presbyterian, 1.

Countries: China, 2; India, 1; Russia, 8; Ireland, 2; Wales, 1.

States: New York, 69; Pennsylvania, 85; New Jersey, 55; Maryland, 2; Ohio, 2.

HARRIET A. BLANCHARD,

Corresponding Secretary.

Epworth League

A convention, including all the Epworth Leagues of the State, was held in the early part of the season, in St. Paul's

church, and was an occasion of much interest to the large number of people from different localities who attended.

The services were of an inspirational character and awakened a more enthusiastic feeling in that great organization in the work to which they have accepted their call. Ocean Grove Association contributed its quota toward the expenses, for which an appropriate recognition was received, and the convention left our resort with impressions so pleasant as to cause them to desire to visit us in the summer services which followed.

The Churches

At the earnest request of St. Paul's official board, Rev. J. G. Reed consented to return for a fifth year to its pastorate. He has been solidly successful in all departments of church work, which have grown in efficiency during all the term of his incumbency. His faithfulness in sickness and sympathy with sorrow has so endeared him to the community, that if he could be persuaded to continue his ministry during still another year, a general feeling of pleasure would result.

The church is well officered, combining the experience of age with the vigor of youth, and the strength of men with the activities of women in the development of their church work.

Rev. Mr. Brock, at Bradley Beach church, has accomplished in connection with his officials the most marvelous temporal success in church building which has been attained in our vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Moyer, of West Grove, has devoted himself so entirely to his work that an almost continuous revival has accompanied his labors.

Both these churches are children of Ocean Grove, and it is a great gratification to the Association that the communi-

ties and churches which have grown from it bear the impression of their parentage.

Excursions

The excursions of the Young Men's Christian Associations, Christian Endeavorers, Epworth Leagues and similar organizations have become a noticeable feature in our summer population. These have been found so conducive to healthful recuperation of body and freshening of religious life, that every week they come in thousands to enjoy the resort. During the summer they connected their excursions with religious exercises suited to their organization, which formed a pleasant interest to themselves and also for others on the beach, who participated in the enjoyment.

Tree Planting Day

Tree planting day was observed with the usual ceremonies on the day designated by the Governor of the State, on which trees were planted in memorial of departed friends.

It will add much to their tender remembrance, as well as the beauty and attractiveness of the Grove, to make this beautiful ceremony more universal among the people.

Hints to Preachers

The vast Auditorium is so constructed that in order for a preacher to be distinctly heard he must take his position in the centre of the platform directly facing its far end on the natural level of an upright poise, with his voice slightly raised in deliberate enunciation. If he moves about on the platform, if he turns his face to one side or the other, if he raises or lowers his voice suddenly, if he talks very loudly or rapidly, he is only heard by a very few of the people and in many cases not at all. Some of the best sermons preached during

the past summer were practically lost to the people; others were heard and understood by but few people, and by the rest with a feeling of unrest, arising from a compulsory politeness, which prevented them leaving the place, and indulging in criticisms the reverse of complimentary, leaving with a weary feeling, which disinclined them to risk a repetition of a sermon whose delivery to them was in an unknown tongue. A clear attention to the two or three facts given above would prevent all this and make the sermons what they are intended to be—"The power of God unto salvation."

Commendation

Letters have been received from St. Paul's church expressing thanks for special attention to the streets adjoining the edifice; from the people accommodated in our tents after the fire in Asbury Park; from individuals in appreciation of our efforts to preserve our Sabbath from Sunday public railroad travel; from St. Paul's church for contribution for Epworth League; from Bradley Beach church for donation of lot; from West Grove for privilege of park for festivals.

Entertainments

The Devotional Committee pursued the same policy on the line of entertainments as has been theirs for three years past. Their rule to admit nothing which would not be acceptable in the various churches to which the people belonged has been inflexibly observed. To this has been added a gradual restriction in their number and a closer line of admissibility, and on their entire exclusion during the period devoted to religious service.

It is their belief that for other parts of the season a moderate number of musical and other healthful entertainments will aid them in the continuance of Ocean Grove as a relig-

ious resort, whose mode of conduct shall correspond with its name, and whose entertainments shall correspond with its motto.

Social Life

The social features of summer life are falling more and more into a willing compliance with our rules. It is hardly to be expected that people coming here from places where open card playing, dancing, open drinking of intoxicants and similar features are unrestricted rights, should at once comprehend the reason for the rules, which forbid them. Where the rules are once understood there has been no difficulty in their enforcement, without recourse to any other method than persuasion. Card playing and dancing, when practiced at all, is always in private, and intoxicants are never served at public tables.

Our Surroundings

Our relations with the communities which have grown up around us have been of the most amicable character.

Bradley Beach, under the supervision of its laborious pastor, Rev. Mr. Brock, has erected a new and elegant church edifice, toward which the Ocean Grove Association contributed an additional lot, and most of its individual members made individual subscriptions; as also did a number of resident and non-resident lease holders.

Several streets of the borough have been expensively graded, and as a consequence a number of elegant buildings have been erected, with more in contemplation.

For the present the taxes for these improvements bear heavily upon us, but our own property there is reaping some advantage in increased value of our lots.

West Grove advances in temporal prosperity, and its church, under its revivalist pastor, is a spiritual power, which

steadily elevates the people. The severance of our business relations in their water supply has not lessened the fraternal feeling between us.

In Asbury Park there is a division of official sentiment as to what Ocean Grove ought or ought not to do in the conduct of its policy. On general lines, social and otherwise, this has not been the case. In our opportunity to relieve water distress, in unity of help at fires, in sustaining public decencies, in choral unions, and especially in the fraternity of the churches there exists the kindest fraternity.

Rev. Dr. Gifford, pastor of its Methodist church, in preaching in our Auditorium and participating in its other services, has done much to enlarge the horizon of social and religious prospect.

Lectures

In consequence of the impossibility of restraining the exuberance of boyish demonstrations, the Association had decided to prohibit the introduction of stereoptical exhibitions. There were a couple, however, which had been arranged for and could not well be brought within the rule. Before the house was darkened Bishop FitzGerald announced that at the first demonstration, the lights would be turned on and the offender caught and punished, which was sufficient for the boys, and there was no more want of proper order.

The "Ten thousand miles from Alaska to Ocean Grove," with a vivid and thrilling description of the gold fields and their perils, were fully portrayed and illustrated both in language and picture by Professor Barnett.

The lecture on "China and the Boxers" was made especially interesting by the intense feeling which animated the public mind over the danger of the missionaries in that land.



Stranded Ship "Windermere" Near Ocean Grove

The lecture was of value in its information regarding Chinese history as well as its clear delineations of the causes which led to the great outbreak against the foreigners.

After the close of the regular encampment the Devotional Committee granted the use of the Tabernacle for Monday and Tuesday afternoons following, to Messrs. Faust and Freuder, converted Jewish rabbis, for lectures on the present relation sustained by Judaism toward Christianity, and the state and condition of Christian missions among that people.

These lectures were replete with interesting information and left a strong impression of the duty of the Church to put forth larger endeavors to reach the original people of Christ by the agency of Jews converted to Jesus.

J. N. FITZGERALD,
A. E. BALLARD,
J. H. ALDAY,

Devotional Committee.

The Fire Department

It is with a sense of grateful pleasure that we are able to report the continued efficiency of our volunteer fire department.

In completeness of equipment and promptness of intelligent action their record cannot be broken.

There have been several small blazes from carelessness in the use of summer stoves, which were easily extinguished without the aid of the department. One, however, arising from the same cause, on Heck avenue, in a dwelling owned by Rev. Mr. Sheldon, of Pennsylvania, who had only recently purchased it and which was yet uninsured, was entirely destroyed, and another by Mr. Martin, of the same State, very nearly so. The rapidity with which the flames were prevent-

ed from extending to surrounding properties by the action of the firemen was made a subject of general commendation.

In the early part of August a disastrous fire occurred in Asbury Park, by which many families were rendered homeless, and in some cases left without food or ordinary apparel. The Association by private subscription raised money for their needs and donated the use of a sufficient number of cottage tents and furniture for the homeless families. Fourteen of these were thus accommodated, several of them remaining till the close of the season.

The Asbury Park Council passed an appreciative vote on our action. The people expressed their gratitude in forms of which the letter below is an illustration:

New York, Aug. 22, 1900.

Ocean Grove Association, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Gentlemen:—Accept my hearty thanks for the kindness shown by you to my family and self in supplying us with a tent and cots after that disastrous fire which so suddenly cleared us out of our home.

I wished to call and thank you personally, but as I arrived from New York late Saturday evening and left with my family on Sunday, I could not do so.

My family occupied the tent on the corner of Stockton and Pennsylvania avenues.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

JACOB MEYER,

173 E. 105th St., New York City.

The Board of Trade

This institution of Ocean Grove citizens is operated upon its own lines of policy, distinctive from the Association, and yet in harmony with its rules. It has made large and expen-

sive efforts to increase the temporal prosperity of the people who hold property in the Grove. The Board complains that it has not received the encouragement from those whom it designed to benefit, which it expected, but propose to press their efforts with still more courageous vigor in the direction of a popular winter resort.

In other places such resorts have depended upon a line of amusements foreign to the policy of Ocean Grove, and it remains to be seen whether a resort for winter can be maintained upon the lines of religious life and service.

The Outings

"The outings," one of the children and one of the choir, were occasions of enjoyable recuperation. The days of their occurrence were exceptionally fine, and Wanamassa Park, with its beautiful surroundings, wore its best apparel. The children were in the highest glee attainable in a free use of the woods and the waters, and one of the Ocean Grove officials was observed devoting a couple of hours to swinging the children.

The outing of the choir seemed to take its members back to the time when the music of the trees and the streams was sweeter than any of the cultured forms more appropriate to riper years, and when trees and streams were the happiest play grounds they knew.

These gatherings of large numbers, both of children and mature people, where the most perfect order is combined with the freest abandonment to nature, prove that all the best in life, whether in its solid substantialities or its lighter enjoyments, comes to the holiest Christian more fully than to the mere devotee of pleasure.

Tennis and Athletic Grounds

The tennis and croquet grounds at the foot of Central avenue, have afforded large enjoyment to our young people of a character in harmony with our institution.

No steps have yet been taken in the establishment of athletic grounds. The summer heat has been so intense as to make their use problematical.

If we could obtain the space and construct grounds for golf, it would be a large attraction to very many of the people who pass the summer with us.

Hotels and Boarding Houses

The hotels and boarding houses have had, on the whole, a better season than has been usual. The excessive warmth of July sent to the shore many people who otherwise would not have been there, and the hotels and cottages reaped the benefit, in an increased number of guests, and better prices for their entertainment. Most of them have been improved, and two, the Alaska and the Queen, have enhanced their popularity by extensions and improvements whose elegance and comfort placed them on the level of first-class hotels anywhere.

The Press

The press has been friendly to us. Even those journals whose lines of policy were adverse to us and whose editorials condemned our policy, respected and eulogized the work we were doing. A larger space and wider notice has been given to our proceedings than ever before, and in so favorable a manner as to impress their readers with the advantages of Ocean Grove over other places of resort. This has been especially true of the larger city journals.

Reporters have been careful to come to us for a full statement of any matter before giving it out for publication. The Association owes them its kindly appreciation for their painstaking efforts to report us correctly, even when pressed to exaggerations and suppressions of facts which might bear an appearance against us.

The Ocean Grove Times in a number of instances has taken its stand against attempts to injure us or break down our regulations, and has advocated the measures proposed by the Association.

We have endeavored to so do our work that the press should esteem us for our work's sake, and are glad to find the recognition.

Muzzling Dogs

A polite note, requesting all owners of dogs to muzzle them when outside their own premises, for the reason that children had been bitten in the Grove by animals whose record was of perfect harmlessness at home, and adding an earnest desire that they would preserve the lives of their pets by complying with an enclosed copy of our ordinance, was sent to each owner in the place.

In most cases the request was accepted and we had but little trouble during the season.

Bathing

Many more than the usual number of people have enjoyed the ocean waters, and consequently added to the profits of the bathing stations. Both these have been kept in good condition, and are continually receiving fresh improvements, which add to the comfort without increasing the cost to their patrons.

The rule demanding that people shall not walk the

streets in bathing apparel is being more fully enforced each summer, and the recent order of Mr. Bradley taking the same position has greatly lessened our difficulty in executing the rule.

The fact that there have been no cases of drowning at Ocean Grove is one for which there should be special gratitude. When the vast number who now bathe in the ocean on our front, most of them ignorant of danger and many carelessly reckless, is considered, it is almost beyond belief that no cases of drowning have occurred, especially as scarcely any other resort has been free.

The blessing of Providence upon the exceptionally large provision made for safety by the Ocean Grove Association and the public bathing establishments can alone account for this freedom from such accidents.

The Ocean Boulevard

The scheme of a boulevard race track extension along our ocean front, which was defeated at the last session of the New Jersey Legislature, is announced by the Hotel Association of Asbury Park for revival at the session of 1901, with the statement that a considerable sum of money has been raised to secure its passage.

Report of the Vice President

The vice president reports his endeavors to faithfully perform the duties which the Association has assigned to his position.

Prominent among these duties has been co-operating in the work of the committees; adjustment of difficulties without recourse to law, and the application of law where they could not be so adjusted; attendance at the Legislature, in opposition to an open boulevard on our ocean front; enforce-



Winter Scene on Wesley Lake

ing our rules governing the bridges over Wesley lake, and a general attention to the business of the Association.

The sacrifices made by our president in devoting without salary the time to us, usually taken by others for recuperation are so open to us all as to be their own expression.

The secretary has also placed his time, experience and labor at the free use of the Association, besides contributing the fees attached to his legal position in the State.

The treasurer has not permitted the demands of a vastly extended business to prevent a full attention to the oversight of our modes of business, both in the principles and details, and the necessities of advice and action as they have been brought before him.

It has been greatly to our advantage that the sanitary officer is a medical practitioner, who has brought to bear his medical knowledge upon the sanitation of Ocean Grove in ways which have largely conserved its health and lessened its expensiveness.

The Executive Committee has not held meetings at regular dates. Its members were so widely separated and so occupied with important duties as to make frequent, intelligent representation difficult. They have, however, so digested the plans of the Association and so referred them to their various committees with instruction and powers that no embarrassment has been felt from their infrequent meetings.

I have said on another occasion, and repeat here, that there are occasions when men who have passed their meridian should look backward over the pathway they have trodden and pass judgment upon its value. In this review I am grateful that Providence assigned me a connection with Ocean Grove—and especially grateful for the love and fellowship of the noble men who have passed over and who

would be disappointed if I failed to greet them there. There are others, who consent that I should be a fellow-laborer here, who would feel the same disappointment if I missed the path and was not there to meet them when they come. I cannot afford to disappoint or to be disappointed, and with God's help it shall not be either.

Report of the Ushers and Collectors

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report of money received, counted and deposited during the season of 1900:

The first collection was taken up in the Auditorium on Sunday, June 24th.

Last collection on Sunday, September 16th.

Number of collections taken during the season in the Auditorium, 66; amount collected, \$5,136.22.

Young People's collections, 31; amount collected, \$1,184.68.

Lectures and concerts, 21; amount collected, \$3,463.81.

Holiness Meetings, amount collected, \$210.24.

Bible Class, 10; amount collected, \$204.48.

Intermediate and Infant Class, 10; amount collected, \$70.49.

Helping Hand, \$19.45.

Total collections for the season, \$10,279.37.

It is with very great pleasure that your committee can report that this very important work of collecting, counting and depositing the above amount has been faithfully and promptly done. To the forty or more Christian men who have acted as ushers and collectors the thankful appreciation of the Association is due for the willing aid rendered by them.

Our prayer is that their lives may be spared, and that we may have their valuable service during the coming seasons, to assist us in carrying on the glorious work of this great institution for the salvation of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. DICKEY, Chairman.

Report of Police Committee

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 14, 1900.

To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

Your Police Committee would respectfully report that we have read with pleasure the report of our Chief of Police, who informs us that the men have been faithful in the discharge of their duty. It is very satisfactory to learn that there has been less crime committed than in previous years. We call attention to the report of our Chief, recommending that the front space under plank walk (ocean front) be enclosed by a slat fence.

We also recommend that one more regular officer be appointed for night patrolling. For further details we respectfully refer you to the enclosed report of our Chief.

WM. FRANKLIN, Chairman.

The Sanitary Report

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association, in session, I present this, my annual report as sanitary officer, Nov. 15th, 1900:

The health of a community is a matter of the greatest importance. The care of the same involves a responsibility, which is peculiar to itself and is of the gravest character. The thought is appalling, especially in its connection with Ocean Grove, with its summer population of thousands

of people. This work requires the most careful and unremitting attention to all the requirements of modern scientific sanitation, and a faithful and rigid enforcement thereof. This constitutes the sphere of the Board of Health, the execution of which, in connection with the charge of the entire sanitary department, is entrusted to the sanitary officer.

In this position I have endeavored to discharge the very grave responsibilities devolving upon me, and provide and maintain for Ocean Grove the very best scientific sanitation possible.

The Board of Health has held ten meetings during the year, at which the sanitary condition of Ocean Grove, in all its requirements, was carefully considered. Proper action was resolved upon and the same executed by the sanitary officer. In the performance of this duty we at times have to confront a misconception, if not ignorance, of the legitimate sphere of the Board of Health, and its prerogative and authority. There are those who think that Boards of Health have unlimited and absolute prerogative. This is an error. Local Boards of Health cannot create statutes; they can only make ordinances for their own local government, and these must be in harmony with and subject to the laws of the State. There is a higher law, to which the local Board of Health is amenable. Therefore, in the enforcement of these ordinances there must be circumspection and care exercised in order to avoid conflict with the laws of the State.

Consequently we have had to move with great carefulness, and sometimes, seemingly, rather slowly, in the assertion and execution of the mandates of the Board of Health, lest we create trouble and involve the Association in legal conflict and expense. We are glad to state that we have met all the requirements made upon the Board of Health

during the past season without the aforesaid exigency obtaining.

Because of the very unusual hot weather, and the great multitudes of visitors, the summer entailed extra work upon the sanitary officer and his assistant, in order to keep the town in a safe sanitary condition, so that the healthfulness of the community might be preserved.

We are pleased to say that this was done satisfactorily. We have been exempt in a remarkable degree, from infectious and contagious disease. Just prior to the opening of the season there was a case of malignant scarlet fever, which proved fatal. But through the rigid enforcement of the strictest rules of scientific sanitation, this scourge of childhood was kept within the house in which it appeared and thus prevented from spreading. At this date the town is in a very healthful condition.

We hereby record our grateful recognition of that which we believe to be a fact, beyond successful disputation, and that is, that Ocean Grove as a health resort, is not excelled by any locality in the State. If approved and efficient sewerage system, the purest of water in unlimited abundance, with modern scientific sanitation, can make a locality and its community healthful, then Ocean Grove really deserves this distinction.

The Sewer System

This maintains its past efficiency. It meets all requirements upon its capacity, which up to the present has proven its sufficiency.

The Water System

Notwithstanding the very great demands thereon, there are no indications of failure in its supply or ability to meet these demands.

In our visit to the power house, wherein is located the intricate machinery which controls and runs the water and electric systems of Ocean Grove, we found all matters properly conducted and its sanitary condition all right.

During the last year, from October 1st, 1899, to October 1st, 1900, there have been made nineteen connections, with the water system, making a total of 1342 connections. During the same period, there have been nine connections with the sewer system, making a total of 1186 connections.

Fletcher Lake

During a drought the water in this lake is lessened in quantity, because of the lack in its tributary streams to replenish it. Last month, a party building a bulkhead in the lake, broke the lock and took away the chain from the flume, thus letting out the water and exposing the bottom of the lake. The Board of Health took proper and necessary action in the matter, and we believe that the offense will not be repeated.

Wesley Lake

The head of this lake continues to be a matter of critical observation and unfavorable expression. It is frequently made unseemly because of debris and refuse matter, which accumulates on its surface. This is brought down from localities west of the turnpike. They not having our sewer system, all sewerage must flow down to and be deposited upon and in the lake. There should be a plan devised by which this condition could be remedied.

I called the attention of the president of the Board of Health of Neptune township, in which this locality is situated, to the matter and earnestly requested him to make a thorough examination therein, in order to devise some way by which the situation might be improved. In a subsequent

interview he expressed the opinion, as the result of his examination, that nothing short of proper sewerage could meet the necessity of the case, and that whatever might be done with and to the lake, this was indispensable. He also said that sewerage at present was impracticable, because of the difficulty in obtaining an outlet for the same.

Upon mature reflection I have come to the conclusion that the present objectionable condition of the head of the lake might be improved, perhaps entirely remedied, by placing a catch basin at the head, within an area of 50 to 100 feet eastward, properly constructed and in harmony with and conducive to proper and safe sanitary conditions. This catch basin certainly would intercept and receive all debris and surface drainage; it would also act as a filterer and separate the solids from the fluids, the former being deposited on the floor of the basin or vault, which could be periodically removed, while the fluids would pass off, divested of any objectionable features. This arrangement would prevent any accumulation of debris on the surface of the lake, thereby keeping it clean.

I cannot take the space usually allotted to this report, in which to give details of this plan, but do respectfully submit the whole subject to your consideration, with the suggestion that you refer it to a committee who will give it their deliberate and careful attention, and report to the Executive Committee, relative to its practicability, construction and adoption.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.,
Sanitary Officer.

The Railroads

The traffic of the railways which stop at our station has been larger and their profits greater than usual.

No serious accident has occurred there, which, considering the crowds upon the platform with every arrival and departure of trains can, under God, be fairly attributed to the ceaseless vigilance and intelligent care exercised under the superintendence of Hon. Mr. Blodgett, the eyes of whose mind is everywhere along the tracks and stations, through agents, conductors, brakemen and other officers of the company.

The train service surpasses that of any other resort, and an improvement is promised in this. The superintendent's reply to a petition for a more fanciful station house was to the effect that the perfection of train service was the first necessity of railway accommodations, and that other things came afterward.

In the early part of the season the railway companies were asked by one majority of the Common Council of Asbury Park, emphasized by its Hotel Keepers' Association, to stop the Sunday trains at North Asbury Park. A very considerable number of Asbury Park residents petitioned against their stopping, and the railway companies decided that in view of existing obligations they were unable to stop their trains between Interlaken and Avon.

The Postoffice

The Ocean Grove Postoffice, under the management of Mr. W. H. Hamilton, has received afresh the commendation of the department and the appreciation of the people. Complaints have been few, and in every case the explanations have been satisfactory to the authorities at Washington.

The lease of the building terminated with this year, and through the agency of Hon. James L. Hays, whose postmastership of the largest distributing office in the State entitles his judgment to favorable official consideration at Washing-

ton, an arrangement was effected with the Postmaster General for a ten years' lease, in whose conditions the Association purchases the office furniture for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars and one hundred dollars annually is added to the rent.

This arrangement of the lease and property adds largely to the probability of retaining our separate autonomy as a separate office, unembarrassed by consolidation with any other, and advances the financial value of the office to us.

Law and Ordinance

There has been no special law passed by the Legislature affecting the interests of Ocean Grove. The effort made before that body to force an open boulevard signally failed, and its proposed revival is reported elsewhere.

No new ordinances have been recommended by the committee.

Report of Ice Committee

The committee purchased the usual amount of ice for the summer; it was unusually good in quality. The cost of it was a little in advance of last year. This necessitated a small advance in price to consumers. Two new ice wagons costing \$350 have been added to our outfit.

The committee still deem it important that in order to protect the community from inferior quality of ice and excessive prices, the Association even without special profit will continue its present system.

J. H. ALDAY,

Chairman Ice Committee.

Report of Purchasing Committee

The Purchasing Committee report that a viligant oversight has been exercised over the purchases needed for our

work. Those needed in small quantities have been obtained through members of the committee resident upon the ground, while that of larger quantity, as ice, coal, tents, lumber, etc., have been purchased through Mr. Preston, who has devoted a very large proportion of his time to the very great benefit of the Association.

Comparing purchases thus made with prices ordinarily paid, a large saving appears in favor of the Association.

Report of Real Estate and Highway Committee

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 12, 1900.

To the Ocean Grove Association:

The Real Estate and Highway Committee respectfully report that they have given careful attention to the interests confided to their charge in order to the securance of the most economical ways of keeping the property of the Association in the best possible condition.

They find that the improvement in the Auditorium platform has met with universal approval. The choir now occupies its place, seated on such levels that no voices are smothered, and all are given all possibilities of expression natural to it. In addition to this a symmetrical beauty is given to the whole building, which before was lacking. In the reconstruction necessary to this, larger facilities for emptying the building of large numbers of people are afforded, which convenience is fully appreciated.

A new roof of rubberoid has been placed over the Tabernacle, which has since been impervious to rain, the first time in many years. The people now assemble there in comfort without the necessity of changing their seats to avoid rain.

The ladies' closet has also received a new roof, which had become a matter of necessity, and the building is now in good order.

The Johnson Property

The Johnson property, which passed into our hands by purchase at sheriff's sale, with the owner's right of redemption, has not received the repairs ordered by the Association, because the former owner is paying us the interest on the amount of indebtedness by which we keep up the dues of the Building and Loan Association, and he may yet be able to redeem it to himself.

Streets

A large attention has been given to the public streets. After every rain a very considerable amount of repairing is immediately necessary, for which purpose the requisite gravel has been kept on hand and applied before any further injury was sustained, and before any accident for which we might be liable occurred. Only one case for damages has been presented, involving a cost of three dollars for overturned berry crates.

It is recommended that the Association order all our blocks gravelled and that the amount of the cost be assessed upon the adjoining property. This would materially lessen the cost of repair and sprinkling, besides greatly improving their appearance, and their comfort to the people.

Much of the wooden curbing is rotten, and a very considerable outlay will be needed, both by private parties and the Association, to replace with stone.

The Bradley Beach authorities have ordered us to curb and grade our sidewalks to our property in the borough.

A large quantity of this has been done upon our property in Bradley Beach by the borough. In this we have had no legal will, but our suggestions have been sought and respected in the arrangements.

The Symphonion Company, to whom lots were donated

for their factory, have made their premises and surroundings of an attractive character.

Our ice house, though old, is still sufficient for the present needs. A new roof and some other repairs have been given it the present year.

The necessary repairs to our buildings have been made as their necessity demands.

Some of them are old and poorly built in the beginning, and are not worth the cost of repair and equipment in accordance with modern convenience. Still they serve the purpose of cheaper rentals for smaller business, and for the present had better not be disturbed.

A considerable improvement has been made in the store occupied by Mr. van Gilluwe. Alterations were made by which better light was obtained in the cellar, and by which a part of it was concreted. Other alterations of a necessary but not expensive character were made, which was also true of the building occupied by Wainright, Dodge and Mrs. White, as furniture, general grocery and drug stores.

The Boardwalk

The ocean front has frequently been carefully examined, and repairs made as necessity demanded. It is recommended to replace its timbers and planks with new material, reserving what is good of the old for repairs.

A complaint was made by Mr. George Lord, who owns property above us on the stream which feeds Wesley Lake, that the elevation of the lake occasioned a wash which injured his property. The committee examined into the matter and found that in their judgment the wash was occasioned by the smallness of the pipe under the railway crossing.

Suggestions have been made of the advisability of pulling down our older buildings and erecting new ones on their

sites. The committee does not think this available at the present time.

In the early part of the year a peremptory order was received from the Postoffice Department to remove the telegraph office from the postoffice room, which would be a considerable financial loss to the Association. Through the efforts of James L. Hays, postmaster of Newark, N. J., permission was given for an arrangement by which the postoffice business could be separated from the other by constructing a separate room for telegraphic purposes, and still leaving it on the same floor as the postoffice.

The committee would recommend the clearing up and putting in more attractive forms our unsold property.

The bridges over Wesley Lake need painting in order to their better preservation. The committee recommend that an order be made for this purpose to be done before another season.

Our parks have been kept in good condition, though at considerable cost. The one on Ocean Pathway requires regular attention, both in fertilizing and water, but they are worth all they cost in their impression upon the people of the beauty and value of our resort.

The park and tennis ground bordering Fletcher Lake has been a source of healthful pleasure to very many of the young people who pass the summer with us.

The little parks at the confluence of avenues are in bad condition, and the committee has not advised the expending of money upon them, as they are obstructions rather than ornaments. The streets would be much improved by their abolishment, and such abolishment is recommended.

The water of Fletcher Lake has on several occasions been let out, leaving the bed nearly bare, to the endangerment of the health of the people who live around it.



One of the Pleasant Drives Near Ocean Grove

Evilly-disposed persons broke the lock and stole the chains at the flume which keep the waters in, at several different times. The persons supposed to be implicated denied all knowledge, and as the crime was committed at night, no evidence was obtainable. It would be an improvement if the block where the stream enters the lake could be filled and bulkheaded.

Riparian Commission

A communication from Mr. Bradley proposed to arrange a transfer of his riparian right to a part of our ocean front, in connection with a conference with our president, who notified him of his acceptance. The proposal of Mr. Bradley was simply to the effect that as a former deed transferred more property right than existed, he or his heirs should not be held responsible. To this no objection was interposed, but the deed has not been made to us.

The Ocean Front

The Ross pavilion has been kept in the best condition during the season, and its lower story added to its original sun parlor. This arrangement appears to do away with the necessity for any other sun parlor along our front.

Lillagore proposes important improvements for the coming year in bath house arrangement, and especially arrangements for sewerage.

The sewer pipe of twelve hundred feet out into the ocean has remained unaffected by storm, wreck or choking and still does its satisfactory work.

The jetties still hold the beach front intact.

The walls of the hallway of the Association Building had become so dilapidated and discolored that their repairing and calcimining became a matter of necessity, which has accordingly been done.

The renovation of the entire building will soon be required, for both preservation and appearance.

T. J. PRESTON, Chairman.

Report of Building Inspector

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 10th, 1900.

I respectfully report, in relation to my duties as Building Inspector, as follows:

Since my appointment as Inspector in May, 1900, I have carefully looked after all buildings in course of erection and alterations, especially the chimneys and all flues for fires.

I have caused the rebuilding of seven chimneys and fire places, to make them safe. I have taken down three iron jacks, and saw that others were made safe, and have carefully looked after the placing of new buildings and alterations, keeping them within the limits required by present regulations. This is a difficult task, but I believe I have succeeded in keeping all to the limit and line.

I have also looked after the removal of buildings, insisting upon the deposit required by ordinance to be made at the Association office, before the building is started, to cover any expense in the removal of wires and the replacing after the building passes; I have endeavored to see that all interested should conform to rules and regulations, striving to convince them that it is to their interest, as well as the Association's, to see that such regulations are enforced.

I am with respect,

JNO. C. PATTERSON,

Building Inspector.



Gen. J. C. Patterson, Chief of Police and Building Inspector

Report of Electric Light and Water Committee

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 14, 1900.

To the Ocean Grove Association:

Dear Brethren:—The following report of this department is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

This committee has the careful and economical management of the electric light and water supply ever in their minds. It is one of the economies owned by this Association in which it is easy to expend large sums of money without any adequate return. It is a department in which extravagances creep in and where waste and negligence would make this a very unprofitable business; hence your committee have given their best efforts to the duties committed to their care.

We unfortunately lost a number of transformers and one armature in the severe series of electric storms which occurred in July. These losses in apparatus will amount to nearly \$2000, which no human foresight could avoid. We have lightning arresters placed on the lines according to the latest and best systems, but the severe electric disturbances of this summer were so intense that no known device could prevent damage to electrical apparatus. We suffered in common with all the electric companies in the region. Many towns and cities were without lights, owing to the damage by these electric storms. Our own service was made continuous through the courtesy of Mr. Clark, of the Asbury Park Electric Light Company, loaning us some apparatus; otherwise some of our patrons would have been without light one or two nights. In consequence of these losses, you will find the item of expense in the financial statement much in excess of expense for same period in 1899.

In order to supply the increased patronage of our incan-

Incandescent lights we exchanged our 1200 light Stanley generator for a 2500 light Westinghouse dynamo. This change cost about \$1500 and gives us a large margin for new patrons, and we added the very desirable fact of all our incandescent machinery being of the Westinghouse type, the most perfect and economical generator in the world. Our other Westinghouse machines have not cost one penny for repairs since their introduction at the time the new plant was built.

The arc light service for street lighting was run all night for about four months of our busy season. While the extra service is greatly appreciated by our summer residents, no contribution is paid by the beneficiaries; it is a direct expense to the Association.

The water service has been better maintained this year than ever before. We have had a more uniform high pressure. As evident at the Heck avenue fire, a "plug-stream," much to the surprise and gratification of our efficient and energetic firemen, was of sufficient pressure to enable them to rapidly extinguish the fire.

All of our machinery is in good repair, and your committee again desire to express their gratitude to Mr. Scott, our chief engineer, and to Mr. Franklin, our chief electrician, and their co-workers for their fidelity and skill in caring for the valuable machinery committed to their care.

Owing to the strike in the coal regions we were compelled to use three cars of bituminous coal. We so managed that our coal for the strike period will not cost more than the usual rate.

The work done by the electric plant is as follows:

The Auditorium was lighted 77 evenings, making a total of 221 hours, 40 minutes, with an average of 34 amperes, or 640 lights per hour, and a total of 7537 amperes.

The arc lights were run in the last six months 1392

hours and 20 minutes, with 134 lamps in circuit burning 16,000 positive and 14,000 negative carbons.

The commercial lights were run 1668 hours and 10 minutes and made 61,194 hours.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Total number of gallons pumped for 1900 were as follows:

April	3,290,040
May	5,757,570
June	7,849,770
July	13,960,025
August	15,911,525
September	13,636,950
October	3,787,875

Total gallons pumped past six months . 64,193,755

Total gallons water pumped for the past year ..	86,900,905
" " " " " 1896	182,664,000
" " " " " 1897	208,039,000
" " " " " 1898	322,639,949

801 tons of coal were consumed by the electric light and water departments.

From the foregoing figures the decreased duty of our plant this year results in an economy of over 35 million gallons of water. This is due principally to the introduction of water meters and a most careful inspection of the system. The past summer has been unusually dry and required a large amount of water for sprinkling our streets and lawns. The sprinkling covered a large area, and was done in a more satisfactory manner; in consequence a much larger amount of water was used which was supplied from the artesian system.

We have a marked reduction in quantity of coal consumed in our water department in consequence of the reduction in consumption of water. We commend the wisdom of this Association in ordering this committee to purchase and attach these water meters.

The financial statement is as follows:

Expenditures

Cost of water, coal, labor and incidentals	\$6,612.98
Cost of light, coal, labor and incidentals	8,830.37
Interest on water \$96,900 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	4,366.50
Interest on light \$93,930 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	4,226.85
	\$24,030.70

Receipts

Water, cash receipts	\$13,734.83
Water Sprinkling	700.00
Electric Lights, cash receipts	6,931.33
Charged for lighting town	4,500.00
Charged for lighting ocean front	500.00
	\$26,366.16

This will show a profit upon the capital employed of about $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee respectfully report that in accordance with their recommendation, George Rainear has been appointed chief clerk; Mr. John Van Cleve has served as assistant during the summer season; H. Monroe Brown, general tuner for organ and pianos; Mr. Thomas Cline as Auditorium superintendent, with Mr. Joseph Davis as assistant superintendent, and J. C. Patterson, building inspector.

The tents have yielded their average revenue, with the usual average of repairs. With the exception of light, general superintendence, repairs and additions, the Auditorium receipts have equalled its expenses.

The collection of accounts due has been energetically pressed, and the number of these overdue materially lessened by payment.

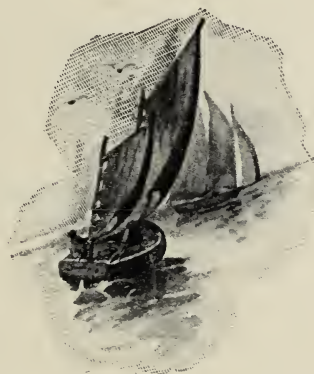
The books of the Association have been regularly audited and the annual expert examination of Prof. A. J. Rider, of Trenton, has pronounced them correct.

JAMES L. HAYS, Chairman.

The Advisory Committee

There has been but one occasion in which it has been advisable to call this committee together, and that only in an expenditure of a little over one hundred dollars.

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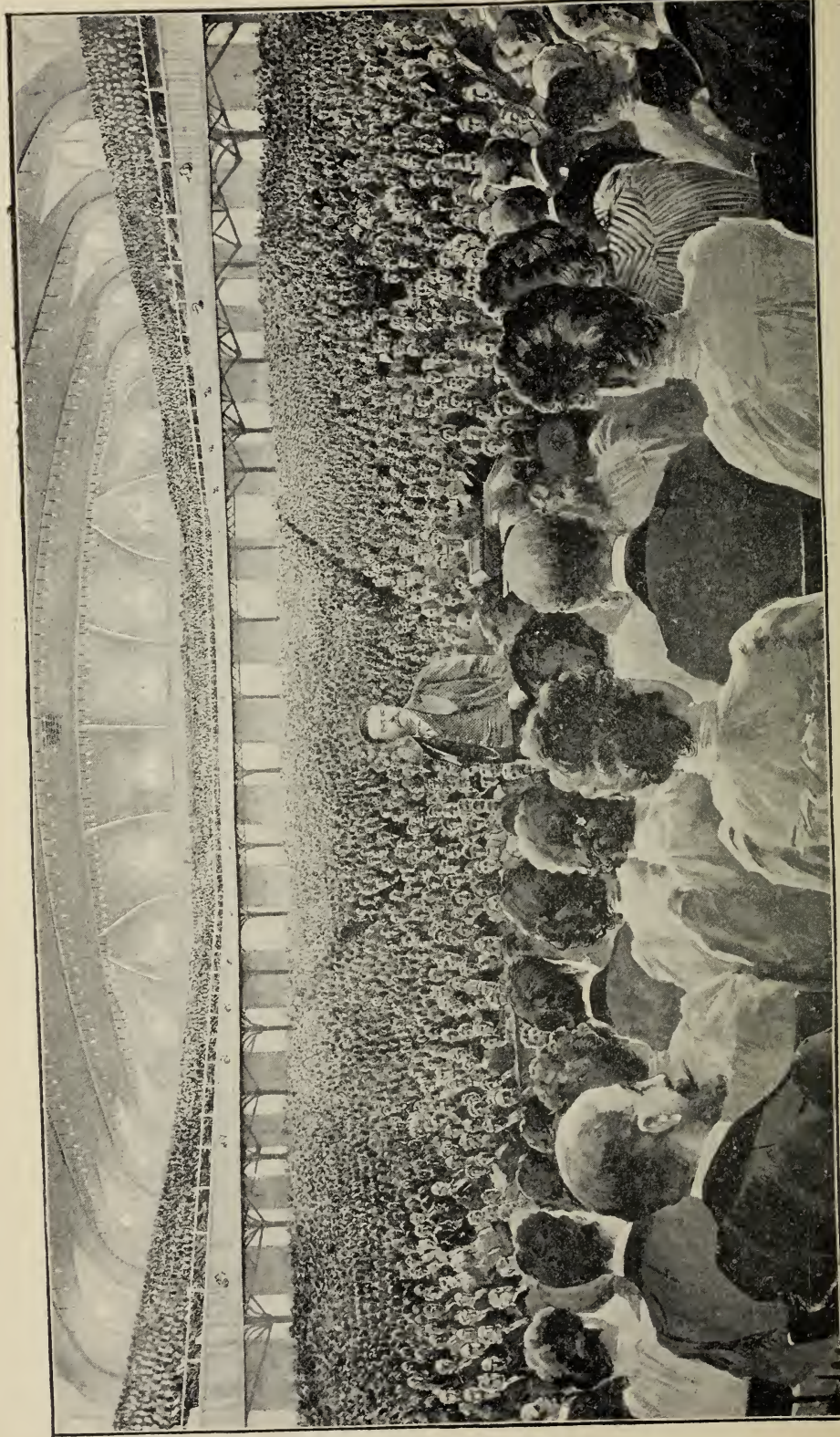
There's ozone by the sea !
The ocean's heart beats on forevermore,
Pulsings of health which throb against the shore,
Where fever bathes its temples o'er and o'er,
Softly, refreshingly !
Where forest balm, and pine-grove's fragrant breath,
Mingle with wind-tossed waves dispelling dews of death.

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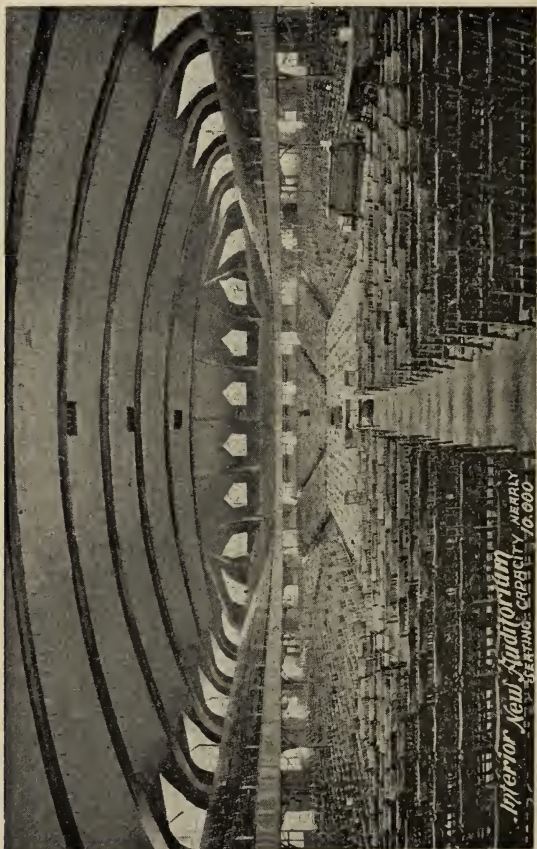
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THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
 Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;
 Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
 And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;
 Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed ;
 And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
 Here many a time the story they rehearsed,
 Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



Auditorium, New York City, nearly seating capacity 10,000

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AT ITS
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, NOVEMBER 21, 1901

DEAR BRETHREN :

The first season of the New Century at Ocean Grove will long be remembered by the vast multitudes that thronged the Auditorium and other places of worship in this "city by the sea," during the summer months of the year nineteen hundred and one. From the opening day in June to the closing day in September the services were marked by results such as always gladden the hearts of the followers of Christ and cause rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God. For those results and for the temporal blessings that have come from our Father's hand, we are truly grateful. Let us seek to give proof of our gratitude by devoting ourselves even more earnestly to the service to which we have been called.

The details of the season's work will be given in the report of the Devotional Committee.

We have greatly missed our beloved brethren who have fallen during the year, and whose names are to us as ointment poured forth. Expression of the loving esteem in which they were held by the members of our Association, is given in the memoirs which were duly adopted and which will be published in full in our "Annual."

In accordance with the plan which has obtained for the last few years, the various officers and committees have reported fully concerning the work in their respective departments. Their reports show an encouraging condition of affairs. Particularly gratifying is the fact set forth by the Treasurer that our indebtedness has been reduced nearly fifty thousand dollars within the last three years.

In addition to that which is being accomplished *directly* by our Association, there have come to us from foreign lands, as well as from distant parts of our own land, striking and cheering evidences of *indirect* results of the work that is being performed at Ocean Grove. People in many quarters are manifesting great anxiety to hear the story of our origin and progress, and are encouraged by our success in the maintenance of temperance and Sunday laws, to put forth earnest, and, we are glad to say, successful, efforts to secure similar results in their respective communities.

If we can be left undisturbed in the prosecution of our mission, we shall be able both directly and indirectly, to do more in the future than we have done in the past. But if our domain should be invaded and a public boulevard, such as is proposed, should be run through our grounds and across our

lakes by authority of the legislature of our State, incalculable and permanent loss would result to the cause which our Association seeks to promote.

Ocean Grove flourishes because of its characteristics. If those characteristics should be modified it would be crippled; and if they should be destroyed it would die. If crippled it could never regain its vigor, and if slain it could never be resurrected. Its peculiar features have drawn to its grounds year after year for a generation, hundreds of thousands of the best people of our own and other lands, and their presence and influence have affected advantageously all the region round about. As a result of their coming, employment has been secured to large numbers of residents of the county; almost every branch of trade has been developed and has prospered; capital has been attracted and invested and has yielded fine returns; and large numbers of permanent and inviting homes have been established. Even towns and cities have been built contiguous to the Camp Ground, and their fame has already become world wide.

In a word, the entire Atlantic coast section of Monmouth County has reaped benefits—financial, social, intellectual, and moral—that cannot be computed.

The active and efficient agent in the accomplishment of all this has been the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association. I do not say that this was its object. It had no such end in view. It was intent upon building up an institution which would be a power for the mental and spiritual elevation of the people who might visit its grounds. But the benefits referred to have resulted *incidentally*, and no one

rejoices more because of them than does the Association itself.

Encouraged by the guarantees that have been afforded us under the laws of our State, we have loyally and steadily gone forward in the prosecution of our work, giving years of service, and expending hundreds of thousands of dollars, not with a view to financial profit (we have received none whatever), but simply as an offering to the causes of religion and education.

If, now, after encouraging us to make this vast outlay of time and labor and money, the State shall change the laws that have been our guarantee, and under which we have acted in good faith, an inestimable injury will be inflicted thereby upon our institution—an injury which no power will be able to repair—and we shall be able no longer to prosecute, in the way in which we have prosecuted it hitherto, the work which has been most abundantly blessed to the good of the people, and which has so clearly contributed to the building up of the interests of “Old Monmouth.”

With the control of its grounds continued to it, Ocean Grove can still preserve its characteristics and move on to greater achievements, but without such control it cannot maintain its peculiar features, and with those features removed, the multitudes who have had delight in them for years will feel that the chief attraction of Ocean Grove is gone, and they will turn their steps in other directions. Thus, will not only the great primary (religious) object suffer, but other interests, such as railroad traffic—both steam and electric—hotel and boarding house enterprises, rentals

trade, and in a word all business affairs will be affected adversely.

It will be insisted that bridges and a highway, such as are proposed, will not interfere with the working of the plans under which Ocean Grove was founded and has been carried forward. This insistence, however, will be made only by those who either never knew or have forgotten the policy of the founders who sought a place that could be approached from only one side, in order that protection might be afforded them in the execution of their worthy purpose. Furthermore those who thus insist, have had little or no part in the administration of affairs on the "grounds," and, consequently, have inadequate, if any, knowledge of the difficulties that have been and are to be met in the maintenance of the "restrictions" that have made Ocean Grove what it is. The men who for all the years have been entrusted with the enforcement of the rules, declare with united voice that the erection of the bridges, and the opening of the speedway, would be so far destructive of our laws as to render them inoperative, and would eventuate in the vanishing of the Ocean Grove Sabbath from our famous and matchless beach, to the great sorrow of the lovers of the Lord's Day the world wide over.

It is to be hoped that a larger spirit of fraternity may possess those who would promote the boulevard project to our great harm; and that they may come to see that to damage our interests is to work injury to the highest interest of our neighbors.

While grateful for the past, let us be hopeful for the future; and as we listen to the call of Thank Offerings that, at this the opening of the New Century,

is being sounded by the Church to all the people, let us bring our talents, of whatsoever kind they may be, and lay them upon the altar as a willing sacrifice to Him that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all.

And may His peace abide with us forever.

J. N. FITZGERALD,
President.

REPORT

OF THE

VICE PRESIDENT

In reviewing the work assigned to my office it is a pleasure to find that it has been performed on the lines laid down for it by the Association.

I have understood these instructions to be that the annual and semi-annual meetings outline our policy, and direct the different committees who constitute our boards of investigation, to examine and report to the executive committee their approval or disapproval of all cases coming before them. I have understood my relation to these committees to be that in the absence of the president I shall receive their advices and transmit them to the executive. Where the matters involved were in accord with our general instructions, and were not sufficiently important to call the executive members to the Grove I have reached them by correspondence. Otherwise I have called them together.

I will at this time ask your indulgence for a personal word, and say that for the vigor of a maturity, which has passed its four-score milestone, I realize a profound gratitude to God.

I have dreaded the senility of a decadent old age; its dependence upon others; its dread of unwelcome-

ness ; its enforced idleness, with its weary waiting without an assigned place in the world's activities.

In the mercy of God these signs of physical deterioration have not made an appearance. The mental range has neither lessened nor lost its alertness, and the spirit ascends these two ladders to higher places in God's presence. The respect of men who are respected in the State is still accorded me. Friendship cheers me, and wife and child bless my home. The intimacies of your brotherhood afford me the sweetest fellowship. You have given me a place among you where life can make itself useful ; where my knowledge of the past can be utilized in the present, and in the work you generously assign me I find full scope for all these faculties and full opportunity for the application of all past knowledge. I have an earnest desire to devote these powers to assist in holding Ocean Grove to the intention of its origin in all the ways which circumstances render possible. From the inmost depths of my being I thank you for the kindly consideration which so beautifully lights my life's approaching evening, in the permission to labor with you in making Ocean Grove the power of God unto salvation, in the advance of holiness in the churches and eventually repeating our fellowship in such higher work as God may give to us when we have entered life eternal.

A. E. BALLARD,
Vice President.

REPORT

OF THE

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The season opened with a prayer and consecration service in the Auditorium in the afternoon of June 22, and was an occasion of deep spiritual power. In the prayer by Bishop FitzGerald, the Holy Spirit evidently descended upon the souls of the people, baptizing them in tears and fire and impelling a holy devotion to the work before them.

The evening was occupied with a musicale under the direction of Prof. Morgan, to whose leadership all the musical services of the summer had been committed. The concert was largely of home talent and much appreciated. An unusually large congregation was present, who evinced their appreciation in a test collection.

On the first Sabbath the Holiness Meeting, led by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, and the Young People's Meeting, by Dr. Yatman, began their respective worship in the Tabernacle and Temple. Both leaders had evidently been with God before entering their holy temple and He had not left them when they came, nor did He desert them during their hour.

"Open the Gates of the Temple," was effectively sung by Miss Nellie Brown, when the morning ser-

mon was preached by Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D.D., of New York, and was a graphic description of the Four Beasts who were made, logically, to illustrate the four stages of Christian history, and a like number of phases of Christian experience.

In the absence of its leader, the Bible Class was addressed by Mrs. Bottome, whose intense utterances of Scripture seemed to give deeper meaning to the Word. The two departments of the Sunday School met in the Temple under Rev. Mr. Evans, preliminary to their regular organization. The Vice President held the first Beach Meeting at 6 P. M., with an attendance equal to any in the past.

In place of a regular discourse the evening hour was devoted to a "sermon in song," in which the Bishop interpreted and the choir rendered the beautiful poetry of our Methodism. Miss Post, of Paterson, gave as a solo "Wonderful Peace," and the people retired well pleased with a service which lifted the soul into sweet peace by the wonderful power of song.

The service of the second Sabbath, June 30, represented our National holiday, and included a patriotic sermon by Rev. Dr. C. W. Millard, a presiding elder in the New York Conference, on the subject of "Honor the King, and honor all men"—the ruler and the people. Government was of God, and government through the people was its highest form of expression.

The evening program was entirely musical, under the direction of Bishop FitzGerald, and was highly appreciated by the congregation.

The three evenings preceding Preparation Day had been assigned to Dr. Yatman for special services. Unexpected circumstances made it advisable to fill two

of them in the morning, but on the evening of the 16th he preached to an overflowing congregation an object sermon on "After Death, What?"

The sermon was outlined on a canvas, where two great life roads were depicted—one, straight and narrow, with few travelers, the other broad and populous, with all other roads and ways converging into them. At a point between the two stood the Cross, the only spot where the traveler could pass from one road to its opposite. On the one he reached the deep gulf of perdition, on the other he passed into the heavens. A pleasing part of the service was the singing of old-time popular hymns of Methodism.

Preparation Day

The entire of Saturday was given to the preparation for the work of God in the Feast of Tabernacles, covering the two great weeks of Ocean Grove, where the people come together to give themselves afresh to God, in repentance, in reclamation and advancement in spiritual experiences.

A deep humility pervaded the hour observed in supplication, which linked itself with a loving trust, that power from God would be supplied for service. The afternoon consecration was prolific in well-considered promises of labor, and the evening Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was "one sweetly solemn sound" outward and inward, all the evening through.

The opening Sabbath, morning and evening, of Rev. Cortlandt Myers, pastor of the Baptist Memorial Temple in Brooklyn, were saturated with the great ideas taught by Jesus on the Sea of Galilee, and deliv-

ered with an eloquence which felt like inspiration. Rev. E. C. Hancock, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Ocean Grove, spoke lovingly on Monday morning in a comprehensive presentation of the value of salvation to the ordinary life of this world, and to the mightier life which arises from it in the world to come.

Dr. Henry Wheeler, of Coatsville, Pa., preached in the evening, of whose sermon a secular journal said: "Dr. Wheeler took his text from St. John 14, 9: 'He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father.' He said the desire to know God characterizes the age in which we live. People are today searching more earnestly than ever before to know the personal character of Christ and this searching must ultimately lead to a higher conception of God. The speaker argued that a knowledge of Christ is essential to a correct knowledge of God."

Dr. Humason, of Camden, recently transferred from the West to the New Jersey Conference, spoke pungently and incisively on the life of virtue, which (unless our faith was vain) followed a life of faith. The presentation was unique but forceful, and the newness of its formula impressed it yet more fully.

Dr. C. W. Mead, of Hoboken, based his address upon "Turning from the vanities of time unto the Living God." The subject was held up from every possible point of view to the vision of the audience so that the vast congregation both heard and saw its awful meaning through the most vivid and thrilling appeals to accept God's side of the question.

Dr. F. Pierce, a prominent Baptist clergyman, of Scranton, followed Dr. Mead on the succeeding morn-

ing in a sermon, in which the great ideas of the Gospel were pictured, one after the other, in an illumination of rapture to the people who walked in the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the choice of its diction, the force of its oratory, and also the solidity of its orthodoxy, the discourse had few equals.

Dr. O'Halleron, of Paterson, for years favorably known to Ocean Grove through his sermons and labors, told again in his own clear, forcible way the "old, old story," and closed in the old Methodistic way with an after-meeting of exhortation and prayer, and people at the altar seeking the way to God.

Rev. Dr. Quigg, of the Philadelphia Conference, preached one of the tenderest sermons on the general Gospel ideas of duty toward God and duty toward man, that was possible along that line, enforcing it with pungent appeals to the people to place themselves in attitudes of concern for unconverted people which should be so earnest as to really impress them.

Rev. Dr. Hodgett of the New York East Conference, produced a discourse in which all the older ideas of Methodism were reproduced and developed in modern form, without any loss to their effectiveness. It was gratifying to feel that while using the forms of the present, the older foundations stood as sure as ever.

The morning of the sixth day of the Camp was filled by Rev. W. H. Lawrence, son of Rev. R. V. Lawrence, who was the first Vice President of Ocean Grove, from "Christ, the power of God," in all the three departments of the human soul which already has forced the subjugation of outside influences to

Christ. The sermon was argumentative and logical, liberally illustrated with appropriate facts, and at the same time linked the emotions with the climax of his logic.

Dr. George R. Corey's sermon was the production of a Master in Israel, dealing with the great questions which have agitated humanity in every age, and applying them to conditions of today, and so connecting this world and the next, its time and immortality, with the varied extensions both of duty and pleasure—that the sense of death was shown to be lost in the continuity of present existence.

Dr. Carpenter delivered one of the most direct presentations of the gospel as applied to the duties of men—prefaced with an appropriate song—that was given during the entire series, and his after conduct of the service which followed, proved him as competent a workman in the altar as in the pulpit. He faced the centre steadily and all the people heard him.

Dr. Coultas followed in the same line of plain words cultured into elegance, in telling the people what the gospel could accomplish through its application by the laymen of the Church in the business walks of life in addition to what is done in the public services.

Dr. O'Hanlon's sermon on the morning after the great Camp-Meeting was universally pronounced as among the best he had ever preached here. It was remarkable for directness and force, and his graphic description of the contrast between mere pulpit work and face to face contact, in the effort to save a sinner, made the audience realize, as well as see, that no man's special work on that line could be delegated to another.

The sermon of Dr. A. G. Keynett, son of the deceased Secretary of the Church Extension Society, took in the general idea of the "Golden Age of the Church," which most people placed in the remoter ages of this world where the mists of the past hides its repulsive features. He contended that the true golden age lies yet in the future of a religion which is now continually changing this world from glory to glory by the presence of the Lord in His church.

Rev. H. M. Brown, of the Association, preached earnestly and pathetically upon "Man as a great sinner and Christ as a great Saviour." The contrast between the two was vividly drawn and their union at the cross showed clearly how that union completed human salvation. The preacher absorbed both himself and those who heard him in the great theme.

Rev. Mr. Richardson, of the New York East Conference, discoursed on the "Mercy seat," and delivered his sermon after the manner of earlier Methodism, in which the great facts of Christian theology were illuminated by the common facts of daily life, and enriched by the details of experience, a style of preaching more convincing and effective than any other which the church has ever known.

The last morning sermon in the secular days of the week was preached by Rev. S. W. Smith, son of Rev. Dr. Smith, of Ocean Grove, whose discourse on "Spiritual discernments" was listened to with a closeness of attention not often accorded to a Saturday morning deliverance. Notwithstanding its metaphysical trend it was so saturated with the spirituality of which he was preaching, that it closed amid a chorus of Allelulias, with an undertone of tears.

The sermon of Bishop FitzGerald, who had been specially pressed by all the members of the Association present on the grounds at the time to preach on the Camp-Meeting Sunday, was a marked era in the history of annual closing sermons. While there had been no announcement, yet the people learned that the Bishop would preach, and many came from the surrounding resorts till the building was filled and numbers who could not be comfortably seated of necessity left. The discourse was on the Title of Christ as given by Pilate; and, in the plainest, simplest manner showed His Kingship, endorsed unintentionally by his enemies, both then and now. The words of the text were made symbolical of the great ideas of the Gospel, which were one after another held to view in the regular sequences of their order, culminating in a grand climax which began with Abraham and finished with Jesus, "King of Kings, Lord of all."

In delivering the sermon, there was no turning from side to side, but an even facing of the audience, so that every one could distinctly hear, and an even voice completed the impression of what was heard.

The sermon closed with a pathetically overwhelming appeal to unsaved people, to accept Christ now and become brothers, sharing in His glory instead of standing among the enemies who will forever occupy their place in the last world "under His feet."

The closing service is thus described by Dr. Wallace in the Ocean Grove Times :

Yesterday was known as "Breaking-up" day in Ocean Grove. At 9 o'clock service was held in the

Auditorium and reports were heard from the various departments of devotional work during camp meeting. The exercises also included the baptism of infants, Bishop FitzGerald officiating in person, assisted by Dr. A. E. Ballard.

Mrs. Lizzie E. Smith, leader of the Holiness meetings in the Tabernacle, reported that seventy-two meetings were held during the season and that 300 persons received the baptism of the spirit at the altar.

A letter was read by Bishop FitzGerald from Dr. William Franklin, who has charge of the Helping Hand meetings in Thornley Chapel, testifying to the good work that has been done during the Camp-Meeting.

Dr. A. E. Ballard spoke of the "Fellowship of Saints," and "The Great Spiritual Powers," in referring briefly to the "sunrise service" and "family prayers," held at 5.45 and 6.45 respectively during Camp-Meeting.

Dr. Joseph A. Smith, in speaking of the good results of the meetings held in the Temple under his leadership, said, "It was a storm centre of revivals, due wholly to the honoring of the Holy Ghost. There has been a recognition of the possession of the Holy Spirit, more than the need of the spirit," continued Mr. Smith, "and the spirit favors simplicity in worship. As the clergyman preaches without notes, so the congregation may sing without notes, in the good old-fashioned, open-your-mouth-and-shut-your-eyes fashion. We are on the dawn of a great pentecostal revival. I was brought up a Presbyterian and brought down a Methodist."

Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon, of Pennington Seminary, spoke of the good curriculum of Ocean Grove, and said, "The Catholicity of the Bible Class has made it popular. All churches are represented there, and if any single church is attacked, even the Roman Catholic church, I always defend it."

Bishop FitzGerald spoke of the great benefits resulting from the musical department, and the work of Prof. Tali Esen Morgan, the director, and said: "I bless God that he cannot only sing, but speak of Jesus as his own."



Exterior of the Auditorium

Prof. Morgan was greeted with a round of applause. He said: "There is an erroneous impression abroad that the average church choir is composed of unregenerate sinners, but as regards this chorus, I can only say that nearly every member is either a Christian man or a Christian woman. Of the 400 singers and musicians in my charge, 156 are Method-

ists; 61 Presbyterians; 40 Baptists; 39 Episcopalians; 2 Roman Catholics; 15 Congregationalists; 12 Reformed Baptists; 4 Lutherans; 4 members of the Christian church; 2 United Presbyterians; 1 Evangelical church; 3 Friends, and 58 are unclassified. The congregational singing is the best in the world."

Speaking of the great oratorios produced during the season Prof. Morgan said: "I never put a piece on this platform for the sake of show, or for the purpose of showing off my orchestra, my chorus or myself, and I believe that God deserves the best music we can give Him. (Applause.) When we played 'Elijah' here, there was a sense of devotion that was felt by all who heard it."

John E. Andrus, treasurer of the Ocean Grove Association, reported that the contributions this season have not been sufficient to meet the running expenses and never had been since he has been connected with Ocean Grove. Last Monday he deposited in the bank 13,219 pennies.

Dr. J. H. Alday, in reviewing the services held during the last ten weeks in the Auditorium, said: "The congregations have been larger than during the corresponding period last year, and in this respect I might in all propriety, use the term multitudes, as never since the building was erected have there been such great crowds of people, thousands, I am told, being unable to gain admittance here last night. The tide of religious feeling has reached the flood."

After the exercises in the Auditorium, came the processional service, a "march-around." The clergy, headed by the Bishop, with the Cooke brothers, one

on each side, and all the co-workers, marched through the Auditorium, and the grounds in the immediate vicinity, spending a few moments in the Tabernacle, Thornley Chapel and the Temple, the whole multitude meanwhile joining in the hymn: "We're Marching to Zion."

During the closing prayer by Bishop FitzGerald, the most touching and pathetic incident of the entire camp-meeting occurred, and a hush, except for the silent sobbing of a few near the altar fell upon the great assembly, when the great divine, whose earnestness and general devoutness has impressed so many, spoke the words, "I declare the camp-meeting of 1901 closed in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Each word representing the three-in-one, was accompanied by a solemn peal from the great bell in the tower. The scene was a very impressive one, the thought occurring to many that perhaps there were some present who would not hear it another season.

The sermon of Dr. Talmage on September 8, on "The Mission of Sorrow," was an eloquent presentation of the results accomplished in the human soul by the "ministry of tears." In his touching references to the suffering President he quoted the words of Garfield after the assassination of Lincoln, "The Lord reigneth."

Rev. J. R. Daniels, a member of the Association, who had been traveling in the olden lands beyond the Atlantic, preached an effective discourse in the evening in which "Holiness" as the controlling force of all gospel processes was clearly set forth with a force which proved him still to be possessed of the pristine

vigor which has marked his life in the pastorate of his ministry.

The last Sunday in the Auditorium was one of exceeding tenderness, growing out of the death of the martyred President.

Rev. Mr. Randolph, of Hackettstown, preached with special reference to the grandeur of his character, in devotion to principle, to home life, to statesmanship and to the religion of Jesus, whose principles were illustrated in his life.

In the evening a service was held for which the Vice President issued the following: .

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Ocean Grove, N. J., September 14, 1901.

The Ocean Grove Association
will hold a
Lodge of Sorrow
on Sunday evening, September 15,
in the Auditorium,
in which all the people are invited to join.

A. E. BALLARD, Vice President.

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There was a great downpour of rain, but the people braved the elements. Professor Morgan and choir furnished appropriate music. Rev. Dr. Cummings touched the people to tears in his prayer, after which Hon. B. F. Jones, of Newark, spoke eloquently of the dead President's home life as a national example, of his nobility of character and the wisdom of his statesmanship, closing with the necessity of law for the suppression of anarchy.

Senator McClelland, of New York, followed in an impressive argument delivered through forcible oratory, for the extinction of anarchy by refusing the privilege of living in the land to any one who denied constitutional authority.

Rev. Dr. Evans added an address counseling that the spirit of vengeance be subordinated to law and that law should be framed to interpret precaution against an anarchist.

Rev. Dr. Hancock spoke for the church, with special reference to the impression of the President's home and Christian life.

Dr. Ballard closed with an endorsement of the previous sentiments, adding that the utterances of the President in connection with his assassination, were the nearest approach to those of Jesus in His death, which had ever emanated from the lips of any great ruler, and would impress the world more deeply than any other possible agency. He closed with the narration of an incident attendant upon a call made by himself recently upon the President in Washington, when he spoke appreciatively of his reception at Ocean Grove. Dr. Ballard's daughter reminded him that he had taken her hand in that visit, when he gave her his buttonhole flower, which she now cherishes as one of the sweetest mementoes of her life.

It was a sad closing to our Auditorium season, and yet an appropriate recognition of the historically remarkable visit of the President to Ocean Grove, where he first defined publicly his policy regarding the questions involved in a war with Spain.

The Missionary Training School under the charge of Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, held its annual meet-

ing on the evening of the close of camp-meeting. The addresses were stirring and the facts communicated of the value of preliminary training for missionary work were convincing of the need of such preparatory work. The audience evinced their appreciation both of the work and the noble woman who has devoted herself to it in a liberal contribution.

The King's Daughters

The King's Daughters held their anniversary meeting with Mrs. Bottome presiding. They have always been a popular institution, and have deserved their popularity on the lines of their great work of doing good to people. The addresses, especially those of Mrs. Bottome and Dr. A. D. Ball, were mainly discourses on the law of service by love, with the great result that love is supreme, and closing with the conception of the gospel that life's inequalities can all be leveled by the spirit of love.

Mrs. Margaret Bottome, president of the King's Daughters, not only presided at the Ocean Grove anniversary of that society, but employed her rare talent for public address in several departments of Association work. The Bible talks to young people in the Temple, on "Sound Doctrine," a "White Life" and "Royalty," were beyond any adverse criticism in the sterling value of their utterances.

Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly

Rev. B. B. Loomis, D. D., who for many years has been the leader of educational Sunday School

work at Chautauqua, Round Lake, Ocean Grove and other places, conducted the Assembly again at the Grove.

The exercises were divided into the Boys' and Girls' hour, taught by Mrs. Loomis, illustrated with Bible History, Geography, the Bible as a Book, Mountains of Palestine, the Homes of Jesus, Cities of Palestine, and closing with a general review.

Dr. Loomis lectured on Inspired Biography, The Land of Palestine, Christ's Thirty Years of Preparation, His Obscurity and His Popularity, His Opposition and Humiliation, The Day of Crucifixion and the Forty Days of Resurrection. Professor Hutchinson on Biblical Pedagogy, Line of Psychology, The Classification of Pupils, Kindergarten and Primary Pupils, Junior Pupils, Study of Child Nature and Adolescence.

During four of the evenings illustrated stereopticon lectures were delivered, two by Frank Robertson on South Africa and China, in which the Boer war and the Boxer massacres were intelligently shown, and two by Rev. F. B. Davenport on Personal Observations in Palestine, which brought that far country into an almost immediate relationship. All the lectures and illustrations were of the highest character, and were greatly appreciated by those who witnessed them.

On the closing day in the Auditorium, Bishop FitzGerald delivered an appropriate address and presented the diplomas. After this came the march of the Flower Girls under the music of the Baptist Boys Brigade band, where little three-year-old Alice Sullivan led the procession. That in itself was as beautiful as any other of the beautiful things of Ocean

Grove. This was followed by a camp-fire on the beach arranged by General Patterson, followed by a banquet in which a number of speeches created an interest in Ocean Grove.

On the next evening a reception was given at the Arlington, where Mrs. Von Finkelstein gave an interesting description of Jewish manners and customs. Mrs. Farraday was elected president of the alumni for the year, which closed the session.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The anniversary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was an occasion of increased interest over the year past, both in the attendance and the inspiration of the exercises. Mrs. Bourne presided over the service, conducting it at each session acceptably. Bishop FitzGerald delivered the greeting on the basis of the impossibility of men and women who loved their kind either ignoring or refusing to assist in the great temperance issue and the natural power of womanhood to stir the better instincts of men.

Different ladies, eminent in their special work, made well-prepared addresses on Sabbath observance, the house that rum built, alcohol in medicine, etc.

Mrs. Ellis, of Newark, gave a magnificent address on God in Government, specially illustrated by the canteen question, and Mrs. Barney, of Rhode Island, gave an address on Cuban Expansion, which stirred the souls of the people to the depths, as did also her realistic picture of the women of Jerusalem. These noble women go on their way undeterred by defeat, accepting it as a necessary prelude to success

and simply go forward through every Red Sea on their path.

National Temperance Publication Society

The anniversary of the National Temperance Publication Society at Ocean Grove was held on July 27, 28 and 29, Joshua Baily, Esq., presiding. An address of greeting was delivered by Bishop Fitzgerald embodying the duty of the church and citizen to force the issues of the times upon the government and compel an avowment of its stand upon the question which will make the traffic in intoxicants a national issue.

President Baily followed with an address in similar tone, after which Rev. Harvey Wood spoke on a trinity of testimony from science, religion and experience against the traffic. Dr. C. H. Mead, Ocean Grove's old favorite, lectured in the evening on "Personal Influence."

On Saturday a very valuable paper, sent by Mr. Anderson, of Porto Rico, on the evils of the traffic there, was read, in which it was denied that soldiers were generally intemperate, and President Baily spoke again in most intelligent and effective forms on its evils in Soldiers' Homes. The children were not neglected, but owing to the small amount of time placed at their disposal not all was done that could have been desired.

The Sunday morning sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Dunn, general secretary of the society, discussing chiefly "The Canteen in the Army." Gen. Joseph Wheeler, who was to speak in the evening, was appointed by the War Department Marshal of

the Great Naval Parade at Newport for the succeeding Monday, and was unable to be present. His place, however, was supplied by Rev. Samuel Small, who was resting for a day or two at the Grove, and who closed the Temperance Anniversary with an eloquent lecture, in which he demonstrated that the South, so far behind us in the extinguishment of slavery, was far ahead of us in the extinguishment of the saloon.

The doctrine of all the addresses was the destruction and not the compromise of the traffic.

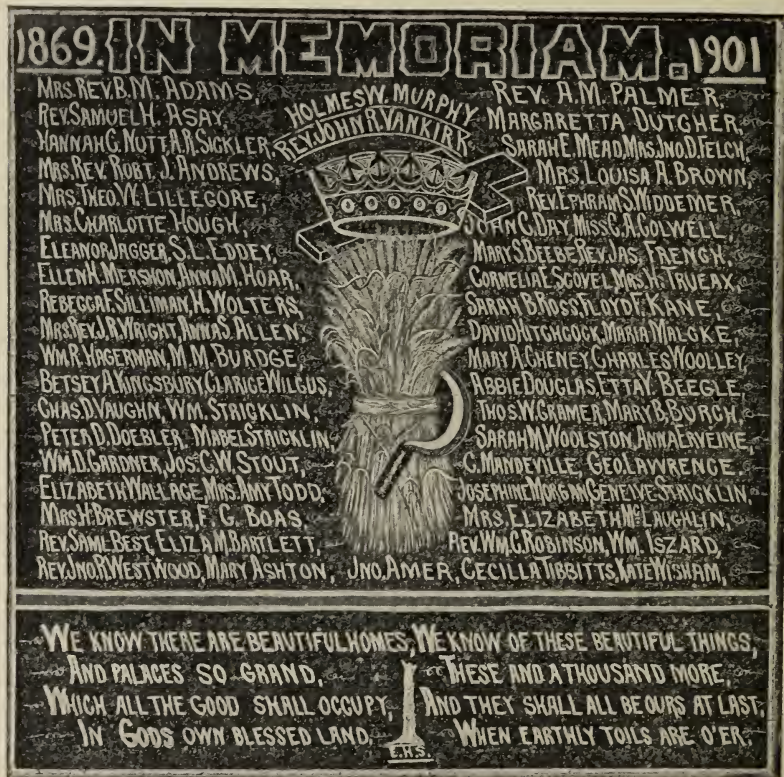
Memorial Service

On July 16, 1901—a day made memorable to Ocean Grove by the decease of Dr. E. H. Stokes, its president from the date of its organization to his death—a memorial service was held in the Young People's Temple, while in the other meetings of the day the allusions to it were frequent and tender.

In the Temple all the hymns sung were of Dr. Stokes' composition, and eloquent addresses were made by Dr. Yatman and Senator McClelland.

The annual memorial service was held in the Tabernacle on the afternoon of July 29th, under the direction of Bishop FitzGerald, who, with Drs. Alday, Wallace, Ballard and others, occupied the hour in tender remembrances of deceased men and women who were workers in the gospel with Ocean Grove. These tender remembrances all linked themselves with the hope of a glorified immortality and made the occasion one of "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing."

The anniversary services in Thompson Park followed the memorial in the Tabernacle, where a considerable number of people were gathered in view of the exercises, which were under the direction of Bishop FitzGerald.



Rev. Dr. Alday, as in all the years past, read the Scripture for the occasion. Drs. Yatman, S. M. Myers, Ballard and others made appropriate addresses.

In his address Dr. Ballard said: "The late Dr. Stokes, Joseph H. Thornley and a few others, assembled in Mrs. Thornley's tent on Tuesday evening,

July 31, 1869, and had supper together. After the repast it was proposed to make the circuit of the immense sand dunes which separated the ocean from the Grove. When some of the party left with this object it suggested to those who remained to hold there the first religious public service. The Scripture was opened at the first chapter of Genesis and read, 'In the beginning God.' The words made a profound impression, and were then adopted as the Ocean Grove motto for all its future."

The annual meeting ordered a letter to Hon. W. J. Sewell expressive of their sympathy with him in his illness and their earnest prayer for his recovery.

The special committee to prepare memorials of Brothers Hon. Holmes W. Murphy and Rev. John R. Van Kirk, beloved members of our Association, who have deceased since our annual meeting, respectfully report:

"That in the departure of Holmes W. Murphy the Association realizes a loss of no ordinary magnitude. As our adviser in the legal complications of the position of a chartered religious association with quasi municipal powers, his judgment was of the greatest value in guiding safely our untried path among the institutions of the State.

"His loving sense of brotherhood always opened the doors of our hearts without question, and his sunny genial nature added a double welcome to that presence when he entered.

"His religious experience corresponded with his nature, and no amount of personal suffering was able to depress it. Deprived for years of the use of the lower limbs, with only the partial use of the upper ones, and a large part of the time of the power to make his words understood, he was yet as genial in his experi-

ences Godward, and in his enjoyment of human brotherhood, as in the hours of most vigorous health.

"To Drs. Alday and Ballard, who frequently visited and worshipped with him, with the full knowledge of approaching dissolution, his calm, loving, sunny trust in God, never failed of expression.

"His interest in Ocean Grove was maintained to the last, and he watched with keenest interest the attacks of its enemies, and the support of its friends.

"He has died as he lived, a lover of God and a friend of men.

"Dr. O'Hanlon, Dr. Ballard and T. M. Dickey were privileged to represent Ocean Grove at the funeral, the two former of whom made addresses on the occasion.

"His decease adds one more to the society of Ocean Grove already "over the river," and his experiences encourage those of us who remain here to be faithful a little longer to the work assigned us, when we with him, shall be together again forever."

A. E. BALLARD, Vice Pres.

J. H. ALDAY,

THOMAS O'HANLON,

T. M. DICKEY,

GEO. W. EVANS, Sec'y.

Committee.

Rev. John R. VanKirk, a member of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association and a prominent citizen of New Brunswick, died in that city on Monday, May 13, 1901, aged 82 years.

Major John C. Patterson and T. M. Dickey acted as pall-bearers, and, with Rev. A. E. Ballard, represented the Ocean Grove Association. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Rev. John Reeder VanKirk, an ordained elder in the M. E. Church and a member of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, passed his earliest years

in Trenton, N. J., from where he afterward removed to Newark, and thence to New Brunswick, at which latter place he resided from middle life until its close, May 13th, 1901, when in his 82d year he passed from earth to heaven.

In his early manhood he was called out by the church in its ministry, and served for a year in that capacity, when he came to the conclusion that he could be more useful to the great cause by the devotion of a business life.

Forty-five years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Shrady, of New York, which union was blessed with one daughter, named after her mother, whose marriage to Mr. W. T. Reeves, a lawyer in New York, gave two boys as grandchildren, who altogether have made a model christian home in New Brunswick.

He never gave up his active christian work as a local preacher of more than average ability, and in this capacity was always the pastor's friend and wise adviser. It was from another of these personal intimacies, born out of personal friendship, that interested Dr. Stokes with Dr. Ballard in his value to the Ocean Grove Association, of which body he became a member in 1880, and enjoyed their unlimited confidence and fullest respect for all the remaining years of his life, giving his summers to the great work contemplated by that institution, in forms which make it difficult to replace him.

Mr. VanKirk came of a sturdy ancestry, and inherited a remarkable vigor of constitution, which only succumbed at last after four months of intense suffering, resulting from an attack of the grip, followed

by a severe cold setting in all the bodily organs and centralizing in the heart.

Up to within a short period of his death he cherished the hope of at least one more summer in his beloved Ocean Grove, and in the visits made him by Dr. Ballard frequently so expressed himself, giving special direction to the summer preparation of his home. When it became certain that this would never be, he acquiesced with a joyous patience which took into the account the mansions of the New Jerusalem. He was never demonstratively enthusiastic, but in view of the world beyond his soul exulted. He quoted, "I see a world of spirits bright," with other of the exultant hymns of Methodism as his personal experience.

When the announcement of coming departure was made to him, he called his family together, telling his wife that the hardest trial of all was separation, even for the short period of life, from her—hardest for her, for she would be left alone. For the one precious daughter it was the same, except that she had her husband and children. To the son-in-law and grandchildren he gave his blessing. He named kindly friends, whom he wished his family specially to remember, specially Bishop Wilson and Dr. Ballard, the friend of his youth as well as later days, and then rested in peace waiting for the end, which came peaceful and calm, as he entered into life eternal.

The Summer School of Theology

has for a number of years past been an institution of Ocean Grove, whose expenses have been met from fees, special and regular entertainments, from the

contributions of generous individuals, and the general resources of the Association. In the past season the fees have been abolished, the cost greatly reduced, and it is hoped that in the future, without lowering the high standard of the lectures, the institution will be self-supporting.

The school possesses many valuable features. There are ministers and lay members of the churches who desire to be placed in contact with the most advanced culture of religious knowledge for which their location and circumstances do not afford the opportunity. In their few days of freedom from pastoral pressure and secular cares at Ocean Grove the very best of all this knowledge is brought in clearly defined and concrete forms before them from living voices filled with the inspiration of their subject. The term of the school was occupied by a class of lecturers who, for the closest research of intricate scholarship, as applied to the present advanced condition of Biblical learning, have never been surpassed among us. Their utterances were delivered with a vigor of oratory which emphasized the meaning in its fullness, and a distinctness of articulation which enabled every one to understand. They were welcomed with appreciative audiences, which increased daily until the Temple was filled. The system of its program was to teach what is so absolutely known to be true, that no after-criticism can possibly prove it false. To teach not only that it is true, but show how it is known to be so, and discuss all criticisms from that standpoint.

The entertainment preceding the opening of the school was an exhibition of the "Tissot pictures,"

representing all the prominent facts and illustrations in the life and teachings of Jesus. The scenes were painted in Jerusalem by Mr. Tissot, whose reputation as an artist had no superior, and whose marvellous works of art in these pictures exceeded his reputation. It is but seldom that a work of art can be produced—appreciated alike by educated and uneducated taste—but these pictures have achieved that distinction which places them among those that will live contemporaneously with those of other great masters.

The school opened with a paper by Bishop Breyfogle of the Evangelical Association, on “The Bible and the State.” He said, the Bible unites humanity in common brotherhood in the death of Christ for all. Common brotherhood is the basis of the State, and eventually of nations. Popular education and equality are essential to the success of such a government as ours, and that education should place the Bible in every school desk in the land over which the flag floats—for no State can effectually either create and enforce the best government without the training of the Bible.

Prof. Morgan’s lecture on the “Power of Music in Public Worship” was of large practical value. He showed how John Wesley adopted the popular street songs and adapted them to religious purposes, through which Methodism sang herself into power. He said that music appeals first to the physical senses by which an Indian is captivated just as an Ocean Grover, and that the people will catch a fine melody with decided physical accent anywhere. The best of the standard hymn tunes are mostly adaptations from the secular, and the tunes appropriate to

children, as found in Sunday School selections, are the proper a, b, c, of introduction to higher music in the advances of growth.

Dr. George E. Purvis, of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, who had been in our course in the previous year, discoursed on "The Book of the Acts; Its Purpose, Teaching and Historical Value," received an attention compelled by the intense personality with which the speaker invested his theme. But few things new can be said about that wonderful book, but the Doctor's way of more deeply impressing the olden ideas by vivid presentation of the facts in an order of logic sealed them imperishably in the memory.

His second lecture was named, "Paul's Letter to the Philippians," in which he discussed the relation of Jesus toward God and toward man, in which he said that St. Paul's conception of life was "work for Christ." He made no account of himself, but rather humbled himself, and held before his followers the example of Jesus. "Paul does not say that when Jesus came to earth that He ceased to be God and was only man, but he held that Jesus did not manifest himself as God while on earth, but as man." Paul taught imperial worship. In Rome the one religion was the worship of the Emperor, the people joining in the acclamation that "Cæsar is Lord," and Paul substituted in his teachings the worship of Christ—not Cæsar, but Jesus.

Since then Dr. Purvis has been suddenly called to be with Christ, and entered into rest, leaving behind him a reputation for purity of life and research of scholarship which we are glad to associate with Ocean Grove.

The lectures of Rev. G. W. Dryer, D.D., on the Church of Rome at the end of the Nineteenth Century, and the Evangelical faith of Italy, were occasions of popular interest. They showed the struggle of Rome to obtain the control of governments, especially our own, through the impression of the priesthood upon popular votes, and that the restoration of its temporal power would force the Protestant Churches out of existence. He discriminated carefully between what was real and what was fictitious in the Catholicism of Rome, and exposed the unreliability of its pretensions to supremacy.

His arguments rested solely upon facts—speculative prophecy was largely left out of the question, and his language, while expressive, was not oppressive. The handling of his subjects made it plain that he had mastered them.

The lecture of Dr. Gros Alexander on "St. Paul's Conception of Sin," was conceded to be the finest and clearest analysis of that subject ever brought before the Summer School. It had been discussed until anything new in itself, or new in its adjustments of illustration, was thought impossible, but Paul's strong ideas displayed through the flexibility of modern English, molded upon the latest and best translation of the New Testament, proved the contrary.

The conception was divided into two classes, "self-deception an inherent element in the sin principle, and the desire for independence the root of all transgression in men or angels."

The lecture of Dr. Alexander on St. Paul's teaching concerning "Faith and its Meaning," walked carefully the edges of the line between Faith and



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Credulity without once falling over. Its shades of meaning were so delicately drawn that the secular reporters failed to interpret them, but to the spiritual part of the audience they were full of spirit and life. The plain everyday meaning of the words was absorbed without difficulty, but there is a higher meaning utterly unintelligible to unspiritual minds, which are spiritually discerned by spiritual people. Both these forms of words were skilfully adjusted in the lecture in the great thought that spiritual life can only come through a life-giving spirit.

Dr. Alexander's third lecture on "St. Paul's experience and doctrine of New Life in Christ," was largely an illustrative extension of the previous two.

Taken together the three lectures were a realistic picture of man in the toils of Satan, brought by his faith into the freedom of Christ and his life in the blessedness of spiritual fellowship with Him; and all these phases discussed with the fullest examination of all the best thinkers of all the ages.

Joseph Vital, a young Italian preacher who was converted from Romanism in Italy, and whose work has been principally in that Sunny Land, delivered what the secular press called a splendid argument against ecclesiastical privacy. The assumptions of Popery were brought out in the language of the Romish Church, fairly canvassed and confuted by the New Testament program and direction regarding the founding and governing of churches. The interest, as he stood the half hour allowed to questions, was intense, none of which in any way impaired his argument.

Dr. S. L. Bowman's lecture on the four gospels,

their authors, origin, characteristics and credibility, was scholarly and explained in what respects the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—differed in their treatment of Christ's life. He said:

“Matthew, being a Jew, was interested in the salvation of the Jews, and taught them that Jesus was King of the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Mark, bearing a Roman name, and being of Roman descent, wrote in the interest of Roman converts.

“Luke, being a Greek, wrote for the benefit of the Greek gentiles, and traced Christ's natural descent from Adam.

“John's teaching was more advanced. He sought the evangelization of the whole earth.

“Matthew gave special prominence to the Lord's discourses; Mark wrote of Christ's miracles; Luke of the parables, and John the prayers of Jesus.”

The second lecture was on evolution in respect to man, how he did not descend from the monkey. He argued that such descent was impossible from the fact that the brute creation do not possess “intellectuality, spirituality or immortality”—that there are broken links in Darwin's organic chain, and the impossibility of the conception of art in the lower creation.

Dr. J. E. Gilbert, general secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, lectured on Bible study and spiritual life in a new and interesting presentation.

A secular journal reports it as saying: “The Bible reveals men as well as God. You will never know man until you read the Scriptures. Man is like a tree, the lower limbs resembling the roots, and the

upper portion of the body the branches, that look upwards towards heaven."

Speaking of the law of spiritual life he said: "The law of Christian life is that which we do to others we do to ourselves. It is the law of action, and the reaction the law of spiritual life."

During the discussion which ensued a lady who takes a prominent part in the meetings, and who is always propounding theories, asked a question regarding the lecturer's reference to men as revealed in the Bible. The answer made by the Doctor was, "Understand man, and you have a stronger faith in the Trinity."

His second lecture on the wonderful Book was a clear presentation of the great distinction between the Bible and every other book, and the succession of wonders which it reveals to the best methods of physical and spiritual study.

The lectures of Dr. Gamble were unique, but demonstrated with a clearness which seemed unquestionable that the commonly accepted interpretations of the Bible respecting the Sabbath were without foundation either in Scripture or an exact interpretation of Jesus, or Christian history. Beginning with the creation he traced the Sabbath history through all events which could possibly interpret it, and showed that in every case the Sabbath of the world was the day adopted by the Apostles and given to the church as its Sabbath, and which is so recognized over the world today. He also showed that the one kept by the Jews was not the one of original institution, but one specially introduced to commemorate their deliverance from Egypt, without any reference to one given by

God which was observed through all the patriarchal dispensation.

This true conception is obtaining among the Jewish Rabbis and their congregations, the largest in New York having publicly accepted its truth, and others are following.

The illustrated lecture of Rev. Dr. J. Benson Hamilton, D.D., describing the condition of the Freedmen in the South, through the conception of that fairy story so dear to the child's heart called Aladdin's Lamp, was ingeniously unique in its allegory, and conveyed the knowledge of the rapid advance made by the colored race since their emancipation in a manner which effectually disposed of the popular fallacy which discredits that advance.

It showed the marvellous uplifting—unequaled by any race in the world's history—which has been made by that people, in such convincing forms as to encourage the efforts of the Society to place them on the full line of American morals and intelligence.

Mrs. Ormiston Chants, the most justly celebrated of English women who appear on the public platform, accorded three evenings from her American engagements, to the Summer School, devoting them to the "Old and the New woman," in which womanhood's emergence from the worst of the physical and moral evils which had clung to her past, and the adoption of better things in the present, with timely warnings against the probable dangers confronting them, were delivered in forms of purest delicacy in plainest matters of fact.

"America as seen through an Englishwoman's

eyes," described, appreciatively and unappreciatively, yet always in good taste, our climate, with all its wonderful variety, its extent to which her own land was only a great State, our friction, the profusion of our food, and our wastefulness, and specially the co-education of the sexes to which she confessed a previous opposition, but which her observation had compelled an enthusiastic belief as a great instrument of social purity in general life.

The last lecture on the "New Century," was equal to the rest, and equally well received, as she passed through possibilities which seemed like a fairy story, and yet a story less improbable than the actual facts of the century just gone which built itself from the century preceding. She possessed a superior culture of song, and her spiritual renderings added largely to the interest of her lectures.

Hints to Preachers

The vast Auditorium is so constructed that in order for a preacher to be distinctly heard he must take his position in the centre of the platform directly facing its far end on the natural level of an upright pose, with his voice slightly raised in deliberate enunciation. If he moves about on the platform, if he turns his face to one side or the other, if he raises or lowers his voice suddenly, if he talks very loudly or rapidly, he is only heard by a very few of the people and in many cases not at all. Some of the best sermons preached during the past summer were practically lost to the public; others were heard and understood by but few people, and by the rest with a

feeling of unrest, arising from a compulsory politeness, which prevented them leaving the place, and indulging in criticisms the reverse of complimentary, leaving with a weary feeling, which disinclined them to risk a repetition of a sermon whose delivery to them was in an unknown tongue. A clear attention to the two or three facts given above would prevent all this and make the sermons what they are intended to be—"The power of God unto salvation."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

enjoyed once more at the anniversary in Ocean Grove, the presence of that venerable president, Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, whom a kindly Providence permits to remain awhile below before obeying the call to join her beloved husband.

The sermon of the society was preached by Rev. Dr. Rockwell Clancy, a returned missionary, who, in the plainest, simplest manner, told of the missionary work in the land where he had labored for several years.

The music was in charge of Mrs. John King, of Red Bank, and was a very interesting feature of the meeting.

The address of Miss Ella Chase on Young Woman's Work, was a production of large value.

The addresses of returned missionaries were full of interest, as was the singing by the Bruere children in the native language.

The afternoon of Sabbath was devoted to an address from Mrs. Rockwell Clancy and the contribution by subscription to the funds of the society.

As year after year passes on the inestimable value of this society to the conversion of the world becomes more and more apparent, and the wonder is that it took the church so long to understand how greatly is missionary work advanced by women under the direction of women.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society

In the necessary absence of the president, Mrs. General C. B. Fisk, the meeting was presided over by Miss Henrietta Bancroft, than whom a better selection could not have been made.

A genial greeting from Bishop FitzGerald made these ladies and their friends assured of a welcome during the sessions of their Ocean Grove anniversary.

The addresses were based upon the wonderful facts growing out of their work, and which, as facts always will, find their way to the intelligence and hearts of the people.

In one of the meetings sixty dollars was raised for a year's care and training in the home at Albuquerque, of a little girl whose history and promise were such as to induce the contribution.

Dr. Gallagher and wife, by their presence and addresses, added largely to the interest of the anniversary, both by the knowledge of the work and interest in it. The addresses of the ladies were characterized by a clearness of logic in their utterances, as well as sympathy with their object which was not surpassed by any male convention assembled at the Grove.

The same thing may be said of the Deaconess' Day, which naturally connects itself with the Wom-

an's Home Missionary Society, and whose work is an extension of that idea.

The noble women who compose the order—whose chosen mode of life sacrifices the comforts of domesticity and home—whose days, and often their nights, are devoted to the relief of suffering in its most squalid forms—have established a Rest Home at the Grove, where one and another can come for a time, when nature is exhausted, and recuperate for freshened labor. Their anniversary was practically a continuation of the Woman's Home Missionary, and felt no lessening of interest until the close.

Sunrise Meetings

The sunrise meetings found the full opening quota usually present, notwithstanding a heavy down-pour of rain which accompanied it. So severe was the storm that it was impossible for the words of the testimony to be accurately heard, but the spirit made it understood, and the people rejoiced in the Lord. In this meeting the people gather at the altar, not so much in the humiliaton of penitence, as in their right to the sacred place of the Most High, and with united voices and clasped hands, exercise a faith in God's personal presence, which lends a realizing light till God is seen by mortal eye. There were always moments of silence when the souls touched God, moments of prayer for unsaved people, moments of consecration to God's work for the day, and moments of soul-rapture with which the people went forth to work for God.

The Sunset meeting at the beach was largely attended in numbers, and received the appreciative attention of the congregation. The hymns sung were

principally of a familiar and popular type, and the voices of the people as they rose above the surf was like the "sound of many waters," and the responses in the reading indicated that they were not meaningless utterances, but spoken with the spirit and the understanding also.

To some the Beach Meeting is the most impressive of all—no covering but the azure sky and in the distance a long line of blue, where sky and sea seem to meet, while beside us the restless waves cease not their ebb and flow, while we read together selections such as these :

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

"When thou passeth through the waters I will be with thee."

Speakers were selected whose voices were clear and strong, and who would not transgress the five-minute rule, which was as long as one person could talk profitably against the sound of the surf. Many of these were laymen, representing classes who had been delivered from the bondage of grosser sins, among whom were Col. Hadley, whose sweet voice and tender spirit were heard there, and Captain Stanley, whose songs, "There's another on board who might be saved," and "You must unload," will not be forgotten by the multitudes who thronged to hear them. Others were of those whose lives had borne the impress of religious surroundings, but in whom the experiences of salvation were the same.

Dr. O'Hanlon was frequently present, cheering and aiding the Vice President, as was sometimes Dr.



Scene Along the Boardwalk, Looking South

Yatman, who labored as efficiently there as in his own Young People's meeting. At the meeting before the last one Dr. O'Hanlon had spoken with deep feeling, when Dr. Yatman, in one of the possessions of inspiration which sometimes comes upon him, for fifteen minutes pressed upon the crowding thousands the needs of immediate salvation, until, under the tenderness of his tearful pleading, many people, confessedly not ready for the Great Judgment, asked for the prayers of the people that they might be helped in a better life preparation.

On the last evening the expressions to the leader of the great benefit the meeting had been to them were abundant, with earnest hopes that they might meet again another year.

The Helping Hand

and Fellowship meeting in Thornley Chapel was among those of greatest interest to the camp. The congregations filled the building as they had done every year, and the religious interest always resulted in sanctification and conversions. Rev. William Franklin was again in charge, with Miss Lizzie Sharp once more as leader.

People thronged the altar at every service, some for the widening of spiritual capacity, some for the experience of holiness, and some for the initial realization of forgiveness and regeneration.

While the meeting was reaching larger proportions of spiritual advancement, Rev. Franklin, whose past night had been one of illness, fell in the street. He was taken to the residence of Brother Moran and attended by the Doctors Alday until sufficiently re-

covered to be taken to his home. His interest in the meetings did not cease with his confinement, and he indited letters daily to be read in their hearing by the Vice President, who took charge until the close of the camp. The letters were full of the saintliest advice and experience, and together with the effective labors of Miss Sharp, deepened yet more the spiritual impressions of the people.

A report in his own language reads as follows :

“God has been very gracious to us in every meeting, and Sister Lizzie Sharp was at her best.”

“Our beginning was very small, but we had one seeker, then day by day an increase, until the room was filled to over-flowing, with altar and front seats crowded with seekers, morning by morning, up to the very last, so that it was about impossible to close on time. We were greatly helped by Rev. Brother Robertson and wife, and other ministers, also Brother Loper and wife, Brother Peterson, wife and daughter, in song, together with a noble band of laymen.

“Among those especially helped were ministers of the Gospel, and those whose hair is whitened by the frost of many winters, down to the young with the bloom of youth on their cheeks.

“Eternity alone will show the results—to God be all the glory.

“He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Young People's Meeting

Previous to the commencement of these meetings their leader wrote from places where he was holding

meetings, "People who like the meetings here make up their minds to a summer in Ocean Grove, and at another meeting scores of people closed around me and just said, 'Ocean Grove.'"

Its initiation was marked with salient and attractive features. Questions of how far may young women who desire to be really good participate in the present outdoor sports planned for them with others of similar practical bearing, sent the young people to their Bibles, as a sextette of young ladies sent them to the hymns.

Object sermons, where a lighted candle represented the light of the world, and its extinguishment the darkness; a doll, by which the different races were shown in their status of elevation and degradation; a cup of water, representing life's essentials, colored afterward to represent the Crucifixion; a bottle, whose contents illustrated the various phases of disposition; one called chemical, showing how nature can be changed, and a closing one on the flag, symbol of all that was good in providential surroundings. These sermons created great interest and filled the Temple to overflowing.

Reports from each meeting were furnished regularly to the committee, enabling them to keep in touch with this, as with all the other meetings. One would read, "This morning deep convicting power, and ten arose for prayers;" another, "The meeting was quiet and impressive, and in the after-meeting fifteen gave themselves to God." These were samples running along the whole line and show the greatness of the work accomplished by the meeting. The committee expresses to the young lady who compiled them their appreciation of her work.

A large variety of help was secured by the doctor as the days went on, but his own strong personality under the Holy Spirit was the great element of its success.

He is now away on an evangelizing tour and the time of his return is uncertain. The tenderest prayers and best wishes of both the meeting and the Association will accompany him. A subjoined letter reads :

Ocean Grove, Sept. 4, 1091.

To the Devotional Committee :

Dear Brethren—Am closing up all Ocean Grove matters now, for early Monday morning I will be off to preach a full week for the Pan-American people. Then sail on the 17th for work abroad.

Let me thank you for your faithful and complete backing for my Temple work. I have tried to make it honor both God and you. Some good success has come. Many of my friends think it's the strongest season's work of my life.

I wish Providence and you could find my successor.

As soon as I can I will let you know about next year.

Yours truly,

C. H. YATMAN.

Holiness Meeting

The only all-the-year Sunday assemblage of the people began its daily sessions in the Tabernacle on July 23d, under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith. The Devotional Committee feel that they

were providentially led in the selection. She was the daughter of an eminently holy Methodist pastor, trained in the knowledge of Holy Scripture, possessing a deep experience in the mysteries of the spirit, along with a discriminating judgment, extraordinarily gifted with voice and manner for public speaking a full treasury of appropriate words, and magnetic personal pressure; she was eminently qualified to lead the Holiness Service at Ocean Grove.

Among others who gave their assistance in the conduct of the meeting was Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Virginia, whose pungent discourses were effectively blessed to the awakening of conscience in cold or backslidden believers.

Rev. Dr. Cummings, of Philadelphia Conference, who, although nearly blind, gave out streams of the spiritual light from within him to the perception of sanctified souls, and whose missionary experiences, both at home and in the Indies, were refreshingly illustrative of God in us, taught freshly the lessons and success of sacrifice.

Mrs. Bottome gave a number of original Scriptural conceptions in reading. Missionary evangelists spoke encouraging words touching their support under trial by the spirit of Holiness. Brother Davidson gave efficient help. Mrs. Fisk taught through the tears of the people of Holiness in song. Miss Mary Marsh presided daily with great dignity at the organ.

Numbers verging on four hundred were at the altar for help and were greatly blessed in experience. Over two hundred openly sought the blessing of a clean heart, and nearly that number received it, and a great many persons testified clearly to its possession.

The meetings, while always profitable, were usually free from fanaticism, either in language or demeanor, evincing a spirit of thoughtfulness preceding every step in ascending life. Sometimes the joyous emotion would rise to ecstasy, under which one lady, with radiant face, and radiant eye, and radiant voice transfiguring her, said, "I am in heaven."

It is pleasant to record that no captious criticisms were heard from people who were not in sympathy with the doctrine, and no controversial ones from those who were.

The Children

have always occupied a prominent place in the thought and plans of Ocean Grove. The great value of impressing children with the fact that a life restricted in its pleasures to those provided by God, was, in reality, a life of greater pleasure than any provided by the world, was understood, and amusements on the Creator's plan arranged for them. On this line they could grow up here in the enjoyment of a freer harmony with nature than was possible in the crowded dissipations of society. This thoughtful care has grown with the growth of the Grove, until now tens of thousands of children come with the feeling that life's best enjoyments are found here under the sanctions of religion.

The assembling of the little people in the Temple was attended with a number of difficulties in the changing of places and other circumstances which interfered very greatly with their successful conducting. Notwithstanding all these unfavorable circumstances, Mrs. Thompson persisted in her God-given

work of leading the little ones to Christ, and was blessed with knowing that a very large number received intelligent instruction in the great essentials of religion, and went out from the Grove determined to walk the beginnings of responsible life on the pathways of the Saviour.

The Twilight Meeting

held at 6.30 p. m., during the Camp-Meeting, was conducted as heretofore by Dr. Yatman with great profit to the people, bringing a number into the knowledge of God. The time interfered largely with the necessities of the people, but they came and were greatly blessed in coming. There has always been something sweet and tender about this meeting ever since its inception under Rev. B. M. Adams, who was able to visit it only once this season. It has not lost any of its old interest and success under Doctor Yatman. A specially attractive feature of the meeting was the ringing of the "chimes" by Miss Imogene Fields.

Family Prayer

was held in the Auditorium immediately following the Sunrise Meeting in the Tabernacle. It has always been one of the most tenderly solemn services held here. Men and women in the exercise of this form of devotion bring all the home ties into their daily life—just as in their own homes. The pleadings for children in these prayers in the intelligent fervor of their faith, could not fail of blessing from the All Father.

There was a marked increase of attendants during all its period.

The music of Ocean Grove never was as perfect as in the past summer. Large possibilities of development of melody in the human voice are being continually discovered and utilized in the training of many voices together, and no man in the century has done more than Professor Morgan, both in the discoveries and utilization. Every year has added to his knowledge, and every year to its application, until the Ocean Grove Chorus has become a way mark of advance for many a mile beyond its precincts.

A successful chorus was conducted by Mr. L. van Gilluwe during the winter months. A rendering of Mendelssohn's "Athalie" was given in Association Hall on June 11th by the chorus, and prepared the way for a larger musical success during the season.

In instrumental music, the Bradfords maintained their well-earned reputation, and were greater favorites than ever. This has also been true of the Park Sisters. It appears impossible that our hymns could be so perfectly rendered by a cornet that the people imagined the players were singing the words. Musical ability could receive no higher tribute.

The chorus rehearsals have not only been the means of a phenomenal improvement in the music rendered in the different services at the Grove, but have been a great educational advancement in music to those who participated in them. Their service without pay was more than compensated to them by what they learned under the teaching of Prof. Morgan, and the practice in his magnificent choir. Many people account themselves fortunate to have the

younger members of the family under the training and discipline of the Association choir.

Among the soloists who have specially interested popular attention is our own Blanche Bennett, than whose no purer voice ever comes to us, and Mrs. R. H. Carr, always a favorite. Miss Nellie Brown in "Opening the Gates of the Temple" charmed all listeners. Mrs. J. A. Fitch, who, without professional training, produced exceptional spiritual results, sang for several weeks in the different public meetings, often moving her hearers with inspirations leading to a more devoted spiritual life. Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wilson also rendered several old-time pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Loper, of Bridgeton, did excellent service in the different services. A considerable number of ladies and gentlemen contributed to this department and in this way rendered the meetings more attractive.

In the early Sunrise Meetings, Miss Nellie Brown presided at the organ, Miss Mary Marsh occupied the same position in the Holiness, and Miss Belle Greene in the Young People's Temple. Miss Lizzie Sharp in the Helping Hand, and Miss Reba Thompson in the Childrens' Meeting.

The Holy City, as rendered through Prof. Morgan and his orchestra, maintained its deservedly high place in popular estimation.

It had been given in the Auditorium several times, but never more effectively. Indeed, each year improves the capability of its artists, and, consequently, each year the rendering is of a higher quality. The chorus had been under special training by Prof. Morgan during the winter, and a special train brought them to the Grove for the evening.

An elegant collation was previously served them in Thompson Park, and they returned to the city well pleased with Ocean Grove.

It was repeated effectively later in the season.

A pathetic incident in the life of General Fisk, when his child said, "Papa, why don't you pray?" formed the suggestion to Mr. Morse to write a short poem which was interpreted with music by Ray, son of Bishop FitzGerald, whose sense of sight has been destroyed, but which loss has intensified his sense of melody. This composition takes rank above the average, and when given by the full orchestra, its true value was shown by the breathless attention of the audience, and makes it sure that he has the ability of a great composer.



Building a Jetty

Words cannot eulogize too highly "Elijah," as given in the Grove under the sole conduct, from first to last, of Prof. Morgan.

Doubts were felt by members whether it could be effectively performed without some great artist of national reputation, but the Committee had none, and proceeded in leaving the entire preparation in charge of Prof. Morgan, whose courtesies in the year preceding, had yielded to the "doubting."

This year the criticism of the doubts disappeared, and the universal concensus of critics, and populace, press, and musical experts, was to the effect that it surpassed the previous occasions by a large margin.

The part of Elijah, as impersonated by Ffrangcon Davies, who has made it a life study, was made so real that the immediate surroundings were forgotten, and the people felt themselves to be in immediate contact with the great prophet in the different phases of his career.

Gustave Heinrichs, one of the first operatic conductors of the United States, wrote of it that "It was one of the best and most inspired renditions of that fine composition I ever heard. I consider it my duty to give expression to my feelings of high appreciation of your superior work."

The Children's Chorus reached a higher wave of perfection this year than the water-mark of the past. The arrangement of the children in red, white and blue heightened the effect of the patriotic songs, and the appropriateness of the difficult music rendered correctly by nearly a thousand voices, was simply wonderful. The sweet song of "Daddy, I've Got You, and You've Got Me," brought the tears from the people as freely as when it was first introduced.

The singing of the camp was conducted largely upon the old-time line of a single precentor leading

the voices of the great congregation through the spiritual poetry of Methodism in tunes familiar to both melody and understanding. On Sabbaths, however, the magnificent orchestra talked the music of the skies to the people in forms which compelled an admiration passing on beyond devotion, and the above line of precentorship with the aid of the organ, brought back the olden remembrances when a "camp" was a signal of the presence of spiritual power.

Ladies' Elim Association

whose existence of twenty-seven years has been twenty-seven years of blessing to many a minister and toil-worn wife, from June to October in each season, has been able to continue its good work as in the past. These ministers and their wives without regard to denomination are enabled to obtain a few weeks of recuperative rest at prices corresponding to their means. Mrs. Blanchard, the secretary, gives the number of guests at 275, coming from thirteen States and countries, and from fifteen different denominations. One of their most efficient workers, in the person of Mrs. Cornelia E. Scovel, was called during the year to a still grander association in the world beyond, where her works follow her, in the blessing of those whose path she assisted in making brighter on the earth.

Outings

The outing of the choir preceded by a day that of the children, and was an enjoyable time.

The musical intimacies growing out of personal

association, made such a day in the wooded park unusually pleasurable.

The members of the choir were from all parts of the country, but music, like Masonry, is fellowship in itself, and its realization in the woods with sandwiches and coffee, boating, swinging, photographing, ice creaming, singing, and everything else incidental to a well-managed gathering, left little to be desired.

The children's outing was under the generalship of Prof. Morgan. The second rendering of the children's festival chorus provided the necessary funds for the annual outing of the Ocean Grove children who had participated in the exercises. The day was a clouded one—just enough to make it delightful in the woods, and not enough to make it chilly. The substantials were all prepared in sandwiches, the cakes and ice-creams were abundant, and lemonade and coffee completed a program without which the swings and boats would have been largely discounted in value. Under the admirable freedom in discipline the day passed without accident, and the children, while tired, came to their homes with the feeling that another glad day had been added to their existence.

There were the usual number of other excursions, which were well carried out and thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

The Carnival

while a thing of beauty, is a somewhat costly entertainment. Beside the money raised by subscription, our electrical superintendent, with part of his force, spent ten days of solid work in fixing 8,000 feet

of wire, and the grand stand took a considerable period in the erection and taking down of the structure. It attracts many people for an hour in the evening, and possibly may aid in inducing a popular feeling in favor of Ocean Grove and the Park.

It lost none of its attractiveness in the representation of last summer, although the hundreds of boats in line, with full room for naval evolutions, passed away with the erection of the bridges, which now, in brilliant and scenic costume, take their place.

Surrounding Churches

The First Church of Asbury Park, which grew out of the original society organized by Rev. Dr. A. E. Ballard, then Presiding Elder of the New Brunswick District, including Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, laid the corner stone of an extension to their church edifice to cost \$30,000 on the afternoon of August 29th. Bishop FitzGerald, Drs. Ballard, O'Hanlon and Wedderspoon, Governor Voorhees and Judge Fort participated in the service.

The church at Bradley Beach maintains its place in popular estimation, as does also that in West Grove under the pastorate of Dr. Sargent, who came to them last year.

The church at West Park suffered a serious loss in the sudden death of Rev. Godfrey Hancock, its pastor, who went from his pulpit to heaven, but is prospering under the care of Rev. William Margerum. The other denominations around us manifest a friendly feeling of brotherhood toward us.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage

This eminent divine, who delivered the first public oration of the season on July 4th, delivered also the last on September 7th. The topic of the last was "The Sunshine of Life." It was at first proposed to postpone it on account of the sad news concerning the President, but as later reports spoke of his probable recovery, the postponement was rendered unnecessary. The sunshine of wit was tinged with an undertone of sadness, which placed the sympathies of the audience more with the suffering President than the entertainment of the hour.

Other entertainments are noted in connection with the causes in whose anniversaries they bore a part.

The Bible Class

In the Bible Class the topics took a wider range even than has been usual to it. The creation, whether its days meant twenty-four hours or innumerable epochs; the origin of being; the origin of sin; where its responsibility rested; a resurrection and what it was; the future of existence; the discipline of life, and what it meant; the Sabbath, and its claims and limitations; the relations between the sexes; the responsibilities of nations to their future; together with all the questions upon which the public is employing its attention.

In the charge of a leader who lacked either the knowledge or the tact to meet these questions in the form of popular illustrations, their discussion would lead to scepticism, but under Dr. O'Hanlon the best

knowledge attainable has been so aptly presented that while most of them still remain beyond the apprehension of human limitations, yet they naturally are credited by human belief.

At a session of the Ocean Grove Bible Class, held in the Auditorium, August 25th, 1901, 2,046 being present, the following minute was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

“ We, the members of the Ocean Grove Bible Class, rejoicing that in the providence of God our leader has been for twenty-five years spared to us and to the numberless thousands who, from year to year, have been privileged to meet here for Bible instruction, and to be lifted to a higher and better life, do

“ Resolve, That we give thanks to Almighty God for the life and service of our beloved leader, Rev. Thomas O’Hanlon, D.D., L.L.D., and fervently pray that he may yet be spared many years to interpret God’s Word, and to continue in his labors to elevate men and women to nobler purposes and more consecrated service for the Master’s Kingdom.”

A resolution was adopted by the class, asking the Association to inaugurate some suitable monument to the memory of Dr. Stokes, which by some unexplained delay in transmission did not reach it until after the adjournment.

Total number of Bible Class present during	
the summer	10,780
Average for summer per Sunday	1,078
Total collections for summer, ten Sundays .	\$204.06
Average collection per Sunday	\$20.40

The Sunshine Society

This society, nationally organized a couple of years ago, has attained a wide, popular celebrity throughout the union, having regular districts in all the States. It proposes to send "sunshine" among the poor by sympathetic, temporal relief—intellectual by cheerful reading and composition, and spiritual by faith in the loving fatherhood of God.

The Society held its district meeting in the Tabernacle, in which a considerable interest was evinced, and a number of members were added to the roll.

The Sabbath

The sermons of Rev. Dr. J. W. Hathaway, general secretary of the National Sabbath Association, upon the Sabbath, accorded to its representation, were so clear and convincing that some of his auditors expressed their determination hereafter to keep the Sabbath day "holy" in all manner of conversation.

Most people who wanted our reposeful quiet disturbed, and who wanted Sunday trains, Sunday papers, and Sunday tobacco, have gone where they can get them. The restrictions entail some personal inconveniences, but science has reduced them to such a minimum that they are scarcely felt. A secular journal speaks of us as follows :

"Perhaps at no other place is there such a strict observance maintained of the fourth commandment as here. This fact has become world-wide and the thousands who come every year recognize and respect the community which has and does enforce obedience to Divine law, as it was written thousands of years

ago. Not a wheel is turned, not a discordant sound disturbs the quiet that reigns from early dawn till latest eve."

Application was made for the privilege of distributing papers on Sunday for which orders had been sent, which was promptly declined.

The Cook Brothers

It is difficult to accurately describe these two young persons whose assistance was secured for the revival work of the Encampment. Three years since they came with their father to this country in the belief that they were called of God to evangelistic labor in the churches. The elder brother Hayden developed a gift in the management of revival assemblies, while Claude, the younger—whose household name was "Jack"—developed an abnormal ability in accurate religious and spiritual knowledge which, under such inspiration of the Holy Ghost as is given to all who are truly called of God to preach the Gospel, was made the power of God unto salvation.

Without the advantages of training in the schools, his theological knowledge equaled that of average theologians, while its expression to the people was made in the fittest words of a pure diction. His manner was always dignified before the people, and never descended to the chicanery of sensationalism. There was no ostentation of pretension in his immediate answers to questions that have puzzled the generations, and which answers embodied all that had been given by the best historians and assemblies. The fact that this was done without a single failure

with questions sprung upon him from a miscellaneous audience—and that the same things were true of his sermons from texts given him in the same way—that there were no mistakes in facts or defects in their logic, made it difficult to oppose the boy's own belief that "it was given him what to say," as is given to any other preacher when filled with the Holy Ghost.

Bishop FitzGerald and family had attended revival meetings in the most prominent church of St. Louis and witnessed the results of their labors in the conversion and sanctification of many souls who united with the church. A fair proportion of these were from the educated classes occupying elevated positions in society, and whose mode of life since gave promise of permanency. Upon the basis of these facts, afterwards further illustrated from the Auditorium platform by a Baptist clergyman in the statement that three years ago they had held similar services in his church, whose fruits had been eighty conversions, not one of whom had been dropped from the rolls, their services had been engaged by the committee, and continued to the close of the meeting. Opinions differed as to the propriety of admitting a "boy" to the Auditorium platform, but the deep religious feeling which spread over the whole people, inciting many Christians to the renewing of spiritual life, the presence at the altars of an unusual number seeking and finding the blessing of "Holiness," of many more who obtained the forgiveness of sins, combined with the general solemnity of great congregations, abundantly justified the Devotional Committee in their selection and retention, and convinced the judgment of most of the opponents.

Ushers and Collectors

The unremunerative duties accepted by the fifty gentlemen who act in this capacity during the season are of a kind whose costliness would make impracticable the conveniences now enjoyed by the people, if they were paid from the Association treasury. To all these men their time is valuable, to some of them the hours count many dollars, and all sacrifice the enjoyments of comfort given by them to the people. They find their compensation alone in the consciousness of having added to the comfort of others by giving up their own. Their annual banquet was an occasion in which, while the supplies of the Days left nothing physically to be desired, yet its geniality surpassed the palate.

The receipts from all sources connected with the Auditorium as given in their comprehensive report are:

Collections in Auditorium,	-	\$5,011.78
Young People's Meeting,	-	999.44
Holiness Meeting, - - -	-	349.61
Bible Class - - - -	-	203.79
Intermediate and Infant,	-	67.52

Total collections,		<u>\$6,632.14</u>
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Helping Hand collections paid to assistants.		
Receipts from Lectures, Stereop- ticons, July 4, etc.,		1,366.86
Concerts and Oratorios,		<u>6,120.59</u>

Total,		<u>\$14,119.59</u>
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These results, when compared with their expenses, show a deficit of over \$2,000, which is somewhat less than the average of years preceding.

Bro. Hermon Wolters, an efficient usher and collector, and valuable member of the Bible Class, deceased during the year, and the following memorial note was made by the class at their meeting on July 7, 1901:

“It was with deep sorrow and regret that the Class learned of the recent death of Mr. Hermon Wolters, one of the ushers, who for a number of years served in that capacity so successfully. He was a man of deep conviction and strong Christian character, and a devout follower of the Lord Jesus, and a faithful worker in His vineyard, and it was resolved that the Class express its appreciation of his past services.”

The name of Rev. J. R. VanKirk, also an usher and collector, is noted among deceased members of the Association.

The Association at its annual meeting expressed its high appreciation of the sacrificing labors of the ushers and collectors.

Association Meetings

The semi-annual meeting held in May, 1901, received reports from all the various committees, and outlined a policy for the Summer season, whose results will be found in the reports of committees made after the season closed at the annual meeting in November. At both these meetings Bishop FitzGerald had subtracted time enough from the pressure of Episcopal duties to preside and enjoy the appreciative fellowship of the Association.

The ladies of the Flower Mission presented their greetings on each occasion in fitting sentiments

embowered in beautiful flowers which were appropriately recognized by the members present. At the annual meeting Rev. H. M. Brown led in song, and Rev. Mr. Daniels, who had been absent for over a year beyond the Atlantic, led in prayer.

Recognition was made in the Spring meeting of the decease of Brothers Holmes W. Murphy and Rev. John R. VanKirk, both of whose memoirs will be found in another part of the report. After full consideration it was deemed wisest to postpone an election of members to supply the vacancies until another session. The committees remained as before except the Devotional Committee, which was enlarged by the addition of A. H. DeHaven and John E. Andrus. A general understanding of the lines of action to be pursued by the committees was reached.

The entertainment was furnished by the Alaska in a manner creditable to any hotel doing a summer business.

In order to complete the business in one day the session lasted until midnight, and the next morning the members departed to assume again the ordinary avocations of their lives.

Mayor Bradley was invited to dine with the Association. He replied as follows:

“New York, November 20th, 1901.

“Rev. A. E. Ballard, Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

“Dear Sir:—Your invitation to dine with my esteemed friends of the Ocean Grove Association reached me yesterday.

“I regret circumstances will prevent me from accepting it, for it would indeed be a pleasure to meet the men who manage an organization that has at-

tracted attention to its work in all parts of our country.

"It is my sincere wish that its great usefulness may continue long after you and your colleagues, who were the very groundwork of the enterprise, have gone to your rest.

"I heartily wish that there may be a feast of reason and a flow of soul as you surround the well-filled board, and as Shakespeare expresses it, 'may digestion wait on appetite and health on both.'

"Yours truly,

"JAMES A. BRADLEY."

The Association at its annual meeting directed a letter to be sent to United States Senator Hon. William Joyce Sewell expressive of their sympathy in his illness, and stating their high appreciation of his unfaltering friendship to Ocean Grove, to which the following is the reply :

"Battery Park Hotel,

"Asheville, N. C., Nov. 28, 1901.

"Rev. J. N. FitzGerald, Prest. The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Asso., Ocean Grove, N. J.

"My Dear Bishop:—I have yours of the 21st, and feel highly gratified indeed that I am worthy of the attention of so important a body as the Board of Managers of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association. Your action will always be a great source of pleasure to myself and family. I regret to say that I am not recovering as fast as I expected to, but have great hopes that I will eventually be able to resume my duties at a reasonably early date.

"With kindest regards, I am yours very truly,

"W. J. SEWELL."

Young Men's Christian Association

This association, for whose meetings suitable rooms were placed in Association Hall, communicated to Rev. A. E. Ballard, D.D. :

“September 10, 1901.

“Dear Dr. Ballard:—The following resolution was, on motion, unanimously adopted at the final session of our conference, Wednesday, September 4 :

“The members and secretaries of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations at the close of their fall conference now held for the first time in this place, would express their hearty satisfaction with Ocean Grove as a place of meeting, and with the courteous treatment which has been accorded them on every hand.

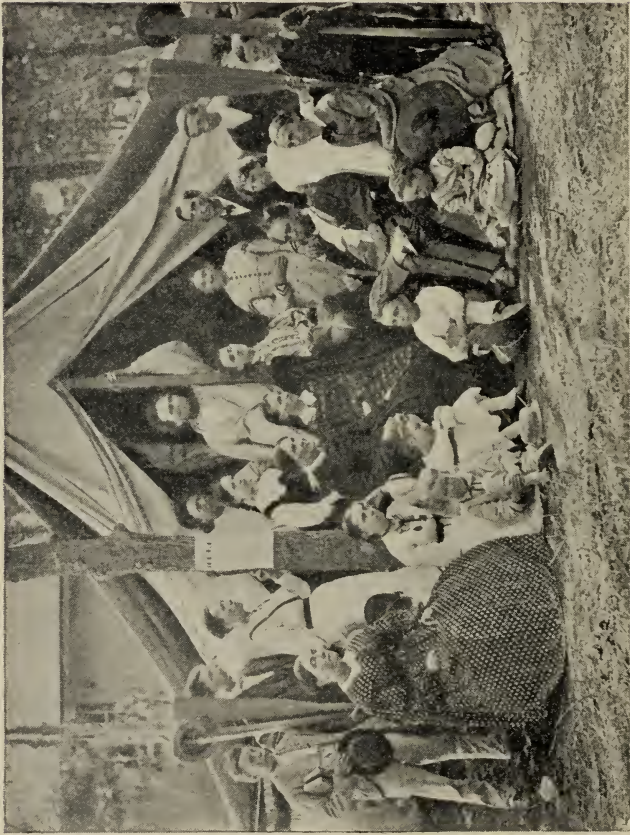
“The thanks of the conference are due to the Ocean Grove Association, and in particular to its executive officer, Vice President Ballard, for many favors, including the use of the most desirable assembly room the conference has yet occupied.

“Respectfully yours,

“RICHARD C. MORSE,

“General Secretary.”

The International Committee is the agency of general supervision of the North American Young Men's Christian Associations, but through its Army and Navy and Foreign Mission Departments it touches many other lands. It has about sixty field and office secretaries, twenty-two of whom are stationed abroad. More than one hundred persons were in attendance at the Conference, including the wives of many of the gentlemen. The sessions were not open to the general public.



Tent Life in Ocean Grove

Entertainments

The entertainments for the season have been scrupulously examined previous to their being introduced, and none admitted which would not be acceptable in the churches, while a number were rejected which had been accepted there.

Among the accepted ones was that of Professor French, who delighted the children with ventriloquism and the older people as well with the voices of the canaries.

A couple of nights of moving pictures afforded pleasure of a similar kind, mingled with the acquisition of important facts.

Joseph F. Smith

On the second Sabbath morning of the encampment, Joseph F. Smith preached a sermon on "Holiness" to 10,000 people, which commended it to the acceptance of all classes of thinkers upon that subject. His voice was resonant and could be distinctly heard. The thoughts were lofty, their utterance both clear and impassioned, and his soul shone through the mellow light of his eyes, his presence magnetic, and his whole service free from sensationalism or eccentricity. On these lines he held the attention of his audience for over an hour, while he preached the power of the gospel in the revelation of its wrath and its revelation of salvation.

Afflicted People

Among the aged people who have deceased since the memorial service, who were among the laborers

with us, was Mrs. Mary S. Wright, aged 89, for many years deprived of sight yet attending regularly our public services, and the most cheerful Christian of all.

Rev. Dr. Starks, proprietor of Starks' Hotel, for years so great a sufferer as to compel his abandonment of the ministry and engagement in secular business.

Mrs. M. Wallace, an aged lady from Albany, who came here for rest and blessing, said after arriving, "I am now on holy ground." On the morning of her decease she was apparently in perfect health, when she fell unconscious and was not, for God took her.

John Flynn, whose little cot on wheels has for so many years stood between the Tabernacle and Auditorium, and who for over forty years has had no use of the power of locomotion, was with us, his very sweetness of expression a benediction. His parting words to the Vice President were: "It seems when I am on the camp ground, that I am up in heaven."

The Social Life

of Ocean Grove is becoming more and more a uniting cord among many who make it a place of annual gathering.

The annual Christmas reception of the community for social fellowship is an outgrowth of this feeling, and the last one was up to the average of the past in both attendance and freedom of intercourse. Smaller gatherings, at private homes for the fall and winter population are becoming more popular and people are finding out that a social life, without the inanity of gossip, or the viciousness of slander, or the stimulus of wine or cards, is attainable among the intelligent and religious families of the Grove.

Bathing

The bathing has never surpassed the season just closed. The weather has been of the finest, and the beach has not once lost the even contour of its floor, so as to interfere in the least with the comfort of the bathers. Again we have to record our gratitude that no case of drowning has occurred, which in God's providence can only be attributed to the extraordinary watchful and costly care of the Messrs. Ross and Lillagore.

The Annual Baby Parade

which took place in Asbury Park on August 21st, in which a very large number of the little ones of Ocean Grove took part, was the finest of all which had preceded it, and attracted a crowd of visitors from all the adjacent territory. It was under the chairmanship of Mr. Harold B. Ayres, for many years connected with Ocean Grove, and whose executive ability largely secured its success.

Hotels

The hotels and boarding houses have had a reasonably successful season. The Pan-American departed July, but August and early September brought it up to nearly an average. No special improvements have been made, though the properties have generally been kept in good condition. Some of them, like the Alaska and Spray View, published beautifully illustrated booklets which no doubt added to the number of guests who made these houses their summer homes.

Extension of Season

The necessities of the people whose business has been created by us, and who have ventured in the creation of property further than was prudent, especially on the lines of more costly accommodation, other things being equal, favored the extension of a season, in which there would be a larger possibility of remuneration for their expenditure. There is an ulterior honesty in holiness which takes in the duties toward man as well as the spirituality of the Divine presence, and which looks towards justice in the needs it creates.

In this connection it was only fair that these people should have the benefit of the tourists who had been in Europe or the Yosemite, or the Pan-American, and who would be at the Grove if the services were continued.

Wide-Open Town Not Necessary

The secular press through the Long Branch Record, speaks of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove as follows :

“The great crowds which go to Asbury Park and Ocean Grove demonstrate beyond a doubt that it is not at all necessary to maintain a wide-open town in order to secure an economic prosperity.”

Police

Our police, while not specially trained in all the minutiae of detective work, are yet reasonably efficient in the duties devolving upon them.

The fact that only two burglaries of special moment have been committed, and but a very small amount of petty thieving taking place, may be fairly attributed to their watchfulness. A larger police force was added at the time succeeding the burglaries, and no other trouble followed.

When it is considered that so many people left their premises unprotected while absent from them, it is matter of wonder that the depredations were not greater.

Thieves are generally able to discover when the inmates are absent, and in these cases they used their knowledge in accomplishing their purpose.

The report of the chief states that the number of men employed varies with the necessities of the season—that the rule against using intoxicants, wherever known, has been carried out—that the order compares favorably with any other city in the State—that the men have been efficient in the maintenance of the Sabbath—that they have exercised vigilance in keeping the promenade clear from suspicious characters—and in protecting public decency from unsuitableness of apparel, as well as keeping the streets clear of disorderly people, arresting wherever orderliness could not be secured without it—watching at the postoffice for thieves, one of whom was arrested through the recognition of Miss Lida Patterson, the money-order clerk, who had cashed an order for him previously—handling the crowds at the Auditorium without complaint, and assisting at all fires occurring in the place. The recommendation to fence the board promenade from the walk to the beach is renewed.

Report of Sanitary Officer

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, in session November 21st, 1901, I submit this, my annual report as Sanitary Officer:

During the last six months the sanitary department of Ocean Grove has been carefully attended to. The Board of Health has had nine meetings, and at these sessions all matters appertaining to the proper sanitation of the town have been thoroughly considered; the requirements, as far as possible met, and the need thereof supplied.

This work necessitates constant watchfulness. The multitude of strangers, coming from localities some of which are unhealthy and sometimes the seat of contagious diseases, endanger our town, with the probability of infection. Many of these visitors, through lack of proper attention to hygienic rules, make themselves the subjects of sickness, as well as jeopardize others.

It is not an uncommon occurrence for cases of sickness that happen in Ocean Grove to be proven as having been contracted at the home of the patient and developed after arrival here. In some instances Ocean Grove has been blamed for the contraction of disease. In every case, where the sanitary officer knows that persons have come from infected localities, he has exercised a surveillance over such, in a discreet and inoffensive way. This course obtains until the period of incubation has passed. Notwithstanding the thousands of visitors to our town during the last summer, a very satisfactory degree of health-

fulness obtained in the community. Indeed, we have cause of much thankfulness in having escaped an epidemic of contagious disease, such having been brought to our town, but through the persistent enforcement of strict and proper sanitary measures such a calamity was prevented.

We have not relaxed our efforts to secure the connection of all the premises in the town with our water and sewer systems. During the last year there have been seven connections with the water and nine connections with the sewer systems, making a total of 1,349 connections with the water, and 1195 with the sewer system.

There is in Ocean Grove seven miles and three thousand four hundred and eight feet of sewer pipe. In this is not included the connecting pipes attaching the houses with the mains.

In 1891 the cost of repairing the sewer outlet was \$1,166.44, and in 1892 it was \$885.09. Since the present outlet system was established there has been no cost of this kind, and the work is believed to be in good condition to-day.

There has been complaint relative to the escape and existence of sewer gas in the atmosphere, and in a few cases in the houses. As to the latter, this may be caused by defective plumbing, and, upon examination, such has been in some cases demonstrated. But back of all this, and in connection therewith, there is a subject matter which ought to receive very serious and patient consideration, and that is, "the sanitary condition of our entire sewer system." It is self-evident that when sewers are not ventilated or flushed frequently and at regular periods, they become foul

and exceedingly offensive, because of the accumulation of excrementa and decayed vegetable and animal matter. Such form incrustations on the surface of the pipes; such a condition generates pernicious gases, called sewer gas, which escapes, or is forced out, into the atmosphere, and often into the houses which are connected with the sewers. Thus are grave and deadly diseases developed in the homes of the people.

It is a question of the greatest and most vital importance how this evil can be remedied and our sewer system be preserved in a safe sanitary condition. This can only be done by ventilation and thorough flushing at regular and frequent periods.

Sanitary engineers of a recent period have used and do strongly advise the adoption of automatic flushing tanks, by which sewers may and can be flushed at intervals; that is, daily or weekly, or if necessary, oftener. With this device in operation we would have the means by which we could thoroughly flush and cleanse the sewers daily, or at less frequent intervals—these tanks to be large enough to hold two hundred gallons of water each. The mechanism of the arrangement is so made as to make the tank self-acting, emptying itself at fixed intervals, through the adjustment of a faucet and cap, so arranged as to cause the accumulating water to push the cap up to a designated point. When this is reached the water is discharged into the sewer. This is all done automatically.

It would be necessary to allow the tanks to discharge quite frequently and freely at first, until the sewers become thoroughly washed out and cleaned, as they must be in a very filthy condition. After

this is done, then place ventilated covers on all the manholes. In order to make the work complete and satisfactory it might require about fourteen tanks, entailing an expenditure of about \$1100. I would suggest that the whole matter be committed to the Sanitary Committee, or a special committee, and they with the Superintendent and the Board of Health give it immediate and special consideration, and report to the Executive Committee as to the feasibility of its adoption.

I regret to state that though the matter has not as yet reached the objectionable features and extent of the past, yet the accumulation of debris and unwholesome drainage on the surface of the head of Wesley Lake still obtains at times, and increasingly so. I am still impressed with the importance and necessity of the catch basin, a short distance west of the lake, as the most feasible and effective means of remedying this difficulty.

We are very desirous to give Ocean Grove, in the very highest degree, all modern scientific sanitation, and thus preserve its reputation as a place of undoubted healthfulness. To this end we are applying all the facilities within our reach.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.,
Sanitary Officer.

Report of Real Estate and Highway Committee

The Real Estate and Highway Committee respectfully report that they have given careful attention to the department committed to their care, and find that no special disaster has occurred affecting

seriously our property, with the exception of the breaking of a wheel in the power house, which will be fully reported by the Electric Light and Water Committee.

It is to be regretted that the offer of the Association to pay one-third of the cost of graveling a street has not been more generally accepted. The revenue from assessments will not warrant our assumption of a larger amount, and yet it is against the Grove that many streets are not in as good condition as those of our neighbors. The cost to each lot holder would be but \$7 for each thirty foot lot, which would be more than repaid in the increased value of the property. Gravel is continually kept on hand for street repair, and generally they are in fair condition. The promenade has had its defective spots replaced with good material.

Attention has been specially given to the parks, which has been repaid by their attractive appearance.

The trees have been examined for the presence of poisonous worms by an expert, who worked for two months in destroying their germs.

The sewer openings for storm waterways have never been adequate to a heavy rainfall. At such times some of the streets, especially Broadway, are flooded to an extent which greatly incommode the people, and are a cost to us in repairing. Our superintendent is introducing methods which it is hoped will largely relieve the situation.

The bridges across Wesley Lake need attention. In view of the present anomalous condition of the property we suggest the appointment of a committee to confer with Mr. Bradley and adjust their status.

The riparian rights fronting our shore line have been fully examined and their title confirmed in us, instead, as was feared, of a former owner of the property.

The tonsorial parlor under the Association building, fitted up with costly elegance, has been rented to Mr. De Anglis, of Asbury Park, who will no doubt but make it a success.

The roof of the Auditorium has been covered with an inexpensive material, which very greatly aids in both excluding the rain and deadening the sound when falling.

Association Hall has been renovated by covering its walls and ceiling with tasteful paper till within four feet of the floor, which are in dark red burlap, for special use of the choir. Over four hundred new cane-seated chairs have been donated to it by A. H. DeHaven and John E. Andrus.

The power house has been furnished with improved methods of lighting from above at a cost of between ten and eleven hundred dollars.

The annual notice for improving curbs and sidewalks has received more active attention than usual. The superintendent's report will furnish details.

The Wainright property on Wesley Lake, after being put in rental condition, has been rented at average figures.

The claims of the Association against the Johnson Taylor bakery and restaurant have been adjusted and the property is now under the care of the Real Estate Committee. It will require a small amount of expense in order to get a more attractive rental.

The store floors of the building formerly occu-

pied by Mr. Wainright have been rented to Mr. Wedel for a variety store. The upper floors are without tenants.

The book store was occupied again by the Philadelphia agency of our book room. A few dollars can be profitably expended in making its appearance more attractive.

A lot has been sold on the southern end of the property facing South Main street, nearly opposite our power house property, to Mr. J. Bergen Thompson, who for many years has served the Grove as its florist. He is beautifying the surroundings in a manner that will advantage our entire property there.

The building formerly occupied as a fire house has been placed on the south side of Mair avenue near Central avenue, and is being fitted up for express offices and police headquarters, with a place for justice of the peace.

The committee recommend a more persistent effort to secure a fuller curbing and better sidewalks in the parts of the Grove where this is neglected, and failing succes in this that they be empowered to make the necessary improvements in legal forms and charge against the property.

T. J. PRESTON, Chairman.

Report of Building Inspector

To the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to make the following report in relation to my work as Building Inspector from May 1st to October 1st, 1901:

With a careful house to house inspection, I have

been able to know the exact condition of chimneys, chimney jacks, and flues for fires. Also the location of all stoves and ranges, and at the same time make a record of all who are using the blue flame oil stove, or the gasoline stove.

In this inspection I have found ranges and stoves too close to woodwork, and had immediate remedy by moving out, or placing metal behind and underneath them.

I have also looked carefully after the building of new chimneys, and, where found unsafe, either repaired or taken down.

Have had a number of chimney jacks removed, being unfit and unsafe.

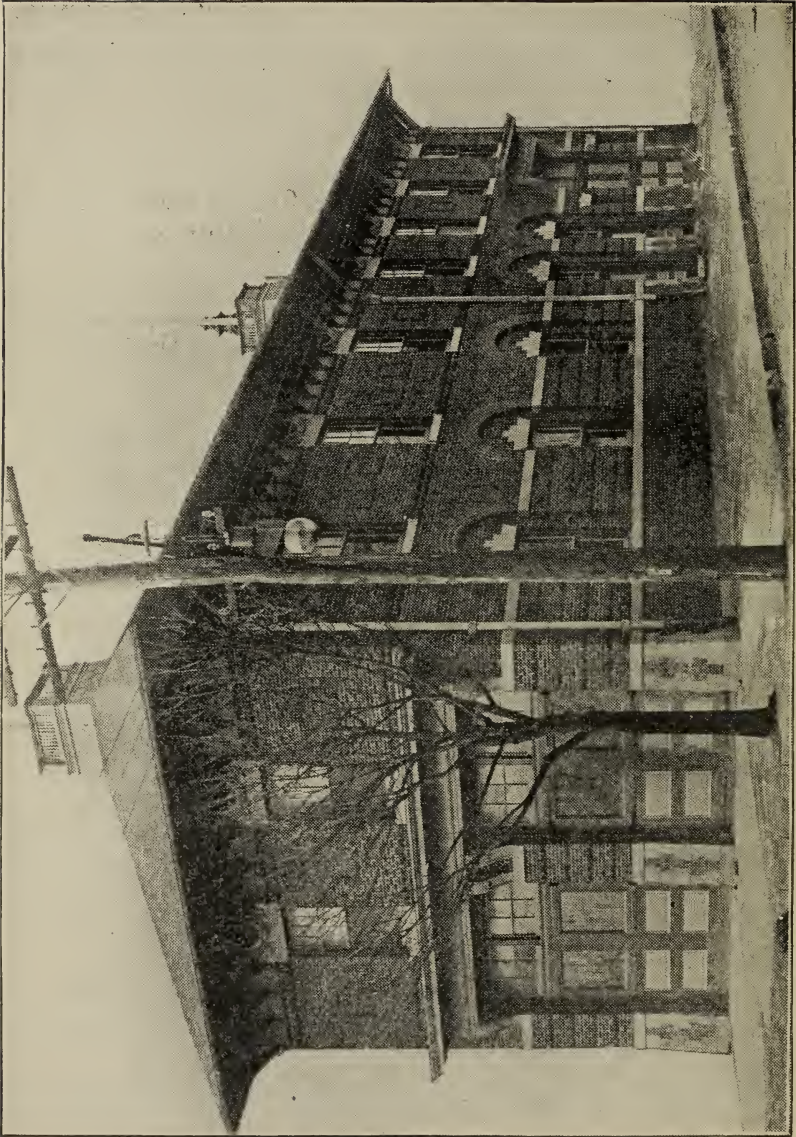
Have looked carefully after the placing of buildings and improvements, so that no encroachment is made on ground that does not belong to the persons building or improving.

There has been a number of excellent buildings erected during the past six months, and a large number of alterations to buildings, changing their appearance for the better very much.

I would respectfully suggest the printing of a Permit to Build, so that a copy could be given to the person building. He could then see more readily what is required of him as his building or improvement progressed.

There are 1,634 buildings within the gates of Ocean Grove, besides five buildings for religious service, and 290 tents.

The building inspector reports—Hotels and cottages, 1,561; stores and other buildings (public), 73; religious buildings, 5; number of tents (all told), 290.



Ocean Grove's New Fire House

Number of persons, November 9, 1901, 2,351,
representing 640 families.

JOHN C. PATTERSON,
Building Inspector.

Fire Department

The Fire Department of the Grove is worthy of the highest encomiums. It is constructed of men reputable in character, generous in nature, and who take a pardonable pride in the status of their organization, the perfection of their engines, and the intelligent completeness of their work.

A new fire house, thoroughly adapted to their uses, has taken the place of the old structure, and opens upon Central avenue instead of Olin street, which gives the necessary room for rapid turning of the engine when every moment is of value. It is equipped with all the needs of comfort, and affords a pleasant room for social enjoyment of the men who peril health and life for the safety of Ocean Grove.

A pleasant incident in the Young People's meeting was their interesting themselves in a fete in Thompson Park, whose results were handed to the firemen to aid in furnishing their new house.

The Association expressed their appreciation in the tender of the Auditorium for an entertainment whose proceeds were divided evenly among the companies.

Insurance premiums are higher in public resorts than in other places, while somewhat less here. A reason given by an agent was the remarkable exemptions for a long period of years, which was accepted

as proof of exceptional care. There were several small fires in the early part of the season resulting from carelessness or defective flues, which were extinguished with but little damage; one on the pier was put out by Chief Martin alone. It is perhaps to be expected that people who come here but for a short time in rented cottages would be as careful as at home in houses owned by themselves. Many of these houses were built by inexperienced men, and the flues were imperfect, which begin now to tell in the danger of fire.

An inspector was appointed in the early part of the year to go over every property in the Grove, and report where any danger existed, upon whose report compulsory remedies were applied. One disastrous conflagration destroying the largest part of the historical Sheldon House, evidently the work of an incendiary, occurred on September 5th, while the choir was enjoying a social farewell. The firemen spared no personal labor or peril in the effort to save both the burning and surrounding buildings, and to their efforts is attributable the fact that no surrounding building was destroyed. Some men stood around telling people how the work could be better done. One lady said to them, "You ought to be ashamed; you ought to be praying for the men who are risking their lives for you." The criticisms were finally subdued by a shower of water from the hose, as they happened to be very close to the work in which they took no part.

The Sheldon fire demonstrated, as the opera house in Asbury Park had demonstrated before, the advisability of the proposition made years since by Ocean Grove, that a connection should be made be-

tween the two water systems, which could be made available in case of a water famine or fire in either the Park or Grove. The Asbury Park Council has consented that such a connection be established and the destruction caused by fire is proportionately lessened.

The efficiency of our Fire Department during the past season was shown by their work at the Sheldon House fire, and their promptness in responding to all alarms.

The following statement shows the organizations in the department, number of men and apparatus in use :

Washington Engine and Hose Company, No. 1, Ocean Grove, 50 men; one steam fire engine, two hose carriages, one hose wagon, 2,000 feet of 2½-inch hose, and 16 honorary members.

The Unexcelled Chemical Engine Company, No. 1, West Grove, 50 men, one first-class chemical engine with hose attachment, and one hose wagon.

The E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Company, No. 3, Ocean Grove, 16 men; one first-class chemical engine with hose attachment.

The Eagle Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, Ocean Grove, 20 men; one first-class truck, with full set of ladders and other needed fixtures.

The department is in good working order, ready to meet demands promptly.

Washington Engine Company and the E. H. Stokes Company are now moving into their new quarters, corner Olin and Central avenues.

The Gamewell fire alarm system has done excellent service the past season. One additional call box has been added during the season, making the

total number eleven. They are situated where most convenient for sending an alarm of fire.

Trees

If the natural soil of Ocean Grove is well supplied with nutritive material trees will grow luxuriantly.

One great obstacle to their successful cultivation is the practice of permitting horses to stand near them by which the bark is torn and the tree defaced and injured, for which there ought to be a fine levied of sufficient amount to abolish the practice.

Poisonous insects, of which the chief is the leopard moth, also play a large part in their destruction. They bore a hole of from one-quarter to three-eighths inches in diameter, and from five to eight inches deep, and poison the tree. The native birds formerly destroyed these insects, but the sparrows have driven them away and all that can now be done is to destroy the insects.

The Ocean Grove Arbor Day was observed with the usual exercises on May 3d by planting in Auditorium Square trees in memorium for Hon. James S. Yard and Holmes W. Murphy, members of the Association, who have passed to the groves above since our arbor service of last year; and to Rev. S. H. Asay, in Thornley Park, who, while not a member of the

The cuts of the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are on the opposite page, and are as follows :

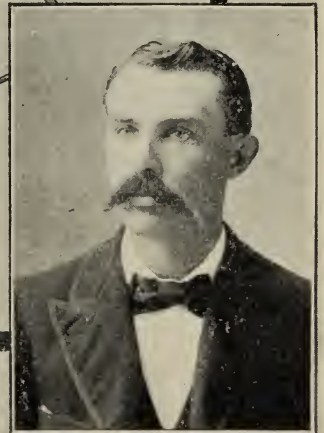
Centre—Gen. John C. Patterson, Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners.

Upper left—C. C. Clayton, Treasurer Board of Fire Commissioners.

Lower right—William E. Taylor, Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners.

Upper right—Harry Summers, member Board of Fire Commissioners.

Lower left—Charles Lewis, member Board of Fire Commissioners.



Association, had been largely identified with Ocean Grove. Tender and loving tributes were paid by Drs. Alday and Ballard—a handful of earth identified the attendants with the ceremonies, and the exercises closed with the benediction.

Electric Light and Water Committee's Report

To the Ocean Grove Association :

Gentlemen—Your committee have given much time and consideration to the important duties committed to their care. We are deeply sensible of the great responsibility of maintaining a steady and efficient supply of pure water and an unfailing current of electricity for illuminating the residences, stores, hotels, and our great Auditorium, all to be done at the lowest possible cost. We can assure you that the above proposition often taxes our humble ability to the uttermost, and we frequently carry with us by day and by night some of the more perplexing problems before we are able to solve them.

In the electrical department our only revenue is derived from commercial lights. No compensation is received from the lights furnished our Auditorium and other public buildings, nor is one penny paid for our street lighting, hence you will readily perceive that with the very moderate rate charged for our commercial lights the revenue is not sufficient to maintain this department.

You will find in the financial statement in the loss column a deficiency of \$2,807.78 in the electric light account. This means that the expense of the department has been \$2,807.78 more than the receipts

which, as stated before, are solely from the commercial lights, requiring the best efforts of this committee to reduce the expense for labor, coal, repairs and supplies to the lowest possible limit. This, together with the faithful and energetic co-operation of our chief engineer and his assistants, prevents a larger discrepancy between the debit and credit accounts of this department. If the business was conducted on the lines of those of Asbury Park, Long Branch and other cities, and the street lights and those for public buildings were paid for then the statement would be as follows :

133 arc lamps at \$65 each	\$8,635.00
Lighting Auditorium	1,000.00
Office and other public buildings	500.00
Received from commercial lights, as per financial statement	7,286.88
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Total receipts for the year	17,421.88
Deduct from this amount, interest and all expenses	10,094.66
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Profits for the year	\$7,327.22

If the above profit could be placed to the credit of the Association it would be very gratifying to your committee.

The following exhibits the service performed by the electric light department :

One hundred and thirty-three arc lamps ran 1,102 hours, using 18,000 long carbons and 17,000 short carbons.

The Auditorium was lighted 67 evenings, with an average of two hours and fifty-one minutes per evening, making a total of 191 hours and five minutes.

The commercial lights were on 1,439 hours and five minutes, making a total of 67,136 ampere hours.

Water

But for street sprinkling or any allowance for our public buildings or their necessities for public comfort, etc., etc., which use a large quantity of water, the water department would show a moderate profit.

During May we pumped in gallons	5,382,390
During June	10,035,965
During July	18,816,120
During August	23,051,925
During September	14,393,625
During October	5,707,065

Total for six months,	77,487,090
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On August 8th a slight accident occurred to the auxiliary water compressor, which was speedily repaired and caused us no serious inconvenience. On October 18th a very serious accident occurred to our large pumping engine, completely destroying the fly wheel weighing 12,000 lbs., also breaking the pillow blocks, and bending rods, which, with some minor damage, will involve an expenditure of \$800 to \$1,000.

The water connection between our mains and those of Asbury Park had just been completed, and for two or three days, while clearing up our wreck, our water supply was furnished by the Asbury Park waterworks. During this period, when our water supply came from Asbury Park, we discovered that while we were connected 405,000 gallons of water per day was pumped for the twin cities. Before and after

this period, Asbury Park pumped for its own consumption 185,000 gallons, hence we discovered that, with our population of 2,500 persons, we were consuming 220,000, while Asbury Park, with their population of 4,000, used 185,000 gallons per day. This thoroughly awakened our employees and diligent search was made for this great waste of water. Many serious leaks were discovered, leading to a reduction of supply, which is now about in harmony per capita with that of Asbury Park.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted.

A. H. DEHAVEN,
Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee

To the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

Gentlemen:—The Finance Committee respectfully report that the bills, deposits, checks, payments, receipts, and balances have been regularly audited, and that, at the request of the Committee, Hon. W. H. Skirm, examined the books and found them correct, with a special commendation for Mr. George Rainear, our chief clerk, and Mr. John Van Cleve, his assistant.

They have been able to close on terms equitable to the Association the litigation respecting the Johnson Taylor bakery property, by which the property passes into the possession of the Association.

They have approved the purchase of the Fire Engine house on Olin street, together with its fitting-up for offices for express companies, Justice of the Peace, and Police headquarters.

Upon the recommendation of the Real Estate Committee, they have, at a small cost, improved various properties belonging to us in order to their better safety and probabilities of rental.

They have attended to their duty in supervising the selection of employees.

They recommend a still further vigilance over the expenditures of the Association, and an increased effort to collect on outstanding accounts, which the recent decision of the Supreme Court places more fully in our power.

In the test case of the Association's right of ejectment for non-payment of debt which had been removed from the Circuit to the Supreme Court of the State, our counsel, S. M. Patterson, Esq., writes: "It was a suit which invited and challenged an issue upon a fundamental question in which you had the courage to enter the contest.

"The Supreme Court, in the case of Ocean Grove against Sanders, has advised that the rent due on your leases can be enforced either by proceedings in ejectment, or in any other method prescribed by law. I assume, therefore, from this decision that your lien for rents would be paramount to the lien of a mortgage on property on which there is rent due the Association."

Annual Examination of the Books

In the examination annually made of the books of the Association, the committee accord a high appreciation of their completeness as evinced through Mr. George Rainear, the chief clerk, and Mr. John Van Cleve, the assistant. They find the Auditorium

employees, Mr. H. Monroe Brown, our expert organ and piano tuner; Mr. Thomas Cline, the clerk; and Mr. Joseph Davis, worthy of all commendation for the efficiency of their service.

The report of the Treasurer shows a small decrease in the general liabilities.

The Trustees of Bonds report that the series now existing will terminate during the coming year.

To the Finance Committee of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

As requested by you, I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Association. I have found them correct, and exceedingly well kept.

Respectfully,

WM. H. SKIRM.

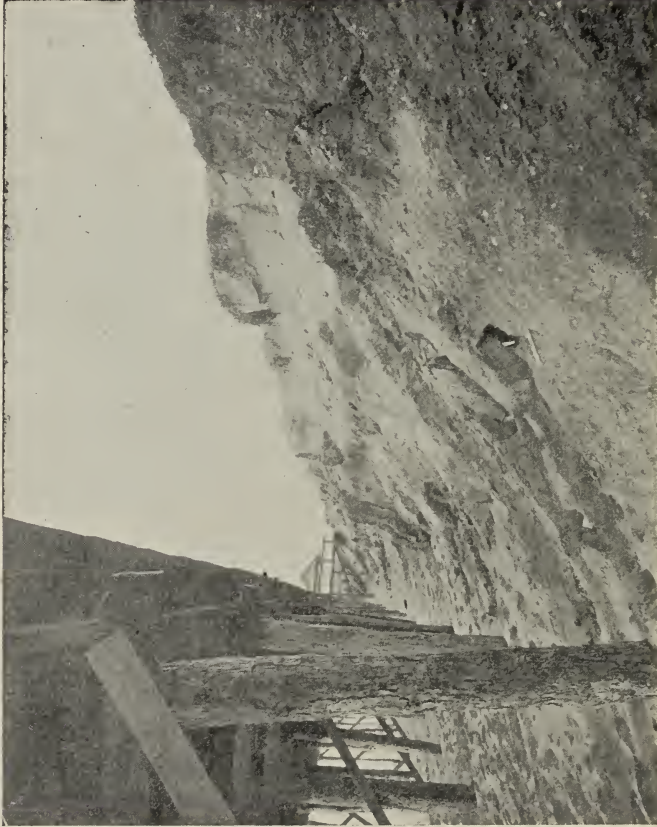
Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. HAYS,
Chairman.

The Law and Ordinance Committee

report that another effort, protracted through an entire session of the Legislature, and supported by most of the boroughs along the shore, was made to procure an enactment which should force an open speedway through our ocean front. Three different bills were introduced, none of which, however, were reported, and consequently failed. Brothers Hays and Skirm, with Sergeant Tantum, were untiring in intelligent opposition, and to them principally should be accorded the result of their defeat.

A general bill was passed which gave authority for widening streets, under which the Township Com-



Winter Scene Along the Beach

mittee are taking steps for the widening of Main street south of Asbury Park, which is of great importance to Ocean Grove in a number of important respects. The Township Committee took up the matter promptly, but the community protested so strongly against disturbing the streets before the close of the season that the Committee employed themselves in preliminary work of investigating leases, purchases, sub-leases, original owners whose claims could not be located, old and faulty surveys, re-surveys, new surveys and attempts to deal with the people affected without recourse to condemnation proceeding. In this they were successful in all but three cases, who from time to time allowed the committee to infer that a settlement would be made, but who neither proposed or accepted terms, until finally the Committee applied to the courts for the appointment of Commissioners, who fixed Saturday, November 18th for the hearing, at which date Ex-Governor Zulick, of Avon, Milan Ross and A. C. Twining were made Commissioners for the above purpose, and who set December 17th, the nearest date allowed by law for the hearing. They have promised to act promptly and some of them have already sacrificed other plans in order to forward this matter.

The Postoffice

under the mastership of Mr. W. H. Hamilton, still continues its line of prosperity. Its receipts for the past year have exceeded that of any other, and its efficiency of service is unquestioned. It is fortunate to have for Postmaster a man who has grown from

boyhood in its work, and where employees have also been long in their service.

Telegraph Office

What is true of the postoffice is also true of the telegraph service, which is under the same management, and largely the same conditions. The office has, by order of the Government, been set off from the postal rooms, and is now accessible only from the north entrance.

Railroads

The train service for the season has been exceptionally large and exceptionally fast. Accommodations have been given equalling most of our larger cities. They have been run with a carefulness against possible accidents, which seems marvelous when the number of trains, conductors, brakemen, switchmen, flagmen, telegraphists, agents, signalmen, engineers, with hosts of other employees, all depending upon exactness and accuracy of each other, are considered in connection with the fact that no other station, where the number of passengers is taken into account, is as free from accident as Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. An intimation has been given that the Companies expect to expend two or three millions of dollars in improvements principally between Long Branch and Spring Lake, in which Asbury Park and Ocean Grove shall have their share.

Purchasing Committee Report

that ice, lumber, material for the electric light and water, coal and other necessities for the Grove have all been made through the committee or with their approval.

While prices have been higher this year than the past year, yet in most things the terms have been more favorable than the general market, especially in coal.

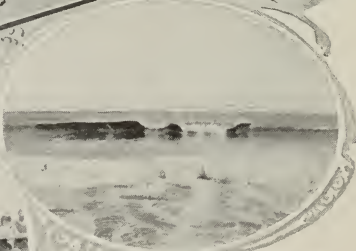
Purchases of small amount for current necessities have usually been made by members resident upon the ground, approved by the Vice President.

Purchases of gravel and material for improvements have been made by the Superintendent under instructions of the committee and bills approved by the Vice President.

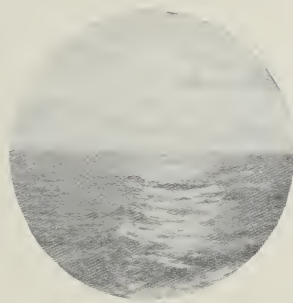




SCENES ON THE SANDS
AT OCEAN GROVE



Thirty-Third Annual Report
of the
Ocean Grove
Camp-Meeting Association
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church



There's ozone by the sea !
The ocean's heart beats on forevermore,
Pulsings of health which throb against the shore,
Where fever bathes its temples o'er and o'er,
Softly, refreshingly !
Where forest balm, and pine-grove's fragrant breath
Mingle with wind-tossed waves, dispelling dews of death.

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THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed;
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
Here many a time the story they rehearsed,
Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



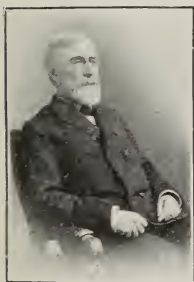
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Report of the President of the Ocean Grove Association

Dear Brethren:

Through the favor of a Good Providence we have been brought again to the time and place for the annual gathering of our Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. Most appropriately may we say to our Heavenly Father, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

During the season of nineteen hundred and two, there have been maintained, and advanced, in pre-eminent degree, the principles for which Ocean Grove especially stands; namely, the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, observance of the Sabbath, prohibition, salvation through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the sanctification of believers by the power of the Holy Ghost.



Rev. J. N. FitzGerald

The thronging multitudes, larger than ever before, have attested the delight and profit that come to those who, even in their recreation, choose paths that are approved by the Master; while the prosperity that has attended our institution, on material lines, has furnished us another proof that all needed things will be added if we seek first the Kingdom of God.

Our chief new departure in business administration may be seen in the recommendation of the Executive Committee, that gas be introduced to our grounds with a view to supplying it for cooking, heating and illuminating purposes. The particulars relating to the project will be set forth by the

committee which has it in charge. Our hope is that the plan may be successfully carried out, and that the result may be to the great advantage of the people whose interests the Association constantly seeks to promote.

The Standing Committees will present, for publication as parts of the annual report, full statements of the work they have done, and of the present state of affairs in the various departments. From these reports it will appear that great care and diligence have marked the labors of the brethren who compose these committees, and that, by reason of their devotion to the duties assigned them, our financial and business interests are in a highly satisfactory condition.

The report of the devotional Committee will exhibit, somewhat in detail, the work that has been done and the results that have been secured, not only in the services held in the Auditorium, but also in the Holiness Meeting, where the cleansing power of the blood of Christ is so often manifested; in the Young People's Meeting, whose great influence for good continues, and whose fame, like that of Ocean Grove itself, has become world wide; in the Helping Hand Meeting, in which the hand of the Master is often reached forth in aid of struggling souls that cry to Him for help; in the Noontide Meeting, where tides of salvation rise to heights sufficient to reach many who sorely need the life-giving waters; at the Bible Readings, where the crowds behold new beauties in the Word and press their feet more closely to the path that is revealed by the Lamp of Life; in the Children's Meeting, which yields so many proofs that they that seek Him early shall find Him; at the Beach Meetings, where the song of the sea blends with the songs of the people in praise to Him who made both sea and land; in the Sunday School Assembly, where gather those who seek a better equipment for the work of leading the young life of the land to Him who is Life itself; in the School of Theology, where the Holy Bible is believed and revered and taught, and where proclamation is freely made that all things are possible with God; in the different grades of the Sunday School, the work of which leads many to enlist as soldiers of Jesus Christ, and

at the various religious and benevolent societies that seek the elevation of the human family and the glory of God.

In addition to these things the same report will show that, in perfect harmony with the strictly religious features of our exercises, there have been given musical and literary entertainments which have afforded to our friends a very high degree of both pleasure and profit. Oratorios that cannot be surpassed have been rendered in the great Auditorium by our large chorus and orchestra, under the leadership of our accomplished musical director, Professor Morgan; and they have deservedly received not only the patronage but also the enthusiastic commendation of thousands of lovers of high-class music from all parts of the country and, indeed, from all parts of the world.

The magnificent rendering of these great productions of the great masters has, besides yielding entertainment and intellectual profit, begotten a worshipful spirit that has magnified the name of the Lord and prompted to fuller service in His cause.

The chief work, however, of the skilled musicians enlisted by Professor Morgan, has not been in discoursing Oratorio or other classical music, but in the part they have taken in the regular devotional services in the Auditorium and the Temple, where the volume and sweetness of the strains that have come from their voices and their instruments have given inspiration to the multitudes of worshipers who have joined in the hallowed hymns of praise, and thus, as well as in prayer and meditation, have waited upon the Lord.

While rejoicing over the success that has followed the efforts of the laborers in all branches of the work, we cannot forget that there is occasion for deep sorrow because of the death of our beloved associate, the Rev. William B. Osborn, who went out from among us on the fourth day of September last. Though mourning his departure we have joy in the remembrance of the life he lived and the labor he performed. His discovery of the site for Ocean Grove—one so peculiarly fitted for the purpose to which it has been applied for more than a generation—his early toil in preparing the grounds

and arranging for the material part of the enterprise, and, above all, his untiring zeal in the building up of the "spiritual house" and the maintaining of the great doctrine of Holiness to the Lord, will be for him a memorial wherever the name of Ocean Grove shall be known. And yet it will be fitting to provide for a suitable monument, to be placed at some appropriate point within our grounds, to the memory of this unique man who for years has borne the title of "Father of Ocean Grove."

Steps have been already taken toward the erection of a statue of the highly honored first President of the Association, the Rev. Dr. Stokes. A considerable fund for the purpose has been contributed by the people, in whose hearts he had large place. Further contributions are yet to be made and then the work will be carried to completion. Thus there will be placed in our midst a constant reminder of one who planned and executed long and well in the upbuilding of this city by the sea—this city where "in the beginning God" most graciously manifested His presence and power, and where, as we trust, He will unto the end show forth His glory.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,

November, 1902.

President.



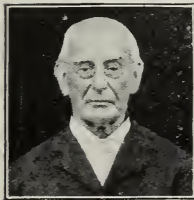
Report of the Vice President of the Ocean Grove Association

Dear Brethren:

In presenting my annual report for the annual meeting of 1902, I again express my high appreciation of the kindly consideration given me by the committees of the Association, through which I have been able to discharge more efficiently the obligations connected with my office.

I do not suppose that there have been no mistakes, but feel certain that I have done my utmost to avoid them.

In fulfilling these obligations I have acted upon the understanding that they were "executive," upon the lines laid down by the Association for the guidance of its committees, whose decisions are questionable only through the Executive Committee.



Rev. A. E. Ballard

As these decisions have been made known to me, I have endeavored, in accordance with the advice of their presiding officers, and the best means at my disposal to make them thoroughly effective. It is to me a source of high gratification to have received their approval. So large a portion of my life has been passed in serving Ocean Grove, that it becomes dearer to me as the years pass on. A kindly Providence continues both bodily and mental vigor, and your appreciation permits their employment on lines which conserve our principles for the present and provide for their extension for the future.

While we are not formally a Methodist Episcopal Church, yet our Association is so affiliated with it, both in

name and doctrine, together with the obligations of our charter, that the popular mind is unable to define the difference. Our membership is limited to that denomination, and "Scriptural Holiness" is the one article of our Creed, and the one specialty of Methodism. It is truthful to say that as this doctrine has been illustrated from our platform and in our meetings, in Methodist clearness and fervor, the general religious public, outside of Methodism, has been largely influential in so making Ocean Grove their summer resort that they have come to feel themselves a part of the working force whose power is so strongly felt in the great work God has committed to our hands.

In maintaining this wonderful religious influence the strongest endorsement of the Church, which our charter and doctrine make essential to our existence, is needed. While Dr. Stokes lived his Methodist personality and official appointment were security for our loyalty. At his death, the wisdom of the Association secured a yet stronger endorsement in the consent of Bishop FitzGerald to become our President, linking an open profession of our doctrine with a representative of the highest official body known to Methodism, and to whom nature has given a voice reaching all parts of our Auditorium, and Episcopal training an executive ability needed in the conduct of our affairs.

It appears appropriate that I should express to you my knowledge of the faithfulness of your officers and committees. I have frequently known the Secretary to subordinate his own interest and pleasure to the needs of the Association.

Our Treasurer has intelligently held our expenditures within the grasp of our receipts, and where apparent needs had not been met by appropriations of committees has met them from his personal resources.

The Sanitary Officer has so perfectly met the requirements of his position that even the Superintendent of the State Board of Health finds nothing in us to criticise adversely.

The reports of Electric Light and Water, the Purchasing, the Highway and Real Estate Committees, speak of Mr.

Preston as bestowing a large amount of time and an expert knowledge of the most valuable character to the interests of the Association. Hon. James L. Hays has given more than freely of time and labor in planning and adjusting our finances, including the oversight of legal measures necessary for collecting obligations.

Mr. DeHaven has been indefatigable in the work of the Devotional Committee.

Hon. W. H. Skirm has been actively alert in intelligent watchfulness of our enemies before the Legislature and actively successful in providing agencies for their defeat.

Brother T. M. Dickey has given to the ushers and collectors a completeness of organization which, when the transitory stay of many of them is considered, has been pronounced a marvel.

Brother William Franklin and his associates on the Police Committee have given continuous attention to its work, endeavoring steadily to add to the effectiveness of the force. The Law and Ordinance, the Ice, Railway, Postoffice and Board of Health Committees have received careful attention through their Chairmen.

In the fragments of days during the last few winters when my duties were less pressing the time has been employed in preparing such history of Ocean Grove as the material at my disposal permitted and which will be subject to whatever disposal, if any, the Association may make. In this is being included sketches of men who have been our members, without which such a history would lack completeness. It would aid me greatly if relatives and friends would send me such salient features in their lives as are necessary, with what else I can gather, to prepare the volume.

Our early members are rapidly lessening and whatever is done to rescue our history must be done speedily.

If a committee could be appointed, to whom the work could be submitted, it would greatly relieve me. I close this brief report by saying that the zest for life's surroundings is as strong as ever. I am not yet content that our warfare against evil shall omit my co-operation. The power of labor

and the desire for its use is as strong as in early manhood, and the virile force of my spiritual nature still seeks expression in the hard work of life, and is content to wait for the repose of all until the faculties feel their decadence.

A. E. BALLARD,
Vice President.





Lillagore's Pavilion, from the Fishing Pier



The following pages are devoted to a resume of the Summer Program of 1902, Reports of the several Committees, and other interesting matter.



The Devotional Committee

The Devotional Committee held its first meeting in the first part of the season at the office of A. H. DeHaven, Esq., in New York, where the general plan of its work was adopted. In this plan Saturday nights were set apart for concerts. The Sunday School Assembly, Epworth League, Sabbath Association, Hospital, King's Daughters, Temperance, Women's Suffrage and Sunshine Societies were given a place upon the program.

The dates of the Summer School of Theology and the Encampment were fixed so that the Camp succeeded the school.

The regular meetings of Holiness, Young People, Beach, Sunday School, Bible Class, Consecration, Family Prayer, Fellowship, Twilight, Immediate Sanctification, Children's, Evangelistic, Holiness-teaching, Children's Day, Festival Chorus, Assembly Chorus and "Messiah" were re-adopted from last year. Special concerts and entertainments were left for future adjustments.

At a later meeting Rev. B. B. Loomis was appointed Leader of the Sunday School Assembly, and the other societies represented were requested to act with the President in procuring their speakers.

Dr. Yatman was appointed leader of the Young People's Meeting; Prof. Morgan leader of Music; Dr. Ballard in charge of Consecration, Family Prayer and Beach Meetings; Rev. Wm. Franklin leader of Fellowship Meetings; Dr. O'Hanlon in charge of Bible Class; Rev. Mr. Evans of Intermediate, and Mrs. W. H. Skirm of Primary Sunday School; Mrs. Starks in charge of Children's Meeting; Mrs. Smith to lead Immediate Sanctification Services; Rev.

Joseph Smith for Evangelistic Holiness; and Rev. Clarence Strouse for similar service on the evenings of Camp.

The engagement of Prof. Woodland for "Wireless Telegraphy" and "Liquid Air" entertainments was approved, as was also that of Mr. Walton and the American Vitagraph Company for moving pictures.

The engagements of preachers and lecturers were left for future consideration and consultation, as the circumstances might arise.



Opening Day

The first of Ocean Grove's public meetings was one of prayer, and its season has been so inaugurated ever since.

A meeting led by Bishop FitzGerald was held in Thornley Chapel on the evening of Saturday, June 27th, where an hour was filled with earnest supplication for the presence of the Holy Spirit upon the varied programs of the season and in special pleading for effectiveness in personal work. A solemn sense of God's presence was upon the people as they left the place.

Later in the evening a concert was given, whose clear rendition of "meaning in music" received a high appreciation from the people, who hailed its success as promise of more to follow as the Saturday nights came around.

On Sunday morning the all-the-year-'round Holiness Meeting changed its time from Sunday afternoons to a daily gathering at 9 o'clock and met in the Tabernacle instead of Thornley Chapel. The meeting was held this year, just as the one last year amid one of the heaviest downpours of rain of an exceptionally rainy season. The storm was so violent as to make it impossible to distinguish words, but the voice of song arose above the voice of the storm and gave out a spiritual force which made the meaning understood, and which the Holy Spirit so applied as to cause an universal exclamation, "It is good to be here."

A notable feature of the opening day was the ready as-

sent of the preachers to occupy seats upon the platform instead of a place in the audience.

In the past, the platform plans for music left but little room for any beside, but these had been re-arranged so that ample room was given for the accommodation of the ministers and members of the Association, with an occasional place over for some aged or infirm brother or sister. The people desire to see their ministers and the platform is nearly the only place where they can be observed.

The prayer preceding the sermon of Bishop Foss in the Auditorium was made by Bishop Walden and expressed a wideness of comprehension of all the great needs of Ocean Grove that enabled every one to intelligently speak to God for blessing.

A spiritual solo was sung by Mrs. Grace Orr, of Missouri, and the choir sang in full equipment for their part in the worship.

The committee appointed by the General Conference to consolidate the denominational benevolences complimented Ocean Grove by selecting it as their place of meeting, whose date corresponded with the opening of the season and gave us Bishops Foss, Walden and Fowler as preachers at the Auditorium for the first two Sabbaths of the summer.



The Opening Sermon

It has been an almost invariable custom that the opening sermon should be delivered by one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Foss had at different times been invited but health or Episcopal duties had prevented until now, when he accepted the invitation of the committee. In his earlier ministry he had very frequently attended service here and had been exceptionally blessed in soul and spirit. It was now his privilege to once more occupy the platform and minister as he had often aforetime been ministered unto, which he did in preaching an in-

spirational sermon from "The Morning Cometh," in which the advance of Christianity as it evolved the people from the temporal, physical, mental, moral and religious darkness into which it had receded after the fall was clearly proven and the encouragement it afforded enforced. He continued the forms of its illustration by applying its facts to the work of the Methodist Church, and further on to the important part taken by Ocean Grove in the effectiveness of the gospel. The morning was one of violent storm, but a congregation, unusual under the circumstances, inaugurated the season and what was of far greater value the presence of the spirit was realized in the congregation. In the course of his allusions to Ocean Grove Bishop Foss gave voice to the hope that Ocean Grove might be preserved from all the evil influences and forces which surrounded and especially that no boulevard might ever be permitted to run through it.



The Second Sabbath

On the second Sabbath of the season Bishop Fowler, from the sublimest conceptions, preached the morning sermon on the "Exaltation of Christ," making them effective through a class of illustrations which showed Him to be the one great force which advanced the progress of man and so secured the glorification of God.

In the evening Bishop Walden spoke on "Life, as Centralized in Christ" and derived from Him among all orders of creation. His mission to us was to bestow life in the highest of all its spiritual manifestations, and which was made attainable by the testing of the two great principles of Repentance and Faith. No sermon which followed it developed more thoroughly "the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

The first Sabbath evening of the season ushered in so great a storm of wind and rain as to make an assemblage at the beach impossible. On the succeeding Sabbath the

conditions were more favorable and the service was inaugurated with more than usual enthusiasm. Dr. O'Hanlon and Revs. Randolph and Robinson delivered addresses, and Miss Edna White, the child cornetist, played several pieces of sacred music, which with the other exercises left impressions for good.



The Young People's Meeting

The Young People's Meetings welcomed with more than the usual effusiveness of greetings their commander, Dr. Yatman. It had been feared that his engagements for an all-round-the-world campaign might possibly prevent his return, and after that was abandoned his serious illness, resulting from overwork, would make the performance of Ocean Grove work impossible. But a couple of months' rest restored the energies whose relief had been obtained in time for recuperation, and he was at his post in a vigor seemingly unimpaired from the first days of his leadership.



Rev. C. H. Yatman

The departure for the better world of a sister very dear to Dr. Yatman tinged the conduct of the services with a tender solemnity extending through the season, whose effect deepened the religious feeling among the attendants upon them. The music, one of the most powerful charms which attract the young, proved just as powerful in attracting the old; and, indeed, the elder people often so took the places of the younger as to crowd them back and thus make the work specially intended for them largely ineffective because of it. This was felt by the leader to be a serious matter, but the possibilities of remedy seemed beyond discovery. The "old people" were many of them hard of hearing and felt a right to crowd near the front, even while thus doing

so they kept the young people away from it, and rendered nugatory a part of what would otherwise have been the most effective of all the work of the Temple.



Opening of Sunday Schools

The Sunday Schools were opened for work on the Sabbath of July 6th. The previous Sunday had been devoted to the proper disposition of the work, and on this one the work began.

Dr. O'Hanlon led his Bible Class by conducting the lesson and afterwards answering all questions, pertinent and impertinent, which were propounded to him, in the Auditorium. He told of the time twenty-six years ago when on a stormy day in Dr. Ward's tent this Bible Class was formed of which he then became its leader and had so continued ever since.

Rev. Mr. Evans, in the Temple, found a larger number than was usual assembled for the Intermediate Department.

Mrs. William H. Skirm found plenty of able and willing workers ready to assist her in the Primary Department, which was again placed in the Tabernacle.



The National Anniversary

In accordance with its custom the Ocean Grove Association celebrated the National Anniversary of July 4, 1902.

Decoration Day, so touchingly significant of the dead heroes, by the sacrifice of whose lives our government was perpetuated and upon whose graves the temple of our Union is solidly built, found our streets lined with flags.

Flag Day, with its localized history, Washington's birth and Lincoln's death had each received the same public ex-



Wesley Lake—Ocean Grove on the right, Asbury Park on the left

pression, and this, the greatest occasion in our national history, was not less behind the others in its demonstration.

The morning opened with ringing of bells and firing of cannon, and the Stars and Stripes floated everywhere.

The holiness meeting in the Tabernacle tinged its experiences with patriotism.

In the Young People's Temple, with Gen. W. H. Skirm as presiding officer, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Dobbs Ferry. The Rough Riders saluted the flag; Miss Margaret Asay recited an ode; Mrs. Blanche Bennett-Shreve sang the "Red, White and Blue." The flag of Great Britain was presented by Miss G. McClelland, of Germany by Miss Nellie Shiles, of France by Miss Yatman, and Russia by Miss Day, and all saluted.

Following this Hon. C. P. McClelland, of Dobbs Ferry, spoke eloquently upon "America Leading the World," in which religion was recognized as the foundation upon which its constitution was built and by which its patriotism could be made effective.

In the Auditorium Bishop FitzGerald presided.

A prayer, alive with appropriate expression of gratitude for national blessings, was made by Bishop Foss.

The old "Declaration" had its meaning effectively read by Prof. Frederick S. Shepherd, principal of the Asbury Park High School, after which Gov. Murphy, who had separated himself from a multitude of pressing engagements and given the courtesy of his presence to the occasion, received the "salute" from the audience, both for himself and the orator who was to succeed him. In a brief address the Governor illustrated his interest in the Grove as a conservator of what was good and best for the State, with special reference to the children's training in the patriotism of religion. After which Hon. Wayne Parker, a member of Congress from New Jersey, who had consented to accept the request of the Association, delivered an oration from its platform, consecrated by the presence and addresses of Presidents—Grant, McKinley and Roosevelt. He spoke for perhaps an hour, and was given rapt attention.

“It is a solemn place,” said he, “in which I stand today—remembering the great men who have spoken here for their country and their God, looking forth on the wide ocean that separates us like an eternity from the mother nation with whom our lot was bound until the fateful declaration of this day, 136 years ago—thinking over the marvels of those years, seeing the greater marvels and problems of the present, and gazing into the misty twilight of the future, where the spirits of good and ill rise like phantoms in our path.”

The address was a terse, yet comprehensive resume of the salient facts belonging to our national history, both in the remoteness of their origin and progress of development, with their application in newer and fresher forms to national life, both in the present and future.



One company of Rough Riders

Both addresses received close and appreciative attention from an unusually large audience.

The music was patriotically appropriate and received the highest commendation from all present. The performers seemed to diffuse their own enthusiasm in their renderings, until they appeared to speak the words of the sentiment they were portraying.

The speakers were escorted from Elberon in carriages, tendered by A. H. DeHaven, S. M. Myers and Mrs. Wood, by the Executive and Devotional Committees, who were afterward given a dinner at the Majestic in connection with the Governor and Congressman.

An arrangement had been made for a patriotic concert in the evening, but on learning that the celebration of Asbury Park was planned for that time, the Association recalled its entertainment and invited its people to enjoy the entertainment provided in the Park. In all its exercises the day was one to be marked "special" in the annals of the Grove.

The following letter was received from Gov. Murphy by Dr. Ballard:

Elberon, N. J., July 12, 1902.

My Dear Doctor Ballard:

I am in receipt of your very pleasant note of July fifth and thank you for the word of appreciation and compliment you send me. I enjoyed my visit to Ocean Grove very much and was glad to be able to be present with you on the Fourth of July.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN MURPHY.

In the acceptance of the invitation to speak at Ocean Grove on July 4th, Hon. R. Wayne Parker writes: "I appreciate very highly the honor you do me in asking me to speak on the Fourth of July in the Auditorium. I take the performance of this as both a duty and pleasure."



The Sunshine Society

This society, organized for the diffusion of physical, mental, moral and spiritual sunshine among people of all creeds, or no creed, held the anniversary of its seashore branch in the Temple on July 9, with Mrs. President Wyman in the chair. The meeting opened with scripture, prayer and song, after which reports were read revealing a membership of over 200,000 in its branches in different parts of the world.

Mrs. Seward, of New York, delivered an address, among

whose incidents was one of twenty thousand Sunshine Christmas stockings to sunshine 20,000 little hearts.

The various addresses explained and illustrated the objects of the Society. In the evening Bishop FitzGerald discussed the diffusion of a sunshiny life as the general privilege of the Christian religion, which was followed by Miss C. Bradford, who aptly illustrated the benevolent operations of the organization. The Society will be with us again next year.



National Sabbath Association

The Sunday of July 13 was dedicated to the National Sabbath Association under the General Secretary, Rev. I. W. Hathaway.

The offices of the Association are at New York, where Dr. Hathaway arranges its correspondence and transacts its business, which is rapidly assuming a general status upon the Sabbath question.

Dr. Lorimer, who recently resigned the pastorate of the great Tremont Temple in Boston to accept that of the Madison Avenue Church in New York, is an earnest believer in the position taken by Ocean Grove upon the question of Sabbath observance.

He accepted the joint invitation of the Ocean Grove and Sabbath Association to preach on that subject on the morning of that Sabbath from Nehemiah's statement "that it was an evil thing to profane the Sabbath." He defined its nature by saying that while all days were sacred, the Sabbath was especially so, just as Fourth of July is special in national history, and that its compulsory observance is not more tyrannical than vaccination, which alike with the observance of the Sabbath is for the national good.

The evening sermon was on the "Message of the Cross," which directed a procedure whose results transformed the nature by the introduction of a new and spiritual life and gave afterward an inspiration which made that life effective.

He considered the present state of the Church as too poetical and liturgical rather than practical, and added "Refinement cannot save people who can only be saved by the cross," which gives a new meaning both to life and death.

The sermon held the rapt attention of the people and was a subject of commendation afterwards on all spiritual lines.



Sabbath Observance

There has been no relaxation of the rigidity of our rules regarding the Sabbath, though their observance has sometimes given offense to valued friends. In inviting preachers, lecturers or assistants of any kind it has been deemed wisest to include in the invitation that all public travel must be so arranged as to exclude the Sabbath day. While this rule has lost to us the service of men of eminence, both in pulpit and rostrum, it has secured to us an honored estimate by both Church and world of fidelity in maintaining the principle in our practice that the Sabbath day in Ocean Grove must be kept "Holy Unto the Lord," attending to the teachings of Jesus.

The Asbury Park Board of Trade, with a majority of its Common Council, passed resolutions requesting the Ocean Grove Association to withdraw their opposition to the stopping of Sunday trains at the joint station of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, and appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Kinmonth and Steinbach to present it. It was argued that their city had grown to such proportions that it should not be held to agreements made in its childhood—that times had greatly changed and that \$4,000,000 of property should control, that the Sunday train is a modern necessity and should be encouraged.

The Association replied that a recession of its attitude was impossible without a sacrifice of its principles, which could not even be taken into consideration. Beyond the uncompromising position necessary to the status of the Grove

lay the fact that both the Grove and Park have phenomenally prospered under the restriction of a united pledge that the Sabbath should be protected against Sunday trains, and that while a single citizen in either place objected to annulling the agreement, or any property holder who was not a citizen took that position, the matter could not be considered without a violation of the common privileges of common honesty, which govern the public rights of the financial world.



The Epworth League

The Epworth Leagues are becoming more and more a fashioning power in the Churches of today.

An era of general intelligence has demanded a corresponding intelligence in religion, which demand the Leagues are supplying.

The New Jersey Conference Epworth League held an Epworth League Day at Ocean Grove on Tuesday, July 15, under the presidency of Rev. F. A. DeMaris. Professor Sitterley was booked to speak on the "Complete Circuit"; Rev. George H. Neal, on "Song Through Sacrifice"; Dr. Handley, on "The Epworthian and His Bible"; Dr. Gamble, on "Spiritual Work"; Rev. Mr. Sargent, on "The Literary Department," and Rev. Mr. Brock, on "The Boy Problem." All of these were able papers, which, in terse and forcible forms, inspired fresh energy to the workers in this great agency of the Methodist Church.

The social work as discussed by Miss Sarah Lenhart was far above the average, both in its literary purity of expression and persuasiveness of delivery, and greatly to the interest of the occasion.

The evening address by Rev. Dr. George Adams, of Brooklyn, was both intelligent and eloquent, although given without the inspiration of the usual audience, who were kept away by one of the most violent thunder storms of the entire season. Notwithstanding the discouragement of the

storm, which interposed so serious an obstacle to the success of the day, the plucky leaders decided to make arrangements for a fuller and more extended gathering at the Grove next year.



Hospital Sunday

Hospital Sunday is included in the list of preferred institutions that hold their anniversaries at Ocean Grove, and to whom the courtesies of the Auditorium are tendered for their exercises.

On July 20th the presentation was made by Rev. Dr. Kavanaugh, of the Seeney Memorial Hospital in Brooklyn in a discourse whose logic convinced and whose eloquence captivated the belief of the people. Its origination, through Bishop FitzGerald, Dr. Buckley and the generous-hearted George T. Seeney, was graphically described by the Bishop and Dr. Kavanaugh as the first entrance by Methodism into this field of benevolence, with the announcement of Mr. Seeney's generous gift of a half million of dollars. Since that date of twenty years ago twenty Methodist hospitals have been founded, one for each year, through which Methodism has begun to pay back to other denominations on this line the favors aforesaid received from them.

During this time in Seeney Hospital alone over 16,000 patients have been treated in the wards, besides 75,000 in the medical dispensary.



Women's Suffrage Association

Among the speakers who thrilled the crowds which filled the Temple during the sessions of their convention was Mrs. Catt, whose research into the history of her subject interested the thought, while her magnificent oratory controlled the attention of her audience on the evening of July 21st.

On the succeeding evening Miss Anna Shaw held the people under the same enthralment, upon the same question, in which she made it clear that "Woman Suffrage" is maintaining a steadiness of progress level with the advance of the nation. The modes of presentation by all the speakers were free from silly diatribes on male tyranny and confined themselves mostly to the moral and economic value of placing the ballott alike in the hands of men and women. Their meeting made a favorable impression for their cause, and left many new ideas for the consideration of the people.

The Women's Suffrage Association advanced in favor of their principles that intelligence and morality were more than averaged at the polls now by their opposites; that the percentage of crime was small for women; that intelligence and morality advance with woman suffrage, as reported by the Wyoming Legislature in 1893, which says that after twenty-five years of experiment there is no county in the State needing a poorhouse, and the jails are nearly empty; that where women vote there are cleaner polling places, quieter elections and improved legislation.

They add that women are preparing themselves for this by societies, in Churches, clubs and associations; Vassar College alone numbers 3,000, and twenty-nine States, in full or partial forms, already having adopted it.

Mary A. Livermore says: "With the enfranchisement of women there will come a nobler era. Then, with interests that are identical, with a humanity common to both, the masculine head married to the female heart, wisdom supplemented with love, man and woman shall together work out the great problems of life, and a nobler and better civilization shall come to the waiting future."



Women's Christian Temperance Union

The temperance issues receive fullest consideration in the public manifestations of the Grove. The time has come

when almost all good men and women have concluded that the use of intoxicants is an evil, and that Christians must abstain for the benefit of example. It has followed that all lovers of humanity agree in that sense of good citizenship which demands the abolishment of the saloon, while all are not yet agreed as to the best means of accomplishing it.

In the week devoted to this great issue the general principles have been pressed upon the conscience of the people with a fuller discussion of the best methods by which the forces may act more effectively together.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, under the presidency of Mrs. Emma Bourne, filled July 23d and 24th with an intelligent and impressive program of song, essays, facts and addresses, all on the clear, straight line of the religion of Jesus. While all the speakers were good the par excellence was Miss Anna Shaw, who glorified in a spinstership which enabled her to devote both her time and exceptional abilities to the great work of salvation from drink!

Year by year this society of self-sacrificing women have taken up different departments of evils following from even the moderate use of intoxicants.

They have added a bureau of "Female Purity," as they saw how the customs of society deteriorated it, and have treated it with a delicacy which frees it from adverse criticism. They have succeeded in introducing educational books upon the subject into the schools. They have organized their young women into Y's and the elders into the class described above.

It is true that some of their political methods could possibly be improved, but taken together the W. C. T. U. is one of the noblest enterprises growing out of the Church of the twentieth century.

This year they conducted a "School of Methods," in which Mrs. Carter, of Newark, spoke on the avoidance of war; Miss Shaw on "Emancipation in the Temperance Outlook;" Mrs. Williams on "Dependent and Delinquent Children," and Mrs. Burgess on "Temperance in the Bermudas;" and Miss Anna Shaw filled the evening with the

"Problems of Temperance." Mrs. Alice Gurnsey told of the work at Ellis Island among the immigrants; Mrs. Budd, of Mt. Holly, spoke to mothers; Mrs. Gilmour, of Wenonah, led the devotions, and Mrs. J. H. Robinson discussed the "Grumblers," and Dr. Eva M. Lake spoke on the "Christian Solution of the National Problem."



National Temperance Publication Society

The National Temperance Publication Society held their usual anniversary exercises on July 26th, 27th and 28th, following appropriately the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which appropriately followed the Women's Suffrage Convention, both of which had fully recognized the "great cause."

Joshua Bailey, the venerable president, was unable from illness to attend and Hon. Mr. Metcalf, of Rhode Island, presided in his place and delivered an address on "Increase and Decrease in the General Work," with the causes which led to them.

Dr. Mingins spoke in the afternoon, and Dr. C. H. Mead delivered a characteristically humorous and pathetic lecture in the evening. On Saturday morning Rev. Dr. Dunn, General Secretary of the Society, than whom no man understands better the situation of the temperance cause over the world, spoke principally upon its natural and educational aspects. In the afternoon he again spoke to the children in an appropriate address on preparing them for the war on the saloons when they became men and women. The sermon of Rev. Dr. Eckman, of New York, on Sunday morning was fully up to the level of the best ever delivered from the Auditorium platform. It began by conceding everything which can honestly be claimed by any apologist of the liquor traffic, for the business or for personal indulg-

ence, and yet logically proved the general wrong of both the indulgence and the traffic.

This was followed by a plain statement that the arguments applied to good citizenship apart from Christianity, and so far the Christian stands on the same level with other citizens, but that on the great doctrines of the gospel a man must abstain from his personal right for indulgence, or the conduct of the business, if such negation will help to save a weaker man. The sermon was forcibly delivered and held rapt attention till its close. The work done by the society is mostly educational and its influence is extending nationally every year.

The vast amount of literature prepared by this organization and sent out from it every year to all quarters of the land reaches very many people and aids greatly in forming a national sentiment against the unholy traffic in intoxicants.



Memorial Anniversary

In accordance with the custom of the past, a memorial service was held in the Tabernacle on the afternoon of July 31. The attendance was large, and as the tasteful board containing the roll of the dead who had been interested in the labor or prosperity of Ocean Grove, and who had been translated during the year past, was exhibited, tears sprang sympathetically to every eye. From the small portion of time allotted, it was impossible that many eulogies should be delivered but the mute names upon the board, from the simple fact that they were accorded a place there, were eulogiums in themselves. Bishop FitzGerald gave a brief and tender tribute to Dr. S. L. Baldwin, for many years a missionary secretary to the board. Dr. Ballard gave a like brief remembrance of President McKinley and Senator Sewall, both of whom had been warm friends of Ocean Grove. Dr. Alday touched tenderly upon Dr. Talmage, who had visited and spoken often at Ocean Grove, and a few others received

special attention. Appropriate hymns diversified the exercises. A short address, comprehending the reasons for which the memorial was annually observed, was made by the Bishop, when with the sacredness of parting on earth rising into the exaltation of a triumphant faith, which assured a re-



union, the meeting separated. A solemn sense pervaded all that another year might witness their own names upon the roll, when other eyes would bestow the sympathy upon them which they were bestowing upon those already gone.

Thirty-Third Anniversary

The thirty-third anniversary of Ocean Grove's founding was held upon the spot in Thompson Park where, in the tent of Mrs. Joseph Thornley, at six o'clock in the evening, the first public service was held upon its grounds, and whose anniversary has been perpetuated on the same date and hour. Dr. J. H. Alday read the Scripture in Isaiah which has been always used on the occasion. Dr. Wallace, the only surviving member present, with Mrs. Stokes, who attended that first meeting, made the prayer, after which Bishop FitzGerald spoke of the tore given by that first meeting to all the after history of the Grove, in which everything was consecrated to God. It was appropriate that this spot should be held sacred. The financial conception of profit usually entering into similar enterprises of resort were eliminated at that meeting, and had not been allowed to enter its past, its present, or to prospect its future, and to this fact was no doubt owing the phenomenal prosperity which had characterized the life of Ocean Grove.



View of Wesley Lake

Special portions of earth have always been kept sacred in consecration of the events occurring upon them and it was fitting that this spot should remain sacred for all its future. Dr. Wallace made an address, comprehending both its history and principles. Dr. Ballard spoke of the fidelity

with which the Association had kept its pledge of the Sabbath. Dr. Evans mentioned the longevity attained by its original members, of whom ten of the twenty-six were still alive. Dr. S. W. Thomas, in eloquent words, praised the men and their work. S. M. Myers spoke lovingly of the benefit himself and thousands of others had received. Dr. Yatman closed the meeting with a beautifully outlined possibility of a Young People's Temple built upon the one most sacred spot of Ocean Grove. There was a large attendance, which was photographed for the Christian Herald.



The Social Evening

In accordance with many expressed desires the evening of August 2d was set apart for social fellowship in the Auditorium, where a very large congregation assembled, with festoons and flags, and lights playing beautifully around and through them, lending a brilliancy which seemed to call out a corresponding feeling in the people. There was no limitation of age, color or sex, and the children asserted their share of the entertainment as naturally as their elders, the younger supplying activity as entirely as the elders enjoyed repose. "Introducing" was a feature of the evening, and under it people who had seen each other frequently, sometimes year after year at the Grove, and never more than passed a "good morning," found themselves at once acquainted and that they liked each other.

A couple of gentlemen who had been introduced found that they had been intimates years ago and had lost sight of each other, though each had been coming to the Grove. A number of people made the personal acquaintance of the Bishop, who while desiring it, could not have had the opportunity without this social evening, and which caused him to say: "Now, I have spoken to you, I know you."

Two gentlemen said to each other: "We have been coming to the Grove for seventeen years and never hap-

pened to cross each other until now." Ladies said to each other: "I have wanted so much to know you, and have never seemed to have had the opportunity. I am so glad it has come, and hope that another year we can feel that we can enjoy each other. There was music of the best, which added its charms, but the only refreshment permitted or desired was that of fellowship.

The time passed so delightfully that the parting hour came before any one was ready, and an agreement was reached which later on found expression in a similar evening, with a clear understanding that the succeeding season would extend their number.



Children's Day

On Children's Day, August 3d, the Auditorium was beautifully adorned with flowers and flags arranged to symbolize the occasion. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Wilson, D. D., of New York, who possesses both a natural and trained ability to interest childhood. In the midst of a storm, which would naturally have distracted the attention, he was able to recover it, without stopping his discourse or losing his hold upon the people. Souvenirs, resembling coin, were freely distributed, which will long connect a day of delight with memories of Ocean Grove.

Dr. James Brady, formerly of the Boston Temple, said: "Its conception was the finest on our planet. Anything like it cannot be found elsewhere in the land." In it were Japanese lanterns with little people costumed a la Japan.

In the morning the children occupied front seats, and in the evening the seven or eight hundred occupied the entire choir gallery, giving songs and recitals and an appropriate and beautiful representation, entitled, "The Coming of the King," in which fifty young ladies took part, while the choir sat in the front gallery and responded to the children. The boys were in their Rough Rider suits and the girls in tasteful attire, principally white. The Rough Rider suits were sig-

nificant of war, which many persons insist is directly opposed to the teachings of our Lord, while others are equally firm in the belief that the Army is part of a government ordained by God, and which bears a sword. They quote that the employment as soldiers was no bar to early discipleship, where there was not even the excuse of patriotism and the practice of the Church ever since.

The Association, while respecting an opposite judgment, has not felt itself at liberty to discountenance patriotism, which apparently carries with it military training as its natural support. Outside of this question the physical value of soldierly tactics is openly apparent in the bodily improvement of the Rough Riders. Another divided sentiment has been as to the value of what might be called the spectacular and sensational in connection with worship in religion. The olden institutions, both true and false, provided freely for it,



The Rough Riders Drilling

while some of its reforms abolished it. The Wesleyan awakening was largely dramatic, both in its preaching and revival services, in the open air meetings, the uniform of the preachers and the demonstration of its experiences. The question appears to lie in the extent to which it may be car-

ried. In the Children's Day the festooning, the flags, the lights, the gloom, the white-robed children, the cross, all combined to impress the senses, and through the senses reached the mind and spirit of the people.



Women's Home Missionary Society

The Women's Home Missionary Society convened for their Ocean Grove anniversary on August 5th, with Mrs. C. B. Fiske, who is also President of the National Association, presiding. The principal addresses were made by Mrs. Anna Kent on the work in New Mexico; Mrs. D. L. Williams on "Help from Young Women;" Miss Carrie Burger on "Organization of the Young;" Miss Ada Ingraham on "Boylan Home;" Miss Jennie Hughes, late of Salvation Army Volunteers; Miss Moshier, Mrs. George R. Reed, National Secretary; Mrs. Jabel F. Horton and Dr. Drees made appropriate addresses upon the missions at Porto Rico.



Deaconess' Day

The Deaconess' Day, August 7th, was placed for Thursday, with addresses from Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. R. A. Tenney, Mrs. C. L. Roach, Mrs. C. K. Swarts, Miss May Mahon, Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Miss Kirstine Peterson, Miss J. Corbin, Mrs. D. B. Street, aided by Revs. Leighton, Williams, J. R. Wright and C. W. Gallagher, D. D.

After the close of the regular exercises the meeting convened in the evening and presented an illustrated "Dream of Our Country's Greatness," which attracted a deeply interested attention, closing with a service of consecration to their special work.

Their work extends over the wide spaces of our frontiers, where settlers are compelled to expend every penny for the bare necessities of living, and have nothing left with

which to sustain the gospel. Men are found who are willing to preach the gospel to them and share their inconvenience of living if they can receive the bare necessities of life along with the people, and this society provides them just that. They are always welcome to Ocean Grove.

The "Day" was preceded by a reception at their Rest Home, which crowded their rooms with interested visitors, many of whom had incomplete conceptions of the work of a Deaconess and were surprised to learn that the best features of the Catholic Sisters of Mercy and the guilds of the Episcopal Church were distinctive features of the order. Their work among the poor and lowly has received the highest commendation and the establishment of a Rest Home, where they can recuperate for renewed labor within the precincts of the Grove is in perfect harmony with the objects of the Association.



Miss Ellen Stone

This lady, made eminent from the persecutions she endured at the hands of Macedonian brigands, by whom for eight months she was held a captive in daily fear of death, had been invited by the Women's Missionary Societies of the M. E. Church to speak for them at their anniversary in August, but from a press of other engagements covering that time was compelled to decline. She worshipped with the Ocean Grove congregation on the opening day, and in the praise service of the evening spoke to the people.

Her address covered the main points of her imprisonment and ransom, already familiar to the people through the public journals of the time, together with a forceful and intelligent resume of the mission work in Bulgaria and the value of even costly missionary work in the great mission of the church. Miss Stone has a personality at once attractive and impressive, and has acquired the art of public address to an extent which enabled her to be distinctly understood by persons of ordinary hearing in all parts of the great Auditorium.

The King's Daughters

By some misunderstanding of arrangements this grand order of noble women did not hold the anniversary which had been arranged for them by Ocean Grove on August 7th.

The President, Mrs. Bottome, was absent in Maine. She supposed the status was understood by the other officials of the order, who in turn had left it to the President, and no plan was prepared by them for the day set apart by the Association. A considerable number attended from distant places, who accepted in its place religious services of song and prayer, with an address by the Vice President and an afternoon reception at the Rest Home of the Deaconesses.

Ocean Grove has always a royal welcome for these ladies, whose charitable labors are doing so much to make the world's burdens lighter to its burden-bearers, and will be glad to receive them again when it shall be their pleasure to visit us.



Women's Foreign Missionary Society

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in its Ocean Grove Auxiliary was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August 8, 9 and 10, under the presidency of Mrs. E. H. Stokes, who for all the time of its history has occupied that position, and who at an advanced age is still able to discharge its duties.

The exercises brought into view the success of women in the missionary enterprises of foreign lands, where men other than the family were not admitted to the society of women, consequently the gospel could only be taught them by members of their own sex, for which this Society was originally organized, and which justifies its existence apart from the regular missionary organization.

Mrs. M. H. Wheeler, the Vice President, assisted in presiding. Bishop FitzGerald gave words of greeting for the As-

sociation. Mrs. I. Simmons represented the Correspondence and Mrs. J. R. VanKirk the Treasury. Mrs. Margerum presented fagots for missionary fire through Mrs. Williams, National Corresponding Secretary; Mesdames Kent, Skidmore, FitzGerald, Bruere, Reeves, Demier and Newbury.

Earnest addresses were made by Mrs. Agnes McAllister, of Africa; Miss Ame Buddin, of India; Mrs. Gamewell, of China, and Miss Ella Chase, of America. An interesting missionary sermon was delivered by Rev. C. W. Drees, D. D., of South America, after which the usual missionary offering was made by the congregation.

The addresses of Dr. Drees and Mrs. McAllister described Porto Rico and Darkest Africa as sunken in a depth of degredation only paralleled by unchristianized savagery, which would require years of missionary effort to raise to the slavery level of the colored people of the South. For many years these people have walked side by side with European culture, which has failed to elevate them even to an ability to read and write. The missionary organizations alone seem able to implant civilization as correlated to religion.



The Summer School of Theology

The Summer School of Theology has to struggle against the fact that the mass of people who come to Ocean Grove, come for relaxation rather than study, the boardwalk in place of lectures, and the beach instead of the Temple.

Still there are numbers desirous to acquaint themselves with the newest phases of theological facts and the most recent forms of theological expression. Especially was this true of the womanhood of the Church, whose large attendance attested their interest. To all these the appeasing of mental hunger was a pleasure and the digging in the mines of thought a repose from incertitude.

The first three of the lectures for the season were delivered by Prof. R. W. Rogers, whose clearness of statement

and exactness of articulation made the close attention necessary a pleasure. They were replete with historical facts in the collaterals of Bible history, recently given to the world by the discoveries of exploration. The decline and fall of Nineveh and Babylon were graphically depicted and shown to correspond with the Bible narratives, each fragment of discovery being a fresh corroboration. Pieces of pottery, inscribed with historical data leading up to the absoluteness of Bible history, were made by the lecturer to take their places in the logic of proof. In the story of the Hittites, a Nation whose existence has been questioned by historians, although named in the Bible annals, the Professor showed that late archaeological discoveries proved that the Nation had undoubtedly existed, and existed at the time and place mentioned in the Bible.

In the immediate connection with these lectures of antiquity were placed the latest scientific discoveries of modern times in wireless telegraphy and liquid air by Professor Woodland, whose marvelous illustrations of these forces of nature fitly adjoined the buried history of the past.

A lecture overflowing with scriptural proofs on the divine dynasty of David was delivered by Rev. M. H. Ingersoll. Prof. S. D. Hillman gave one on "The First Day of Creation," and another on the "Relation of the Deity to the Physical Forces," both of which left an audience to wonder how these great ideas could be so clearly illustrated in lectures of a single hour each.

Dr. Patton, of Princeton, had accepted an invitation to deliver two lectures, but telegraphed that he felt unequal to the work, and his place was filled by Rev. J. O. Wilson, D. D., of New York, in one of the most brilliantly graphic descriptions of the Yosemite Valley ever given to the public.

On the day set apart for Pennington Day, Dr. A. S. Piper, of Philadelphia, lectured on Thomas Carlyle, presenting that remarkable man, of whom it was supposed no new phase could be exhibited, in new and more favorable lights than most of the criticism of the past.

Rev. Dr. Kidder, of New York, spoke on "Theology

or Neology," handling these opposing ideas in a manner which made it clear to all his hearers that in disputing theology a man had nothing whatever left as a basis of belief.

Rev. Charles E. Locke, of Buffalo, presented a popular lecture on "Scarecrows That Do Not Scare," in which the doubts which skeptical men have introduced by inversions of both ideas and language, were shown to be but imitations devoid of any actual existence.

Rev. Dr. David James Burrill delighted the audience on "The teachings of Jesus as to God, Man, and the God Man," in which his idea, while held on safe levels, walked along the farthest margin of intellectual advance. His problem of the kingdom was one which captivated more by its conceptions of a religious future, but was equally interesting on its own line.

Nothing in the whole course surpassed the eloquent and spiritual deliverance of Rev. Dr. Gros Alexander, of Vanderbilt University, on "The most beautiful Book in the world in the Gospel of St. Luke," "The Gospel of the Holy Ghost as shown in the Acts of the Apostles," "The greatest Epistle of the greatest Apostle, in Romans as given by St. Paul," and "The greatest anonymous Epistle," in which Hebrews received an elucidation beyond the usual knowledge of the people.

The lectures of Dr. Alexander found their elucidation in personal illustrations of their topics, which corresponded with the personal experiences of the audience. There can be no better way of making Scripture history effective in faith than where its application today produces the same experimental results as were produced in Apostolic days, and where experiences are common both to the lecturer and the people who listen to him.

The sermon of Dr. Charles Edward Locke, on "Obedience to the Heavenly Vision," received appreciative attention. The truth that God has personal supervision over everything He has made, is applied to all forms of evolution and followed by His personal interest, continually developing itself in the kind of world He has made for us, and to

which He has fitted our triple nature in the great scheme of atonement, through which it reaches its highest possibilities of perfection.

The School closed with an evening of "Methodist Brotherhood," illustrative of the forms in which the sociology of the Church could be brought into more effective development.

Dr. T. B. Neeley, Secretary of Sunday School publications, who is understood to be the progenitor of the society, delivered the address. Drs. Handley, Howard and others took part in the exercises, which made an appropriate ending of the Summer School.



Children's Outing

Through the kindness of Clement Shoemaker, Esq., owner of Wanamassa Park, this beautiful park was placed at the disposal of Professor Morgan for the outing of the children, Thursday, August 21.

Among the preparations made were a large con-



The Children's Festival Chorus

signment of patent swings, steam launches and the usual accessories to enjoyment of children. At the refreshment table

the youthful vigor was most largely exercised on sandwiches, cake and ice cream, which only a digestion enlarged by the air in the woods could render safe.

There was sport without rudeness or friction everywhere. The discipline of the Rough Riders would have been an object lesson to the Sea Girt Camp.

These hearty, healthy, well-mannered boys and girls of Ocean Grove, full of sportiveness, impressed a bystander to say, "Ocean Grove may well be proud of the children who as men and women will represent its summer future."



The Choir' Outing

Morgan's choir strengthened still more closely the ties which bind them together by their annual gathering in the woods of Wanamassa. The day was pleasant, and the people as pleasant as the day. There was an abandonment to sylvan pleasures as they roamed among the trees and sailed upon the lakes, where years ago the Indian killed his game and sculled his canoe. The never-absent outing appetite accompanied the choir, and the means of gratification followed close behind. The occasion was one where familiarity took the place of formal reserve and restored the freshness of girlhood and boyhood to the years which had come later on.



Jewish Mission

Dr. Foust, a converted Jewish Rabbi, for several years past had been a missionary among his people in the City of New York, and passed a number of summers in Ocean Grove, where a service was usually given him in the Tabernacle in aid of his mission. A few months before our season he was removed by death, but his widow and son, who have taken up his work, came to us again, and the same courtesy was extended to them on the afternoon of September 2.

Arbor Day

The Association, in accordance with its established custom, observed the day fixing its date at the same time with that of the State and the schools.

A memorial tree was planted in Memorial Park to the memory of Rev. J. R. Vankirk, who had been called away from the society of his brethren on earth to be with those who had already passed over and await those now on the way. Eleven other trees were planted in different locations at the request of friends, who desired in this form to perpetuate the memory of departed friends.



Music

In the olden days of camp meetings both song and music were unprofessional. The classic poetry of our hymns; except where the use of ages had made the meaning part of education, required too much thought to be available in emotional ecstasies. The words were mostly those in common use with common meaning, which were easily taught without the exercise of thinking. Music set to notes, if sung from them at an encampment, lost its unction, just as a sermon read from a paper loses it. The unction goes to the paper and the notes and rarely accomplishes the meaning, and the enjoyment depended on the meaning. Many choir leaders and singers fixed the attention upon the notes and voicing, giving words only as they occasionally caught their eyes. The music of the camps re-

quired that whoever led it should be enthused with it, and in it, and be so full of it as to exhale it for the use of those who followed him. Music, common in its vernacular and easy in its scale, was essential in arousing the emotions, and emotion was essential to a camp meeting.



Tali E. Morgan

The general music of the day trends in the direction of formal notes so executed as to claim admiration rather than feeling. Solos, duetts and quartettes, whose words if uttered at all are not understood, and whose special claims to favor consist in unnatural and frequently unmusical elevations and depressions of sound, are now in general most popular with the musical public.

Professor Morgan is almost the first who is making an honest effort, and with some success, to combine the sense of poetry with the sense of music and interpret both into the realities of worship. That the task is a hard one is certain, but that a measure of success attends it is equally certain. Among others the "Holy City," as rendered by the Ocean Grove choir and orchestra, was so distinctly understood and appreciated by the people as to be made the occasion of religious advancement as expressed in the testimonies of the Holiness and other meetings. Every concert which came after the "Holy City" was superior to the one that preceded it, until the end of the season.

The consensus of expression from musical critics and unmusical critics was that there was nothing like it in the land, and that meaning as well as notes was translated into music.

Among those who in lesser circles are impressing the people with music so learned from the notes as to be sung without them, while the meaning of the words glows in every intonation, are Mr. and Mrs. Loper and Mrs. J. R. Fitch, who all assisted largely in the success of the meetings. In describing Mrs. Fitch a listener said: "Her singing goes right to the heart and her solos bring tears," and to the Lopers a gentleman bore testimony that on one occasion at the Grove the people were awakened, sought God and received the pardon of their sins.

In the Beach Meetings the music was almost entirely vocal and consisted of the hymns in common use, which every one sang, and mated the voice of the sea in a harmony, which must be felt to be understood, as a sound of many waters.

In a conversation with a hotel keeper in Asbury Park, who was violently denouncing the Grove for its attitude on the question of a boulevard and the Sabbath restrictions, it was finally acknowledged by him that at least forty of his guests remained at his hotel because of the music at Ocean Grove, and agreed also that if Ocean Grove lost its restrictions it would lose its peculiar attractiveness and his hotel would be the sufferer because of it. Other gentlemen in the Park, while unreasonably clamoring for a boulevard speedway, made the same acknowledgement that to be a real benefit to Asbury Park, Ocean Grove must remain Ocean Grove, and not be made like unto any other place.

The wife of the senior editor of the *Christian Advocate* came to Ocean Grove for a week's rest and was so charmed with the music, whose culture was translating the poetry of religious song into the appropriateness of its emotion, that she remained for the rest of the season, writing to a friend, of similar tastes, in Minneapolis, who accepted the invitation and remained with her for the same length of time.

Different hotels in the Grove told the same story of guests who came for a day or week and, attracted by the indescribable charm of the music, stayed on and on till the season closed.

To estimate the influence of the concerts upon surrounding localities it is only necessary to gaze upon the thousands who crowd the bridges upon their return from an evening's entertainment of this character and who represent the best people of the localities from which they come, from Manasquan to Long Branch and beyond.

They were arranged for Saturday evenings, for the double purpose of enjoyment to persons who could only come at that time and to furnish an appropriate preparation for the Sabbath.

The objective point of each concert was to make it superior to the preceding ones, which, by assiduous training and practice, was consummated until the grand closing or "Messiah," the grandest of them all.

In addition to the regular stream of melody, organ re-



The Auditorium Orchestra

citals were given by Mr. S. G. Pratt, of New York, a gentleman of national reputation, which meant a higher aim in art than art appearance—the value of position, touch, mental comprehension, rudiments of harmony and grouping. This work was highly appreciated by all lovers of good music, and contributed to their enjoyment, as well as musical education.

Special care was given to children in the adaptation of words and music to their capacities, and which should lead on to the highest grade they could safely bear. The rhythm of the "Swing Song" brought every bodily faculty in harmony with the music, while the pathos of "Daddy" performed the same service for the emotions. Training like this, which through music interprets the songs of childhood with the best things of after life, is invaluable.

In these adaptations little Miss Edna White, of Brooklyn, a phenomenal cornetist for her tender years, played an important part in making apparent the possibilities of childhood in music.

In arranging for an Ocean Grove chorus the leader found himself in receipt of applications from many persons fairly proficient in music, who desired his leadership for still greater improvement, and were accepted by him without payment for tuition, but who must contribute their abilities and practice to the orchestra. Arrangements were so made that their residence in the Grove would not be costly to them, and at the same time there would be a summer's outing for their labor.

There has never been a season when the choir has been so perfectly organized or when the effect of application and drills has been more substantially realized. There has been an added enthusiasm among its members, which has given a force to the music beyond any known elsewhere among us.

Among the special concerts which gave the largest gratification to the people may be reckoned the "Elijah," whose performance during the season made it the peer of any rendering given in the land. The artists were trained to artistic perfection in their several parts and their impersona-

tions almost realized an actuality of the individuals personated.

The Vitale Concert on the evening of July 30th was one whose music cannot be too highly praised. Signor Guiseppe Vitale, voicing the sentiments up to the last analysis of musical refinement, combined with the perfection of his assistants, with Morgan's chorus and choir, made a musical treat not often to be purchased. A musical composition, giving a new rendering of "America," composed in response to the offer of a gold medal by the Cincinnati of Rhode Island for the best new tune to our national hymn, was given by Mr. Vitale. The composition was unique in character, changing the air in every verse while it maintains its harmony, and is dedicated to Ocean Grove.

Signor Vitale, like Professor Morgan, refuses high remuneration offered him in theatres and irreligious resorts, in order to connect his music with the highest aims and places of religion.



In line for the Children's Picnic

No artists are more welcome to Ocean Grove than the Bradford trio, who for years past have graced the platform with their presence and gratified the people with their music. Thoroughly in sympathy with both the restrictions and spirituality, they have lent to their work an enthusiasm which has given to their music an incisive force available in aid of a penitent soul at the altar and in the symphonies of the mightiest chorus.

What is true of the Bradfords is equally true of the Park Sisters, whose cornet performances are an increasing wonder in their increasing perfection. The report of last year spoke of their renderings being so perfect as to make one who knew the hymn whose tune they were playing, fancy it was being sung. The same can be said of them again in yet stronger forms.

Ray FitzGerald, the blind violinist, is justifying the anticipations of his promise, and his sister did superior work as a pianist the entire season.



Friends

A delegation of Friends from all parts of the United States and Canada met in Asbury Park in general convention during the first week in September, with an attendance estimated at two thousand.

Many of them enjoyed our varied services, expressing a desire that their next biennial assembly, in choosing a place of meeting, might ask permission to place it in the great Auditorium at Ocean Grove.



Report of Temple Work

Rev. Dr. A. E. Ballard and Brethren of the Devotional Committee:

Dear Sir:—As leader of the Young People's Meeting and Twilight Service, I beg to submit the following brief report of the Temple work for the season just closed of 1902:

There were seventy-nine (79) meetings held, characterized this year by greater strength, more Scripture, and abiding results, judged from the most reliable sources, than any year heretofore. Some years have produced more conversions, as seen, but none better general fruitage for Christ, the Church, and Christianity, than the one just closed. For more than half the season the building has been entirely too

small. We should have a new Temple, seating three thousand.

With the exception of Fourth of July, when we held a National Service, with a fine oration by Hon. Charles P. McClelland, there have been no special days nor themes, Christ the Saviour of sinners, being our only attraction, as presented in song, sermon, music, Scripture, and exhortation, given in variety, making a real "Hour of Sunshine," and bringing to pass the purpose of the work, namely: "To make bad people good, and good people better, and keep them so by the Gospel of Christ."

A large number of laymen, clergymen, singers and players upon instruments, have helped, to good success. We name a few:

Rev. William H. Geistweit, Hon. William H. Skirm, Mr. Isaac Russell, Rev. George H. Humason, Mr. F. B. Hoagland, Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce, D. D., Rev. B. M. Nyce, Rev. B. M. Tipple, Rev. Dr. Hull, of Brooklyn; Bishop FitzGerald and Bishop Walden, Rev. Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon, Rev. Dr. J. R. Daniels, Rev. Dr. Alfred Kynett, Mr. S. S. Smith, Prof. Tali Esen Morgan, Rev. Dr. Alexander, of Vanderbilt University; Mr. H. A. Couzzens, Mr. F. S. Goodman, Rev. Sydney S. Cox, Rev. J. H. Robertson, Mrs. Gamewell, of China; Prof. McGuirk, who led the singing, and many more, equally strong in the parts they took.

One of the gladsome features of this year was the constant attendance of young people in their teens and twenties. This is as it should be, for religious care and culture of the young people will do as much to perpetuate the principles of Ocean Grove and its purpose as anything that can be named.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. YATMAN.



The Holiness Meeting

Synonymous with Ocean Grove in its institution is its quietude of advance toward higher spirituality, which has rea-

lized again the blessedness arising from the outpouring of spiritual wells into one common fountain of holy experience, from which all drank and were refreshed. The experience of one was made the common property of all, and all realized the benefit.

There was a larger freedom from wearisome platitudes and stereotyped statements, the voluntary intrusions of beliefs and experiences outside of Spiritual holiness—the ancientness of long past religious history, and recitals of what persons had seen or heard or read—a freedom which it is hoped may be more largely extended during the coming season.

The occasions when the people spoke of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit working and witnessing within them were filled with an overwhelming power of Holy realization. A brother described the meeting as the central force of all the departments of Ocean Grove, the great wheel which turned all the other wheels of its machinery, as it received its power from on high. Illumination and emotion joined steadily together; one was rarely present without the other, and both together made its members living epistles. It was favored with short addresses from nearly half a hundred ministers, all aflame with a Spiritual knowledge which readily communicated itself to the people. The President of the Association was usually in charge, together with Dr. Alday and the Vice President. Among the testimonies given was one, "I do not need to inquire what Heaven is: I have it in my soul today." Another said, "I am so filled with the spirit as to be conscious of my immortality," and another, "I feel the touch of God in the realization of love," and still another, "I am as conscious of God as of myself."

This meeting is held all the year 'round on Sabbaths, and during the season on every day in the week, and distinctively represents the meaning and efforts of Ocean Grove.

The Holiness Meeting has demonstrated a fullness of consecration, unusual even to that Spiritual assembly. The weariness of erratic beliefs and incidents of long past history,

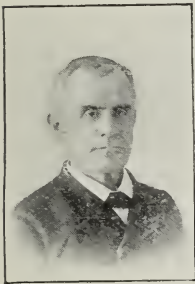
the quotations from books or newspapers, illustrative of peculiar views, the substitution of miracle for the regular laws of nature have been less prominent, and a close adherence to spiritual holiness has been more distinctly controlling.



The Bible Class

The Bible Class, which has become a congregation in numbers and unique in its specialty of procedure under Dr. O'Hanlon, has maintained its prestige under the methods which have raised it to its present eminence.

Some of the questions usually discussed have puzzled the intellect of the world's thinkers for all its ages, and confounded all who have attempted to pass the intellectual limits established by the Creator, while the most were of practical value to the questioner who received the answer.



Rev. Thos. O'Hanlon

It has become so much a part of the "season" that very many people would feel the loss of its spicy freshness, with which the leader meets all attempts at confounding, if it were suspended.

Its Secretary, W. H. H. Reeves, reports its numbers increasing from 179 on June 29, to 1636 on August 31, making an average attendance of 963, upon a total of 9529. The offerings increased from \$4.11 to \$19.25, upon a total of \$196.19.



Twilight Meetings

The Twilight Meetings, under the general charge of Dr. Yatman, was led by different ministers, none of whom were duplicated during the Camp. The variety in the modes of gospel presentation on the great question of personal salva-

tion served to impress the attention of people, which could only be effectively aroused by an appeal adapted to their own idiosyncrasies, and both initiation and advance in spiritual life resulted to several who placed themselves in sympathy with the service.



Immediate Sanctification

The report of this Tabernacle service, held under the twenty-fifth annual leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, at 1.30 p. m., is full of encouragement. It announces fully a hundred souls entering into a higher Spiritual life, besides a number of conversions from sin to righteousness.

This meeting was of special interest to excursionists who arrived too late for the earlier worship and left too early for the later exercises. The altar was freely used and made a blessing to the 200 who knelt at its railing. Its meeting on the Encampment Sabbath is described as a wave of power sweeping over as seeker after seeker stepped into the fountain of cleansing and came from it with faces beaming with love, joy and peace.

Mrs. Smith has an anointing for this work, which gives her a success beyond most leaders in this department of Christian work.



Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association still continues its summer outings at the Grove. They are in full sympathy with the lines of our restrictions, and by the elevated moral and religious tone of their excursionists add to the attractiveness of the resort. A beach meeting was held under the care of the Vice President, which was a most enjoyable season.

What is true of these is equally true of the large number

of Churches and Sunday Schools who fill our grounds during the summer season, and during the camp are found among the worshipers in the Auditorium.

Among these are found the Peddie, Memorial, Baptist, and Franklin Street Methodist Churches, both from near and remote distances.



Missionary Training School

The Missionary Training School at Brooklyn, N. Y., with its Industrial Department near Hackettstown, N. J., under the Presidency of Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, has in years past been given the evening of the close of camp for its Ocean Grove Anniversary exercises and offering.

The School has been accepted as a John the Baptist in preparing for Missionary labor, in which it has had remarkable success. Mrs. Osborn was at the Grove supervising the arrangements when she received the knowledge of the terrible railway accident at Tunnelton, which terminated in her husband's death, to whose side she hurried, and remained till he left for Heaven.

The meeting, however, went forward under a tender greeting from the Bishop; an explanation of its work from Revs. Daniels and Lawrence; incidents of its work by Rev. M. Robinson; songs by Amanda Smith, and an offering of near \$200, under the management of Dr. O'Hanlon.



Rev. Joseph Smith

Joseph Smith has become so well and so favorably known to the people of Ocean Grove that but little is necessary to be said of him in the annual report. Every year increases the stalwart powers of the man, and every year broadens his influence over the camps and the Churches of Methodism. His mission to preach "Holiness to the

Lord" as the gospel for his utterance, is never doubted now by the most eccentric opinions borne upon the varying winds of doctrine. He is a voluminous writer on the theme God has manifestly committed to him, and at the same time is almost continuously employed in revivals in the Churches and camps. His ardency in his work often leads him to overstep the bounds of prudence, and he breaks down from overstrain, which his marvelous constitution soon recuperates.



Rev. Joseph Smith

His meetings with us were held in the Temple which was filled to overflowing, except on the great Sabbath of the Camp Meeting feast, when in the Auditorium he preached a sermon on "Completeness," which will long live in the memory of that vast audience.

While not gifted with a large share of personal magnetism, Mr. Smith puts in place of this an intelligence of thought, logically developed into clearness of meaning, which does not admit of mistake. There is also that about him which assures the people that he lives with God and that his message is dictated by the Holy Spirit.



Amanda Smith

Amanda Smith, who for most of the life-time of Ocean Grove has been a recognized element in its unofficial program, was at her post in the Tabernacle on the evening of September 3d in the interest of her schools of religion and industry among her own people. She has been wonderfully raised up from an unlettered washerwoman to an influential position, which is being utilized in the lifting of the race whose color she shares toward the level indicated by a Creator who is no respecter of persons.

In the unique detail of her work the transformation of little children from squalid ignorance to clumsy intelligence,

was described with the eloquence of truth and so impressed the people with its value as to induce a free-will offering of one hundred and sixty dollars for her school.



Clarence B. Strouse

Of Dr. Strouse, as an evangelist, it can be said that he made full proof of his ministry in the conversion and sanctification of souls. There was no attempt made to soften the enormity of sin. Sin was depicted as sin, whether it took place in the Church or out of it.



Clarence B. Strouse

There was no concealment of the truth because it was unpopular, but it was routed from its hiding places, whether in a theatre or ball room or euchre, or worse places, and denounced unsparingly. Southern birth and education had gifted him with a fullness of language and a freedom in its expression which often captivated while it offended. The severity which of-

fended was often followed with a tenderness that washed away the anger which it generated, while the conscience it had awakened remained impressed.

The results of his work were found in the conversions and sanctifications experienced at our altar by a very considerable number of seekers after the gospel experiences.



William B. Osborn

William B. Osborn, whose decease occurred in consequence of a railway accident at Tunnelton, West Virginia, and who occupied so prominent a place in the origination of Ocean Grove, was not made the subject of a special report at the annual meeting, as the committee to whom it was referred felt that a longer time was necessary to prepare it than

could be given at the meeting, and arranged to present it at the semi-annual meeting in May.



Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, though advancing in years and in labors abundant, gives no sign of decadence. Among all the evangelists there do not any appear whose teachings give evidence of a clearer understanding of Holiness as Wesley wrote it and as Methodism has preached it; nor are there any who can make that understanding clearer to the people.



Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

Added to this, she has a capacity for producing immediate results to the hundreds who knelt at the altar during the hours at which she led the worship. Her deep sincerity impresses favorably, and her aptness to teach acts upon the impression before it has time to become effaced.



Family Prayer

This service, held in the Auditorium at 6.45 a. m., was more largely attended than during the year past or, indeed, than any previous year. The meeting was characterized by an intelligent fervor in pleading for protection and blessing to the "families," which often gave tone to the after meetings of the day.



Early Meeting

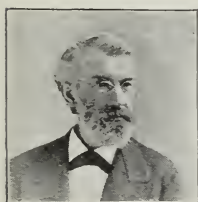
A secular journal describes it, "It is a novelty in worship to hear people at daybreak singing songs of worship as they leave their homes for the beach, where they watch the sun-

rise from the ocean and wend their way back in time for the early worship before the breakfast hour. Or, again in the evening, to gaze upon the splendor of its setting, and again be back with nature's radiance upon their souls to receive the light of the spirit upon them, and all this eagerness not to miss a service when there were seventeen distinct meetings every day with each one in Tabernacle, Chapel, Temple and Auditorium filled to overflowing."



The Sunday School

Rev. G. W. Evans, who was in charge of the Intermediate Department, reported an increase over the previous year, the attendance averaging over a thousand for each Sunday of the season. A larger interest was taken by parents and by proper persons who gave themselves for teachers. Attractive cards were prepared and distributed by the Superintendent, both for rewards and invitation. The children were made to feel that they were part of the meeting, and the service of Miss Edna White, of Brooklyn, a child cornetist of marvelous gift, completed an interest which drew the children to the service in the Temple.



George W. Evans

Mrs. W. H. Skirm presided over the Primary Department in the Tabernacle, whose attendance corresponded in advance of numbers with the Intermediate, except for the last two Sundays, when by a misunderstanding another meeting crowded them out, a misadventure which will not occur again, for childhood is a specialty with Ocean Grove.

Similar means of attraction to those of the Temple were used and with similar effect.

The Baptism of children in the Auditorium on the closing day of the camp is described by a secular journal as an "impressive ceremony." A record is kept of their birth and

parentage and certificates forwarded to their places of residence.



Flower Mission

Both the semi-annual meetings were presented by the Young Ladies' Flower Mission with appropriate floral bouquets, accompanied with suitable poetic sentiments. The Secretary was instructed to return the appreciation of the Association.

The usual delicate courtesy of the Flower Mission was tendered again to the Association in a beautiful and fragrant testimonial, accompanied by the following letter:

Greetings From the Floral Mission to Bishop Fitzgerald and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

“ So mem'ry holds them precious still,
As seasons ceaseless roll;
And some sweet word each day we carve
On tablets of the soul.” E. H. S.

Ocean Grove, Nov. 20, 1902.



Helping Hand Meeting

We commenced the meeting under the inspiration of the declaration of the Prophet, “ Not by might, nor by power; but by my spirit saith the Lord.” And it was our aim in every service first of all to get hold on God. And our helpers, Lizzie Sharp and Brother Loper and wife, were in the very best condition for work. But best of all, God was with us from the beginning to the end. And persons seeking help were also present from the first. Among them were ministers and laymen, young and old, parents and children. There was a time or two when about one-half of the room was occupied by persons on their knees seeking help

from God. Some times when we closed the service it would not stay closed, and for a while we had a glorious, happy, heavenly confession.

In closing our last service we sang the Doxology and the chorus.

“ And above the rest this note shall swell,
My Jesus has done all things well.”

And we sang it and sang it over and over, and hardly knew how to stop. Surely earth and Heaven were in close company in that hour. To God be everlasting praise.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN.



The Sunset Meeting

The Sunset Meeting retained its long-continued popularity among the thousands who delighted to imitate the Saviour and worship God on the shores of the sea when the evening cool had brought refreshment from the heat of the day.

It was in the power of the leader to secure speakers with resonant voices, whose words could be distinctly heard by the vast assembly, and whose pungent truths thus made themselves impressive.

A part of the time a cornetist aided the service in the leadership of the old familiar hymns of Methodism, whose sounds could be distinguished to the uttermost parts of the Grove. The responses also were more distinct than usual, which gave still more interest to the occasion.

While the circumstances make it impossible to gather in the sheaves, it is yet certain that many deep convictions are wrought among the people, and many realizations of the need of a sanctified life accompany this meeting.

At one of these Sunday evening exercises Prof. Russell, of New York, spoke as follows:

“ Then, here, we think of Christ, the Lord of wind and wave, storm-king, indeed, who walked and talked by the

water side, preached from a ship and slept while tempest tossed and imperiled. The Galilean peasant had not been to school with Paul. He sat not by the feet of Gamaliel. He spoke the humble language of the poor, enriched their folklore by his discourse and pronounced beatitudes on their homely virtues. He loved the sea and chose its rude followers for His disciples."

Which may be taken as illustrative of the usual mode of address.



The Camp Meeting

There were serious apprehensions that so large a portion of time devoted to entertainments between the opening and the Camp Meeting would so dissipate the religious sentiment as to lower its tone when it came to the active work.

But the entertainments had been arranged with a view to conserve rather than dissipate, and were found in the end to have led up to a higher rather than a lower religious status when that time arrived. Never in its history had there been a larger attendance at its Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which comprised twenty-one tables, with nearly nineteen hundred communicants, administered by sixty pastors of different denominations.

The prophecy that the system of Ocean Grove Encampments would soon disappear received its annual contradiction once more this year in the increased tent life and the large numbers who attended service from 5.45 a. m. to 10 p. m., in the various exercises of seventeen different meetings each day.

A secular paper says of it, "If numbers are an indication of religious fervor then the Camp Meeting now in session at Ocean Grove will go down in history as the most successful one since the organization of the Association."

The preliminary sermon of Saturday morning was preached by Rev. Samuel Sargent, of West Grove, on "The

Declaration of the Invisible God by Jesus Christ," and made clear the doctrine that by Christ men might find God dwelling within them. The afternoon was passed in consecration.

In the evening Dr. Clarence Strouse discoursed on "The Mystery of the Gospel," which insisted upon the existence of hell as correlative to heaven, and urged the closest examination as to the shaping of life for one or the other.

The Sabbath morning was occupied by Prof. Dr. Gros Alexander, of Vanderbilt University, on "The Efficacy of



Foot of Wesley Lake, from the top of the Ferris Wheel

Prayer," and showed that the only remedy for sin was some outside force attainable only by prayer. A hearer called it a great sermon by a great man, simply told. In the evening Dr. Strouse preached on "Eternal Judgment," a sermon which, while it induced some adverse criticism, yet deeply impressed the congregation. Dr. O'Hanlon's "Monday morning" sermon followed on "The Guidance of the Holy Spirit," and was an earnest appeal to men to make use

of that supernatural power to save their souls. The sermon was one of the most effective preached during the camp.

Dr. Strouse's sermon in the evening on the "Existence and Power of a Personal Devil" made spiritual things appear vividly real to the people.

Tuesday morning was occupied by Rev. B. C. Warren, of Poughkeepsie, on "Samson's Failure." The analogy between Samson's failure and that of Christians was clearly depicted while his triumph in the hour of his death was made illustrative of the great triumph in the death of Jesus. The discourse of Dr. Strouse in the evening was a challenge to show a spiritual Christian in the person of a dancing, card-playing, theatre-going Church member. On the succeeding morning Dr. John Lanahan, who had passed his four-score milestone, but who retained the vigor of a strong maturity, gave a remarkable discourse on "Courage," whose analysis and appreciation elicited the warmest expressions of approval from the enthusiasm of the audience. The evening sermon by Dr. Strouse was on "Life," which in its three-fold and highest sense was developed in the Christian.

Another of the great men of olden time in the person of Dr. Lucius Clark, preached on the morning of the 28th on the "Sufficiency of the Grace of God," which was shown to be a better environment than all other gifts together.

Dr. Strouse's evening sermon was on the "Necessity of Action in Order to Salvation," and was an earnest appeal to people who were on their way to the lost world to turn and save themselves while they could. A large demonstration of all classes at the altar gave evidence to the power of impression produced by the sermon.

On the morning of the 30th Dr. Carpenter, of New York, discoursed on the blessings pronounced upon "The man who walked not in the counsel of the ungodly," and drew a realistic picture of a life traveled on the straight lines of godliness. Dr. Strouse in the evening preached on "The Call of the Holy Ghost to Repentance," which was attended with the same sense of spirituality as the evening previous, and received the same results at the altar. On the last great

day of the feast, the love-feast Sabbath, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith on "Completeness in Christ," in which all the responsibilities of men toward God, and of God toward men, were fully set forth. The sermon was one of the most forceful delivered during the camp. Evangelist Strouse preached the closing sermon on "The sale of man's birthright for a taste of the world's pottage of sensual pleasures." In the love-feast Bishop FitzGerald led the testimony with "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness," and added that of Rev. W. B. Osborn, the recently deceased founder of Ocean Grove, that he trusted in God, after which for an hour and a half often three or four at once voiced in holy rapture their experience of the power of Christ to save to the uttermost.

On the morning of Monday the camp came to its final closing. The Sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered and reports were received from the various departments. Dr. Alday reported the Holiness Meeting as beyond the past year both in numbers and results. Dr. Yatman spoke for the young people of the Temple in similar vein, including the Twilight service. Rev. W. Franklin reported the "Helping Hand," where the interest had been so strong that it was frequently impracticable to close the meeting simply because it couldn't stop. Dr. Smith told of the evangelistic service of holiness which had been blessed beyond expression. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith spoke of hers as "Everybody's Meeting." Dr. Ballard described the Sunrise, Family Prayer, Children's and Sunset Meetings. Drs. O'Hanlon and Evans and Mrs. Skirm told of the Sunday Schools, after which came the "Jerusalem March," a processional from the Auditorium, through the Tabernacle, Temple and Chapel, returning through the Auditorium to the platform, where Bishop FitzGerald gave a short and fervent address to the people, when amid the silence of tearful hope that all should meet again either in Ocean Grove or in Heaven, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, he declared the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for 1902 at an end.

Rev. John Krantz

Rev. John Krantz, D. D., general agent of the Methodist book room at New York, was secured for the service of September 14th, with a sermon in the morning on the "Ascension," which presented many striking forms of gospel truth, both historical and spiritual, closing with a word picture of the "Ascension," which held the attention of the people past the hour for closing.

The evening discourse was on "The Gambling of the Soldiers Over the Vesture of Jesus," and made illustrative of the tendency in Christendom to care more for the personal advantages afforded by the gospel in respectability and fortune than for the Christ and His work in the world.

Both discourses were effectively delivered, easily heard and made a decided impression for good upon the people.

**The Love Feast**

The love-feasts of Ocean Grove have been noticed over the land as manifestations of great Spiritual power, and the one of 1902 was not surpassed by any which preceded it. It was described by a reporter in the following: "All the meetings held at 9 o'clock were merged during the camp into one vast congregation in the Auditorium for a love-feast, where persons who had been attending the various meetings had opportunity for personal testimony regarding the work of the Holy Spirit in their souls. The Auditorium was one compact mass of singing, shouting, rejoicing humanity, without distinction of denomination, race or color; Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists, all denominations pressing for an opportunity to speak of the deep things of God. The testimonies were given in varied forms of words—in the vernacular of different patios, in stumbling narrations of un-education, the culture of the colleges, the detail of matter of fact, and the poetry of imagination, but all converging to the one point of sins forgiven and hearts cleansed from all

unrighteousness, both ladders into the Heavenly Kingdom which they felt they were ascending and whose top they expected to reach."



The Children's Meeting

The Children's meetings, held in the afternoons of the camp, under the supervision of Mrs. Rev. W. L. Starks, in the Tabernacle, was one of both interest and profit. Mrs. Starks has the benefit of long practice in similar work in the local church of the Grove, together with an unusual adaptation of the qualities which interest childhood, joined to a personal religion which teaches of God's Fatherhood, with which she was able to make her work successful. The little people came to the altar under instructions suited to their capacity and state of intelligence and were intelligently instructed there in the way of salvation, which twenty-five of them were reported to have entered after full examinations of both their knowledge and experience.



The Fresh Air Committee

The Fresh Air Committee of the Oranges rented a property on Pitman avenue for the purpose of giving an outing to reputable persons, mostly women and children, who were unable to afford it for themselves. The Society is composed of the most philanthropic people of Orange, whose character is a guarantee against the introduction of improper people; but the place selected was ascertained to be too restricted in area to be sanitarily safe for the number who were to occupy it.

The time was late in the rental season, and no place satisfactory to themselves for room and to the Grove for sanitation was obtainable. A suitable house in a surrounding locality, up to that date unrented, was secured at an advanced

rental, the half of which advance friends assumed as their contribution to the noble charity, which probably in the coming season may be able to select a place in the Grove where the sanitary conditions and surroundings will be such as will render them welcome visitants.

In this manner, a matter which was being interpreted unfavorably to Ocean Grove as discriminating against the poor, was placed in its true relation to all parties concerned.

The high appreciation of the Association is due the Fresh Air Committee for their kindly efforts in reaching a satisfactory solution of embarrassing questions at issue over the matter.



The Public Schools

The public High School of Ocean Grove, still under the principalship of Miss Doren, retains its character for superior scholarship, order and moral tone. The rapid increase of population and the popularity of the school already overcrowd the premises, and more school accommodation will be necessary. The commencement was marked by a large attendance of the people, who listened with great interest to addresses and enjoyed greatly the genial presence of Hon. James L. Hays, Chairman of the State Board of Education, who gracefully pressed upon Bishop FitzGerald the delivery of the diplomas to the graduating class.



The Lakes

Wesley Lake has been kept in very fair condition during the summer, although the embarrassment resulting from their positions of anomalous ownership and custody is still embarrassing, and from present appearances is likely to so remain. The bridges are greatly in need of repair, and the embarrassment connects itself more with the bridges than with the presentation of the water purity.



Tent Life in Ocean Grove

It is becoming more a question of the affirmative whether Ocean Grove should not exercise its right of option in their removal. They have been a matter of contention with the people ever since the concession was made, and it would be better to have no bridges than to have them as occasions of a disturbance to the good feelings which existed between the two places before they were built.

Fletcher Lake is still a peaceful dividing line between Ocean Grove and Bradley Beach, and while not so largely supplied with boats as Wesley Lake, is still a favorite place for boating. While not to so great an extent, yet the bridges there, as on Wesley, have greatly lessened the desire for it, and consequently fewer boats are there than formerly.



Bathing

The bathing for the season has been phenomenally good. There were very few days, if any, when the condition of the sea forbade it, and equally few when its indulgence was not a pleasure. The jetties so protected the beach that it was always smooth and level, and the warm days invited the visitors to sit upon it with shawls beneath and umbrellas above them while they waited for the hour to enter the water—the hot salt water baths for the invalids and the indolents, and the exhilaration of the open sea for the younger and more vigorous blood. The general rule of the Association that people may not walk in streets, as they go to or from the bathing grounds, in any other than ordinary street apparel receives general approval, as does also the one forbidding bathing at unprotected places between the two bathing establishments.



Widening Main Street

The congested condition of the avenue fronting on Ocean Grove property, whose limits had been greatly nar-

rowed at that point, had become so serious a menace to the safety of the public as to necessitate a demand upon the Township Committee for relief by widening the street.

The township communicated with other property owners along the line of the proposed widening and found an almost unanimous approval, with a willingness either to surrender claims for damage or accept their share of the added taxation. A very few whose property had alone been made valuable by the establishment of Ocean Grove entered a vigorous protest unless they could receive for their property far beyond any ordinary value for which it could be sold.

The committee increased their offers to the highest limit permitted by law, which were still refused. The street was only widened from the east side, as a straight line on either could not be obtained in any other way. The estimate of the committee of loss and value upon properties whose depth was lessened, was accepted generally. Their estimate for its value to Ocean Grove was one-third of the estimated cost, or \$5,300, which rather than lose the improvement the Executive Committee appropriated.

It was expected that the street railway, whose traffic was impeded by the condition of the street, would also share the expense, but it passed into the hands of a receiver and nothing could be obtained from that source.

For this and other reasons the committee hesitated, but as considerable expense had been incurred and contracts made, they were compelled to advance under the appointment of commissioners to estimate damages, who gave considerable time and rendered a report no more acceptable to the opposers than the first award. These were certiorated, and in various forms placed before the courts, entailing a very large proportion of the whole expense upon the taxpayers of the township. The work, however, proceeded and is now completed.

It is unfortunate that so large an amount of useless cost has been added to the heavy taxation already borne by the Grove, but while it was absolutely necessary in itself, it has in addition taken away all reasonable ground for the neces-

sity of a boulevard along the sea front of Ocean Grove. It is now a beautiful driveway up to the point where the finely graveled avenues of Bradley Beach turn again to meet the drive along the front toward Avon.

A special election was held for the purpose of authorizing an issue of bonds to meet the indebtedness, which resulted in the necessary majority, which will add simply eleven or twelve hundred dollars to the annual taxation of which Ocean Grove bears so conspicuous a part.



The Baby Parade

The Baby Parade in Asbury Park is a feature of the season, to which Ocean Grove contributes its interest, both in attendance upon the public ceremonies and their living illustrations to the festival.

It is becoming more and more of a favorite institution, and this year, under the management of Harold Ayres, it surpassed anything in its previous history, as no doubt the coming summer it will surpass this.



Reporters

The policy of the Grove in dealing openly and frankly with reporters for the press continues to bear its good fruit as in the past. The reporters feel that their duty to their employers will not allow the suppression of facts or their distortion in any favoritism, and have learned to feel also that the Grove neither expects nor asks is. All it desires is the full presentation of all sides of any particular case, taking in the facts as supplied both by the Grove and from others. These gentlemen understand this, and never having been deceived have been able to give any facts without fear of misleading their journals. They have substantiated their claim to the title of gentlemen and ladies with whom it is a pleasure to confer.

Golden Wedding

Dr. Adam Wallace, a charter member of the Association, now in his seventy-eighth year, who, fifty years before, while a young itinerant, wooed and won for a bride the youthful daughter of Captain Kendal M. Lewis, of Laurel, Delaware, celebrated with her, amid children and grandchildren, "a golden wedding."

While not now in the pastorate, Dr. Wallace, always a clear and brilliant writer, is largely engaged in religious journalistic work and possesses still the alertness of forty-eight, instead of seventy-eight.



Social Life

A pleasant birthday anniversary gathering, composed of the ministers residing in the Grove, was given to Rev. J. H. Hawxhurst on his arrival at the seventy-fifth milestone of his history. Mr. Hawxhurst has lived in Ocean Grove since the second year of its founding, and taken an active part in its progress, both temporal and spiritual, and is now the Assistant Superintendent, full of attractive vigorous life, of the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church in the Grove. The gathering was enlivened with reminiscences of ministerial life which seemed to restore the clerical youth-time of men who were now all along the seventies.



Curios

A communication from an intelligent lady who had passed many pleasant summers at Ocean Grove tells of a traveled lady of fortune and culture whom she met in the Adirondacks who once resided near Ocean Grove, but had never seen it. When asked about Ocean Grove she replied, "I have been told that it was a little out of the way place,

situated between two ponds, where a few people stayed who did nothing but pray and cry and go to funerals, and that they could not keep any servants because they wanted to go all the time to all the Ocean Grove funerals." It was with great surprise she learned of the Auditorium with its ten thousand auditors; its Beach Service, with fifteen thousand; its Ocean Pathway, with the added fact that God was respected as nowhere else.

Dr. Humason, of Camden, tells of a chance encounter on the promenade with a man whose language was adjectived with English profanity, and who used it largely in denouncing people who were endeavoring to lessen the restrictiveness of Ocean Grove and thus destroy the value of



The Kimona Brigade on Ocean Pathway

the only place on God's earth where a man could leave his family in safety from public intoxicants, gambling and social impurity.

A lady who had spent a number of summers near us, but had been impressed by her associates that we were an insignificant, unattractive people and place, was induced to come over and see us. As she gazed upon our Auditorium and surroundings, she exclaimed, "O! it is beautiful! beautiful! beautiful!"

Prof. Morgan, at a musical in New York, asked people who had heard of Ocean Grove, but had not been there, what were their impressions of it? One said, "It was dry." Another, "That you could not purchase tobacco or smoke on the grounds." Another, "That no recreation was permitted even in the home; that everyone had to retire at nine o'clock; that there were no young people there; that it was a school of revivals, of which one was in operation all the time, and that it was only a gathering of a few tents in the woods to which the country people came, fastening their horses to the trees while they attended the meetings."

It can easily be imagined in what form the Professor replied, and the astonishment of the people as he opened their eyes to the realities of the case. He told them of the first speakers and singers of the nation who occupied the Auditorium which seated ten thousand persons and whose music attracted people from hundreds of miles of distance; of the magnificent houses and hotels; of the entertainments filling the evenings up to an hour satisfactory to even a New Yorker; of religious service on the lines of the most esthetic cultivation outside of the silly formalities which eliminated its power; of the thousands of young people whose special service was of the most refined and exhilarating character; of the joyous thousands in the sea, and the meetings on the beach, with hosts of other facts which illustrated Ocean Grove in a widely different form than existed in their minds before.



Incidents

One of the early visitors of the season was Mrs. Margaret Bottome, who stated in the Holiness Meeting that she came down thus early, hungry for a breath of sea air and an Ocean Grove Sabbath.

Bishop Mallalieu wrote, declining compensation for this services, "I was glad to preach the gospel to a great congre-

gation and trust the sermon may do some good. The opportunity was a favor to me."



Death of Two Members

While the report was in press Rev. George W. Evans, for twenty-nine years Secretary of the Association, after a short illness, on December 19th, deceased. His funeral was held in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, under the direction of the pastor, where prayer was made by Rev. Dr. Daniels, and Drs. Ballard and Alday made addresses.

Rev. B. M. Adams, one of the founders of our Camp Meetings, has also passed over since our last meeting. He died at his home in Bethel, Conn., on Tuesday, December 23d. A memorial to the deceased brethren will be prepared by the Association for the next annual report.



Anniversary Reception

The annual Christmas Anniversary reception was held on December 23rd, 1901, which was well attended by the people and was an occasion of more than ordinary enjoyment.

On the 25th the members of the Association, living distant from the Grove, find it inconvenient to be away from their families, and there is also festivities in their various Churches and associations, so that the Christmas reception of the Association is placed a day or two before or after their anniversary date. The wall was beautifully decorated, which joined to its new papering and chairs, and the refreshments of cake and lemonade, under the generalship of Mrs. Kate Raphael, with a battalion of bright young ladies to serve to the hundreds of people who had responded to the following invitation:—"Yourself, family and friends are cordially invit-

ed to attende the annual reception of Ocean Grove in Association Hall, on Monday evening, December 23, 1901, at seven o'clock. A. E. Ballard, Vice President"—made the occasion one of great social enjoyment and added another link to the bonds which unite the people with the Association.

A number of bright, cheery letters were received from friends who could not be present. Old time hymns were sung, short addresses were made, all evincing loyalty to the Association and its grand objects.

After this the evening was devoted to the genialities of social intercourse in which all caste distinctions were ignored and all coolness melted into friendly warmth, and the people left for their homes with the feeling that occasions like these developed the religions of Jesus in wholesome amenities of social intercourse.



Report of Stokes' Monument Committee

Ever since the time of the decease of the Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, the venerable and distinguished President of the Ocean Grove Association, a great many people have urged upon the Association what seemed to be the general desire that a monument should be erected to his memory. This important matter has been persistently pressed upon the attention of the Association, and in fact the members of the Association frequently charge themselves with neglect in the fact that action had been postponed. However, the question was introduced in suitable form in the introduction of the following resolution offered by Rev. Dr. O'Hanlon, at the last semi-annual meeting of the Association, which resolution, after earnest remarks by many, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven members of the Ocean Grove Association be appointed, of which Rev. A. E. Ballard, D. D., shall be Chairman, for the purpose of erect-

ing as soon as possible on these grounds, a suitable monument in memory of Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., L.L. D., that the committee determine what the monument shall be and what will be its probable cost, and to furnish opportunity to the people to make contributions toward erecting said monument.

Resolved, That the following members of the Association shall constitute said committee:

Rev. A. E. Ballard, Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon, James L. Hayes, John E. Andrus, A. H. DeHaven, Dr. J. H. Alday, William H. Skirm.

The committee held its first meeting May 27, 1902, at the office of A. H. DeHaven, in New York, and it was resolved that the expense of a statue of Dr. Stokes should be ascertained, and a contract should not be made for the same until the necessary funds were raised or pledged to meet the cost of the statue, and A. H. DeHaven and John E. Andrus were appointed a committee to inquire and report as to the expense of the statue. The committee held several other meetings, and after full and free discussion decided that the monument should be a bronze statue. Afterwards the committee formally organized by the appointment of Rev. Dr. Ballard as Chairman, A. H. DeHaven, Treasurer, and William H. Skirm, Secretary.

On Sunday morning, August 17th, time was granted by the Devotional Committee to present the matter to the large audience as a suitable beginning of the movement, and the basis of the subscription was handed in on cards and in the baskets without announcement, amounting to about \$2,000.

Rev. Dr. O'Hanlon and A. H. DeHaven, Esq., presented the subject to the audience, showing the great importance of this movement, explaining the purposes of the committee, the plan upon which they had decided, and inviting and urging all to participate from time to time until the necessary amount was reached to complete this great work.

Bishop FitzGerald commended the object as worthy of the financial appreciation of all who had known and loved

Dr. Stokes, and who knew of his remarkable character and successful labors at Ocean Grove.

At the next committee meeting, the following circular letter was prepared and unanimously adopted by the committee, and mailed to many others, giving them an opportunity of participating in any amounts agreeable to them in thus perpetuating the memory of Dr. Stokes, to which voluntary responses have been received amounting to \$3,000 dollars:

" Ocean Grove, Sept. 23, 1902.

Dear Friend:

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association has taken favorable action on a generally expressed desire that a monument be erected to the memory of Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., L.L. D., its first President and great leader, who for so many years directed its affairs with such marvelous success, and before his death succeeded in his laudable ambition, in a time of great business depression, of having the large Auditorium built.

His name is indeed illustrious, as was his life and character, and it is proposed to perpetuate his memory, so that the multitude who shall crowd this great religious seaside resort in the future may have brought to their attention a great man, who was among the few who first founded Ocean Grove, and who through twenty-eight years of its remarkable history was its great leader and President, and by the blessing of God its chief inspiration to success.

The committee appointed by the Association desires the co-operation of all who knew Dr. Stokes, or who know of his great work at Ocean Grove, and will welcome any amount you may be able to contribute towards the erection of a bronze statue, to be suitably located within the grounds of Ocean Grove.

Subscriptions may be forwarded to any member of the committee.

Please make all checks in response payable to A. H. DeHaven, Treasurer, 40 Wall street, New York.

Rev. A. E. Ballard, Chairman; William H. Skirm, Secre-



One Company of the Rough Riders

tary; A. H. DeHaven, Treasurer; John E. Andrus, Rev. Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon, James L. Hays, Rev. Dr. J. H. Alday, committee.

The committee, encouraged in this beginning of their efforts, propose to continue the same under the resolution of the Association until a sufficient sum has been raised for the erection of the proposed statue, in the form already decided, and which has met with the hearty approval of the subscribers to the fund.

Expressing the wish and belief that in the early months of the coming season this great work will be accomplished, the committee has the honor of making this report of progress.

A. E. BALLARD, Chairman,
W. H. SKIRM, Secretary,
A. H. DeHAVEN, Treasurer.



Report of Sanitary Officer

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, in session November 20, 1902, I submit this my annual report as Sanitary Officer:

It is a matter of great satisfaction for us to present a most favorable report of the sanitary condition of the Grove.

During the last six months, in which is embraced the summer season, wherein our population was greater than at any time in the history of Ocean Grove, the health of the community was remarkably good, there not being a single case of contagious or infectious disease reported. This state of things is surely an indication of the sanitary condition of the place; that it is up to the exactions of wise and proper sanitation, meeting the requirements and satisfying the demands thereof.

At the meetings of the Board of Health, and in the conferences of its officers, all matters embracing the proper sanitation of Ocean Grove were considered. The purpose and

work of the Board of Health is not merely the remedy of evils of an unsanitary condition when they exist, but also to prevent their occurrence. This work regards and embraces the educational as well as legislative. It is not only important to have wise health laws, but it is of the greatest importance to secure their proper and faithful execution, thereby securing the good of the community and the healthfulness and well-being of our town. This work proposes very especially the preventative in all sanitary conditions, more so than the curative, for while it seeks the latter, it is profoundly interested in the promotion of the public health, the prevention of disease, the investigation of facts, and the enactment of principles relating to personal and public hygiene. Thus impressed, we have felt the responsibility devolving upon us, and have endeavored to prosecute the work committed to our charge. Most gratefully do we refer to the result of our labors in the remarkable healthfulness of our Grove, and the exemption from all contagious and infectious diseases. While we attribute this happy condition to a proper and faithfully executed sanitary surveillance, we are not unmindful of the gracious and beneficent Providence of Him who has ever watched over Ocean Grove. To preserve this condition requires constant attention to sanitary requirements, the care of which necessitates unremitting watchfulness and prompt enforcement of our ordinances. There have been connections with the water system during the last year, 9; with the sewer system, 9. I am glad to report the continual success of our sewer system, especially its ocean outlet. There have been no indications of the least defect or insufficiency therein. It meets perfectly all the demands and requirements of the proper and necessary sewerage of the town. This certainly is a matter of the greatest value and importance, and a reason for the most grateful congratulation on the part of the Association. Our water supply has been all sufficient for domestic and family need. The requirements for the sprinkling of our streets have only been measurably met, but not satisfactorily so. Most of our streets are not graveled, rendering their sprink-

ling almost impracticable and involving a waste of water. It would be a great adjunct to the proper sanitation of the Grove, as well as to its comeliness and the value of property, if all its streets were graveled. Dust has been demonstrated to be a certain conveyance of bacteria and microbes. In this respect, our streets not graveled afford material for the propagation and spread of the elements of disease, and unhealthfulness, as well as the uncomfortableness of the people. To prevent this, there should be an adequate, but not an excessive, sprinkling of the streets in order to lay the dust and prevent the creation and transmission of disease-germs.



Residence of Mrs. James Wood, Ocean Grove

Wesley Lake continues to be a cause of complaint and will be until the idea of your sanitary officer practically obtains, viz., a catch basin at its head. The town has been kept in an excellent sanitary condition, thus conserving a most remarkably healthful summer. This deserves special emphasis, considering the unprecedented crowds of visitors during the season.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.

Sanitary Officer.

J. H. Alday suggested that the Association recommend to the Asbury Park Board of Health a conference with the Asbury Park Board of Health and the Township Board

of Health relative to the existence and cause and remedy of the frequent objectionable and unsanitary condition of Wesley Lake.



Report of Electric Light and Water Committee

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov, 20, 1902.

To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

Gentlemen:—Once more your committee respectfully submit their report:

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for his kind protection from any accident resulting in personal injuries while our men have been operating this powerful machinery. His kindly care has been over them by night and by day.

Owing to the serious coal strike this year our position has been one of great anxiety as to ability and disposition of our coal contractors to carry out their contract with the Association for the supply of coal for the current year at the prices agreed upon. We are grateful to say our coal contractors, Messrs. Wyncoop & Hulshart, stood up to their contract like heroes; as under the strike they could by laws of trade have annulled the contract, and while they were pressed by parties who were without coal for fuel who would gladly have paid them \$5.75 to \$6.00 for the coal they were delivering to our power house at \$3.25 per ton, thereby saving the Association from \$1,200 to \$1,500 this year.

On August 16th the piston rod of one of the pumping engines was broken. This greatly reduced our pumping capacity. We were compelled to call for the kindly assistance of the Asbury Park water works, which was cheerfully and promptly rendered, for which they have our sincere gratitude; and should occasion require a return of the favor it shall be promptly rendered. A new steam boiler has been placed in the plant, and now that department has a capacity for 120 pounds of steam in all the four boilers.

The entire plant, loth electrical and water, is in good condition throughout.

The waste of water still continues; for instance, 140,000 gallons were used on October 1 between the hours of 6 P. M. and 7 A. M. It is estimated there were 3,500 people at the Grove at this time, which was equivalent to 40 gallons per capita, and this waste was committed at a period in the night when the legitimate consumption should be nil. Your committee will at once proceed to carry out the resolution passed by this body a year ago instructing the committee to place meters on all consumers. An invoice of meters are now in transit for the Grove.

Amount of water pumped:

	Gallons
May	6,875,895
June	10,187,580
July	18,600,270
August	23,506,470
September	14,448,615
October	6,529,275
	80,148,105

The following is the electric light report:

Arc lights were on our circuit running a total of 2,314 hours for the year. The commercial lights were on a circuit 2,673 hours and 10 minutes, making a total of 101,125 ampere hours. The Auditorium lights, numbering 1,023, were on 220 hours.

Cost of labor, coal, maintenance....	\$10,158 00
Receipts from all sources.....	7,134 02
	3,023 98
Deficiency	
Loss, 29 per cent.	

We trust our patronage will increase for the coming year and that the financial statement will be more favorable.

The coal consumed during the year, 905 tons. During the coal shortage we had a reserve of about 10 tons of anth-

racite coal. It was found that our employes were seriously embarrassed for fuel. Coal could not be obtained at any price. As we were using bituminous coal at that time, it was considered advisable to divide this coal up among our employes, which was done by orders from the office to the employes and payment therefor being made directly to the office at the rate the Association paid for the coal including the cartage.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted.

The Electric Light and Water Committee.



Report of Special Committee on Gas

Mr. Chairman:

The committee appointed by the Executive Committee to investigate and report upon the advisability of introducing gas into Ocean Grove beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee have given this matter careful consideration and are of the opinion that in order to keep abreast of the times, and provide the residents of Ocean Grove with all modern conveniences, the introduction of gas is very desirable.

We have sewers, water, electric light, and many graveled streets, and the introduction of gas would complete the list of modern household conveniences, and with the religious and great natural advantages possessed by the Grove would leave nothing to be desired for residents who desire seaside homes, not only in summer but throughout the year.

Your committee therefore recommended that the Association take such steps as may be necessary.

The question upon which your committee is not prepared to report definitely is whether a plant shall be established and the work of supplying gas for Ocean Grove shall be entered upon by the Association, or a contract be made

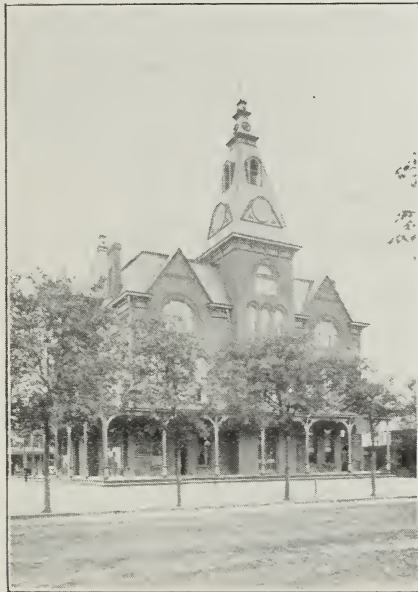
by the Association and some existing gas company for the furnishing of gas for use by the Association and by residents of Ocean Grove.

(Signed) T. J. PRESTON,

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 19, 1902.

Committee.

Resolved, That the report be received and approved and that the committee be continued with instruction to ascertain the cost of preparing and setting in operation a plant to be owned by the Association, and also to ascertain the best terms on which a contract can be made with some existing



The Association Building, Ocean Grove

gas company, and to submit the result to the Executive Committee which shall have full power to either establish a plant to be operated by the Association or to conclude a contract on behalf of the Association with some gas company on such terms as the said Executive Committee may deem best.

Report of Building Inspector

To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

By a careful inspection I have been able to correct many dangerous flues, chimneys, and chimney jacks.

We have been very fortunate in regard to fires. When one has occurred, and only slight, I have looked after the cause carefully and, where possible, had the same remedied.

No new chimneys have been put up without inspection. All lines looked after and location of improvements. A number of new buildings have been erected and some are now in course of erection of a good, substantial character. A large number of cottages have been and are now being remodeled, showing great improvement.

I am, very respectfully,

JNO. C. PATTERSON,
Building Inspector.



Report of Ice Committee

The committee report that there have been about 2,000 tons of ice purchased and stored in the ice house during the winter. We regret to state that the ice house was destroyed by fire in April, in which fire there was a loss of about 1,000 tons of ice. The building has been repaired and put in fair condition, making it suitable for present use, at a cost of about \$700. Ice is now being sold to consumers and the business will be prosecuted during the summer, as in the past.

J. H. ALDAY,

May 15, 1902.

Chairman Committee.



The Purchasing Committee

The most of the Association's purchases have been made under the supervision of its Chairman, T. J. Preston, whose

expert knowledge and business acumen have been of largest value to us. This has been especially true in the buying of ice and power house supplies, through which the machinery has been kept in such running order as to receive the highest commendation from the Commissioners of Inspection.

The smaller purchases of material needed for current use have been made under the instructions of the committee and certified by its approval.

The lowest rates obtainable have been secured with no special cases of loss.

To the Finance Committee:



Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have audited, through their sub-committees, Revs. J. H. Alday and A. E. Ballard, the accounts, bills, receipts, checks, with bank deposits and balances, monthly, and found them correct.

They have enforced successfully the Association order of but one general treasury into which all monies shall be paid and from which all obligations shall be met. In this connection all special concessions to the Missionary Society, Missionary Training School, Amanda Smith's Industrial School and Jewish Missions, have all passed through the treasury, as also all bills connected with the expenditures of all departments of the Association.

The committee have also urged the collection of past indebtedness, and we are able to report considerable improvement in the modes of collection and the amounts collected.

There has been no change in the employes of the Association or Auditorium offices, with the exception of the Auditorium superintendency, which has been acceptably filled by C. I. King, Esq.

While our indebtedness is not embarrassing, the committee still deem the most rigid economy in expenditure a

necessity in order that its more rapid reduction may leave our finances more free for general improvements, especially in our streets.

The general rentals of our property remain nearly the same.

JAMES L. HAYS.
Chairman.

By your direction I have examined the books and accounts of the Association (including all departments) and have found them correct. The balance as reported by the Treasurer, viz., \$9,404.52, being deposited in the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank.

Respectfully,

November 20, 1902.

W. H. SKIRM.



Summer home at Ocean Grove of Hon. W. H. Skirm



Report of Chief of Police

The Chief of Police reports that the winter force has consisted of five men, and that at different periods of the summer five more were added, which were reduced to five as the season progressed into autumn.

The order has been good, only two arrests for disorder from intoxication, one for assault, three for begging, two for peddling and four for bathing in improper apparel. Most who were so costumed accepted the invitation to return to

their homes for proper apparel. The men are complimented for careful enforcement of the rules.



Telegraph

The Telegraph Department is in the same building with the Postoffice and is also under the care of the Postmaster, who is as familiar with the click from the wire as with the address of a letter. His services have been recognized by the telegraph officials with continuous reappointments, and he will no doubt so remain as long as he is willing to assume the responsibility.

The location of the office completes the convenience of summer visitors in having Telegraph, Postoffice, Association Office, Assembly Room, Board of Health, Orchestra Room, President's Room, Tonsorial Parlor and Bank all in the same building, with another Bank directly opposite.

The telegraph service has been so satisfactory that no official complaint against it has been reported.

A. E. BALLARD.



Report of Ushers and Collectors

The Ushers and Collectors, whose report was made by T. M. Dickey, Esq., elicited from the Association expressions of high appreciation for the intelligence of its form, its exactness of detail and the accuracy of its figures.

All the contributions made at the Auditorium, Temple, Tabernacle and Chapel had passed through this body of collectors to their Chairman and by him deposited through Treasurer Myers in the Association Treasury. The Association feels that it cannot too highly estimate their usefulness in their sacrificing labors all through the summer in order that the vast throngs who crowd the Auditorium may be conveniently seated and made to feel at home, which in an au-

dience of eight or ten thousand or more, is no easy matter, but requires the tact of experience and the manners of gentlemen. That both these existed in that corps is evidenced from the fact that no well-founded complaint was made on these accounts during all the season. The Association expressed their sense of obligation in a complimentary banquet tendered them at the close of the season. ,

T. M. DICKEY,
Chairman.



The Postoffice

The Postoffice is still under the management of Postmaster Hamilton, and maintains its high grade of revenue and public accommodations. Its appointments are all of the



Summer residence at Ocean Grove of A. H. DeHaven

best class and its appreciation by the department as among the very first of its rank. There is probably no other Postmaster in the State who has grown up from childhood in the business, and given it such an amount of intelligent and

practical attention. It is conducted in entire harmony with the Association, with whom, at a small joint expense, a very considerable improvement has been made which separates the money order business from the crowded section occupied by it before.

Congressman Howell is our friend and will resist any attempts to merge our individuality.

A. E. BALLARD.



Report of Law and Ordinance Committee

The Law and Ordinance Committee report that the annual effort to pass a bill through the Legislature providing for a speedway and boulevard along our ocean front, was made near the close of the Legislative session.

The New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was in session at the time and ordered a protest corresponding to the one passed the year before by the Newark Conference, which was received by the Legislature and received respectful consideration and contributed largely toward the defeat of the bill.

The public conviction that the rights of morals and religion shall not be placed below the privileges accorded to pleasure in speedway roads, is growing steadily in the State, and is an encouragement to defending our position. In the public addresses made at Ocean Grove and in the general status of conversation, it was clear that this conviction was general. The Hotel Association of Asbury Park, endorsed by its Board of Trade, have passed resolutions to repeat their injustice, and, if possible, to destroy the seclusiveness of Ocean Grove. The effort will be met with the same opposition as in the past.

Our ordinances are both defective and out of date. They need revision and codification. The committee recommend that they be empowered to revise and codify them under the supervision of the counsel for the Association.

Railways

The great companies whose trains pass Ocean Grove have evinced toward us an adherence to the meaning of their contracts, written or oral, beyond the average integrity of the financial world.

Not only have they scrupulously observed all the minutia of their agreements, but resisted heavy pressures from outside parties to induce the breaking of their original pledge regarding Sunday trains at our station. It is proper in this connection to tender to General Managers Hutchinson and Bresler, with General Superintendent Sheppard and Hon. R. Blodgett, Superintendent of the division running by us, our high appreciation of their friendship.

It is difficult for us to understand why a community like Asbury Park, which has grown to phenomenal proportions under this concession to the sacredness of the Lord's day,



Summer residence at Ocean Grove of W. J. Conner

should desire to risk the declension of its popularity by placing it on the level of resorts whose results are productive of so much evil to those who attend and puts them so far below their present status. It is pleasant to know that many of its people are not in sympathy with the action of the men temporarily in position as their rulers.

It is a matter of gratification that their traffic continually increases, and is managed with a promptness and safety

so far above the average as to be a matter attracting the attention of the outside world as to its possible reasons.

After the action of the Association regarding Sunday trains was made public, very many expressions of approval, both oral and written, were received by its officers. Among these, fairly illustrative of all, is one from Edward B. Cooper, Chairman of the Prohibition Committee of Philadelphia, of which the following is an extract:

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association:

Gentlemen:—How glad I am to see your grand Association stand as firm as a rock on the Sunday train question. May the time never come when trains will stop within a mile of your gates on the Sabbath.

To me the blank space on the Sunday time-tables opposite the names of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park is an eloquent testimony to the Lord. I always look for it whenever I consult an Ocean Grove time-table. May the blank ever remain there.

Yours truly,

EDWARD B. COOPER.



Sunday Trains

In pursuance of resolutions passed by the Asbury Park Board of Trade and the Common Council of its City, asking the stoppage of Sunday trains at the railway station of Asbury Park, Mr. Henry Steinbach for the Board of Trade and Dr. H. S. Kinmonth for the Council appeared before the Association at its meeting on May 15th and presented the object of their commission, which embodied a request that the Association would withdraw their opposition and give their official consent to the public railway traffic on Sundays.

A committee consisting of Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, Judge Charles E. Hendrickson and Rev. J. R. Daniels was appointed to consider the subject, who reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Under certain compacts that have existed dur-

ing the years between the railroad company and this Association, no Sunday trains have stopped within specified limits in Ocean Grove and Asbury Park; and,

Whereas, There have appeared this day before our Association, in semi-annual meeting assembled, Dr. H. S. Kinmonth and Henry Steinbach, Esq., who, in behalf of the bodies which they respectively represent, to wit, the Common Council and the Board of Trade of Asbury Park, have requested that the Association give its consent to the stopping of trains on Sunday within the limits hitherto prohibited; and,



Summer residence at Ocean Grove of Mrs. E. H. Stokes

Whereas, Large numbers of people have located and made investments in Ocean Grove and Asbury Park with the assurance that the compacts above named should remain inviolate; and,

Whereas, The giving of the consent asked would be a yielding of the basal principle on which our institution is founded, therefore,

Resolved, That we are unable to comply with the request that has been presented to us.

J. N. FITZGERALD,

J. R. DANIELS,

CHARLES E. HENDRICKSON.

Licenses

A question as to the right of Asbury Park to compel the payment into their treasury of the license fees of hacks and stages running to Ocean Grove came up in their city council and was pressed to a prosecution.

Before Asbury Park was a borough or a city their civil status was the same as the Grove, but as a municipality their powers were larger, and while the station was legally named for both places, yet it was in Asbury Park, and the law gave



Summer residence at Ocean Grove of Rev. Henry Wheeler

the right to pass beyond the old intentions, of which the council availed themselves and forced the payment upon both places for the few feet of Asbury territory over which a hack or stageman must pass in reaching the Grove. The situation was complicated by the fact that none of them either resided or stabled their horses in the Grove, but was relieved for them by the other fact that they could now solicit and deliver passengers and baggage anywhere in the Park, a valuable franchise heretofore denied them.



Report of Real Estate Committee

The Real Estate Committee reported careful supervision over all the property of the Association with a considerable

improvement in the appearance and convenience of the Auditorium, Association building and other properties.

The streets were carefully considered and recommendations made for an increase of graveling, whose plan was referred to the Executive Committee.

In some needed work, for which no appropriations had been made, Messrs. Andrus and Preston assumed the expense. Property needing repair was ordered put in good condition.

Extract from Superintendent's report. It is always difficult to arrange economically for teams. In the winter but few are needed and in the summer we need more for the delivery of ice, carting of tents, lumber, repair of streets, sprinkling of streets, &c., &c.

It is unprofitable to keep many in the winter, while at the same time it is nearly impossible to procure them in the summer. Because of this, more have been kept through the winter and recently their employment in drawing gravel when not otherwise at work, has equalized their expense. Some of them are worn out and need replacing.

The tents, with their kitchens, have been kept in satisfactory condition and a number have received additions of lattice work, greatly to their advantage. Some of the older ones have been mended and painted, and a number of new ones purchased.

The graveling of the streets not now graveled would materially lessen the cost of sprinkling and keeping them in order. The gutters have been well cleaned, culverts and crossings repaired, the graveled streets scraped and mended, and a heavy coat of compost placed over one park and ocean front where the grass is growing well. The park at the entrance to the gates is in bad condition and needs improvement.

Special attention has been given to the promenade to prevent danger; 1,200 feet need relaying and the rail along the east side is very much rusted. A considerable portion has been replaced by water and steam pipes which were no longer of value for that purpose. The seats have been paint-

ed, set back and left in their places instead of being removed to the Auditorium.

The old, wornout and dangerous buildings on the stable grounds have been torn down and an extension of the shed built from the old material, which forms convenient storage for our wagons when not in use. New roofs and repairs have been placed on a number of our buildings, leaving them in good condition. Some needed improvements have been made in the Auditorium and Temple. The fences south of Stockton avenue were in an unsightly condition and a quantity of old material, otherwise useless, was utilized and our property is now suitably protected.

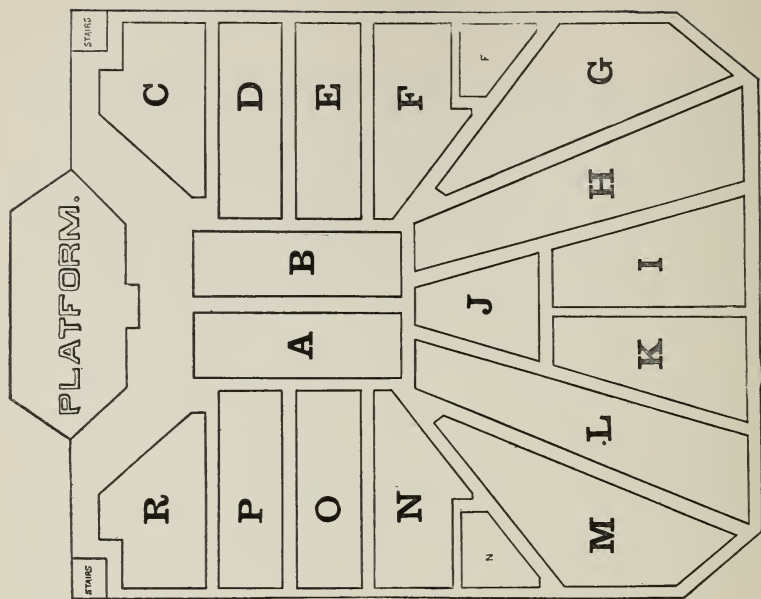
All my work has been done under the direction of the appropriate committees, whose approval has been and will continue to be an added stimulus in personal devotion to the work of the Association committed to my charge.

JOHN C. PATTERSON.

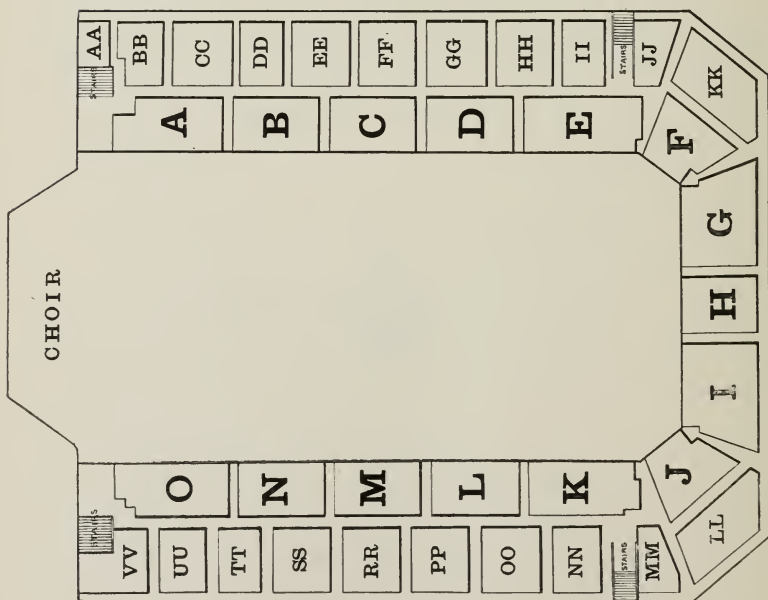
Acting Superintendent.

The committee on the graduation of value of lots reported that they found legal difficulties in the way and were therefore unable to report any plan.





Main Floor of Auditorium



Gallery of the Auditorium

Thirty-Fourth Annual Report
of the
Ocean Grove
Camp-Meeting Association
of the Methodist Episcopal Church



There's ozone by the sea !
The ocean's heart beats on forevermore,
Pulsings of health which throb against the shore,
Where fever bathes its temples o'er and o'er,
Softly, refreshingly !
Where forest balm and pine grove's fragrant breath
Mingle with wind-tossed waves, dispelling dews of death.

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Report of Stokes Monument Committee

The committee appointed at the semi-annual meeting in 1902 "for the purpose of erecting as soon as possible on these grounds a suitable monument in memory of Rev. E. H. Stokes, D.D., LL.D.," would respectfully report that it has continued its efforts to secure subscriptions from the people for this fund. The committee, as stated in its report a year ago, decided upon a bronze statue at an approximate cost of \$6,000, to be suitably located within the grounds of Ocean Grove. A sufficient amount has been subscribed to justify the committee in concluding negotiations by a contract with Mr. Paul W. Morris, a reliable and talented sculptor, for its erection at the earliest available date.

The committee therefore is pleased to report progress.

(Signed) A. E. BALLARD, Chairman,
WM. H. SKIRM, Secretary,
A. H. DEHAVEN, Treasurer.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION

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Bishop J. N. FitzGerald

Rev. A. E. Ballard

Rev. J. H. Alday

John E. Andrus

A. H. DeHaven

This committee shall arrange the program for the season, appoint all leaders of meetings and music, supervise all public exercises, with their contracts and expenditures.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, President

SUMMER SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE

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W. H. Skirm

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Secretary: H. B. Alday, M. D.

Rev. W. H. Wardell

Rev. L. Wilson

E. N. Cole

All matters pertaining to health, sanitation, the sewers, and infectious, contagious and epidemic diseases will be under the direction of this board in accordance with the laws of the State.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Wm. Franklin

J. H. Alday, M. D.

T. M. Dickey

W. H. Wardell

Thomas O'Hanlon

J. R. Daniels

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C. E. Hendrickson

W. S. Heisler

J. R. Daniels

This committee shall have the oversight of all the accounts of the Association; shall recommend proper employes for Association and Auditorium office to the Executive Committee; shall have charge of all financial litigation; shall consider and report to the Executive Committee all rentals and franchises and suggest financial ways and means to the Association.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Hon. W. H. Skirm

S. M. Myers

E. Hanthorn

A. J. Palmer

E. N. Cole

All accounts of the Association shall be audited and passed upon by this committee.

REAL ESTATE AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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A. E. Ballard

T. M. Dickey

Wm. Franklin

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John E. Andrus

This Committee shall care for, consider and report on all questions relating to lands, buildings, tents, lumber, tools, jetties, land-titles,

streets, avenues, parks, walks, bridges, ocean front, piers, bulkheads, lakes, live stock, and also all employes of the Association not otherwise under the control of other committees.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER COMMITTEE

T. J. Preston A. H. DeHaven M. E. Blanchard
J. E. Andrus J. E. Huyler

The electric light and water station and machinery, the employment of its workmen, the fixing of the rates and the method of supply of both water and light—whether by meters or otherwise—together with all the requirements of the station shall be under the charge of this committee.

LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

A. E. Ballard Hon. James L. Hays Hon. W. H. Skirm
Judge C. E. Hendrickson Rev. W. H. Morgan

PURCHASING COMMITTEE

T. J. Preston A. E. Ballard J. E. Andrus
A. H. DeHaven M. E. Blanchard

RAILROAD AND POSTOFFICE COMMITTEE

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Rev. C. L. Mead Rev. H. M. Brown

USHERS AND COLLECTORS

T. M. Dickey W. H. Skirm S. M. Myers E. N. Cole
A. H. DeHaven E. Hanthorn

This committee shall appoint and assign all ushers and collectors, and receive, count and report the collections to the cashier for bank deposit daily.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Wm. Franklin J. H. Alday, M. D. J. R. Daniels T. O'Hanlon
T. M. Dickey W. H. Wardell E. Hanthorn

Three members shall be a quorum for business in any standing committee where there are four or more members; all other committees a majority make a quorum.

All committees shall report to the Executive Committee at its regular meetings.

No committee shall have power to expend money without the authority of the Association or Executive Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

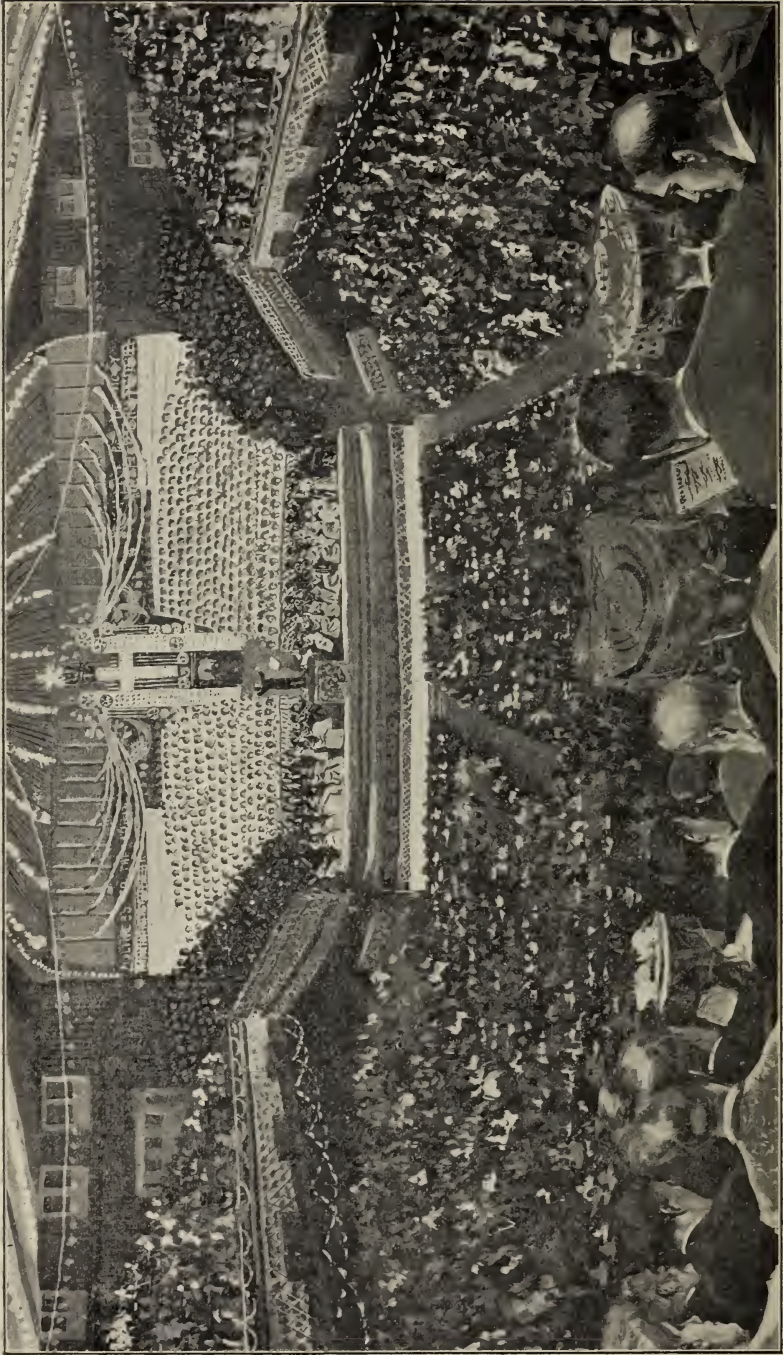
This committee shall consist of the president and all members of the Association who may be upon the ground at any time when the president shall desire to call them together for counsel, in a case of emergency.

IN MEMORIAM

	A. COOKMAN	
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	J. H. STOCKTON	
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	J. S. INSKIP	
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	T. T.	
	TASKER, SR.	
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	—	
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	—	
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	—	
	HOLMES W.	
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	WILLIAM B.	
	OSBORN	
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	G. W. EVANS	
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	B. M. ADAMS	
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	ADAM WALLACE	

THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
 Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;
 Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
 And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;
 Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed ;
 And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
 Where many a time the story they rehearsed,
 Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



INTERIOR OF THE OCEAN GROVE AUDITORIUM

Taken at a performance of "The Elijah," given by the Ocean Grove and the New York Festival Chorus, seven hundred voices, under the direction of Tall Esen Morgan

Report of the President of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Dear Brethren:

After the lapse of another year we come together again in annual meeting to give thanks to the Lord of the harvest for the fruit we have been permitted to gather, and to prepare for the further sowing of seed that will, we trust, yield a greater increase even than that which has been scattered in the years that are past.

In every part of the field there has been much to encourage us, the evidence of spiritual results being especially marked.

In the midst of our rejoicing, however, we have occasion for sadness, because, since our last annual meeting, Rev. Benjamin M. Adams, George W. Evans and Rev. Adam Wallace have passed from our ranks not to return. They were among the earliest members of our Association. In counsel they were wise and in labors abundant. Evidences of the value of their long and willing service may be seen on every hand. May their mantels fall on us! Appropriate and loving tribute will be paid to them in the memoirs which you will adopt. Our earnest prayer is that we may be specially guided of God in the choosing of successors, not only to them, but also to those of their colleagues who went away in advance of them, and whose places are yet to be filled.

Inasmuch as the reports which will be presented by the other officers and by the various standing committees, will recite in detail the particulars of the work for the past year, we may be content with specifying in this report only a few matters of general interest to the Association and also to the residents of and visitors to Ocean Grove.

The introduction to our grounds of gas for cooking and

heating, as well as for illuminating purposes, has been contemplated for a considerable time, but difficulties, greater and more numerous than one would readily imagine, have constantly arisen. By no means the least of these difficulties has been that of securing pledges from a sufficient number of lease holders, that, if gas were introduced, they would use it for one or more of the purposes above named, and thus warrant the Association in making the concessions, or in incurring the expense necessary to the carrying out of the plan. Our hope now is that the public spirit which we trust is prompting the call for gas may speedily meet the difficulty we have specified; that with it all other obstacles may vanish, and that ere long we may reach the consummation for which we have so devoutly wished.

Questions like the following are sometimes asked:

Why does not the Association so water all the streets that not a particle of dust shall fly? And so construct and keep in repair every sidewalk that smoothness may prevail at every point? And so curb every avenue that there may be no washouts? And so gravel every highway that vehicles of all sorts may run without a jar? And so dredge the lakes that neither weed nor scum may ever appear on their waters? And so keep all of the boardwalks and bridges that unevenness may never be found on one of them? And so multiply the guardians of the peace that a policeman may at any time be found on the next corner? And erect fountains at various points so that the thirst of man and beast may be readily slaked? And from dusk until dawn illuminate every thoroughfare so brilliantly that the night may seem as the day? And seat and adorn all the water fronts and parks so that the multitudes may repose there blissfully, each one saying, perhaps, "My willing soul would stay in such a place as this," etc.

The answer we have made to all questions like these is that the things indicated have been more nearly accomplished at Ocean Grove than at any similar place, but that for their perfect accomplishment there is no fund available.

Furthermore, the Association has no power to levy assessments that would yield a sum sufficient to produce the ideal conditions which some earnest petitioners believe to be easily attainable. Every dollar that the Association receives it expends for the benefit of the people. It can do no more unless its powers for the raising of revenue be enlarged.

Commodious as our building are, there come times when their capacity is not sufficient to accommodate all of the people who desire to attend the services. Even our great Auditorium is on special occasions unequal to the demands that are made upon it; and not only hundreds but thousands of people are, at such times, obliged to remain without. But, as the space can on ordinary occasions be made to meet the requirements, enlargement would be inexpedient, though some rearrangement of the platform and of the easterly parts of the gallery may be worthy of consideration. The Temple, however, is often so taxed as to render useless an application by anybody for even standing room. Therefore, drawings have been prepared, and are submitted herewith, for a new Temple in which to hold the Young People's Meetings and such other meetings as may require a capacity between that of the present Temple and the Auditorium.

If this project should meet with popular favor, manifested in such material form as would justify us in carrying it out, we would then be able to convert the present Temple into a pavilion such as is greatly needed for various uses, particularly for the accommodation and comfort of visitors, some of whom at every hour of every day during the season need a resting place and a shelter. We shall anxiously await the golden response from the popular chord.

To the principles of Prohibition and Sabbath Observance, and Holiness to the Lord, we are steadfastly adhering, and God seems to be richly blessing us in so doing. "Let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,

President.

Report of the Vice President

of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Dear Brethren:

It is gratifying to say that under favor of Divine Providence no serious disaster has befallen us.

Some of the storms have been severe and left their traces in demolished chimneys, broken trees and small washouts; but no great temporal evils have resulted from them. As in the days past, we were protected by the jetties from the destruction of our beach.

Our business has been transacted through the general orders of the stated committees appointed by the annual meeting, the definition of whose powers by the Executive Committee has been so ample as to leave but little occasion for calling that body together.

It has been a melancholy satisfaction to be so circumstanced as to attend and speak at the funerals of Brothers Evans, Adams and Wallace, whose decease leaves only Hughes, Franklin and Ballard, of Ocean Grove's charter members, this side of the heavenly world. They died in the faith and their works do follow them.

The accommodations for the special religious instruction of children during the camp meeting are entirely inadequate for its purpose, and it is recommended that the Devotional Committee be instructed to prepare plans for meeting these necessities, to be submitted to the Executive Committee with power.

As the years mature the wisdom of electing from the ranks of the Methodist Episcopacy a president whose ancestral teaching and personal profession are in active sympathy with its central doctrine of holiness in heart and life, becomes more and more apparent. His expositions of doctrine in the

Auditorium and holiness meetings fully attest this, while his freedom from special modes of expression and antagonism of side issues has obtained an intellectual and experimental respect which has commended the doctrine favorably to Christians of other denominations.

The same facts have attended his presidency of the Summer School of Theology, which is now kept strictly in its place as a school for orthodox teaching, free from invidious criticism, whose want of exactness and completeness, often introduced doubt where actual certainty existed, and made the school an institution for sapping faith instead of its strengthening.

The prestige of his position has been far reaching. Its connection with the highest authority known to Methodism makes certain our own Methodism of discipline. He accepted the office without other compensation than the expenses while here through the summer. It is a compliment of no ordinary value that under his presidency our uncompromising adherence to the doctrine of holiness, to Sabbath observance, to the exclusion of intoxicants, to the preservation of our sea-line from speedway racing and its provision for the purity of recuperation by sea bathing, has continued to us an eminence of favorable recognition from the churches of the Lord, not accorded to any other organization.

The reports made by chairmen of committees cannot fairly represent them. Upon them has usually rested the burden of carrying out the policy declared by the committee, and their own reports never give them fair credit for their work.

Hon. James L. Hays, chairman of the Finance Committee, has given as large amount of time and close attention to its affairs as the conditions have demanded.

It is also true of T. J. Preston, of the Real Estate Committee, who, while not always able to be present at the meetings of committee, has made extensive provisions for our needs, and has probably given more time than any other to these needs of the Association.

A. H. DeHaven, while absent during the summer, has arranged for the work of the electric light and water through Brothers Preston and Andrus, the former in the power house and the latter upon our beach front.

Chairman Franklin, of the police, has so specialized its work that nothing has been neglected.

Chairman Dickey, at a free outlay of personal effort, has continued to make effective the constantly changing conditions of ushers and collections.

Chairman Alday has supervised faithfully the details of our ice business, whose purchases and plans have been arranged by Brother Preston, chairman of the purchasing committee.

The Chairman of the board of health, the railroad and post-office, and law and ordinances, have given the necessary time and attention to their duties as those duties have arisen.

Dr. Alday, our sanitary officer, has brought the service of an educated medical ability into the sanitation of the Grove, and thus been enabled to aid materially in giving us an exceptionally high rating among summer resorts.

J. E. Andrus, Esq., our treasurer, has scrutinized carefully our receipts and disbursements with the view of increasing our revenues and decreasing our expenses, under the further thought of extinguishing our indebtedness, apparently the only menace of our future.

Upon the decease of Brother George W. Evans, Hon. W. H. Skirm, our recording secretary, upon the advice of our counsel, S. A. Patterson, legally assumed the duties of secretary. His familiarity with general business and identification with the affairs of the Grove from nearly the first, and long training in the secretaryship of other important bodies of trustees, rendered him peculiarly fitted for the complications of our Association. In keeping the minutes and preparing necessary papers, his exactness of statements and accuracy of detail have made misconstruction impossible.

I have understood my own position, as heretofore, to be executive, in the absence of the president, of the annual and semi-annual meetings, as interpreted through their commit-

tee. I have endeavored to serve as perfectly as I knew how, and trust to your kindness of interpretation for approval.

The passing year has continued the kindly treatment of the ones that have gone. The physical disorders which usually attach themselves to advance of years have still spared me. Heart and all other viscera perform their functions without interruption. I am not conscious that virility is passing into decadence. It is easy still to protract the hours of labor. The vigor of constitution leaves me with no apparent trace of ill effects. I do not realize any lessening of ability in the oversight of business or in other exercise of mental forces. I have passed the days allotted to Dr. Stokes, and still remain, entering into his labors. There is a deep sense of gratitude over your permission to earn the support of my family in the work to which I have devoted the best thought and best years of my life and that just now God spares me for its fruitage.

There has been a continuous effort to discharge the duties of my position. If at any time I have failed, I trust your generous love will forgive it. Life is still beautiful and sweet to me. Wife and child and grandchild still sunlight my way with blessing. The relatives who have walked with me since childhood mostly remain with me. The departure of brethren of the Association has left behind them a sense of loss, which is more than compensated by a sense of gain in the certainty of the resumption of companionship when a few brief years more have been added to my sum total.

My religious life has been almost unobstructed. Its evening is tinted with the glory that filters through its crimson sunset, as it approaches nearer. God is more and more a personal verity along all the avenues of nature as well as grace as the days pass on. I am ready when God wants me elsewhere to go there, or to stay in this or any world.

A. E. BALLARD,
Vice President.

The Opening Sunday

It was the general consent of people who have observed the opening of Ocean Grove for years past, that there was no occasion when the meetings were so largely attended.

The Devotional Committee met the holiness meeting in the Tabernacle. The young people met Dr. Yatman in the Temple with the Temple orchestra, a solo by Mrs. R. H. Carr and an address by Mrs. Bottome. The weather was unpropitious, but the sunset service was held at the beach where Messrs. Morse, Browning and Robinson made addresses. The absence of Dr. O'Hanlon prevented the organization of the Bible Class, which, with the primary, under Mrs. William H. Skirm, was adjourned to the following Sunday.

The Intermediate Department, under Joseph A. Hudson, superintendent of the Centenary M. E. Sunday School of Philadelphia, who had accepted the request of the Devotional Committee to occupy the place made vacant by the decease of Rev. George W. Evans, was organized and began its work under its old officers, with promises of assistance from his highly gifted wife and others interested in Sunday School work.

For several Sabbaths previous to June 28, the Methodist pulpits had been vocal with the Wesley's bi-centennial of both preacher and singer. The first had commanded the attention of the world in making his form of religion a force in society, and the other had taken a front rank in the religious poetry which outlasts the ages. Following this conception, Rev. W. I. Haven, D.D., corresponding secretary of the American Bible Society, presented the subject in the morning in its historic and experimental shapings in a conciseness of statement and freedom of illustration, which received the attention of the people from its beginning to its close. He said that while William Pitt guided the British nation to wider empire, John Wesley raised the standard of religion to an elevation correspondent to the advance. At the special

urgency of the committee, Bishop FitzGerald, in the evening, took the "Life of the Founder of Methodism" for his theme and described his characteristics of piety, his vast knowledge of almost all the sciences and the generalship by which he mustered his thousands of converts into active battle. He spoke of his sayings, which called the world his parish, and his call for a league offensive and defensive with every soldier of Jesus Christ, his conservatism of resources in "Gain all you can, save all you can and give all you can." He also spoke of his doctrines which were free grace entitling every soul to salvation, the witness of the spirit which made that salvation a conscious possession, and Christian perfection which enabled him to love God with all the heart and the neighbor as itself. As an economist, he reserved about one hundred and fifty dollars for himself for living expenses, and gave all the rest of his income away. The last point in the discourse of the Bishop was his rules, one of which was: "Do no harm and avoid evil of every kind," under which he struck forceful blows at slavery and intemperance. Another: "To do good of every possible kind to the bodies and souls of men," and finally: "Attendance upon religious services as a means of grace, emphasizing, especially, family prayer and public worship."



Our National Anniversary

Our National Anniversary was ushered in with a display of national colors from the Auditorium and the public and private buildings, which seemed to make the Grove an entire mass of red, white and blue.

The young people's meeting, with a service presided over by Judge Springer, since passed to heaven, in word, song and color was alive with patriotism, and the experiences of the holiness meeting illustrated themselves in patriotic expression.

In the Auditorium the choir and orchestra, an inspiration

in itself, seemed itself inspired and made the opening service one of glad rejoicing. The prayer of Dr. Wedderspoon took patriotism to God, from whence it returned sanctified to the people. Governor Murphy had excused himself because of other engagements, and Senator Dryden wrote: "I have endeavored to arrange matters to accept your invitation and only regret that I find it impossible." President FitzGerald was in charge and introduced Professor Enright, whose reading of the Declaration last year made both words and meaning distinctively apparent; as the reader again. Afterwards Hon. E. C. Stokes, of Trenton, to whom in 1902 the Association extended an earnest invitation to deliver the anniversary oration. He, having been the orator on the last occasion of this nature when his relative, Dr. E. H. Stokes, was in charge, and also the intimate friend and legislative orator over the death of General William J. Sewell, whose friendship for Ocean Grove had marked every year of its existence, in addition to the highest ability, made it eminently proper that he should favor the Grove again.

He was at that time wearied with the incessant labors of a more than ordinarily important political campaign, in which the leadership of his party had been confided to his care, and was necessarily compelled to decline. The declination was accepted with a reluctance which found its relief in a promise to occupy the position in 1903, which promise restored health enabled him to fulfill and deliver the oration with a freedom of intelligent oratory, which held the assembled mass of people in rapt attention till its close.

In the course of his introduction he remarked after recalling the past:

"But I turn from the scenes of memory to the present. I like the atmosphere of Ocean Grove. Its rapid growth, its democratic spirit, its strenuous enthusiasm, are typical of our civilization. The story of Ocean Grove, like our progress, is difficult to exaggerate. A few years ago a barren waste; today a flourishing community, where religion, education, music, eloquence and health abide;

"A community not harsh or crabbed, as some suppose,
But musical as is Apollo's lute;
A perpetual feast of wise diversions
Where no crude surfeit reigns."

The contrast between the achievements of other nations who had risen into importance and power and our own was portrayed in a vivid coloring which made the past appear a present and impressed history as the action of today. Our infancy with its rough cradling, our youth with its hard struggles, our muscular manhood and maturity of vigor which commanded the forbearance of the nations and the liberation of the oppressed, were eloquently discussed.

In closing he said: "We have ceased, however, to glory in our martial triumphs. We rejoice rather in our mercies and opportunities. Events crowd each other quickly. Changes come. Some fall by the wayside, but our priceless principles still survive. Two scenes pass before my mind July 4, 1897. Upon this platform sat a familiar figure of this resort. He had watched it almost from its inception, had moulded its institutions, had given his best thought, energy and enthusiasm to its progress. On that occasion he was particularly happy and jovial, and apparently in vigor and health. Strange decree of fate! That was his last appearance in this Auditorium, which he loved so well, and where his voice in exhortation and encouragement had been so often heard. Dr. Stokes died amid the scenes of his labors, in the fullness of years. The words of eulogy spake of him as an old man. That depended upon the point of view. Charles Lamb said, on the occasion of the anniversary of his fiftieth birthday, that nominally he was fifty years old, but when he deducted from that the weeks and months and years he had given to the service of others, he was still a young man. Under such a test as this, Dr. Stokes passed from the field still a youth. The institution he helped to found lives on to his honor and glory, just as this Republic stands an everlasting monument to the wisdom and courage of her Revolutionary sons."

At the close of the service the Senator with a couple of brother ex-Senators, in the persons of Hon. James L. Hays and W. H. Skirm, with the president, vice president and Hon. George L. Record dined at the Ocean Queen, after which, with the kindest good wishes for his future personal and political life, he left for a much-needed rest and recuperation.



Patriotic Sunday

In accordance with the annual custom the Sunday of July 5th was observed in illustration of Ocean Grove's devotion to the government, whose protection it enjoys and whose righteousness it endeavors to advance. The sermon of the morning was preached by Rev. Charles L. Mead, D.D., of Hoboken, from Genesis 13:8 on "The mission of our country to the world in the prevention of strife between the brotherhood of nations," and was introduced with the following proposition:

"It is the religion of a nation that produces and preserves its form of government and moulds its civilization.

"Our strength lies in the dauntless spirit, the intelligent manhood, the sublime faith of the people in the God of Heaven and teachings of Jesus."

The entire discourse, both logically and eloquently, illustrated the natural supremacy of a government of a people on the lines first laid down by God in the construction of Judaism, and afterward developed in that of the principles laid down by Christ. A nation first concentrated in the exclusiveness of the colonies and afterwards widened by emergence into a broad freedom of brotherhood, which was already being recognized as the leading power of the world, whose energies are bent to the accomplishment of the federation of the nations in its great ideal.

Dr. F. Hermance occupied the "Patriotic Evening" in speaking from Hebrews 1:1, showing that God speaks in

creation and history as certainly as in the Bible. In forms of wonderful word picturing he pointed out the beauties of the world of insects and world of birds. He described these and many other ways in which God sends messengers to us. The sermon had a national tinge and was an impassioned plea for men to give heed to the warnings and accept the mercies of God.



Sunday School Assembly

The question of the discontinuance of this assembly, which appeared to have lost its earlier inspiration, had in later years been seriously discussed by the Association. It was finally decided to connect it with the Society of Spiritual Culture, for which a convention was arranged, with Rev. Charles L. Mead in charge of the assembly department.

In the organization this was found unacceptable to both and was abandoned, and the assembly was awarded its old time and place for a final experiment. It is a pleasure to be able to say that a large success was achieved, and the assembly is again slated for an integral feature of Ocean Grove work.

Dr. Mead possesses a freshness of adaptation to the work of the assembly, which he serves without other reward than the pleasure of duty, and which has given him a place in the confidence of Sunday school workers, ensuring their co-operation.

The assembly convened in the Temple on Thursday, July 1st, where Dr. Mead presented an outline of its plans and purposes, followed on the same lines by Drs. Woelfkin, of Bushwick Avenue Reformed Church, Brooklyn, and Dr. Doherty, of New York, who, with Mrs. A. B. Francis, of Hoboken, were programed as his principal assistants. The plans included a children's hour, Dr. Mead's round table, lectures, lessons, question boxes, with all the usual and unusual paraphernalia of Sunday school work.

Dr. Woelfkin in introducing the assembly said we must

put away conventional ties and not imitate any one else. Each in his own way should work as best he can in the school, and work in conjunction with God.

Dr. Doherty, on the same occasion, said the principal demand of today was for new education in Sunday school methods. While respecting the past, the assembly proposes to discuss the best methods of training children today.

The special oversight of the children in the assembly was given to Mrs. A. S. Francis, of Hoboken, who is superintendent of kindergarten work there, and has attained a superior reputation in this special labor. Her mode of teaching was illustrated in the use of the word Christ, made with bells, into an acrostic representing courage, help, right, song and trust. In another lesson she illustrated carrying the Gospel to nations by the flags of Mexico, China and Japan, surrounding the American flag, in which the hope of the others rested. These methods awakened interest, and her classes were largely attended.

Dr. Woelfkin was one of the great forces in the assembly work. A stalwart, both in body and mind, he made his vigor of thought and feeling act with telling force upon the large audience which greeted their delivery. The following sketch will illustrate his lectures: "On spiritual succession he made Elisha successor to Elijah, and the apostolic succession of doctrines the succession of the New Testament, adding that it was not of so much importance to us to have seen miracles, as for our souls to enact the miracle of seeing God."

Dr. Doherty possessed the experience of a veteran who retained the vigor of maturity and brought both effectively into play in his lectures. That, on the secular and Sunday schools, was a discussion of what one might learn from the other, using the principles of instruction, as well as their application for the religious education of childhood. To keep children in school we must get good teachers, and if we haven't them, we must make them. We must reach the bad boy, who may only seem to be bad because we do not understand him, by love and kindness. The feelings and emotions

of children are easily affected by outward conditions, and a badly heated or unventilated room will overthrow all the good derived from instruction. The lecture on the Twentieth Century Sunday School dealt with the value of the senses to childhood in communicating knowledge. Eye and ear must work in harmony in making a successful teacher.

Commencement day brought the ten days of the assembly session to its close. A full parade was organized, but a heavy shower interfered, and at its suspension only a limited number of the children's class and flower girls, 100 in all, marched through the arches. Rev. Charles L. Mead presided and led the responses of their beautiful service. Dr. Ballard led in prayer. Professor Russell spoke and Bishop FitzGerald delivered the commencement address, in which he spoke of the Book of Nature telling of the material world, and the Book of God telling of the Spiritual one. There was no conflict between them, both were from the same hand. He congratulated the class upon their progress and delivered the diplomas and seals to the long procession of graduates. In the annual meeting of the alumni, Mrs. J. H. Faraday was elected president, Dr. Mead vice-president, Miss Ellis treasurer, and Mrs. Dwier secretary. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Faraday for faithful service of seven years as president of the alumni.

The usual alumni reception was held at the Arlington, where brief addresses were made by Drs. Ballard, Alday and Professor Russell. A reception of the faculty and students was held at the Norman House, which was decorated for the occasion.



Society of Spiritual Culture

The society of Spiritual Culture, under the presidency of Bishop Bowman, and general secretaryship of Rev. Dr. J. E. Gilbert, of Washington, began its exercises in the evening of Sunday, July 12, with a sermon by Dr. Gilbert, explanatory of its purposes.

In its opening session there was more than an average attendance, to whom Dr. Gilbert repeated the conceptions of his sermon and said that in the carnal state man seeks material good for himself and those dependent on him, while the spiritual man seeks to cultivate in himself and others the culture of the emotions; that the fruits of a spiritual man are love, gentleness, kindness, etc., and that spiritual culture comprehends all that process that leads to and pertains to a religious life. He declared that it is the means by which the religious life may be unfolded, passing from one degree of perfection to another. It was stated that the Bible is the text book on spiritual culture, and that every church should be a spiritual culture society. He closed by making a plea for ministers more spiritual and for churches more spiritual.

Rev. Dr. Handley, of Long Branch, spoke on the prayer meeting as a factor in spiritual life. He deplored the fact that the mid-week prayer meetings are losing their hold on the people, and he believed that this marked a decline in spiritual culture. He pointed out that there is not that close touch in Sunday services that exists in the mid-week service, and hence its decline furnishes a subject for serious thought.

Dr. Swallow, of Harrisburg, one of the leaders of Prohibition, discussed the "Class Meeting as Helpful to Methodism." In an able manner he presented the intimacies of spiritual association in such a meeting as almost certain to result in continual deepening of spiritual life.

The lecture of Dr. Morris on the "Deepening of Spiritual Life," took up the life question in both scientific and spiritual aspects, developing and linking them together; making a pathway for life to pass through, both backward and forward, the one a helpmeet to the other.

Among other things he said: "The basis of my talk is found in those words of our Lord, 'I am come that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly.' The spiritual life does not necessarily follow the presence of Christ in the world. Still the dead are found among the living—'they must be born again' is the Master's sentence.

We can assist in nursing and developing this new birth." In the discussion of the possibilities and agencies of spiritual culture, he said: "All people have in them immeasurable possibilities of spiritual growth, whose rule is to fix the affections on things above, for the heart always follows the treasure."

Both lectures of Dr. Blake, especially the one on "The Spiritual Culture of Probationers," were worthy of special study. The broad fact of a large loss in this department was freely admitted and was followed by a discussion of the prominent suggestions made for both the cause and remedy. It was apparently agreed that the acquiescence of the church in the substitution of entertainments for service was a predominant factor in the losses, and an intense spirituality in pulpit and members would alone provide an adequate remedy.

"The Spiritual Condition of Early Methodism," by Rev. S. W. Thomas, D.D., Editor of the Philadelphia Methodist, could have been committed to no better hands than his, whose natural vigor, spiritual and mental, had increased its force as the years passed on, and whose observation had kept pace with the years. The facts which represented it were clearly brought out, and their value analyzed, separating what was chaff from what was wheat and leaving as a finality that, while the form of expression was different, the real spirituality of the church had suffered no diminution.

The "Family as an Institute of Spiritual Culture," by Dr. J. W. Webb, was another able paper, presenting the salient facts of family life and the manner in which they could be utilized in drawing the family into a closer nearness to the Holy Spirit. The "Ideal Family," which followed this, led by Dr. Morgan, with the father for priest, the mother for teacher, with the Bible for teaching at a domestic altar, was one of the most valuable features of the session.

Dr. Parkin led a discussion following the lecture, including the idea, and considered the changed spiritual expression in Methodism in its intellectual and emotional types.

Rev. Dr. Don. S. Colt, of Baltimore, delivered a thrilling lecture on "Revivals as spiritual agencies and the best methods of their conducting." His prominent idea was that the church needs to be a revival power, whose application should be special to the traffic in intoxicants, which would never be settled outside of a revival agency.

Dr. Chadwick said on revivals that they are the quickening of the Christian graces in the hearts and lives of believers, involving the salvation of sinners, and added that there has been no great revival of religion in this country since 1857.

"The Spiritual Work of the Epworth League," by Dr. Davison, of Washington, D. C., was a carefully prepared paper, in which the possibilities of the League were shown to be far above its present performances. It discussed ably the steps taken to make this powerful organization fill its natural place in the spiritual work of its church.

The discussion on the better plan of culture proposed, opened by Bishop FitzGerald, involved more practical suggestions than perhaps were contained in any of the sessions of the society. This better plan of culture considered a closer personal association on some plan represented by the class meeting, a fuller intimacy on spiritual lines with the members of the church, a lesser catering to temporal sensation by the pulpit, a more positive home religion, and in general a more intense application of the means of grace as already established among us.

Dr. Gilbert gave an interesting talk on "The Spiritual Culture of Baptized Children," explaining the doctrine of the Methodist Church on infant salvation and baptism.

"We hold," said he, "that all children are members of the kingdom of heaven by virtue of Christ's unconditional atonement. Observe that this not only means the children of Methodist parents, or of Christian parents even, but all children everywhere. The Methodist Episcopal Church has no doubt, whatever, upon the subject of infant salvation.

"By virtue of the atonement they are entitled to baptism. Then they should receive spiritual instruction, after which, if

evidence of piety is given, they may be received into the church. Baptism in the Methodist Church means what it does not mean anywhere else. It is simply a seal upon the covenant made between the parents and the church that this child already in the kingdom, shall be cared for and receive spiritual instruction."



Woman's Suffrage Association

The second annual convention of the Woman's Suffrage Association at Ocean Grove was held in the Temple on Monday and Tuesday, July 20 and 21, 1903, under the presidency of Mrs. Minola Graham Sexton, of Orange, the New Jersey State president, who appointed Mrs. Florence Hall, of Plainfield, a daughter of Julia Ward Howe, to preside over the opening session, who modestly introduced the exercises by saying: "We hope if you are not already of our way of thinking that you will speedily become so."

The evening of the twenty-first was graced with an address by Miss Harriet May Mills, vice president of the New York Association, on "Woman's Title to Citizenship," who defined the platform in saying: "Our creed is not that every man and woman ought to vote, but that men and women should vote on equal terms. Property or educational qualifications may be right, but it does not accord with God's order that there should be one of sex. The women who obey the laws should have a voice in their framing; they pay taxes and should have a voice in their disposal."

On the morning of Tuesday a working conference was held in Thornley Chapel and an Ocean Grove and Asbury Park organization effected, of which the vice president became a member.

In the afternoon Mrs. Lucretia L. Blankenburg, president of the Pennsylvania Association, spoke on "The Laws Pertaining to Women and Children." Mrs. Florence Howe Hall read a Woman's Suffrage farce entitled, "Minerva,"

where, in classic forms, the absurdity of denying equal rights to equal ability was humorously set forth. Following this, Miss Anna Shaw, one of Ocean Grove's favorites, answered in her own witty way the questions of the box, and in the evening a lecture was delivered by her on the "New Democratic Ideal," whose force of argument and appropriateness of illustration received the highest appreciation. The sessions were largely attended and the favorable impression of their cause in Ocean Grove was largely deepened.



Temperance Sunday

Among the notable men who have come to us from Britain to investigate our system of productive labor in religion, was Dr. Reginald Campbell, of City Temple, London. The methods as developed in the Methodism of Ocean Grove naturally attracted his attention, and Sunday was arranged for his occupancy of the Auditorium. His fame, as the successor of the great Dr. Joseph Parker, had preceded him, and a large assembly greeted his appearance on the Sabbath of July 19th.

His voice, while not strong, was yet level and most people were able to hear. There were no tricks of oratory, no stamping of feet, no raising or lowering the voice for dramatic effect, but simply clear thought, so simply delivered that the listener lost himself in his interest in the speaker.

His morning sermon was on "The ground of Christian Certainty," which was found in the love every Christian has for God and which could only be divinely generated. He expressed his observation of American people as finding them optimistic, busy looking for conflict and happy in conquering and living for the present. The evening theme was: "Does God Answer Prayer?" and the discourse was an illustration of the positive fact that there is an immediate answer in some form to every prayer that is offered. The greatest answer of all was that holiness is always the fruit of prayer; and all real prayer is based upon it.



A drill of the Children's Festival Chorus preparatory to the great concert in the Auditorium

The doctor stated that he had never before faced more than a third of as many people as met him at Ocean Grove, and was happy to find himself in sympathy with them with all their denominational proclivities the same as in the smaller numbers of one denomination in his own church in London.



Woman's Christian Temperance Union

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union followed the Woman's Suffrage convention and inaugurated the temperance week, under the presidency of Mrs. Emma Bourne, and was welcomed by a secular journal with: "We wish the ladies of this organization an enjoyable and helpful gathering and can assure them that we are heartily in sympathy with their principles on the liquor question. The real hope of the temperance cause is to be found in the education of the young."

Wednesday and Thursday, July 22 and 23, were occupied by them chiefly in a school of methods presided over by the State president.



National Temperance Publication Society

The National Temperance Publication Society, whose general office is at No. 3 West 14th street, New York, held its thirtieth annual temperance camp at Ocean Grove July 24, 25 and 26, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. James B. Dunn, its general secretary.

The venerable Joshua Bailey, Esq., who for many years had been its president, had been compelled by failing health to resign his position. Rev. Dr. David Stuart Lodge had been elected to fill his place, but was also unavoidably absent, and Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, the world-renowned advocate

of temperance principles, found it impossible to accept an invitation, and Rev. Dr. Reginald J. Cambell, of London City Temple, occupied the Auditorium in a plain Gospel sermon.

Rev. Dr. S. W. Cummings, a prominent minister of the Baltimore conference, who has become almost entirely blind, spent the summer at the Grove, devoting himself specially to the temperance work, for which he develops special aptitude. He had already delivered a hundred addresses in the South in the endeavor to shape the legislation which is rapidly favoring temperance in the best direction. He held interesting meetings on the pavilions at both Ross' and Lillagore's, besides speaking in other meetings and at Asbury Park upon the subject. He was also a regular participant in the holiness meeting and a frequent attendant upon other services. In the past his labors have extended to Cuba and Porto Rico.

Among the eloquent temperance speakers and singers upon this battle of the century was Joseph Fisher, of Kearney, who was converted while in the liquor business, and who at once abandoned it and devoted his energies to its destruction. His methods were different from most lecturers who, in denouncing the business, denounces unsparingly all persons engaged in it. Mr. Fisher's belief was that many of them had no adequate conception of its wrong, if, indeed, they believed it wrong at all, and that they should be approached as tenderly and intelligently as men in the more reputable callings of ordinary life.



The Sunshine Society

The Sunshine Society publishes in a unique magazine a constitution whose object is to incite the performance of kind and helpful deeds which shall bring sunshine into numbers of hearts and homes. It has successful organizations in forty of the States and also the Canadas, with a membership of hundreds of thousands, and headquarters at 96 Fifth avenue,

New York, under the presidency of Mrs. C. Westover Alden, who presided on July 27 over the anniversary in the Temple, and in an able address scattered sunshine over the Assembly. Instances were given where children of the slums were made happy with a doll and boys with playthings of similar kind. Outings in fresh air were included in their sunniness. In one of these, called Sunshine Lodge, at Darien, "the little ones who were sent here a week ago have already become more robust and their pale faces are taking on some color."

The meeting made many friends to its organization and object, and parted from the Grove with the mutual understanding that the anniversary next year would be a mutual pleasure.

The calling away of Mrs. Wyman, whose active interest has done more than everything else to plant its branch here—to sunshine the bedside of an afflicted daughter, left a shading over the brightness of the gatherings which was, however, alleviated by the sympathy which followed her in her loving mission.



The Joint Commission

The joint commission of fourteen, including bishops, ministers and laymen, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, north and south, for the revision of the catechism and the order of public worship, honored us by meeting in Ocean Grove in July.

The commission agreed to advise the people to kneel in silent prayer on entering the sanctuary and that both preacher and people kneel in the public prayer. This order is almost identical with the one now in use in the north and will necessitate but few changes in the ritual of the south. They also recommended that Pearson's text of the Apostles' Creed should be the one used in public service as the standard.

While there is no change in the meaning, there are changes

in the wording of the catechism by which the meaning is more readily apprehended.

The present division of three separate grades is reduced to two. Bishop Merrill said in closing: "The work accomplished has exceeded our expectations. During these two days we have done the work which would ordinarily have taken three days, and we have the work in as good shape as is practicable. The utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the session of the joint commissioners, and the Methodist Episcopal Churches, north and south, are closer together today than they have been since they separated in the days of slavery," and after appreciative expressions of the courtesy of Ocean Grove, the commission adjourned.



The Epworth League

Some hundreds of members of the Epworth Leagues of New Jersey, whose strong physiques and pure complexions told of pure and wholesome lives, met in annual session at Ocean Grove on July 28 and 29, F. A. DeMaris, State president, presiding. After the usual devotional exercises, the vice president of the Association, in the necessary absence of the Bishop, gave the address of welcome, recognizing the League as the largest element of power in the advance of Methodism at the present time and expressing the pleasure of the Association in tendering the accommodations of the place for the uses of the League, to which President DeMaris responded in a recognition of Ocean Grove as a fortress for purity, holiness, temperance and the American Sabbath.

Rev. J. L. Surtees then gave an intensely earnest address upon the liquor traffic, in which its powers were recognized as only controllable by laws which the people must both make and execute.

This was followed by Rev. Andrew Gillies, who gave an

address original in form and expression on the "Epworth League and the Sabbath."

Rev. A. H. Eberhart spoke of the "Four wonders of the most wonderful book, the Bible," with its makeup, its subject matter, its indestructibility, and its hidden meaning in an address worthy of preservation.

Rev. Charles L. Mead, president of the second general conference district Epworth League, next delivered an eloquent address on "Personal Power," whose elements should be a refined and cultivated brain, a sensitive and sympathetic heart, and a strong and sturdy will.

Miss Sara Lenhart spoke on "Practical methods of literary and social work" in an address as thoroughly practical as the title of her theme and as valuable as practical.

An interesting feature of the second day was the morning watch, 6 a. m., at the foot of Ocean Pathway.

The first address of the morning was by Rev. George Adams on "The League, Offensive and Defensive," in which its methods of warfare were defined and enforced.

"Practical Junior Methods" was a theme practically discussed by Rev. S. G. Pitt, which made clear the modes in which the Juniors can best do their work. Rev. J. L. Howard led a discussion on "How to hold the men and boys," which excited considerable interest.

"The Ideal Secretary" was well described by Mary Hendrickson, of Long Branch, after which "The World for Christ," in an address whose ability called forth marked attention, closed the convention which could not otherwise than create an increased interest, and whose papers are well worth preserving in their archives.



Woman's Home Missionary Society

The meeting of the society was preceded by a reception given by its president, Mrs. General Clinton B. Fisk, at the Rest Home, on the evening previous to its assembling.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened under the national president, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, with the music in charge of Mrs. Harvey Green, of Orange, N. J. Mrs. Grace Alexander, a fraternal delegate from the church South, led the devotions, after which Bishop FitzGerald welcomed the society, saying: "Because our hearts are one we give you our hands and welcome you most heartily to Ocean Grove." Mrs. Roach, of Washington, responded gracefully to the address.

In the address of Mrs. Fisk, who, despite the fact that years are creeping upon her, still shows all the vital activity of earlier life, with perfect courtesy of decision in which all her meetings are conducted, said: "I have nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren and so find plenty to occupy my mind. Yet I find time for a little missionary work every day."

Mrs. Kent, of Ocean Grove, spoke of the good work in the home in Mexico, where girls were educated for mission work, following which the annual custom of a subscription for the education and maintenance of a student for a year was made.

Miss Jefferson, a refined lady-like woman, who had scarce a look of the colored race, told the story of her birth from parents who had been slaves on different plantations—been separated by the war in which her father was a Union soldier, how they rejoined each other afterward, how her mother taught the children to read and write and cared for a Sunday school, how the necessities of her father and family had necessitated her personal labor for years, and how at last she had become a member of the Morristown Home, where she is laboring now.

In the afternoon Miss Josephine Corbin, a deaconess, gave an interesting account of the work among the immigrants, saving the ignorant women among them from the snares of evil men.

Mrs. Reach gave a heart-sickening description of the work in the slums of darkest Chicago, where a hundred young

women are arrested every night who are walking the streets for means of support.

Miss VanMarter, editress of the society paper, gave an interesting statement of the literary work, which was followed by Mrs. Gallagher, national organizer, with a general description of their missionary work wherever it is established.

A missionary lovefeast, in which missionary experiences were related, was one of the most interesting features of the session, and inspired new enthusiasm in the work, especially that of Mrs. Gales, who recited her work among the colored people of her race.

Miss Emma Newman gave a full account of her work in the Southwest and New Mexico.

Miss Mitchell told of the overcrowding of the home in Atlanta and showed that while there were thirty-six homes more were needed.

Mrs. Anna Kent described the Rest Home in Ocean Grove where tired workers may find needed rest.

In the evening a harvest home festival was held in the Temple, conducted by Mrs. Gallagher, who costumed one hundred young ladies in the fashions of the various nationalities now under one flag, which was exceedingly interesting.

The anniversary was spoken of by those who had it in charge as one of the most hopefully inspiring in their self-sacrificing work for years past.



Deaconess' Day

Rev. W. C. Gallagher presided and introduced Miss Swartz, who led the devotions, after which he briefly outlined the work of the Deaconess as coeval with that of the women in the early church.

Miss Corbin told of the assistance given them by the Woman's Home Mission and of the Rest Homes at Ocean Grove and Mountain Lake Park.

Mrs. Roach spoke of what she knew of the work in Washington.

Miss Kemp, teacher of Sociology in the school at Washington, spoke on tenement houses in cities as being the sources of great amounts of vice and deaths, closing with, "We must remember that the heredity of today becomes the environment of tomorrow."

Miss Minor gave an address on the supreme object of their work in bringing souls to Christ.

Miss J. Bancroft Robinson presided over the afternoon service and introduced Rev. M. Blake, of Montclair, who spoke on the good work done by the Deaconesses of his race. Miss Mahon gave her experience in the work, Mr. Gallagher on the hospital as a Deaconess institution, after which Mrs. Judge Springer, one of the first members of the Home Missionary Society, received an introduction, when Miss Warren, in an address, full of enthusiasm, spoke on the "Secret of Deaconess Success." She closed by saying: "The path to power winds up through Gethsemane to Calvary, and the secret of success is found in living with Christ." Miss Warren, at the request of Bishop FitzGerald, who presided at the evening session, told an affecting story of her life and conversion, which closed the exercises of the convention, which cannot otherwise than inspire a stronger feeling for their work.



Hospital Sunday

Dr. George P. Eckman, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, in New York, preached on Hospital Sunday in fulfillment of a promise to assist the Spiritual Culture Society. The sermon was from "Silver and gold, have I none but such as I have give I unto thee?" The great thought of the discourse was that the church, like this beggar, needs light in order to live a spiritual life. That light covers God's right in property for the common benefit of men, and God's demand that the

church make it its business to hunt down the souls lost in the darkness, and light them back to God. This he deemed more important than searching for positive meanings of the world to come, in imitation of Christ, who showed a larger care for the relationship of time than the geography of the new heaven. He closed by saying: "Show me a man who has improved his opportunities for blessing the world, and I will show you a true Christian."

Dr. William H. Morgan, pastor of Central M. E. Church, Newark, preached at the evening service from Luke 15:2. "A friend of publicans and sinners." He said Christ was a preacher to whom the world could not help listening. He knew men. His parables were on simple subjects and full of the power of truth that reached the masses of Palestine, just as they reach the masses of today. His transforming power can take the base sensual son of Monica and make of him a St. Augustine. He can take a drunkard and make of him a Jerry McAuley. God yearns for a sinful world. The shepherd seeking the sheep, the wife the coin, the father the son, all illustrate God seeking the most valuable thing in the universe—a human soul. His eating with a sinner angered the Scribes, but it proved Christ to be in harmony with God—God the loving, God the suffering, God coming down to man.



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, convened on August 7, 8 and 9, and after devotional services, led by Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wheeler, and an address of welcome by Dr. Ballard, responded to by Mrs. Rev. S. M. Baldwin, Mrs. Preston offered prayer. Mrs. Bishop FitzGerald read the Scriptures. Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Dannier made short addresses. The venerable president, though at an age when most persons are in their decadence of both mind and body,

was entirely able to give clear common sense attention to all the business of the society, presiding with an intelligent dignity that insured both respect and progress.

Miss Badley, a returned missionary from India, where her husband and self had passed most of their lives until the husband died, when she continued the work alone, spoke in the evening. Her work had been among the Himalayas, where missionaries were forbidden entrance, and she would stand on the India side and preach to the people assembled on the other. The difficulties of missionary life were so fully described as to make it certain that none other than persons thoroughly devoted would care to enter it.

Miss Stevens, who had been sixteen years in India, said: "In spite of our lonely life out there, I feel that you who provide the funds have the heaviest end of the plank."

Miss Baldwin said: "If I had a thousand lives, I would give them all to the glorious work."

Miss Guthaffel, who has been appointed to Corea, expressed her joy in the prospects, and Miss Geenk, late from China, said: "China is the devil's camping ground—devil possession is a fact in China, which is yet unable to prevent the advance of the Gospel."

The program of the second day involved Scripture, Mrs. Hitt; prayer, Mrs. Simmons; violin solo, Ray FitzGerald; report of treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Vankirk; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Reeves, and a young people's service in the afternoon, when Miss Jennie V. Hughes, daughter of Rev. George Hughes, a member of the Association, and who had been a devoted missionary in the Salvation Army, delivered a thoughtful and impressive address on "What can be done by young women?"

The convention reported over \$800 raised in Ocean Grove for these purposes. A letter of thanks to the Association for their kindly favor was ordered and the meeting adjourned.

The Sunday of August 9th was set apart for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The morning sermon was

preached by Rev. Dr. E. W. Taylor, field secretary, from "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." He described Christianity as an imperialism which is to take the world for Christ and urged that every Christian should feel themselves a part of it. He insisted that the problem of Missionary success did not lie so much in the condition of heathendom as in the heart's prayers and sacrifices of Christian people.

His tracing of the Gospel through all its martyrdoms to the present day, and showing its present position to be the basis of the largest possibilities in the future, was considered one of the ablest presentations the society had ever received.

The sermon of missionary evening was preached by Dr. E. B. Patterson, of Baltimore, from "Thy Kingdom Come," and proposed to answer what that kingdom was and where it was by saying: "Its constitution was righteousness, love, joy and peace, and its territory was within us. Naturalization for citizenship made it necessary to renounce allegiance to Satan, and entrance to it could only be given by being born of God. Remaining in the kingdom was conditioned on the obedience of faith and the energizing of the Holy Spirit, while their loss forfeited the citizenship and returned them to their old nationality in Satan's kingdom." The sermon was delivered with the eloquence of culture and impressiveness of truth.



Memorial and Anniversary

These tender occasions have been appropriately combined upon Ocean Grove's anniversary day of July 31st. The memorial was held with great solemnity in the Janes Memorial Tabernacle, where a tablet with over seventy names of people, deceased, whose interest in Ocean Grove had been sufficiently attested to entitle them to recognition, were placed so that every eye could read them. Among these were Brothers Osborn, Evans and Adams, besides a

number of ministers who were not members of the Association, who would worship at Ocean Grove no more. Soft music was played as appropriate eulogiums were delivered and tender feelings were visible in moistened eyes, while the sweet songs of religion were being sung.

At the anniversary in Thompson Park, Dr. Alday, who for

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 DR. M. Z. SENDERLING, MRS. ANNA G. WETHERILL, REV. W. HATHAWAY.

IN HEAVEN AT LAST! COME THE EVERLASTING QUIET;
 HUSHED FOREVER TIMES RUDE BLAST; PAST THE TEMPEST COME THE CALM,
 TROUBLES SHALL NO MORE RUN RIOT. CHANGED THE GRASS, FOR VICTORS' PALM.
 E.H.S.

years past has voiced the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, called the Ocean Grove chapter, again read that familiar passage of Scripture. Addresses were delivered by Drs. Ballard, Daniels, Yatman, S. M. Myers, Esq., and Dr.

Adam Wallace, who was present for his last time on earth, who is reported as follows:

"Dr. Wallace, as the sole living representative present of the first prayer meeting, then delivered an address, recalling the incidents of earlier times, the men who were drawn into association to start and build up this city by the sea, and the success with which God had owned and blessed their endeavors.

"The speaker drew some striking contrasts between the past and present, illustrating in a remarkable manner the providential career of Ocean Grove from its small and simple beginnings to the peerless prestige it had gained throughout this country and the entire Christian world. 'The pioneers,' he said, 'met the responsibilities they had to face with courage, wisdom and devotion to righteous principle. All but four of these have gone to heaven, but their successors are men of like faith, standing firm for Sabbath sanctity, and the propagation of a saving Gospel. Of our present population it is notable how many are nearing the extreme limit of life, and will soon be gone from these hallowed scenes; but I hail the on-coming generation and invoke upon the young people and children the blessing of their fathers' and mothers' God; that they may love Ocean Grove and loyally maintain the principles for which it stands, making it a priceless boon to future generations.'"

Rev. William B. Osborn

Rev. William Bramwell Osborn, founder of Ocean Grove, and a charter member of its Association, was the son of Rev. Elbert Osborn, a Methodist clergyman whose ministry, in the face of phenomenal difficulties, achieved phenomenal success. Both the father and mother walked on the higher levels of spiritual life, which probably accounts for the intensity with which the son devoted himself to the propagation of the doctrine of holiness, which he aided in making the

great doctrine of Ocean Grove. In early life he engaged in mechanical pursuits at Hackettstown, N. J., during which time under a press of conviction for sin which strained his soul to its utmost resistance he yielded to Christ and placed the force of an exceptionally energetic nature to the preaching of the Gospel. He was soon advanced to the local ministry, from which the steps were rapid to admission into the New Jersey Annual Conference. He was soon widely known as an uncompromising preacher of holiness as a work of God which cleansed the soul from all unrighteousness, and was still further distinguished as one of the successful revivalists, both in church and camp meetings, known to the age. His name is still remembered on the circuits traveled by him as a fearless man of God, full of power and of the Holy Ghost. When Dr. Ballard held the first great holiness camp meeting at Vineland, in the face of protest from high church officials who feared the introduction of a caste, Brother Osborn gave his active co-operation to the movement. In one of his pastorates on the New Jersey coast he discovered the one spot free from malaria and mosquitoes, which was finally located as Ocean Grove, and designated "a perpetual camp meeting resort for the perpetuation and spread of holiness."

Drs. Stokes and Ballard were his presiding elders at this period and gave him the heartiest support in the establishment of the enterprise of which he became civil engineer, superintendent, general manager, treasurer and pastor, which position he practically occupied until it was fairly established, when he accepted a presiding eldership among the recently enfranchised colored people of the south, for which his intolerance of oppression specially fitted him. He passed a year or two amid the discomforts and hardships of their work with a fair measure of success, when the educational interests of the north engrossed his attention and Dr. Ballard appointed him agent for Vineland Seminary. While in this work he became interested in the missionary all around the world enterprise of Rev. Mr. Inskip and wife, and re-

signed from the seminary in order to take advantage of the opportunity of accompanying them, from which he returned to the States and planned and put in operation a new Ocean Grove in California, another in Oregon, and still another at Niagara Falls. The two former are still said to be successful, while for the latter he labored with an assiduity which deserved, but failed of success. He afterwards served as conference evangelist temperance agent, an evangelist for which work he possessed special adaptation. He had a rare ability to compress knowledge and force upon a single point and hold it there, compelling an attention which seldom failed of effective result.

He was naturally a radical, who in the face of storms of opposition or the peace of compromise, stood unflinchingly firm. Success or defeat counted for nothing; his creed was announced, his stand was taken and nothing whatever moved him from his base. In the kindness of Providence a woman had become the second companion of his life who instituted a school in Brooklyn for the training of missionaries. In this connection a farm was purchased near Hackettstown where "physical vigor," so essentially necessary for successful labor in a foreign and often insalubrious climate might be developed. To co-operation with this work he devoted a considerable part of the time intervening between these other labors. So that while without a conference charge he was never idle. He was of robust build, with Saxon features, which gave the impression of both strength and magnetism. A luminous eye told the orator while a voice capable of every inflection expressed either force or tenderness. His illustrations were usually from scenes of common life, given in epigrammatical forms, which made them peculiarly impressive. He was more a student of men than of books, more of a student of God than either.

For a few years past his health had not been firm, and at the conference preceding his death he accepted a supernumerary relation and permitted himself the pleasure of attending and laboring at camps and Pentecostal meetings at

the conferences, and was engaged in camp meeting visitations when the accident occurred whose effect translated him. He had been at Mountain Lake Park, filled with radiant spirituality, and followed it with one near Tunnelton, in West Virginia, where the railway accident occurred which



Residence of E. N. Woolston, Main Avenue, Ocean Grove

formed his pathway through the valley of death, during the two weeks of which he expressed himself as filled with the Holy Ghost and power.

When Bishop FitzGerald made in the holiness meeting the announcement of his death, many persons spoke sweet and tender words of his noble Christian life. The Bishop bore tribute to his force of character and honesty of purpose. Dr. Ballard's words included an intimacy dating from his entrance into the conference. Amanda Smith told of spiritual fellowship with him a few weeks before at Mountain Lake Park, as also did Brother Loper, who had spent hours

with him there singing and praying together. Rev. Mr. Brodhead, who was with him at the camp from which he went to his death, spoke of the vital force, both physical and spiritual, evinced by him in his expectation of continued active labor for Christ, and who accompanied him on his way to the cars in full expectation of meeting him at Ocean Grove. During the two weeks following the accident and preceding his decease, his devoted wife was by his side cheering and comforting him while he lived in the constant sense of the Divine Presence, awaiting either death or life as it might please the Lord. When it became certain that life was passing to a higher atmosphere, the certainty of that presence became more intense as the hours progressed until he sank into the unconsciousness of approaching death.

The funeral services were held at the same hour in both Ocean Grove and Hackettstown. At Ocean Grove Rev. J. R. Daniels presided, and addresses were made by Revs. Drs. Barnes, Wallace, Evans and John Handley, of an appropriate and fraternal character, and at Hackettstown Dr. Johnson, the pastor, was in charge. Drs. Ballard and Hughes were present, representing the Association, with others, who testified to the nobility of both the man and his work, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies the pastor, who had delivered a discourse embracing the details of the circumstances of his departure, took charge of the final services connecting with his interment at Hackettstown.

Rev. George W. Evans

Rev. George W. Evans, after an illness of a few weeks, only the last few days of which were considered dangerous, deceased in Ocean Grove December 19, 1902, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

His funeral was conducted under the supervision of his pastor, Rev. E. C. Hancock, in St. Paul's church, Ocean Grove, of which he was a charter and official member, on

the afternoon of December 21, amid a large display of floral tributes and in the presence of the community generally. The hymns selected for the occasion were "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" and "Heaven is My Home," which were frequently sung by him in public services. Testimonies of respect were presented from the bank, of which he was vice president, the Epworth League, the Chinamen, and St. Paul's church. Rev. Mr. Daniels took the place of Rev. Mr. Franklin, who was not able to be present. In the opening prayer the pastor spoke of his value to the church and to himself. Dr. Daniels read the Scriptures. Dr. Ballard spoke of his ancestry in the ancient Breton race, a descendant of which settled in the village of Lewes, Delaware, and where Dr. Evans entered this life in 1826.

He early became a member of the church and soon occupied an official place in church and Sunday school, in both of which interests his zeal was unflagging and his official positions intact to the end of his career, culminating in a presidency of the National Local Preachers' Association, a doctorate of divinity, an elector of the lay delegates, and the secretaryship of the Ocean Grove Association. He was superintendent for many years of the Ocean Grove Sunday School and up to the last of the Summer Sunday school of Ocean Grove. In the church he was class leader, where there was always a large attendance discussing the deep things of God, all of which was appropriately recognized by the Preachers' Meeting of the New Brunswick district. As secretary of the Association he had made himself familiar with all the facts connected with its territory, which knowledge was of great value in settling the complicated questions arising from our purchase.

He was especially fond of his home. He was twice married and each companion made that life so pleasant to him as disinclined him to leave the home without her presence.

He was a close student of hymnology, and the poetry of Methodism had few clearer exponents than himself. He read freely of church literature and accumulated a very

considerable library. He was twice appointed postmaster of Ocean Grove and only removed by change of administration. He was made by the State notary public and commissioner of deeds, and by the Association for some years its business manager. A secular paper said of him: "The death of George W. Evans, besides making another gap in the Association's already depleted ranks, removes a useful and solid citizen from Ocean Grove. The interests of this place were always dear to him. Everything that concerned the welfare of Ocean Grove found in him an earnest advocate. He was a man of advanced ideas, progressive but not impetuous, painstaking but not slothful; never thrusting himself in the confidence of others, yet ever ready with the needed word of counsel and advice. As a friend he was staunch and true, as many who are left behind can testify. The Association will miss him. The church will miss him. The people will miss him. Peace to his ashes."

The addresses of Drs. Alday and Ballard at his funeral bore witness to his spiritual condition.

Dr. Ballard said: "In this last year of his life he talked much with me of his spiritual fellowship with God. I would say 'I am now in conscious fellowship with God,' and he would answer 'So am I.'"

Dr. Alday said: "As I whispered in his ear those marvelous words of Christ, 'Let not your heart be troubled; I go to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also,' he emphasized his expression of their realization. He walked with God on earth; he is walking with Him today."

Benjamin M. Adams

The following sketch was compiled by Rev. W. H. Wardell from a fuller memorial written by him and published in the Ocean Grove Echoes:

"As one of the charter members of our Association and one of its chief workers, of unusual inspiration and power, Benjamin M. Adams merits special mention here. He died

at Bethel, Conn., December 23, 1902, aged seventy-nine years eight months. He was born of noble New England ancestry. He came up to a manhood of magnificent physical proportions. His presence challenged attention. His brusque bearing as he slipped to the front seemed to stir the air and quicken expectation. In social life there was a charm in his manners that was always pleasing. Courtly in his bearing, he was at his ease with the polite and refined, while his quick sympathy and warm brotherliness gave him a welcome in humblest homes and rudest circles.

“ He was very popular in all his pastorates, while his district work as a presiding elder justified Bishop Warren’s choice of him as a man who would carry a pentecost with him wherever he went. Gifted with rare, rich humor that ran like a bright, laughing brook below the higher levels of his life, it never compromised his moral earnestness. He readily adapted himself to childhood. Here we can set our gauge for the measure of the man. Just as Christ handled little children, B. M. Adams would be sure to captivate the kindergarten and always drew the youth about him in his churches. Early in his ministry he met and mastered the perplexities of the higher spiritual experiences in Christian holiness. But, like Wesley, he shrank from loud profession. He chose rather to regard himself as a devout seeker, always looking for the larger endowment of the Holy Ghost. He was especially gifted in every variety of evangelism. There was an alertness, a spiritual verve, a tireless vigor, that made him a battery of exhaustless forces. The secret of his power was his nearness to God. He loved to pray. He was not without the chastening whereof all are partakers. In financial straits, in domestic griefs, in spiritual strifes he had his full meed. He was with us at our annual meeting in 1902, within a month of his translation. He made the opening prayer. He led us out towards Olivet when we stood gazing with him into heaven, almost within hearing of the trumpets of the glorified. His death was as he would have had it. As he lay on his bed he said: ‘The doctors seem to think my

work is done. If it is the Lord's will I am ready.' Striking his breast vigorously and pointing upward he exclaimed: 'Heaven's here, heaven's there.' Then breathing benedictions, repeating three times over the word 'peace,' he sank into unconsciousness in which he lay for thirty hours in the ebb of life, then crossed the bar and entered into immortality.

"His funeral services were held in the church at Bethel on December 26, 1902. Tender, appreciative addresses were made by Bishop Andrews, Presiding Elders Montgomery and Wing and Dr. Ballard. He was buried in the beautiful cemetery in Rhinebeck, N. Y., just as a burst of sunshine broke through the cloud and illumined river and snow-clad hill with its glory. As a type of sublime sincerity, flaming fervor, aggressive advocacy of the Gospel, we shall seldom see his equal; we shall never see his like."

Adam Wallace

Adam Wallace was a man of far more than average intellectual force. As a boy in the schools of Enniskillen, he was so far proficient as to occupy a reputable position in places of responsibility, which opened his way to similar standing in this new world, to which in his sixteenth year he emigrated, grappled with the needs of existence and conquered them. It made no difference where was his place or what his occupation, his abilities rose to the surface and forced their recognition. In the Sunday school his practical nature made him an executive; in the church an exhorter, a local preacher and a member of the conference, where he was soon made a presiding elder. He was given this eminence in the most troublous days the country has ever known, and in a part of the land where it was difficult to tell friend from foe. He never swerved from his loyalty to the government, but he made no personal foes of men who opposed it. In or out of the pulpit he never forgot that he was a gentleman. It was born from his ancestry and cultivated in his growth till it

was simply an outflow of his nature. Joined to this was a warm Irish heart, which interpreted his creed of life into the relief of suffering wherever he might find it, irrespective of worth in the recipient. Any helpless unfortunate was sure of his helping, without his stopping to calculate the consequences to himself. He would rather be censured for the mistakes of his heart than praised for the refusals of his judgment.

His love for children was a passion, and a passion which they returned. Wherever he was seen in the streets they approached him in the confidence of love. A little girl in hearing of his death, amid choking sobs, said: "He will never send me a Christmas card again," which was illustrative of the general feeling among the children.

He was in his nature a poet, not so much in the machinery of rhyme, as in the imagery of a prose, which disdained all fetters when his thought emerged into language. Ocean Grove was to him a perpetual poem, seeking and finding expression in his writing, whose fascination spelled him to the end of life. In making the address at its last anniversary he said: "In being the only remaining member of the first prayer meeting held upon this ground, I feel somewhat lonesome. The meeting was a very simple event, but has produced the greatest results, influencing all my life." As a writer he had a special fascination for newspaper work. His reports of camp meeting work are level with the best newspaper writers of the age, and will always be part of their history.

He possessed a splendid constitution and considered himself an immune from exposure. He could never be induced to carefulness, and his friends often wondered at his escape from fatal results. Especially was this true in the season just passed. His work absorbed him to the exclusion of when or where he should obtain the necessary food or sleep. His physical forces were in this way reduced until he became a ready subject for the invasion of the disease which convoyed him through the valley of his death. A sudden cold seized

upon him which his weakened forces were powerless to resist and on Tuesday, September 22, 1903, in his beloved Ocean Grove, he quietly surrendered his soul to his Maker. A short service was held at the Grove under the direction of the vice president, in which Rev. Mr. Daniels made a tender, consoling prayer, and Dr. Wardell, after some loving words, pronounced the benediction, preliminary to the final ceremonies at his home on Cresheim Road, Philadelphia, where Rev. Doctors Gray, McBurney, Thomas and Ballard, under the direction of Dr. Crouch, his beloved friend and pastor, participated in the service, which bore the testimony of loving hearts to his committal to the grave.

As in the case of Brother Adams, the nature of the disorder precluded the possibility of religious testimony, but, as was said at his funeral, his walk and conversation were a continual illustration of his fellowship with God. He was last but three of the original members of the Association and, like all these who had gone before him, left the earth without any evil smirch upon his name, for a world, the associations of which are based upon the same principles as are the foundation of Ocean Grove.



National Sabbath Association

The sermon of Bishop Fowler on the morning of the Sunday devoted to the National Sabbath Association, was one of compressed ideas on the supernatural in religion. The morning was one of depressing warmth, and the Bishop wisely made his sermon one of special points, allowing the congregation to make their own application. By this means the attention of the people was kept from wandering and the sermon brought to a close in thirty minutes.

The comparison ran between the Peasant of Nazareth and the Centurion of Rome, as representative of the two great phases held by the world and the church upon this subject. He said: "All the great meetings of great occa-

sions dwindle into insignificance compared with this one. We are living in a materialistic age. The world is attempting to push God back. But it is certain that there is a 'driver' at the end of the line controlling the worlds for us, for the results to be seen about us prove this." He instanced the common problem of oxygen and hydrogen necessary to the composition of water and which never come together heterogeneously, but always in the right proportions, proving it to be the work of the Great Combiner.



Summer Sunday School

The Summer Sunday School, of Ocean Grove, was embarrassed in its Bible Class by the broken health of its leader, Brother Thomas O'Hanlon, who for more than a quarter of a century had popularly filled that position.

A statement prepared by its secretary, W. H. T. Reeves, shows the average attendance to have been 859, with a total for the season of 7,737, whose average contribution was \$17.48, and whose total was \$161.94.

The place of manager was efficiently filled by Rev. Mr. Daniels, as also that of director. Professor Russell taught elocution in giving the meaning of his reading. A quartet of male singers frequently interpreted the lesson through spiritual song. Dr. Bird led as chorister and a large committee canvassed the questions, rejecting all which were deemed irrelevant or improper.

There was sorrow in the class when it was learned that the necessities of family life would compel the residence of the leader in California. His long connection, not only with the class, but with other interests of Ocean Grove, had so endeared him to them that the separation was like parting with a brother. For many years Doctor O'Hanlon has borne heavy burdens, but until the last five years his iron constitution reacted easily. In these later years even that succumbed and a long rest is found an absolute essential. Drs. Wright and Forbes filled the Sabbaths after the leader left for his

new home, and Dr. Munhall is expected to assume charge of the class in 1904.

The Intermediate Department was organized this year under the superintendency of Joseph A. Hudson who, with his devoted wife, brought to the school a trained ability of service from the school of the Church of the Covenant, in Philadelphia. He had been associated with the young people's work in the Grove for years past, and had become familiar with its methods and polity, so that there were no adaptations to be learned. He took the place so long occupied by Rev. G. W. Evans, with the full approval of Secretary Peak and others, who had assisted in the years past, with an increase of fifty scholars over the opening day of last season. His superintendency was successful—very far above the average, not only in an order always difficult to maintain, but in the impression of instruction upon the scholars. He expresses his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him by the Association, which he has endeavored to deserve. The prominent characteristic of his superintendency was to make Christ attractive to the children, which his winning manner made successful. In every session of the school an opportunity was given for children to seek the Lord. There was also a Sunday school orchestra, in connection with Miss Edna White and Mr. McGuirk, which added to the interest, and plenty of Sunday school workers were readily obtained to give the best possible instruction. His report speaks appreciatively of the presence of Mrs. W. H. Skirm with her primary school, whose songs and happy faces were one of the sweetest charms of the occasion when Children's Day was celebrated in the Temple, whose exercises are contained in another report. It names D. D. Peak, for twenty-four years secretary of the school, as an aid whose services were invaluable, and compliments the officials for kindly service. He closes: "A goodly number of Sunday school scholars were converted and promised on their return to their church homes to 'Shine for Jesus.' For this we have labored and in this we have been blessed in our summer work."

The total attendance of the Intermediate Department for the ten Sundays was 9,371, with an average of 938. Total collections, \$140.08. Average, \$14.08

The Primary Department, which for years past has been successfully conducted by Mrs. William H. Skirm, convened again this season under the same superintendency and with a large increase of scholars reporting on the Sunday of the opening. The assistants of former years were in their places, at least such of them as had not been removed, and entered enthusiastically upon their labor of love.

Mrs. Skirm's kindly personality has retained the affectionate confidence of her fellow-workers in the school so that she is never at a loss for helpers in her work. Her little ones seem to have no idea of doing otherwise than directed by her and receive line upon line and precept which impressed instruction in the great truths of religion. The closing Sunday was enlivened by the presence of Bishop FitzGerald and Hon. James L. Hays, both of whom had been highly successful superintendents of the Central Church Sunday school in Newark, and whose addresses with the exercises of the children closed the exercises of the season, in the hopeful trust of meeting again in 1904.



The Young People's Meeting

This year's Temple services have been triumphant. The angels have sung their songs of gladness over penitent souls saved, over back-sliding people brought from their wanderings to confession of sin and consecration of life; the carnal Christians have had inspiration by the Holy Spirit and Scripture, to aspire to higher and better things, and multitudes have been kept by the strong influence and bright Gospel of the Daily Sunshine Hour from the ways of wickedness, and now return to their home-life, not to hinder the preacher and his work, but to help.

The glory of the meetings might be told in the upward

lift given to lives that sadly need the strength of God poured out in such manner as will make them receive it and apply it.

There have been seventy-one services, from June 28th to September 6, a long stretch for any single leader, but I have had the good support, both of God and man, to make the work successful. I think, taking it all in all, it may be called one of the strongest years of the twenty-three that I have led.

Many thousands have been blessed; blessed with abiding grace of the Triune God. Fifteen hundred people and more have crowded in the building, besides the hundreds who stood in doorways, aisles and windows. Could the new temple be ready for next year, seating three thousand, I am sure it would be filled to overflowing, the same as the one we now have. And besides, it would double the influence of this unique service, the like of which can be seen nowhere else in the world, where throughout the whole summer, notwithstanding the many attractions on sea and land, the thousands attend a religious gathering, the fruitage of which is an honor to the church.

Clergy of the highest rank, singers of the first quality, musicians that cannot be excelled, all of them too many to name individually, have been present and taken part.

The patriotic service on the Fourth of July, and the sermon to the children on August 2, were the two special features of the summer's work, both of which were successful. Apart from these two the meetings contained nothing but that which went directly to the sole purpose of making bad people good and good people better by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and keeping them so.

The cosmopolitan character of the temple work is not a small part of its success. Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, young and aged, saint and sinner, alike, are found under the high inspiration of the One who alone, by His divinity, can bring all people together from the basis of His love and power.

Though a host of the attendants are young people and

children and do not have much money to contribute, I consider the offerings turned into the Association from the basket collections as worthy of the highest honor and praise. Your treasurer's report will show that it was over eleven hundred dollars.

The greatest need we have is a temple that will enable me to gather the fruitage from this meeting by an after service, which is now ruled out by the close proximity of other services which throughout the summer followed almost immediately the closing of our own. This is a vital point, and should be well considered by the Devotional Committee.

Plans have been submitted to Bishop FitzGerald, looking to the erection of a new temple, which I hope in the providence of God may be erected in time for dedication to complete my first quarter of a century's work on this much-loved spot.

Respectfully yours,
C. H. YATMAN.

Some plan should be promulgated which will restore to the young people's meetings their olden shaping of special occupation of the Temple, rather than the present plan of miscellaneous congregation. A. E. B.



Summer School of Theology

Instead of numerous speakers, with a great diversity of topics, the plan for the present season proposed fewer speakers and a more exhaustive treatment of themes.

This included an opportunity for questioning, which gave abundant time for questioning discussion of whatever seemed obscure or difficult. A secular journal says of the school: "It has been one of the strongest organizations which have held their meetings at Ocean Grove, whose lecturers are men the large exclusion of those which interest men of the world; with whom the man who founds a good business, pays fair

wages and deals squarely is as much to be commended as the man who founds a hospital.

The attendance this year was very considerably larger than in any previous one, of which a large contingent were ladies, whose critical acumen added greatly to the interest, as well as profit, of the service.

The Methodist Brotherhood chose the opening instead of the closing session and met on Monday evening, August 10, under the leadership of Dr. John Handley, of Long Branch, whose address, while it comprehended the general idea intended by its organization, went beyond and traveled upon lines which, even if they might not find general acceptance, yet afforded thought for close study of the sacred word.

The address of Rev. E. J. Kulp, of Red Bank, charged the lack of male attendants upon church to the effeminacy of much of our preaching and literature, which cannot bear the knocks of the world and whose illustrations do not appeal to its men. A minister's church life brings him more immediately in contact with its women, whose ideas are emphasized to the large exclusion of those which interest men of the world; with whom the man who founds a good business, pays fair wages and deals squarely is as much to be commended as the man who founds a hospital.

Rev. Thomas S. Brock said that in the City Temple, London, a preacher whose sermons were characterized by most strength, drew more men than women. He gave as reasons for the smaller attendance of men than women the pressure of business, the inconsistencies of some members, and the growing general irreverence for the Sabbath. He believed that the best method of attracting men to be personal visitation at their places of work, business or homes.

The session of Tuesday morning opened with prayer by the venerable Bishop Bowman, senior Bishop of the church, under the presidency and fraternal greeting of Bishop Fitzgerald, after which Rev. J. R. Van Pelt presented religious psychology and Christian tact. He opposed the psycho-

logical methods of many pastors and evangelists as partaking of a hypnotism distinctly at variance with a real spirituality. The only safe guidance for the soul is the Bible, interpreted by the Holy Ghost in the spirit. He added. "The Bible may contain many grammatical, historical or astronomical errors without affecting its real infallibility."

His second lecture was largely metaphysical and received closest attention as he broadened the lines of the first.

The lecture by Rev. Dr. Joseph Shmoon on "Religious Life in Persia," was one of strong interest, in which he gave the experiences of his whole life in illustration of his subject, beginning with his youth in Persia, his training in the Austrian religion, of which his father was a minister, and in whose communion he remained until his conversion to the religion of Jesus, when he became a missionary among his people, which position he occupies today, and to whose work he purposes soon to return.

Among the great men of the lecture platform who have given the people the benefit of their learning and oratory at Ocean Grove, none will probably stand higher than Professor R. J. Cook, of Grant University. Coming to us a new man, both the audiences and the building was an experiment to him. The experiment, however, proved a successful one, and from the beginning to the close, his clear knowledge and splendid oratory carried the people with him.

The lecture on the "Incarnation and Modern Criticism," was one of the finest of the entire course, which began by saying that this age is not a specially spiritual one in the large substitution of the ethical and benevolent conceptions of the Gospel for a close adherence to the incarnation of Jesus. God made flesh, in which the double consciousness of Jesus is illustrated by an experience which realizes that God holds personal intercourse with the souls of men and enables them to say: "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." What can be done by us in the double consciousness of God and man can surely be done by the God who made him.

Dr. Cook's lecture on "The Kenosis and its lessons for the modern life," was called "The incarnation of a double revelation of both God and man," and in this the advance of natural years should show a corresponding development of spiritual life. The ancients had a high conception of the sacredness of God, but a low one of the sacredness of man. Intelligence and industry, as illustrated in the conflict between labor and capital, have not made humanity happy. The difficulty lay in making a God of education, instead of putting a God into education. The true method of personal salvation is in self renunciation, both toward God and man.

The lecture on "The Master Teacher" spoke of this as an intellectual age—where the fictions of the Arabian Nights have become the natural facts, while yet everything remains a mystery. Creation seems a crime and the earth the home of death, while the purpose of both is hid from our eyes. The great teachers of the earth who have attempted to explain this have failed. Confucius, Buddha and Mohamet have moved mankind but failed in their teachings. Christ alone is the Master Teacher who can instruct them all, whose teachings the world can never outgrow and which adapt themselves to every age and race.

He began by stating that he wanted to speak to the heart of "Methodism," which was the greatest religious movement since the Reformation, and to which historians have given full recognition. After an eloquent description of both its progress and doctrine, he closed by saying: "We do not underestimate organization, or undervalue the historic episcopate, or despise form, but that which is spiritual is alone eternal and on this basis Methodism seeks the union of Christendom."

The lecture comprised a comprehensive comparison of the value of the various religions of the world with the religion of Christ. The conclusions deducted all tended to prove that the religion of Christ was the only one which had or could stand the test of time and which would be adapted to all people.

He referred to Mohammedism as the religion of the sword, and declared that it was empty of any of the virtues taught by Christ.

The religion of Christ has been tested for 2,000 years and has proven its power to adapt itself to all the world. Christ's religion was universal, while all other forms of religion were merely local. "From the Arctic circle, the center of Africa, the islands of the sea, and all the continents come plaudits for the religion of Christ. Other religions cannot stand the criticism of time. Nero condemned Paul, but the world condemns Nero. Pilate put Christ to death, but the world has taken Christ up. Other teachers have added nothing to the teaching of Christ. With all our intellectual equipment we have not added or suggested one virtue which Christ had not already proclaimed. The world never outgrows the teachings of Christ. Of no other teacher can this be said. The thinker of today is outstripped by the thinker of tomorrow. The teachings of Christ are for every age."

Dr. R. W. Rogers, of Drew Seminary, who ranks with the first archeologists of the age, delivered the first lecture of his series on "The Garden of Eden." The demonstrations of his lecture proved that the story of the Garden of Eden, as well as that of the flood and fall of man, were found practically the same as in the Bible, in the Babylonian records, a thousand years before Moses, and existing today. The lecture took up all the varied hypothesis upon which it has been located, most of which have been proved impossible.

The Garden of Eden, as presented by him, was not a matter of vital importance to faith in its location, but as a matter of geological knowledge there was much interesting study in searching the sources which point to its location.

The account in the second chapter of Genesis was evidently written by a man who wanted to convey an accurate idea of the location of a Garden IN, not OF Eden, which was a section of country located and defined from the starting point of the river Euphrates, and between that and the Tigris, which would localize it at the junction of the four rivers.

He allowed for all discrepancies by a general flood, whose story was listened to with the most intense interest. He said: "It does not need to be interpreted by allegorical science, for the statement in Genesis is both historically and scientifically correct." He proved that the story of the flood existed in every native race and tribe of people on the earth, and that while traditions disagree in different localities, the story itself is universal. He deciphered upon the blackboard the Babylonian tablets which contain the most ancient records of that great change in the physical geography of the earth. The early settlements of the race followed the same line of demonstrated proof as derived from the records of ancient nations, which in all cases are found when connected with recent discoveries to accurately correspond with the Biblical account.

The lecture on "The Early Migration of the Human Race" was an interesting problem, solved as far as human knowledge goes today by the truths of the lecture, which was founded on the tenth chapter of Genesis. He showed how the different races could be traced from the earliest ages to the present, and how they could be classified, especially by color, by the hair, by the skull and the jaw, ignoring language as any test at all. Whole nations, different altogether from their origin, arose from migration and very little could be determined from ancestry. The distributing point was from Western Asia, and mostly westward from that place. The ten tribes, he said, were never lost, but simply absorbed in a corporate race.

The last lecture delivered by Dr. Rogers was entitled "Abraham and the Kings of the East." He said Abraham was great enough to give his name to an age and stood conspicuous as the greatest of his times.

The archeological discoveries recorded the erection of a Temple by a King who lived cotemporary with Abraham and proved not only his existence as recorded in the Bible, but the date of that existence, together with the deeds recorded in his name. The tablets, which prove this, written

thousands of years ago, are still in full preservation. Rev. Dr. Gros Alexander, of Vanderbilt University, who is now accepted as the most up-to-date theologian who visits Ocean Grove, occupied the place which has become annual, both in the desires of the people and the pleasure of the lecturer. No man has yet appeared here who can appropriate more fully the gist of all recent discoveries in philology or the facts which illustrate it. "The Gospel of the Jews," was the first of the lectures given by Dr. Alexander, who said: "With few exceptions the New Testament is respected by the Jews for whose special use St. Matthew wrote his Gospel, which was Jewish first, middle, last and always. His being thoroughly versed in the Old Testament gave him special advantages in this respect, as he quoted the promises which were fulfilled in Christ. He proposed so to meet the antagonism of the priests and leaders that the common people might see that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies which spoke of Christ, and after so presenting the matter said in substance: "I offer you now to choose between Jesus and your Rabbi."

A secular journal says of this last lecture of Dr. Alexander:

"There is one of the four Gospels which should be called the Gosepl of Peter, and which has no right whatever to be called what it is—the Gospel of Mark,' he said. 'Mark was simply the interpreter of Peter; Mark was simply a reporter. These writings were recorded contemporaneously with Christ. Many doubt this, but it is a fact. Peter had splendid faculties for preparing the Gospel accredited to Mark. The whole Gospel of Mark is a series of kodak snapshots, so to speak, and is thoroughly consistent with the style of Peter's writings.'"

First epistle of John and epistle to the Colossians were the subject of the lecture of Dr. Gros Alexander on August 17. He said:

"The style of John's first epistle is simplicity itself, yet some of its thoughts are among the deepest in the whole

Bible. Two difficulties interfere with a clear understanding of this epistle—the inherent magnitude and consequent incomprehensibility of some of its statements, and a failure to grasp the historical situation at the time John writes, and to which he continually refers. This same difficulty prevents, at first reading, a clear comprehension of the Gospel of



Rev. C. L. Mead, Hoboken, N. J.

John, the most hotly contested book in the New Testament, and from a literary standpoint, one of the most interesting books in the world.”

The fundamental facts from Paul's experience, doctrine

and work were discussed by Professor Alexander on Wednesday, August 19th. He reviewed the life of Paul through all the varying stages of its career, especially the fortitude which marked the closing days of his life. The review included many obscure and delicate points in theology which brought themselves to light in juxtaposition to the facts brought out by the researches of the Doctor.

The sermon for the Summer School of Theology was delivered by Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society of the M. E. church, from "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." The general thought was divided into what the kingdom is not, and next what it is. The descriptions of the kingdom in the various books of the Holy Scripture were given in correlating forms, through regular sequences, which made it appear as one regular structure from its foundation of the past, its building in the present and its top stone which is to come in the future. Citizenship is acquired by righteousness and thirst for it as necessary steps leading to it through repentance and poverty of spirit, without which no man ever enters the kingdom.

Once in possession of that kingdom the Beatitudes may be asked, which will give a perfection of character so far as any such perfection may be reached in this life.



Woman's Christian Temperance Union

A resume of the meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which has been mentioned on a previous page, is given as follows:

Mrs. Lizzie Tyler, of Point Pleasant, conducted the devotions, after which Mrs. Bourne gave a review of the work of the Union in different parts of the world, especially of the world's convention in Switzerland, the international convention of the Scientists, in which temperance was a prominent

feature, and of the recognition by the government of Mrs. May W. Hunt as a national delegate.

Mrs. Thatcher, of Florence, superintendent of the work among soldiers and sailors, reviewed the work done in Manila.

In the afternoon Mrs. H. L. Garrison led the devotions and Mrs. Burgess a symposium, during which Mrs. Ella Boole spoke of the value of abstinence to the young, especially to the collegiates.

Mrs. Anable began her illustrated lecture on the "World's Work," which was so interrupted by a fierce storm as to render progress impossible, further than a description of Iceland, and its finishing was deferred till the following morning.

In the evening Bishop FitzGerald said of the Union: "Next to the church, I do not believe there is any institution more acceptable to God than the Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

John G. Woolley, the orator of the evening, then delivered one of those great addresses which have given him national fame, in which he said in part: "I want to speak to the Christian people. I believe we shall have very little trouble with the rest of the world if we can only get the Christians straightened up. Clean hands are a condition of prevailing prayer. Be a rogue if you will, but don't be a fool. God is a fact. He must be dealt with as a fact. Be careful how you pray. There is no necessary evil. People say that what we need is better preaching. We do not need more preachers or better. What we need is the organization of the everyday Christian manhood of our country into a power that shall utterly destroy the saloon and the liquor traffic. And we are sure to win the fight."

In the afternoon of the second day, Mrs. Mary S. Wheeler described the work of the early crusaders. Miss Page gave a talk on "What we Read." Miss Jones, corresponding secretary of the Pennsylvania W. C. T. U., gave greetings from across the line. Mrs. Boole discoursed on the need of women

inspectors for the immigrants, and Miss Elliott, a deaconess of the Episcopal Church, spoke at length upon the progress of polygamy.

The evening session was occupied by Miss Belle Kearney, national organizer for the Union, who, in a strain of solid eloquence, described the facts which proved the greatest advance made by the cause all over the Union.

At the opening of the Friday meeting, Bishop FitzGerald made an address of welcome, whose close, terse logic sent the causes of our great national evil to both the government and the church, where they naturally belong. Hon. Henry B. Metcalf, of Rhode Island, responded, in which the sentiments of the Bishop were strongly emphasized.

In the afternoon, Rev. F. C. Iglehart, D.D., delivered an address full of the plainest common sense, which largely met the intricacies of the situation, and which was made strongly effective by intensely earnest oratory as the shafts were sent home to the consciences of the audience, on the saloon and the Sabbath. He said everything represents an idea. The saloon represents everything that is bad, and the Sabbath represents everything that is good. Take away the Anglo-Saxon's belief that the Sabbath is "God's Day" and you have very little left. The substantial people of all political parties and creeds are in favor of protecting the Sabbath day. He told of Theodore Roosevelt, who, when in power in New York, closed the doors on the Sabbath of every saloon in the city, and when roundly accused of wrecking his party by his course, said to Dr. Iglehart: "But I am out for law and order, and though I stand alone, I will do what I think right."

In the evening a lecture was delivered by Clinton N. Howard, popularly known as the "Little Giant of Rochester," on the three doors which rule America—the church, the government, and death, as all implicated more or less in the saloon. The whole lecture, while extravagant in some of its statements, was well received by the people.

On the morning of Saturday, Dr. Dunn, than whom no

man in the country understands the temperance situation better or employs its forces more effectively, gave the principal address of the anniversary on "What of the Night?" in which he said: "In Kansas, a prohibition State, 45 counties have no jails and no criminal records. In England every drunkard's picture is taken and sent to every saloon keeper in the district who will be punished if he sells. Every third man in the army is a total abstainer. 8,000,000 Catholics are shoulder to shoulder with 6,000,000 Methodists in the battle against the saloon."

The entire situation was exhaustively reviewed, and the success of the cause in all lands showed to have been beyond the expectation of the society. While temperance is not yet controlling or in possession of the needed votes by which it can be made so, it yet is steadily making its impression upon all classes, and with a few years more there is every reason to believe that the people in their masses will simply abolish the murderous traffic in intoxicants. The status of Dr. Dunn, both in the State and National Legislature, is one commanding large respect and consequently of large influence.

The arrangement for an afternoon meeting for the children, to be addressed by the officers of the society, was not carried out. The vice president had confided the details to others, who failed to understand them, and an address to them of large practical value remained undelivered.



Missionary Training Institute

The Missionary Training Institute, of Brooklyn, under the presidency of Mrs. Rev. William B. Osborn, whose husband was a charter member of the Ocean Grove Association, and lost his life in a railroad accident in West Virginia in the year last past, who had devoted a number of years to the success of the institution, held its anniversary on the evening of the day which closed the camp.

Dr. Yatman both presided and made an address to which

he added the superintendency of a collection which, under his skillful supervision, reached between two and three hundred dollars. This will be used in giving the necessary training to young people who feel called to missionary work and are not in condition to be accepted by the missionary boards of the churches.

In the plan of the institute, the physical feature is taken into full consideration. A missionary without a vigorous constitution is worse than useless, and in order to secure the best results a farm is owned near Hackettstown where they are reached in natural ways and the profits, if there should be any, are applied to the resources of the school. The chief addresses of the evening was made by Rev. Leighton Williams, of New York, and Miss Gutthaffel.



Flower Mission

The beautiful custom inaugurated long years ago by the Young Ladies' Flower Mission, of Ocean Grove, was continued in a vase of chrysanthemums, presented by them to the annual meeting, for which the Association directed the following reply:

"The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, in annual meeting assembled, receives with high appreciation the floral offering of the Ladies' Floral Mission, and assures them of their fullest sympathy in their work of purity and love.

"W. H. SKIRM,
"Secretary."



Sunrise Meetings

The sunrise meeting was specially devoted to consecration for the spiritual work of the day which was to follow it, and testimony as to its effect upon them for the day which preceded it. These testimonies illustrated freely the large effect the consecration had produced upon the conduct of their lives.

The Holiness Meeting

The holiness meeting was under the charge of the Devotional Committee. It was understood in this meeting that the consciousness of God was expected so vividly to follow the consciousness of faith that unbelievers, either inside or outside the church would confess that God was in them of a truth, and that this conscious knowledge should be repeated in testimony wherever they might be, and should be the motive power which cleansed and purified the heart.

The order of the meeting advised a brief invocation, ten minutes for scripture and lesson, and a limit of two minutes for testimony. Wherever the rule was observed, spiritual advantage followed; where it was broken, the reverse was usually true. There were sometimes persons present whose enthusiasm of opinion passed beyond the limits of orthodoxy into the stubbornness of disorder, and who innocently believed that their relations of incident and illustration, exhortation and teaching, special views of doctrines and instances of special providence were of more importance than the regular program and forgetting that but sixty minutes were all that could be used for 300 people. Its suppression became necessary, but it was conducted in the spirit of tenderness and no special harm resulted to the meeting.

While intelligently orderly, they were deeply spiritual. There were times, however, when the orderliness of enthusiasm outbroke in song and shout and praise which needed not to be controlled. The limitation of ten minutes to the scripture lesson and its teaching made terse epigrammatical statements a necessity, which were easily made pivotal points for the expressions of the people.

Sometimes the scripture lesson was varied by the recital of passages containing the essence of the experience through which the Holy Ghost would flash-light into the souls of others, which greatly helped them on their way.

Good music, vocal and instrumental, was not neglected. Miss Simmons, of Wilmington, usually prefaced the speak-

ing with one of the beautiful Gospel lyrics, while Mrs. Fitch intensified the service with tender melodies which lifted emotion through the natural senses into high religious experience. Miss Ida May Durham, a deaconess of St. Louis, reached the souls of the people with her addresses, songs and bandolin, and stood on the level of the most efficient speakers of the season. Her talk on the crucifixion of the criminal within us, led a number of souls to an intense Christian life in the destruction of the "old man of sin within us."

The teachers came to us from the most spiritually intelligent men and women at the Grove. They were here from all sections; from the culture of the schools to the toilers in the mines, with the importation of knowledge alike from either source, only differing in illustration. It was accepted that these teachings were of the "High School" of religion, and had passed beyond the first principles of the Gospel and were expected to send out its students to larger and more effective work for God than any others who had not so attained. One notable feature of the consecration and holiness meeting was the frequent requests for prayer; some of these came from souls overburdened and discouraged with the cares of life, while others from persons similarly circumstanced with regard to their souls. Many who felt despondent over what they deemed a failure in their ideal of religious life, and still more for friends, while many were asked for special organizations in which workers were interested. All these received response from the leaders of the meetings, and in some cases answers were afterward reported. There were sometimes altar services for the promotion of holiness, in which the people generally participated, but the most of those who passed into the higher experiences did so in the seclusion of the closet after leaving the meeting.

In the closing testimonies, whether before or at the end of the season, it was almost always made a special statement that there had been marked advances in the spiritual life.

The Devotional Committee

It is proposed by the Devotional Committee that in the coming season the after-services following the sermons shall be held in the smaller buildings surrounding the Auditorium, the orchestra and choir remaining until the service is concluded and the audience dismissed. This will relieve the confusion incident to a large number leaving the place while the rest remain and endeavor to continue the service in song, exhortation and prayer, whose effectiveness is greatly lessened by the moving and leaving of those who do not wish to remain after the sermon. It was a custom in the early days to hold after-meetings for sanctification and conversion in these smaller edifices, believing that it not only relieved the confusion, but that most persons were more willing to dedicate their lives to God in the presence of a select, rather than a miscellaneous congregation.



The Sunset Service

At the foot of Ocean Pathway has not only increased largely in numbers, but in effectiveness of religious impression. The responsive reading has been confined to one appropriate subject, with which the people became easily familiar, and in which for this reason a large interest was taken. The order was so perfect that when fifteen thousand persons were reported in attendance, a reverent attention was always manifest. Speakers were selected for their ability to talk on themes involving personal salvation, and for their ownership of a voice which could be heard above the sound of the surf. Among these was Professor Russell, of the law school in Columbia College, in New York, who on one occasion said: "If evil communications corrupt good manners, may we not, on the other hand, expect that He who walks with God will cultivate within himself the virtues which shine in the divine nature? This is the true mission of the church, to build up the kingdom of God on the earth; not merely to

save the souls of individual sinners, but to promote among the sons of men the coming of that kingdom in the fullness of its glory where a redeemed humanity, radiant in the beauty of God, sits in a heavenly place with Christ Jesus!" Dr. Yatman, who was frequently in attendance, pressing the great questions of salvation to an immediate result in conviction of sin, and the forgiveness of sinners, when thousands would move to the platform as an altar acknowledging the divine impression. Superintendent Hudson associated himself so thoroughly with the meeting that the vice president felt it safe to leave it in his charge on a Sunday's absence, and at all times largely to relieve the strain.

Popular music, with which the people were familiar, often led by the child cornetist, Edna White, was always used, or solos by Miss Simmons, of Wilmington, or pieces by the Bible Class quartette sent the voice of song rolling up to the Auditorium from ten thousand voices, bringing before the imagination the chorus before the throne, of a multitude that no man could number voicing a sound of many waters. This was peculiarly the case on the closing evening, when the orchestra came down and led the music and the people left with the feeling that if it was never repeated on earth it would be in heaven.



The Helping Hand Meeting

Its leader says: "God was with us in great power and rich blessing from the first to the last day of the meeting."

Sister Lizzie Sharp, Brother Loper and wife, Brothers Daniels, Jeffreys, Robertson and wife, together with many others, being helped of God themselves helped greatly in the meetings.

The necessity of the destruction of pride and selfishness, danger of backsliding, need of family prayer, and family government, purity of heart, and holiness of life, were pressed upon the attention of the people.

We tried to be ready to help those "seeking pardon, peace, rest, comfort, hope and purity."

The helping hand meeting is more and more a centre of attraction with each succeeding year, and the building is much too small to accommodate the attendance. Every seat was occupied at least a half hour before the time for beginning the service, and the crowds who fill the altar and aisles and around the entrance, make the work of the meetings a difficulty. More room is needed. Dr. Ballard says: "The people more and more desire to be in the presence of the saintly leader, whose personality is felt to be a blessing and whose latter days in the service of God are felt to be his best ones."

At times it seemed nearly the whole company were seekers for themselves, families or churches. Among them was the child of tender years, men of grey hairs, private and official members, and ministers of the Gospel.

If the pledges and promises made shall be faithfully carried out, then many churches, families and persons all over our land will be helped and blest. May it be even so, and God will be glorified.



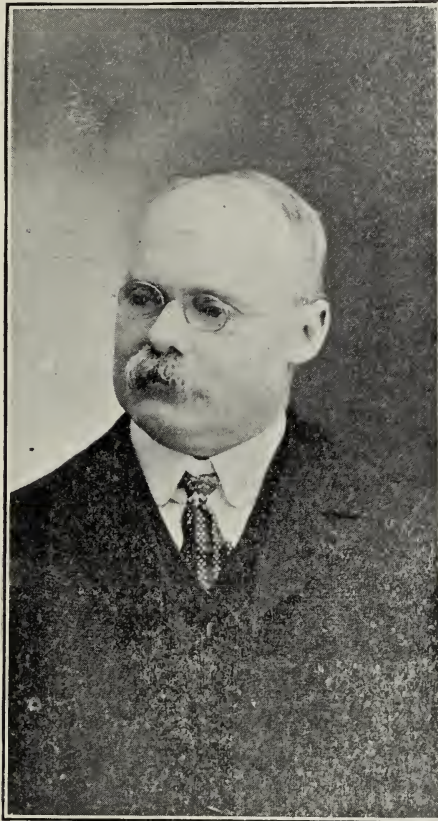
The Mothers' Meeting

For some years past this interesting and popular service had been omitted from the season's program. A number of ladies who had formerly been active in its exercises had "passed over," while others were so absorbed in other "good works" as to find it difficult to arrange for this. This season, however, there was an unusual number of those ladies present who organized under the presidency of Mrs. Carrie Pearne, Mrs. Bradley secretary, and held regular meetings every day in Thornley Chapel at 4 p. m.

In these meetings the claims and interests of motherhood were fully discussed in the light of all advancements of physical and moral science, illustrated by such experiences

as had been possible to them in the pursuit of all these methods by Mrs. Dr. Kidder and Mrs. Bottome.

The meetings increased both in interest and numbers every day. The addresses of Mrs. Bottome and other ladies whose observation was correlative with their lives, gave ad-



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ditional interest to the great idea of making motherhood something more than a servant to the daily needs of childhood and elevating it to the largest possibilities of the fu-

ture of children, in influence here, as initiatory to what God may want of them in the world where they go when they leave this one.



Children's Day

The service was introduced in appropriate service of song and prayer, with the statement by Bishop FitzGerald that many years ago the Methodist church inaugurated this uniquely beautiful conception, and that other churches have followed in our steps. Ocean Grove has always welcomed the children, in trust that when they grow to man and womanhood, they will not care to resort for recuperation to places more than questionable in their influence upon character and life, and pull them downward rather than raise them up.

Dr. Yatman, who was appropriately placed in charge of the morning service, succeeded in interesting the hosts of little people with one of his suggestive discourses on "Jesus and John." This was expanded into two special points, comprising what John said of Jesus and what Jesus said of John, and what Jesus said specially of Himself as the light of the world shining through the Bible, the Holy Ghost and the human heart. After an interesting discussion of these points with the children, he directed the unveiling of a banner above the platform, revealing the word "God." The children were then asked to stand, both on the platform and in the aisles. All the children were then requested to fix their eyes upon the banner and dedicate their lives to God, repeating "Christ for me, forever," which was afterwards repeated by the congregation.

Souvenirs were given to the children, and to those who failed to receive them, arrangements were made to supply them on the following morning.

The day was observed in the afternoon in the Temple under Superintendents Hudson and Mrs. W. H. Skirm, and took on the form of a harvest festival fruit service. The

Temple was artistically decorated from plans furnished by J. W. Marsh, of Bridgeton. Ferns, palms, and branches of fruit were hanging from every corner, and the Temple pillars were wreathed to resemble tree trunks, all symbolical of harvest. The singing of the children reflected great credit upon Mr. B. C. Thomas, who had freely given his service, under whom Miss Beatrice French sang the "Golden City," Miss Katharine Stout "In the Garden," Miss Henrietta Dome and Jennie Walker "Sweet Home," a piece by Miss Winslow, a cornet solo by Edna White, and the recitation of Dr. Stokes' poem of "Heart Fruit," by Miss French, after which the distribution of cards with fruit emblems, by young ladies who represented Love, Joy, and Peace, closed the occasion.

In the evening the program was entirely under the direction of Professor Morgan, who had constructed a program entitled "The Coming of the King." This was introduced by fifty-six young ladies, who formed a Shepherd's chorus, in which Faith was represented by Miss Ethel Morgan, Hope by Miss Margaret Asay and Charity by Miss Lydia Drubler. An illuminated cross and star were in appearance all the evening to illustrate the progress of the story whose conception was found in a dream of Paradise. The introductory music was appropriately given by Miss Anna Park and orchestra, followed by the Children's Chorus of earnest prayer, followed again by public prayer, voiced by Rev. Mr. Daniels. Then came the "Lost Chord" by the children, appropriately succeeded by the prophecy of the "Coming of the King" by Miss Asay, "Holy Night" by the children, "Thus Saith the Lord" by Julian Walker, then the "Herald Angels" and then the "Coming of the King" through Miss Asay, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" by Miss Edith Morgan, "There is Joy Tonight" and the "Angels and Shepherds" alternating in the song, Miss Edith Cutting, "Fear Not," after which came the great Allelulia chorus. This was followed by Miss Charlotte Bradford in "I Will Guide Thee," and the chorus of the star.

Then came recitations by Faith, "I Cannot See the Guiding Star;" by Hope, "There is a Star That Guides My Way," by Charity, "Faith Gives to Me," with the trio, "So Faith, Hope and Charity." The exercises were then varied with a solo from Miss Anna Simmons, "There is a Joy that Passeth Knowledge." after which a chorus called "There is a Joy in Every Heart." Then came the "Plains of Peace" by Miss Cutting, leading a solo and chorus of "The Wayside and the Cross" by Mrs. Blanche Bennett-Shreve, which closed the most effective children's day in the history of Ocean Grove.



Family Prayer

There has been no year of our history when this service has been more largely attended or more spiritual in its exercises. Many of the prayers were made by men and women, parts of whose families were absent and the pleas were for blessing upon these absent ones, and uttered with a fervor of earnestness that seemed to germinate effectual faith in the expectation of answer. The prayers were all short, confining the language to the compression of the plea and making up in intensity what they might lack in diffuseness of verbiage. The meetings become more and more influential every year.



The Bible Conference

The Bible Conference slated for introduction in the program of 1904 will be of intense interest. Its discussions will involve all that is known of solid fact, whose truthfulness cannot be questioned regarding the Bible, while matters in doubt will be judged from their relation to what is known to be true. The wholesale irreverence with which many students of the Bible seek to weaken the facts by the injection of poisonous doubts, has done much already to weaken

the force of the only book which has ever controlled humanity in the interest of the highest morality and purest religion, is like imperiling the foundation of a structure which has formed the shelter of the people for the ages, by striking continually at what is feared to be a weak place, and frightening them away to where there is no protection whatever and from where no real weakness exists. The conference will be conducted by men well armed and equipped with a perfect knowledge of the structure, whose absolute solidity they will be perfectly able to show.



The Jewish Missions

In New York, formerly conducted by Dr. Foust, and now by his son, in which the Association has taken sufficient interest to class it with the Training School of Mrs. Osborn and grant a small collection in the Tabernacle, was given the same privileges this year with the usual satisfactory results. The reports of the missionary were encouraging on the line of the tendency among Jews to give larger consideration to the claims of Jesus to the Messiahship of humanity.



The Primary Sunday School

The primary Sunday school, under the superintendency of Mrs. William H. Skirm, opened under favorable conditions for 1903.

On the first Sunday of last year, 160 scholars reported, which was increased this year to 240—a condition which cheered the hearts of all connected with the school at the beginning of their labor. It is no easy matter to induce a community of little people to keep in order on their first meeting, but in some personal way Mrs. Skirm so kept it, and kept it to the end of the season. The teaching, while conforming to the lesson, varied itself to the apprehensions of childhood in a manner which made them feel that they were

an important part of the program. This ensured an interest whose result impressed the lesson upon their minds, which, added to the abundance of song and music, made the impression a pleasure.

The trend of all the teaching was that God would forgive their sins and help them to be good if they would ask Him, and that to be good was the happiest life possible to them.



The Children's Meeting

The Children's meeting, under the charge of Mrs. Starks, has been embarrassed in every direction. While the Temple was not in all respects a suitable place, yet it met the necessities until it was appropriated to the evangelistic holiness meetings of Dr. Joseph Smith.

It has been impossible to hold them effectively in the Tabernacle, as the meetings which preceded them could not be closed with such exactitude as to ensure an opening on time and the children frequently wandered away. Thornley Chapel was devoted to other services and the Auditorium could not be made sufficiently private. Mrs. Starks has struggled heroically with her embarrassments and succeeded in leading some of the little ones to the knowledge of Christ, but it is reasonable to suppose that the success would be greater if the accommodations were adequate. The Devotional Committee recommend that Thornley Chapel be given to this work for the afternoons of the camp meeting.



Dr. Joseph Smith

Dr. Joseph Smith, in his evangelistic holiness assemblies, so held a closely filled Temple to the teachings he delivered, that at the close of his hour the people insisted that fifteen minutes should be added to his hour in order to complete his conclusions.

Mrs. Osee FitzGerald

Mrs. Osee FitzGerald, the venerable mother of Bishop FitzGerald, now in her ninety-first year, held her annual holiness meeting at Mount Tabor during the summer just past, with her faculties still free in their capability of teaching. She is a lineal descendant of Rev. Samuel Dunlop, fellow of Oxford College, who founded the first church and classical school west of the Hudson.



Chinese Sunday School

A Chinese Sunday school, whose students were chiefly in the laundry employ of Chu Jah, a consistent member of St. Paul's church in Ocean Grove, was held during the summer in Association Hall, under the charge of Miss Eva A. Mackrall, a competent young lady who sacrificed the ordinary pleasures of the spiritual services in order to the fuller illustration of holiness in teaching Christ to these people. She so acquired their confidence as to make lasting religious impressions upon them.



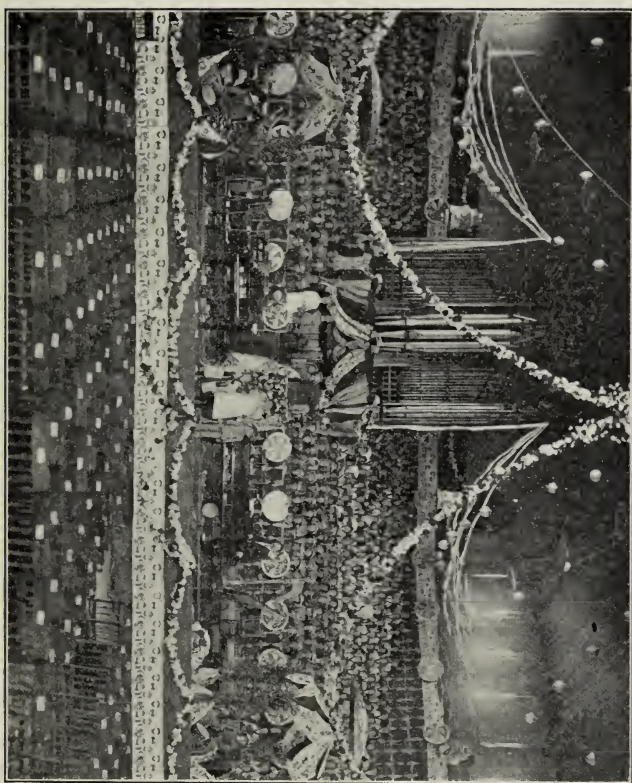
Music

The past season has shown a steady advance in the emotional power of our high-class music. While this has formed the staple of both service and entertainment, yet the simple songs and surface music have not been neglected. The old-time melodies, whose simplicity compensated for lack of culture, have not been ignored. The A, B and C of tunes is as important to uneducated powers as Beethoven to cultivated ones. But it is not necessary that in any congregation music should always remain in its infancy. "Vital Spark of Heavenly Flame" and "Rock of Ages" properly succeed the olden ditties which have been outgrown. They come in properly for repose, but for the grand conceptions of

the Gospel, as expressed in the oratorios, the "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty," a higher quality of music is required.

It is a matter of congratulation that this higher class music is satisfactorily taking the place in our entertainments of the frivolous amusements which provoked so much unfavorable criticism in the days of the past. The more that Ocean Grove can educate this taste, the higher will be its appreciation by the religious world, and the more thoroughly it will prepare the soul for the reception of a more intelligent spirituality. While our doctrines, like their founder, are incapable of increase or decrease, yet their power of manifestation depends largely upon the cultivation of the faculties through which they are received and expressed, and Methodism has always illustrated this in song.

The people have always demanded the interpretation of the wonderful poetry of Methodism into spiritual song, and accepted the jingles which belittled the most sublime of these approaches to the majesty of God, with the trend of a waltz, because no better could be obtained. Classic compositions came in to take the place of these at first to the disadvantage of such spirituality as was found in the liveliness of the waltz music, which had only the form of music without its power, a frozen instead of an active being. It was believed that a proper exercise would restore the circulation to to this cold music and give back to it the power which a mis-directed formalism had so greatly lessened, and return to the emotions their olden right to interpret the meaning of the soul. This process has been steadily going forward with larger success in each succeeding year. The opening concert of the season was given on the evening of June 27 as a preparation for what might be expected when the large summer resident population should find their way to the Grove. An advance guard of these were already here, so that about two thousand appreciative people greeted Professor Morgan with his singers and orchestra at this inaugural musicale. This number, when taken into consider-



Part of the platform, showing the Children's Festival Chorus

ation the comparatively few people at the Grove, was accepted as illustrative proof that the taste of an Ocean Grove audience had not deteriorated or lost its enthusiasm. The chorus was more perfectly organized than is usual at the beginning, and the favorites of the past were mostly present, including Hans Kronold with his Sister Selma, the Park Sisters, the Bradfords, Edyth Louise Pratt, Edward P. Johnson and Percy Hemus, all of whom received a welcome which could not otherwise act than as an inspiration for the summer campaign before them, and which was evidently so accepted in their work for that evening, which evoked largely the enthusiasm of applause to which musical people are intensely sensitive. Indeed, without this sensitiveness the most highly educated musician would be a failure. Appreciation is to them as necessary as health to life. The basal reason for disturbance so usual in choirs is found in this, rather than in an evil disposition. A fair expression of appreciation will always give a better performance, and the audiences at the Auditorium have always understood this and been generous in its gift. They have known what good music is and have had the sense to let the singers know that they knew it. The people seemed to have felt the suspension of the music in the months during the winter and welcomed its return with an enthusiasm the more remarkable because the selections were those to which they had listened before. There were none of the embarrassments usual to a "first." Everything went through on schedule and represented fairly the promise of itself for a key-note of the whole season.

Asbury Park was well represented in the numbers present, as indeed it is in all the exercises of the Grove, and in this way contributes largely to the amity of feeling existing between the two places.

A musical reception followed the concert, in which Hans Kronold led the orchestra. The two—the concert and the reception—formed a fitting inaugural for the season of 1903.

A midweek concert was given by Professor Morgan in the Auditorium, in which the American Saxophone Quartette

was the principal feature, and was heartily applauded. There were a number of very fine artists who deserved a full house for an audience and would no doubt have had it but for the depression of the weather, which made it a wearisome exertion for any cause to leave the repose of home.

The "Messiah," whose rendition by the great chorus of six hundred voices and an orchestra of eighty instruments, with soloists of national reputation, in the Auditorium, was the greatest triumph of a triumphant season, and accepted as the most effective interpretation of Handel's masterpiece ever given in the Grove. The chorus trained in New York, and the one trained in the Grove, united in a harmony so perfect that no distinction could be felt by the eight thousand persons in the Auditorium, who listened in rapt attention from its beginning to its close. The people usually regarded the request of the director that no applause be given until the part being sung or played was completed, but in some parts of its progress their enthusiasm burst all bounds and the vast building rang with the plaudits of approval.

The soloists were Anito Rio, whose sweet, clear voice reached every corner of the house; Marie Stillwell, with her full, distinct enunciation; Mortimer Howard, whose difficult work was done with perfect ease, and William Harper, whose finished culture was a feature of the evening. The Allelulia chorus, coming as a climax to an enthusiasm almost irrepressible, fitly closed not only the great success of the evening, but the season's successful work at Ocean Grove.

In choosing some other than Saturday night for the production of the "Messiah," "Elijah" and other great oratorios, whose length of time trended upon the Sabbath in the return of singers to New York, and the labor of workmen in preparing the Auditorium for Sabbath service, the Association does not discriminate against others of a similar kind, which can be given without this objection and which will be performed as opportunity offers.

On the evening of August 8, Gaul's "Holy City," always a chief favorite at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, was ren-

dered in the presence of an audience averaging in number the best of the season. Like the others which have been given, there was no break or absentees from the program, or faultiness in the execution of Anito Rio, soprano; Mary Byrne Ivy, contralto; F. C. Fremantel, tenor, and M. Rusling Wood, basso.

The "Prodigal Son," which ranks as the best of the musical compositions of Sir Arthur Sullivan, and for which he was knighted by Queen Victoria, whose every sentence is taken from the Bible, had received weekly rehearsals during the entire winter and was produced in a style correspondent with the labor bestowed upon it. The program contained all the words of the oratorio, enabling the audience to follow the progression of the story. The introduction suggested a quiet, peaceful country home, which was succeeded by the restlessness preceding a departure from that home and the riotous living which followed it; then the regrets of poverty and the wailing of repentance, the starting for his home, the watching, waiting father, the kiss of love, the festivities of rejoicing; and closing with the grand hymn of praise over the Prodigal's return, which held the people entranced with a sense of reality.

In productions of this character the word entertainment loses the frivolity which custom has attached to it, and rises to a correspondence with the objects of the Association in "Holiness to the Lord."

No musical entertainment of the season was as highly appreciated as the "Rose Maiden." The composition of both word and music is one of the most delicately beautiful in the language and requires the accessories of tasteful surroundings, and also a full supply of competent artists in order to full effectiveness. These were all secured previous to the rendering, and trained in Ocean Grove, for Ocean Grove, and gave Ocean Grove a performance of unmingled pleasure. It may truthfully be said that no production outside of Elijah and the Messiah ever gave greater delight to the people than the "Rose Maiden," a delight which captured the

senses with the music and the mental tastes with the sentiment. It had received the personal attention of the director in frequent rehearsals during the winter so critically that all the delicate intonations of musical composition corresponding with equally delicate revelations of sentiment in the poetry were brought out in the rendering. The irrepressibleness of the applause manifested itself so strongly that an encore of the Bridal Chorus was forced and a repetition of the oratorio demanded until the Devotional Committee suspended their order and permitted its reproduction, which gave a larger attendance than that which greeted its first appearance. The solos on both occasions were given by Hildegard Hoffman, soprano; Helen Neibuhr, contralto; John Young, tenor, and Perry Averill, baritone—artists whose courtesy of demeanor and musical ability will always render them welcome to Ocean Grove, and it may be added that no exception to this will be found in any of the artists of Morgan's selection, who were with us the last season.

The "Stabat Mater" is so great a favorite that it is expected to be on the program every season. Its orchestra has so caught the sense of Ocean Grove that in this touching composition the audience and musicians seem as one. In its presentation here the chorus choir, its ladies appareled in white and its gentlemen in black, filled the great choir seats, gallery and all. There was an orchestra of fifty-five players, before whom stood the soloists of the evening—Professor E. P. Johnson, Miss Mary Stillwell, Julian Walker and Effie Stewart, with Hans Kronold, who gave Gounod's Ave Marie, accompanied by Helen Maria Burr, after which the oratorio was given. A secular journal said of it: "That from the first movement to the last, it would be difficult to find a place where improvement could be made, especially in the fact that the orchestra supported instead of drowned the soloists. Miss Stillwell's voice, with its wide range, and Miss Stewart's, with its ascending power, did not compare unfavorably with the eminent artists, who at various times have appeared at the Auditorium."

Another quotation from a secular journal says: "The number of professional musicians who attend the Auditorium concerts is greatly on the increase. They bestow unstinted praise on these musical events and say there is no other place in the nation where such fine concerts are given."

"Elijah," one of the greatest, if not entirely the greatest of all musical creations extant, was rendered to nearly eight thousand people by Morgan's combined chorus of eight hundred voices. These came from New York, Brooklyn, Elizabeth and Ocean Grove, and sang with such an accuracy of time and tone as to give it all the sounding of a single voice.

Madam Kronold's solo and recitative duet with Elijah awakened an intense depth of feeling, as did also the dramatic rendering by Miss Keys of "Jezebel." Mr. Howard's robust voice fitted perfectly into "If You With All Your Hearts Shall Seek the Lord."

A secular journal says of Gywlym Miles: "His intensely reverent manner impressed itself upon the audience and made his work peculiarly effective and the whole rendering the best ever given of this great production at Ocean Grove. Gentlemen and ladies of the finest musical cultivation said it was impossible to conceive how it could be surpassed."

Besides those distinctly belonging to Morgan may be named Mrs. Fitch, who annually captures both the sentiment and emotion of Ocean Grove meetings.

Miss Anna W. Simmons, whose full bird voice, with its cultured and delicate inflection in the "Lillies of the Valley" and similar productions, charmed alike the consecration, the public service and beach meetings; Miss Grace Durham, a deaconess of St. Louis, than whom no sweeter voice or expression ever impressed religion upon her hearers; the Lopers, whose renderings often brought sinners to salvation and advanced Christians on the line of holiness; Miss Alexander, whose culture and pathos often brought the tears; Minnie Shaw, whose very exaggerations were forceful; Joseph Fisher, who had turned the capacity for the rollicking songs of the bar-room into the

praises of God; Miss Imogene Fields, whose chimes were songs of worship, as were the cornets of the Park Sisters, or the violins of the Bradfords and Ray FitzGerald.

Among the singers whose voice and culture added charm to the Till entertainment of musical rocks, and also to a public service in the Auditorium, was Miss Irene V. Reynolds, of St. Louis, who come to the rescue from a failure in the arrangements for another.

It is always a dangerous pass between the emotional and the more highly cultured forms of music. In this transition the emotional is always neglected, while the culture absorbs the attention as well as the time for practice. Music, deprived of its emotion, and left dependant upon its beauty, will attract admiration, but is shorn of its power and it requires more than the ability usually allowed to the teaching of leadership to retain the one while acquiring the other. In very many cases a choir never recovers it, but fades into a mere culture of sounds, which is ever a mere performance.



Entertainments

The Devotional Committee have with each succeeding year of the past half decade been narrowing the scale upon which entertainments may be presented. Most of those which evoked the expression of adverse sentiment, whether deservedly or not, have been excised and others of a higher class substituted in their places. Among those retained, however, have been the moving pictures, to which the children, as well as many of the older people, seem to feel themselves entitled, and among which are many of solid, interesting and historical value. The life of an American fireman, apparently as real as it was real in appearance, and pictures in fairyland were a charm to the artistic sense of both old and young. There were three occasions on which the American Vitagraph Company displayed theirs to the great satisfaction of the audience, and twice the Wade kintiscope with similar results.

The Till Family

The unique concerts by the Rock Band Till Family was one of the newest applications of "Sermons in Stones," which modern discovery has made. It has always been known to musical scientists that rocks were capable of musical sound and that some of them were capable of harmony, but no general application of the principle had been made. Professor Till has studied the subject and made the application until tones have been evoked from different strata and consistence until all the notes of the scale are reproduced in their regular order, the same as upon any other instrument of music. These concerts, though given at a time when very many of the people had left the Grove, were highly appreciated, not only for the novelty of their features, but also for the really musical pleasure derived from their performance.



Children's Festival Chorus

This, the most popular of all entertainments given in the Grove, was attended by nearly if not quite ten thousand people. It required the attendance of four ticket sellers during the entire day to keep pace with the demand for places. Of these places the galleries were most popular and the seats were generally chosen first. The decorations surpassed any previous occasion and were gracefully disposed in trees hung with lanterns, groves for the seclusion of retreat, forests of gladiolas, in which were interspersed roses of red, white and blue, in the rear of which sat an orchestra of sixty pieces in connection with whose music the kimona girls appeared, accompanied by gypsy maidens, who were followed by the rough riders. All these together gave the "Swing" song in which the children swayed like waving wheat. Then came the solemnity of the "Lost Chord;" then the charm of the evening in "Daddy;" afterward the "Fisherman;" then "Love and Liberty" and "Life's Merry Morning." Then humorous recitals of Miss Short were well received. "The

Royal March," from the Park Sisters, called forth expressions of enthusiasm. The novelties of the "Happy Jap" and "Chinese Wedding March," given by the Mikado Mandolin Club of thirty young ladies, trained by Miss Georgie Park, and the "Gypsy Chorus of Old Madrid," led by Director Morgan, evoked the popular approval. Miss Ethel Skiles, who possesses a sweet, sympathetic voice, sang several pieces; Miss Cecelia Bradford played two violin solos—"Czardas" and the "Mocking Bird," only as she can render them; Little Edna White, the child cornetist, whose playing is beyond the usual culture of years, added a charming solo. There was also a representation of the "Hope of the World" in a Peace Congress in the royal gardens of Japan, where, under the German national music, young ladies came bearing its national flag, followed in turn by French, Russian, Austrian and English colors, closing with the nine who bore the stars and stripes, all marching to the tune of national victory in "Yankee Doodle," which appropriately closed an evening of delight which will long be remembered, and which will lead to large anticipations of pleasure in the coming season when Professor Morgan shall plan again the Children's Concert Festival.



Miss Edna White

The child cornetist, Miss Edna White, was again a welcome part of the Ocean Grove program. In the innocence of her fresh young childhood, she was equally at home in the primary or intermediate Sunday school, the holiness or beach meetings, or the great Auditorium, charming either congregation with the sweetness of her music and the sweetness of her expression. She was a pupil of Miss Anna Park the past winter and her improvement showed that she was an apt pupil of a superior teacher. The child is a marvel and has again promised to be with us the ensuing year.

Prof. Lowe and Wife

The entertainments given by Professor Lowe and wife were not surpassed, if we except the great oratorios, by anything presented during the season.

The story of Christ in picture and song illustrated from the world's famous paintings, was marvelous, both in its instruction and delight. Very many persons acknowledged the beauty of the New Testament and the extension of its history in their conceptions as they had never seen it before and would have been glad of its repetition. Then "Ben Hur," from the story of General Lew Wallace, which has been read by almost every one, and whose chariot race is one of the finest pieces of word painting in the English language, was given with illustrative song and picture until the whole scene was not only before the eyes, but heard in the ear by the people. "Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun," completed the series and made the strange geography, both of earth and sky, comprehensible as never before. They left, as the year before, with the desire of the people for their appearance another year.



Camp-Meeting

The Holiness meeting, led by Bishop FitzGerald, with Drs. Alday and Ballard, was complete in spirituality and overflowing in numbers.

The Young People's meeting, under Dr. Yatman, was filled with delightful music and cheery life, and was filled to the sidewalk.

The Helping Hand meeting, under Rev. William Franklin, assisted by Mrs. Sharp, was marked with great religious fervor in the expression of experimental testimony.

The Immediate Decision 1.30 service of Mrs. Smith was inspirational to the great results which past success had had taught the expectation.

For two years last past, evangelistic services, under the



A drill of the seven hundred girls of the Festival Chorus, on Ocean Parkway
All uniformed in Japanese kimonos

"Cooks" and Dr. Strause, had succeeded the preaching, and been largely successful in advancing the religious life of very many people. This year the after-service was in line with the olden days of Methodism, and conducted by the ministers who preached the sermons, aided by the Bishop and others appointed by him to assist. The meetings were good, and while less demonstrative, were as freely successful in the great objects purposed by them. The honor of the first sermon of the camp was appropriately given to Rev. J. B. Haines, Presiding Elder of the district, in which Ocean Grove is situated, who spake from John's description of "Life Manifested," with the grounds for its Christian belief. The grounds have been tested and we know they are sure because we have the manifestation which is received by the light of Christ in the soul. No substitution of science can produce this, and no opposition of science can destroy the great scientific fact that Christ is manifested in us. This first sermon of the Presiding Elder established him as a workman who needed not to be ashamed anywhere.

The first Sunday morning sermon of the camp was delivered by Rev. Dr. Luther Wilson, a Presiding Elder of the Baltimore Conference, from "The Same is My Brother." He discussed the life of Christ from the great standpoint of the brotherhood of Christ to man, and all that could be expected to flow from it. He presented Christ's whole life as an explanation to the people of His interest in them. He knew that men could not be gained by speaking to them from a throne, but by mingling with them, as being one of them. He gave a beautifully picturesque illustration of Christ's way with men by the work of the deaconess, who entered the homes of the people and talked with them, concluding with an eloquent peroration on Christ, the brother of us all, to whom saint and sinner should go for help in all the relationships of life.

The evening discourse was delivered by Dr. Halleron, a Presiding Elder of the Newark Conference, thus making a representation of the entire Methodism of New Jersey in its

highest officials next the episcopacy. His sermon combined the power of olden Methodism with the cultivation of the present, and was a fitting illustration of the force germinated in their union.

Rev. Dr. Kulp, of Red Bank, preached the first Monday morning of camp a sermon whose force of thought and vigor of illustrative statement made the discourse a power seldom equaled, from "Henceforth I Call Ye Not Servants," and said in special points from which the sermon eloquently expanded, that the plan of Christ was to point to Himself as the means of salvation. "I am the Way, the Life and the Truth." Contact with Christ had its influence on conduct, character and the whole life. The primary law of personal influence is the keynote of Christ's power. This is what has made Christianity so characteristic. No other religion possesses this feature. Take the personality of Christ out of religion and there is left—nothing.

On one of the Monday nights the platform was occupied by Rev. Dr. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Paterson, a convert from Roman Catholicism, on "The Great Salvation," for whose value he gave five reasons: God had planned it. God's son had executed it. It included the Trinity. It overcomes all opposition, and it takes hold upon a depraved man and gives him a clean heart. The sermon was closely listened to and was not without effect upon the congregation.

The sermon of Dr. Handley on an evening of the camp was on "God's turning men to destruction and His invitation for their return." He gave as an illustrative keynote when people disobey God they give up their Garden of Eden, just as Adam, and the rule has been the same from Adam's time to the present day. The Eden of early childhood is closed by disobedience to the laws of God and the principle works the same result through all the phases of earthly life. Our restoration to Eden by the destruction of the sinful tendencies within us, to which God's invitation draws us, can only be

kept by obedience and will be lost as Adam's was if we disobey the Lord.

Dr. W. P. T. George, who by birth, temperament, education and character is a Methodist, preached a remarkable ser-



M. E. Blanchard, Newark, N. J.

mon at Ocean Grove at one of the camp meeting mornings on "Nebuchadnezzar as representing the world, and the visions of the Bible representing the religion of Jesus."

The dream of the world was incapable of any real knowl-

edge by itself or any interpretation possible to their vague conceptions, while those of the Bible were clear to their recipients, practical in their application and certain in their fulfillment. No sermon of the series made a more profound impression.

Rev. Ford Iglehart, of Tarrytown, who combines the solid strength of a Teutonic ancestry with the fervor of a Latin generation, delivered an address in the Temple in one of the conventions, marked by the characteristics associated with that forceful ancestry. He also preached a sermon on the last Thursday evening of the camp, which emphasized a larger use of the mental faculties in the processes of spiritual religion as necessary to the permanent ownership of God in the human body by the inhabitation of the Holy Ghost. He showed mind as permeable by mind, perceivable by mind, possessible by mind, purchasable by mind and glorified by mind. The sermon gave evidence of comprehensive thought, expressed through a powerful oratory.

Notwithstanding a pelting storm Friday, the morning service was graced with its largest congregation of a week day since its beginning, to listen to Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Ruggles Street Baptist Church, of Boston. His texts represented the prophet's vision of God, and also of the valley of dry bones, which served for pictures of God and man. Visions like these were only seen when men were alone and were still possible to men. Illustrating his theme, he said: "It was easier to overcome a live foe than to put life into a dead one; that it takes more courage to withstand the stinging of a cloud of insects than to face the lion in the jungles; that to conform to the gospel we need to be washed white, rather than whitewashed; that we ought to give the people more of the Bible and not as cut feed to horses; that the people were fed too much and did not do enough in feeding others."

The sermon of Friday evening was preached by Rev. George H. Neal, pastor of the Broadway M. E. Church in Camden, N. J. His theme was the "Ninety and Nine," and developed a closeness of study which made practicable the

lessons flowing from it in the salvation of men by the power of Jesus Christ. It showed unmistakably that men were lost in the mountains of "distance from God;" that they were unable to find the way back and too weak to walk it if they could find it. He made it clear that all attempts of the world to either find it or walk it were failures and, except Christ, no real guide or helper had ever been found. Without Him there is no hope of salvation; with Him it is impossible to be lost.

One of the evening sermons was preached by Rev. Dr. Crykenwise on "What Must We Do to be Saved?" He gave a clear Gospel exposition of what salvation really was—in freeing men from the guilt and uncleanness of sin and made the question direct and personal to the people before him, and insisted that a personal answer was an absolute necessity to salvation.

Rev. Dr. Howard, of Elizabeth, delivered a uniquely popular sermon on "Cleanse Thou Me from Secret Faults." His interpretation of the prayer was that we should be made so strong as to combat all temptations. The man who is spiritually lifted and strengthened is able to successfully combat the strongest temptation. The beautifully cultured simplicity of the discourse charmed all listeners.

Rev. Dr. Virgil E. Rorer, pastor of the Seventh Street Church, Philadelphia, preached on a Sabbath evening on "Behold the World is Gone After Him." In a more than average forceful manner he showed the advance of Christian population from one million at the close of the first century to two hundred millions at the close of this one. He explained how Christianity had made life more sweet to the world in its hospitals, its care for the poor and in special care for women and children. Dr. Rorer had been invited to preach a special morning in the camp meeting which, to accommodate another, he had permitted to be changed, and then changed again, but proved by the sermon he did preach, that he was ably ready to preach at any time and on any occasion.

The sermon of Dr. Gros Alexander on "Faith," from Romans 1:17, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith," was worthy of the national fame of the speaker as a student of the Bible. He reduced that text to, "Resulting from faith and leading to faith," saying: "We must have faith enough in God to pray so that we have access to Him and faith enough to lay aside any sin which always prevents that access; then remain in an attitude of unflinching trust and peace with God will follow. Every act of faith will be parent to another, continuing on until all that is possible to time will be reached, and afterward the same conditions will naturally prevail in the world to which we shall go."

The sermon of Dr. R. W. Rogers, whose lectures had already established his fame as a public speaker of more than ordinary power, was preached from Exodus on Moses, the priest of Midian. He described his mission as rising from the best parentage in the land, combined with the noblest educational advantages and highest position of power. All these were made of incalculable advantage in lifting a heathen nation to the knowledge of the true God, and all such advantages should be used by us for lifting those around us to higher levels in the Christian life.

Like Moses it is always well to be well-born, and to be born of the spirit is the highest ancestry possible to us.

The Love Feast was under the charge of Bishop Fitzgerald, who announced its opening with "Onward, Christian Soldiers," after which the invocation was made by Rev. Henry M. Brown, of the Association, whose fraternal reference to the lessening of its ranks by death during the past year gave it a peculiar impressiveness, whose tenderness fitted sweetly the service it preceded.

The Bishop explained the purpose and intent of the feast, and added his experience of "rejoicing in the hope of the glory of God." Then followed the testimonies in the form of experiences, interspersed with songs and alleluias, praise and glory, from lips whose hearts were flowing through them,

and whose intonations made the same word tell a hundred forms of the same story. Three or four were often on their feet at the same time, amid whose voicings could be heard: "Jesus saves me all the time;" "It is sixty-four years since I



Rev. W. H. Morgan, Newark, N. J.

started for heaven;" "The fire of heavenly love is burning in my soul;" "I'm washed in the blood of the lamb." Mrs. Margaret Bottome said she loved the spirit of the camp meeting, the first of which she attended at the age of eight

years. She had always attended them and this was one of the best. It might be her last, and she therefore desired to say that the power of her life was "Faith." Thoms P. Day, of Nutley, who is present at almost every camp meeting and whose form is crippled said: "There's always sunshine in the soul of the Christian; there's no darkness at all. Blessed be God, I'm not useless." Attempts were made to introduce the morals of politics into the rejoicing of spirituality, which were promptly sung down and the meeting proceeded with increasing fervor, which acted as a light through which the deeper meaning of spiritual realizations could be communicated from one to the other until with the singing by Mrs. Fitch, of "The Old Home," to whose Eden all were bound, a flood of the presence of God pervaded the assembly, and the Love Feast merged into the public worship of the morning.

In occupying the last Sunday of the season, in which there was public service in the Auditorium, Dr. George maintained the high reputation derived from the one preached during the camp. The sermons were so unique in their construction and so original in their delivery that the old truths represented had all the freshness of green pastures uncropped before, into which the soul was led further and further on into a continued vernal freshness, which made it always sweet to the taste and healthful to the soul.

His morning theme was "The Coming Man," in which he said: "The world was a poor judge of character; so poor that it is often necessary to die in order to be appreciated. The best men are not made so by education, which only sharpens the faculties for evil as well as good. Martyrs and murderers existed in the first families and have so existed ever since. The great secrets of science which God is disclosing day by day will make the coming man, for good or evil, a factor immensely greater than now in the work of the world. The better we make this generation, the better and greater will be the coming man."

The evening sermon was entitled "Give Him a Chance."

Inspiration, he said, does not necessarily include infallibility. Only Christ is infallible and Paul did not always claim it. Every man should be encouraged to do the best he could, and if he failed and failed again and kept on failing, still lend a helping hand and give him another chance. The man who never blundered never succeeded. He added, "The camp is over, but an opportunity is here to start afresh for God." Many arose for prayers, which were offered by Bishop FitzGerald and Rev. J. R. Daniels.

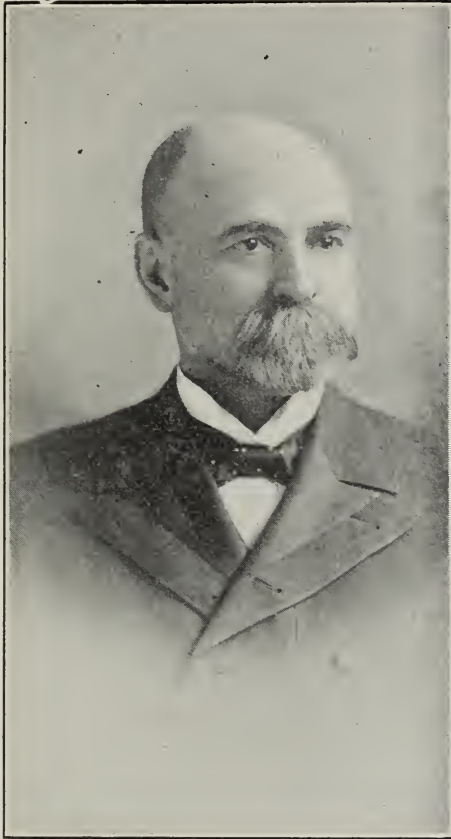
Dr. J. Krantz, of the Methodist Book Room, preached for one of the Sundays succeeding the camp, to the great acceptance of the people. An accident had prevented the fulfilment of another engagement, and he was secured for a similar service here. The morning subject was "Christian Citizenship," as illustrated by St. Paul, who claimed his rights of citizenship under the Roman law as much as under the Gospel, and all Christians now had the same right and duty. Death is not an end, but our citizenship extends into the world to which we pass, the same as here.

The discourse of the evening was on the "Salvation of Saints," which should characterize Christians of every age in the practice of the courtesies of life, and which should differ greatly from those practiced by the Christian critics of this generation. He characterized the saints of Caesar's household as fitting examples of the courage and honesty required of Christians of any household and business, and insisted that there were larger numbers of Christian men and women in this age whose honesty and courtesy were equal to those of that of the time of Caesar.

All services, except the consecration and family prayer, were suspended on this closing day, except the baptism of children by Bishop FitzGerald, assisted by Drs. Alday and Ballard, and the reports of meetings, the Jerusalem march, and the closing address of the president.

Dr. Ballard reported for the early consecration service that the attendance had been larger and meetings more spiritual than he had ever known them, the meetings for family

prayer intense in their devotion to family needs, and the beach meetings graced with better results. Dr. Alday reported the holiness meeting as larger in attendance and fuller in power.



W. H. Heisler, Pemberton, N. J.

Bishop FitzGerald took the initiative, reporting for the services held in the Auditorium throughout the season. He said the Lord had given evidence of His presence since opening day. To him it had been a joy to know that the Word had been preached.

Rev. William Franklin was greatly encouraged in his work at the Helping Hand service. He reported that there had been no white-washing done in the Chapel, but there had been some washing white. The Chapel, he said, might well be called a repair shop. If there were not many conversions there had been at least numerous backsliders reclaimed and many souls quickened in their religious experience.

For the Immediate Sanctification meeting Mrs. Lizzie Smith, who has labored in that service for twenty-nine summers, and with only one break, said that God had done great things for the people who crowded the Tabernacle. She was unable to say how many persons had been saved and helped; she knew that the altar had been crowded at every service and that there were numerous testimonies from those who had been wondrously helped.

Rev. Mr. Yatman made a happy reference to the work in the Temple. He said he had been trying for three seasons to get the Devotional Committee to secure a newer and fresher man than himself to lead the young people.

Rev. J. R. Daniels reported for the Bible class. The attendance at the class this summer was as large as in former years and the interest was sustained.

Joseph A. Hudson reported for the intermediate department and Mrs. William Skirm for the primary department.

Mrs. Bottome for the Mothers' Meeting said she never attended or led mothers' meetings where there had been such marked results. "I am free to say no meetings are more needed in this country at this time than mothers' meetings for prayer and consecration to God. Our sons are becoming agnostic and our daughters frivolous, and so we ought to have mothers' meetings for prayer and faith all over the land."

Miss Minnie Shay, the Philadelphia evangelist, and Mrs. J. A. Fitch, also of Philadelphia, were called upon to sing.

Then came the "march around." Headed by Gen. Patterson and several musicians, with Prof. Morgan to lead the singing, the line passed around the Auditorium, thence

through the Tabernacle, the Chapel, the Temple and back into the Auditorium. Here with a brief address the Bishop pronounced the camp meeting closed, "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost," a tap of the bell accompanying the mention of each name in the Trinity.

The sermon succeeding the Love Feast was preached by Dr. Robert Forbes, a secretary of the Church Extension Society, who took for his theme, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." He said, "The Bible is not so much a book as a collection of books to which every variety of character and occupation had contributed." He would always be willing to take something out of his sermon if he could put in more of the Bible, for we must exalt the Book until the people get back to reading it. Its truths are so illustrated in parable and epigram that the common people find little difficulty in understanding it unless obfuscated by pulpit criticism. He closed by saying: "If the preacher fills the pulpit with God's word the people will fill the pews with attentive listeners." The sermon was original, both in its thought and manner of expression, and commanded fully the the popular appreciation.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith, who now ranks as the greatest natural expositor of the doctrine of personal holiness in heart and life, was with us again in the evangelistic service of the camp, with ideas in fresher forms of illustration than ever before. Every service was an inspiration of the deep things of God on lines which led the soul at once to the very heart of the subject, and showed it how it might enter into their great inheritance of love, and then with all the force of a loving soul pressed their entrance, which large numbers accepted and realized a heart cleansed from all unrighteousness and an indwelling Christ as the result.

The closing sermon of the camp was assigned to him. Some doubt was expressed as to whether a man, however talented, whose life was devoted to what was called a specialty, could successfully conduct a service which combined all specialties, but the event proved his ownership of a master

hand, which grasped them all. He chose for his subject, "The Spirit of Christ as the Test of Sonship to God." The duties and pleasures of sonship were spiritually defined with love for the keynote of them all, and the lack of this as the



Rev. Luther B. Wilson, Baltimore, Md.

great cause of the mass of the church remaining in an initiatory condition. The service was one of tender impressiveness, which bound all hearts together in the farewell of the worship.

Mrs. Jane T. Franklin

Mrs. Jane Throckmorton Franklin, wife of Rev. William Franklin, one of the three remaining charter members of the Ocean Grove Association, deceased at the residence of her son, Dr. George H. Franklin, in Hightstown, N. J., on Saturday evening, December 12, 1903, in the eighty-seventh year of her age, and the triumphant assurance of eternal life. The funeral ceremonies were held on the following Wednesday afternoon in the West Long Branch church, where in early childhood her heart was given to God, under the supervision of its pastor, Doctor James Moore, Rev. Mr. Hancock, her pastor, Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. Haines, with Rev. J. R. Daniels and T. M. Dickey, representing the Ocean Grove Association, who, with others, took part in the services. By some oversight Dr. Ballard was not apprised of the death or notice of the funeral and consequently was unable to be present, from which the sickness of Dr. Alday also prevented him.

For some months she had been in failing health, which terminated in a heart failure, which to her was God's invitation to "Come home." The sympathy of his brethren of the Association has been privately expressed, which will take its public form at their next meeting in May.



Mrs. Lizzie Smith

This elect lady has lost nothing by the advance of years of the wonderful variety in address, in song, in prayer, in spiritual tact, in the power to convey in clearest forms the higher mathematics of spiritual life and in the personal possession of the Holy Spirit.

The same invitations to come out from the world and be separate clothed in the words of inspiration, an altar thronged with aspirants for a higher and more sanctified spiritual life, and a divine presence so demonstrative as to produce the reality in the consciousness of all the people.

The Model of Jerusalem

The Model of Jerusalem still continues to excite a very considerable degree of attention from people who come to the Grove, especially those who have been permitted to see Jerusalem itself in the land of Palestine. The interest of the people, while not confined to them, is yet intensified by them in their evidence of the realistic truth of the model, which is among the many things that make Ocean Grove attractive to the people.

The Asbury Park Journal says: "Perhaps few people realize how accurate is the model of Jerusalem in Ocean Grove; and perhaps the Grovers themselves do not appreciate the full value of this ingenious piece of work. It takes people who have traveled in the Holy Land and visited the historic and wonderfully interesting city to appreciate this work. Several travelers have already called our attention to its remarkable accuracy. It should be visited by every Sunday school scholar and teacher who visits the Park or Grove."



Outing of the Orchestra

An influential friend of Ocean Grove, who delights in kindly deeds, endorsed the suggestion that the orchestra should be given an "outing" among the Thousand Islands of our northern lakes, which brought the endorsement of others and the approval of the Devotional Committee to such a degree that a special evening was set apart for a concert in its interest. The orchestra had not spared hard work in the summer heats. The director was a believer in natural talent, without which he admitted no one; but he was also a believer in hard work, without which he retained no one with him. The greater the talent the harder the work necessary for its development and correlation. He gave then three drills a day and the utilization of every evening when their service was not in public use. Himself was an incarnation of physic-

al energy, and his associates were expected to step with him or step out of the procession. None were willing to do this and the splendid work of the season was the result. A testimonial like this, including Miss Belle Greene, who, while not of the orchestra, was yet the pianist of the season, was felt to be eminently proper, and the full attendance at the concert, whose financial results justified the project, illustrated the feeling. In the concert almost all who had been connected with the summer work were present, with best selections from their repertoire.

Anito Rio gave "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth;" F. K. Freemantel and Julian Walker, "Mary;" the boys and girls, "The Lost Chord" and "Daddy;" "Old Madrid," from Professor McGuirk; "China," Miss Georgia Park, with the "Chinese Wedding March;" the Ocean Grove Chorus gave the Bridal Chorus of the "Rose Maiden," and Ray Fitzgerald with Miss Cecelia Bradford thrilled the people with their violins.

The fullest harmony had existed between the orchestra and choir, who not only gave their assistance at the concerts, but a number of them contributed their money so that the party of thirty-five left under "God bless you till we meet again," with money enough on hand for the expenses of the ten days' outing. The trip from the beginning was unalloyed enjoyment. Their music was taken with them for impromptu concerts, either on the way or after they reached their destination.

The Islands among which they moved dot the St. Lawrence channel on both the Canadian and American side, and are covered with palatial residences whose walls of solid stone crowd the water's edge, enclosing beautiful lawns, diversified with exquisite flower gardens. The water is deep and pure, with a depth of two hundred and forty feet, dotted everywhere with ordinary boats or steam launches, which either to see or sail was to the tourist a source of unending delight.

The weather favored them from start to finish. Musicales were given along the route and at the great Columbia Hotel,

where on one evening they played, the entire "forty-five," while the voice of applause grew more and more appreciative to the close, when the Ocean Grove orchestra was voted by them the greatest success of their season, and numbers of the people who had never heard of Ocean Grove, or heard of it to its discredit, expressed a determination to visit it in 1904, an expression which the director strongly encouraged, assuring them that if they should hear the Ocean Grove choir along with its orchestra, they would say, "the half has never been told them." They gave one pay concert while there, donating the proceeds to some local object, and a number of others free, in which no doubt they covered themselves with glory.

They returned as they went, without mishap, gradually folding their tents (music) and stealing away at points most convenient, till the final parting at Jersey City, when all sought their homes, tired but happy and full of pleasant anticipation of the summer of 1904.



The Children's Outing

The Children's Festival Chorus had their annual outing through the courtesy of Mr. Shoemaker at Wanamassa. It was pronounced to be a day of unalloyed happiness for these little people to whom Ocean Grove has proven in many ways a blessing. At first sight it may not seem much that the boys parade in rough clothing, and the girls wear cheap, though graceful uniforms. But a little deeper insight into the philosophy of childhood nature will show that the instinct which prompts men and women to uniform in symbol of a common ideal, and to keep step together in the advancement of their idea, exists as thoroughly in the child as in the man or woman.

It is the disciplination of uniform and step that make us effective in life's afterwork, as we move together in its accomplishment. To learn obedience to fixed rules and to advance through obedience are, next to religion, the most important

lessons of childhood. Here the three are blended in forms which childhood does not repel. Many parents have already expressed their gratitude for these great helps to their children in the training they receive at the Grove, and especially in the teaching that grace and strength in young woman and manhood do not depend upon the costliness of fashion. While religion requires the overcoming of many repellancies as we grow into adolescence, it does not require that we should condemn where Christ has not done so, and make religion unnecessarily repulsive to childhood. In this light the annual outing is established, in which woods and sandwiches, boats and cakes, photographs and ice cream, swings and lemanode, plays and salads, songs and eggs, music and coffee, bathing and cooling water, with hosts of other things should all go together. The vice president usually, with the president and Dr. Alday, go along, and drift back into the feeling of childhood once again, a blessed thing in the advance of years, but this time the outing day was fixed on a date when their duties imperatively demanded their presence in the Grove, and the privilege was denied them.

The children played their games, took trips on the launch, occupied the swings and tables, while young Yatman, Borden and Morgan, before admiring crowds, swam across the lake and back again.

Six of the little folks ate themselves sick and were so promptly treated in the hospital tent, under Miss Rice, as to speedily be out again mingling in their play. The Rough Riders camped in their tents or strolled where they pleased, and the girls gathered flowers until the notes of the bugle summoned them to return in the army wagon, with the feeling that one more happy day was written on their memory.



The Choir Outing

The outing of the chorus choir made its annual exploration of the grounds at Wanamassa, for which by the politeness of Clement Shoemaker, Esq., they received permission.

The day was one of rare loveliness and the singers felt as lovely as the weather as they mingled together in the pleasantness of social intercourse. It seemed to be a sentiment of faith that the Holy Spirit could be sensibly realized in the permitted recuperation of an outing through which the religion of daily life was carried forward, and which added largely to the enjoyment of the occasion.



The Elim Cottage

The Elim Cottage has been the recipient of more beneficiaries the present season than has been usual in the past. Its popularity under its management of ladies has always been large and becomes increasingly so. Everything is so conducted as to leave no impression of assistance, and the amounts paid by those who pass their time there approach so nearly the actual cost to the Elim Association that the supplemental beneficence which enables these ladies to maintain the organization is not realized.

As there are no expenses of oversight, and other necessary service is freely contributed, with no rental to pay, the cost is reduced to a minimum, which all accrues to the lessening of expense to those who sojourn there. Mrs. Blanchard's report says that in 1876 there were 42 ministers entertained and 12 wives of ministers, and between that and 1889, 2,000 had partaken of their hospitality and that the number increases with each year. The building has been considerably improved. Kindly gifts have frequently been made during the season, which have aided the ladies in supplying more comfort to the 289 guests entertained by them the present year.

These were divided into 68 ministers, 10 missionaries, 5 students, 3 evangelists and were of different denominations from different countries, but all rich in the faith of the Lord Jesus. The Association deserves the special help of kindly people and all communications referring either to contributions or applications can be addressed to Mrs. Alfred Cookman, 5230 Morris street, Germantown, Pa.

Report of Sanitary Officer

To the President and members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, in session, I submit this, my annual report, as Sanitary Officer, November 19, 1903:

The medical art may be divided into two branches or departments, the Preventative and Curative. While the latter is highly important and imperatively necessary, the former is pre-eminently superior, because its object and work is to render unnecessary the latter. To redeem a locality from the pestilence and the ravages of the death-dealing epidemic, and restore it to its primal condition, is indeed a great and good work; but to exempt the same from the scourge and its terrible consequences, is the greater achievement. It is hardly possible to estimate the invaluableness of thorough and complete sanitation. Of late it has received a great impetus, and in the progress of events has secured a just and well deserved recognition as to its absolute necessity and indispensability for the physical well-being of the human race. This idea obtains universally. It has even entered the domain of politics, and compelled a recognition of its influence and necessity. There seems to be an increasing development of the sentiment expressed by the Earl of Dudley of England in 1895. He was urged to attend a division of the House of Lords in Parliament. He replied that he could not be present, as there was a meeting of the Parsh Council in Dudley at that time, and he must be there, as matters appertaining to the physical well-being of the community, embraced in the sanitary requirements of the town, would be considered and must be attended to. In his excuse for non-attendance upon Parliament at that time he said, "It's better to mend one sewer than to make a hundred speeches about preserving the unity and dignity of the empire." This is a declaration, which, while it may require an explanatory qualification, yet it contains an underlying truth of great and vital interest, and this idea prevails and influences our interest and work in the sanitary welfare of Ocean Grove. And that this has not been in vain is manifest in the remarkable healthfulness of

the place, never more so than in the last year, especially during the past summer. We find an ever-increasing necessity for a strict and unremitting surveillance of our resident population. To a large extent they are uneducated and uninformed in the principles of hygiene and the requirements of sanitation. A slight violation of the aforesaid may result in serious and lamentable consequences. A spark is a little thing, but it may explode the magazine and scatter death and destruction all around. A simple neglect in the proper sanitation of the home premises may develop disease in the family, and through contagion, infect a whole neighborhood, and thereby spread the deadly epidemic. As far as possible this must be prevented, and hence the necessity of constant and ever-watchful care, enforced through rigid and impartial sanitation. Allow me to call your attention to the importance and benefit of having a certain number of manholes in the sewer mains, through which the sewers can be ventilated and the sewer gas escape into the open air, thereby preventing its accumulation and entering into the houses, and endangering the health of the inmates. At your last annual meeting, at our suggestion, the Association passed a resolution approving of a joint conference of the Boards of Health of Asbury Park, Neptune Township and Ocean Grove, in order to consider the condition of Wesley lake and the requirements of the same. Such a conference was held in the Association Hall on the 23rd of October, at which meeting the subject matter of the aforesaid was carefully considered. Several plans were suggested, but we regret to state that nothing tangible resulted therefrom. The Ocean Grove Board of Health, as in the past, will have to assume and exercise the oversight of the lake, and do all that is practicable in its care. On the 15th of October, as the sanitary officer of Ocean Grove, we mailed our annual report to the State Board of Health. In this report we gave a succinct and full account of the sanitary condition of the town, with a comprehensive statement of all particulars appertaining thereto. During the last year, from Oc-

tober 1st, there have been 22 new connections with the water system, making a total of 1352 dwellings connected therewith; also there have been 14 new connections with the sewer system, making a total of 1216 dwellings with the sewer system. The former includes some of the old iron vaults with grates. There have been twenty-eight complaints, including twelve nuisances, which were attended to and rectified.

The Board of Health held nine stated meetings, at which, in connection with the frequent conferences of the officers thereof, all matters appertaining to the sanitary condition of the town were carefully considered and attended to. We are pleased to report the continued satisfactory condition of the ocean outlet of the sewer system. It meets the requirements of the same. I am pleased to state that the health of Ocean Grove is very satisfactory and at the present time is free from any contagious or infectious disease. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.,

Sanitary Officer.



Report of Police Committee

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work of the Police Department:

The work of the year has passed with little friction. I have found the men employed quick and willing to do all required of them.

We have had a large summer population, and among this great crowd some who were disposed to ignore our rules.

A number of persons attempted to fish on the Sabbath day. They were promptly stopped, and others to bathe. We have a careful hand on these. On week days it has been a constant care to see that no one bathed on our beach, unless clothed in decent suits.

Bicycles, in the hands of strangers mostly, have given us considerable trouble on the Sabbath day. With very few exceptions we have prevented them from riding.

We have had no more men on during the summer than we had last year. As soon as it would warrant the reduction I laid off the extra men. Five men are now on duty—three nights, two days.

The two men in citizen's clothes, stationed on the beach and under the plankwalk and on the walk, done excellent work. Being in citizen's dress, they were enabled to surprise any persons disposed to forget the propriety of the place. They made some arrests and saw a number out of our city.

We have been troubled somewhat with mischievous boys, and girls as well, and in some cases malicious. Hallow'en night we had great crowds on our streets, some first disposed to be malicious, but by keeping them on the move we prevented damage, except in two instances. In one of these instances it was done by young men from out of town; the other by boys of our own town.

The cards ordered by your committee offering a reward of \$25 will be of great service, I believe, in the policing of our city.

Hundreds of complaints come to the officers, and to myself as well. Where worthy of notice they are arbitrated and abated as the case may be.

JOHN C. PATTERSON, Chief of Police.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Chairman.



Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee respectfully report that in the seven meetings held during the year, a careful attention has been given to the large range of business assigned to its oversight.

In the collection of past due accounts each case has been considered upon its merits. With some there has been needed a prompt application of legal action, while in others a system of forbearance was equally just. On either of these lines, but little has been really lost to the Association. The

suit of ejection for non-payment of assessments in the case of Henry M. Sanders has passed all the courts of the State in our favor, and is now before the United States Court for final decision. The suit is in exact accordance with the terms of our leases, and when once settled, will render the collection of assessments an easy matter.

There has been a special improvement in the collection of rentals over previous years, and the committee hope to so press this feature that all rentals shall be paid regularly when due, except in cases of unavoidable misfortune.

The committee report with pleasure a reduction of about seven thousand dollars in the indebtedness of the Association.

The committee report a loss of between two and three thousand dollars between the receipts and expenses of the Auditorium and Temple. This should not, as heretofore, be met by private benefactions of generous men and women, but the expenses of each should be so tabulated that these deficiencies should not exist.

The committee find no reason for change in the clerical service of the Auditorium superintendency, and recommend the reappointment of Mr. C. I. King for the season of 1904.

In obedience to a resolution of the Association that an expert should be appointed annually to examine and audit the books and accounts of the Association, with the financial statements of the cashier and bookkeeper, the committee appointed Hon. W. H. Skirm, whose service has been satisfactorily performed and whose report certifying the correctness has been made to the committee.

JAMES L. HAYS.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 18, 1903.

To the Finance Committee:

I beg leave to report that as directed by you I have examined the books and accounts of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association for the year ending September 30th, and the statement of the cashier and bookkeeper, and find them correct and the cash balance as stated viz., \$10,864.52.

I have suggested some changes in the form of keeping a few accounts, which meets the approval of the cashier and vice president and will be adopted.

WILLIAM H. SKIRM.



Report of Real Estate Committee

The Real Estate Committee respectfully report that while the business places rented from the Association have needed large repairs, they yet pay a moderate percentage upon their cost, and it is deemed unwise to demolish them and replace with more costly structures. The streets have received careful supervision. Sufficient gravel to keep them in fair condition has been held in stock and applied wherever the need became apparent. The cost has been large because of the abnormal number of severe storms, which have not only washed away the surface clay, but caused washouts which have required a considerable cost for replacing. The tents were also damaged to an estimate approximating one thousand dollars. Parties occupying them have heretofore been permitted to occupy them till later in the season. This has worked to our disadvantage, especially in the results of three autumnal storms, and it is recommended that September 15th be fixed as the date in each year when the tents shall be taken down, and the twenty-fifth when all tent kitchens must be vacated.

The lakes have also been damaged by the storms and their expenses increased accordingly.

The committee find both the Young People's Temple and the Janes Tabernacle inadequate to the needs required by the meetings held in them. It is recommended that the Executive Committee be empowered to make such changes as may be found practicable, both as to structure and cost.

It has been found impossible to entirely prevent leakage in the parts of the Auditorium devoted to music. The methods adopted have been partially successful in relieving the difficulty, and it is hoped that in the coming season they may be wholly overcome.

Our concrete walks have served and still serve a valuable purpose in our economy. They are comparatively cheap and have lasted fairly well. In many places, however, they are very much worn and both unsightly and inconvenient, and need replacing. There are parts of the Grove where they will still answer, but the stone concrete which has been successfully tried around the fire house, while more costly, is yet far better adapted to the requirements of our more thickly populated territory, and it will be wise to repave when it becomes necessary with this better and more enduring material.

Except the few which are graveled, our streets have become more unsightly and unsanitary. From the surface saturation of over thirty years, the summer dust has become intolerable and so deep that sprinkling scarcely relieves it. Compared with our neighbors, our streets do not command favorable attention. We are not permitted to assess for this improvement, and we have no claim upon the public money. Our appeal to the leaseholders asking them to assume a proportionate share of the expense of graveled their holdings has not been fully responded to. Where a portion of the residents upon a block were willing, others refused, and it of necessity was left undone. Some years since a plan was submitted to the counsel for the Association, which he pronounced then and promises now to be entirely in accord with our legal status. The plan simply proposes to increase the assessments to their legal limit of ten dollars and fifty cents, and apply the difference between that and the present rates to the improvement of streets until they, with their sidewalks and curbs, are in proper condition. Where people have already made these improvements, the amount can be credited upon their bills. The plan received the favorable attention of the Association.



Postoffice and Telegraph

The postoffice and telegraph office still rank as among the most efficient in the State. They have the advantage in man-

agement of W. H. Hamilton, a man who has grown up from childhood in the business, and has grown up also in that business at Ocean Grove offices, which have been filled to the acceptance of all the different administrations controlling the postoffice department and also the Western Union. There is no office in New Jersey so difficult to handle, and there is none handled more efficiently or with less complaint, or where all complaints have been more satisfactorily answered.



Report of Ushers and Collectors

The ushers and collectors have continued to deserve the high appreciation of the Association for the effective work performed by them in seating the people and collecting their offerings. At their banquet Chairman Dickey said of them that none of them looked the worse for the toils of the season and complimented them upon the patience and dignity with which their arduous duties had been performed.

In the eulogies given, they were characterized as men deserving the highest appreciation of the Association, doing work freely for the love of Ocean Grove, which would cost prohibitory amounts if paid for as the same line of men are paid elsewhere in other entertainments. Indeed, it could not be procured at all for the reason that these gentlemen occupy positions in the world where an ordinary usher's compensation would be no compensation to them. None other than gentlemen could satisfactorily do this work at Ocean Grove, and none other than gentlemen are in the corps whose banquet was celebrated. There were occasions when the pressure of the people from outside, in their eagerness to force an early entrance upon those more immediately near the door, would make resistance by the ticket receivers an absolute necessity for the securance of order. This was sometimes misunderstood, but in general the suavity of these ushers was equal to the needs and prevented any serious misunderstand-

ings. The following resolution of appreciation was passed by order of the Association:

“The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association at their annual session, November 19, 1903, desire to make grateful recognition of the efficient work of the ushers and collectors who have so laboriously and acceptably served us in their very important department. We would especially commend T. M. Dickey, upon whom the central responsibility rests and whose self-denying diligence is above all praise. Brother S. M. Myers, in association with his faithful coadjutors (G. A. Buch and D. W. Burnett), has made a record of painstaking fidelity in the accounting of monies received in the basket offerings. To these excellent men we cheerfully give hearty thanks for work that is beyond pecuniary measure.

“JOHN E. ANDRUS,

“W. H. WARDELL,

“Committee.”



Law and Ordinance Committee

There has been no legislation affecting us the past year. Efforts have been made to pass legislative bills impairing our privileges, which, however, have not been successful.

Our ordinances are undergoing revision and will be ready for adoption at our next meeting and in time for use next summer.



Report of Ice Committee

The usual quantity of 2,000 tons of the purest quality was purchased for us through Mr. Preston, which has been served to our patrons with general satisfaction. There has been a fuller system of checks and balances in its distribution, which has slightly diminished its expense and which, when more fully perfected, will reduce them still more. The same reasons which have actuated the past still are forceful in our continuance of supply to the people. The business evens to

us its cost, while at the same time it enables us to protect the people against trust combinations whose tendency would be to make prices oppressive. Our supply was exhausted before the close of the season, but we were able to secure an additional quantity at prices which carried us through without loss.

Ice purchased, 2,305 tons; cost, \$3,153.92; profit, \$1,296.92; still to be collected, \$559.84, which is thought to be collectible. The ice was purchased through Mr. Preston on practically the same terms as in the previous year and sold on the same schedule of prices.

J. H. ALDAY,

Chairman Ice Committee.



The Building Inspector

The Building Inspector reports a careful inspection of all the buildings, especially their liability to fire, and placing all defective ones in the order of safety. Twelve substantial modern buildings have been erected during the year, all property located, with a large number remodeled and improved, and twenty-three permits have been filed. We have now hotels and cottages 1678, with 76 other buildings and stores—five for religious service, 298 canvas tents, 290 tent kitchens, 275 of which have lattice work.



The Purchasing Committee

The Purchasing Committee has done most of its business through its chairman, Brother Preston. Where this has not been the case the committee has given their approval to the purchases made through the office.



Superintendent's Report

All the loose property of the Association is carefully kept in the places provided for it. An extra man was on duty

in the summer feeding the horses at 3.30 a. m. in time for the ice deliveries, and to have a general oversight of the Association yard. The teams have been employed in the intervals of other work in carting gravel and top soil, and have paid their way during the winter. The wagons have been kept in good condition. The heavy rains have made the past year the hardest of any upon our streets. Many of them have broken through to the original sand and hundreds of loads of ashes and dirt were carted to make them passable. All of our culverts in prominent places had to be built over or thoroughly repaired. Our graveled streets, especially Broadway and Main avenue, also suffered greatly from the wash of the rains. Franklin avenue from New York to Pilgrim, Abbott from Central to Ocean, and Spray from Beach to Ocean, have been graveled at the joint expense of the leaseholders and the Association.

New shingle roofs have been put on twenty-three of our tent kitchens, and seventeen have lattices built to them, which all bring an increased rent corresponding with the cost.

Our extension of time for residence was attended with disastrous results. Many of the tents were blown down and injured, probably from \$600 to \$1,000.

The new ice house saved the ice better than the one destroyed by fire. We have had good, honest service, and but little complaint.

The plankwalk has needed and will continue to need watchful attention, so many thousand people passing over it. Notwithstanding constant care, some places apparently sand would break through without warning and injuries would occur. Materials for instant repair were kept in store for ready use, and have prevented serious trouble. Several thousand feet of plank have been laid during the summer in the needs of absolute safety, and the same will be necessary in the season before us.

The original stairways of the Auditorium have been taken down on the north and south side and so turned as to lead di-

rectly out into the street, making the exit twice the original size. The exit at the head of the stairs has also been widened on the east end. A very considerable amount of repairing has been done to the surroundings of the building, as also to all our other buildings, partly made necessary by the storms and partly by the natural wear and tear and decay. All has been done as economically as possible.

Abstract of report of Superintendent J. C. Patterson.



The Advisory Committee

The stated committees have been able, through the powers conferred upon them by the Association, to deal effectively with the routine of our business. I have understood the meaning of advisory to be the taking charge of cases, suddenly arising, that were beyond the power of these committees, and where the circumstances would not permit or justify calling the Association together. No such circumstances have arisen and consequently no such emergency has been held.



Railways

The receipts of the Long Branch railway show an increase of \$100,000, a large part of which is due to the large traffic of our station. It has spent this amount in the installation of a first-class block signal system, greatly increasing the safety of travel.

There has been no violation of their agreement regarding Sunday trains, which dates back to 1869-70, when men interested in camp meetings and Sabbath observance proposed to found a Christian resort, which should include both these. This was accepted by the railway company and an agreement that trains should not stop on Sundays was made part of the contract. Under these conditions a large and prosperous population has grown up in Ocean Grove and Asbury Park,

while the business of the road has grown far beyond the wildest calculation. The Camp Meeting Association would have no sufficient motive to keep them here if this agreement was broken, and both Asbury Park and Ocean Grove would severely feel the loss if the Auditorium services were suspended, and in the kind of population which take the place of those who would leave. It is the system of a place where there is a real Sabbath that has made property valuable, and the continuance of the system continues the prosperity, both to the railway and the towns.

Mr. Besler, general manager of the New Jersey Central, Mr. Blodgett, superintendent of the Long Branch road, and General Manager Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania road, have earned the high appreciation of Ocean Grove by their efficient administration of public travel in forms which have few parallels in their perfection of service and safety from accident, to which may be added the uniform courtesy and fairness with which all requests have been considered and, whenever the circumstances permitted, have been granted.



Hotel Keepers' Association

At the close of the season Professor Morgan requested the presence of the hotel keepers of the Grove for the formation of an association by which an orchestra might continue to be supported during the season and so contribute toward not only keeping intact the large number who are attracted here by high class music, but increasing it by still further advancements on the program.

The hotels were well represented and listened to the statement that Ocean Grove is getting to be known as one of the greatest musical centres of the country, and has reached such an eminence as to command a page, weekly, in the New York Musical Courier, which has a circulation of over fifty thousand among the class of people whose refinement would induce them to associate musical pleasure with the refine-

ment of a resort like Ocean Grove. He made plain the fact that an orchestra like ours could not be obtained at a less cost than six hundred dollars for its every member, which in itself would make it prohibitive. It could only be met by providing the cost between the Association and the hotel proprietors, the one providing the places for their sleeping and sitting rooms, music and salaries, and the others contributing the table board. The proposition met with favor and was adopted by those present with a recommendation to those who had been unable to attend to join the movement. He outlined a plan by which the season could be profitably lengthened for the proprietors. A series of concerts could be given after the regular camp season closed, which would fill in the two weeks already given by the Association into which he could bring the Thousand Island orchestra to the Grove for their outing, as the Ocean Grove orchestra goes there for theirs.

Dr. Wallace was present, the last public meeting of his life, and spoke in its favor.



The Carnival

The annual carnival on Wesley Lake, after being postponed for a couple of nights because of storm, came off in a style of elegance unsurpassed by anything in all the days gone. It was calculated that from Park and Grove and all the regions round about, at least fifty thousand people witnessed the fete. The electric lights, both on the banks and in the fountains, received a large meed of applause as they were turned on, while the band played "America." The boats were not in naval squadrons, but each pursued its own way, as will always be the case with boys whenever they have the opportunity. The decorations, both of the boats and the houses along the banks were beautiful, and were in a good taste which harmonized with the occasion. The first prize for cottage decoration was awarded to Mr. S. M. Randall, of 56 Lake avenue. The first boat prize was awarded to Cap-

tain M. T. Banks. The display of fireworks was generally conceded to be the best ever given.

The carnival has become a recognized institution of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, and takes its rank among the festivities forming the attractions which bring people to the twin cities for their summer outing.



Our Firemen

It is difficult to speak of this noble body of self-sacrificing men without lapsing into terms which bear the appearance of adulation. At the first tap of the bell, while people are wondering what is the matter, every member leaves his work and hurries to his engine. If it is at night he puts on his clothes while running, and before half the people are awake the engine is clattering down the street in the direction of the blaze. There is no question of what may be the risk or danger to themselves; their one object is to reach and extinguish the blaze, which is often done more rapidly than in a paid department. The generous feeling that they are working for the general good incites them to a fuller exertion than would be theirs if it was simply so much work for so much pay; just as a man will risk his life from a noble emotion when he would not do it at all if it was simply a matter of money. The department is made up of the citizens of the Grove, whose members are accessible to its best society, and its record for order and politeness, as well as efficiency, is not surpassed by any other organization of whatever kind within our bounds.

In pursuance of its annual custom, the Association tendered the Auditorium to the firemen for one entertainment, whose results should be applied to still further perfecting their plans for efficient service. A large audience vouched the appreciation of the people for the interest represented.

There have been six alarms of fire, calling out the department in the year now past—four in Ocean Grove and two in

West Grove, within the limit of the fire district. Of these, only the Lawrence House was real. The rest were caused by frightened people who rushed for the alarm before they saw whether there was any real cause. The firemen responded promptly in every case, and possibly by that promptness prevented a fire from happening. The damage to the Lawrence House was caused by the upsetting of a lamp entrusted to the hands of a child, and was sufficiently serious to justify its destruction and removal, and it is now probable that a handsome structure will be erected in its place.

The Lawrence House was an old, historic building, the first of its kind along the ocean frontage.

The fire occurred just as the Sunday evening service was closing. The people seemed to realize the gravity of the situation, and no rush was made for egress and all the people went out at the regular doors, which were found amply sufficient to prevent the crush of a crowd and no one was injured. It was a matter of surprise that a building made of material easily enkindled, blazing all over with a rapidity of destruction unequaled in our history, did not communicate the fire to the buildings surrounding it. Indeed, nothing but the intelligent conceptions and splendid work of the firemen did so control it and preserved the town from a general conflagration. There were a number of persons who did nothing themselves, continually insisting in instructing the firemen to work in some better way. It was to the credit of the men that they refrained from turning the hose upon them.

The department was in good condition at the close of the last Association year, but has added a five hundred dollar supply wagon, with five hundred feet of hose.

The truck has purchased additional ladders, and the entire apparatus of all the companies is practically new.



Bathing

The security felt by the bathing people in the life-saving men who are employed by the Ross, Lillagore and Park es-

tablishments, is one of the great factors which make these resorts so widely popular. While more people bathe here than all the other coast coast resorts, and lives are frequently lost in them, no lives have been lost here in the year just passed.

The calls for their service are continual. Women, whose feet slip from under them, shriek for help when there is no danger, and very young men show their bravery by going into water deepward and then cry harder than the women for help, which the life-savers always give them. Cases of cramp frequently occur, and some inadvertently get beyond their depth, but they are never left without immediate assistance, and the people have come to realize that sea bathing can be enjoyed here in a safety of protection not realized anywhere else along the Atlantic Coast. A journal says: "We noticed a number of bathers out a great distance beyond the safety lines and could not refrain from wishing that there were some authority by which these venturesome swimmers might be brought ashore and publicly thrashed. Fortunately no accident happened, but had one of these men been taken with cramps, or through fatigue been unable to combat the current, the whole group of bathers would have been endangered by the life guard having to devote his entire attention to the fool swimmer. Let us punish these reckless bathers!"

The bathing season was considerably interrupted by the changes made along the shore, which affected it very considerably, especially at Ross', where the sand washed up and formed a bar, always changing, and therefore difficult to locate the best places for the bathers. But they were equal to the emergency, and every possibility of danger was perfectly guarded so that no serious accident occurred, and the people found their confidence rewarded.

Our Sunday rules for bathing have been kept intact. The towns both above and below permit it, and it has sometimes been difficult to induce people who bathe from these places to understand why they cannot do so here. Our police, how-

ever, have been successful in preserving our order without the need of resorting to any harsh measures for the accomplishment of the object.

There has been but little trouble from improper conduct or improper apparel. People have been willing to obey the rules given them.



Music in the Grove

The bathing pavilions were liberally supplied with music, enlivening the bathing hours and attracting visitors to their grounds.

The hotels in many cases supplied it for their guests during meals, and in the evenings for guests whose years or infirmities made them desire to remain indoors. The festivities of private families included many a musicale, and the public school was enlivened with an orchestra of its own, created and led by Professor vanGilluwe.



The Newspapers

Dr. Ballard desires to express a large sense of obligation to the Ocean Grove Times, the Asbury Park Press and the Asbury Park Journal for the very valuable help afforded him through their reporters in preparing the record of public service through the season, not only for the material itself, but for the superior literary forms in which the reports were clothed and the gentlemanly courtesies with which they sought the information for their respective journals.



Assemblies for 1904

Among the assemblies slated for 1904 are the Sunday School Assembly, Bible Conference, Spiritual Culture, Sunshine, W. C. T. U., Epworth League, W. F. and W. H. Missionary, National Temperance, Sabbath Association, Summer School of Theology and Missionary Training School.

Gas in Ocean Grove

After many interviews, followed by delays almost incidental to important enterprises, a final agreement has been reached between the Ocean Grove Association and the Coast Gas Company, by which at their earliest adjustment of other engagements, the company will install their plant in Ocean Grove. There still remain the details of contract to be submitted, which will not be seriously difficult. It will now remain for the people to make preparation for piping their houses and purchasing stoves as soon as the company gives notice that the work has commenced.



Trees

On what is called tree planting day, memorial trees were planted in the names of William B. Osborn, Rev. George W. Evans and B. F. Adams, with the usual appropriate ceremonies. A number of others were also planted by private parties in commemoration of deceased relatives or friends. The custom inaugurated by the Association is one of the pleasantest ways known of memorializing the dead.



The Ocean Grove Echoes

The sermons and lectures delivered at Ocean Grove in 1903 can be found in the Ocean Grove Echoes, a monthly magazine edited by Rev. Thomas S. Brock, published at Ocean Grove, at twenty-five cents per copy, postpaid.

NOTE.—It was impossible to secure a photograph of Mr. John S. Huyler for reproduction in this report.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Report
of the
Ocean Grove
Camp-Meeting Association
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church



There's ozone by the sea !
The ocean's heart beats on forevermore.
Pulsings of health which throb against the shore.
Where fever bathes its temples o'er and o'er.
Softly, refreshingly !
Where forest balm and pine grove's fragrant breath
Mingle with wind-tossed waves, dispelling dews of death.

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This committee shall arrange the program for the season, appoint all leaders of meetings and music, supervise all public exercises, with their contracts and expenditures.

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Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, President

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All matters pertaining to health, sanitation, the sewers, and infectious, contagious and epidemic diseases will be under the direction of this board in accordance with the laws of the State.

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This committee shall have the oversight of all the accounts of the Association; shall recommend proper employes for Association and Auditorium offices to the Executive Committee; shall have charge of all financial litigation; shall consider and report to the Executive Committee all rentals and franchises and suggest financial ways and means to the Association.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Hon. W. H. Skirm

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E. Hanthorn

J. S. Huyler

A. J. Palmer

E. N. Cole

All accounts of the Association shall be audited and passed upon by this committee.

REAL ESTATE AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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This committee shall care for, consider and report on all questions relating to lands, buildings, tents, lumber, tools, jetties, land-titles, streets, avenues, parks, walks, bridges, ocean front, piers, bulkheads, lakes, live stock, and also all employes of the Association not otherwise under the control of other committees.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER COMMITTEE

T. J. Preston	A. H. DeHaven	M. E. Blanchard
J. E. Andrus	J. S. Huyler	A. M. Palmer

The electric light and water station and machinery, the employment of its workmen, the fixing of the rates and the method of supply of both water and light—whether by meters or otherwise—together with all the requirements of the station, shall be under the charge of this committee.

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Judge C. E. Hendrickson		Rev. W. H. Morgan
A. M. Palmer		H. M. Brown

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USHERS AND COLLECTORS

T. M. Dickey	Wm. H. Skirm	S. M. Myers	E. N. Cole
A. H. DeHaven	M. E. Blanchard		W. S. Heisler

This committee shall appoint and assign all ushers and collectors, and receive and count and report the collections to the cashier for bank deposit daily.

ICE COMMITTEE

J. H. Alday, M. D.	A. E. Ballard	T. J. Preston
J. R. Daniels	Rev. H. M. Brown	

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of the president and all members of the Association who may be upon the ground at any time when the president shall desire to call them together for counsel, in a case of emergency.

The order of business was slightly changed so as to read: Devotional exercises, calling of roll, reading of minutes, report of officers, reports of committees, miscellaneous business.

All committees shall report to the Executive Committee at its regular meetings.

No committee shall have power to expend money without the authority of the Association or Executive Committee.

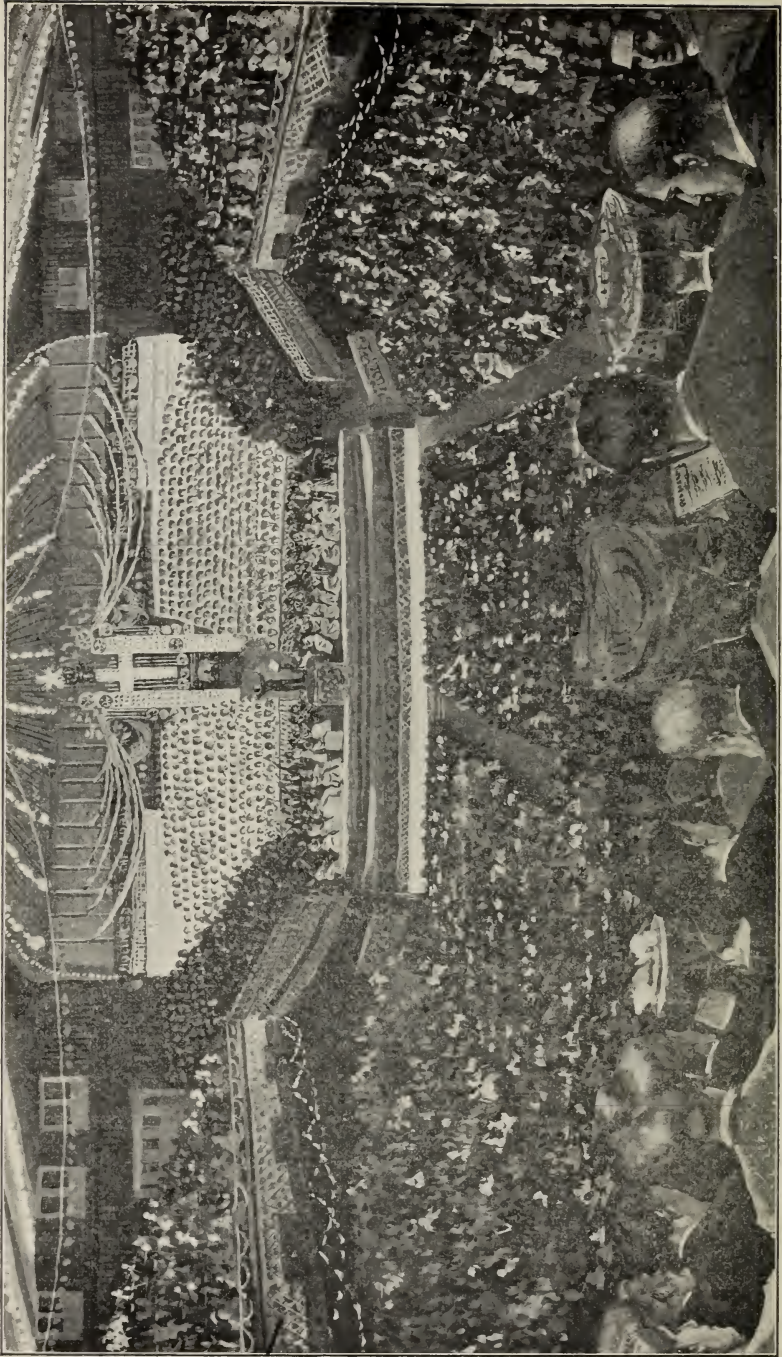
A majority of any committee shall be necessary for a quorum.

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	ADAM WALLACE	
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	GEO. HUGHES	

THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
 Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep ;
 Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
 And dim old forests cast their shadows deep ;
 Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed ;
 And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
 Here many a time the story they rehearsed,
 Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



Interior of the Ocean Grove Auditorium—taken at a performance of "The Elijah," given by the Ocean Grove and the New York Festival Choruses, seven hundred voices, under the direction of Tall Esau Morgan

Report of the President

Of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Dear Brethren:

For the thirty-fifth time the members of the Ocean Grove Association now assemble in annual meeting to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. The year's labors have been blest of God. In His name we joyfully recount triumphs that give abundant proof that the Gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation. The general testimony is, that never in the history of Ocean Grove has there been greater building up of Christian character, and more intelligent and complete surrender of heart and life to the Divine service, than during the season through which we have just passed. The word of God, the Holy Bible, has been specially honored and magnified, and has been found to be quick and powerful. Its entrance has given light.

Unto Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift be all the glory.

While rejoicing over victories that have thus been won, we record the fact that, like those who had previously triumphed as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, another of our associates has achieved final victory. The Rev. George Hughes, one of the original members of our Association, having fought the good fight, finished his course October 9, 1904. Full of years and of such honors as always rest upon the good, he has gone to receive the crown of life that was laid up for him. An appropriate minute will be adopted and spread upon our journal, setting forth his great merit and our high appreciation of his faithful and long continued service.

The list of our honored dead is becoming more extended as the years pass. We, too, shall enter that list ere many more seasons shall come and go. But until we so enter, let

us give ourselves fully to the work that has been committed to us, hoping that when that work shall have been completed we may hear the Master say, "Well done."

Such approval will, we believe, be given to those who prove faithful in both spiritual and material things. While seeking to promote the former in the largest measure, we have also sought to advance the latter. In doing so we have, during the year, found large expenditures to be necessary for the making of much-needed improvements. The money so expended has not, however, been lost, but is retained in the form of "betterments" that largely increase our property values.

We have been urged to venture upon certain other expenditures, but have not yet seen our way clear to do so. "Give us gas," is a cry which, though by no means general, is still being sounded. Through the year we have continued our efforts to secure from those who sound the cry, and also from others, pledges that they will use the gas if it shall be introduced to our grounds. But our success has been most meagre. At our last annual meeting, attention was called to this same difficulty, in the hope that it might be remedied by those who are so urgent in their demands; but thus far it has neither been removed nor in any fair degree diminished.

To establish the necessary "works" would require a large outlay of money which we should be obliged to raise by means of interest-bearing loan. Such outlay we have been, and are, ready to make, not only as soon as there shall be any prospect of gain, but as soon as there shall be even presumptive evidence of security against loss.

It will not meet the case to suggest that the franchise be sold to others, because the consideration for such sale would be based upon profits resulting from the practical working of the enterprise; and under existing conditions those profits would be nil, while the loss resulting from the occupancy of our streets and grounds would be enormous. No one can accomplish the work better than we can; but

even we cannot do it without at least reasonable assurance of patronage.

It rests, therefore, with those who should be our patrons, to determine by their pledges what the future shall bring forth touching the matter in question.

Wesley Lake should be one of the most inviting features of this beautiful seaside region, but in its westerly section it is rather a thing to be turned from as possessing nothing attractive to either eyes or nostrils. We are owners of only one-half of the lake, and we have no control whatever over its polluted chief tributary. Therefore, we alone cannot remedy the existing evils. If the owners of the other half, and those who have jurisdiction over the said tributary would unite with us, a work might be performed that would secure the ardent admiration of all who may visit the place. And unless some such union of effort can be made voluntarily, we shall hope that some recognized authority may order that those who are responsible for the present faulty condition of the lake, shall remedy it at once, and shall henceforth guard against its recurrence.

It is well known that from the beginning Sabbath Observance has been one of the cardinal principles of the Ocean Grove Association. In order to its promotion, Sunday traffic within certain limits has been interdicted by agreement between our Association and the Railroad Company. Once, at least, since the original compact was made, new covenants were entered into by which the limits were changed; but never has the principle been yielded by the Association—nor has it been violated by the Railroad Company within the bounds agreed upon.

Early in the season of 1904 the question of a readjustment of the limits was presented to us. Correspondence and personal interviews were had with the railroad authorities. The existing agreements were carefully reviewed, and the prohibition of Sunday traffic under said agreements was not questioned—nor had it been at any time previous. Furthermore, the restrictions had been fully observed, and we were

assured that they would be so observed in the future unless changed by mutual agreement between the parties to the contracts. The railroad representatives, while giving such assurances, set forth, however, that dangerous conditions existed, particularly at one point, and that serious embarrassments were being experienced. They urged also that, without any impairment of the principle involved, mutual advantages would be gained by a revision and change of the convention previously made—not for the purpose of abridging the restrictions, but with a view to the fixing of new limits in accordance with suggestions that were submitted. Days and weeks were spent in considering all the phases of the subject. The correspondence and interviews—though protracted—were conducted in the most fraternal spirit. Finally an agreement was reached by which the limits were changed and at the same time extended. This agreement was more satisfactory to the Railroad Companies than was the former one, and was also regarded as more advantageous to the Ocean Grove Association, as well as to the cause of Sabbath observance. It is duly recorded in the County Clerk's office, and is on file in duplicate in the archives of the contracting parties. The correspondence is also on file, and is recorded in full in our Association journal.

The large increase of permanent population in Ocean Grove and in all the towns that have developed from it and now surround its borders, creates new and difficult problems such as were not dreamed of when the place was founded. Conditions have been immeasurably changed in many respects, and in order to meet them we need to give great heed to our administrative work. Provision for and care of streets, sewers, lighting, water, schools, fire department, police, wharfage, sanitary needs, franchises, buildings, and, indeed, the multiplied things that pertain to the affairs of a city, now devolve upon us. We are happy, however, to record the fact that these have been cared for, and that in caring for them no necessity has been found for violating or compromising any of the great principles for which we are

known to stand. Particulars concerning the working of these various branches of the service, and also details relative to other important matters may be learned from the reports to be presented by the Standing Committees.

Under the advice of our legal counsel the matter of revising the rules and ordinances of the Association has received careful attention. New ordinances have been enacted and old ones have been amended so as to make more certain the preservation and promotion of the interest of all who bear relation to Ocean Grove.

To prepare and execute a summer's program is by no means a light task. The manner in which it has been performed will fully appear from the report of the Devotional Committee, which is presented herewith. Said report will set forth the divisions of spiritual, charitable, educational and other services, and will show that our labor on each of these lines has been abundantly fruitful.

"The closing year!" "The opening year!" Of these we speak today. We look back upon the one with devout thanksgiving and out upon the other with faith and hope.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD,
President.



Report of the Vice President

Of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

The Vice President respectfully reports to the Association that its committees, standing and special, have met the requirements of their positions as the necessities have arisen. Their powers have been defined so amply, that the Executive Committee has not found it necessary to call itself together as frequently as was arranged at the executive meeting early in the year, especially as one or more of its members was on all committees, and was able to judge whether anything required executive action. Whenever that has been the case I have used the authority attached to my position to call it together. Most of its members were business men engaged in transactions of large importance, to whom the detaching of a day was of consequence, and they objected to its interruption for the consideration of a matter which could be properly settled by its own committee and whose approval was usually final. There were three meetings called on these lines, the last of which failed for want of a quorum. All were of an inconsequential character and they naturally fell into desuetude.

There has been comparatively little complaint over the increased assessments. The people see the graveled streets and realize the added value to their property. The exemption of the amount previously paid by lessees for graveling in front of their homes, less the cost of fresh recovering, has solved the question of inequality in cost. This great improvement has so placed their property in a favorable light for purchasers, and so relieved the complaints regarding dust, that all seem willing to accept the expense because of its benefit. The placing of sidewalks and curbs in accordance

with the new law, and the ordinances founded upon them, has met some opposition which, however, has been kindly and wisely met, and subsided without active opposition.

The far-sightedness of Ocean Grove in conveying property through leases, rather than fee simple deeds, has been made apparent in a recent judicial decision affecting Ocean City, whose deeds, while prohibiting certain kinds of business on Sundays, were yet declared incompetent to provide ejections. The decision permits a freedom in Sunday traffic certainly never contemplated by its founders.

The East Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church of America was accorded permission to hold their annual session in our buildings after the close of the Camp Meeting. They sang our hymns and conducted their services so much like our own that on most occasions it would have been difficult to distinguish the difference.

The National Educational Association, one of the largest convening bodies in the nation, of which Hon. James L. Hays is a member, have made their arrangements to hold their session for 1905 at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park in the week covering July 4, when our buildings are free. I have ventured to say that the Association will no doubt tender the use of their buildings.

I am still profoundly grateful for the vigorous health which accompanies my continuance in life. That sight and hearing, digestion and sleep, the activity of my powers, both physical and mental, are not denied me; that I do not feel the infirmities usually attendant upon advanced years; that while I know the years usually accorded to man have been reached, I do not feel it. That in all this I have an association, both with one of the great objects of my life and the men who have grown up with it; that I have the opportunity to earn the support of my family, rather than have it given me; that I am accorded a position which gives me the respect of men—and, the respect of God—makes me grateful beyond expression.

I see my comrades falling! Only Brother Franklin and

myself are left of all who first constituted Ocean Grove. And I feel that while earth is fair and pleasant to me, and my evening time is light, yet whenever the Lord shall want me to join the ones now above, I shall be ready and happy to go there and find a place in the occupations of the world beyond where, there is no doubt in my mind, the ones gone over are already employed.

I am deeply sensible of the honor which crowns my later years in the position assigned me at Ocean Grove. No day passes without earnest prayer that I may intelligently and faithfully discharge the duties involved in that position. Should it again be conferred upon me, I shall trust still for this purpose in the wisdom that comes from God for the best good of Ocean Grove and consequently the glory of God.

A. E. BALLARD.



The Opening Sunday

The opening Sunday was one of overpowering heat, which made it unsafe for many to be for any lengthened period away from the breezes at the ocean, yet the attendance was larger than the previous year. The Holiness, Assembly and Young People's Meetings had each large congregations, and the chorus choir followed the same numeration.

Bishop FitzGerald notified the Devotional Committee to provide a preacher for the day, which it did by appointing the Bishop himself, who emphasized in his discourse the pre-eminent vices of society, especially as they affected the church and lessened its power to overcome the world.

The Sunday schools, with the exception of the Bible Class, met together in the Temple with a goodly number present. The meeting at the beach had for its speakers Prof. I. F. Russell, Drs. Cummings and Yatman, each of whom made impressive addresses to an audience corresponding in size to what was usual in the latter part of the season.

On the succeeding Sabbath, July 3, Bishop Luther B. Wilson, recently elected to membership in the Ocean Grove Association and the Episcopacy of the church, preached in the morning on the "Transcendent value of man and womanhood to God and the nation," and in the evening applied the principle more extensively to national patriotism.



Our National Anniversary

The national anniversary was observed in the forms usual to Ocean Grove by a display of flags from the houses and by fireworks upon the beach, which passed without accident from the toy pistols or fire from explosions.

On the previous Saturday evening there was a presentation of Pratt's pictures of war. The patriotic Sunday was represented through Bishop Luther B. Wilson. The anniversary day brought a large assembly together, which included Grand Army men sufficient to fill eight rows of seats,

to listen to an oration from Gen. O. O. Howard, the Christian and patriot soldier of the Civil War, on the different Presidents who have filled the executive chair during the two great wars which have characterized the last half century. The oration was in the orator's happiest vein and elicited frequent applause.



Sunday School Assembly

The Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly convened under the general supervision of Rev. Dr. Charles L. Mead in Thornley Chapel on July 5 and continued its sessions, alternating with the Young People's Meeting in the Temple, until July 16, when it closed with a students' reception at the Arlington.

The early morning hour was given to Mrs. A. B. Francis, of Hoboken, N. J., beginning with general Old Testament history, illustrated by Old Testament incidents, which grew naturally into New Testament history, illustrated in same way for the New Testament world.

This was followed by Palestine, with its great Temple at Jerusalem, and the remaining exercises were given in forms calculated to deepen the impressions of the lessons which were made almost as realistic as if they were occurrences of today.

Dr. Sitterly, of Drew Seminary, was the Assembly's special lecturer on "Jesus." The lectures were opened with his Bibliography. Then his infancy, childhood, youth and manhood, followed by his baptism, temptation, Cana marriage and Capernaum, followed again by his Indian and Galilean ministry. Then came again the second and third periods of that ministry, followed by the Perea and the wonderful passion week, closing in a way never to be forgotten with the "Forty Days!"

His entire service concluded on Sunday morning with a sermon on the "Four Women," who along the life and in

the death, stood by Jesus. The lectures were largely instructive and effectively delivered.

Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, of Morristown, N. J., a veteran in Sunday school work, whose abilities have been so recognized by the highest authorities of Methodism as to connect him with its national work, embodied the results of his experience in a series of practical lectures. He first spoke of what a Sunday school really was, then its organization, the qualities of its teachers, the preparation necessary for the vocation, the laws which are necessary to success, closing with the Sunday school as a soul winner.



Scene on the beach, near Lillagore's

Mrs. Mabel Farraday, vice president of the Assembly, and Miss Maud Ramer, a crayon artist, rendered valuable assistance through all the days of the meetings.

On the Saturday of its closing the commencement exercises were held, under which Bishop FitzGerald presented the diplomas, followed by the parade through Auditorium Park and the Alumni's annual reception at the Arlington.

The Assembly has received an untiring supervision

from the unpaid superintendency of Dr. Mead, who has procured for it the ablest assistants found in the church; but it has not succeeded in arresting the popular attention to an extent commensurate with the talent or money employed in its conducting. Possibly a change of time to some other part of the summer might give it a stronger grasp upon the people.

Among the evening entertainments presented during the progress of the Sunday School Assembly were three illustrated lectures by Herbert H. Booth, representing the fearful sufferings of the early Christians—their courage and fortitude under tortures which only were relieved by death, their triumph when it came, and their testimony for Jesus. All the way through the impression made by the lecturer was vividly realistic and brought into fuller light what the early Christians suffered in order to hand down to us the faith of the gospel.



Summer Sunday School

The Sunday School Bible Class was led by Rev. Dr. L. W. Munhall, the intermediate department of which was superintended by Rev. Joseph A. Hudson, and the primary under the care of Mrs. W. H. Skirm. Its Chinese classes were conducted by Miss Eva Mackrell. All had exceptional prosperity.

Dr. Munhall's analytical knowledge of Scripture, and his original forms of orthodox explanations, which entertains while it instructs, has continued the class in the fullness of its past history.

Mr. Hudson has drawn upon the avails of an extended successful experience as a superintendent, and with Messrs. D. D. Peak, Charles Vaughn and others, has advanced the school, both in numbers and income.

Mrs. Skirm, who has from childhood been a successful Sunday school worker in her home church in Trenton, has brought all she has so learned into practical usefulness here.

Putting a loving heart into her forms of organization, she has been able to hold these little people, though freed from ordinary restraints, to attendance upon that most difficult of all departments called the primary, and made it the equal in the ratio of advance of the other organizations of the school.

Most of these workers expect to be here in the coming summer, and are looking hopefully forward to another season of work for Christ among His little ones.

There is no part of our Sunday school work deserving of higher appreciation than the Chinese class. There were about forty attendants at the school, who all gave evidence of their interest in the teachings of the Bible, and whose lives bear testimony to their faith. Miss Mackrell and her assistants deserve the highest praise for their consecration to this work and the reward which is found in their services.

The Children's Day service in the Sunday school was held in the Temple, which was beautifully decorated in forms which corresponded with the ideas represented.

These were furnished, both in design and execution, by Mrs. Robert and Mr. Charles Vaughn, who for many years have been summer residents of Ocean Grove.

Besides the decorations there was an uniquely appropriate conception, almost a cantata in pantomime of the "Voyage of Life," composed by Mr. George C. Thomas, which, with the aid of a slight scenic arrangement, made an impressive service. A boat was filled with boys and girls, trained to their respective parts, who began the voyage by weighing the anchor of Hope, hoisting its sails of Purity, passing through the shoals and quicksands of Forbidden Pleasures, holding off from the rocks of Doubt and the breakers of Temptation. Their chart was the Bible and their pilot the Saviour. With these they safely passed the storms of severe trials until they anchored safely by the Rock of Ages, from which rock life was passed in fishing for souls, after which the sails were set again and their life voyage completed at the Haven of Rest in the land of the blessed.

The training to which is due so much of its success was given principally by Miss Margaret Asay, who devoted part of each day for three weeks in its accomplishment.

In the conduct of the Sunday school the superintendent reports an increase of attendance, which looks backward to the earlier days when the church blended its school with that of the Association. He also gives special credit to the voluntary labor of Mr. D. D. Peak, secretary, and active laborer for almost all the years of its past, Mr. Vaughn and others who assisted in the successful work of the services. There was a short ritual service, appropriate to childhood, with hymns interspersed, printed on leaflets, whose rhythm was easily followed.

In the Patriotic and Children's Day both departments of Temple and Primary met in the Temple, each aiding in the exercises. On July 10, not the greatest day, the Bible Class numbered 555, the Primary 306, the Chinese 17, and the Intermediate 800.



National Sabbath Union

The National Sabbath Union, originating sixteen years ago in the General Conference of our church, held its anniversary in the Grove on Sunday, July 10.

Rev. Frederick J. Manley, D. D., its corresponding secretary, filled the morning service, announcing as the theme: "How to observe, preserve and maintain the Sabbath," in which he characterized Ocean Grove as a natural leader in any movement intended to restore to us a true observance of the Sabbath.

In the evening Rev. C. F. Sitterley lectured on "The Four Women," three Marys and Salome, who were most closely connected with Christ and His work, and who gave as their supplements John, Joseph of Arimathaea, the Centurion and Nicodemus.

Its originality of conception and delivery compelled a vivid interest from its commencement to its close.

Hospital Sunday

Rev. Dr. W. J. George, of Kansas City, filled the pulpit on July 16, the day devoted to the practical ideas of religion in the maintenance of hospitals. The morning subject was the Bethesda Pool for impotent folk, the Jewish hospital for healing, whose development in Christianity is far beyond its original conception, and whose progress is such that it will soon embody all that is claimed in modern faith healing.

In the evening he told of Christ as the living stone, which like all stones, had a peculiar growth of its own, and whose life and growth continues evermore, upon which the church is builded.

On September 11, the closing day of public exercises, he preached again on the "Pre-existence, humiliation and exaltation of Christ," and in the evening on a "Bird's eye view of the Bible." The preacher identified the sermons with the closing in forms which were appropriate to the occasion. Between three and four thousand persons were present at the service.

At the conclusion of the service Bishop FitzGerald discovered the presence of Governor Murphy, Senators Dryden, Scott and Fairbanks, all Methodists, upon the platform, and in a two minutes' statement that Ocean Grove had always extended honor to the heads of government in the persons of Presidents Grant and McKinley, Gov. Roosevelt and the Governors of New Jersey, introduced them to the congregation, who gave them the usual salute and dispersed without any unusual demonstration.



Woman's Suffrage Association

The Woman's Suffrage Association held this year an anniversary on July 19, which was both interesting and enjoyable. In their earlier days a continued existence was problematical, but today there are few causes of reform on

a more solid basis than the one named here. Mrs. Wilson, of Ocean Grove, had all the arrangements made for the assembly, so that no one was in doubt as to where they were to go or what they were to do. Mrs. Minola Graham, president, gave an interesting presentation of the progress of the cause.

Dr. A. E. Ballard made the address of welcome from the theme, "The elevation of man must come through the elevation of woman."

Mrs. Dr. Laura Wright made a graceful response and Mrs. Squire gave a resume of what had been accomplished at Ocean Grove, and Miss Mills, an orator by nature and a lady by culture, gave the great address of the occasion, prefacing it with an old patriotic axiom, "that taxation without representation was tyranny," as fully toward a woman as a man. Mrs. Emma Bourne joined the forces of the W. C. T. U. in a clear address, and Mrs. Graft, Dr. Riveria, Dr. Hussy and Mrs. Upton completed the schedule until evening, when Rev. Dr. Sprague, of Montclair, spoke on "Woman's place in the coming society," giving a succinct history of the development of the cause to the present date. The sentiments advanced by the speaker were more radically open to criticism than those of the women, whose practical judgment was more abreast of the times, in the process of reforms which establish solid success upon the foundation of common sense educated into action.

The women felt encouraged by the open approval manifested for their cause and arranged to be here again in 1905.



Woman's Christian Temperance Union

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, under the presidency of Mrs. Emma Bourne, assisted by Mrs. Demorest, secretary, and Mrs. Lake, corresponding secretary, with Mrs. Caminade, treasurer, held their summer institute

at Ocean Grove on July 20-21, opening with devotional exercises by Mrs. Patterson, including the Crusade Psalm and hymn.

The Loyal Legion, of Ocean Grove, through Master Merle Hosdowich, presented a greeting, as did also Mrs. Sexton from the Woman Suffrage, and who read a valuable paper on systematic giving. Mrs. Moore gave a unique flag talk, and Mrs. Phillips a Bible reading, concluding with prayer.

In the afternoon Mrs. Sparks presented "What shall we read?" Mrs. Page gave temperance lessons. Adolph Roeder, president of the New Jersey State Civic League, gave an address entitled "A contribution to the science of government."

In the evening Bishop FitzGerald greeted the ladies and Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard delivered a powerful address on total abstinence and prohibition.

On Thursday, Miss Gardiner spoke to young women on temperance reform, and Miss Strong on a plea for prohibition.

A paper was read in the afternoon by Mrs. M. A. Gildersleeve on an anti-polygamy amendment to the constitution. A survey of the liquor traffic was graphically given by Miss Moore, and "The music we march to" by Mrs. Francis E. Graham.

The institute closed in the evening with an address by Madam Layah Barakat, whose vivid pictures of oriental life greatly interested the audience.

The institute was reported as strongly encouraging to the devoted women who are laboring so earnestly to advance through their labors this greatest of all moral issues now before the people.



Temperance Publication Society

The National Temperance Publication Society made its welcome annual visit to us on July 22, continuing its sessions

till the following Sunday, under the guidance of its field general, Rev. J. B. Dunn, corresponding secretary.

The first public address was by Rev. Hervey Wood on "The Duty of the Hour." It was a clear, common sense production, placing before the audience such obvious duties as were beyond controversy, and delivered them with an effectiveness which commanded the closest attention.

Rev. Dr. Miller, field secretary of the Reform Bureau, presented an address full of earnest thought on reform legislation in Congress, which dealt with the development of the fact that the fountains must be made sweet before the streams will be so.

Rev. Dr. Munhall in a strongly emphasized statement said: "Votes and legislation will never settle the question of the liquor traffic. There must be a sentiment created to go before the law in order to enforce the law."

These great ideas were discussed in clearness of fact and logical deduction which left no room for controversy.

In the morning of the Sabbath, Rev. David Stewart Dodge, president of the society, preached in the form of an allegory, "And the Canaanite was then in the land," which pointed out the need of destroying the liquor traffic in our land as certainly as the destruction of the Canaanites in Palestine. Both had gone beyond the possibility of reclamation, and both ought not to exist.

In the evening Rev. Dr. E. Locke preached on "Taking away the saloons." Do away with them as we did away with slavery, and if nothing else would accomplish it, do it by the same means.

This society, national in its organization, and national in its forms of activity, so broad as to take in all forms of temperance activity, is naturally welcome at Ocean Grove, where every possible shaping of temperance principle and activity finds adherents to sustain it. The society reports a wholesome advance along all its lines.

In a new departure, announced by a prominent but erratic clergyman of New York as a subway saloon, in which

it was proposed to make the drinking of intoxicants respectable for both men and women, Ocean Grove representatives expressed their open public disapproval on the ground that it would prove one of the most efficient allies the liquor power would have in the lowering of public morals, and lessening the influence of religion as it is now arrayed against this vice of all vices in our land.

Its subsequent history confirms the prediction that its conduct would not be different from the average of saloons, while its powers of temptation would be greater.

A widely spread sensational statement to the effect that Ocean Grove had two hundred places where intoxicating liquors were sold under the privilege of a government tax was made in the preachers' meeting held in Ocean Grove by an agent of a reputable temperance organization. The matter was officially investigated and the certification of the United States authorities showed that but two places in Ocean Grove, both drug stores, which could sell only on physicians' prescriptions, held such permission.

A further investigation disclosed no knowledge of any violation anywhere of the rule forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Whatever may have been the intention of the author of the statement, it is certain that the investigation which has followed it, has placed Ocean Grove more firmly in the estimation of the people who make it their summer home for its freedom from this greatest vice of our land.



The Bible Conference ·

The Bible Conference, practically representing the Bible League, was opened in Ocean Grove on Tuesday evening, July 27, under the leadership of Rev. L. W. Munhall, D. D., and defined by its president, William Phillips Hall, of New York, to be an institution intended to defend the young people of the land against the inroads of what is popularly

known as "Higher Criticism," rather than any studied defence of the Bible, which is its own defence and needs no other.

Dr. Munhall in a strong address emphasized this conception, which was practically the leading thought of the conference.

Rev. Dr. Erdman, of Philadelphia, gave an exhaustive analysis of Ecclesiastes, in which many original presentations of its meaning under new aspects were given, which brought into clearer prominence the far-reaching ideas of this wonderful book. He also gave another on the testimony of Jesus in the Gospel of John, as exhaustive as the other.

Dr. W. J. Burrill, of New York, delivered in his own inimitable way three of the addresses correlative to each other, in which he took the ground that an avowed belief in Jesus as presented in the Old Testament is now upon so satisfactory a basis that a man had no right to call himself a Christian without believing the entire Bible.

Professor William McPeters, of Columbia Theological College, delivered two addresses upon the Bible, which were highly complimented.

Professor Edmund J. Wolf, of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, was slated for an exceptional address, as was also Dr. John F. Carson, of Brooklyn.

Rev. Dr. Marvin, of Lockport, spoke twice on a dispensational chart of redemption from the time of Adam, reaching through the centuries to the new creation and onward to the New Jerusalem. The production was entirely unique, and while it claimed and received an undivided attention, it was fairly entitled to all it received. Redemption in Adam, Abraham, Moses, the Baptist, and the personal Jesus, stretching back to Adam and forward to the Jerusalem of heaven.

Rev. Dr. Dixon, of Boston, sent a paper on the "Bible as Literature," describing it as the Bible written under the command of God, under His guidance and preserved by His providence through which the world has been delivered from

tyranny of church and state. It possesses a literature fitted to the times in which it was written and adapted to all the ages which have followed and will follow them till the close of time.

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel T. West, of Washington, D. C., spoke twice on "Criticism as now made upon the Bible;" described it as higher criticism and anti-higher criticism. Criticism in itself was not to be unfavorably criticised. Only, when it descended to casting doubts, the reason for which doubt is doubtful—upon established facts—it is not worthy of attention. To destroy by adverse criticism what cannot be rebuilt in any other foundation, is moral fraud.

Judge Thomas O. Low, an old-time habitue of Ocean Grove, and one of the first jurists of the land, discoursed on "The Bible controversy from a lawyer's standpoint." The whole essay was expressed in the cool clearness of a judicial decision by an exponent of the Supreme Court, in which all the reasons are summed up and from whose decision there can be no appeal. It was so plainly stated that he who ran might read and the most illiterate mind could understand. The judge spoke again on the power of the word.

The conference was one of exceeding interest and so conducted by Dr. Munhall as to give a piquancy to the discussions following the papers, which even the heated term could not subdue. There is no doubt that minds worried over the attacks made upon the sacred book, felt they had no occasion for their fears as they listened to the truth, presented as it was in Jesus.

In consequence of the displacement of papers of Dr. Munhall, some one speaker may possibly have been omitted.



The Sunshine Society

The Sunshine Society, Mrs. A. Garford presiding, enjoyed one of the pleasantest sessions in its history on July 25. There were present also with them Mrs. Starr, State

president, with other ladies, whose services aided largely in reaching this result.

In greeting, Bishop FitzGerald said: "This society is bound that each of its members spread an atmosphere of cheer around them." The addresses illustrated the conception.

The report disclosed a membership of 300,000, three thousand of whom were added the past year.

A very considerable sum had been expended during the year for children's outings, who, but for this, would never have known what an outing was.

An interesting incident, expressing the methods, was found in the reception of the children belonging to the Home of the Friendless at Bradley Beach, which made the faces of the little ones shine as the sun.

The Sunshiners left us with the expectation that next year their sunny presence will be with us again.



Memorial and Anniversary

The service held in memory of men and women who have been prominent in the work of Ocean Grove, was held in the Tabernacle on July 31 and was, as it always is, an occasion of tender interest, as one after another spoke in sweet remembrance of the dead. Every year the death roll grows larger—sorrowfully contemplated for earth; joyously prospected for heaven.

Mrs. Elizabeth Alday

Mrs. Elizabeth Alday, wife of Rev. Dr. John H. Alday, died at Ocean Grove on August 25, 1904. Her father, Rev. William Beates, at the time of his death, was the oldest minister in the Lutheran Church of America and at one time president of its synod. In early youth the daughter became a Christian and later was married to Dr. Alday, whose devo-

tion to pastoral work impaired his health and made recuperative retirement from active pastoral work a necessity, without the prospect of again entering upon its labors. Under these conditions Ocean Grove was selected for a permanent



home where, for over a quarter of a century, he has been a prominent officer in its Association and a strong force in the establishment of its principles. Both in the pastorate and in his enforced seclusion, Mrs. Alday was his congenial companion, developing the highest grace of womanhood in the training of their children, who have reached manhood and womanhood with good report from church and world.

While in Florida last winter Mrs. Alday contracted typhoid malarial fever, from which she never fully recovered, but after months of suffering returned to Ocean Grove, only in a few months more to fall in the sleep which awakes at once in the bliss of life eternal. The confidence in God which had been her power in spiritual life was stronger still in the approaches of departure, when in answer to the quotation, "I will come again and receive you unto myself," she answered with the expression of the answered shining through her countenance until life's close, "He is coming."

Her funeral service was conducted by Bishop FitzGerald, aided by Revs. Ballard, Hancock and Wardell, after which the interment was made in the beautiful shading of Mount Moriah, Philadelphia.

Rev. John H. Alday, D. D.,

Dear Brother:—On motion of A. E. Ballard, the secretary was instructed to express to you the sympathy of the Association over what is no doubt the saddest bereavement of your life in the departure of the wife who for so many years has been its companion and solace. It is their earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit, which sustained her hours of suffering, may also sustain you in the years which may still remain between the present and your reunion in heaven.

WM. H. SKIRM, Secretary.

Rev. George Hughes

Rev. George Hughes was born in Manchester, England, February 22, 1823, of Wesleyan Methodist parentage, his father being a local preacher, class leader and Sunday school superintendent, and his mother, an eminently holy woman who frequently took her children into her room to pray with them. His own feeling of a call to the ministry came along with early childhood, though he delayed his conversion until after his coming to this country in 1838 with an uncle, for a

position in mercantile business in Philadelphia, for which his early education fitted him. In 1839 he was converted under the ministry of Rev. Charles Pitman. After removing to New York he labored as an exhorter. Later he came to New Jersey, and in 1844, along with Ellwood H. Stokes, A. E. Ballard and fifteen others, was received into the New Jersey Conference. In that conference he was a presiding elder, a member of general conferences, a secretary of the Seamens' Friend Society, agent of the Freemans' Aid Society, editor of the *Christian Standard*, and *Guide to Holiness*.

He took an initial part in the National Holiness Camp Meeting Association, of which he has prepared a history, and alike in Ocean Grove, which largely grew out of that movement, of whom only Rev. W. Franklin and A. E. Ballard are left of the charter membership.

For several years his health had been interrupted by serious attacks of illness to which was added the chronic results of a serious accident occurring near his home. For a few years last preceding he had suffered intensely, from which month by month was lessened and finally destroyed the power of resistance belonging to his stalwart constitution.

Between one and two weeks previous to his decease, in the urgency of what seemed to be immediate dissolution I visited my old and almost lifetime friend. He was reviving from what he thought to be his last life struggle and said: "Well, Ballard, I thought I had gone over but, for some purpose, I cannot tell what, the Lord is leaving me here a little longer. But, it makes no difference, to stay here or to go there, it is all the same to me." A holy radiance overspread his face, such as had often lighted it when in paroxysms of almost unendurable pain, he had looked up unto the Lord and was comforted. During the prayer which followed his voice was strong and full in its responses, giving hope that life's eventide for which he had made all preparation, and which his widow and daughter have fulfilled might be passed at Ocean Grove.

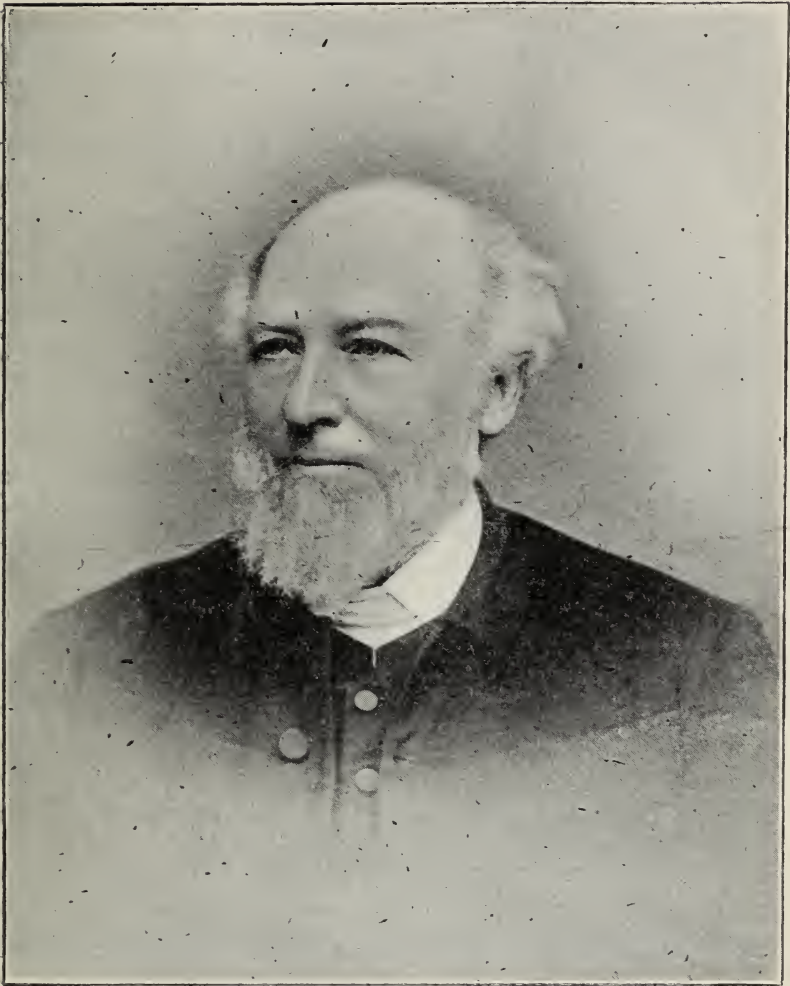
From this time the strands of life's silver cord were gent-

ly disintegrating. He reposed in the security of a perfect trust by which he was borne safely to the entrance gates of the Holy City. At each receding hour of earth the heavenly ones came nearer to his vision, until in their soft presence, he fell asleep in Jesus and wakened with his introduction to the heavenly company, for which he had been fitted for the sanctification of suffering and long continued fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

His whole nature might be expressed in "intensity." It pervaded everything he said and did. It was his distinguishing characteristic in the ministry, which Dr. Buckley says sometimes rose to dramaticism. It was the greatest source of his evangelistic power. It was strongly felt in religious controversy. He had no respect for compromise and never took account of what evil consequences might result to himself from any course he decided to pursue. Nothing seemed of consequence which was not worthy of absorbed attention, or without regard to countervailing fires which might stand in the way. Both his wife and self were earnest believers in missions. They gave a daughter to martyrdom in India, and another who is now there. Another is on the Pacific coast. The only son is already a minister in a western conference. The last child, Miss Anna, suspends her home mission work for duties equally acceptable to God in the care of her invalid mother who is looking forward to the relieving hour, when the Lord shall say: "It is enough, come up higher, and join the man whose life you shared upon the earth and whose holy affection will be yours forevermore."

The committee to whom was referred the preparation of a minute recognizing the decease of Rev. George Hughes reported:

"That in the decease of Rev. George Hughes, a charter member of the Ocean Grove Association, whose prolonged life of over three-score years in the service of the church in its pastorates, its editorial chairs, agencies and its great work of Ocean Grove, the Association recognizes a loss which it will be difficult to replace.



Rev. George Hughes

"We cherish the memory of his pure life and Christian example as one which encourages us to follow him as he followed Christ.

"We are saddened in the thought that we will no more meet him in our assemblies on earth, which is relieved by the hope that we shall meet again in the assemblies of the saints made perfect.

"We desire to extend our loving and prayerful sympathy to the bereaved family of Dr. Hughes.

A. E. BALLARD,

WM. FRANKLIN,

H. M. BROWN.



Children's Day

The children's service in the morning of July 31 was in all its exercises the finest in Ocean Grove's history. The decorations were all harmonious with the conception of childhood advancing into youth.

The illustrated sermon of Rev. Dr. Pierce on "Remember," held both children and adults spellbound, while it lasted. The pictured symbolisms on the board were made vivid by an eloquence of description and magnetism of manner which not only increased the interest, but deepened an impression which after-years would not efface, while the little souvenir that each child received would always call up one of the most agreeable events in childhood life.

Nine thousand people were present, all evincing the deepest interest as the Gospel was presented as a wheel, with the hub the cross, the spokes the workers, and again a sheaf of wheat made into bread was a blessing, or into rum a curse.

The evening service was diversified with special music—song, recitation and electric lights forming a crown, all so realistic as to leave a deep impression.

Anniversary

The anniversary of the first religious service held in Mrs Thornley's tent in Thompson Park was held on the regular anniversary date, Sunday afternoon, July 31. There was a felt want in the absence of Dr. Adam Wallace, who had been present on every previous occasion, including the first, and when interest in the little seed from which so mighty a tree had grown, always gave added interest to the occasion.

Rev. M. Mayham, of the Newark Conference, and a lady from Virginia, in speaking and singing, lent a sweet spiritual atmosphere to the occasion, which was felt as an incentive to meeting the men and women who participated in the meeting, of whom only one or two remain.



Battle of Gettysburg

"The Battle of Gettysburg," magnificently presented on August 1st by Rev. O. L. Severson, was one of the finest word pictures ever given here. A reporter said: "The charge of the Louisiana Tigers and the hand-to-hand fight at the top of the hill was told in such a way that you could almost see the Southerners charging up the hill that was soon to be covered with their dead, the largest number of men that ever fell in such a space of ground. The field of battle being only 1,000 yards long and 500 feet wide and 1,250 bodies lay on it at the end of the charge.

"As the charge of Picket was described tears rolled down the cheeks of several old soldiers present, and as Armstead's magnificent deed of valor was spoken of in reverential terms, the speaker was forced to wait until the applause ceased before proceeding. 'God grant,' he said, 'that never again will an American fire on his flag and against his countrymen.'"

Woman's Home Missionary Society

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held their anniversary on August 2-4 under the presidency of Mrs. General C. B. Fisk, who has occupied that position since the organization of the society.

The Deaconess work is included, and together a reception was given on Monday evening, August 1st, at the Bancroft Rest Home, in whose quiet rooms so many of the women, weary and worn with over-labor, find a recuperative rest, and receive new inspiration for the work to which they have devoted their lives.

Bishop Wilson, who was present at the reception, delivered an address at one of the sessions, in which Womanhood, the interpretation of God; woman, as woman, as wife, as sister, all applied to the great missionary work the women are now doing in the country in which we live. In the course of his address he incidentally remarked that while women are better than men, it is not fair to ask it of them. We should rather measure up to their standard and claim our equality.

The Mormon question came fully before them in an address of Mrs. Gildersleeve, in which its effects, from the woman's standpoint, upon morals and religion, were clearly pointed out.

Dr. A. W. Byrt, of Brooklyn, gave an exceedingly interesting discourse on the relation of city evangelism to Deaconess work, in which the sacrifices made by these unselfish women were freely described and the commensurate result made apparent.

The Doctor said, in passing, that it would be best to dispense with the word "Mission." Only churches characterized as neither rich or poor would attract people who do not go to church. There were other addresses worthy of description, but these were the chief.

The reports of success in the work were unusually encouraging, especially in the South and in Mexico. The society is obtaining a stronger hold upon the intelligence and

finance of the church with each advancing year, and has already fully secured its place among the great benevolences of the land.

Addresses were also delivered by Mrs. Corbin Brown, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs. Hagaman, of Porto Rico.



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

The Ocean Grove Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their thirty-second anniversary at Ocean Grove on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6 and 7, under the presidency of Mrs. E. H. Stokes.

It was a benediction, both to the society and the community, to find this venerable lady alert and vigorous in body and mind, in the active oversight of a society to whose interests both her husband and herself devoted so earnest a helpfulness. She was assisted by Mrs. W. H. T. Reeves, secretary; Mrs. A. H. Preston, recording secretary, and Mrs. J. R. Vankirk, treasurer. The anniversary opened with devotions, led Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, in which was included an address by Bishop FitzGerald and a missionary lovefeast. The afternoon was favored by Bishop Warne, whose words, alive with missionary feeling, were inspirational.

On Saturday morning the Young People's Meeting was shaped in missionary forms, and the afternoon was made a missionary service for young people, with an address by Miss Bertha Thornley.

The Sunday of the anniversary was appropriated by the Association to the needs of the society and Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, senior secretary of the general society, preached, introducing as his theme "That the world is open to the gospel today as it never was before," and measured up fully to his exceptional ability in this department. The basket collection which followed contributed \$247.50, and subscriptions in the afternoon increased this amount to \$919.71.

Holiness Meeting

This all the year round meeting, connecting the season now past with the one incoming, was led by members of the Devotional Committee, of whom Bishop FitzGerald gave it an undividedness of attention which resulted in increasing numbers and interest. There was sometimes a difficulty in repressing speakers whose want of appropriateness in ideas and attenuation of language made the service a weariness, but these were mostly kept by the firmness of love within the prescribed boundaries of speech and time. The original and effective addresses of the Bishop, the intelligence of Judge Lowe, the fervor of Brother Robinson, with the music of Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Mumford, with a large number of others who gave variety to the service, largely contributed to its success.

The uniform testimony of persons habitually present was that every occasion was one of spiritual uplift of soul in the ascension of the spiritual heights contemplated by this meeting.



Summer School of Theology

The Summer School of Theology opened its sessions on August 8, Bishop J. N. FitzGerald presiding, with a lecture from Dr. Isaac Franklin Russell, of Columbia College, New York, on "Modern jurisprudence as affected by Christian opinion."

The lecture dealt fully with the questions of marriage, slavery and swearing. He showed how later law was influenced by Christianity, especially in the establishing of marriage as a sacrament, while Protestant opinion lowers it to a civil contract. Slavery yielded to Christianity in establishing the law of freedom, and courts were rendered effective by the principles taught by Christ.

In the evening Dr. R. W. Doherty spoke of the "Wise

and their dark sayings," interpretable by the light which came afterward.

Tuesday morning was occupied by Rev. J. P. Wright on "The New Testament writers, their distinctive message," in which he argued that the New Testament writers were unconscious of the great work they were doing, and that the gospel won its own way by the simple force of the story it told.

Dr. Doherty spoke in the afternoon on "Christianity—its contribution to the world," in which he made a comparison of the four great Eastern systems of religion with Christianity. He showed that the scepticism of today has largely modified its part in the admission that religion is a necessary part of the best human life.

On Wednesday Dr. Wright was once more before the people on "The New Testament writers—their individual style." He claimed that Luke wrote the first gospel from the standpoint of a physician; that Mark followed with statements; that Matthew wrote the third with Jewish proclivities, and John interpreting religion from the standpoint of psychology and fellowship with God.

On Wednesday Dr. Nathaniel West told of the various ways of attaining the knowledge of God, visible creation, psychological working through physical organisms, mutual and moral attributes, and his realization through study of Christ and faith in His atonement.

On Thursday morning Dr. Gros Alexander, so often favorably received here, spoke on "The Christ of the Synoptics," in which he clearly showed that nature does not reveal God. In the afternoon Dr. West gave an intensely interesting discourse on Bible Eschatology.

On Friday morning Dr. Alexander spoke again on "The Christ of Paul," in which Christ's character was embodied by Paul through his own wonderful knowledge of Jesus' history.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. R. J. Cook spoke on "No

rational proof of immortality," the only proof found in the history and teachings of Jesus.

On Saturday Dr. Alexander gave "The Christ of John," specially illustrative of the love of God. In the afternoon Dr. R. J. Cook finished his ideas of immortality by a paper entitled "Conditional immortality," in which he took up and discussed both sides of the entire question, closing with the conception that the Bible and the Holy Spirit were the only absolute proofs in existence of the doctrine.

On the morning of Monday, August 15, Dr. Alexander closed the work of the school with a lecture full of original expression, on "Christ and social problems," showing that the problems of social life, if not solved according to Christ, would work advancing evil all the time.



Young People's Meeting

The Young People's Meeting opened this year under the twenty-fourth annual leadership of Rev. C. H. Yatman, who describes it as a Sunshine Hour. He was assisted on lines of music by the Park Sisters, Little Edna White, Ray FitzGerald, violinist; Imogene Fields, with her chimes; Belle Greene, pianist, with a free contingent of volunteer help—all adding largely to the effectiveness of the meeting.

The strikingly epigrammatical form in which the leader introduced his subjects, from "Sunshine," in the opening, to "Comforter" at the close, fastened the attention, while the fact that he did not talk after he was done was an added attraction to his short discourses. This rule was largely applied to the large number of his assistants, without which several good speakers would have been crowded out.

Among the best of these, Senator McClellan's eulogy on the life and character of Dr. Stokes, delivered on the anniversary of his decease, ranks highest, and is worthy of preservation in the annals of the Grove.

The leader reports seventy-two meetings, and all attended with profitable spiritual results.

The congregations were large and often filled every available space. On several occasions numbers were unable to obtain admittance. Mr. Yatman has planned great things for the coming season.



Spiritual Culture

The Spiritual Culture Society held its assembly in Ocean Grove, August 15-19, under the leadership of Secretary Dr. J. E. Gilbert, of Washington, D. C., who gave a well-rounded preparation, describing the difference between "natural man" and one born again of the Holy Ghost, so that a spiritual form of life exists in him as it does not exist in one who has not passed through this special generation of the spiritual life through the agency of the Holy Ghost.

Rev. Dr. G. K. Morris, of Cleveland, O., presented a carefully constructed paper on the "Spiritual Family," in which he gave the family as the unit of society where all social customs were born. He described the cradle as a storm centre, around which raged the passions of a buried ancestry and which were to be changed and controlled by the after training and experiences of religion.

"The spiritual child, God's purpose concerning the little ones," by Rev. F. H. Cowan, gave evidence of a logical arrangement of the scriptures bearing upon that issue which made parental pastorship essential to the performance of Christian duty.

"The spiritual Sunday school, the genuine search for the bread of life," was the topic accepted by Rev. John Handley, of Long Branch, who elaborated convincingly the thought that spirituality is more easily taught to the receptivity of childhood than to any other period of life, for the reason that as the years advance without this the spiritual faculties lose their finest power of sensation.

"The spiritual ministry, the qualities and functions of the

pastor," was the subject assigned to Rev. James J. Boswell, D. D., of Ocean Grove, who illustrated in terse forms the pastor's employment of religion as a silent force, which, when allied with God, is the greatest power known to the universe in the production of a spiritual ministry.

Rev. Dr. R. W. Gilbert, D. D., of Berwick, Pa., discoursed on "Spiritual Hindrances," the things which prevent high spiritual attainment, among which he specialized the prevalent neglect of religious worship in the churches and the eager seeking after pleasures, most of which are of doubtful value, by the leading members of the church. "Spiritual perception—its relation to life beyond the grave," described the attainment as real, derived from the application of ordinary study of the Bible, assisted by the action of the Holy Spirit conjointly upon the word and the mind. This, Dr. Gilbert said, would lead unto all truth. In developing his thought he insisted that while marriage in its sexual sense will be abolished, real heart unions will continue in the other world.

Dr. L. W. Munhall spoke of the "Spiritual church—its New Testament ideal," in earnest forms of language which described the unwillingness of ministers to speak openly upon the things approved and prevalent in society, whose only effect in religion is to produce dead churches.

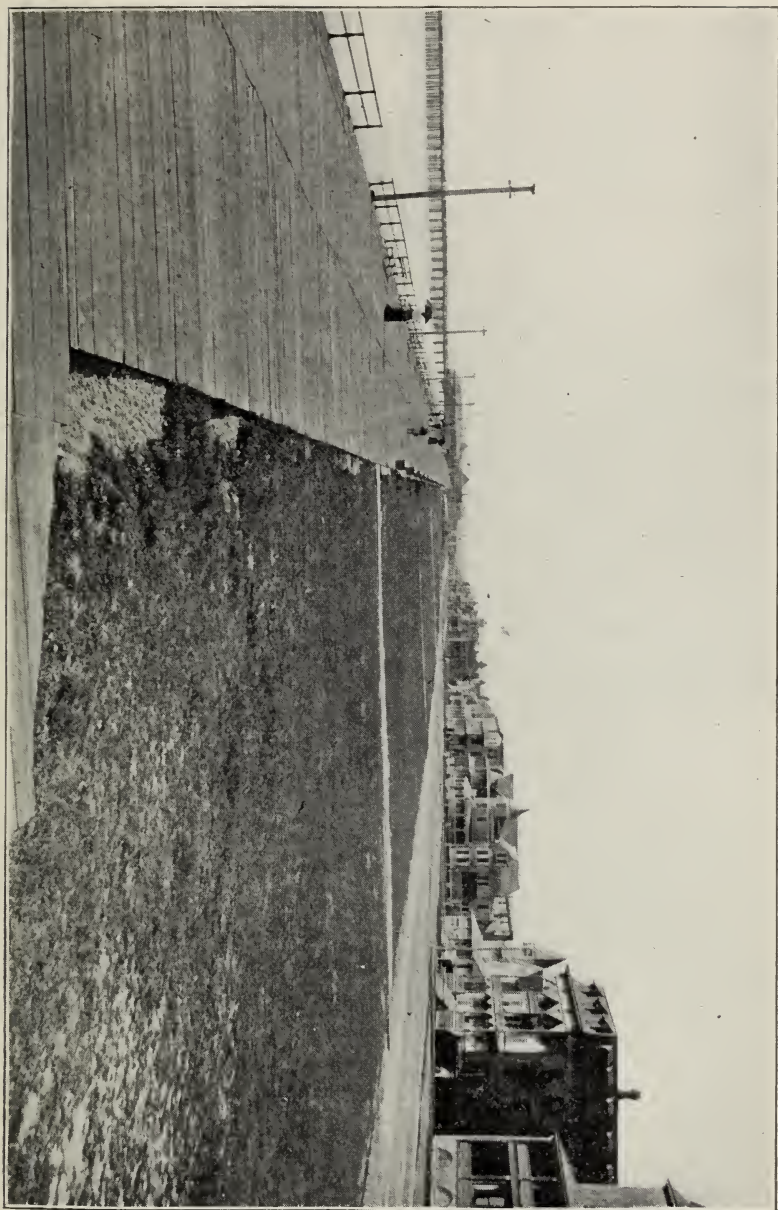
Mrs. I. F. Russell made a special plea for kindergarten instruction on religious lines as of the greatest value in the mental preparation of childhood for the reception of spiritual ideas.



Reunions

That of the Sunday School Assembly was one of the pleasantest of the season. The Arlington was placed at their disposal, where toasts and speeches bearing upon the success of the school were the order of the evening, under the direction of the president, Rev. Dr. C. L. Mead.

That of the ushers, under Chairman Dickey, followed



Foot of Ocean Pathway, looking south

the same line, except that the speeches were more directly in the line of preserving Ocean Grove territory from invasion.

At the reunion of the choir, some outside entertainment claimed sufficient attention to omit all speeches, and a general conversation among those who remained took their place.



Sunrise Meeting

The Sunrise Meeting in the Tabernacle, led by Dr. Ballard, included a larger attendance than in any previous year, and gave more per capita in its collections than any other service. The testimonies declaring its controlling power upon the consecration of each day were clear and practical. The offering of body, soul and spirit daily at the altar, was not only a special delight, but a special accession of spiritual power. The people gathered there not as penitent seekers of forgiveness, or in earnest struggle for sanctification, but as children of God waiting in a Father's loving presence for direction in the duties of life for the day.



Family Devotions

The Family Devotions in the Auditorium were conducted as for years past by Dr. Ballard at 6.45 a. m. It was surprising to note how many people availed themselves of the opportunity to continue the habits of the home in bringing the family before the Lord, before the business of the day began. The leader confined the petitions to the objects specified, and as a consequence they were full of loving pleas for the salvation of their kindred and their protection from the evil of the world, so tender as to evoke the tears upon whose channels the voice of the prayers floated on to God.

As the meeting becomes more generally understood the attendance increases with each succeeding year.

Beach Meeting

The Beach Meetings were organized on the opening day of the season under the charge of the vice president, with the music under the direction of Superintendent Hudson and Miss Edna White. The selection of speakers was confined to men whose voices could reach the mass of people in attendance, and whose conceptions contemplated a popular audience. Prominent among these were Professor I. F. Russell, Drs. L. W. Munhall, Gillespie, Cummings, Yatman, Robinson, Evangelists Gibbs and Stanley, with the Bible Class quartette and Mrs. Mumford to aid in the singing.

At no season in the past has there been so large an attendance, and never has the order been so reverent.



Music

The work of arranging the music for a coming season is practically in force in the one which is passing at the time. Singers and players who may have succeeded in interesting popular attention can be invited for another season. Suggestions for improvement in the general planning can be considered and submitted to the Devotional Committee, whose decisions are final. From one season's close to another these suggestions are canvassed and from such as are accepted, the necessary instrumentalists are secured so that when the season opens everything is fitted together with the precision of a locomotive, which makes all its stations in exactitudes of time and place. In these preparations rehearsal practice is continued both in New York and Philadelphia during the entire winter for all the great oratorios, until May 1, when the summer chorus is organized at Ocean Grove in Association Hall, and continue their practice daily until the season closes. It is these facts which alone meet the wonder of the people, how so perfect an accuracy of time and tune in singers and players brought from so many places, and

taught so many various systems, is made possible at Ocean Grove.

The first musicale of the season was held in the Auditorium on the evening of June 25. The evening was one of excessive heat, which induced many to prefer the cool of the beach. Yet a larger audience than that of the preceding year gave their attendance. Special artists had been engaged for the occasion, whose work was favorably received, especially in such as remained over Sabbath and assisted in its services. The entertainment was diversified by moving pictures of unexceptionable character. Taken altogether the musicale, both in its exercises and attendance, was an indication of the success which attended the entire season.

On the evening of July 2 Pratt's *Allegory of War*, picturing our Revolution and Rebellion, with music illustratively representing the different phases of both, entitled, "A Battle Fantasia," was presented and popularly approved.

In accordance with custom, the evening of the opening Sunday was given to the "gospel in song," through which the truths of the gospel were impressed by the voicing of its poetry and intensified by its music into the reality of worship. A large part of the chorus choir were present, whose distinctness of utterance enabled the congregation to sing with the understanding as well as spirit. In this, as in the public service of the succeeding Sabbath, Mr. F. C. Freemantel rendered efficient solo service through the magnificent voicing which was easily heard in all parts of the Auditorium.

Rossini's masterpiece, "Stabat Mater," which holds its popularity among musical people, irrespective of changes in musical tastes or improvements, was both given and repeated during the season without any loss of prestige or attendance. In its rendition, Miss Eva Gardner Coleman, soprano; Marie Stillwell, contralto; Albert Quesnel, tenor, and Julian Walker, basso, who had studied their parts until the music seemed to float unconsciously from them, received favorable appreciation.

"The Rose Maiden," the most popular cantata ever presented here, was given twice to a large and enthusiastic audience, with Beatrice Fine, soprano; Fred Charles Freemantel, tenor, Harriet Foster, contralto, and Percy Hemus, baritone. The charming story is of a "Rose" pining to taste of human love, and is changed into a maiden. The song tells in beautiful words of the bitterness mingled with all earthly sentiment, which feeling runs along the entire gamut, from warmth to coldness, and finally to the desertion and death of the Rose Maiden.

The oratorio of "Elijah" received its usual ovation of a large audience, both from Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. There are many genuine lovers of good music in the latter place who meet in musical brotherhood on occasions like this, which cannot otherwise than tend to good feeling on high levels between the two places.

At this rendering the Ocean Grove chorus was augmented by over two hundred artists from New York, who came specially to assist in this great production. The Ocean Grove local chorus drew the affiliating chords more closely by entertaining them during their visit.

In this Anita Rio, an established favorite, was soprano; Gwilym Miles, a great Elijah basso; Dan Beddoe, the tenor of Parsifal; Lillian Snelling, the contralto, and Grace Miller the youth.

Gaul's "Holy City," embodying the finest musical conception of the contemplation of heavenly things, developing into adoration, proved its power of impression upon the people to be as great as ever. A season at Ocean Grove without the "Holy City" would be felt as a mistake by lovers of spiritual music.

Viola Waterhouse, as soprano, with Mary Byrne-Ivy, contralto; Edward Meeker, tenor, and Francis Leon Percepe, basso, sustained their parts without breakage.

The oratorio probably receiving most rehearsal practice for the past season was the "Creation," whose wonderful interpretation of earth's existence can only be successfully giv-

en by long continued repetitionary study and practice, which alone can make the performers competent for the impression the music is intended to produce. Without this, whatever may be the culture of the artists, it is simply a performance. With it, it can be an act of worship acceptable to God. Anita Rio, as soprano; Reed Miller as tenor, and Henri G. Scott, filled their parts without a break from beginning to close.

The "Messiah" has always received precedence at Ocean Grove over every oratorio. As the loftiest of Handel's compositions, it is accepted as the highest representation in music of the realm of Scripture. When Handel first presented it before the English King, as it reached "King of Kings and Lord of Lords!" every auditor, King included, rose to their feet. The same high favor attend a later representation in Westminster Abbey in 1834 with a chorus of two hundred and thirty-seven voices, and New York gave it an ovation in 1881, when two thousand voices made it realistic. Every year it receives a higher appreciation at Ocean Grove and the present was no exception.

Its leading parts were taken by Anita Rio, soprano; George W. Jenkins, tenor; Mrs. Russell King Miller, contralto, and William Harper, basso.

In this great production Faith, Love and Hope are specially emphasized. The overture lifts the soul's heavy burden in the glory of the Lord arising in the birth of Jesus. Love follows in His passion and death where the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all, and Hope triumphs in the knowledge that "the Redeemer liveth" through the Hallelujah Chorus.

One of the Ocean Grove evenings was given to the world's greatest contralto singer Mme. Schumann-Heink, who returned from Europe solely to sing at the Ocean Grove Auditorium on the evening of July 23. Her service was expensive, but the cost of crossing the ocean and cancelling other engagements for this one occasion justified the engagement, and the receipts amply justified the costs. Her wonderful volume and sweetness of voice, trained to a per-

fection which made the listeners feel themselves a part of the music, captivated the mass of people who were there to hear her, and evoked approving demonstrations over the announcement that she would sing again in 1905. She was assisted by violinist Dezso Nemes, Melitta Nemes, a pupil of Rubenstein, Julian Walker, and the Ocean Grove Festival Chorus.

She pronounced Ocean Grove the finest place for song to be found anywhere in the world.

It is a matter of congratulation that the higher class of music interpenetrated with clear articulation and emotional power, is slowly but surely taking the place in Ocean Grove amusements, which in the past provoked so much unfavorable criticism.

Among the singers, other than those professionally united with the chorus choir, and who gave valuable assistance, were Mrs. J. Fitch, of Philadelphia, whose renderings of song thrilled the soul into religious fervor; Mrs. Mumford, of the same city, who followed the same line and reached the same results; Miss Anna Hughes, daughter of Rev. George Hughes, a recently deceased member of the Association, the refinement of whose music lost nothing by its culture, and Miss Minnie Shay, who gave good helping in the Helping Hand.



Children's Festival Chorus

The Children's Festival was preceded by a processional through Ocean Grove, which by the courtesy of Mayor TenBroeck was extended in to Asbury Park, where Pryor's band gave it a welcome as it passed the casino. Elaborate preparations were made for the evening, largely under the direction of Rev. Mr. Dickhout, who gave freely of personal service, while Walter Franklin arranged the magnificent display of electric light. The "Tale of the Sea Shell" captivated all the people, the Japanese display lost none of its interest by

repetition, as was also true of the Gypsy Chorus, the "Lost Chord" and the cornet of little Edna White.

The program was pronounced by the secular press to be the finest ever given here.



Outing of the Orchestra

The outing of the Ocean Grove orchestra to the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence was repeated during the present season.

The Devotional Committee again illustrated its appreciation of these singers and players upon instruments by authorizing a special musicale toward its expenses, which was supplemented by the generosity of individual contributions. The trip was so fully described last year as to render a repetition unnecessary, except to say that the outing was filled with music, lunches, picnics, the beauty of the islands and the comforts of a first-class hotel. The orchestra, in its Sunday service, gave selections from the "Messiah," which brought tears from many of the people. Concerts were given, both in the States and in Canada, with enthusiastic appreciation. The vice president was included in the orchestra and is glad to be able to report that the exuberance of youth and freedom in the young people never passed beyond the usages of polite society and of the churches.

Official courtesies were tendered to Ocean Grove's representatives and an earnest desire manifested to become more familiar with our status. Its original project of a camp meeting, modeled after ours, met so many financial and other difficulties that its abandonment became a necessity, although they have still been able to maintain at heavy cost the sanctity of the Sabbath and the exclusion of intoxicants. Several families expressed an intention to exchange fresh water for salt in the Grove, which borders the ocean. The excursion closed without accident, and the orchestra parted, some to return in the coming summer, and some to assume life's duties wherever they may meet them.

Entertainments

It has passed into general acceptance that in the long period between the opening of Ocean Grove and the great encampment, something naturally in harmony with the habits of the churches, in the form of entertainment, should be presented to the annually increasing numbers who make this their place of summer resort.

All programs proposing entertainments were supervised by the committee previous to their presentation to the people.

The Devotional Committee has kept within the line accredited by the churches, and very few unfavorable comments have been heard. Among these were musical performances given by Prof. Morgan and his orchestra, an evening by Prof. Lowe on the "Songs of Religion," "Battle of Gettysburg," by Rev. Dr. Severns, with a number of moving picture evenings from Prof. Wade and the American Vitagraph Company.



Sunday Before Camp

On August 14, the first Sunday before camp, Rev. Cortlandt Myers, of the Temple Baptist Church in Brooklyn, occupied the day. He gave for the morning thought, "But when the morning had come Jesus stood upon the shore," and deduced the thought that we were now standing on the shore looking forward to the great things yet to come.

In the evening sermon he emphasized the fact that the Sermon on the Mount itself as a criterion of morals is not the greatest factor in the gospel, but that it is found in the Holy Spirit, which inspired it. Both sermons were founded on spiritual force, impelling spiritual action.



Camp-Meeting

The twenty-fifth annual encampment of Ocean Grove was inaugurated on the Friday afternoon of August

19, with a meeting for consecration and prayer led by Bishop FitzGerald, assisted by Brothers Franklin, Yatman and Ballard, and was an occasion of deep spiritual surrender.

In the evening the Lord's Supper was observed in its administration by members of the Association to the ministers present, who afterward served the emblems to between fif-



View of Wesley Lake

teen hundred and two thousand persons at the altar. The service was one of solemn tenderness, appropriate to entrance upon the ten days of devotion of religion.

The consecration at 5.45 in the Tabernacle, and family prayer at 6.45 a. m. in the Auditorium, led by Dr. Ballard, the fellowship Helping Hand in Thornley Chapel at 9, under charge of Rev. William Franklin, the mid-day in the Tabernacle at 1.30, led by Mrs. Smith, the evangelistic holiness service in the Temple, under Dr. Joseph Smith, and the twilight in the Temple, under Leader Yatman, were added to the other assemblies, which opened the season of 1904.

For several seasons the camp has opened under the downpour of a heavy storm, and the present was no exception to the rule. This did not, however, prevent the gather-

ing of an exceptionally large congregation, among whom a sense of spirituality was plainly apparent under an impressive sermon by Dr. Yatman on "Prevailing Prayer." In the evening Dr. Munhall gave the first of a series of discourses occupying the camp till its close on the danger of perdition to the human soul.

The sermon of the first Sabbath was preached by Bishop Foss on the "Love of God and religious certainty," in which God, spirit, salvation and immortality were presented as jewels for Christian adornment. Dr. Munhall spoke in the evening on God's love the instrument of salvation to the perishing.

The morning of Monday has been for a couple of decades filled by Dr. O'Hanlon, whose absence in California prevented his attendance, and Rev. Dr. Pierce, of Scranton, took the place with singularly effective crayon illustrations of the great responsibility resting on Christians to lead men to Christ.

Dr. Munhall preached in the evening on "Unbelief, the great condemnation," and gave the logic of Why? Tuesday morning Rev. Mr. Caswell, of New York, spoke on the "Reception of power," closing with an altar service of consecration, and in the evening Dr. Munhall discoursed on the "Blood of Atonement." The morning of Wednesday, Dr. Huntley, of Washington, D. C., preached on "God's loving pity for humanity," and Dr. Munhall gave in the evening "Our redemption through the blood of Christ."

Dr. Wedderspoon, of Asbury Park, discoursed on "Coming out and coming in with the King" in the morning, and Dr. Munhall in the evening on the "Peril of disobedience." On Saturday, Rev. Dr. Gwilym, an Episcopal clergyman of New York, preached an effective sermon, with the evening again occupied by Dr. Munhall. On Sunday morning Bishop Bashford preached on "Men who came to the kingdom for the time," applying the idea to every dispensation, nation, science, reform and periods of revival, every one finding provided the man for the time.

The nine o'clock meetings were all closed in order that all might attend the lovefeast, the great service of the encampment at which at least nine thousand persons were present. Bishop FitzGerald led in his experience as rejoicing in the Lord for permission to tell the old story, which he hoped to continue till the time arrived to sing the new song in addition. Experiences, testimonies, expressions of rapture, through the old-time alleluiahs, songs of praise, old-time witnesses of fifty years, the newer realizations of answered Christianity, blended with the conscious ownership of new born spiritual life given by all ages, sexes and colors, all pressing eagerly for opportunity to speak, in the midst of which the choir gave "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By," after which a few more one-minute testimonies, when the Bishop asked all who had been benefited by the meetings to rise, at which the response was unanimous, and the lovefeast, one of the greatest in Ocean Grove's history, closed with singing by Mrs. Fitch of "Tell Them We Are Coming."

Infant baptism was administered on the morning of Monday to twenty-three children at the font of the Auditorium by Bishop FitzGerald, assisted by Rev. H. M. Brown.

This was followed by reports from the leaders of meetings, detailing their successes, when the line of march from the Auditorium through its park and the buildings which had been in constant use for public worship during the season, pausing in each one for grateful devotion, and back to the Auditorium, was observed and amid impressive exercises Bishop FitzGerald pronounced the encampment of 1904 an event of the past.

As the years go on, it becomes more and more certain that the highest real value of Ocean Grove depends upon the high spirituality of its Camp Meetings. It is because a higher range of personal experience is made available, and the way of its attainment clearly pointed out, combined with the spiritual exaltation which to a spiritual nature is the highest joy, that so many come year after year to the grounds—sacred to them as the outer court of Heaven.

Nothing whatever could be substituted for a decline in the Camp Meeting. Its decline would mean the decline of Ocean Grove into an atrophy whose end would be destruction.



Evangelistic Services

The evangelistic Holiness Meetings of Dr. Joseph H. Smith, held in the Temple during the camp at three in the afternoon, were attended by large numbers and realized to be sources of great spiritual benefit. His peculiar faculty of enlisting attention by some crisp announcement of a theme such as "John's Doctrine," "Sin and Salvation," and making the entire address illustrative of that great thought was more effective in permanent impression than any which could have been adopted. At the close of his engagements with us, in accepting its renewal for 1905, he stated his belief that the world was in the daybreak of a great revival.

Elizabeth Smith, evangelist in charge of the Intermediate Decision Meetings, held during the camp at 1.30 p. m., has lost nothing of the wonderful vitality by the advance of years. Her power to convey intelligently the highest forms in the mathematics of spiritual life and the personal possession of the Holy Spirit, is as great as ever. Her meetings have always been successful in the work given her to do, and this year had no recession from the past.



Missionary Training School

The Missionary Training School, of Brooklyn, N. Y., under the presidency of Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, held the twenty-third anniversary accorded to it for so many years in the Temple on the evening of the closing day of camp. The reports showed considerable increase in income, and an extension of the special missionary work, for which they are

organized, which fills a niche needed in missionary work. The school has twenty-six regular instructors and fifty students, who are preparing for missionary work.

Rev. J. B. Dube, a graduate pastor, whose father was a warlike chief in Zulu Land, with Rev. J. B. Epp, a worker among the Arizona Indians, were among the speakers, along with Dr. Charles Boswell, who presided over the exercises.



Helping Hand Meeting

The Helping Hand or fellowship meeting was led once more by Brother Franklin, whose impaired health during the winter led to the supposition that he would be unable to perform its duties. But the Lord wonderfully restored him, and while needing the greatest care, he filled his place for the greater part of the time. During the progress of the meeting, as it rose in interest and power, the strain became too great for him and he was compelled to relinquish his active superintendency in the Chapel for prayer and advice given from his room at home, which were signally blessed in their effect upon the meetings. He was aided in the work by Miss Lizzie Sharp, who for a number of years past has been his general manager, and whose work has been endorsed by a more than usual number of experiences of conversion and sanctification. The meeting has become an established institution, and many prayers went up to God that its venerable leader might be spared to conduct it again in 1905, who says of it: "The need of a meeting where all classes of life's relationships can receive help from one another in things pertaining to the flesh is manifest, and that what is true in this is equally true of the spirit, and that in order to be helpful to others we must first receive help from God."

In the expression of this sentiment Brother Franklin introduced the exercises and adds, "I never came to the meeting better helped of God than in this year. I afterward

was laid aside for a few weeks, but the Lord helped Miss Sharp and others and the meeting progressed successfully.

“God was there to comfort and bless and save, and while the meeting of last year was one of great power, and it was doubted if this could be equal to it, yet the answer has been unanimous that this last is the best we have ever held.”



The Children's Outing

The woods, and brooks, and sandwiches, and lemonade, and swings, and pies, combined with general rough and tumble, never lose their attraction to childhood. A boy or girl would rather have stale bread in the woods than bread well buttered at the home. So much of nature's savageness is in us in the beginning, and traces of it remain interspersed with civilization. The day was full of enjoyment in the freshness of the weather, the perfection of the arrangements, the cheer of the teachers and freedom from all trouble, except the usual cases of “stomach trouble,” inseparable from such occasions.



The Methodist Brotherhood

On September 4th Rev. John Handley, of Long Branch, preached the first sermon after the close of camp on “A more comprehensive view of the kingdom of God; or, the religion for the times, including the spiritual, intellectual, physical and political development of both the individual and nation.”

Dr. Handley is vice president of the Methodist Brotherhood and presided at its anniversary in the evening, and addressed the congregation on the aims of the Brotherhood to bring outside people through brotherly methods of invitation, welcome, association, conversion and helping, into fellowship with the church without regard to any church affiliation or no church belief at all.

The Lake Carnival

Very few estimates of the attendance at the Carnival placed the attendance at a lower rate than from twenty to thirty thousand people. Its beautifully decorated boats, its fine electrical conceptions and displays have for years been a great attraction to the surrounding population, as well as to the people of the Grove and Park. It has required a very considerable expenditure of time and money by its promoters to accomplish the results, but they were freely rendered, both from private and public purses.



The Baby Parade

Mr. Bradley's unique conception of a Baby Parade, with prizes for the most beautiful, was carried out again the past season, in which some of our people always participate and usually receive some of the prizes.

All mothers whose babes did not receive any prize seem sure there was gross injustice done them, and all others but the one receiving the highest prize seem especially sure there was favoritism. The parade was a brilliant success under the management of Mr. Harold Ayres, and the exhibition of so many pretty, healthy specimens of humanity, could not otherwise than impress favorably persons looking for a healthy location for residence.



Meeting of Lutheran Synod

In response to a courteous request from a committee of the East Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, the largest of all, the Devotional Committee placed the public buildings of the Association at their disposal for the uses of their session, beginning September 21, 1904, and closing the evening of the 24, under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Charles E. Hay.



Foot of Ocean Pathway, looking north

The session opened with devotional exercises, after which the vice president tendered them the welcome of Ocean Grove, and received the response of their president, who then proceeded with an eloquent sermon on "The ark as a type of the church." This was followed by his annual report, showing improvement in church properties, accession of members, and spiritual advancement, with an encouraging increase in church benevolences. Tuesday was largely devoted to routine work, in which Rev. T. C. Pritchard, of Phillipsburg, N. J., was elected president; Rev. J. S. Seebach, of Mahanoy, Pa., secretary, and Rev. M. P. Hocker, of Steelton, N. J., treasurer.

Wednesday was appropriated principally to the reports of committees with the resultant discussions, in which was developed the fact that their city mission work, to which for the last few years special attention had been given, had resulted in the establishment of ten or twelve new churches, mostly self-sustaining.

The cause of education was presented by Dr. Hubert, of Gettysburg, in a paper on "Ministerial education," after which Dr. Helfebower, president of the college at Gettysburg, followed with a stirring address on general educational lines, and President Hay spoke eloquently upon their Deaconess work, followed by Dr. Dougherty on "Home Mission," and Dr. Alleman on "Church Extension." The evening was occupied in the licensing of young men, and ordination of those previously licensed, the ceremonies of which, while differing in externals, were in spirit very much like our own.

On Thursday the weather became cold and the session was transferred to Thornley Chapel, which was well warmed and with the addition of a few chairs, comfortably seated them all. Before closing the afternoon session a resolution was unanimously passed recognizing the courtesy of Ocean Grove in providing for the accommodation of the Synod, and an another to the vice president, as its representative, which also placed him upon their advisory board. This was

coupled with an earnest desire that in the near future they might be permitted to enjoy a similar session of the Synod here if it should accord with the convenience of the Association.

Their educational report disclosed four prominent institutions of learning, with the missionary, and a large Deaconess force at work in the work of the churches.

In response to the appreciative resolutions the vice president said: "While Ocean Grove is distinctly Methodist and cannot be anything else, yet its method of religion is that of its founder, who said to one who differed in doctrine, but was alike in experience, 'If thy heart be as my heart, give me thy hand,' and that hand we give to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

In the evening St. Paul's church was placed at their convenience where after a sermon on "Bible" by Rev. Dr. Black, of Reading, and transaction of miscellaneous business, the session formally adjourned to hold its next convention in Allentown, Pa.

It is not often that a body of men of stronger physique, or more alert mental forces, have met for any purpose in Ocean Grove, or who have won higher appreciation from the people. The hotels kept open till this late date for their accommodation and their rates at a low cost were within the limits of a ministerial pocketbook. Their sessions were characterized by an urbanity which made personalities impossible.

The singing in their devotions took in the hymns of Wesleyanism as distinct from the popular surface melodies of the day and which were articulated and sung with a vigor of expressional meaning through cultivated voices, from which any people might take profitable lessons.

The sessions were not largely attended by the people. Most of them had gone away to their homes, and those who remained were too busy preparing to leave or preparing their homes for winter to attend. In the hotels, however, where they met Ocean Grove people, they were highly ap-

preciated. Several of them, however, cold as it was, enjoyed the refreshment of ocean baths and felt the better for it.



Widows of Members

Mrs. Col. James S. Yard resides at Freehold and illustrates the continuance of her lively interest in Ocean Grove by writing and publishing articles in its interest. Her sister, Mrs. H. Murphy also resides with her daughters in Freehold, usually passing parts or all of the summer in Ocean Grove.

Mrs. I. Simmons has her home in Brooklyn, passing the summers here and taking a lively interest in the missionary cause.

Mrs. J. R. Vankirk continues to make her home in New Brunswick, where for so many years she has welcomed the pastors of her church, and is still the treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Ocean Grove.

Mrs. Adam Wallace, in the serenity of a well-spent life, lives with a daughter's society in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William B. Osborn still labors with all the energies of her being in her missionary training school in Brooklyn, with summers near Hackettstown.

Mrs. George W. Evans makes her summer home with a relative in Sea Cliff.

Mrs. E. H. Stokes remains at her ancestral home in Haddonfield, with her summer residence in the house occupied so many years with her deceased husband. She still retains with but small abatement the vigor which for so many years has enabled her to continued activity in the Ocean Grove branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.



The Flower Mission

The Flower Mission presented their usual offering of flowers.

To Bishop FitzGerald and members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, greeting:

“ I will sing of mercy and judgment.”—Ps. ci, 1.

One year less
Of wisely-ordered loss,
Of sorrow and of weariness,
Conflict and cross.

One year more
Of mercies ever new,
Of love in never-failing store,
Faithful and true.

To this our appreciative recognition was forwarded by the secretary.



The Model of Jerusalem

The Model of Jerusalem is still an attraction to very many persons whose opportunities have not permitted a visit to the land made sacred by the footsteps of the Lord Jesus. People who have visited it are glad to have their memories refreshed by this model, which recalls the scenes which once made a deep impression upon them.



Bathing

It is pleasant to record that the close watchfulness of the life-savers at Ross' and Lillagore's has been so blessed by a Divine Providence that no life has been lost fronting our grounds. This fact should inspire confidence in the management at the Grove and dispel the fears so often entertained by people unacquainted with the completeness of the methods for life protection in both these places.

Carelessness in bathing apparel is beginning to be a thing of the past, as people more and more recognize the value of refinement in personal appearance.

Elim Association

The Elim Association has, with this summer, completed its thirtieth year. It has entertained a greater number than at any previous time—gathering its family from the remote parts of the earth and the isles of the sea. All creeds are represented and respected here, where the love of God and humanity is the key-note of the daily life. The building has been enlarged and repaired, painted and refurnished at a total cost of \$600. Whole number of guests, 282, of whom 70 were ministers, 38 were ministers' wives, 36 ministers' children; 12 denominations and 14 States are represented in this number, as well as India, Australia and Hayti.

MRS. ALFRED COOKMAN, President.

MRS. L. D. BLANCHARD, Cor. Secretary.



Judge Thomas Lowe

Among those who gave a long attendance of free labor at Ocean Grove was the Hon. Judge Lowe. His visit was timed to meet and take an important part in the Bible Conference, from which date his stay was prolonged till the close of the season. He took an active and intelligent part in the exercises of every public service, and characterized his address by deducing spiritual effects from logical causes in forms which commanded the popular attention on every occasion.



Amanda Smith

This venerable lady who, despite her color and lack of early opportunities, has risen to a remarkable eminence in the missionary and evangelistic work of the church, paid her annual visit to Ocean Grove and received the usual financial aid in furtherance of her Orphans' Home.

Several revival services were held by her after the close of the camp, which were favorably received by the people.

General Conference Commission

The General Conference Commission on Benevolences accepted the courtesies of the Ocean Grove Association in a place of meeting for the adjustment of the benevolences of the denomination, and met in the Senate room in the early summer, passing a few days of fellowship, pleasurable to us and, as expressed by them, equally pleasant to the commission.



The Season

Bishop FitzGerald said of it: "It has been a remarkable season; the greatest certainly during the seven years that I have been its president." In the beginning the beautiful weather induced a large attendance, which, while interrupted by two weeks of cold and storm, the railway traffic and attendance at public services exceeded that of former years. On one Sunday in July there were fully two thousand more people present than in the corresponding Sunday of the previous year. There were days when in the larger hotels transient accommodation was impossible, though room was eventually obtained in smaller places. The hotels have kept a sliding scale in closing, so that there has at all times been accommodations for people who either remained at or came to the Grove, and the Alaska House will remain open the entire winter.



Trees

On our tree-planting day, corresponding with Arbor Day of the State, trees were planted by loving friends in the name of departed ones whose memories were dear to them. The practice is growing, and in time the trees will memorialize very many of our dead. Many of the silver maples set out in the early days of the Grove are beginning to show signs of decay and are apparently following the poplars,

which have practically disappeared. It will be wise for the people to plant where they have failed. The Norway maple has so far shown itself to be the most hardy and also to produce the most beautiful symmetry and shade. It requires the most careful oversight to prevent their destruction from various kinds of insects, but up till now we have been successful.



Surrounding Churches

There has been no interruption in the amity of our relations to the churches, which have grown up around Ocean Grove, in Asbury Park, West Park, West Grove and Bradley Beach. All have exhibited a friendly spirit and apparently feel that prosperity to Ocean Grove means prosperity to them also.

The Rescue Mission opposite our gates attracts a congregation, most of whom would not probably attend a service of worship in any of our churches. A number of workers from our Ocean Grove people contribute to its expenses, among whom Amanda Smith, Cassie Smith and Myron W. Morse have been large factors in its success.



Conversions

There is a frequently expressed wonder why there are so few professed conversions from sin to holiness among the great congregations who throng the Auditorium. This may be answered in stating that the principle on which Ocean Grove was established was the attraction, under the shelter of Methodism, of Christian people of different denominations who would centralize on the great doctrine of a human soul's cleansing from all unrighteousness in this present world and at this present time. That the mass who attend either Ocean Grove or Ocean Grove services are Christians, at least by profession, is evidenced by the standing of

almost every one of eight thousand persons who filled the building when asked if they were in conscious fellowship with God. The few who remained seated were mostly known as religious professors, who for some cause did not choose to stand. The people who had never taken the initiatory steps of a Christian life, were not usually present and consequently could not be impressed by the "spirit of power," whose evident presence was realized by those present and participating. Even when persons who had lost the freshness of early experience without attaining its solidity, would desire regeneration, the presence of impedimenta in so vast a crowd was deterrent.

The Devotional Committee propose to relieve this, partly by closing, usually, the Auditorium service, with the sermon to be followed immediately by one in the Tabernacle or Thornley Chapel, or both, for the special purpose of either reclamation or conversion.



The Jewish Mission

The Jewish Mission in New York, formerly conducted by Dr. Foust, and represented here by his son, in which the Association continues its interest, was again granted a collection following an address in the Tabernacle, in which the ostracism attendant upon a Jew or Jewess embracing the Christian faith was graphically described.

The Mission is described as surely making its successful way.



Christmas Anniversary

The Christmas anniversary, representing the foundation of Ocean Grove in which is given a reception to the people, took place on January first, and was well attended by the residents of the Grove, with such outside people as were here at the time. While but few of the persons originally

interested remain to this event, yet the preservation of the custom as a tradition serves to bind more closely still Ocean Grove and its people.



Health of Members

Besides Rev. George Hughes, who deceased on Saturday, October 8, no other member has passed from the earth.

Rev. William Franklin who, from a severe cold in the winter and the heats of summer in the overwork of the Fellowship meeting, was twice prostrated, has recovered his usual vigor.

Rev. J. R. Daniels has been subjected during the year to the strain of great physical suffering, which, under God, he has been able to bear without murmuring—something which would have crushed a less stalwart man.

Rev. W. H. Wardell found a winter in the Southern pines greatly conducive to the renewal of a vigor which has sustained him in improved health during the summer.

Dr. J. H. Alday, with his family, left in the early winter for Florida in the hope that a milder climate might restore the weakened condition of his life companion, but who deceased while there. The long months of "waiting and watching," both there and here, seriously impaired his health, which we are grateful to learn is resuming its usual condition.



Our Firemen

Everywhere the firemen of Ocean Grove receive the highest commendation for the rapidity and effectiveness of their work in reaching and extinguishing fires. The speed with which this is accomplished is said to be a marvel. While the citizens, partly clad, are coming out of their homes the engines are at work. Ocean Grove owes an increasing appreciation to these noble men who have devoted themselves

so thoroughly to the preservation of our homes from destruction.

It is very much to the credit of the Ocean Grove people that so great a carefulness is exercised on this great question as to make the number of fires here a minimum as compared with towns which surround us.

The fire houses have had such improvements made as were necessary to the convenience and comfort of the members, the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company having both reconstructed and refurnished their building. The cost of these was mostly defrayed through entertainments provided by themselves, the one held in the Auditorium netting them between seven and eight hundred dollars.



The Postoffice

The postoffice has maintained its high standard of efficiency under the postmastership of W. H. Hamilton, who now may reasonably look for a reappointment to the office to whose interests he has been devoted since childhood, and whose methods frequently receive the approval of the department at Washington. Its receipts do not diminish and are sufficient to continue it in its grade of next to the first-class offices. The reception boxes and delivery system have been found to be a great benefit to the office in receiving and distributing mail matter to and from people who cannot conveniently visit the office for their mail.

The telegraph service has been continued through the Western Union Company and has been satisfactory to the needs of the community and the Association.



Railways

The carriage of passengers and freight in the railway service has been larger than in any year which preceded it. The superintendents respectively of the Pennsylvania and

New Jersey Central, F. L. Sheppard and W. G. Besler, with Superintendent Blodgett, have been unfailing in their courteous consideration of all matters presented by us. We owe a special acknowledgement to Divine Providence that, through them, the great volume of business and multiplicity of trains, combined with the eagerness of the crowds to press in the way of the cars, so few accidents have occurred. An arrangement has been effected with the railway companies extending the distances between which their cars will not stop on the Sabbath day, and no excursions other than those which have been regular for years will pass along us on the Sabbath day.



Purchasing Committee

This committee outlined its general plans for the guidance of those entrusted with its duties, and has found its most efficient agent in supervising and active labor in T. J. Preston, through whom its principal purchases of ice and material for the power house have been personally made.

The purchases for incidental needs have been mostly made through the superintendent, with the approval of the committee.



Report of Ushers

It is among the anomalies of the age that a large body of ushers—alert, intelligent, with a courtesy of manner which can only be the growth of refined surroundings—are secured without cost to the Association, covering a period of nearly three months in the heats of the summer, and who in order to do this must deprive themselves of much of the recuperative pleasure attaching to their outing at the Grove.

The amount of the collections, with their dates and circumstances, have been accurately kept by Messrs. Myers and Dickey and deposited in the bank from which they have

been checked out by the vice president for this account alone and in which no discrepancies have been found.



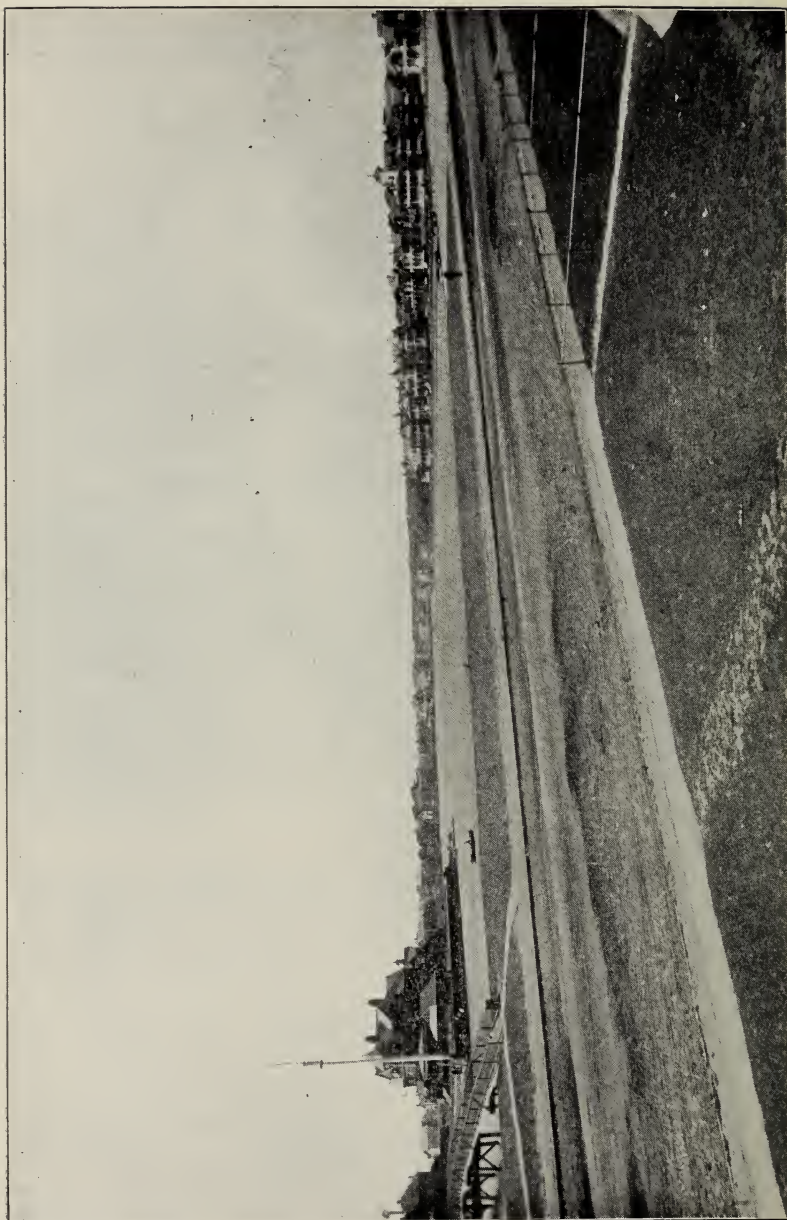
Law and Ordinance

The annually recurring effort to interpose a legislation impairing our rights of sea front ownership by forcing an open boulevard upon it, which would destroy the protection now given to the women and children who seek its safety, and dedicate it to the greed of dangerous sport, was again introduced and again disowned by the Legislature. Two other bills, professing other purposes, but carrying the same material were introduced and relegated to the same oblivion.

Up till now the Legislature, irrespective of partisanship, has refused to deprive Ocean Grove of the rights given in its charter, by whose force our sea coast line has been changed from a wilderness into towns and cities, and created a population which, both for itself and surroundings, has become the admiration of the country.

Many letters are received urging the continuance of our opposition to this desecration, as Ocean Grove is a resting place for souls which it can not be if a boulevard bill should pass. Let Ocean Grove keep the Sabbath and the Lord will keep Ocean Grove.

A bill which meets our needs of sidewalk and curbing and conferring the power for its enforcement passed the last session of the Legislature. Most of our lease-holders had anticipated this necessity, while others, either from neglect or refusal, had allowed their premises to remain without them. The provisions of the bill have been embodied in our ordinances and are being put in operation. In all cases but one or two protests against it were simply appeals for delay, which have all been satisfactorily arranged. Our ordinances have undergone a complete revision under the careful supervision of our counsel, S. A. Patterson, Esq. Most of them



View of Fletcher Lake, foot of Broadway and Central Avenue

were enacted several years ago and lacked a completeness of harmony with the increasing needs and changing circumstances of the Association, as well as the legislative enactments made more recently to meet the requirements of towns and cities. At the semi-annual meeting they were all analytically considered and amended until, in the judgment of the Association, but few changes will be needed for a number of years to come.

As they now stand there appears to be no doubt of our power to enforce them, a doubt which has greatly crippled our efforts in the past.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature forbidding the emptying of sewerage into the sea, but an amendment was accepted exempting coast resorts, after which the bill was not again pressed.

Our appreciation is due to the service of Senator O. H. Brown, who steadily opposed any discrimination against Ocean Grove, and also the members of the Assembly from Monmouth County, who openly declined to favor any action impairing the chartered and legal rights of the Association.



Real Estate

The Real Estate Committee respectfully report that they have given suitable attention to the interests committed to them. They find the business places rented from the Association, while constantly needing repairs, yet pay a fair percentage upon their cost and value, and are in reasonably good condition.

The streets have required careful and costly supervision. The abnormal number of severe storms denuding their gravel and leaving a mud surface to be scraped and taken away on each occasion has made it necessary to keep on hand a sufficient quantity of gravel to meet these exigencies, which has rendered the cost considerably above the average of the past.

The street graveling began with the reception of the order from the Association, and is being carried forward as rapidly as the necessities of our current work have permitted.

It is the design of the committee to press this work until every street is graveled, sidewalked and curbed.

The superintendent's report states that connecting our promenade with that of Asbury Park required a considerable outlay. The old pilings, posts, stringers and planks were mostly in a rotten condition, extending all the way to the southern end. Wherever necessary these have all been replaced and it is now in safe shaping for the thousands whose feet will press it in the coming season. New timbers have also been put under the Ocean Pathway pavilion, and the wooden curb from Ross' to Lillagore's has been replaced with new.

A proposition to place two small stores upon our vacant lot on Main, near Central avenue, has been declined. Large buildings would alone be suitable for the place and its surroundings, especially in contemplation of the increase of our business facilities.

All the buildings in the Grove have been subjected to a close inspection regarding their liability to fire, or defective carpentry, or mason work, and where dangers existed the causes have been removed.

There is a dilapidated building between Main avenue and Auditorium Park on Pilgrim Pathway used as a fruit stand, peanut stand, milk depot, soft drinks, grocery, poultry and other articles, with scarcely sufficient space to accommodate any one of them. The want of space has rendered necessary exposures which have called forth strong objections from many members of the Association, and the committee have reported the advisability of its removal.

Our store property has all been rented. It is in a condition to need but little repair.

The drug store kept by Mrs. White has been ordered repainted and the restaurant space for dining room extended.

The Auditorium, Temple, Tabernacle and Thornley Chap-

el need no repairs, except the leakage in the Auditorium over the organ, which it has so far been impossible to prevent, and which is a source of costly injury to the musical instruments.



Electric Light and Water Committee

The Electric Light and Water Committee respectfully report:

That our light and water plant has been satisfactorily tested during the past season and shown an ability to produce an abundant supply for the large number of people whose necessities have been easily met.

In order to guard against possible failure from the breaking of machinery a new compressor of the newest and most improved style has been purchased and is now in operation, doing satisfactory work.

The graveling of our streets will greatly relieve the strain for sprinkling and enable us to give satisfactory service with far less expenditure of cost and water. The continued waste of water in houses where no meter had been placed made it imperative to install meters in every property where water was used, and is now in process of completion.

There has been no diminution in the supply of water from our wells, and it may now be safely assured that there will be none.

Our chief engineer, H. J. Scott, who, with exceptionable ability and unswerving fidelity has for several years been in charge of our power house, has been accorded a vacation for a visit to his ancestral home in Scotland, the expense of which has been borne by Messrs. DeHaven and Preston.

During the year a blaze of electric lights, placed above the roofing of the Auditorium in forms which send a stream of brilliance, attracting attention at long distances, has commanded general admiration, and also pointed out to strangers the place of our location. No improvement made by us has received higher appreciation.

There was a considerable increase in the commercial demand for electric light, very nearly reaching our ability of supply.

Geological surveys of the State water strata are being made by its commissioners, whose request to furnish them with the number and depth of our arteian wells and the depth of the surface water-bearing strata, has been answered with the necessary information, together with the added facts that there has been no change in the quality of the water or diminution in its quantity during all the years it has been in operation, except in the increase by atmospherical pressure.



Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee respectfully report:

That a careful attention has been given to the various interests committed to their charge. A continuous effort, covering all past due accounts, has been made for their collection. A reasonable number of these have been settled, while others, which have passed beyond the probability of payment, have been charged off the books.

The committee has been relieved from its former duty of auditing Association accounts by the appointment of an auditing committee, whose report will appear in its proper form and place.

Insurances covering the next three years have been placed upon all our property upon the best terms available here.

There has been a slight increase in the annual expenditure for tents caused by the purchase of new ones to replace those destroyed in the great autumn storm of 1903.

The unusual number of violent storms during the year has necessitated a large amount of immediate and costly repair to our streets and parks.

The collections taken in the Auditorium and Temple

have fallen short of their expenses to an extent not contemplated by the committee.

A careful consideration of the real value to us of the different meetings held there and the possibilities of lessening their expenses is recommended in the plans made for the coming year.

The rentals from our property have mostly been collected and earnest efforts are being made to secure the balance remaining.

The committee find no reason for change in the clerical or other service of the Association office, Auditorium or general superintendency, and recommend their continuance.

JAMES L. HAYS, Chairman.



Report of Sanitary Officer

To the President and members of the Ocean Grove Association in session, I submit this my annual report as sanitary officer:

The sanitary condition of Ocean Grove has been carefully attended to since the last session of the Association. Precautionary measures for the preservation of the same have been enacted and executed. To do this requires constant and unremitting surveillance, because suddenly and unexpectedly something may occur which will jeopardize the healthfulness of the community and develop grave sickness. We have been exempt from infectious and contagious diseases, and thus saved from epidemics. To accomplish and preserve the aforesaid condition the Board of Health has faithfully attended to all the requirements of proper sanitation. There have been eight regular meetings of the board, with frequent conferences of its officers, at which the entire situation and its requirements were fully considered and wisely and carefully guarded. We have received from the New Jersey Sewerage Commission a communication in re-

lation to the sewerage system of Ocean Grove, in which the suggestion and advice are made that we adopt a septic tank located on the beach into which all sewerage shall flow. The object and purpose of this plan is to prevent the passage of any solid matter through the vault into the ocean. The sewerage now flows into the ocean through a large main pipe, but this does not accomplish the desired result; the septic vault would do so. The process by which this result would be produced is on this wise: The septic tank is large enough to retain the sewerage for several hours so that it passes through and out of the tank with an imperceptible flow. The solid matter either floats on the surface or sinks to the bottom. The outlet of the tank being placed at about half way or middle of the side thereof, through which the contents are emptied, receives only clear fluid. The bacteria, which breed rapidly in sewerage, will dissolve the solid matter in the tank about as fast as it accumulates, and it will pass away in solution with little, if any, objectionable features of any kind. This plan has been tried with great success in different localities and has proven satisfactory. I am favorably impressed with it. As all of our sewerage is collected at one point it would be a small matter to adopt this process and use the septic tank. I do not think the expense would be much; certainly not to be compared with the benefit derived therefrom. I most earnestly recommend it to your favorable attention. I would likewise present to you another item of great importance in connection with our sewer system, and that is its much-needed and proper ventilation. This ventilation can be provided through the adoption and use of what is commonly designated manholes, in connection with syphon or automatic valves placed within the manholes, these to be located at the head of the sewers, say Stockton, Cookman and Heck avenues and Mt. Hermon Way. These automatic valves are self-acting and do not require any manipulation. This process will secure all necessary ventilation to the sewers.

I would recommend that the head of Wesley Lake be

excavated at least to the extent of two blocks eastward and to the depth of three feet.

The very great improvement in the condition of the streets is so noticeable that it is not necessary to call attention thereto. The graveling of our avenues not only adds to the appearance of the town and increases the value of its real estate, but is a great help to its sanitation. Prior to this change the avenues were muddy, unclean and unhealthy because of the accumulation and retention of debris and dust. Now with the hard surface of the gravel all such deposits are washed away and the avenues are kept clean. They will also be more easily and with less expense sprinkled, not requiring so much water, the same not being absorbed by the soft earth and mud of the ungraveled surface thereof.

During the last year there have been made twenty new connections with the water system, making a total of 1,372. New connections with the sewer system, twenty during the last year, making total connections therewith 1,236. The sanitary condition of our town is very satisfactory and the health of the community is excellent, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.,
Sanitary Officer.



Report of the Stokes Monument Committee

November 17, 1904.

The committee to whom was entrusted the erection of a bronze statue to the memory of our first president, Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, received notice in the early part of the year from the sculptor, Paul Morris, that it was ready to be transferred from clay to plaster, in order to its casting in bronze. James L. Hays, A. H. DeHaven and Rev. A. E. Ballard visited the studio and found the statue in a much higher state of perfection than is usual at this stage of construction. It

is now at the works in Connecticut in careful preparation for completion and placing in the coming season. It is already in process of being cast in bronze.

The committee believe that it will be eminently satisfactory, not only to the subscribers, but the general public. Mr. Morris stands high in his profession, and proposes to make this statue the highest production of his talent, and its present appearance justifies his expectation.

While the great Auditorium is a monument fitting to the memory of Dr. Stokes, it is equally fitting that in addition to this there should be a life-like representation of the man, in a form which will show the man and his work.

After careful consideration the location of the site has been deferred to the May meeting of the Association.

There are still a few unpaid subscriptions and unfulfilled promises, which if promptly met will be gratifying to the committee in completing its work.

A. E. BALLARD, Chairman.

A. H. DeHAVEN, Treasurer.

WM. H. SKIRM, Secretary.



Report of Police Committee

This department employs five men continuously throughout the year, to which others are added as the exigencies of the season demand. One is on duty around the Auditorium and tent circle, another on Wesley Lake, another for hack, stages and carriages, two in plainclothes on the boardwalk, and one for collection of licenses and one near the Ross pavilion, with its surrounding tents.

They find the general order has been good. The arrests have been so few as to be scarcely worthy of record, while the freedom of unsuitable apparel tolerated in earlier days is being generally succeeded by more refined costumes.

W. FRANKLIN, Chairman.

T. M. DICKEY, Secretary.



The representation of the monument, as shown above, gives both the features and expression of the dead president in a closeness to nature far exceeding the expectation of the committee who, in this fact, and in the generous contributions of the people, have found ample compensation for the toil and labor which has been necessary to its completion. The appreciation of the many friends of Dr. Stokes will be gratefully given them for the successful performance of a duty extending over two years, and whose results are destined to be an integral part of Ocean Grove history while the place remains Ocean Grove.

Wesley Lake

Both the lake and its bridges remain in an unsatisfactory condition because of the impossibility of locating either ownership or responsibility upon the opposite shore. We have done what is possible in keeping both in good condition, and it is hoped that some solution will soon be found which will locate the title and permit a joint action in the ownership.

The bulkheads on Wesley Lake were ready to break away at any moment and had to be rebuilt.

The ocean front jetties have withstood the storms of the season, and are apparently as strong as ever in securing our ocean front against the invasions of the sea.

No settlement has yet been made of the riparian question affecting the lower two hundred and fifty feet of our ocean front. Mr. Bradley, apparently, will not permit us to perfect any permanent settling of title.

Our tents have withstood the autumn storms, with only the loss of three or four well worn flies. They are all stored and in good condition.



Gas in the Grove

The possibility of concluding arrangements with the gas companies for a supply to the Grove on terms which the people can afford to pay, renders it proper to consider how far it will be necessary to restrict the use of electricity, as our area is too small to have two plants in operation at the same time with a probable prospect of meeting their expenses.

There have been raised for the supply of the Grove 125,801,390 gallons of water, which was 12,602,350 gallons more than in the previous year and which consumed in its production 1,569 tons of coal.

The employes have been both intelligent and faithful in their duties and are worthy of continuance in their positions.

Report of Ice Committee

The Ice Committee makes the following report for the year 1904: Ice purchased, 2,653 tons at a cost of \$3,068.30; received from the sale thereof, \$9,078.37; net profit, \$2,283.60; still due and thought to be collectible, \$586.53. To this amount may be added \$200 for licenses to sell ice in the town, \$3,070.13, making a total of this amount as the result and profit of the ice business.

J. H. ALDAY,

Chairman Ice Committee.

Ocean Grove, November 17, 1904.



Report of Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have carefully audited the books of the Association and find them to be correct as stated in the report rendered by the cashier, showing a cash balance on hand of \$6,683.62.

At the date of auditing some vouchers of the musical department had been misplaced through a change of business locality. These were afterwards found and corresponded with the record of expenditure.



Change in By-laws

The by-law by which eleven members constituted a quorum for the transaction of business was substituted by one making a majority necessary for that purpose, and the by-law which permitted less than a majority to transact business in a committee was also substituted by one making a majority necessary for that purpose.



SUMMER & WINTER
ON WESLEY LAKE

Thirty-Sixth Annual Report
of the
Ocean Grove
Camp-Meeting Association
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church



There's ozone by the sea !
The ocean's heart beats on forevermore,
Pulsings 'of health which throb against the shore,
Where fever bathes its temples o'er and o'er,
Softly, refreshingly !
Where forest balm and pine grove's fragrant breath
Mingle with wind-tossed waves, dispelling dews of death.

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NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION

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REV. A. E. BALLARD, D.D.	Ocean Grove, N. J.
REV. WILLIAM FRANKLIN	Ocean Grove, N. J.
REV. J. H. ALDAY, M. D.	Ocean Grove, N. J.
REV. J. R. DANIELS	Ocean Grove, N. J.
HON. JAMES L. HAYS	Newark, N. J.
ENOCH HANTHORN	Bridgeton, N. J.
REV. W. H. WARDELL	Ocean Grove, N. J.
A. H. DEHAVEN	New York City, N. Y.
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T. J. PRESTON	Orange, N. J.
HON. JOHN E. ANDRUS	Yonkers, N. Y.
SAMUEL M. MEYERS	Lancaster, Pa.
HON. CHARLES E. HENDRICKSON	Red Bank, N. J.
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REV. W. H. MORGAN, D.D.	Newark, N. J.
E. N. COLE	Ocean Grove, N. J.
REV. C. L. MEAD, D.D.	Newark, N. J.
M. E. BLANCHARD	Newark, N. J.
BISHOP LUTHER B. WILSON, D.D.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN S. HUYLER	New York City, N. Y.
W. S. HEISLER	Pemberton, N. J.

OFFICERS

President: J. N. FITZGERALD.	Vice President: A. E. BALLARD.
Secretary: E. N. COLE.	Treasurer: JOHN E. ANDRUS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION

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T. M. DICKEY	Ocean Grove, N. J.
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STANDING COMMITTEES

EDUCATIONAL AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Bishop J. N. FitzGerald

Rev. A. E. Ballard

Rev. J. H. Alday

John E. Andrus

A. H. DeHaven

This committee shall arrange the program for the season, appoint all leaders of meetings and music, supervise all public exercises, with their contracts and expenditures.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, President

Bishop L. B. Wilson, Dean

SUMMER SCHOOL FINANCE

A. H. DeHaven

A. C. Field

J. E. Andrus

J. S. Huyler

C. E. Hendrickson

W. S. Heisler

BOARD OF HEALTH

President: A. E. Ballard

Sanitary Officer: J. H. Alday, M. D.

Secretary: H. B. Alday, M. D.

W. H. Wardell

E. N. Cole

All matters pertaining to health, sanitation, the sewers, and infectious, contagious and epidemic diseases will be under the direction of this board in accordance with the laws of the State.

POLICE

Wm. Franklin

J. H. Alday

J. R. Daniels

T. M. Dickey

W. H. Wardell

Thomas O'Hanlon

E. N. Cole

FINANCE

J. L. Hays

A. E. Ballard

J. H. Alday

A. H. DeHaven

J. E. Andrus

W. S. Heisler

J. R. Daniels

This committee shall have the oversight of all the accounts of the Association; shall recommend proper employes for Association and Auditorium offices to the Executive Committee; shall have charge of all financial litigation; shall consider and report to the Executive Committee all rentals and franchises and suggest financial ways and means to the Association.

AUDITING

S. M. Myers

E. Hanthorn

J. S. Huyler

A. J. Palmer

E. N. Cole

M. E. Blanchard

All accounts of the Association shall be audited and passed upon by this committee.

REAL ESTATE AND HIGHWAY

T. J. Preston

J. H. Alday

A. E. Ballard

T. M. Dickey

Wm. Franklin

A. H. DeHaven

John E. Andrus

This committee shall care for, consider and report on all questions relating to lands, buildings, tents, lumber, tools, jetties, land-titles, streets, avenues, parks, walks, bridges, ocean front, piers, bulkheads, lakes, live stock, and also all employes of the Association not otherwise under the control of other committees.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER

A. H. DeHaven	T. J. Preston	M. E. Blanchard
J. E. Andrus	J. S. Huyler	A. M. Palmer

The electric light and water station and machinery, the employment of its workmen, the fixing of the rates and the method of supply of both water and light—whether by meters or otherwise—together with all the requirements of the station, shall be under the charge of this committee.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

A. E. Ballard	James L. Hays	C. E. Hendrickson
A. M. Palmer	Rev. W. H. Morgan	

PURCHASING

T. J. Preston	A. E. Ballard	J. E. Andrus	A. J. Palmer
A. H. DeHaven			M. E. Blanchard

RAILROAD AND POSTOFFICE

A. E. Ballard	James L. Hays	Rev. C. L. Mead
Rev. W. H. Morgan		W. S. Heisler

USHERS AND COLLECTORS

T. M. Dickey	S. M. Myers	E. N. Cole	A. H. DeHaven
	M. E. Blanchard		W. S. Heisler

This committee shall appoint and assign all ushers and collectors, and receive and count and report the collections to the cashier for bank deposit daily.

ICE

J. H. Alday, M. D.	A. E. Ballard	T. J. Preston
J. R. Daniels	Thomas O'Hanlon	

ADVISORY

This committee shall consist of the president and all members of the Association who may be upon the ground at any time when the president shall desire to call them together for counsel, in a case of emergency.

The order of business was slightly changed so as to read: Devotional exercises, calling of roll, reading of minutes, report of officers, reports of committees, miscellaneous business.

All committees shall report to the Executive Committee at its regular meetings.

No committee shall have power to expend money without the authority of the Association or Executive Committee.

A majority of any committee shall be necessary for a quorum.

IN MEMORIAM

	A. COOKMAN	
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	J. H. STOCKTON	
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	J. S. INSKIP	
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	T. T. TASKER, SR.	
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GEORGE FRANKLIN	JAMES BLACK	R. V. LAWRENCE
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JAMES S. YARD	ELLWOOD H. STOKES	J. R. TANTUM
—	—	—
JOS. MCPHERSON	ICHABOD SIMMONS	J. H. THORNLEY
	—	
	ROBERT J. ANDREWS	
	—	
	HOLMES W. MURPHY	
	—	
	JOHN R. VANKIRK	
	—	
	WILLIAM B. OSBORN	
	—	
	G. W. EVANS	
	—	
	B. M. ADAMS	
	—	
	ADAM WALLACE	
	—	
	GEO. HUGHES	
	—	
	H. M. BROWN	
	—	
	W. H. SKIRM	

THEY sought for rest and found it by the sea,
 Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
 Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
 And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
 Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed;
 And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
 Here many a time the story they rehearsed,
 Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



Statue Erected to the Memory of Dr. E. H. Stokes
Ocean Pathway, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Report of the President

Of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Dear Brethren:

The first year of my sojourn at Ocean Grove was marked by the passing away of my honored and beloved predecessor in the office of President of this Association. Each year, excepting one, since that time, we have been called upon to note the departure from among us of one or more of our associates. Since our last annual meeting, the Rev. Henry M. Brown, one of our oldest members, and the Hon. William H. Skirm, our secretary, have been summoned from our midst. They were dearly beloved and their going away is deeply mourned. We shall ever remember their devotion to the Master and the zeal with which they prosecuted the work which was committed to their hands. Fitting minutes concerning them will be adopted and spread upon our journal.

The statue of Doctor Stokes, having been completed and put in position, was dedicated with appropriate ceremony on the thirty-first day of July, last. The Governor of New Jersey, the Hon. Edward C. Stokes, presided, and paid an eloquent tribute to Doctor Stokes and to the cause which Ocean Grove seeks to advance. The memorial address was delivered by Bishop Spellmeyer. It was of a high order and will be published in full, together with a report of the other proceedings, in the forthcoming annual report.

The statue will stand to the honor of one whose crowning work will be spread out to the view of the multitudes who will visit Ocean Grove in the years that are to come.

The report of the Committee on Devotional and Educational services, which is presented herewith, will recite in detail the proceedings in connection with the various conventions, anniversaries, schools, etc., that were held during the summer. Noticeable among them was the meeting of

the National Educational Association, which brought to our grounds thousands of educators, and to our platform a large number of the most distinguished personages of the land—the most prominent among them being the President of the United States, whose address, which was published “far and wide,” attracted well merited attention from the people of every civilized country.

The report of the said committee will also furnish particulars in regard to the musical and other entertainments that were given. They were all “high class” and were calculated to advance taste, culture and intelligence. Of the oratorios it may be said that they were rendered in the spirit of true devotion, and were the means of deepening the religious sentiment of those who heard them. As in the past, they proved to be potent auxiliaries to our spiritual work.

The same report will tell especially of the various religious services that extended through every day of the season, and that were most marked and satisfactory in their results. They gave striking and conclusive evidence that the object for which Ocean Grove was founded is being strictly adhered to and, better still, is being attained.

It is proper, in connection with our reference to entertainments and services, that mention be made of our noble corps of ushers. Their chief, Brother T. M. Dickey, possesses a faculty for organizing and marshaling that would commend him for appointment as commander of an army corps. The quietness, precision and effectiveness with which the force moves, attract the attention and secure the approbation of the great audiences that assemble in the Auditorium. Without collision or friction the vast throngs move in and out with alacrity and safety. To the sacramental table thousands come, and from it they go, reverently, silently and with perfect regularity. The offerings of money are presented in the same spirit that characterizes the offerings of praise and prayer, and are received through the ushers, in a manner that, so far from detracting from, increases the spirit of worshipfulness.

It was fitting that the members of this corps should assemble and enjoy a banquet, and then present to their chief, an elegant easy chair, in which he might, during the winter, "rest up" from the "tramp, tramp, tramp," which his summer duties require. Nor did his appreciative associates forget his "better half." For her, too, they provided similar means of rest, that, together, he and she might be reminded of the love of those with whom Brother Dickey has worked so delightfully.

The improvements that have been made in our properties will be duly reported by the committee on Real Estate; and yet I cannot refrain from making a brief reference to our streets. At great cost of money and labor they have been put in a condition that may be designated as perfect. If they are equalled in any town along the coast it affords us great pleasure to extend to that town our warm congratulations.

Our next step in the direction of improvement, should be toward the ornamentation of those parts of our Association grounds (including some of our parks and park-ways) that, hitherto, have not received such attention as they merited. The most of our grounds have been so cared for as to make them attractive and beautiful; and this begets a stronger desire on our part that the remaining portions may be similarly treated. It is true that each year brings demands that we are able to meet only to the limit of our resources. Thus it becomes apparent that all of our desires on the line of improvement cannot be realized at once. It will not do for us to enter upon work that can be safely postponed, unless we can reasonably calculate upon securing the funds necessary for its accomplishment. Now, however, other matters having been well provided for, we think that this work properly comes next in order, and that it may be undertaken and completed without involving us in any financial embarrassment—thus clearing the way for the carrying out of other projects that have been under consideration.

The property holders in the Grove have caught the spirit of improvement, as is shown by the extensive building that is being done. New houses are being erected and old ones are being enlarged and beautified on every street and, indeed on almost every block. This means not only an increase in the number of summer residents, but an increase in the permanent population. It is a joy to know that the newcomers are in full sympathy with the Sunday and temperance rules that the Association has so steadfastly maintained, and that have been so ardently supported by the older residents of the place.

Of the fine service that has been rendered by the railroad companies, the Ocean Grove Association could not fail to express its very high appreciation. The attention and interest shown by the officers; the patience and courtesy manifested by the employes; the comfort, frequency, speed and safety with which trains have been run; and the correct and expeditious handling of the immense quantities of baggage, have won commendations from the hosts that have traveled to and from our borders. To ask for a continuance of such service will be to ask largely. To ask for more would be to ask unreasonably.

In view of the fact that the facilities for reaching our territorial lines, from without, are now so complete, should we not take up with earnestness the problem of transportation within our lines? The increased and increasing travel on our streets cannot fail to make manifest the importance of devising means by which the people may be conveyed more comfortably and quickly through our grounds.

Years ago the question of street car lines was considered, but the matter was not regarded favorably, as it was thought that the then existing needs could be supplied in other ways. That conclusion may have been correct at the time when it was reached; but since then the needs have largely multiplied. Travel has increased in a remarkable degree. The population has not only become far greater, but it has become more settled. It is evident that the time has

come when we should again give attention to the subject and take such action as the best interests of the Grove and the people may require.

The other officers of the Association, and also the Standing Committees, will present their reports of work done in their respective departments. They will also make recommendations concerning new features of the work and new methods for carrying it forward. Our system has operated and is operating in a highly satisfactory way, and yet we indulge the hope that some improvement may be made that will enable us to secure even higher results than those over which we have from year to year been permitted to rejoice.

It is cheering to know that we come to the close of the year with numerous and evident marks of the divine favor upon the work that our Association has performed. For such favor let us declare our gratitude to God, and with renewed devotion to Him and to the interests with which He has entrusted us, let us advance into the new year, doubting not that if we acknowledge Him in all our ways He will direct our paths.

JAMES N. FITZ GERALD,
President.



Report of the Vice President

Of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Most of the business coming under my supervision as executive is comprehended in the reports of the different committees and will be so presented.

The pay rolls have been large for the small amount of territory included in Ocean Grove, but are explained and justified by the expensive care of the parks, and especially in the graveling of the streets, as well as their repair from the violent storms which so frequently wash them; the trees, the trimming and care of which are costly; the fuller sprinkling of the streets, and the men employed for the continual repair of our buildings. The construction of curbs and sidewalks for our own property would alone account for the amounts so expended.

I have given a free amount of time for personal explanations to persons intending to purchase or purchasing our leaseholds in order to locate among us—especially in cases of the working of our water system. The plan of property owners who rent their buildings, by which an order is left with the Association to cut off the water from the tenant where the regular limit has been reached, has proved satisfactory in preventing any excess. The general introduction of meters for the measurement of water consumption has effected a large decrease in waste of water. Under this system the waste cannot be attributed to leakage, and scrupulous care is exercised, which certainly did not exist in the past.

The arrangement by which the landlord deposits with the Association an order to cut off the water from the tenant whenever the usual allowance has been exhausted, has

been found to work well for the parties interested. The oversight of the power house has been accepted almost exclusively by Thomas J. Preston, who has given to it an amount of intelligent labor, without which our work would have been seriously embarrassed. It has been fortunate for us that one of our members is not only so thoroughly versed in the arts of mechanism, but has had the willingness to bestow so large an amount of time and attention to our power at a time when the disabling of our engineer rendered such supervision essential.

The continuous supply of our water plant dissipates what has sometimes been a fear—that the volume would gradually diminish and we would be compelled to seek elsewhere for the amount we needed. In addition to the wells already in use there are nearly as many more from which water can be drawn in case of necessity.

The committees in general have so planned their work that the vice president has been able to execute it without calling them together, except in cases not included in the general directions.

The Police Committee and Board of Health, however, have found it necessary to meet more frequently, meeting the exigencies of health and conduct as they arose, and as many of their members have resided in the Grove, there has been no difficulty in securing a quorum for as many meetings as were deemed necessary.

The receipt and expense account of the Devotional Committee for the causes presented at the Auditorium were placed in the beginning of the season in charge of the vice president. It is a pleasure to report their auditing by the committee, with the result of their certified correctness, except twenty cents, which is fortunately in favor of the Association. The Finance Committee has recommended that in the coming season this duty shall devolve upon some employe of the office, with some plan of finance which Mr. Morgan will find more immediately practicable for him.

Many persons who accustomed themselves in the sum-

mer to enjoy the Sabbath quiet and religious privileges of the Grove, find the feeling to grow upon them, when life's forces are declining, and connect the close of life here, with its entrance upon the new forms of the hereafter by a residence in the Grove. Among these were Rev. W. F. Robinson, an honored member of the Newark Conference. From almost the beginning he had been so identified with our work here that we looked upon him as one of us, and the Holiness Meetings were often intrusted to his care. Laboring in evangelistic work, he fell at his post in the early part of the year, and his works do follow him.

Rev. J. R. Daniels, now absent at Clifton Springs, has been subjected to a daily struggle with physical disorders, which no constitution less powerful than his could have survived. His brave spirit has met them with a mastery which has silenced all disposition to complain. He has accepted with gentle resignation his retirement from a work he loved better than his life, and pursues his daily pathway of sanctification through suffering, awaiting the hour when the great captain of his salvation shall call for his soldier and say, "Come up higher."

In the decease of Mrs. Osee M. FitzGerald, mother of Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, one of the most prominent exponents of the deepest, as well as the highest illustrations of the spirituality of Methodism, has passed from the kingdom of Christ on earth to the wider realizations of that kingdom in heaven. The revelations of the Holy Spirit in her, while no higher than are attainable by any spiritual student of the mysteries, who studies those mysteries in the same unquestioning faith, were yet far beyond that expressed in that of most Christian people of today. It is not too much to say that the intangible force by which her son leads the religious activities of the thousands of people who come to Ocean Grove can be largely explained by inheritance from a mother who walked so closely with God.

A good restaurant, where a fair lunch can be procured at moderate prices, intervening with the regular hours of a

hotel, as well as for people who do not desire a full meal, is a felt necessity at Ocean Grove. The Association has been endeavoring to meet this want by fitting up one in the bakery building, corner of Pilgrim Pathway and McClintock street, sufficiently close to the Auditorium for the accommodation of those who have but little time to remain at the Grove, and yet have some necessity of refreshment. The experiment is becoming more and more successful each season. The diningroom has been extended, the second floor arranged for private lunch parties, and the place fitted up generally in good condition for the interests it proposes to serve.

There is an abiding sense of gratitude, both to God and my brethren, that I am still honored with a place in the executive direction of a Christian resort under the aegis of Methodism. Such a resort has a large part of the prophetic vision floating through all my ministerial life, as a place which should realize the best features of Jewish feasts, the Roman Catholic retreats and the Protestant ideals of the best uses of the body. It is a joy to me that I can say of Ocean Grove and Pitman Grove that "mine eyes have seen the glory in this coming of the Lord" in their prosperity, a prosperity which marks so far the nearest possibility known to the church or world of a Christianized community.

I am glad for the unanimity with which we demand its godly life and conversation, and the willingness to endure injustice in law, rather than surrender our seclusion. If Ocean Grove had accomplished no more than to show the world that such a community can exist, I am glad to have been permitted a share, both in its founding and continuance.

A. E. BALLARD.

National Educational Association

Nearly two years ago the vice president was approached by Mr. R. A. Tusting, of Asbury Park, on the subject of inviting the National Educational Association to hold its next annual session at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, which would involve the use of the public buildings of both the Park and Grove. The subject was presented to the annual session of Ocean Grove and approved, and the invitation was presented to the N. E. A. and accepted by them.

In pursuance of this they assembled in Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, on Monday, July 3d, continuing their meetings until the 7th, inclusive, occupying the Auditorium on the Sunday of July 2 with Rev. Dr. Hillis, of Brooklyn, and Rev. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, whose eloquent and forceful discourses will long be remembered at Ocean Grove.

The modes of administration were so different in Asbury Park and Ocean Grove that it was deemed advisable to disconnect the financial responsibilities, leaving Ocean Grove free to contract its own obligations, collect its own funds and pay its expenses as they accrued in entertaining the convention.

Professor Morgan was able to get a large orchestra and choir together for each service in the Auditorium, whose work attracted the appreciation not only of the National Educational Association, but the great numbers outside, who attended the sessions. The program was in charge of President William H. Maxwell, whose education as chief of the educational department of New York, amply qualified him for his position, and whose geniality of manner smoothed over the disappointments and difficulties before they were sensibly felt.

The executive work of the program was placed in charge of a general committee, which was divided into two—officials of Asbury Park as one, and the executive committee of Ocean Grove as the other, whose duties were

greatly simplified by the effective management of the professor, J. M. Green, president of the State Normal School, which influence had largely contributed toward bringing the association to the coast. The working out the program was committed to President T. F. Appleby, of Asbury Park, Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, of Ocean Grove, and with Vice Presidents R. A. Tusting and A. E. Ballard superintending in each place the work went forward without embarrassing friction.

A joint map, representing the hotels and boarding houses, was prepared and freely circulated among all the people and mailed to outside persons.

General headquarters was placed at the Casino, and afterward one for Ocean Grove needs at the Auditorium.

The delegates from the different States established their own headquarters at the hotels favored by them, both in Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, who were all in readiness to receive them when they came.

So complete had been the preparatory labors of the committee that, amid all the vast crowds attendant upon the convention, no case has been reported of inability to secure acceptable accommodations, for which the N. E. A. committee expressed openly their appreciation in a public statement that they had never before been so perfectly accommodated in this, as in other necessities of their session.

The public buildings of both Asbury Park and Ocean Grove were in continual use by the various assemblages, which listened to questions, the discussions of which reached into the future of the land upon matters of vital importance to it, and which were represented by the most eminent specialists in their several issues.



Tribute to Rev. E. H. Stokes

On the morning of July 16, the anniversary of the death of Dr. E. H. Stokes, the ladies of the Young People's Meeting presented, according to their annual custom, a beautiful

floral tribute to his widow, one of the few remaining living links which connect the past with the present of Ocean Grove.

Although nearing her ninth decade, Mrs. Stokes retains a quiet, physical vigor, enabling her to attend the regular services in the Auditorium, to preside at the anniversaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and other such public exercises as opportunity presents, while her mental force seems to suffer no abatement, either in their public forms or in the amenities of private life.



Children's Day

The Children's Day in the Temple Sunday School was a marvelous success. Superintendent Joseph Hudson, Secretary D. D. Peak and their efficient lieutenants, had worked for weeks for a success which more than surpassed their expectations when it came. The Temple was handsomely decorated—cedar trees, laurel baskets, evergreens and flowers gave the Temple an appearance of a festival in the woods. Large "horns of plenty" showered their contents of beautiful text cards for souvenirs.

A dozen girls, led by Miss Asay, all in Grecian costume, led a service of blessing, with emblematic hearts inscribed with the Christian graces. Solos were played and sung by Miss Edna White, Blanch Korb, Miss Alexander, Miss Marion Kistler and Ruth Wolf. A collection for expenses netted over fifty dollars.



Woman's Suffrage Association

The New Jersey Woman's Suffrage Association, with Mrs. Minola Graham Sexton, president, met at 3.30, July 24, in the Temple, and in the absence of Bishop FitzGerald, were welcomed by the vice president, who expressed a high

appreciation of their work and an earnest desire for its success.

The convention proceeded to discuss as a subject "What women can do to improve municipal conditions," which was full of practical suggestions, many of which are being carried out in places where the organization has a working force. In the evening Miss Florence Hall Howe pressed "The Duty of the Hour" in eloquent words upon the people, after which Miss Gail Laughlin presented "The world as our home," with the work of the association, by which the world was to be made so.

On the succeeding morning a symposium on Woman Suffrage was held, in which the views of the society were clearly defined, and in which the question of the labor of persons under legal age was discussed and strong resolutions pledging the association to active co-operation, both to procure and enforce law upon the subject were passed.

Miss Laughlin made a report of the National Convention, and with the assurance of a welcome from Ocean Grove at the next anniversary, the convention adjourned.



Woman's Christian Temperance Union

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union holds its clearly defined principles and purposes with a tenacity which takes no note of success or defeat, but keeps its great object plainly before its vision and allows no deviation from the path it has marked. Whether it is able to force an advance or whether it is forced a step backward it goes on just the same.

Their anniversary this year, under the continued presidency of Mrs. Bowne, was distinguished by the same calm resoluteness of purpose in their work which has never deserted them since their organization.

In the general program, Bishop J. N. FitzGerald gave the greetings of the Association, and Mrs. Hall for the Woman

Suffrage. In the special subjects assigned, Mrs. Clark, of New York, taught how to teach the next temperance Sunday school lesson.

Mrs. Bullock on County Loyal Legion, and Mrs. Fisher on its local leader, while Mrs. Hammer spoke to mothers and daughters. Rev. Mr. Muchler, of Philadelphia, made an address on the "Poor Man's Sunday." Miss Roberts on "Co-operation." Mrs. Demarest on "Social Problems." Miss Storey on "Immigration at Ellis Island." Miss Biggest on "The Social Octopus." Miss Thatcher on "Post Exchange." and Mr. Smith on "The tug of war between temperance and the liquor traffic." The interest was lively and well sustained, and many among those who listened sent a godspeed in their work along with them when they left.



Pennington Seminary Day

For most of the years of its existence Ocean Grove has given a day to Pennington Seminary. The institution was within its own conference bounds. Its president, Dr. O'Hanlon, was in charge of its great Bible class. Its president, vice president and later on its secretary, were among its trustees, and nothing more appropriate than Pennington, whose season was visited by scores of its alumni, could be found to illustrate the relationship of Ocean Grove to education.

On this occasion, the evening of July 14, was scheduled under the presidency of Rev. Frank Moore, D. D., when Rev. Dr. A. A. Willetts, now past eighty years, in full possession of his faculties, a former student, delivered an interesting lecture on "Great Orators." Dr. O'Hanlon spoke of the hundreds of men who had been aided by the college. Dr. Ballard, the senior trustee, gave reminiscences of the early days, which found their duplication in the present. Remarks were made by others. Solos were sung by Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Jr., and President Moore closed the banquet speeches in the Arlington, with the plans under active op-

eration, by which its debt is being removed and the course of instruction to be pursued the coming year.

It is pleasant to be able to add that these plans and works are so maturing as to assure the Pennington future, and the attendance at the opening of the present session largely exceeds any of the recent past.



Temperance Publication Society

The National Temperance Publication Society occupied their regular place with us on July 28-30, under the general charge of its corresponding secretary, Dr. J. B. Dunn, assisted by Rev. Hervey Wood.

Their services opened on Friday evening with an oratorical contest on the great temperance question by five prize orators from as many different colleges, and who were all members of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, under the leadership of Alfred C. Milligan.

The occasion was as unique as were the forms in which the arguments were presented. If these could be judged by the respectful attention with which they were received, a favorable impression was made upon the people in the temperance issues they discussed.

The National Association represents all active phases of temperance work, whatever may be its name or specialty. Wherever any one form of labor projects an advance, it lends both its literature and personal labor towards its success, and stands a firm citadel from which the advances can safely be made.

On Saturday the regular routine work received the usual attention, in which Rev. Dr. Poulson, a war-horse of half a century of temperance battles, took the prominent part in an address, which the press pronounced as powerful.

The Temperance Sunday was assigned to E. Tennyson Smith, of England, who came with high recommendations from the most prominent leaders in temperance work in

"the old country." He gave two effective discourses which, while not fully reaching the greatest advances of temperance issues here, yet aided in intensifying the temperance sentiment already existing.



Stokes Monument

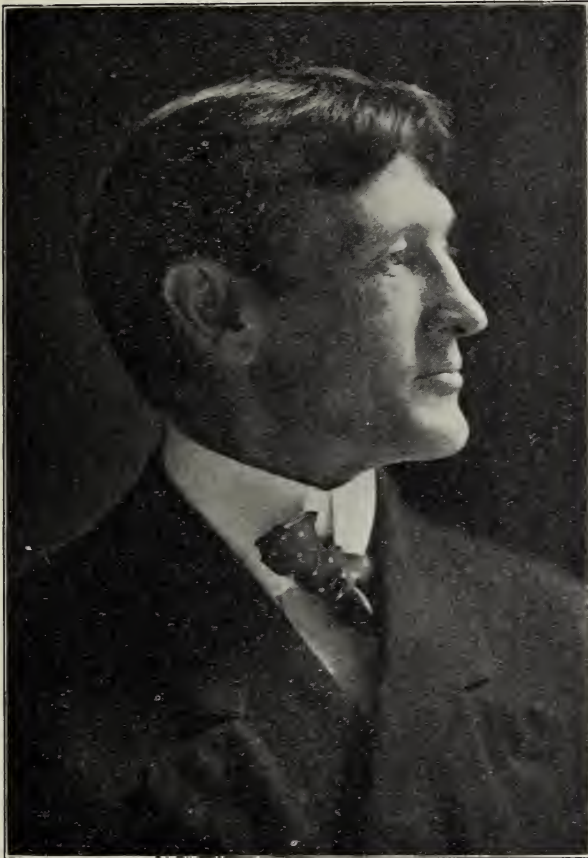
At the semi-annual meeting of the Association, held May 15th, 1902, A. E. Ballard, Thomas O'Hanlon, James L. Hays, John E. Andrus, A. H. DeHaven, J. H. Alday and William H. Skirm were unanimously appointed a committee "for the purpose of erecting on these grounds a suitable monument to the Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., LL. D.," the first President of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.

After deciding that the monument should be a bronze statue of heroic size, the committee secured the services of Paul W. Morris, a well-known artist, to prepare a plan and estimate of expense; and deciding upon a cost not to exceed \$6,000, proceeded to solicit subscriptions by issuing circulars and calling attention of the friends of Ocean Grove at public meetings, etc., finally securing a sufficient sum to justify a contract with Mr. Morris, efforts being continued to increase the subscriptions to the required amount. The treasurer reports having paid to Mr. Morris the sum of \$5,683.75.

It is estimated that the entire amount collected, including the basket collections, represents at least 3,000 subscribers.

The committee's report of 1904 stated that the statue would be finished and ready for erection early in the season of 1905. The committee fixed upon the Ocean Grove anniversary Day, July 31st, as the most suitable time for the unveiling of the statue, which was accepted by all as an appropriate date.

The following is the program of exercises at the unveil-



Paul W. Morris, Sculptor
Of Boston, Mass.

ing, which was carried out in the presence of a very large and deeply interested assemblage:

Hymn—"Hover O'er Me, Holy Spirit"

By Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D.

Scripture Reading.....Rev. J. H. Alday, D. D.

PrayerBishop J. N. FitzGerald, D. D.

Responsive Reading.....Rev. A. E. Ballard, D. D.

OrationBishop Henry Spellmeyer, D. D.

Unveiling of Statue.....A. H. DeHaven, Esq.

Hymn—"Nearer, My God to Thee."

BenedictionRev. Thomas O'Hanlon, D. D.

The excellent opening address by Governor Stokes and the eloquent oration by Bishop Spellmeyer, were universally commended.

It is gratifying to report that so much satisfaction has been expressed from friends of Ocean Grove all over the country with the statue and its location on Ocean Pathway, near Central avenue.

Considering the fact that all such movements are of slow growth, the committee congratulates the Association on the generous response in subscriptions for this most important purpose, the results showing the great interest felt for a movement which was earnestly approved by the great majority of the friends of Ocean Grove, to whom Dr. Stokes is a precious memory; and the committee desires to express its appreciation of the support and encouragement received in an undertaking requiring such patience and labor, and earnestly congratulates the friends and patrons of Ocean Grove that there is so permanently placed "in our midst a constant reminder of one who planned and executed long and well in the upbuilding of this city by the sea."

(Signed) A. E. BALLARD,
THOMAS O'HANLON,
JAMES L. HAYS,
JOHN E. ANDRUS,
A. H. DeHAVEN,
J. H. ALDAY.

Following is the speech of Governor Stokes:

This is a historic and memorable occasion. We have gathered to dedicate a monument to one who for years was identified with the growth and progress of Ocean Grove. In a broader sense, we are here to celebrate the success of his policy in the creation of a Christian seaside resort. Ellwood H. Stokes needs no memorial of stone or marble or brass. This place, itself, where the ocean's song blends with the forest's hymn, is his monument and tells the story of his life-work.

Ocean Grove is unique in the fact that it was not in its inception, and has not been in its development, a commercial enterprise, but a place of rest and recreation, consecrated to the worship of God. It is the only place of its kind that is or has been. It represents the true simplicity of life. It affords pleasure without indulgence, recreation without license, and worship without formality. It has no restrictions except restrictions against wrong. It permits every one to do as he pleases so long as he pleases to do right. It differs from all other places in that it was organized not for gain, but for the benefit of its guests and visitors. Altruism, not profit, is here the ruling motive—a happy contrast to the commercial spirit of the age.

That Ocean Grove has preserved this character for thirty-six years, in spite of criticism and despite the liberalizing tendencies of the age, is due to the firmness and courage of him in whose honor these exercises are held. Fitting it is that this place should contain the monument of its founder, and for years its leading spirit. Fitting it is that on this pathway, where come and go thousands of visitors from all parts of the world, should stand a memorial to typify the Ocean Grove idea, as exemplified in the life of its great leader. Fitting it is that those who have taken up the work which he laid down should find here a perpetual reminder of his zeal and devotion and encouragement to continue the principles he put into practical operation. May this monument



Edward C. Stokes
Governor of New Jersey

long stand, and may Ocean Grove be ever true to the sincere normal Christian life it so happily exemplifies.

The speech of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer, of Ohio, follows:

Pliny, the younger, has said, "The erection of a monument is superfluous; the memory of us will last if we have deserved it in our lives." And not long since the Poet Laureate of England, controverting the proposal to erect a statue to Shakespeare in London, wrote in "The National Review" a poem, of which the first two lines are:

Why should we lodge in marble or in bronze
Spirits more vast than earth or sea or sky?

It is true that what a man has done determines his earthly immortality, and there is no monument so precious as the love and honor a grateful world gives to its benefactors. But humanity is prone to forget, and the memory of great deeds must be kept alive. We prize the invention, the discovery and the victory; but we seldom pause to ask, by whom? Credit is not always given and honor is not always justly bestowed.

The best monument is the lifework; but the monument in marble or bronze will help to keep the memory of the lifework alive. Good people have dull memories of sacred events that should be cherished, such as remarkable mercies, special deliverances from physical harm, from awful temptations, from financial disaster—alas, how soon the most godly forget, and their greatest blessings fade out of sight as ships far out on the sea.

Now, by the law of mind, one thing recalls another thing when there is a suggestive relation between them. So the great leaders of Israel, knowing how quickly important events would be forgotten, used every possible circumstance and expedient to keep God's words and ways and works in mind. They marked their journeys with monumental signs, giving to material things sacred meanings. They made heaps

of stones at the Jordan, they built altars to commemorate deliverances, they tipped a great stone on end and gave it a name. They used the stones of the wilderness as monuments and gave to common things a holy meaning.

And did not our blessed Lord, when His lifework was ended on the earth, as if He feared it would be forgotten, take the cup and pour into it all the prophets and priests had said about him, and the bread, which He broke to symbolize His bruised and broken body, and say: "Use these as memorials. They will help to keep the memory of My lifework alive. Do this! Do it in faith! Do it in remembrance of me!"

We find in the Scriptures the record that, "Joshua took a great stone and set it up under an oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord," saying, "This stone shall be a witness."

So we are gathered together today, near the sanctuary of the Lord at Ocean Grove, where on this broad pathway toward the open sea a monument in bronze has been set up. There is no oak here. The man himself was the oak, the great original oak in this great forest of trees. Art has taken material substances and made from them an heroic statue of lifesize to keep alive the memory of the greatest lifework of our great chieftain, Ellwood Haines Stokes. And as the generations pass from yonder temple, made with hands, down the pathway of life and across the sea into the temple not made with hands, this statue "shall be a witness, to a pure and guileless character, a general in the Lord's armies, an emancipator through Christ of thousands of souls, and an uncompromising defender of the holy Sabbath, the Holy Bible and the holy life.

It is not my duty to deliver a biographical oration, analyzing his character, eulogizing his traits and reviewing his life. This was performed long ago, on Monday, July 19, 1897, by my colleague, Bishop FitzGerald, in an admirable memorial sermon, which was printed for general circulation.

Mine is a short and simple duty. I am to let this memorial statue speak to you that your memories may be refreshed.

I may declare without fear of contradiction that the lapse of eight years has not changed our estimate of his greatness. We still say that Ellwood H. Stokes was the man for the task the Ocean Grove Association set before him. We remember that familiar, stalwart figure, that vigorous stride, with strength and firmness in every tread of his feet. We look again into those eyes, so intelligent, so quickly moved, so searching that they seemed to look one through. We feel once more the warm, tight grasp that made you feel he was your friend. Again we see him waving his hands as he talked to the great throngs and moved them as he would. We hear today that great voice, every word distinctly enunciated, giving his commands. We see him again, stooping down to childhood, to old age, and to the penitent. Yes! He is not altogether gone away from Ocean Grove. We have visions all about us as we look and think, for every place and pathway in this enclosure has cherished memories of him.

And this statue will make more vivid as years pass on the vision of the man who when fifty-two years of age laid the broad foundations, with others, of this unparalleled Christian city, and was the president of the Association from its organization, a man who was the soul of honor, brimful of courtesy, endowed with rare common sense, possessed of an indomitable will, and consecrated talents that gave him a superior fitness for his chosen task.

In *The New York Christian Advocate* of July 29, 1897, I read recently this sentence, which so truthfully describes the personal traits of Dr. Stokes that you will be pleased with the quotation:

“Witty without levity, ruling without tyranny, punctual, prompt and precise without being finical, fervent without fanaticism, poetic to the verge of rhapsody, effusive, endowed with a wonderful memory of names and faces, occasionally satirical, but not rasping, and religious without cant,

he was the man for the place he made, and when he made the place it was suited to the man."

Such is the testimony of one of our most honored and discriminating writers, which the verdict of the passing years has heartily indorsed.

Let us now for a few moments listen to some words from the pen of our crowned chieftain, words I have culled from a published sermon of his, dated 1893, entitled "The Story of Fifty Years." A good part of this sermon is autobiographical. He tells us that he was the youngest but one in a family of seven, of Quaker ancestry, that his mother was a great lover of the Bible, which fact may account in some measure for his own championship of it. He strikes the keynote of his life when he says: "Saving souls is not only the legitimate, it is the primal business of the church. I do not think I ever left a charge without conversions."

He proceeds in a frank and open-hearted way to declare the controlling motives of his life, which I feel sure will be an appropriate and interesting disclosure for us all on this unique occasion. He says:

"My time, my talent, my influence, my example, my means, much or little, I have cast into the treasury of the Lord. I have not prostituted my body to unholy purposes. I neither drink rum nor smoke tobaccö. I have not employed my intellect to defame character, and if I should die now I do not remember a line I have caused to be printed I should be unwilling to meet.

"I have not used my money for needless self-indulgences. I have not oppressed the poor. Every blow I have struck for these fifty years has been for truth and righteousness. Sometimes I have struck hard. That was because there were hard substances to break. I have had a smooth way, and I haven't. Once I was burned in effigy. I have been in the depth of care, great anxieties and responsibilities, but never shipwrecked."

Recently considerable contention has arisen among the authorities in Indianapolis, Ind., as to the location in that

city of the new monument of the late President Harrison, that foursquare man whose fame shines like a searchlight over the sea of our national life. Secretary Shaw has finally determined that it shall be set up at the corner of the new and beautiful Federal building.

There is no possible contention as to where the statue of Dr. E. H. Stokes shall be set up. He belongs to Medford, N. J., where he was born in 1815, and to the New Jersey Conference, which he joined in 1844. But there is no place between our great oceans that can present a claim for his statue equal to Ocean Grove. Here for more than a quarter of a century he did the very best work of his very busy life. Here all the forces of his brain and heart were focalized and his consecrated talents as an organizer found their broadest scope. Here he walked and worked, prayed and preached. Here on July 5, 1897, he was taken ill, and on July 16, 1897, in the evening just before the bell in the tower tolled eighty-two times, he crossed the bar, and men and women said with sobs, "He has been translated."

Yes! Yes! Let the statue be set up here, not elsewhere, but here, not far from the great Auditorium, the supreme realized ambition of his life, on this broad pathway suggestive of the "abundant entrance" given him when he reached the eternal shore! This is the place for this bronze memorial statue, on which God's stars shall shed their gentle light, and the breezes fragrant with the odors of immortality shall come in from the eternal sea!

I think now of Westminster Abbey, with its vaults for the burial of royalty, its tablets and monuments celebrating the virtues of great men, justly regarded by all Englishmen as their national Valhalla or Temple of Fame. It is, indeed, an honor to be interred within its walls. Many of us have had kindred feelings with Washington Irving, who has, in these beautiful words, voiced his own: "We step cautiously and softly about, as if fearful of disturbing the hallowed silence of the tomb. It seems as if the awful nature of the

place presses down upon the soul, and hushes the beholder into noiseless reverence."

In the Jerusalem Chamber, to the southwest of the abbey, are beautiful frescoes showing the death of Henry IV and the coronation of Queen Victoria. This Jerusalem Chamber was the scene of the death of Henry IV.

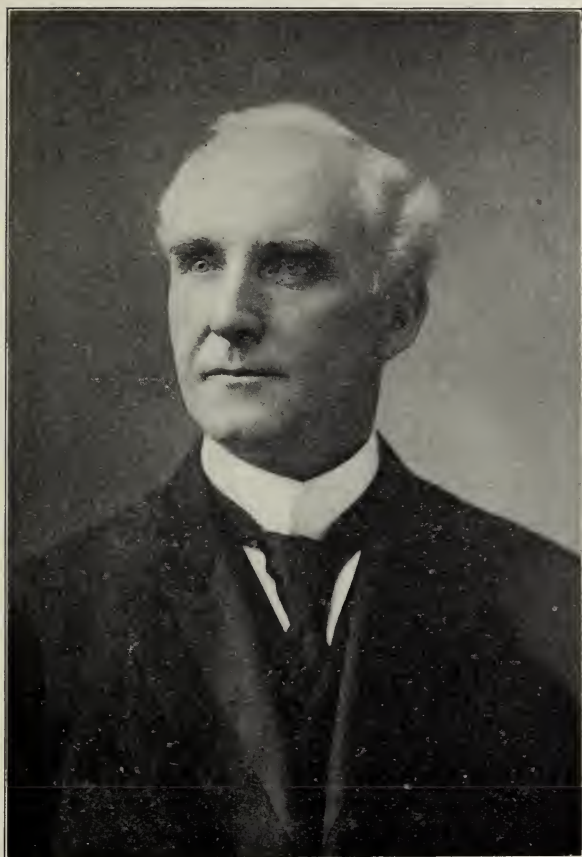
And are we not glad that Ocean Grove was the Jerusalem Chamber of our immortal chieftain? When the summons came, if he could have chosen the place, would not he have said, "Here?" Is it not a joy to us, his friends, who survive, that not on a foreign shore to which he travelled he lay down to rest from his labors, but here at home? Perhaps the angels knew the wish of his heart, and by God's permission it was granted:

"Bear me to that chamber; there I'll die in that Jerusalem."

In my closing words, I will, if I can, leave on your minds not so much, however, the solemnity of death as the joyfulness of life. Here is a man whose greatest work was begun when he was fifty-five years old. All the energies of his soul in their fullest power were forced into the last twenty-five years of his life. Oslerism would have found then little room for him on the earth; but Christianity teaches that all the days of our lives are in God's hands, and observation proves that the best work of good men is often done just before God lets them come to rest in heaven.

Let every one of us banish gloomy thoughts when the shadows of old age lengthen. We are part of eternity, and in eternity they have no calendars of time. There is no parenthesis in the life of a Christian. Night is not coming because the years are going fast.

Better it were to say,
Life is a splendid day;
A blessing, a trust, a hope,
A star in the azure cope;
A hastening and a quest;



Bishop Henry Spellmeyer
Of Cleveland, Ohio

A toiling without rest;
 A victory fought and won
 From rise to set of sun.
 The passing of a soul,
 From God to God her goal;
 A wave from His infinite sea,
 Back to infinity.
 We surely are safe with God
 When the fern curls from the sod.
 From a sea unto a sea,
 We are part of eternity.

Again, here lived a man whose life was circumscribed. His name will not appear in the annals of war. He was not called to stand before kings to receive decorations from royal hands. Yet his name will not perish, for his life was made immortal by its usefulness. He loved humanity for its own sake and for Christ's sake. He valued souls more than diadems. It is because of the love he carried in his great heart for God and humanity you have erected this monument to his memory.

I am sure these lines of Robert Loveman Dr. Stokes would have accepted as an interpretation of his life plan:

What care I for caste or creed?
 It is the deed, it is the deed;
 What for class or what for clan?
 It is the man, it is the man;
 Heirs of love and joy and woe,
 Who is high, and who is low?
 Mountain, valley, sky and sea
 Are for all humanity.
 What care I for robe or stole?
 It is the soul, it is the soul;
 What for crown, or what for crest?
 It is the heart within the breast;
 It is the faith, it is the hope,

It is the struggle up the slope;
It is the brain and eye to see
One God and one humanity.

Again, in the olden days when the Philistines attacked Israel, Israel was afraid and entreated Samuel, saying: "Cry unto the Lord our God for us. And the Lord came forth on the side of Israel, and the Philistines "were smitten before Israel." "Then Samuel took a stone and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

So, between the Tabernacle and the sea this statue has been set up to honor the memory and keep alive the deeds of a great and good man. That is its primary intention.

But I pray that this monument may be to all of us, also, a perpetual reminder that the Lord has helped the men who have made Ocean Grove what it is. Not alone has the hand of genius, of courage, of toil been seen here, but blind indeed must be the eyes of those who have not seen the hand of God stretched down from heaven guiding and controlling all human hands in building on the white sand of this shore this great and growing Christian city by this great, broad, blue, blessed sea. Men die and we delight to honor them. We will proclaim their virtues and their deeds to passing generations. But their God and ours still lives, and great as the past has been, greater still may the future be! And to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost will be the glory and the praise, world without end. Amen.



Rev. Henry M. Brown

Henry M. Brown, of New Jersey Conference, was born at Franklin, N. J., October 5, 1824., and died at Cranbury, N. J., July 30, 1905. His parents were devout Methodists, his father serving as Sunday school superintendent and in most of the other official positions open to a layman in the church. Henry's conversion took place in early boyhood, and the work of the Holy Spirit upon his mind soon became

openly apparent. One of my great surprises over the power of religion was found in listening to him when as a boy he conducted the family worship. He had at that time an impediment in his speech which seemed to disqualify him for public exercises. But when I listened to a flow of spiritual eloquence sent through a voice clear as a bell and sweet as a conception of heavenly music, as it pleaded with God, I raised my head in astonishment to discover that it was only the boy of my daily association, who was talking to God in the language of the spirit. This open work was continued by him as the opportunities of conversation and the meetings of the church permitted, and was made a factor amid other influences in bringing me to the same salvation as had been realized by him. The church pressed upon us both such labor as was appropriate to our years, and licensed us, under the Rev. Francis Morrill, as exhorters on the same day. We became interested in Soho, where the copper works ran uninterruptedly nights and days and Sundays, and where religious services of any kind were unknown. We enlisted R. S. Harris, another exhorter, afterward a member of the Conference, and began to hold meetings there. Revivals followed our labor, and the results still remain.

Henry M. Brown studied at Pennington Seminary, and in 1846 was received on trial in the conference from which, without a break, he received his appointments for sixty years, until, after exhaustive pastoral work in the heat of last July, and an exceptionally hard day's work in preaching, he succumbed to an attack of cerebral meningitis, and on the Sabbath following closed his work here and obeyed the Master's call to "come up higher."

In his conception of the ministry he was essentially a revivalist, and in Bridgeton, Burlington, Long Branch and Elmer the revivals occurring under his ministry were among the largest ever had in those places. He possessed a clear, sound common sense. This was fully recognized by the churches which he served, and led to his being chosen a director from the inception of the New Jersey Conference

Camp-Meeting Association at Pitman Grove, and later on to a membership in the Ocean Grove Association. In Pitman he risked the loss of a large part of his life's savings rather than repudiate the debts for which he was not legally bound. In the Conference his many years of presidency over its Board of Stewards is remembered as something pleasurable alike to the dispenser and recipient of Conference funds. He was naturally a child of song, and his singing was a power in his ministry.

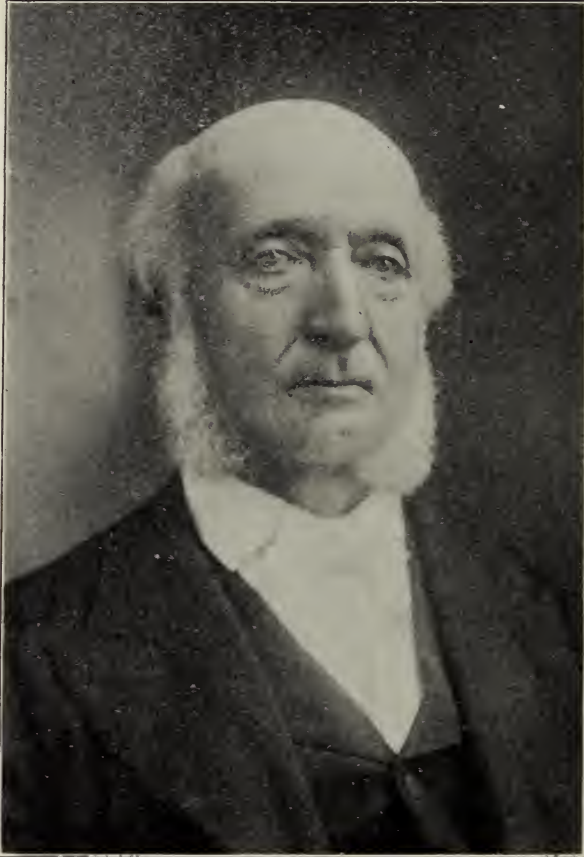
In January of 1856 he was married to Miss Margaret Nicol, of Belvidere, N. J., who survives him, with three sons and one daughter.

For the last two days of life he was unconscious, and no religious expression was possible. His death occurred at the time of the annual memorial services at Ocean Grove, where Bishop FitzGerald paid a noble tribute to his life and character. In another tribute a great statesman said of him, "He was without guile." In Cranbury, his last appointment, the respectful love of the people was universal. The community was mostly Presbyterian, and while he stood plainly by his Methodism, they all worked together for the common good.

The funeral services were held in his church, under the direction of his presiding elder, J. B. Haines. The Revs. H. G. Williams and J. S. Heisler, his official associates at Pitman Grove; Charles E. Hill, his Conference classmate; Drs. Curry and Allen, of the Presbyterian Church; Drs. O'Hanlon, Dobbins, and B. C. Lippincott, Jr., of the Conference, and the Rev. J. H. Alday and the Hon. James L. Hays, of Ocean Grove, took part in the service, after which the presiding elder called the ministers around the coffin and they sang "Blest be the tie that binds."

In the division of the directors' work at Pitman Grove the general charge of its camp was committed to him for the present year. In place of his presence a memorial service, presided over by the writer, was held. A. E. B.

Resolved, That the decease of Rev. H. M. Brown, a



Rev. Henry M. Brown

long and honored associate with us, the Ocean Grove Association, leaves a saddened but triumphant feeling with his fellow members.

His long life of sixty years in the ministry of the gospel, and a quarter of a century here, entitle him to a place in our memory second to none who have fallen in the work.

His unswerving integrity, genial disposition and interest in all matters pertaining to our temporal and spiritual interests, are worthy of our highest commendation, and make it proper to say we will follow in his steps as he followed Christ.

A. E. BALLARD.

Hon. William H. Skirm

Hon. William H. Skirm was born of Teutonic and Methodistic ancestry in the City of Trenton, New Jersey, on January 17th, 1841, and deceased there on October 7, 1905.

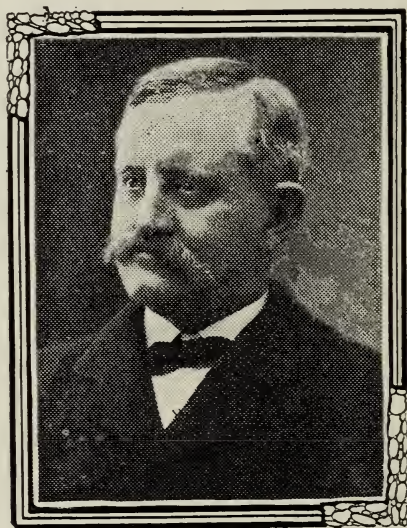
Excepting some slight attacks of indigestion, he had been in his usual health up to the morning of that day, when he made his daily trip from Ocean Grove to his residence in Trenton. He had arranged to return in the afternoon for the examination of the books of the Grove for its auditing committee, of which he was chairman, and when the last train in which he could return had passed, there was a feeling of serious alarm. A close friend was telephoned to, who entered the house late at night and found him sitting in his chair, and dead. The medical decision was that he had been dead several hours; that the death had been painless, and superinduced by indigestion.

In boyhood, he entered a mercantile house as an office boy. He steadily rose to a managing partnership, was successful for years, providing means for his generous benevolence, which was characteristic of his life.

He had the same energy in other walks of life. While yet a boy he was librarian, soon after teacher, then secretary, and for many years the superintendent of the Sunday school of the old First Church in Trenton, which soon acquired the

reputation of being one of the best conducted in the Conference.

He became a trustee in Pennington Seminary, filling the offices of secretary and treasurer for over thirty years. The institution, while successful as an educator, was always financially embarrassed. In its greatest stress he applied more than he could afford to save it. The Conference voiced



GENERAL W. H. SKIRM

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their appreciation by saying " that so far as they could see, without his timely help, the school would have been lost to the Conference and the church."

He was early made a member of the City Council, and with other intervening positions was for six years a Senator from the central county in the State, and closing political life as President of the Senate.

He was a young man at the date of the Civil War, and identified himself with the State guards, where he rose to a

captaincy, a colonency, and on retiring was given the rank of general.

His attention was attracted to Ocean Grove, where he established a summer home for his family, and was made a member of the Association and appointed secretary. His familiarity with political life made him influential in preventing the desecration of its ocean front through the Legislature, and his open generosity by a large subscription, aided in the construction of its present Auditorium where, with gentlemanly courtesy, he accepted the position of an usher. He was a member of the Stokes Monument Committee and worked faithfully for the success of the movement, was a contributor to the fund and was delighted with the great success of the movement, and happy in being present at the unveiling of the great statue. To the church of his boyhood he gave the fullest strength of his entire life, and his devotion to its work was his enjoyment. He restricted the luxuries of life that he might give more largely to its enterprises, in which his wife heartily united.

At the head of the Sunday school he was a success. He filled all the offices accessible to a layman, and was three times elected as a delegate to the General Conference.

In his home his noblest traits found their development. He and his wife were truly companions for forty years. To his children he was also a companion, and no room in their house was too sacred for their feet.

His funeral was attended by the prominent men of the city and State, the Governor being among the honorary bearers. A lady who had been a child in his Sunday school sang a requiem; Dr. Reed, pastor of his early church, offered the prayer, and Rev. Dr. Elder, a close friend with Rev. Dr. Alday, another friend, read the Scripture. Rev. Dr. O'Hanlon spoke of his usefulness at Pennington, Dr. Handley of the Conference, Dr. Wight of his value to the church and Dr. Ballard of his Ocean Grove life, after which he was laid in his grave near the Delaware river and among the graves.

of his confreres in life, to await the coming of the Lord he loved and served.

In his death Ocean Grove loses a loyal and valuable trustee, a generous, self-sacrificing supporter, and the members of its Association an earnest and unselfish friend.



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its thirty-third anniversary at Ocean Grove in the Temple on August 4-5, and in the Auditorium on the Sabbath. The meetings were held under the presidency of Mrs. E. H. Stokes, who from the first has been honored with the position, and to whom Bishop FitzGerald gave words of fitting recognition in his welcome to the society.

The meetings were arranged so as to be productive of continual interest, through solos, prayers, Bible readings and hymns, with intelligent addresses, of which the principal was by Mrs. Frank Gamewell, of China.

The president was ably assisted by Mrs. Henry Wheeler and other ladies through various exercises, by which these meetings are always made interesting.

In the progress of the anniversary, memorial services were held for Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, a lady whose devotion to this work has given her a national prominence.

The preservation of the life and vigor of the venerable president, to whom much of the success of the society is fairly attributable, was a matter calling forth devout congratulation from the society.

Dr. George Heber Jones preached on Sunday morning and told of the women of Corea, who like women everywhere, were naturally more inclined to religion than the men. They are the strength of Paganism there, and when converted are the strength of Christianity. Where ten years ago there was nothing, there are now twenty churches.

Dr. Spencer, in the evening, spoke more particularly of

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 WUSHED FOREVER TIME'S RUDE BLAST!
 TROUBLES SMALL NO MORE RUN RIOT.

COME THE EVERLASTING QUIET!
 PAST THE TEMPEST COME THE CALM.
 CHANGED THE CROSS FOR VICTORY'S PALM.

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Japan and the power it was likely to be in in giving the gospel to China.

At the afternoon service on Saturday, Mrs. George Heber Jones, who went to Corea in 1890, and as a white girl was looked upon as a curiosity, told of the homes where the women were slaves and where ten dollars a month supports a family of five persons. Twenty churches are now established, with six hundred members.

It was announced that Miss Jennie Hughes, daughter of a former member of the Association, would sail this autumn for China.

A collection was taken in the morning and special Scriptures read in the afternoon, which were transmitted to the present society through Mrs. J. R. VanKirk, who, along with her venerable friend, the president, has so long held the position of treasurer.



Woman's Home Missionary Society

The anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society began its sessions on the morning of August 10, Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, presiding. Prayer was made by Dr. J. I. Boswell, and greetings from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society through Rev. T. J. Scott, of India, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union by Mrs. L. P. Hyatt, followed by a prayer and consecration service.

On Thursday Mrs. Headly R. Woodward gave the silver anniversary and Miss Margaret Asay the silver jubilee. Miss Carrie Barge showed conclusively that the society can do its work. Mrs. Anna Kent told of the labors among our Mexican girls and Miss Nettie Baker about it in our own west.

On Wednesday Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff spoke of our island neighbors. The "Hope of Porto Rico" was presented by Miss Alice McKinney, and a paper on "Telling the Story" by Miss VanMarter, after which "Things Left Unsaid," by Miss Alice Guernsey, closed the general exer-

cises of the society, and left Thursday free for its special department of Deaconess Day, under the superintendency of Miss Henrietta A. Bancroft. Miss H. C. Henry discussed the work among the children, and Miss Helen Clarkson the "Call to Deaconess Work." Mrs. C. W. Gallagher told of spiritual life at Rust Hall. Mrs. Priscilla Foster of "Equipment for Deaconess Work." Mrs. Theodore Gatchell, of the DesMoines training school, and Mrs. D. B. Street, of Sibley Hospital. Lucy Wilbur Hayes Training School by Rev. C. W. Gallagher, and immigrant work by Mrs. Van D. Brown. In the evening Miss Bertha Fowler gave an address on the need of missionary and deaconess work in the cities, and Miss Bertha Sanford on the essentiality of a deeper spiritual life, when the anniversary was concluded with a consecration service to fuller work in the future.

Wherever from any unavoidable cause there was a failure in the keeping of these appointments, the management was ready at a moment's notice to supply the deficiency, so that there was no breakdown in the official program.

This form of missionary work has become an institution at Ocean Grove. Their work is especially interesting to people who come to Ocean Grove because of its dealing more largely with matters connected with the morals or religion in our land, rather than the incipency of faith so absolutely essential in the foreign missionary work.

It is a saddening fact that in nations professing generally a belief in the Christian religion, their Christianity has to be Christianized in order to be made effective in the conduct of life. But it was so predicted by its founders, and history has proved it true in all the centuries since its inaugural. Their work is still the leaven working in the measures of meal, which some day will aid in leaving the whole lump.

It was with an effusion of pleasure that the president, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, was welcomed by the society. She reports herself in excellent health and in labors abundant, as has always been the case with her.

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, of Newark, spoke of our

"Island Neighbors." In Alaska a home had been established where already sixty children were being cared for, and in Porto Rico special efforts were being made to deliver the women from the almost bestial condition in which many of them are compelled to live.



Young People's Temple

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the leadership of Rev. C. H. Yatman in the Young People's Temple, was appropriately celebrated on the evening of August 14th in the Auditorium.

The discourse was based upon his trips around the world depicting the wonders of its scenery, the variety of climate, the types of civilization, the wide divergencies of race and color, and the varied estimates of morality, the difference of belief in religion, making them real with the same vividness of description that emphasizes his attractiveness in the Young People's Meeting. He presented his earnest desire for a third trip around the world, toward which the courtesy of an appreciative offering in celebration of the event had been extended by the Association, which was taken at the close of the meeting.

His annual report to the committee says:

"Today closes my twenty-fifth year of work at Ocean Grove. Years of hard work and harvest. Blessed years of growth for me. 'The one hundred fold' return has been mine multiplied.

"My praise is unto the God of all grace, and I thank the Ocean Grove Association with my whole heart for the golden opportunity they have given me here. I leave the scattered seed in the keeping of Him who is lord of the harvest, and await the eternal day with much joy, knowing there will be some there who were led to the cross by the 'Sunshine Hour' of the Young People's Temple.

"This year's work has been one of pre-eminent strength

in the character of truth, helpers and service. There have been conversions and many wandering sheep of Christ's fold have been sought and found. The inspiration by the spirit for a nobler Christian life has come to thousands.

"Never in the quarter of a century have I had the help, willingly given, of more men of high rank in the church than this year. Soloists and players upon instruments have, it seems to me, been doubly inspired.

"The following extract from an editorial by a non-Christian man in one of the leading dailies of America is a fair sample of the kind words and congratulations poured in on me at this hour, when my heart is overflowing with gratitude for what God has wrought, for only by Him could the twenty-five years be crowned as they are:"

"Year after year for twenty-five years he has gone to Ocean Grove to face overflowing congregations at his daily Young People's Meeting, and with ever-increasing freshness he has conducted it so as to shape the best citizenship and life of young men and women who have felt his touch. Wherever he has gone he has stood for American ideals and carried the American flag, and among heathen people he has never accepted money for his labor. In the winter seasons he has traveled evangelistically over every part of America until his name has become a household one in the religious circles of the land."



Music

The phenomenal heat of a large part of the summer, attended with its exceptional humidity, interfered greatly with the attendance upon the various entertainments held in the Grove. While the state of the atmosphere probably increased the number who occupied the hotels and boarding houses, it induced many to remain in the cool seclusion of their places of residences or find a seat on a boardwalk pavilion, or a gentle promenade there.

A leading journal says of young Raymond FitzGerald, who, in the flush of a magnificent young manhood, was stricken with blindness and turned his attention to music, that "He stands on the level of the best violinists who give so high a character to the music of Ocean Grove, that as his bow glides across the strings, there is a perceptible feeling speaking louder than words of eloquent oratory," and a prominent gentleman who heard him in the Temple play a selection said: "When that young man plays I feel inspired. It brings out all the good that is in me to the surface and I leave the Temple with the resolve to be a better, truer man."

The connecting a musical entertainment with a fine type of moving pictures proved a highly successful method of an evening's pleasure. While the grandeur of an oratorio was absent, yet some of the best selections from them were in evidence and, interspersed with the music, made a period of agreeable change as the evening passed on.

In one of these, Maurice Warner, the boy violinist, was highly appreciated, and with a volume far beyond the ordinary, made the different parts grandly effective. Anita Rio, Miss Spencer, Prof. Van Yorx and Julian Walker were highly appreciated.

The Rose Maiden was presented early in July, and though always a favorite, yet the intense humidity of the atmosphere, combined with the depressing heat, induced many of the people to remain quiescent at the beach, rather than to undergo exertion for any entertainment whatever. While the audience was smaller than the average, yet those attending called it one of the most delightful performances ever witnessed by them. The orchestra and chorus were superior to the heat, and went through their arduous duties without a symptom of faltering.

The high standard of music, devotional and for entertainments, maintained by the Ocean Grove Association, has not only been up to the standard of the past, but exceeded it. To a superficial observer it does not seem possible that

so large a cost is necessary to accomplish this, as the books show is paid for it. First of all, the singers have to be secured and trained. Whether this is done in Ocean Grove, in New York or Philadelphia, it involves cost of rent, lights, policing, janitorship, transportation and a hundred expenses impossible to name, but always costly.

These alone, however, are not sufficient to form a chorus choir. Not enough can be obtained from local color, and even if there were, the finest quality is seldom all obtainable in any one place, and can only be gathered by bringing together in magnetic contact the best of several different places, and special trains have to be chartered to bring the hundreds of a chorus from New York and Philadelphia.

Then follows the expense of the orchestra. By an arrangement with the hotels, their table board is donated as their share of the expense of maintenance. These arrangements are made for a home for rest and sleeping, with suitable accommodations for fifty or sixty people, which includes matronage, service, light, fuel, their expenses of travel, the cost of a drill master, all running into the thousands. The bills for advertising are among the largest features of the cost. Bill posters are the aristocrats of music, and are both costly and necessary. In this busy age people must not only have the knowledge in the public journals, but must see it in the streets and have it brought to their very doors. To this must be added clerk hire and postage. These bills, too, reach the thousand dollar mark.

The amounts paid to the great soloists are also heavy, ranging from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars per evening for each entertainment, and this at a large discount from their regular cost. Four to six people, at these prices, are necessary for each oratorio. There must also be a salaried head master, who cannot be obtained at cheap prices. A talent both for music and musical direction, like that of Mr. Morgan, must have its appropriate compensation. To this must be added the frequent introduction of exceptional ability, either in precocity of development or beyond average

high power, and which is always more costly than the regular artists. A necessity for advertising largely is found in the restricted territory comprising Ocean Grove. To give the best is to give the costliest, and both for their sake and our own, opportunities must be given to surrounding peoples to participate, in order to obtain the numbers in the audience, by which alone a great oratorio can be made to meet its expenses, and for this large advertising is necessary. The sale of tickets is no inconsiderable item. To do this with the rapidity necessary in the few hours allotted to it, requires experts, and an expert, while the cheapest in the end, is costly in the running.

The pianists alone are a heavy item, running along the season every day and sometimes all day, and of the class who can charge high prices for their teaching. Then comes the miscellanies, the little things—the little foxes which steal the tender grapes.

These are not all the expenses, but it does not need a large ability in figures to understand from these how eight or ten thousand dollars are a necessary expenditure for the music of a character which has been established at Ocean Grove. It has sometimes been questioned whether it is wise to expend so much money on this form of entertainment and devotion, to which it may be answered that it has been accepted that for people who pass a season here some kind of entertainment unobjectionable to the sense of the churches is proper, and nothing has yet been suggested on a level with the character of Ocean Grove to take its place.

Adam Geibel's great production of the Nativity was specially arranged for the Auditorium orchestra and chorus, who gave to its production many hours of intelligent and exhaustive labor, which was well rewarded in the finish of their work. Their success in its presentation was such as to elicit from Dr. Geibel, who was present, as also from the audience, the highest encomiums over the rendering.

The Elijah bore the palm for sustained perfection over any other oratorio given during the season. Daniel Beddoe,

William Harper, Mrs. Mary de Moss and Mrs. Grace Underwood, with all those in other parts, were without any discounting. A paper says of it: "The Elijah is Mendelssohn's greatest oratorio. In Mr. Harper's recitative 'Call him louder for he is a God! he talketh! or he is pursuing! or he is in journey, or peradventure he sleepeth,—seemed to cut like a knife."

The Messiah, no matter what else is discussed in musical lines, always stands first in the estimation of an Ocean Grove audience, and Professor Morgan takes especial pains to make it greatest in execution. In order to give it the highest support the New York chorus attended, increasing the voices to between six and seven hundred.

The Sunrise, Consecration and the nine o'clock Holiness Meetings realized their interests greatly increased by the presence of spiritual songs rendered by consecrated women. Among these were Mrs. J. C. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Neil, whose voices of song had toured the country in an evangelistic mission; Miss Fanny Simpson, of New York, Miss Annie Hughes, and Miss Minnie Shay. These songs were given with so perfect an articulation that all present could follow the words as easily as the music, and the spirit of the Lord so rested upon the singers that its power was distinctly felt through all the service.



The Summer School of Theology

The Summer School of Theology opened this year under a larger attendance than has been usual and maintained this feature up to its close.

Men and women of religious thought and Biblical research have found a gratification to their literary tastes in the scholarship and culture of the lecturers, who have achieved an eminence of distinction in the realms to which their studies have been directed, and where their knowledge is exhaustive. The substitution of absolute facts, for "strife about words" has been so thoroughly satisfactory to the peo-

ple as to induce an increased attendance with each succeeding year. The puerile excitements of discussion, in which victory is chiefly sought, are here discarded and the Word of God, how it came to us, and how it comes now to us, are the themes presented for intelligent consideration. Ample time is allowed for the questionings which follow the presentations, in which all denominations, including Jews and Romanists, take part, bringing out points of interest which had not been included in the lecture. In the early days of the institution the audience was largely composed of clergymen, who sought and found as they still seek and find knowledge greatly needed in their calling. Later on it was found that this knowledge could be freed from the technical wording in the vernacular of the people, and lay religionists, both men and women, began to realize that the widest knowledge of the word of God was not the exclusive property of the pulpit, but belonged to the confining of the faith of all alike.

The lectures were inaugurated by Dr. L. W. Munhall on "The verbal inspiration of the Scriptures," in which he drew an accurate line between verbal inspiration in the language through which it was given, and its translation into the tongues through which alone we can read it, which must be subject to the general laws which govern language everywhere. The words so given bear the divine impress, and will not permit an accommodation of meaning.

His lecture on "Sanctification" followed the same interpretive rule as applied to the various persons and subjects where the Scripture connects it, which all complete themselves in the primal idea of holiness.

The lecture of Dr. C. L. Mead on "The Genealogies of Jesus" dwelt with them as found in the two different evangelists, the one leading to Mary, who was his mother, and the other to Joseph, who was not his father, and whose genealogy to Gentile eyes seemed without significance here. The doctor proved that Joseph and Mary were of the same ancestral blood, were cousins, and that in Jewish modes of expression, ancestral blood settled all questions of primo-

geniture. The same blood which came to Jesus by Mary, flowed in the veins of Joseph by another line, so that whichever line of descent was adopted, Christ had the blood of the royal line, from which prophecy had declared he must come from, Abraham and David, so that the entire race is represented in redemption and salvation.

The lecture of Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Stanley, corresponding secretary of the National Sabbath Association, on "Japan," possessed an unusual interest, apart from its intrinsic merit, on the timeliness of its presentation and the recognition of President Roosevelt as the great peacemaker of the nations, as he developed the foundations laid by President Grant, to whom should be referred the questions for arbitration, which must otherwise be settled by war.

Dr. Wheeler's discourses were marked with a clear distinctness of proposition, accompanied with their evidence in every presentation. In the unity of divine revelation he gave Christ as the great foundation thought, which he made a part of the revelation in Eden, in the days of Noah, the covenant with Abraham, the dispensation of Moses, the fore-ownership of the Baptist, the days of the apostles, and the kingdom of God existing now, and the meaning of the revelations of John.

To the acts of the apostles, to place in the canon and its value as evidence, the doctor had evidently given the subject an exhaustive attention which placed all the facts in such juxtaposition that any other place than the one assigned them would be a false construction. Their place in the cause was one of right and interpretative of apostolic days, as the records of the evangelists were of the days of Jesus, and affords the same completion of proof.

Dr. Vital's presentation of "Purgatory" received an appreciative attention as a subject which all ages and all religions have discussed. All ancient mythology made it a part of its creed; the Apocrypha proved its existence among the Jews; the Roman Catholic church adopted it and unorthodox Protestants disguise it under the name of a second

probation. The lecturer showed that it had no existence in the Christian church in its earlier days, and that the whole scope of the gospel based salvation hereafter upon a salvation accomplished here.

Judge Lowe's lecture on "Rules of Interpretation," both legal and Biblical, was exceedingly interesting to a Bible student. He took the ground that the common rules which make the foundation of all evidence apply here, but their interpretation is not applied by the lawyers of the courts, but by the trained scholars of the Bible. He argued that the construction of the Bible must be reasonable, founded upon its intent and the comparison of scripture with scripture, closing with, "It is a noble employment to seek out the thoughts of Almighty God."

His second paper, "New Testament Allusions to Public Laws and Customs," was upon the same line as the first, and were largely illustrative of the rules of interpretation.

Dr. Nathaniel West, of Washington, on the "Structure of the Book of Revelation," gave one of the most interesting papers of the entire course. In his inimitable style he placed the periods of time on levels held to chronology by the will of God, as exercised in the providence of humanity, advanced or delayed as human conduct corresponded with his great design or failed so to correspond.

Like the book itself, it is impossible to give an analysis of the thoughts which held attention captive during the hour of its delivery.

The chromatic splendors of the apocalypse by Rev. J. T. Timbrell followed the one given by Dr. West on the previous afternoon.

Its delineations were pictured with a brilliancy corresponding to the title and were made illustrative of the splendors of the heaven they represented. The lecture was received with favorable attention, but like that of Dr. West, an analysis of either the book or a discourse upon it is practically impossible.

Dr. Luther T. Townsend was new to Ocean Grove on

the lines of public lecture, though not new in the world-wide reputation accorded to the author of *Credo*, the force of whose ideas has never been superseded by any later expressions of metaphysical thought. He has lost none of the masterful ability with which he made clear in choicest English the abstruse metaphysical problems, whose forms of expression had always puzzled the thinkers of the ages. An illustration of his wonderful power was given in his clear interpretation of a mistranslation of scripture in the phrase, "a little lower than the angels" and equal with the angels was clearly shown simply to mean "next to god." No other series of lectures ever delivered here ever let in more floods of light upon the lingual difficulties which evinces any thought given in one language and translated into another.

The origin and history of the Pentateuch lent a vivid interest to what possessed but a lesser interest to a general reader and which formed the basis in increasing attention to the origin and history of the Old Testament from Joshua to Malachi, inclusive, naturally developing into the origin and history of the New Testament, closing with a subject interpenetrating them all in the inspiration of the Bible. His subjects are their own analysis, and the lectures must be read entire for any real conception of their breadth of meaning.

His sermon on "Man" was universally accepted as one of the greatest in metaphysical thought possible to be given. A reporter quotes him as saying:

"If man is not the most important of things created, then is the Bible wrong. Is it any wonder when the great distance are thought of that man falls to insignificance and distance seems great, but the Bible says that man is full of majesty and the great stars are but dust compared with him. Science now forces us to the knowledge that man is the chief object of the creation. It turns out, therefore, that when philosophy and science have done their best work they but teach what this book teaches."

The presence and lectures of Prof. R. R. Rogers, of Drew Theological Seminary, were welcomed with the same

enthusiastic appreciation as has always attended his past among us. His immolation in the crypts of dead and buried manuscripts and inscriptions of Egypt and Assyria had not dimmed the sparkle of the oratory, through which he made these dead and buried facts alive with a vitality which made even their dust glow in the vividness of his description as he brought to light the more recent discoveries in Egyptology. One of the most astonishing of these discoveries is that nowhere in any papyrus, or tablet writing, or inscription of Egypt is there any allusion to either Joseph or Moses, or except by inference to the Jewish people. The records of their kings is complete, but for reasons, apparently impossible of explanation, the Jewish episode is utterly ignored, and were it not that the Bible history is abundantly confirmed by contemporaneous history, the accuracy of revelations would lack the absoluteness of proof. The policy of the Assyrian Kings, who when they conquered a country, deported the chiefs of a dangerous element, along with their families, to another land, placing them in circumstances where a comfortable living might easily be obtained, and importing others of the same type from another land by which the gap thus made was filled, was illustrated by the Assyrian conquest over the Jewish people and compared favorably with the statesmanship of conquered provinces today.

His lecture on "The Fall of Babylon" described both the rise and fall of that great city, which six centuries before Christ rose to its high magnificence, with its massive walls and wonderful roads. He further told of the wealth accumulated by the Jewish captives, which disinclined them to leave, followed by the graphic delineation of the writings on the walls, whose meaning was illustrated by the invasion of Cyrus, whose success closed the control of the world by and member of the Semitic race.

The concluding lecture of the course by Rev. T. J. Scott on "Our Theology in Mission Fields," was exceedingly attractive in its description of the states of belief in the non-Christian lands, and the manner in which it was neces-

sary to present our own. The people among whom the gospel was being introduced in many parts of the world were among the best thinkers of the world, and the theology of the Trinity could only make its way through the personal experiences of men as they tested the teachings of Jesus by experimenting their processes.

The Presiding Elders from the Middle Atlantic and New England divisions of the Methodist Episcopal church met in August in the Temple and discussed the interests of missions and general evangelism. Rev. Frank Gamewell, whose wife and self were among the leaders in successfully defending Peking from the Boxers during the Chinese uprising, presided, and made one of the addresses.



Summer Sunday School

The children's meeting, once a feature of the encampment and which for the past two or three years had for lack of interest been discontinued, was reorganized under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph M. Hudson. The afternoons had proved inconvenient for both parents and children, and none of the buildings generally used for that purpose was available at any other hour. To meet the difficulties, Association Hall, while not in the best location, was selected for the place, and the regular nine o'clock hour for the time of meeting.

The methods were simple, rapidly avoiding monotony, easily worked and in harmony with things naturally belonging to childhood. The hymns to be sung were of a kind they could understand, susceptible of easy explanation, printed on clean, white paper, in good, plain type. The cards, while cheap, were artistic to childhood's senses. The chairs properly arranged, a cabinet of capable girls, a pianist interested in the work, and all the adjustments in working order before beginning. The central truth to which all these were subservient, was that childhood should leave the Fatherhood of God and learn it through the pathway of His love.

While the meeting was inadequately noticed, yet at the first service four boys, ranging in age from thirteen to fifteen years, presented themselves at an improvised altar, listening to intelligent testimonies from other children like themselves, who had learned love's sweet experience and joining in the prayers. Mrs. I. F. Russell and others, trained in this knowledge in their home churches, gladly assisted in this.

The notices read, "For the children and by the children," and while the management was by Mrs. Hudson, the working force was by the children, of whom those who came were not afraid, and whose ideas of childhood's comprehension they could reach. It was surprising how readily they learned from each other, what adult years toiled so laboriously to impart, and how naturally they applied the knowledge to a realization of the love of God, whose fatherhood pardoned sin and gave a new heart.

Among those entitled to special praise for labor are Rev. Mr. Dickhout, of New York, who supervised the decorations; Charles F. Freemantel and Mrs. Blanche Bennett-Shreve, who trained the children in musical service; Mrs. W. H. Skirm training the primary, Miss Effie Hagerman training their exercises, with a number of others, who generously contributed time and service.



Camp-Meeting

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has always been largely attended, and there was no exception to the rule. Bishop FitzGerald presided, Drs. Munhall and Yatman, with members of the Association, assisted. The clergymen, without reference to denomination, were first served, after which it was given to fifteen different presentations at the altar.

Each year there has been a different tone to the exercises. On some occasions the realization has been expressed by the strength of joy. On others by the tenderness of tears; and on others, like this, in a deep and confiding solemnity.

At its close a prayerful pledge was given that nothing but love and charity were in the hearts, without which this Sacrament was a condemnation instead of blessing.

A liberal collection was taken for the needs of the poor during the coming winter.

When the time arrived for opening the Camp-Meeting, the meetings preceding were found to have been of large help in the preparation.

Instead of reclaiming the backslidden and arousing the indifferent, the people already had a mind to the work. Cottage prayer meetings had been held for weeks, the Holiness Meetings had been alive with the spirit, the Young People in the Temple, and Miss Rumsey's meeting were deeply impressed with the need of working for souls, the Beach Meetings were solemnly interested, the oratorios stimulated the feeling, and the School of Theology had taken its share in intellectual preparation in promoting holiness unto the Lord.

After the meeting for consecration on Friday afternoon, and its intensification by the Lord's Supper in the evening, the opening sermons on Saturday were preached by Rev. Dr. Charles Giffin, of Asbury Park., in the morning on the theme of "A God of Possibility," whose quiet, thoughtful earnestness left abiding impressions.

In the evening Dr. J. W. Marshall, of Ocean Grove, delivered a forceful discourse on "Personal Christian Influence."

On the first Sunday the pulpit was filled morning and evening by Rev. Dr. George P. Eckman, of St. Paul M. E. Church, New York City, who deprived himself of a well-earned vacation to come to us from an island in Northeast Maine, in an acceptance of our request, and tell the old story of Jesus at the camp from "They came to Him from every quarter." The sermons were Wesleyan models in their construction and Wesleyan models in their delivery, than which there can be no higher praise. At the close in the evening

C. H. Yatman led an after-service which filled the entire altar.

Monday morning was occupied by Rev. Dr. Sparrow, of Baltimore, in a sermon on a line of the day preceding, and in the evening Dr. Bennett, of Scranton, presented a discourse which gave food for reflection to all who listened.

Rev. Dr. Kistler, pastor of the First United Evangelical Church, of Reading, preached on Tuesday morning from "They shall mount up on wings as eagles," and gave an eloquent presentation of the joy of religion. In the evening Rev. Gladstone Holm, of Philadelphia, spoke on "Wrestling Jacob," in which the needs of earnest struggle to meet the best possibilities which God has placed in our possession and without which struggle salvation can never be attained.

On Wednesday morning Rev. Thomas O'Hanlon voiced the appeal to the people from the theme of the "Shining Path." His effort made it plain that the olden power, with which he so often captivated the people, had not departed from him, as he appealed to reason and conscience for the service of God. Dr. John C. Hanna, of Philadelphia, preached at night on "Not by might or power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." The sermon was spoken of by many as especially helpful in strengthening the religious life within them, and was followed by the presentation of a large number at the altar.

The morning sermon of Thursday was delivered by Dr. Ezra Tinker, of Drew Theological Seminary, from "Christ in His Character of Wonderful, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace," which was one of the strongest discourses delivered during the services.

The evening of Thursday was filled by Miss Eva Booth, Commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, from the "Song of Revelations." A secular paper says of it: "Commander Booth brought into play all her powers of oratory, argument and persuasion. Her magnetism took firm hold of the vast assemblage and swayed it at will." In the "Song of the City" she first described the songs of the

churches, which have cheered sad hearts, encouraged the halting, helped the believer and saved the sinner, illustrating their power by describing the circumstance under which Miss Elliott, eighteen years of age, wrote, "Just As I Am, Without One Plea," immediately after her return from a ball, where the evening had been passed in frivolity, and an awakened conscience demanded something better. "The song of the heavenly city is Jesus," upon which fact she delivered one of the most marvelously powerful discourses ever given in the Auditorium. Its effect upon the people roused many of them from lives of indifference to professions of spiritual activity, and induced some unconverted people to avow a determination to give their lives for the future to a Christian profession and example. Miss Booth is a natural orator, intensified with the certainties of strong convictions, which brought to the surface the latent conscience, asleep in its indifference, and brought it face to face with the responsibilities due both to God and man.

Ocean Grove unites with the Army in earnest prayer that the life of this great evangelist may long be spared for the great work to which she has consecrated it.

The sermon of Rev. C. B. Mitchell, of Cleveland, on Friday morning on the "Angel flying with the everlasting gospel for every people," was one of graphic eloquence, illustrating the progress of the gospel in exact accord with the prophecy of the text. It was an inclement morning, but a larger audience than ordinary was present, whose impressions of personal responsibility in this great work were evidently deepened.

In the evening Rev. Joseph Smith added the sermon of the evening to the evangelism of the afternoon, upon which rested the unction of the Holy Ghost from the beginning to the close.

On Saturday morning Rev. W. L. Lewis, of Sioux City, Iowa, presented Christ in a fullness of thought and force of delivery that compelled attention all the way through.

Rev. C. L. Mead, of the Newark Conference, and a

member of the Association, delivered a discourse of so searching a character upon the mind and heart of the people as to put them in the mood to accept the pressing appeals of Rev. C. H. Yatman to present themselves at the altar, and either make or renew their vows to serve God faithfully for the rest of the life allotted to them here.

On Sunday, called the lovefeast Sunday, Dr. Cooke, general editor of the book department of the church, consented to take both the services. The morning sermon was from the text, "I know where thou livest," and was delivered with a plainness of utterance and a freedom of illustration from scenes and facts of daily life which impressed his thought with increasing power from its commencement to its finish. The evening followed the same line and, consequently, deepened its impression.

The conduct of the after-service, as it was called, which followed the sermons, was assigned to Rev. C. H. Yatman, who held them on lines which had proved so successful in his evangelistic work all over the world. There were no sensational surprises; no leading people into positions from which they could not recede; no surface trifling, no jocular belittlements, but simply the great issues of life and death were placed before the multitudes as incentives to decision in form of a consecrated, religious life, from which whatever results were produced were likely to be permanent.

The last service in the Auditorium was held on September 17, with a congregation of over three thousand present. Evangelist Thomas Harrison preached. Both his discourses were based on the one great idea of coming to God along the pathway of the promises, and which in his own peculiar way were effectively illustrated and enforced. At the close of the evening sermon an intensity of feeling on this great question prevailed and a large number presented themselves at the altar.

The closing service of the year was held in the Temple on September 17, with an appropriate sermon in the morning by Rev. Henry Wheeler, and a reminiscent platform ser-

vice in the evening, in which A. H. DeHaven, S. A. Meyers, E. N. Cole, J. H. Alday, William Franklin, T. M. Dickey, Rev. Henry Wheeler, Rev. J. I. Boswell, Misses Marsh and Vandewater took part with the vice president in reminiscences of the past and prophecies of the future of Ocean Grove, closing the season's public exercises with "God be with you 'till we meet again."

Throughout the entire camp the power of the subsidiary meetings in their inspiration upon those in the Auditorium was visibly seen. Those of the Sunrise in the consecration of special work that day, of the Family Prayer in the intensifying of prayer for their conversion and reclamation, in the Young People's, where the fresher energies of life were being placed on the altars of service, in the Holiness, where the joy of the Lord gave strength, in the Fellowship, where one helped the other, and souls were sanctified and converted.

Most of the persons attendant upon the camp had already a recorded membership in the churches, and form an answer to the questionings as to why comparatively so few persons are numbered among the conversions from sin to righteousness. Ocean Grove was established primarily for the growth or promotion of holiness in those already possessing it, and every attempt to census their standing has resulted in proving that almost all had already a standing in the churches.

That conversions do occur, which give a considerable number to probationary members to the churches is undeniable, but the masses who come here are already religious and are here seeking recuperation for both body and soul on the basis of a work of God, assuring present acceptance by Him.

Rev. Thomas Harrison, whose fame as an evangelist covers almost every State in the Nation, spoke to the three or four thousand people assembled in the Auditorium on the Sunday of September 10. Mr. Harrison is an evangelist and has been that ever since his conversion to a life of godliness. All his ministry centres in this direction. A man called to

this work must be different from other men, and his work must be alike different in order to be successful. Mr. Harrison has always been thus different and has always commanded success. His discourses were effective in impressing the congregation deeply.



Report of Sanitary Officer

To the President and members of the Ocean Grove Association in session, I submit this, my annual report, as sanitary officer:

I am really happy to be able to present to you a very favorable report of the sanitary condition of Ocean Grove. But this situation has not come of itself, nor is it merely the sequence of a combination of fortuitous circumstances, While these have been accessory thereto, yet the condition is the result of constant and watchful care. This must comprise a persistent enforcement of sanitary regulations in the home, including the premises and the domestic life of the family. This is a personal matter, and a practical regard thereto, is the foundation of all proper, needful and efficient sanitation. It is astonishing how ignorant people are of the nature of disease, and the value of sanitary measures for its prevention and suppression. Indeed, it is a wonder that communities are as healthy as they are of all departments, wherever the "Pro Bono Publico" is the desideratum, none is so requisite and absolutely needed as the Board of Health, and a faithful, impartial and rigid execution of its laws must obtain. Good and safe government does not merely consist in statutes; but in the faithful execution thereof, so it is with all sanitation. Its requirements must be enforced; obedience to the same must be enacted. This is the purpose and work of your Board of Health; but there must be an executive—watchful, prudent and faithful in the execution of its laws and the enforcement of its regulations, and this work your sanitary officer endeavors to perform, without let or favor, intelligently, faithfully and conscien-

tiously, sometimes necessitating the most rigid and seemingly severe measures, to those who are the subjects thereto. But there are times when this course is necessary, and whenever it is, the performance thereof must be and is executed. Our town has been kept very clean and neat, inviting and pleasing to the eye. The graveling of the streets has aided very much in this work, also in its proper sanitation. We have been graciously preserved from grave sickness and prevented from epidemics. There have been two cases of typhoid fever, one case of scarlet fever, and one case of diphtheria. Truly, in these cases of such diseases, there were elements sufficient to make epidemics and the trouble consequent thereto. But through prompt and energetic use of scientific and efficient sanitary measures, such a catastrophe has been prevented. It is indeed astonishing how our town is kept so healthful, considering the great multitudes that crowd its precincts, many of whom come from unhealthy districts, possibly bringing the germs of disease, and while here, practically disregarding the laws of health and thus exposing themselves and others to sickness.

There have been since the last annual meeting of the Association thirty-two connections with the water system, making a total of 1,404 connections, and thirty connections with the sewer system, making a total of 1,266 connections. We have in Ocean Grove thirteen miles of streets and sixteen hundred and twenty-five houses.

I would recommend that the Association enact an ordinance, prohibiting under proper penalty, the completion and covering up of any plumbing whatever, connecting premises with the water and sewer system, until said plumbing is thoroughly inspected by the plumber employed by the Association. The reason and necessity for this enactment is that some plumbing of the past has proved very defective, thereby causing the necessity of repairing, thus entailing extra and special work, with expense to the Association.

The head of Wesley lake at times, especially during the summer, presents a very unsatisfactory and humiliating con-

dition. It is the receptacle of foul debris, covering its surface with repulsive, unhealthy and disgusting refuse, and giving to the lake a very unsanitary appearance and condition. This is caused by the influx of such matter from and by the waters west of the turnpike flowing through the inlet under the turnpike into the lake. This state of things is within the jurisdiction of Neptune township, and can only be remedied by the Township Board of Health. Thus far Ocean Grove has not been able to overcome this objectionable feature. As I have in the past suggested, a catch basin at the head of the lake will meet the requirements and remedy the evil.

I am pleased to report that the ocean sewer outlet is intact. It meets all requirements of and for a desirable and necessary disposal of all sewerage, thereby furnishing and maintaining an efficient and complete sewer system. It is my judgment that nothing can be added thereto, and I believe that it is equal, if not superior to any sewer system on the coast. The sanitary condition of our town is very satisfactory, and the health of the community is very good. All of the aforesaid report is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.

Sanitary Officer.



Report of Ice Committee

The Ice Committee reported favorably of the season's business, especially in procuring the best and purest ice in the country.



Electric Light and Water Committee

The following report is respectfully submitted for your approval: This summer season, as usual, has been a busy one, especially in the Electric Light Department, chiefly owing to the great increase in patronage, causing us to carry

a heavy overload on our alternating generators during the evening. This overload approached the danger line on many occasions, but after weighing up the expressions of experts in this line we determined to finish the season with our present outfit, which was done successfully; also we counted on the protecting power of God, evidences of which we have so often seen in a pronounced manner, especially in matters connected with Ocean Grove. But God has made definite laws in regard to electric dynamos and we cannot trust Providence to pull us through if we continue to increase our load, unless we exchange one of our 100 light machines for a 2,500 light generator.

The good work of placing water meters still continues. All of our consumers during the winter of 1904-1905 were metered. As a result our pumping hours were reduced from 5 to 5 1-5 hours in former years to 10 hours per day during last winter. The pumping hours of this summer show a marked decrease. Although we have not completed our meter work, we have twice furnished water to Asbury Park during the summer when their supply was inadequate and a number of times to the East Jersey Coast Water Company. We fortunately did not ask aid from either of our neighbors. Last June Chief Engineer Scott was seriously scalded, which deprived us of his services until about the middle of September. Our employes doubled their diligence and in some cases their hours of labor, and we went through the season without further incident.



Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report that they find the finances of the Association generally in a favorable condition. It is still their judgment that the different organizations whose claims for public support are here presented should meet the actual cost incurred for them by the Association, except in special cases of benevolences.

They find that a number of cases in which ejections

have been ordered have been satisfactorily settled without recourse to dispossession, and now that the right of the Association is established to dispossess for non-payment of assessment, it is probable that all will be so settled. That while they are gratified with the reductions of our liabilities, they recommend that in the estimates for the budget for 1906 provision shall be made for a still further reduction. That the legal questions coming before them for adjustment have been satisfactorily, as well as legally settled.



The Ushers' Banquet

The custom of past years was not forgotten when the time arrived for the banquet of the ushers and collectors. The country has nothing like it anywhere. A building, the seating capacity of which is ten thousand, often filled, each person seated in a few minutes in his or her proper place by men who wear the polish of manner over the suavity of gentlemen, and whose only pay is the comfort of the persons they serve and the enjoyment of each other at this annual banquet.

The banquet was held this year at the Alaska, where over one hundred ushers and invited guests assembled, with Bishop FitzGerald at the head of the table. Chairman Dickey had been called a distance away and Senator Skirm was toastmaster in his place. After the good things of a good menu had been discussed, the Bishop was assigned the speech of the occasion, which was an arraignment of the traffic in intoxicants and its menace to us from the efforts being made to force it upon Asbury Park. Dr. A. E. Ballard, Rev. L. B. Wilson, Rev. W. H. Morgan, S. M. Meyers, E. N. Cole and Mr. E. T. Lovatt contributed in the speech making, and Mrs. L. B. Wilson sang an appropriate solo, "When I get to the end of the way."

The occasion was one which left its own sweet impress of fraternal enjoyment often to be remembered with pleasure as the years come and go.

Ushers' Gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Dickey

During the absence of T. M. Dickey, chairman of the Ocean Grove ushers, who with Mrs. Dickey was enjoying a much-needed rest in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, his associates of that guild conspired together to make his return a more than usually pleasing one by presenting to him a fine leather armchair, and to Mrs. Dickey a similar rocker, and to both a mahogany reading table. The presentation took place at Day's, where short speeches were made by E. T. Lovatt, who voiced the presentation, Barnett, Walker and Meyers, during which the usual cream and coffee were served. Mr. Dickey responded in terms expressive of his high appreciation of this mark of their esteem.



Report of Elim Association

The season of 1905 opened under favorable auspices, Mrs. Rives, the popular and efficient matron, being again in charge. The number of guests was larger than ever before in the history of this enterprise, which fills for Ocean Grove the place of the preachers' tent of earlier Camp-Meetings. This is the central idea, and while the number of ministers may seem comparatively small, to them belongs the right of way, and other guests are only admitted when rooms are not required for the former. In the latter class are those whose work and life appeal to the managers as worthy their care, while the income helps defray the expenses, which would be too great were the house only maintained during the Camp-Meeting.

The number of guests—350; ministers and their families, 145; denominations represented, 11; States, 18.



Chinese School

The school for the religious education of the reputable Chinese portion of the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park com-

munities, which for a number of years has been held in Association Hall under the supervision of Mrs. Mackrell and Miss Eva Mackrell, has been more than ordinarily successful this year in the great work to which they have dedicated their lives.

On some occasions over thirty of them, members of the church, and all of good repute, have been present. There has been difficulty in procuring a sufficient number of teachers. One is required for every scholar, and where this cannot be given, the progress is slow and discouraging, both to pupil and teacher. The Bibles used are in both Chinese and English, so that all may read the same chapter through in two different languages. They are close students and a number read in both.

The Chinese are very fond of singing, learn our hymns with great rapidity, and soon are able to understand the meaning. As the hymns embody the doctrines of the New Testament their education in religion progresses in even ratio with their knowledge. Their position as members of the school has been of great advantage in maintaining their reputation for respectability. The strong national hostility exists here as elsewhere, and it is equally difficult to obtain justice for them. But the fact that they are members of the school counts in their favor everytime when oppression or extortion is attempted, as has been the case on different occasions within the past two years.



Joseph Smith

The evangelical Holiness Meetings of Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Smith at three o'clock in the afternoons were graced with a large attendance at the opening and grew larger with each succeeding day. Sometimes the Temple was filled to overflowing with deeply interested listeners, who felt that they were expected to make an immediate practical use of the instruction.

One special power of his teaching is found in the apt-

ness of illustration, by which his distinctive points are made both clear and incisive. These, while taken from the common things of daily life, are given a dignity in their mode of presentation, which both relieves the labor of the understanding and at the same time holds sacred the significance of the meaning. Probably no speaker from the Ocean Grove platform approaches more nearly in public discourses to the methods of Jesus than Dr. Smith, whose welcome to the intellect and heart of Ocean Grove enlarges coeval with his value with each succeeding year.



Mrs. Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith possesses one of those wonderful constitutions, both physical and mental, which increase in effectiveness with the advance of years. Her nature lives in the gospel "Now," and appropriately expresses itself in the name of "Intermediate Decision," which Bishop Fitzgerald gave to her meetings. It is held at the most inconvenient hour of the day, when fewest people have liberty to attend, and when the disposition for repose is strongest. Notwithstanding this there is no service more alive with spirituality or fruitful in immediate results than the ones held by her in the Tabernacle at 1.30 p. m.



Amanda Smith

It was among the pleasures of the Association to grant the use of its buildings, with their accompaniments to Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist, whose name has been a household word at Ocean Grove from its beginning, for the purpose of freeing the colored orphans' home, of which she is the head, from a mortgage hanging over it and which threatens its existence. It was an added pleasure to learn that she was successful and the amount necessary contributed.



Mrs. Mabel Farraday
President of Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly

Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

Sunday School Assembly

[Owing to the absence of the Vice President, the report of the Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly was mislaid and is inserted after the report is printed.]

The Assembly opened its services on Thursday, July 13, under Rev. A. E. Ballard, dean, and Mrs. Mabel B. Farraday, president and teacher of the Bible study class. Miss Helen G. Rumsey's hour with young women; Miss Mabel Grigg in charge of the kindergarten; Rev. Stanley F. Davis in leadership of Sunday School science; the intermediate class, in charge of Mrs. Robinson, and a social in the Auditorium in the evening.

Notwithstanding some misunderstanding as to occupancy of place, by the courtesy of St. Paul church the proper adjustments were speedily made, and the kindergarten services were conducted there, while the various buildings of the Association were sufficient for the rest of the program.

Lecturers were provided for each day in the Temple, consisting of Bishop J. N. FitzGerald, Drs. A. E. Ballard and J. W. Marshall, W. H. Heisler, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School at Pemberton, N. J., Miss Helen G. Rumsey and Mrs. Farraday.

The evenings of the last five days were filled by Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, D. D., of New York, with a series of readings from Scripture splendidly illustrated on canvas, and lectures on Methodism of a character which excited a favorable interest in all who were privileged to attend. These lectures and readings, with their illustrations, are of the highest class, and will bear repetition in any future entertainment in the Grove.

Mr. Davis was occupying his first position as a leader in assembly work, but proved himself able to do the work of a veteran.

Miss Rumsey's "hour with young women" was a new feature, but was made greatly useful and should be a feature in all Sunday School work. The kindergarten, as well as the young ladies' hour, was new to the Ocean Grove work, but

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under the splendid management and magnetic control of Miss Grigg, established itself as a necessary feature in the Sunday School work of the future.

The Intermediate, led by Mrs. Robinson, received the benefit of a large and varied enthusiastic years of labor in the work. The presidency of Mrs. Farraday commanded general approval.

The concluding services found the kindergartners in the advance with their ribbons, the Assembly flower girls next, the smaller girls and boys with flags, then the adults all passing around the Auditorium and through the arches to the Temple, where Rev. C. L. Mead delivered in eloquent words the annual oration, and the Assembly closed with the delivery of diplomas to the graduates.

It was decided to change the title of the Assembly in its reorganization to the Ocean Grove Assembly of Sunday School Methods, in order that its name and objects may more perfectly correspond.

Holiness Meeting

The all-the-year-round Holiness Meeting at 9 o'clock a. m., daily, during the summer in the Tabernacle, and Sundays at 3 p. m. in the winter in the chapel has been of the largest assistance to all believers who were seeking to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth, and who realize the personal continuous presence of the Holy Spirit. To listen to the experiences given there is a spiritual education, not obtainable outside of such a high school of experience as is found in its services.



Bradley Beach

The same favor was granted to the church at Bradley Beach, which had an overdue note of long standing. It was necessary to meet immediately this note, which was beyond the power of the congregation. It is pleasant to record that it was productive of material relief.



Firemen

The firemen were accorded the usual use of the Auditorium for their evening entertainment, which the Association is always glad to place at their service. The amount yielded was equal to their expectations and which will make more comfortable the quarters where they can meet and enjoy the pleasures of association.



Temperance

Ocean Grove has been menaced during the past year by an open effort made by some of the hotelkeepers of Asbury Park to license the sale of intoxicating drinks in that city. That liquor was openly sold there in prominent hotels was patent to public sight, and that it was surreptitiously sold in the dives was equally proven by convictions through

the courts, which, however, was never applied to the great hotels. The county judge and public prosecutor objected to this favoritism and insisted that the law must be applied alike, and an effort was organized to take measures to provide a form of license.

A retired judge in Jersey City gave them his opinion that the one mile limit law "was unconstitutional," and the city counsel of Asbury Park coincided with the opinion. Other judges and eminent legal gentlemen took opposite views to this, and the friends of temperance took the legal steps, in the event of a necessity to place the question before the Supreme Court of the State. Before it reached this crisis an informal election by voters and property holders was held, with the majority against license. It took shape again in the official election, when the majority against it was so pronounced that the attempt for the present has apparently been abandoned.

Ocean Grove naturally took an earnest interest in a contest so vitally affecting the foundations of its organization, and which in the official pledges of Asbury Park's past, it had good reason to demand, and the public press attributes a fair share in the defeat of the measure to the increasing labors of our people in presenting the evil which would necessarily affect both places.

In the course of the conflict the statement was made by an apparently responsible person that intoxicants could be procured at hotels in Ocean Grove, to which the vice president replied with a challenge for proof, of which none was ever offered. Two anonymous letters were received, naming specific hotels which he proceeded to investigate, uniting all modes of proof and pledging himself to publish the fullest results of the investigation, which is done in the following communication:

"Ocean Grove, Sept. 12, 1905.

"Editor Press:—I promised, through The Press, that if any reliable evidence was produced to the effect that intoxicating liquors were sold in Ocean Grove, it should be fully

investigated and the results published. No such offer has been received. Two anonymous communications have come to me, each naming a hotel. The first I answered through *The Press*, asking an interview, to which there has never been no answer.

“For both I have investigated such possibilities of evidence as was within my reach, without finding anything to justify suspicion, and the proprietors of each have authorized the institution of a prosecution of any one who has made or may make such charges which will bring out the truth in the case.

“As the sale of intoxicants upon Ocean Grove property would forfeit the lease and place it back in the possession of the Association, it is scarcely likely that a hotel proprietor would risk so much to gain so little.

“A. E. BALLARD.”



St. Paul

The same courtesy was extended to St. Paul church in arranging the expense of the County Sunday School Convention held here. While it was past the season, the Association was very willing in this way to welcome the convention, and also to extend to them the use of Association Hall for such uses as they might find necessary.

There were numerous other applications which it was a matter of regret to be unable to grant.



Excursions

One of the incidental forms of doing good which has grown out of the excursions of Ocean Grove from a couple of weeks to the entire summer season has been the affording of opportunity for the larger part of a day, at a cost within the means of “every day’s pay for every day’s work.” to hundreds of thousands of people, who otherwise would

never know the touch of the ocean in a bath or a breath of its air in their lungs. Clark's great thread factory in Newark gives its employes an annual excursion, which this year consisted of four sections, numbering fifteen cars each, and other manufacturing companies do the same. Churches, Sunday Schools, fraternal orders and similar organizations do the same thing, until all over the land, where the distance does not exceed a couple of hundred miles, day excursions are arranged until there is scarcely a day in the season when from one to half a dozen excursions of this class of people are not in evidence.

The Auditorium, with its surrounding buildings and services are open to them, as also the public buildings of Asbury Park, and the bathing establishments of both are so conducted and guarded that the most inexperienced bather is made perfectly safe. The great promenades, with their miles of length and their thousands of promenaders, are free to their feet without danger of molestation or insult. Both Park and Grove unite in giving the security of protection, and it is becoming understood all over the land that young people and children can be safely trusted in these excursions. The railways have not been backward in lending assistance to this interest. Their far-sightedness sees the value of building up places from which there are likelihoods of future traffic, and their general interest in good morals and good government finds an illustration in affording the best facilities, with or without immediate profit, for this class of travel, and no places of resort in the whole country have better railway courtesies than these.

The custom of excursions is extending itself into longer dates, with sleepers and dining-cars and many schools and orders arrange now for more extended time, in which the hotels and boarding houses unite, so that whenever they come they have homes secured during the time of their stay with the railway company's trains, which brought them, scheduled for their return.

Moving Pictures

The wonderful improvements in this wonderful art have made its better productions a permanent place in the entertainments of Ocean Grove. It requires constant oversight to prevent the introduction of pictures unsuited to us, and in rare instances one has made part of a good series, which met met with deserved disapproval. With this exception they have been popular with our people and give us intelligent representations of scenes and circumstances attainable in no other way. A moving picture of the Children's Festival has been made through Professor Morgan, which places the entertainments given at Ocean Grove along the line of popular entertainments over the world.

In the future it will be necessary to the comfort of persons attending that a more effective guardianship be exercised over the children, and none should be admitted except accompanied by parents or guardians, who can be held responsible for the quietude of their behavior.



Extending the Season

A longer season is a question frequently discussed and debated in connection with Ocean Grove, and which grows in importance with each succeeding year. New conditions confront the Grove as the years go on, and these new conditions demand intelligent consideration. The regular time which would make it proper to close would be the last Sunday in August, so that the people could reach their homes in time for the attendance of the children at school and the resumption of business and labor by the men, and the masses of the people will leave at that date.

But with the establishment of modern conveniences and luxuries at the Grove, together with its high-class music, a number of persons unfettered by any such obligations come here desiring to remain later, and others who have been touring elsewhere desire to close out the fall term here.

Both would require the continuance of service at the hotels and the orchestra music. There would probably be enough people to attend public service without interfering with St. Paul church. Even if they would be lost in the Auditorium they could comfortably fill the Tempel as in the present year. Ministers of high attainments could be obtained for Sundays and the Ocean Grove officials would take care of the secular days.

The chief, if not insuperable difficulty, would lie with the music. The orchestra is gathered by Mr. Morgan from among the best performers in the cities. They can remain during the summer under such forms of recuperative remuneration as his genius has made possible. But they are professionals, and have their living to earn. Without the usual compensation for their work they cannot remain. Many will be necessitated to make permanent engagements elsewhere, which must begin with the close of the season here. Most of the hotels will have been closed and their assistance in support would be lost. The Association is not able to meet this increase of cost, and there is no measure in sight by which it could be done, especially where the added charges for police, lights, workmen and the number of other men employed necessary to keep everything open. All aspects of the case have been considered and yet there does not seem any open way.



Sewer

Asbury Park's new sewer, which is constructed on the same line as that of Ocean Grove, and carries its sewage to the same twelve hundred feet of distance, has been successfully placed and is working as perfectly as our own. This does away with the last vestige of suspicion as to any possible taint of the water fronting the bathing grounds of either place.

The sea is God's great receptacle for all physical and temporal impurities, and as these impurities are now carried

so far away from the shore and deposited at so great a depth and deodorized so rapidly, that it seems impossible for any taint to reach the most adventurous bathers.

A project has for several years been under consideration by prominent gentlemen of the township, by which all its outlying places might be included under some general system. So far they have not met with the success they hoped, and the heavy burden of debt resting upon the township for the large cost of its improvements and the restriction of its taxable territory, seem to put the execution of the project still further in the future.

Our own sewer still does its work as in the past, relieving us from all the difficulties which for so long a period was a source of constant embarrassment.



Banks

The banks located in Ocean Grove both have so-conducted their business as to retain the confidence of the people. The Ocean Grove National is doing an increasing line, and the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank stands upon the honor list of the three hundred and forty-two so placed by the "Financier." Seven of these honor State banks are assigned to New Jersey and of these the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank stands at the top, having the largest amount of surplus and undivided profits in excess of capital. It is creditable to Ocean Grove that neither of these banks have ever been accused of unfair dealing or in a position which imperiled their depositors.



The Press

The vice president, as in years past, repeats his sense of appreciation to the press of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove for their fairness of statement with the general accuracy and courtesy of their reports. And, while they sometimes

differed with the policy of the Grove, the expression of their differences has been such as accorded with the best intercourse of society.

The press has been almost unanimous in their courtesy toward Ocean Grove. Not only the press of our own immediate vicinity, but of places more distant. Freehold, with frequent contributions from Mrs. Col. J. C. Yard; Long Branch, Newark, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, with other places, have discussed us and our plans, and while not always favoring our modes, have accorded the prestige of sincerity. The Newark Evening News has used its columns freely in our matters, not always believing in our wisdom, but always giving our standpoint, as well as the other. We have found denominational journals free to give us prominence and correct erroneous statements. A correspondent had written the Ocean Grove Times that Ocean Grove was in its decadence and intimated that there were no conversions last year, to which it replied that in one meeting alone there were forty-two, and the vast crowds attending the public service was enough to disprove the decadence. The editorial was copied by the New Jersey and Philadelphia Methodist, with full endorsement. Prominent New York journals have recognized us freely in their columns. The Tribune has made us a specialty among the resorts as they appear in its columns. The Christian Advocate, the great denominational paper of the Methodist church, has accorded us an amount of favorable recognition which places us before that great body of people in forms for which we cannot be too grateful, not only in its purvey of news by Dr. Hanlev, its regular correspondent, but more than once in the fine display and editorials of its most important pages. For all this we are grateful. Encouragement of this nature inspires the Association to perseverance in its efforts to develop the principles upon which Ocean Grove has so far been conducted.

The vice president again repeats his sense of indebted-

ness to the local press for much valuable material in the preparation of the report.



Tent Rents

The committee have carefully revised the schedule of tent rentals and recommend a general advance of the following places:

25 Bethesda Block from \$80 to \$85, 14 Bethany Block from \$85 to \$90, 11 Bethany Block from \$70 to 75, 27 Front Circle from \$65 and \$70 to \$70 and \$75, 13 Kingsley Place from \$65 to \$70, 6 Mt. Pisgah Way from \$70 to \$75, 4 Asbury avenue, from \$60 to \$65, 2 Rear Tabernacle from \$55 to \$60, 8 Mt. Carmel Way from 65 to \$70, 13 Mt. Zion Way from \$60 to \$65. All others remaining at the same rentals.

The tent system is becoming increasingly popular with each succeeding year. While the people who desire their occupancy greatly prefer them in the vicinity of the camp and ocean, yet those which have been placed on Fletcher lake are all rented. We have other free grounds near that lake which have not attracted favorable attention for residential purposes, and which could be utilized in this way with a fair return for the investment.



Christmas, 1904

Christmas was celebrated after its usual fashion with us in the Association Hall by holding a reception for the people of the Grove, which was well attended and received the enthusiastic favor of the citizens. While its cost adds a little to the burdens carried by the Association, yet the tightening of the social bands between them and the people is worth its cost many times over.

A further Christmas greeting, highly appreciated, was the gift of a turkey to every family whose head was in the employ of the Association.

Missionary Exhibit

The missionary exhibit prepared by the Foreign Missionary Society, under the charge of Revs. Drs. Fowles and Gamewell, in the early part of the season, was placed in the Association Hall and Assembly Room for the free inspection of the people. It contained specially prepared specimens of literature from all heathen countries—from darkest Africa to Alaska—where missions have been established, which will be invaluable in any future history of the world.

Besides this there was a museum of various forms of idol worship, in the main representing the deification of the baser passions, either inherent or acquired, which belong to humanity and which teach more strongly than the best arrangement of words the necessity of missionary effort in bringing the world to Christ. Those in charge were constantly employed in giving explanations, whose impression upon the people deepened the interest already deeply felt in this great enterprise of the church.



Auditorium Program

The programs of the season printed by Alfred Scott were models of taste and beauty, so artistically arranged that the surrounding advertisements did not detract from either their elegance or ease of understanding.



Surrounding Churches

The pastorates of surrounding churches have all been harmonious with us. Dr. Marshall has seemed to be one of us. Drs. Giffin, Harris, Mount and Sawn have all evinced their friendliness in the enjoyment with us of Ocean Grove.

The Rescue Mission, opposite our gates, does a good work all the year round, and is largely assisted in its labors by persons resident in the Grove.

Bradley Beach is still struggling with the difficulties of a mismanaged financial past. It is a pleasant fact that Ocean Grove through the use of the Auditorium has been able to materially assist in their noble struggle and to tender the same courtesy with the same results to West Grove.



Rough Riders

The parades of the Rough Riders, whether made in the Auditorium or in the streets, have always attracted the favorable attention of Ocean Grove.

The boys, while probably not exactly understanding the object of their uniforming, or the battling with world, flesh and devil, which their organization is supposed to represent, yet do get the conception that warfare of some kind is expected of them, and the world flesh and devil will supply the necessary enemies. Whatever else they learn or fail to learn, they realize the discipline of obedience which is the first preliminary to success in either a secular or religious life.



Bible Class Quartette

The Bible Class quartette, consisting of Arthur B. Harker, Myron W. Morse, Howard T. Karsner and Alexander M. Adams gave valuable assistance, both to the Bible Class and Beach Meetings. With voices trained both to articulation and expression, their renderings brought them en rapport with their audiences. Especially was this true in the Sunset Service at the beach, where the congregations of the thousands felt their value in its work.



Carnival

Five out of the eight prizes at the carnival came to boys of Ocean Grove. It is not always that Ocean Grove can swing ahead in matters of this nature; that it did so this time is a matter of credit to them.

