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*Through adverse winds and tides,  
Tempest, and starless night,  
Our bark triumphant rides,  
Faith-borne, into the light.—E.H.S.*

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# Heart-Blossoms by the Sea.



## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

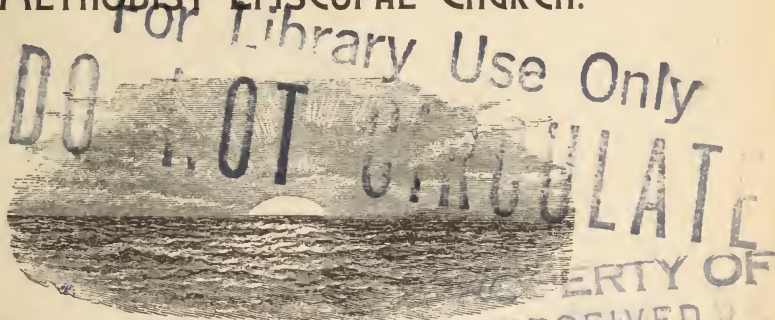
... PRESIDENT ...

OF THE

## Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



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The morning breaks! Rose-tinted prophecy—  
As when a child is born, and joy-bells ring;  
Health-breathing breezes, rollicking and free,  
Like gulls, glide o'er the waves. The billows sing.  
The danger passed. Night's sable banners furled,  
The rising sun, with splendor floods the world.—E. H. S.

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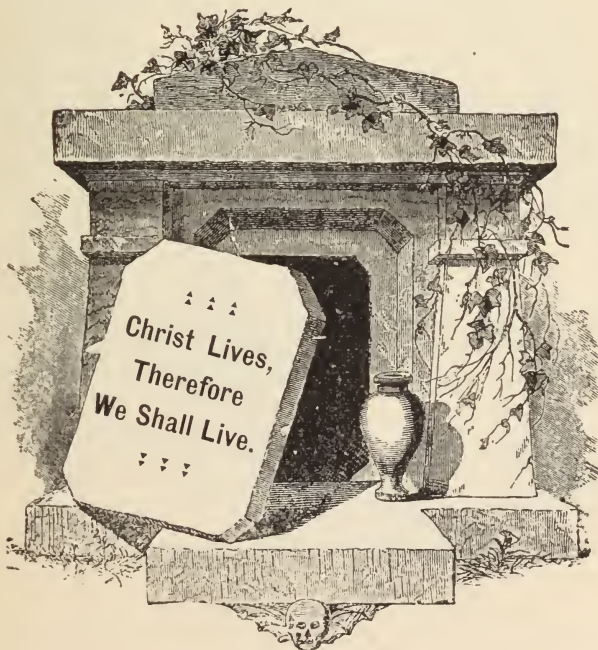
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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,  
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;  
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,  
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.





MAIN AVENUE AND PILGRIM PATHWAY.  
LOOKING TOWARDS AUDITORIUM.



# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT

OF THE

## Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

*Dear Brethren:*

Since our Annual Meeting, twelve months ago, we have passed the boundary line of our minority, over into a broader life and I trust, of wider usefulness.

Twenty-one years have, with steady but rapid paces, marched into the past, and we have become part of the religious history of the times. All these years of our organic existence have been marked with many of the phases of a human life—the weakness of infancy, the inexperience of youth, and the limited wisdom of even riper years. In a review of these years there

are feelings kindred to those which stir the mind of a lad when in the legal sense he becomes a man, or a fair young girl when she steps from her maidenhood to a noble woman. Both of these come to realize that they have passed the periods of freedom from care, and not knowing what is beyond, the sky is full of roseate hues, and the air laden

with all fragrant odors. So we remember the beginnings of this place. There was much simplicity, rural surroundings, everything inexpensive, and the burdens for the management to carry comparatively few and light. Now everything is changed. In the roll of nearly a quarter of a century, it could not be otherwise. Simplicity has given place to the complex, and that which was primitive to the more elaborate, until we are supplied with most of the comforts and conveniences of modern life—railroads, telegraphs, telephones, electric lights, artesian water, a well arranged system of sewage, and all the appliances and improvements of the period in which we live. We are not slow to appreciate all these advantages, and however much the earlier times, with their freedom from care and anxiety, were enjoyed, it would not, indeed could not be endured to return to these childhood days, even though the relief we sometimes sigh for might thereby be found. Manhood has come, and we must stand prepared to enter upon and improve its widened opportunities, and in joyful patience sustain each added care. I once had occasion to write, on another subject, but appropriate here,—

Now comes the man! This is a change forever!  
 Is gladness gone as when a flower dies?  
 No! Youth the fountain, age the broadened river,  
 And fuller joys of life's young prophecies!

The first faint gleamings of life's dewy morning,  
 Blush in new brightness with each rising ray;  
 Faint gleams of thought the brow of youth adorning,  
 Widened with glory, crown the close of day.

Yes! yes! I see, each added day grows brighter,  
 Our broadened life the full blown bud of youth;  
 With added strength, each added care grows lighter,  
 And all are carried in the strength of truth.

A child! we thought and spake in childish measure,  
 A man! these things forever put away;  
 This grander life, a great and grander pleasure,  
 Shall bask full blossomed in eternal day.

We have reached maturity but not perfection.

We come now to the point in the ascending mountain of our history, where, looking back, we behold the grandeur of the vale below, and upward, see other and more majestic summits which reach the skies, and imperatively call us thither. To these we must attain. Our successors will have enough to do. We shall not leave to them a fossil, but a vigorous body, full of vitality and life, which, if properly cared for, will retain its warmth and freshness to the millennial morning.

It is cause for abundant and devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that during this year of our majority, we, as an Association, have been exempt from the sorrows which have befallen us in former times. Death has not entered our ranks, and, with a few exceptions, usual health has been enjoyed by all.

It is a matter of further gratitude, that at the expiration of twenty-one years, only seven of our number have died, and that eleven of the original members still remain. The other eight who started with us, having for various reasons, involving age, distancè, business, etc., severed their



THE ALDAY COTTAGE.

Main and Delaware Avenues, opposite Woodlawn Park.

Residence of Rev. J. H. ALDAY, M. D.

connection, are, I believe, still living in different parts of the country, all of whom we hope to meet in the better land. With these general reflections, I call your attention to both the secular and religious work of our twenty-first year, and trust the showing will meet with your approval.

### Avenues and Side Walks.

In order to appreciate our work, please bear in mind that we have thirteen miles of Avenues and twenty-seven miles of Side Walks. To keep all these, even in passable condition, requires constant watchfulness, labor and expense. I am glad to say, that nearly, if not quite all of the old



plank walks, which were often dangerous and unsightly, have disappeared, and in their stead we have about ten miles of concrete pavements. Of



GATHERING SHELLS.

these, 66,693 square feet were laid during the past year by our men; 21,145 for the Association and 45,548 square feet for private parties.

The hurry of the season being now over, the work in this line will be resumed, and many orders, unattended to before, will soon be filled.

The ocean front plank walk requires much and close attention, many parts having to be renewed, and before the next season opens, three-fourths of it will have to be relaid. A wider walk from Ross's bathing grounds to Ocean Pathway, is much needed to accommodate the constantly increasing crowds.

The iron railing on both sides of this walk has been extended 2,150 feet in length, up to the danger line, at a cost of \$556.00.

The damages to sluice ways along the ocean front, on Broadway, Main Avenue entrance, head of Fletcher Lake, etc., by heavy rainfalls, are very great and need constant repairs.



WAINRIGHT COTTAGE.

Wesley Lake, near Wesley Place.

Residence of J. A. WAINRIGHT, Esq.

## Sewers.

There have been 2,100 feet of 10-inch sewer pipe laid during the year, viz.: on the ocean front, south of the main outlet to the sea, thence up Broadway to Central, south on Central to Stockton, up Stockton 300 feet. This was a difficult work, owing to the depth the pipes had to be laid, the water and quicksand to be encountered, and other embarrassments, costing

\$2,162. We have now nearly thirteen miles of sewer pipes, and about 2,500 more are needed before next year on Franklin, Stockton and Cookman Avenues. These extensions, with the exception of a few lateral lines on cross streets, will about complete our whole sewer system.

The total cost of sewer system to October 1st, 1890, \$32,644.00.

No. of connections last year . . . . .	766
“ “ this “ . . . . .	907
Increase . . . . .	141
Income from Sewer connections this year . . . . .	\$1,410.00
“ “ rentals “ “ . . . . .	3,780.33
Total income . . . . .	\$5,190.33

Considerable embarrassment has been experienced this year with the sewer outlet to the sea. Several sections of the outer end of the pipe, by



“THERE'S ANOTHER MAN.”

the constant action of the sea, having broken loose, lie deeply embedded in the sand, to lift which, without a scaffolding above, is quite out of the question.

Whether to build a temporary scaffolding for this purpose, which will cost several hundred dollars, and then remove it, or erect a permanent



pier, which can be utilized for purposes of pleasure, and be ready, in case of need, for sewer repairs in future, is a question in economy for you to decide. The first cost will be considerable, but whether with the income we might receive from its use, it will not be cheaper in the end, your wisdom must determine.



WESLEY LAKE.

HAWK FISHING.

SYLVANDALE COTTAGE

### Artesian Water.

Since our last annual meeting we have sunk 8 new Artesian Wells, all of them, 425 feet deep. These cost \$415, each, \$3,320.00.

We now pump from 21 wells, and receive, when all are in use, 400 gallons of water per minute. The quantity of water pumped from Oct. 1st, 1889, to Oct. 1st, 1890, was 68,000,000 gallons, increase over last year 18,000,000 gallons.

The lowest quantity pumped during any one month, was November, 1889; 2,926,000. The highest quantity, in any one month, was August, 1890, 10,860,000 gallons.

The water tank which stands in Thompson Park, has been increased in capacity from 210,000 gallons to 315,000. Cost \$1,377.78.

There has been expended on plant this year, \$4,855.50. Chiefly, in raising tank, 15 feet, and boring additional wells.

Total cost of artesian water plant to October 1st, 1890, \$58,713.00.

This water has now to be lifted from 23 feet below the pumps to 55 feet above them, in all 78 feet, and lifting to such a height, requires more coal and steam.

No. of Water connections, Oct. 1st, 1890, . . . . .	864
“ Increase over last year, . . . . .	162
Receipts for water connections, from Oct. 1st, 1889, to Oct. 1st, 1890, \$	456.00
From rentals Oct. 1st, 1889 to Oct. 1st, 1890, . . . . .	7,702.60
Total, . . . . .	\$8,158.60
Running expenses, . . . . .	1,730.99
Net earnings for year . . . . .	\$6,427.61

There is a very heavy pressure on our water supply during the month, of July and August. This grows out of a large percentage of waste which hitherto we have not been able to prevent, and to which a still more vigilant attention must be given. Those who continue to be wilful wasters, must have their supply shut off, while with the large consumers, it may be necessary to apply the metre for our protection.

### Electric Lights.

This system has been considerably extended and improved this year.

The two 375, 30 C. P. dynamos were insufficient for our own work, to say nothing of a power supply for commercial purposes. We were, therefore, ordered to purchase two new dynamos of 450, 30 C. P., turning in one of the 375 C. P. at the original cost of \$10 per C. P., or \$3,750 in part payment for the two 450 C. P. dynamos, which at \$10 per 30 C. P. stood \$9,000, and after deducting the above \$3,730, for small dynamos returned, cost us in cash \$5,250.

So that we now have 3 dynamos, a total aggregation in dynamo power,



1,275, 30 C. P. lamps, with a supply of Sockets, Cutouts, Shades, &c., &c., sufficient for use until we need to enlarge machinery for extended work.

Our Corliss engine is 230 horse power, which is equal to our dynamo capacity. But our boiler power is short, and must be enlarged before next season.

The highest No. of lamps in use during the year ending Oct. 1st, 1890, was 855 as follows:

Association lights, 30 C. P., . . . . .	309	
"    "    45 C. P., . . . . .	105	414
Commercial lights, 30 C. P., . . . . .	403	
"    "    45 C. P., . . . . .	38	441
Total, . . . . .		<u>855</u>
Cost of plant to Oct. 1st, 1890, . . . . .	\$34,125.11	
Running expenses, coal, labor, &c., &c., from Oct. 1st, 1889, to Oct. 1st, 1890, . . . . .	3,123.53	
New lamps, insurance on plant, interest on plant, current supplies, freights, . . . . .	3,651.13	
Total running expenses, . . . . .		<u>\$6,774.66</u>
Charge to Association for lighting town, . . . . .	\$3,000.00	
Charge to Iron Bridge account for lighting Wesley Lake, . . . . .	150.00	
Cash for lamp sockets returned, . . . . .	206.50	
Cash from Commercial lighting, . . . . .	2,235.74	
		<u>\$5,592.24</u>
Short of running expenses for 1890, . . . . .	\$1,182.42	

### Ice Department.

The ice question, has been during the whole year, one of much anxiety and embarrassment. Where to purchase, and when to purchase, involved much perplexity.

We bought in Maine, during March, last, 1425 tons, at \$4.50 per ton, delivered at Sandy Hook. Waste between Maine and Ocean Grove, 181 tons; leaving us 1225 tons net, which when stored in our Ice House, cost \$7.29 per ton, or \$8,930.00.

Bought since then, 302 tons, at \$8.34 per ton, or \$2,518.68.	
Total cost ice, . . . . .	\$11,448.68
Cost of delivery, . . . . .	1,822.00
Incidentals, . . . . .	307.85
Grand Total, . . . . .	<u>\$13,578.53</u>
Received for Ice, . . . . .	13,982.58
Profits, . . . . .	<u>\$ 404.05</u>

But, as all of our various departments of labor and expenses run so close together, and oftentimes intermingle, and are also paid out of one common treasury, it is difficult always to keep all accounts exact to each department. I suppose, if an exact line of separation could be drawn in the above business, that after all our trouble and expense, and counting the interest on the principal invested, there was no profit at all.

So, in the midst of all these discouragements, the question of an ice plant, and manufacturing our own ice, is one of interest and importance.



THE UNITED STATES.  
N. W. Corner Main and Beach Avenues.  
WILLIAM ORR, Proprietor.

### Tree Planting Day.

More and more, as the years go by, this pleasant and beautiful festivity becomes important. The old trees die, and unless we continue to plant, our grounds, now so interesting and attractive, will become nude and barren. What would our Main Avenue now be but that a few years ago lines of maples, but little larger in diameter than your thumb, were set out on either side, and now developed into majestic trees, which are the admiration of all who enter our grounds.

Let me exhort all who own property at Ocean Grove to see to it that the years do not pass without attention to this important and beautiful work. Fifty trees were bought last year. Twenty-one were set out for private parties, and the balance on Association grounds.



SPRAY BATH.

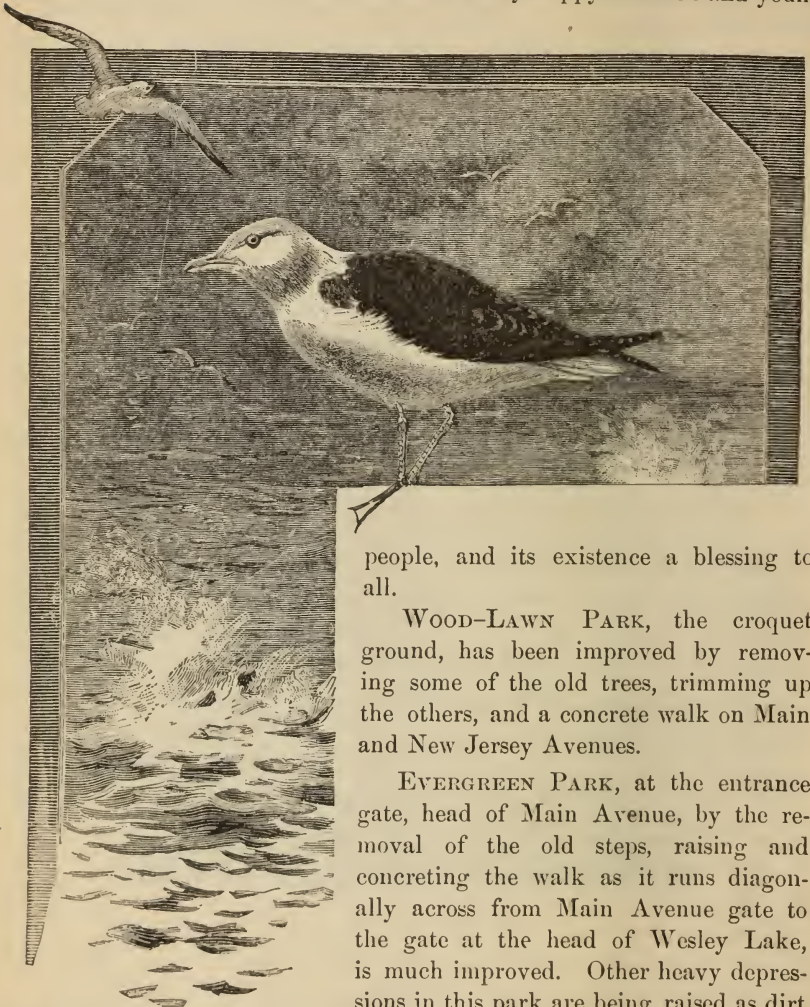
### Parks.

The public parks, being resorts of many thousands during the summer season, are all important, and the wisdom of their creation is more and more apparent.

THOMPSON PARK slowly improves, but an advance on this line is greatly needed. Still, rustic as it is, it accommodates a transient multitude every day, which, but for this, would be at a loss where to go or what to do.



GREENLEAF PARK is much improved by concrete walks diagonally and all around. It is a play ground for many happy children and young



people, and its existence a blessing to all.

WOOD-LAWN PARK, the croquet ground, has been improved by removing some of the old trees, trimming up the others, and a concrete walk on Main and New Jersey Avenues.

EVERGREEN PARK, at the entrance gate, head of Main Avenue, by the removal of the old steps, raising and concreting the walk as it runs diagonally across from Main Avenue gate to the gate at the head of Wesley Lake, is much improved. Other heavy depressions in this park are being raised as dirt

is at command, and when all are leveled will be much more sightly and convenient.

### **New Auditorium.**

There is a growing conviction in the public mind of the need of better and more extended accommodations for public worship.

A new auditorium, with sittings for eight or ten thousand people, is an increasing demand.

So evident is this need that one lady, without the subject being named to her, has handed in one hundred and fifty dollars towards its construction. A number of others have contributed from one to five dollars, all unsought or asked, until we have a nucleus of \$261. Small in comparison with the amount needed, but, still, a beginning. The mustard seed will grow.

What we need at once is matured plans to set before the public, in order to show what is contemplated, then make a well-arranged appeal, and not build until two-thirds of the cost shall have been pledged.

One gentleman has, I understand, unasked, offered to pay the *last thousand dollars*.

Forty-nine others, giving the same amount, would in all probability meet the bill.

I call your serious attention to this subject, and ask the appointment of a strong committee to procure and submit plans for your approval.

### **Young People's Temple.**

The original cost of this structure, was \$7,500. The amount paid through the efforts of Dr. Hanlon, C. H. Yatman, and others, \$4,740.93.

This building is the centre of the most thrilling and absorbing interests, wide as the continent, and touches some of the remotest parts of the globe.

### **Thornley Chapel.**

This building, though small, as was designed by its projectors, serves many important purposes, and what has given most joy to him in whose memory it was erected, if he has any knowledge of what takes place on earth, is the fact, that already, it has been the spiritual birth-place of a number of precious souls.

Since its erection, too, the old book-store has been enlarged, improved and beautified, so that together with the removal of the old tent floors, and sowing the ground with grass seed, the whole plot has become a place of interest and a joy to every passer-by, while the memory of him whose name it bears is as precious to us all as the place is beautiful.

### **Business Buildings.**

The new brick store, occupied by J. A. Wainwright, has undergone some internal alterations and improvements for the greater convenience of the tenants. The entire premises are now occupied by Mr. Wainwright, general provision and furnishing store; Mr. White's drug store, and Mr. Goodheart's meat market. Mr. Quinn's ice cream parlor, on Main Ave.,

has been improved; also the bakery under Mr. Ladomus' store; so, too, Mr. McCabe's, Mr. Ferguson's and others, all on Olin Street.

A new gateway has been erected at the head of Stockton Avenue; rails placed around the blocks along Pilgrim pathway from Young People's Temple to Bethany Block, picket fences around statuary mounds near auditorium; new steps, wider and easier of descent and ascent, at the Wesley lake end of Pilgrim Pathway, going to the bridge, together with innumerable minor matters of similar character all over the grounds.



SANDERS' COTTAGE.

Wesley Lake.

### Iron Bridges.

These have been newly painted during the past year, Mr. Bradley paying half of this and all other expenses in connection with the bridges.

The number of persons crossing these bridges during the months of June, July, August and September, 1890, was 390,519. This does not include



the Sabbath travel, which is by far the largest of any other day, but as toll is not taken on that day the exact number cannot be given, but it is entirely safe to say, enough to make 500,000 for the four months named.

Receipts for the four months June 1st to September 30th :

Pilgrim Pathway bridge . . . . .	\$2,288.77
New Jersey Ave. " . . . . .	1,617.14
	\$3,905.91
Total from both bridges, 1890 . . . . .	\$3,905.91
An excess for 1890 over 1889 of \$492.17.	
Ocean Grove's half from both bridges, 1890. . . . .	1,952.96
" " " " boat licenses, 1890 . . . . .	136.00
	\$2,088.96
Total . . . . .	\$2,088.96
Ocean Grove's expenses ; lake, bridges, painting, collecting, policing, lighting, interest, incidentals . . . . .	986.52
	\$1,102.44
Balance . . . . .	\$1,102.44

The south, or Ocean Grove's side of Wesley Lake will require bulk heading to be repaired, and in many places, in order to protect bank and concrete walk, to be made entirely new.

### Floral Department.

The whole floral department, which, for the last four years, has been run by other parties, falls back into our hands, and until other arrangements are made, will be conducted by us.

This business is one of growing interest, and, properly conducted, will not only prove a great convenience to all lovers of the beautiful, but pay a living profit to any who will give it intelligent attention.

The property consists of five lots, five hothouses, outside hotbeds with sash, many thousands of pots, tubs, rustic stands, etc., etc., and has a good spring and summer trade.

### Business Licenses.

Business licenses issued of all kinds during the year—297.

These include all omnibuses, hacks, hucksters, butchers, store wagons of all kinds, boats on Fletcher Lake, and one half of boats on Wesley Lake, &c., &c.

The wear and tear on roads of such a constant procession of vehicles, as pass over our avenues, many of which are very heavily loaded, whose drivers invariably push their horses as fast, if not in some instances faster than the law allows, is fearful. For the making and repairing of these roadways, neither township nor county pay a mill. Thousands of

dollars could be expended on these roadways every year, if we had the means.

The amount received this year from all licenses \$2.626.50.

### Street Sprinkling.

This part of our work continues a great embarrassment. We are almost surrounded by water, and yet to get this water into wagons, and over the ground is expensive. Much of this, especially in the early, and latter parts of the season, comes from the Artesian Wells, pumped at



TENT LIFE.  
Lake Pathway.

heavy expense, and carted by men and teams at \$3.00 per day, and yet a large part of the people enjoying its benefits, are unwilling to pay for it. About \$400 were expended this summer, on which, with much difficulty, we succeeded in collecting, by paying for the service, 10 per cent., \$88.75.

This, of course, as all will see, is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and calls for some other method of doing the work, and receiving remuneration.



## Fire Department.

This department is in good condition, without much change from last year.

New fire wells have been placed in Fletcher Lake, for the convenience of the department in case of fire in that locality. I am very thankful to



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say that the department has not been called into service by conflagrations upon our own grounds during the year. An organization of exempt firemen has been perfected in our district, under the state law, by which

effective firemen having served seven successive years, are exempt from duty, at their pleasure, and yet have continued unto them, as when in full service, exemption from military, as well as jury duty, and the remittal of \$5.00, on annual taxation, and entitled to benefits from sickness arriving from fire duty, together with funeral expenses. The whole department is in constant readiness, and always prompt to respond to the slightest alarm.

### **Police.**

Mr. Frank Tantum, by day, and two night men are on duty all the year, with Gen. J. C. Patteson, as chief.

The record shows for the season, 455 days of *extra policing* during the months of July, August, and part of September, against 525 for the same months, last year. Number of arrests this year, mostly for small offences, but, nevertheless arrests—unruly persons, tramps, pedlars, drunken, fast drivers, in improper bathing dresses, &c., &c., 39.

Besides all these, there are unnumbered things, petty annoyances, of a thousand different kinds, which must be suppressed or the parties driven off without arrests.

When we consider the multiplied thousands, the wonder is that all is kept so quiet, and even when arrests are made, and the parties shut up, or fined, or both, scarcely one person in a thousand knows anything has transpired.

### **Jerusalem Model.**

This continues a place of much interest, but needs repairs, and should have them before another season.

### **Freight Station New York and Long Branch Railroad.**

The freight station of the New York, and Long Branch Railroad, has, during the year just closed, been removed from the old site near the passenger station, to the grounds purchased of us, west of the Ice House. This change grew out of the immense pressure of the freight business so near where the surging multitudes alight, and re-embark for homeward travel, until the risks from accident became too great to be continued. The grounds to which the removal has been made, will when completed, be a great improvement on the unsightly swamp, originally located there, and the whole arrangement, will, I think, not only facilitate the business of the Railroad company, but enhance the value of our adjacent grounds.

The general passenger and freight business of the company has been greater in this than any previous year of its operation.

There have been, notwithstanding, the many hundred of thousands of passengers, no accidents since last report.



## Deal Lake and Shark River Public Highway.

By vote of the citizens of Neptune Township, a loan of \$30,000, was made last spring for Macadamizing said road, the whole of its length  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and the township taxed for the payment of interest 5 per cent., and principal of said bonds—one thousand dollars per year, the first falling due, 1895, and the last, 1925.

The work is nearly complete, and a magnificent driveway is the result. The main part of the road is twenty feet wide, from Deal Lake to First Ave. Asbury Park; fifteen feet wide from First Ave. to Cookman Ave., Asbury Park. From Cookman Ave., Asbury Park, to Ocean Grove entrance, it is the full width of the street, an average of 50 feet, private



GOING FOR BLUE FISH.

parties paying for laying Belgian Block, four feet wide, to meet the Main road in front of their properties; from Ocean Grove entrance to Fletcher Lake, twenty feet wide; from Fletcher Lake to Shark River, 15 feet wide.

On either side of the road, where the width is 15, or 20 feet, excepting along the electric car tracks, there is a shoulder, or extension of solid clay and gravel, four feet wide, which extends the hard road eight feet along its whole length.

I am more particular in making definite statements concerning this road, because its reconstruction, entails upon us several items of expense which otherwise would not have been required at this time,—namely, stone curbing; iron drain pipe across entrances to our grounds;

two hundred feet of twenty-four inch terra cotta drain pipe at head of Fletcher Lake; also Belgian block guttering to connect with the Macadamized road; together with filling side walk up to the road grade on the front from Stockton Ave., to the high grounds south of Fletcher Lake, amounting to nearly \$1,500.

### Private Improvements.

The private improvements upon our grounds advance each year. These are particularly noticeable at this time, in the handsome cottages of A. C. Fields, on the ocean front, south side of Pitman Avenue, and D. E. Stout on the north side of same avenue immediately opposite Mr. Fields'.

Many of the old cottages are remodeled each year, and in many instances so great are the improvements that scarcely a vestige of the original plan remains. All such changes beautify our town and are to be encouraged.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Lillagore have both improved their bathing facilities, the latter enlarging his swimming pool to 80x80, with depth of from 2½ to 4½ feet, filled at all times with salt water, where safe bathing can be enjoyed in any weather.

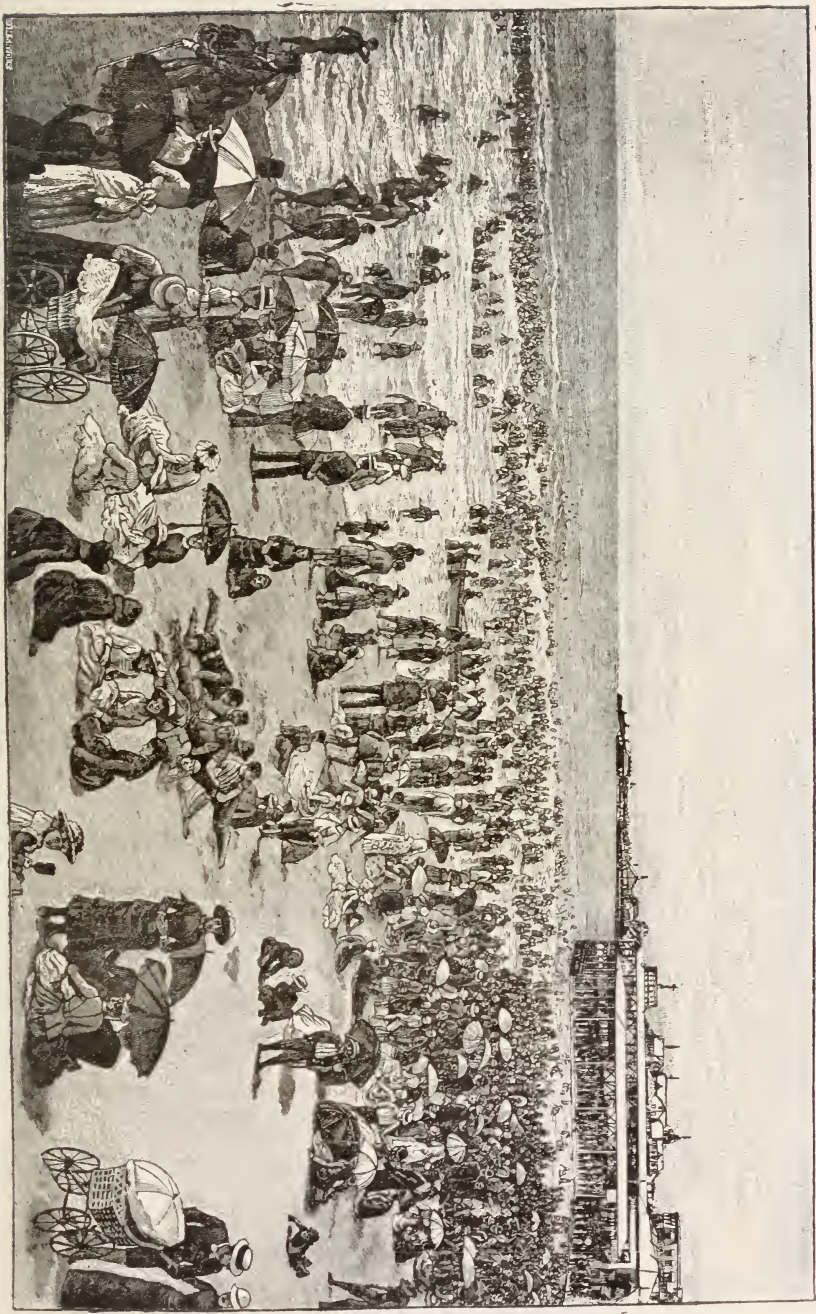
Number of cottages last year . . . . .	994
Erected this year . . . . .	48
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Total . . . . .	1,042
Number of boarding houses this year . . . . .	76
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Total . . . . .	1,118
This count does not include places of business, which, if added,	
would make about . . . . .	1,200

### Post-Office.

The post-office is conducted on its usual lines. During the summer months, when the great crowds are present, and the population changing largely almost every day, it is sometimes difficult to administer its affairs to the perfect satisfaction of either post-master or the public. The best interests of all, however, are always sought, and a little forbearance usually brings relief. The term of Geo. W. Evans, Esq., our former post-master, having expired since our last annual meeting, Rev. A. E. Ballard was appointed by President Harrison to fill the place. The business of the office has been larger this year than at any period since its establishment in 1871.



BATHING AT ROSS, SHOWING OCEAN FRONT TO LILLAGORE'S.





I understand that a bill has passed the Senate of the United States, but failed to get before the House before adjournment, the provisions of which will give the free delivery to offices and populations such as Ocean Grove. It is probable that this bill will be passed by the House on its



THINKING ABOUT THE CRABS.

re-assembling in December, and become a law before our season of 1891. Should this prove true, a great relief would be experienced by the long lines of people waiting at our postal windows every day.

### Telegraph Office.

Geo. W. Evans, Esq., continues in the management of this department, and the business has been larger than any previous year. Sometimes as many as 400 messages pass over the wires in a single day.





RUSTIC BRIDGE.

Formerly near Head of Wesley Lake.

## Twentieth Anniversary Of the Organization of Ocean Grove Association.

By the authorization of this Association, at its last annual meeting, the Twentieth Anniversary of the organization was celebrated on Sabbath and Monday, December 22d and 23d, 1889.

It fell to the lot of the President to preach the anniversary sermon, in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, on Sabbath morning. The audience room was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the Y. W. C. T. U., and the congregation large. The text, "In the beginning, God," Gen. 1: 1. The anniversary experience meeting was held in Associ-



ation Hall, at 3 P. M., and a platform meeting at St. Paul's, at 7 P. M., was participated in by a number of members of the Association.

On Monday, at 11 A. M., a prayer and consecration meeting was held in Thornley Chapel, at which all felt a present heaven. The members of the Association, with their families, dined at the Atlantic House at 1 P. M. In the evening a social reception was held at Association Hall for all the citizens of Ocean Grove. All the services were largely attended, many visitors being present. The members of the Association, as far as possible, were in attendance, and it was a real regret that all could not be here.

The social reception on Monday night was a gala season and fitting close to an occasion not soon to be forgotten.

A full report of the whole proceedings has been published in pamphlet form, including the sermon in full, and bound in the second volume of our Annual Reports—*Ten Years by the Sea*.

From the anniversary sermon I quote as follows:

Twenty years ago this whole place was a dreary solitude. Now we have over twelve hundred buildings, some of which contain all the comforts and conveniences of modern civilization; an Artesian water system with 12½ miles of water mains, laterals, &c., furnishing as pure water as ever flowed; an electric light plant, with 50 miles of wire, and all appliances for first-class electric light; a sewer system of 12¾ miles; 12 miles of avenues and 27 miles of sidewalks, without a *saloon* or a *cigar store*, and during all these twenty years there has not been, (excepting in a few instances the undertaker's wagon), a carriage seen or the hoof of a horse heard along the avenues on the holy Sabbath day.

Out of this place have sprung, and therefore must in some direct sense be claimed as a part of our work, Asbury Park, West Park, Loch Arbour, Interlaken, West Grove, Ocean Park, Ocean Beach, Como, Spring Lake, Island Heights, Ocean City, Sea Cliff, Atlantic Highlands, and other minor places, with all the churches which they contain.

ASSESSMENT IN

Ocean township, 1869, . . . . .	\$ 2,000,000
Wall township, 1869, . . . . .	856,000
Total, 1869, . . . . .	\$ 2,856,000

ASSESSMENT IN

Ocean township, 1889, . . . . .	\$ 8,000,000
Neptune township, 1889, . . . . .	2,250,000
Wall township, 1889, . . . . .	2,560,000
Total, 1889, . . . . .	\$12,810,000
Amount assessed 1869, . . . . .	2,856,000
Advance in 20 years, . . . . .	\$9,954,000

But that which is infinitely better, and for which this place was founded, and for which it has been conducted, is *the religious work*.

Of this I now proceed to give you the briefest summary and ask you to take into the account the evangelistic agencies—the efforts educational, reformatory and benevolent, of almost every form and phase of progress for the elevation of the race; sermons matchless in power and sweep of divine eloquence; thrilling addresses, lectures on a great variety of subjects, profound in learning and peerless in strength, all blended with entertainments which educate, refine and elevate. Combine all these and we have *three full* months of special religious services every summer. Sixty months or five whole years of extra meetings in the twenty, *solid for salvation!* What have these accomplished? This will never be known until the day of final revelations—the thousands converted, the thousands sanctified, the tens, if not hundreds, of thousands helped on their joyous way to heaven; the standards of Methodist doctrine and usage so presented as to lead to a higher appreciation of, and great love for them by the religious world; denominational walls lowered, and Christians of all sects brought face to face with each other, grasping hands and touching hearts, see in each other, though bearing different names, fellow-citizens of the eternal kingdom, and hailing each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord, while the joy which thrills the vast multitudes is like that which is anticipated for the millennial morning. Added to these, the home churches touched, revived and aglow with religious fervor, until revival after revival follows each other like the great waves of the sea, all over the land, until the work of Ocean Grove extends, and its influence is felt to the remotest sections of the globe, while heaven has added occupants, crowns of increasing splendor, harp notes more exalted and hallelujahs more voluminous, majestic and prolonged, because of helps and blessings which hundreds of thousands received and cherished here. How glad we are then that it was “*In the beginning, God.*” Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

### Elim Association.

I quote from the annual report of the Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Thompson: Since the organization of Elim Association, more than two thousand guests have been entertained, and having gathered fresh vigor by this restfulness, have gone forth to do more valiant service for the Master.

The combined influences of the energizing sea breezes, and the aroma of the soothing pine air, have a wonderfully strength-giving effect upon the overtaxed.

The faithful matron, Mother Badeau, has been as heretofore, untiring in her efforts to make Elim have a home like feeling to all the guests, and greatly has this been appreciated.

The past year the building has been painted, parlor newly carpeted, also some of the bedrooms; many little touches here and there, have given added cheerfulness, and tastefulness to the apartments.

Total number entertained at Elim during Summer of 1890—154.

By States and countries—from New Jersey, 49; Pennsylvania, 45 Maryland, 2; Delaware, 3; New York, 40; Nebraska, 1; Massachusetts,



JUVENILE FORT BUILDERS.

2; Ohio, 4; Connecticut, 3; Virginia, 1; Nicaragua, 1; West Indies, 1; Missouri, 1; England, 1.

By denominations—Methodist Episcopal, 103; Lutheran, 9; Presbyterian, 8; Baptist, 6; Protestant Episcopal, 11; Methodist Protestant, 7; Reformed, 3; Reformed Episcopal, 2; Primitive Methodist, 1; Congregational, 2; Christadelphian, 2.

Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Treasurer, gives the following;

AGGREGATE REPORT FOR 1890.

By balance from 1889, . . . . .	\$ 59 52
Received for painting and repairs, . . . . .	145 25
Received for donations and subscriptions, . . . . .	164 25
Received for board, . . . . .	1,066 50
<b>Total, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,435 52</b>
Paid for painting and repairs, . . . . .	203 83
Paid for house expenses, . . . . .	1,177 35
Balance on hand, . . . . .	54 34
<b>Total, . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,435 52</b>

### Town Clock.

For nearly ten years this observed of all observers has kept on, without a holiday, both day and night, week days and Sabbaths, steadily at its work. Sunshine and storm, heat and cold, seemingly make no difference.

When the fair young bride on the nuptial day,  
 With blossoms had trimmed her hair,  
 And visions of beauty, unfolding, lay  
 Along her path like the flowers of May,  
 Unswerved by the joy, still the stern old clock,  
 Between the promise and the prayer,  
 Looked down upon the vision fair,  
 And simply to the banquet said, tick, tock.

The hurricane rushed with its howling blast,  
 And swept the wintry sky,  
 While the vessel wrecked, on the beach was cast,  
 And the sailor's pulse had throbb'd its last ;—  
 Without a groan, without a sigh,  
 With steady aim and fixed eye,  
 Kept on as in sunshine, tick, tock, tick, tock.

### St. Paul's Church.

This, the only church organization within the bounds of Ocean Grove, continues to grow in numbers, usefulness and strength.

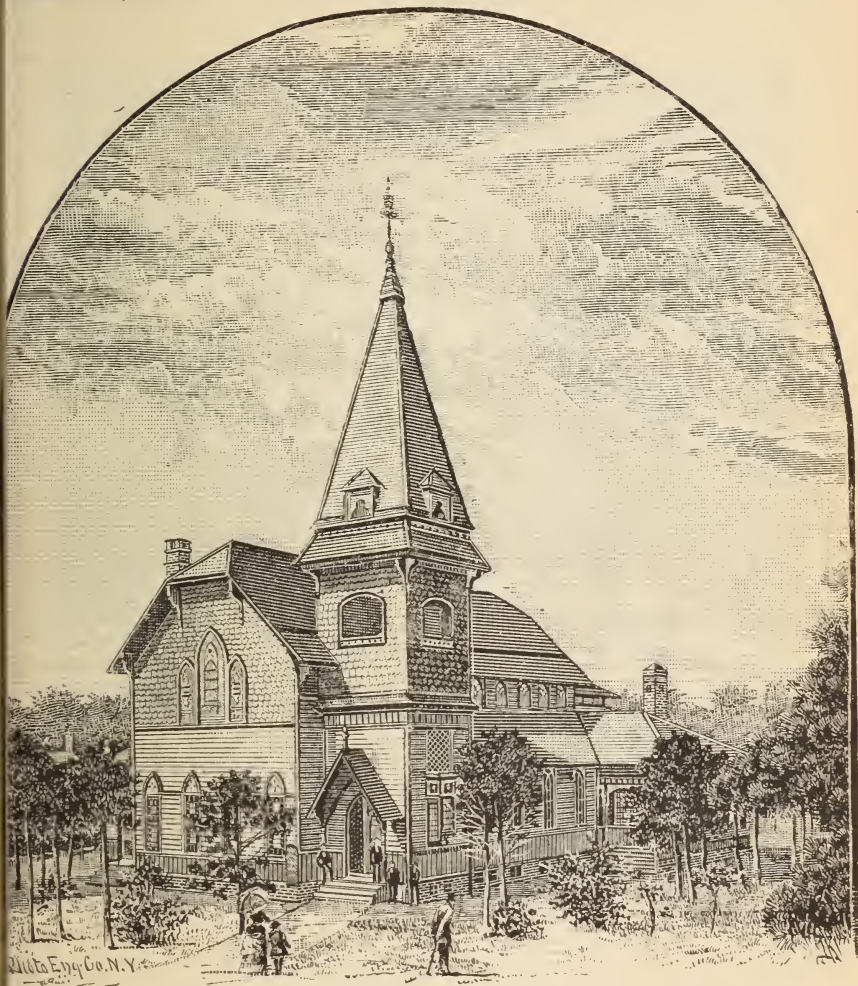
The efficient pastor, Rev. H. Belting, is serving his fourth year, still fresh and vigorous in style, interesting and profiting all who listen. The Sabbath School flourishes, and all the societies, usually found in a well-organized Methodist Episcopal Church, exist in its bosom, and, strong in faith, bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

### Ocean Grove Literature.

Ocean Grove has passed into literature. Not only the newspaper paragraph, or the more favored and extended article in the portly magazine, but the elaborate and sober volume has taken it in. So that if Ocean Grove should cease to be, and those who have enjoyed its privileges should all pass into the beyond, its memory would still live in the printed page; so that, while it is still true that the sensational secular papers continue their scurrilous tirades against us, it is also true that the religious and reputable secular press has, not only on its own account, said the most kindly things concerning us, but, unasked, has come to our defence against the falsehoods of the unscrupulous and base. These all have our profoundest thanks, and we trust the day is not distant that everywhere the universal press will so far purify itself as to disdain a willful lie.



"*The Ocean Grove Record*" continues its weekly visits to its patrons, and is to many not only a bond of connection with this place while in their distant city or suburban homes, but is a perpetuation, during the winter's



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OCEAN GROVE.

gloom, of their summer rest and gladness by the sea. This paper continues, as from the beginning, the personal property of Dr. Wallace. The Association, while having no financial interest whatever in it, would, I am sure, feel great satisfaction if his subscription list should double the present year.

"*Two Decades by the Sea*," the twentieth annual report of the President of the Ocean Grove Association, an illustrated pamphlet of 66 pages, was published, by your order, in November last. It aims to be a current history, both secular and religious, of each year at its close. These



YACHTING.

The "Defiance" in a Squall off Ocean Grove.

twenty reports are now bound up for preservation and future reference, and make two heavy volumes entitled "*Ten Years by the Sea*." Vol. 1, 1869-80. Vol. 2, 1870-89. These reports as published from year to year, are distributed to our lot holders free, and may be had by others on application on the same terms. All we ask is that they be carefully read and studied.

## Financial Statement.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Oct. 1, 1889. . . . .	\$ 282 12
Received from Regular Sources, . . . . .	85,560 77
" from Individual Loans, . . . . .	16,400 00
" from Bank Loans, (this year), . . . . .	21,000 00
" from Sale of Lots, . . . . .	11,572 25
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$134,815 14
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1890, . . . . .	1,283 71
	\$136,098 85

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements, . . . . .	\$ 61,596 60
" " Police, . . . . .	3,334 00
" " Salaries, . . . . .	3,487 50
" " Wages, . . . . .	18,093 59
" to Trustees—Sinking Fund, . . . . .	8,635 58
Bonds Redeemed and Interest paid on Principal, . . . . .	12,220 00
Individual Loans Paid, . . . . .	4,731 58
Bank Loans Paid, (\$3,000 carried over from last year), . . . . .	24,000 00
Total payments, . . . . .	\$136,098 85

### RESOURCES.

Inventory (Sewer, Water, Electric Light Plants and Salable Lands not included), . . . . .	\$122,194 63
Cash in Trust Fund, . . . . .	6,561 80
Book Accounts, . . . . .	12,772 46
Due on Lots Sold, . . . . .	21,006 17
Total resources, . . . . .	\$172,535 06

### LIABILITIES.

Liabilities (total), . . . . .	\$113,434 74
Assets over Liabilities, . . . . .	59,100 32
	\$172,535 06

### Trust Fund.

USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR INTEREST ON BONDS AND REDEMPTION WHEN DUE.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1889, . . . . .	\$ 6,826 22
Rec'd from Association Oct. 1, 1889, to Oct. 1, 1890, . . . . .	8,635 58
Total, . . . . .	\$ 15,461 80
Coupon Bonds taken up, . . . . .	5,000 00
Interest paid on Principal, . . . . .	3,900 00
Total paid, . . . . .	8,900 00
Cash in hand Oct. 1, 1890, . . . . .	6,561 80
	\$ 15,461 80



In this statement you will find a brief synopsis of a vast detailed record of all our financial operations. These accounts are examined by a competent Board of Auditors once a month. In this synopsis you find our resources, receipts, expenditures and obligations. By a comparison of these statements with those of last year it will be found, notwithstanding the prompt payment during the year of all maturing bonds, amounting to at least \$7,000, that our indebtedness has increased, since our last annual meeting, \$2,969.05.

As a simple fact, this is to be regretted, but it is a matter of joy, at the same time, that our inventory of values has increased, not only the above amount, but, after deducting this \$2,969.05 from the increased inventory, we still have an advance of values over last year of \$24,987.95, and this advance is almost wholly on the productive line. So that there are members of the Association who hope to live long enough to see not only the last dollar of indebtedness wiped out, but a current annual income sufficient to keep up all repairs and meet all expenses as they come. The prospect was never more hopeful.

With this statement I reach the end of the secular department of my report. I hope it will be satisfactory to you and to the public interested in us. There are countless details of our work not enumerated here. They cannot be without making long, dry, details which would never be read. Even a brief synopsis makes a long array of facts, and yet, I hope, facts which will repay perusal and serve to inspire our faith to still further effort to do for God. With grateful acknowledgements to all who have helped me in my work, officers, executive committee, members of the Association, heads of departments, laboring men, to each and all I simply add, "God bless you," and turn to a review of our religious work.



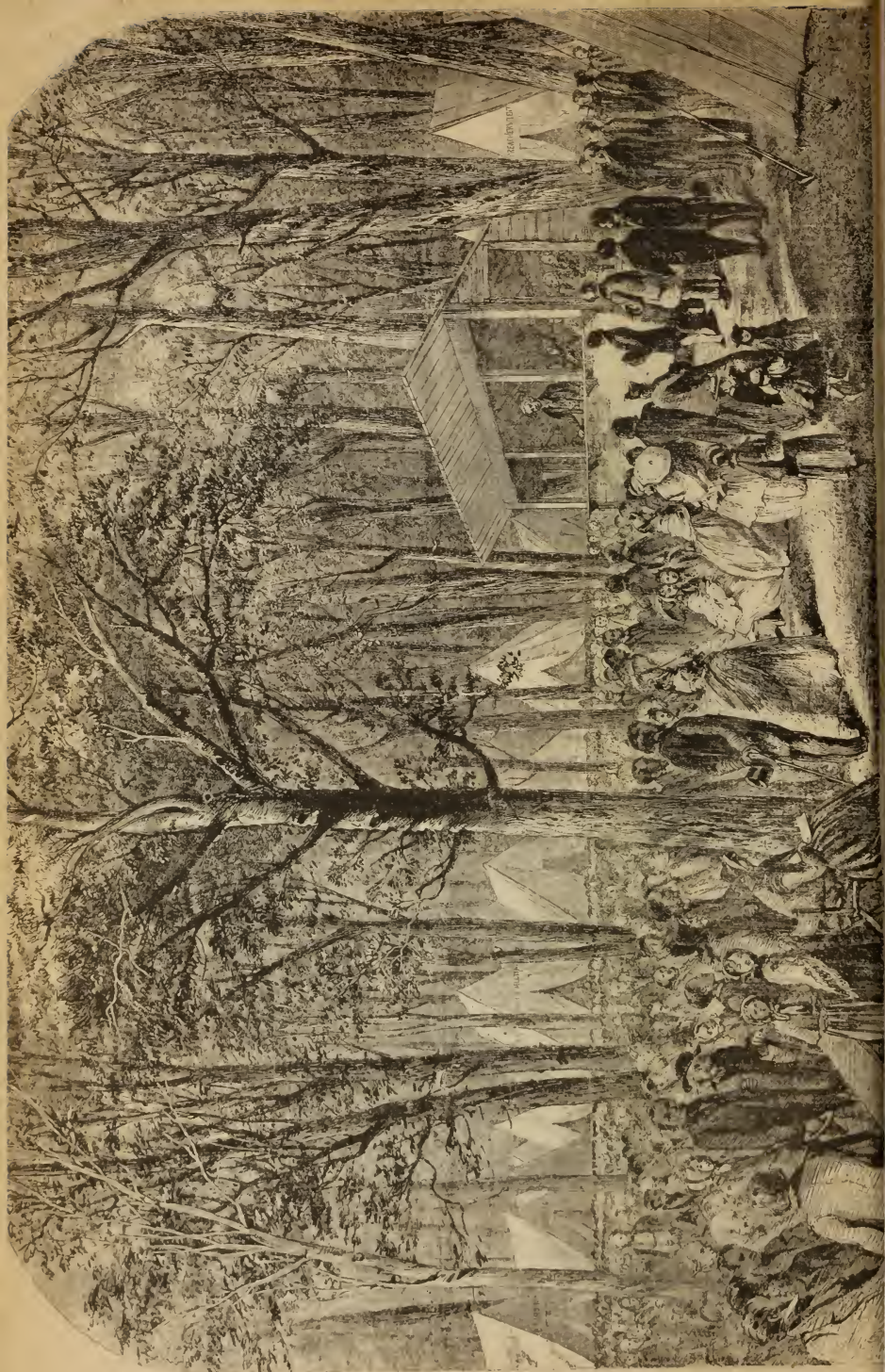




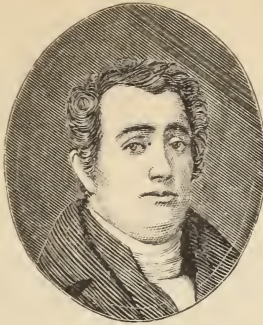
Religious Department.

1890.

1869-'90.







REV. CHARLES PITMAN, D. D.

The Great Camp-Meeting Orator Fifty Years Ago.

The grand old forest, nature's temple vast,  
White tents, rude seats and rustic pulpit high;  
Great sermons! night! pine blaze weird shadows cast,  
And songs, and prayers and praise ascend the sky:  
While souls, new-born, rejoice e'er rise of sun,  
And hearts aflame with love, rejoice, God's work is done.—E. H. S.

## RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

This, of all our joy, is chief. Not city building, but soul winning, is our high and holy work.

But we have bodies, as well as souls, and bodies—material beings, must have a local habitation—hence a city, as well as salvation. The city is the base, while salvation is the majestic, and ever brightening crown. The first perishes, the last abides forever.

The glory and grandeur of our work is revealed in the Scriptures. Spiritual things are shown by the natural. Heaven is portrayed in the purified soul and in the spiritual kingdom of God, as beautifully as the forests are reflected in the still waters of the lake on whose margin they grow. The gladness of a ransomed spirit, cultured under the influences of the divine, is typed by the changed condition of the rugged and barren earth under the hand of the skillful husbandman.

Ocean Grove is adumbrated in Isaiah's pictures; the wilderness and solitary place is glad. Where there was utter desolation, there is now a City by the Sea. The desert rejoices and blossoms—heart-blossoms, faith, hope, love,—the most beautiful and fragrant of all. It rejoices even with joy and singing.

Here the weak have been strengthened, and fearful hearts have a thousand times heard voices, full of encouragement and hope. "*Be strong, fear not!*" The eyes of the blind have been opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Those who have long halted along the ways of religious progress, have started up with new energy, bounding onward as the hart. The waters of salvation have broken out in this once parched ground. A highway has been opened, and it is called the Way of Holiness. No lion, or ravenous beast goes up thereon, but the ransomed of the Lord walk there. They return and come with songs and everlasting joy. Sorrow and sighing flee. If the prophet had written from Ocean Grove, in the year of grace 1890, instead of that far off eastern clime, 710 years before the advent of Messiah, he could scarcely have drawn more truly.

It is the highest ambition of our lives to be in the line of such majestic men—in some sense their humble successors, engaged in such peerless work as they.

Ocean Grove is, in some degree, our ideal of the harmonization of nature and grace, earth and heaven,—an effort to recognize God in all the ways of men,—to obey him in all the details of human life, to worship at his footstool, for he is holy. In this way we believe the highest joy is found on earth and in this line the surest way to heaven. All these things will be unfolded as I now proceed to give you some brief account of our Summer Religious Services by the Sea.

Early in June, the numbers of people so increased, that it was necessary to open the Tabernacle for the afternoon experience meeting, and on the morning of June 22d to hold public services therein, when Capt. R. Kelso Carter, preached with great acceptance, from Ex. 33, 14, "And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

### **General Opening Day.**

This was appointed for Sabbath, June 29. One Sabbath earlier than usual, because, to defer it until the first Sabbath in July, would involve the loss of nearly one week of valuable time.

### **Holiness Meetings.**

Holiness is our foundation, and this meeting is one of our leading landmarks.

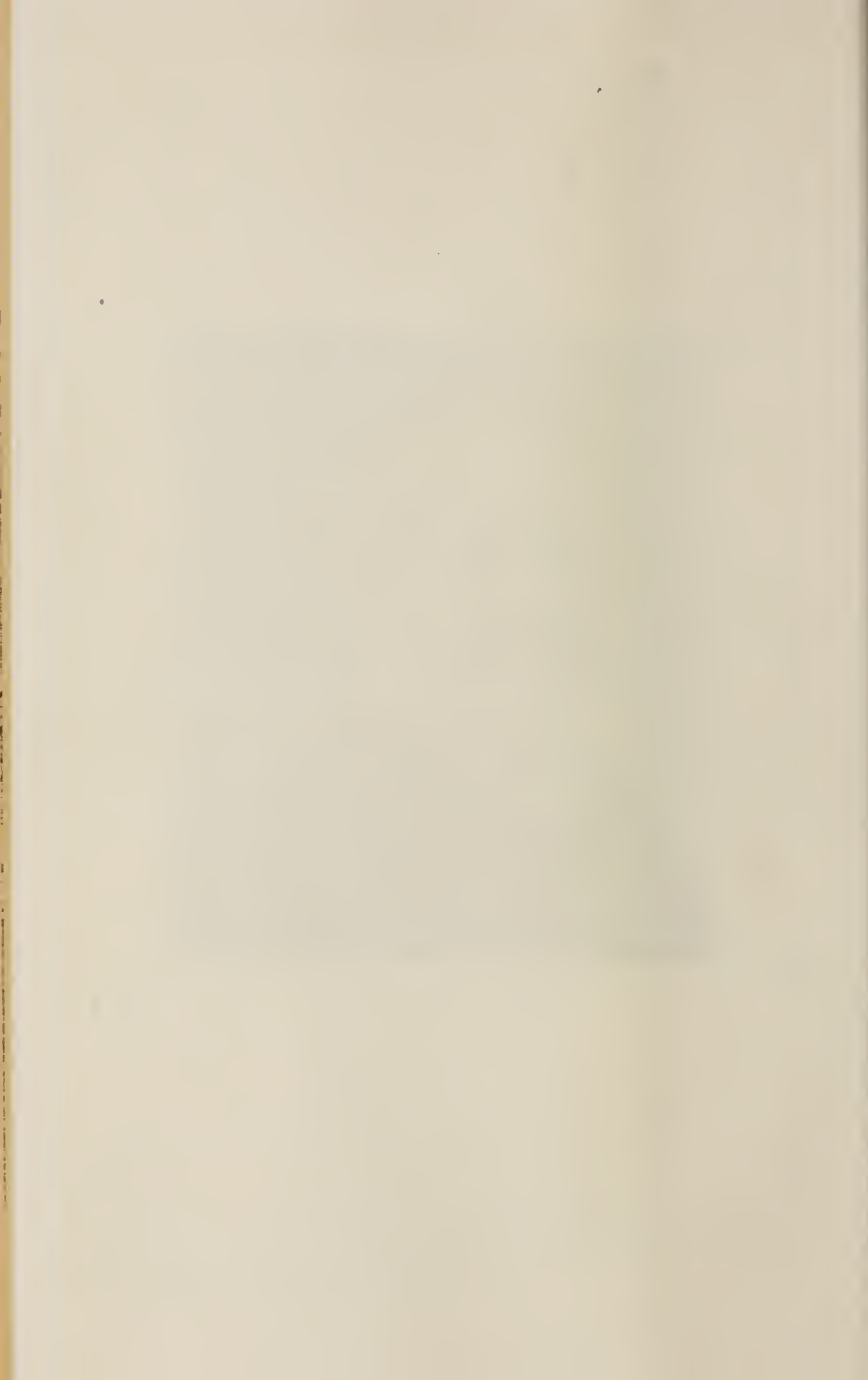
Mrs. Palmer, who is still spared to us, was in her place at 9 A. M. in the Tabernacle, with Mrs. Bourne, her faithful musical assistant, at the organ. In the audience, a company of devout and faithful people sat in silent expectancy to be led on and up to God.





PROFESSOR J. R. SWEENY.

Musical Director.



At the tap of the bell the exercises commenced, and God was a manifested and felt presence. These meetings, in which Mrs. Palmer was assisted by Rev. Dr. Foster, and many other visitors, efficient spiritual workers, continued until Sept. 14, were very deep in their influence upon the people, and never more fruitful in results.

How blessed the crown, which at no distant day, awaits this faithful handmaid of the Lord, for her long continued labors in his cause, and how sweet the rest she will enjoy, when God shall say, it is enough, come up higher.

### **Young People's Meetings.**

The opening of these meetings is always an inspiration. This year was no exception. "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," welled up from fifteen hundred young and ardent hearts as the opening services began.

Mr. Yatman, who had been enjoying a little needed rest for a couple of weeks was in good condition, the musical assistants were in their places, and leader, assistants, and congregation were in fullest sympathy, while over all, God presided and approved.

These meetings continued every morning until August 30th, always full, and mostly, many persons failing to find seats, grew in interest to the end, and the widespread influences of them will never be known until the day Eternal.

The Business Men's Meetings held on Sabbath afternoons, also under the leadership of Rev. C. H. Yatman, were very profitable, and much good was the result.

### **Auditorium Opening.**

The morning was beautiful, the congregation large, and all were expectant. Familiar faces were present, but some who for years had been at the opening services were absent. They had gone to the still greater congregation beyond, and were employed in the higher services of the skies. Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham, who occupies the Chair in Pastoral Theology, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., was the minister, and took for his text, the words of David, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I," Ps. 62, 2. "God be thanked," exclaimed the preacher, "for these old Psalms. They have been the psalter of the churches, through all the ages, and speaking tubes, for communication between earth and heaven. Man is frequently overwhelmed with trouble. 'Lead me to the rock,' is his cry for help. It is a mysterious cry. We do not see, we do not hear, and yet we talk with the unseen. The talk is effectual. David immediately adds, 'Thou hast heard me.' This divine telegraph between earth and heaven is accessible to every intelligent being. Use it here at Ocean Grove. Use it to-day for a baptism of the Holy Ghost, on

this encampment, and on all the great gatherings' of the season, that a harvest may be gathered in to the glory of that grace which includes us all."

In the evening, Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asbury Park, N. J. Text, Ps. 60, 4, "Thou hast given a banner," &c. It greatly interested the large congregation. The day closed with expressions on every hand,—this has been one of our best opening days,—an augury of the season upon which we are just entering, and so it proved.

### Summer Sabbath School.

A reunion of the summer Sabbath School, in its several departments, took place in the afternoon at the Auditorium.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Stokes, Dr. Hanlon, Dr. Kynett, Rev. H. Belting, Rev. C. H. Harding, Supt. Evans, and others. St. Paul's Sabbath School marched in and occupied the places assigned them. Much interest was manifested in the services, and with 1,375 persons present, the summer Sabbath School was declared duly opened. This school continued until September 7th—eleven sessions—with an aggregated attendance, including Dr. Hanlon's Bible class, of 28,589. Over such masses of people as are found in the primary, intermediate and Bible class departments of this summer Sabbath School the influences created are beyond all finite comprehension. May the Eternal Spirit give us all wisdom to use these influences for the highest possible good.

### Surf Meetings.

These meetings continue to be held during the summer Sabbath evenings, from 6 to 7 o'clock, as a kind of necessity. Uncounted multitudes are on the ground. They must be somewhere, and engaged in something. In the crowded condition of their temporary homes, the beach is the most natural outlet. Thither they repair. The surf meeting greets them with a simple service—song, prayer, responsive Scripture readings—impromptu addresses from those whose hearts are full of the love of God. Vast thousands attend, impressions never to be forgotten are made, and while the worship is going on soft breezes from the sea refresh and invigorate for the sermon at the Auditorium which follows.

### Fourth of July.

This is our great central national holiday. We have from the beginning, and shall continue to the end, to celebrate this national holiday *here*, because this is a religious place, and the nation to which we belong is a Christian nation. The cannon boomed and the bells were rung at sunrise. All through the town and its surroundings the national flag was flung to the breeze. At 10.30 A. M. a large assemblage was at the Audi-



torium. The singing was under the direction of Mrs. Geo. Bennett, of Ocean Grove, who was assisted by an able and well-trained choir. The singing throughout was full of inspiration. Rev. Dr. Geo. K. Morris, late of New Jersey, now pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, offered prayer. The Declaration of Independence was grandly read by Geo. W. Evans, Esq., of Ocean Grove.

Singing "Red, White and Blue," solo Mrs. Geo. Bennett, and chorus by choir. The oration was delivered by Rev. James Moore, D. D., presiding elder of New Brunswick District, New Jersey Conference. His theme was, "The American Republic." He said: "It is proper that this celebration should be at Ocean Grove, the motto and banner of which is 'Holiness to the Lord.' This is a Christian land, ours is a Christian nation, and Christianity is its safety. This is the one thought to which I ask the attention of loyal and patriotic citizens to-day. The tendency is to take God from human things, to secularize everything. No God in creation, no divine element in government, no sanctity in the Sabbath, no Bible in the schools, no religion in the State. A negative, not irreligious, but non-religious. Here at Ocean Grove we may be patriotic as well as religious. You cannot separate patriotism from religion. They are married." The whole subject was ably unfolded, as he spoke of our educational system, our form of government, and our social reforms. On the liquor question he said: "The traffic is a fruitful source of evil, but it is not the primary source. The root is in the human heart. It is that which makes the saloon possible. This can be reached only by moral power. It is a social question and should be put under the ban of popular sentiment. But it is also a *legal* question, and all the force of law must be brought to bear. Get all the law you can, use all the law you have. If you cannot get national prohibition, get it in the state, in the county,—fight the single saloon. Do not neglect to use what you have because you cannot get all you desire."

These and kindred sentiments, uttered with much feeling and fervency, were frequently intercepted with prolonged applause. The whole service was a high success, and the day passed without an accident, drunkenness, or distress of any kind.

### **Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey.**

These Christian ladies, under the general leadership of Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, President, gathered in great numbers on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of July, and are always welcome. The themes they discuss, the manner of their discussion, the purity of their own lives, the spiritual fervency of their hearts, with the constant fear of God before their eyes, clothe them in a moral power which few, if any, are able to resist.

Mrs. Downs was ably assisted by Miss Fanny C. Mulford, Mrs. Mary P. Sparks, Miss Mattie O. Waters, Mrs. J. K. Barney, Mrs. Mary T. Burt, Mrs. J. T. Ellis, Mrs. M. T. Lathrop, Mrs. Laura B. Crane, Mrs. Emma Bourn, Mrs. T. Moore, Mrs. M. C. Nobles, Mrs. Dr. Church, Mrs. Mary M. Bradley, Mrs. Dr. Kilborn, Mrs. I. H. Demorest, Miss Helen P. Strong, Mrs. M. D. Bradley, Mrs. Mary S. Wheeler.

Bishop Thoburn, of India, preached on Sabbath morning, the 6th, with great power on "The love of Christ constraineth us." In the evening Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, of Michigan, occupied the platform and preached to a vast congregation, "Who is he that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." "Faith," she said, "is the secret of achievement,—this is the mighty energy that sails unknown seas and climbs untrod mountains. Look at Columbus, with Europe laughing at him, and his crew in mutiny, gazing westward until he sees the new continent rise on the horizon. This faith overcomes the world. Without it we go under and are lost forever."

These meetings, which closed on Monday night, were earnest, devout, and profoundly impressive to the last.

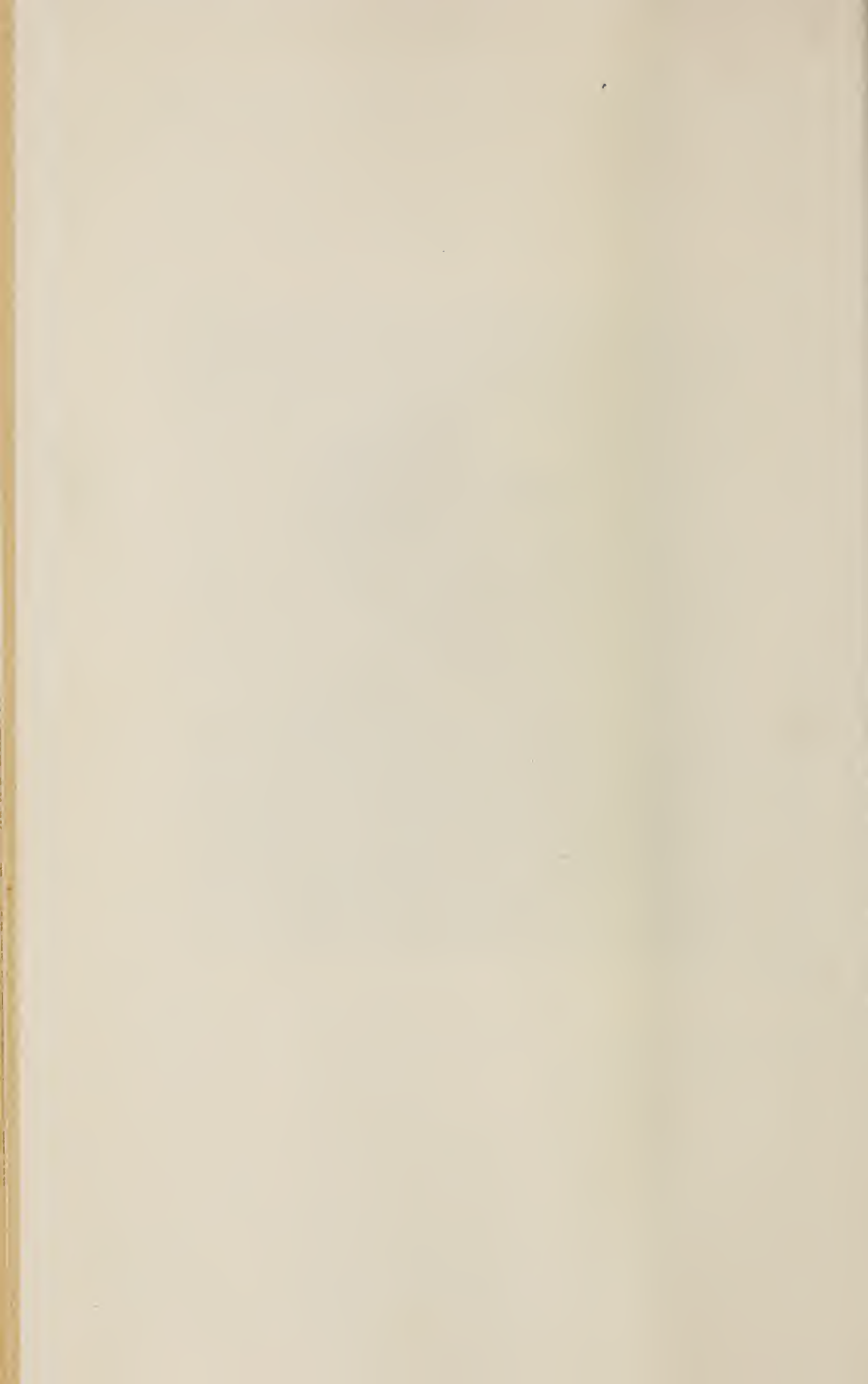
### **National Division Sons of Temperance.**

This distinguished body of earnest and intelligent men, with representatives from all parts of the American continent, met with us this year July 9, 10, 11. It was their second visit, and a more thorough acquaintance served to increase our respect and admiration. They have erected a high ideal, and are pressing towards its attainment. The good accomplished is already great, and with an intelligent enthusiasm they will reach their noblest aims. Their morning and afternoon sessions being for the transaction of private business, were held in Association Hall. The public services in the evening were full of the profoundest interest, and the earnestly eloquent speakers from all parts of the country kindled new inspirations on every hand.

Among the visitors present were Rev. E. R. Young, Bowmansville, Ontario; Hon. S. B. Ransom, N. J.; A. G. Vanaken, New Brunswick, N. J.; Dr. R. Alder Temple, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Most Worthy Patriarch, of the National Division, who stated that since the organization last met here, in 1883, 220,000 members have been inscribed upon its roll; W. P. McDonough, of New York, Past Grand Worthy Patriarch; Eugene H. Clapp, of Boston; B. F. Dennisson, of Philadelphia; B. R. Jewell, Boston; J. R. Roberts, Boston; Charles Everett, St. James, New Brunswick; F. M. Bradley, Washington, D. C.; J. N. Stearns, N. Y.; Major Gordon, Philadelphia; Dr. A.-Buck, Ontario; L. Leary, Fari-



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bault, Minn.; J. D. Vergermes, Vt.; F. H. Henshaw, Newlin, Miss.; D. Miller, Toronto; A. M. Palmer, N. J.; J. Roberts, Boston; A. M. Culver, Colorado; T. J. Tucker, Boston; S. B. Patterson, St. John, N. B.; John Patterson, Halifax, N. S.

During the first evening session of this distinguished body at the Auditorium one of the saddest surprises ever experienced by an Ocean Grove audience occurred. The President, according to usage, was called out to give the visitors a few words of greeting on their assembling for the second time at Ocean Grove. The electric lights, from some little hitch in the machinery, ceased to burn, and the meeting was proceeding with a couple of kerosene burners upon the stand, when, suddenly, the whole place was illuminated with a flood of light. The President, alluding to the darkness, said he was glad the light had come, but if it had not, he would still have spoken, and what he had intended saying in its deep sadness would have been in accord with the prevailing gloom. "A great light," he continued, "suddenly went out from New Jersey and this whole country, a few hours ago, in the unlooked for death of General Clinton B. Fisk. How that eminent man will be missed and mourned, and nowhere beyond the circle of his own home more than here at Ocean Grove, where his matchless eloquence has so often thrilled us all. Let us hope that in the after time this darkness will pass away in the unclouded glories of the immortal state." This announcement was not only a great surprise, but the grief it produced was painfully profound.

On Friday, July 11th, at 3 o'clock, the day of the funeral obsequies for General Fisk, in New York City, a Memorial Service was held at the Auditorium in this place. The Sons of Temperance adjourned their meeting at the hall, and attended in a body. The Auditorium bell was tolled by the janitor every minute from 2.30 to 3 o'clock. A large audience gathered and the services were unusually solemn.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Stokes, Ocean Grove; Rev. A. R. Temple, Canada; J. N. Stearns, N. Y.; E. H. Clapp, Boston; Gen. J. F. Rusling, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. A. E. Ballard, Ocean Grove; and a poem was read as a tribute of the W. C. T. U. by Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer, Philadelphia.

All hearts, in their sorrow, were glad, that while he was ours too short a time on earth, he is now, *forever ours in heaven*. Let us with brave hearts, and steady steps, follow him to the skies.

It was a great satisfaction that our brethern could be with us, and speak on this mournful occasion, for his fame was world wide. The whole series of meetings, by the National Division was a benediction, and we trust they will soon come again.

## Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

These growingly interesting services were held this year July 12-23. It is impossible to epitomize the interest awakened, and the good accomplished in these days. Dr. B. B. Loomis, as usual, Superintendent of Instruction, was assisted by Mrs. Loomis and Miss Minnie Loomis.

Dr. J. F. Clymer, Normal Instructor, and Rev. W. H. Groat, Tabernacle Lecturer, with Professor Sweeny, as Musical Director.

The additional lecturers were, J. Chester Wilson, Philada.; Rev. Dr. H. Wheeler, Phœnixville, Pa.; Rev. O. A. Brown, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. R. S. Pardington, D.D., Brooklyn; Dr. G. K. Morris, Cincinnati, Ohio, three or four lectures. Commencement Oration, Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of *New York Christian Advocate*.

Sermons delivered, Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis, West Troy, N. Y.; Dr. S. L. Gracy, U. S. Consul Foo Chow, China; Bishop E. G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas, Presiding Elder of the North Philada. District, Philadelphia Conference.

All these, acquitted themselves, each in their special way, with such favor, as to secure the praise and approval of all and the interest evinced continued to increase, as shown by congregations enlarging from day to day. The concert on Monday evening, by Professor Sweeny, and his well trained helpers, was attended by from 6,000 to 7,000 people, who evinced their delight by intelligently expressed applause, and at the close, declared it the best ever given at this place.

The C. L. S. C. Commencement Oration, July 23, on Science, was in Dr. Buckley's best vein, greatly pleased the people, and was profitable to all.

In the afternoon, 133 diplomas were distributed, viz.: C. L. S. C., Class of '90, 32; Normal Class, 16; Advanced Normal, 8; Post-graduate, 12; Junior Department, 65.

The Social reception in the Parlor of the Arlington Hotel, was delightful, and the Camp Fire on the beach, which closed the assembly exercises, was attended by a throng, extending from Ross's to Lillagore's bathing houses, and could not be numbered.

The whole work was never better or more satisfactorily done.

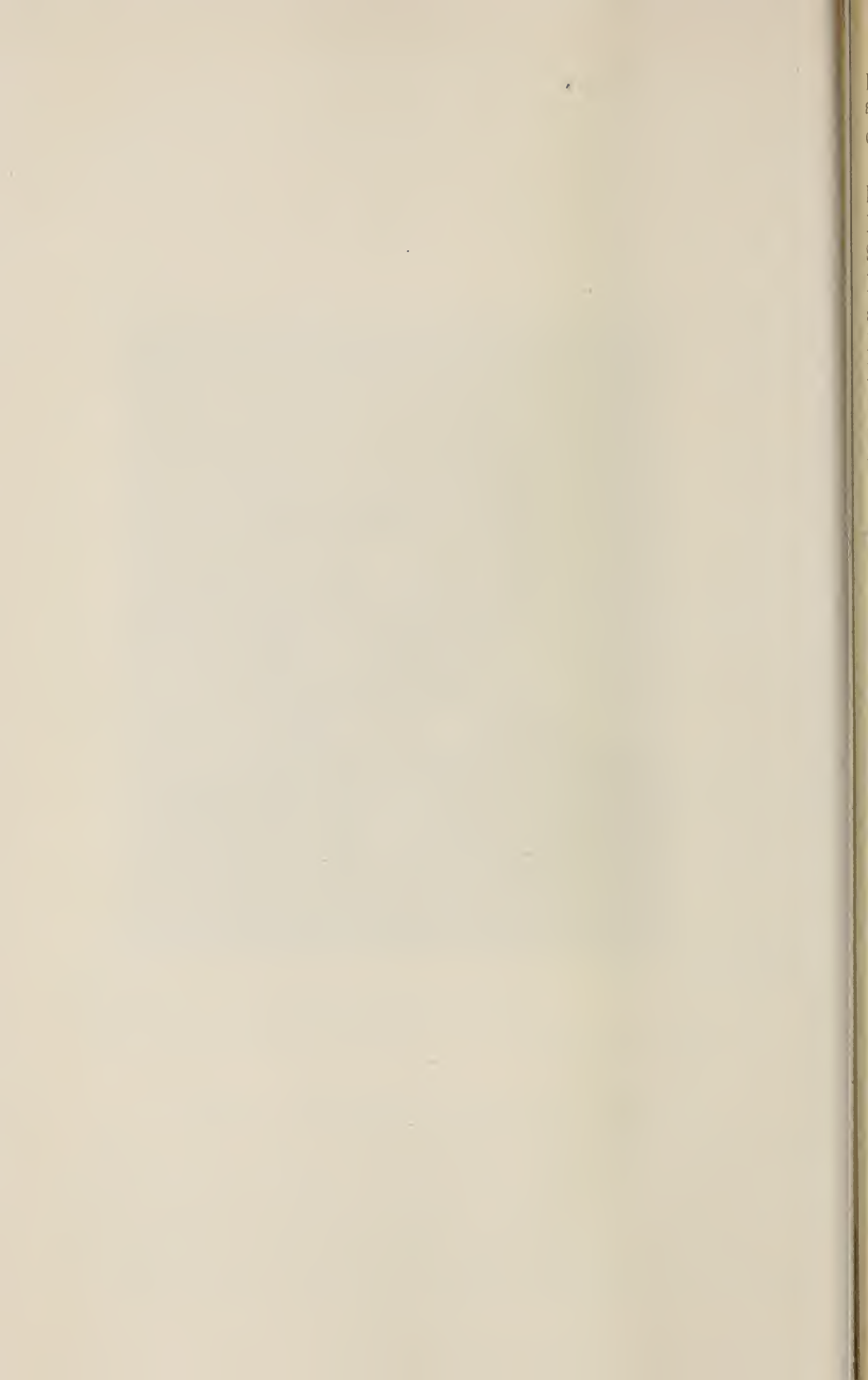
## African Methodist Episcopal Jubilee.

This has become one of our annual gatherings, looked forward to with interest and always enjoyed. It was held this year, Thursday, July 24th. A large number of these, our African fellow citizens, from New York, Philadelphia, and other places were in attendance: with whom, and our own people, the Auditorium was filled both morning and afternoon.

Professor Beckett, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Metro-



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politan Church, Washington, D. C., was present, who, with J. B. Stanbury and L. J. Coppin, from Philadelphia, formed a trio, the exquisite harmony of whose strong voices delighted all.

Bishops Brown and Turner alternately presided. Addresses were delivered by these, together with Rev. J. M. Palmer, Mrs. Fanny J. Coppin; C. H. Grandison; Dr. Derrick, Corresponding Secretary of A. M. E. Missionary Society; Rev. J. E. Britton, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. Mr. Oishatukeh Faduma, a native of the Yoruba Tribe, Sierra Leone, Africa. There was also present on the platform, Rev. J. P. Sampson, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. F. T. Webster, Burlington, N. J.; Rev. J. H. Morgan, Bordentown, N. J.; and Rev. R. W. Roundtree, Englewood, N. J. Miss Lilly Forrester, of Richmond, Va., presided at the organ, and Mrs. Rev. T. Rex, wife of the Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, with a large choir, contributed much interest to the services. Two sessions were held—one at 10.30 A. M., and one 3 P. M.

The speaking was logical, eloquent, full of the highest inspiration, and the singing not often equaled. The whole was a grand success.

### Epworth League.

Friday, July 25, was Epworth League Day. As this was a new interest amongst us it seemed unfortunate to most, that the introduction day should be stormy, but so it proved. The sky was dark and the earth wet, but the Epworth Leaguers had come, and soon the cheerful songs dissipated the gloom, and the young people gathered for their work. The gathering was not large, but it was earnest and this made up, in some degree, for loss of numbers.

The interesting programme, prepared by Rev. H. J. Zelle, one of the Conference Vice-Presidents, and chairman of the committee for that purpose, was fully carried out.

Dr. G. K. Morris, Cincinnati, Ohio, conducted the opening exercises. Then words of welcome by the President, responded to by Conference President, Rev. J. G. Reed, of New Brunswick, N. J., followed by an address, "Our Young People," by Dr. J. E. Price, of N. Y. At the afternoon Service, there was a Song Service, conducted by Dr. J. L. Gilmour, of Wenonah; report of Conference Secretary by Rev. J. F. Sechrist, and an address by Dr. J. H. Coleman, of Troy, N. Y. In the evening, an address by Dr. R. R. Doherty, of N. Y.

The addresses were all of a more than usually high order, and the earnest attention given them was an inspiration, notwithstanding the rain. With less of intelligent enthusiasm than these young people brought, the day might have been a failure, but as it was, all said, the day, though wet, is good.

## **Principals of the Methodist Episcopal Seminaries, in United States.**

Saturday and Sabbath, July 26th and 27th, was the time fixed for these honored servants of the Church to assemble this year.

There were not many present, but interesting meetings, of a private character, relative to their work, were held in Thornley Chapel, and a public meeting in the evening at the Tabernacle, presided over by Dr. Gray, of Williamsport, Penna., and addressed by Rev. Dr. Dunton, President of Claflin University, Orangeburgh, S. C., and Rev. Mr. Darnell, principal of Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida.

On Sabbath morning, Rev. Dr. Hanlon, principal of Pennington Seminary, and on Sabbath evening, Rev. Dr. Gray, principal of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Penna., preached at the Auditorium. Both these sermons were characterized by great strength, beauty, spiritual fervency, and eloquence, so that all the friends of higher education, under positively religious influences felt, that the meeting of the principals of the seminaries, was a positive gain.

### **New Jersey Sabbath Union.**

Monday, July 28th, was the time appointed for this gathering. Monday is not a favorable day for any meeting, and yet the true friends of the cause were true to time, Monday or any other day.

At the morning session, Dr. J. H. Knowles, the efficient Corresponding Secretary, presided, and a half hour was profitably spent in devotional exercises. Then, the question, "What is the greatest foe to the American Sabbath," was considered. Rev. W. Franklin, Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, and Dr. A. H. Brown, delivered brief, but pointed addresses.

In the afternoon, Rev. Geo. W. Mott, D. D., of Flemington, N. J., presided, and Dr. G. H. Stuart Campbell, of Philada., Drs. Knowles, Dunn, Fernley, McCaully, and the Chairman participated, giving valuable information as to the progress made by Sabbath Associations throughout the country in awaking attention to the dangers abroad, and in this country, from rationalistic foreigners, Sunday newspapers, worldly pleasures and avarice, to the sanctity of God's holy day.

In the evening, though rainy, a large congregation assembled to hear the speakers. Resolutions asking that the coming world's fair be closed on Sabbath, were passed with great enthusiasm. Addresses were then delivered by Dr. W. C. Steel, Colonel Bacon, of Brooklyn, and Dr. Fernley, of Philadelphia.

The whole day was full of enthusiasm, and at the close, the friends of the Sabbath were never more hopeful or happy.



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## General Hospital Day.

This was a new interest amongst us. Never, perhaps, in this, or any other country had there been exactly such an assembly as this. Hospitals are of long standing, but it is not long since our own denomination turned its attention to them as a special work. On Tuesday, July 29th, the first public meeting was held at this place, in their interests. Brooklyn and Philadelphia were fully represented. Leading physicians, and trained nurses from both places were on hand. Our senior Bishop Bowman, who presided, gave the results of his large experience and observation, proving the necessity pressing on the Church to foster institutions of this kind.

The addresses of Dr. Rittenhouse, on behalf of the question as related more especially to Philadelphia, and Supt. Breckenbridge, for the Brooklyn work, were comprehensive, and Drs. Thomas and Hargis, though speaking offhand, unfolded the gist of the subject, and awakened more than ordinary interest in the minds of the audience. Prof. C. K. Mills, of the Philadelphia Medical Staff, added much to the interest of the occasion. Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, D. D., of Philadelphia, gave a history of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in that city. It was a pleasing surprise to many to hear him state that the origin of the hospital idea and work in our Church in Philadelphia, was at the suggestion of Dr. Charles Wells, and Dr. Adam Wallace, editor and proprietor of the *Ocean Grove Record*, while the latter was engaged in publishing a paper in Philadelphia.

Dr. L. S. Pitcher, one of the expert surgeons of the Brooklyn Hospital, from a medical stand-point, presented his views of the province, scope and value of a Christian institution of this kind. The visiting ministers and medical men by invitation took tea, and spent a pleasant time at Dr. Barr's Hygeia Institute, approving of its general arrangements. The whole day was full of interest, and was counted a success.

## The Tenth Annual Meeting

Of The National Temperance Society and Publication House,

July 30th to August 3d.

The men composing this society, are the heavy artillery in this great temperance struggle. If they feel the slightest sense of defeat at any point, or in any measure, they have the wisdom and courage to conceal the fact, and with an unfaltering faith and confidence march boldly on. No matter how fierce the strife, or how many fall, where their country's colors go they follow, and have never yet turned their backs to their foes, however vast the host, or determined the savagery of their march. Their

coming is always as Blucher to Wellington, when Waterloo trembled in the scales of fate. Is it too much to hope, that this society will yet turn the tide of conquest, and be the first to shout the final victory?

A standard bearer has fallen—Clinton B. Fisk. We weep, but are not hopeless. Whatever he was, and he was so much to the Church, to the world, and this great temperance cause,—yet, whatever he was, all was but as the glow worm's flicker compared to the full orb'd splendor into which he widens out into eternal glory. His high example shall be our inspiration in all that is to come.

From the first note of the meeting this year to the last, there seemed to be new thrills of life, and a new purpose to succeed.

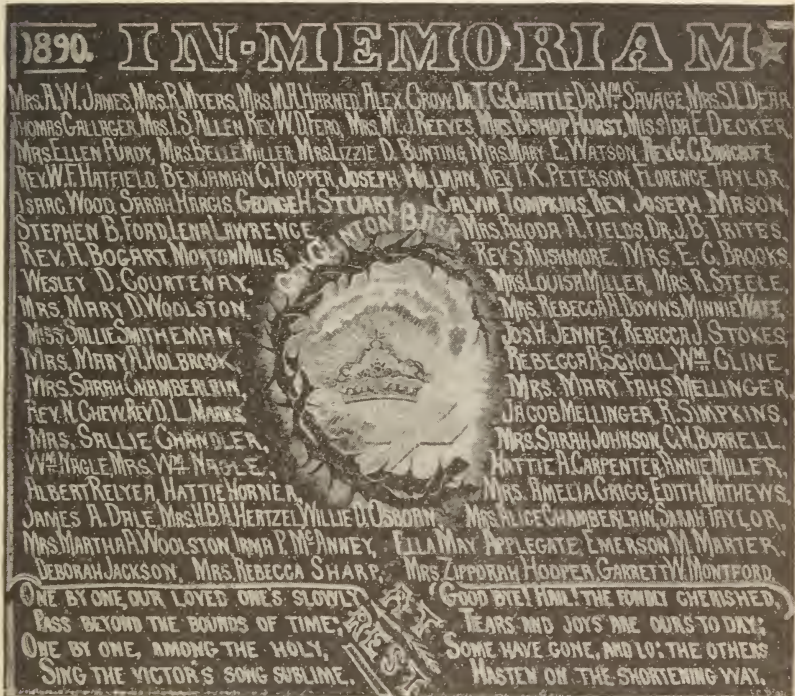
The Silver Lake Quartette, composed of C. H. Mead, Geo. E. Chambers, Albert Lawrence and H. A. Tucker, was an element of power in its way, never equalled upon these grounds. It was a cyclone of over-mastering melody to the last.

The speakers were, J. N. Stearns, Esq., W. C. Steel, D. D., A. G. Lawson, D. D., Walter Thomas Mills, Chicago; Edward Carswell, Canada; Rev. Thomas Dixon, New York City; Rev. H. C. Mead, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Mass.; Hon. E. A. Morse, Mass.; Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, Brooklyn; and Dr. A. B. Leonard, N. Y. These were all at their best, and perhaps could never do better. Some of the addresses and sermons were so marvelous and matchless, that the temptation is strong to call special attention to them. But where all did so well, comparisons may not be made. The meeting was a blessing to the end.

### Woman's Home Missionary Society.

What a vast field lies before this new, energetic and God-inspired Society—enough to fill the hearts and hands of legions of workers, until angels shall make the announcement, that, "*Time shall be no more.*" What darkness to illuminate, what ignorance to instruct, what misery to relieve, what degradation to lift, and with all, to carry everywhere, the Gospel of the grace of God. The heathen at home call for unstinted help. To inspire new zeal in this cause, Tuesday, Aug. 5, was set apart for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The ladies came with the well selected motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name." Mrs. R. W. P. Goff; Mrs. E. H. Stokes; Mrs. Kennard Chandler; Miss Emma Corbit, Mrs. M. E. Griffith, Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Mrs. Grace Wiser Davis, Mrs. A. T. Stuart, Mrs. Geo. M. Bennett, Miss Van Marter, Mrs. Wm. Burris, Miss Mollie Meeker, and Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing were on the programme, and performed the work assigned to them, as those who had been raised up and sent forth of God for this special

work. Many others took part whose names are not in reach. The meetings, morning, afternoon and evening, were well sustained throughout, and much good was done.



### Memorial Day.

By the accompanying cut prepared by Gen J. C. Patterson, it will be seen that the Memorial record, this year, is large. As we read them over a tear wells the eye, and a sigh is heard for the loved ones gone; but hope kindles the heart with sweet emotions as we contemplate the reunions so soon to come. About twenty of the whole number died at Ocean Grove. Three or four are children from ten months to three years old. Nine are retired ministers. Calvin Tompkins died at his home, Tompkins' Cove, on the Hudson, aged 97 years. Rev. N. Chew, was 94. What a gathering there has been on the other side, from those whose names and faces were familiar to us here.

The whole service, on Monday evening, Aug. 4th, was touching and tender, as many kind words were spoken of those who have left us for the



bright forever. Mr. John C. Day, the Auditorium Chorister and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, of Newark, N. J., Organist, gave sweetly appropriate music for the occasion. The memorial services each year are more interesting and profitable.

### **Inter-denominational Bible Conference.**

The third annual meeting for Bible Study, under the direction of Dr. L. W. Munhall, was held this year, August 6th to 10th.

The gentlemen taking part, as per programme, were James H. Brooks, D. D., St. Louis; A. J. Gordon, D. D., Rev. Wm. Nast Brodbeck, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Needham, Boston; Nathaniel West, D. D., St. Paul; Wm. J. Eardman, D. D., Asheville, N. C.; and Prof. W. G. Moorehead, D. D., Xenia. The singing was under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. John J. Lowe.

There was much strength and originality of thought developed during the progress of the conference, and some of the feats of memory exhibited at various times in Bible exposition were very marvellous. The plain unvarnished declarations of the word of God, as set forth by Dr. Brooks, and others, never, perhaps, made a profounder impression than during the course of these meetings.

All, did not always, accept all the teaching set forth, but as it was an Inter-denominational Conference, this could not be expected. To many, these services are the most enjoyable of any during the Summer months.

### **King's Daughters.**

Wednesday, August 13, was set apart for these royal ladies—how could the King's Daughters be otherwise than royal. Their coming, included some of the King's Sons, also. These names are on the programme, Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis; Mrs. Wm. B. Skidmore, Rev. Frank Cookman; Col. Henry Headley; Mrs. J. T. Ellis; Rev. S. Ed. Young; Dr. Munhall; Miss Mecker; Miss Updegraff; Mrs. James F. Ruggles, and Jacob A. Riis, Esq., of N. Y., Vice-President of the Tennant House Committee; Order of King's Sons. They all bore the initials, I. H. N.

The exercises, in Thornley Chapel, Young People's Temple and Auditorium, were pervaded by a fervent spirit of intelligent piety, all aglow with a desire to do good, and to glorify God.

The illustrated lecture of the last named gentleman, on "*How the Other Half Live*," in the evening at the Auditorium, gave a harrowing idea, from photographs taken on the spot, of the wretchedness of the thousands of New York, and his lecture told of the efforts being made to relieve them. Much sympathy was awakened in their behalf.



It was stated during the day that the Order of King's Daughters now number 160,000, with 40,000 of the King's Sons, and the number was constantly increasing.

### Women's Encouragement Meetings.

Thursday and Friday, August 14-15, were set apart for these services. They were held in the Tabernacle, and largely attended. The object of these meetings is the encouragement of women, especially, in the tone and strength of their religious lives, and to enthuse them with a steady, living desire, to help others in the work of God.

They were conducted by Mrs. Wheeler; Mrs. Chandler; Mrs. Skidmore; Miss H. Martin; Mrs. I. Simmons; Mrs. Grace Wisner Davis; Mrs. Mary C. Ninde; Mrs. C. E. Moorehead; Miss Mary A. Lathbury; Miss Van Marter; Mrs. Laura B. Crane; Mrs. Inskip; Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn and others. Much good is accomplished by these meetings from year to year. The religious life is quickened, the desire to do good stimulated, and the leaders are themselves encouraged and strengthened in their own souls, by seeing the help they are enabled to impart to others. So the meetings closed with benedictions upon all.



### Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Eighteenth Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was held on Saturday and Sabbath, August 16th and 17th.

This meeting is always anticipated with pleasure. For eighteen years the women who have looked with profoundest sympathy to those far over the seas, who are without God, as manifested in Jesus Christ, have gathered here to pray for and devise ways and means for sending them the gospel. The exercises commenced in the Tabernacle, at 10.30, on Saturday morning. Mrs. Dr. Stokes, President, was in the chair promptly on time, and after prayer by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, read the 35th chapter of Isaiah. Mrs. Wm. B. Skidmore, had charge of the Consecration Meeting which followed, and was participated in by Mrs. G. W. Davis; Mrs. Christian K. Ross, of Philadelphia; Mrs. K. Chandler; Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Purdy, Ithaca, N. Y.; and Mrs. E. H. Stokes.

At 2.30, Mrs. Chandler, Presided. After prayer by Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Vankirk, Treasurer, read her report, in which it was shown that \$1,481.68 had been paid into the branch Treasury during the past year.

Mrs. M. S. Wheeler, Corresponding Secretary, read her report, making tender and touching reference to Mrs. E. C. Brooks, who, in the midst of her usefulness and zeal in the Master's cause, was taken from us to the better clime.

Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, of the Minneapolis Branch, spoke encouragingly of the work in that far off district.

The Love Feast at night was more than usually spirited, and all hearts were profoundly stirred.

On Sabbath morning, there was a vast audience to listen to the Missionary Sermon by Rev. Dr. A. W. Rudisill, a returned missionary from India. Text, 2, Tim. 1: 3-5. He spoke of the importance of establishing Christian Homes, in such kingdoms as India, as a means of breaking the backbone of heathenism.

He referred to Dr. Cooke, who was buried amid coral reefs, and brilliant pearls of the Indian Ocean; of the work of Dr. Butler, in India; of Bishop Thoburn, who has touched every point of Mission Work in that great country, and of Bishop Taylor, in Africa.

The morning collection reached nearly \$400. The afternoon services, addressed by Mrs. Wm. B. Osborn, were a success. Dr. E. H. Stokes, Mr. T. W. Lillagore, and Mrs. Rev. Dr. D. D. Lore, were made honorary life members, \$100 each.

The King's Daughters, through Mrs. Ellis, gave \$30 each, to support orphans, to be named, Frances E. Willard; to wear the white ribbon; Margaret Bottome, to wear the royal purple; and Sarah Ellwood Stokes, to wear both colors. Miss Lizzie P. Welsh, and Miss Minnie Welsh, of

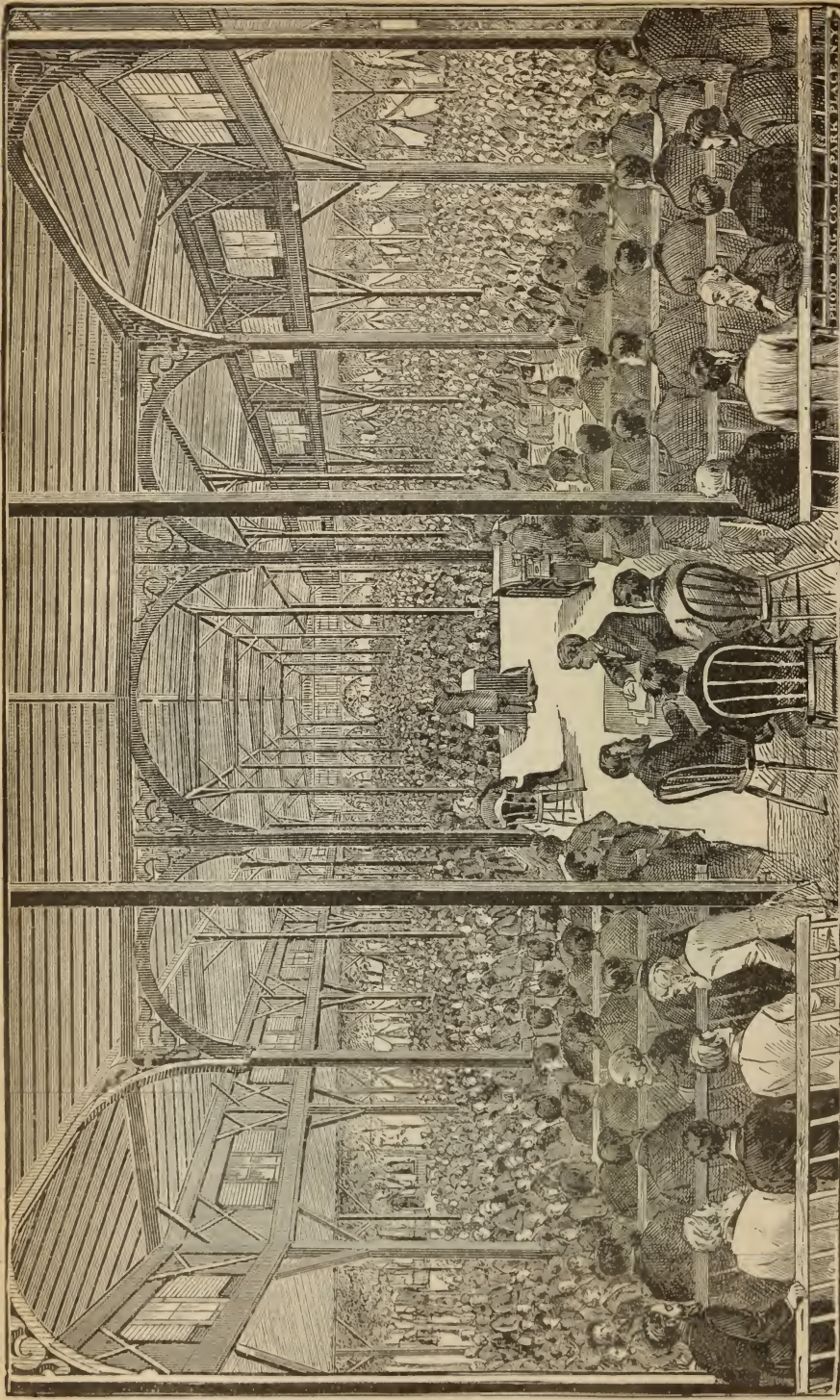
Colorado, were made life members \$20 each; Mrs. Moorehead, made her granddaughter, Miss Alice Cary Hays, a life member, \$20.

The total amount contributed throughout the entire services, including the young people's offerings, was \$1,241.11. For which all interested thanked God, and took courage.



THE DEVOTIONAL HOUR.





Auditorium, 1880. Size, 126 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



## The Annual Camp-Meeting.

This is foundational, fundamental and permanent. Other things may be, this must be. We erect buildings, construct roadways, plant water mains, elevate electric lights, project improvements of every kind, but from the beginning the chief thing at this place has been the salvation of souls. Men construct railways, build steam ships, extend telegraphic systems over land and seas, found cities, empires, thrones, for gain, but God means all for the extension of his kingdom. We are workers together with Him. If a town has been built here, a town which in any sense has become so elevated as to attract attention, the summit of this elevation must be *the mountain of the Lord's house established* in the top of the mountains, into which the people may come through all time.

God is over all—the greatest being. Who doubts it? He should be worshipped everywhere—on the mountain tops, by the great wide sea, in all places. We have built this place for this very purpose, and for twenty-one years kept it before the people. We have no regrets, but unbounded gladness for the course we have taken. We have been God-led and abundantly God-honored. Thousands have been converted, and tens of thousands helped on their way to heaven. Still added and ever-increasing thousands will be if we are faithful. God helping us we will be true to our first principles. “In the beginning God.” This is our divinely-given motto, and on this rock we build.

We come to our annual Camp-Meeting. This is simply a more protracted and intensified form of religious worship. Numbers increase, souls concentrate, the heavens bend, God hears and answers. Thousands of hearts, aglow with the white heat of divine love, unite to lead men to the foot of the cross. Faith strengthens, hope brightens, and love succeeds. Like Israel of old, when the cloud moved the whole encampment was astir, and under the divine command marched on to victory. And so do we.

The order came this year, Tuesday, August 19th. The Camp-Meeting spirit was in the air. An avalanche of pious people crowded in on arriving trains. All was bustle at the boarding houses. Rooms to let were in demand. Two thousand worshippers were at the preparatory prayer-meeting at the Auditorium, which lasted just *one hour*, 10.30 to 11.30 A.M. Prof. Sweeney led the singing. Scripture lessons were read, and forty-three persons offered brief, but direct prayers for the success of the work just commenced.

In the evening 90 ministers of all Evangelical denominations led the sacramental hosts of God's elect in the Holy Communion. Over 1,500,

kneeling, received the emblems of a Saviour's dying love. God was a manifested presence and power.

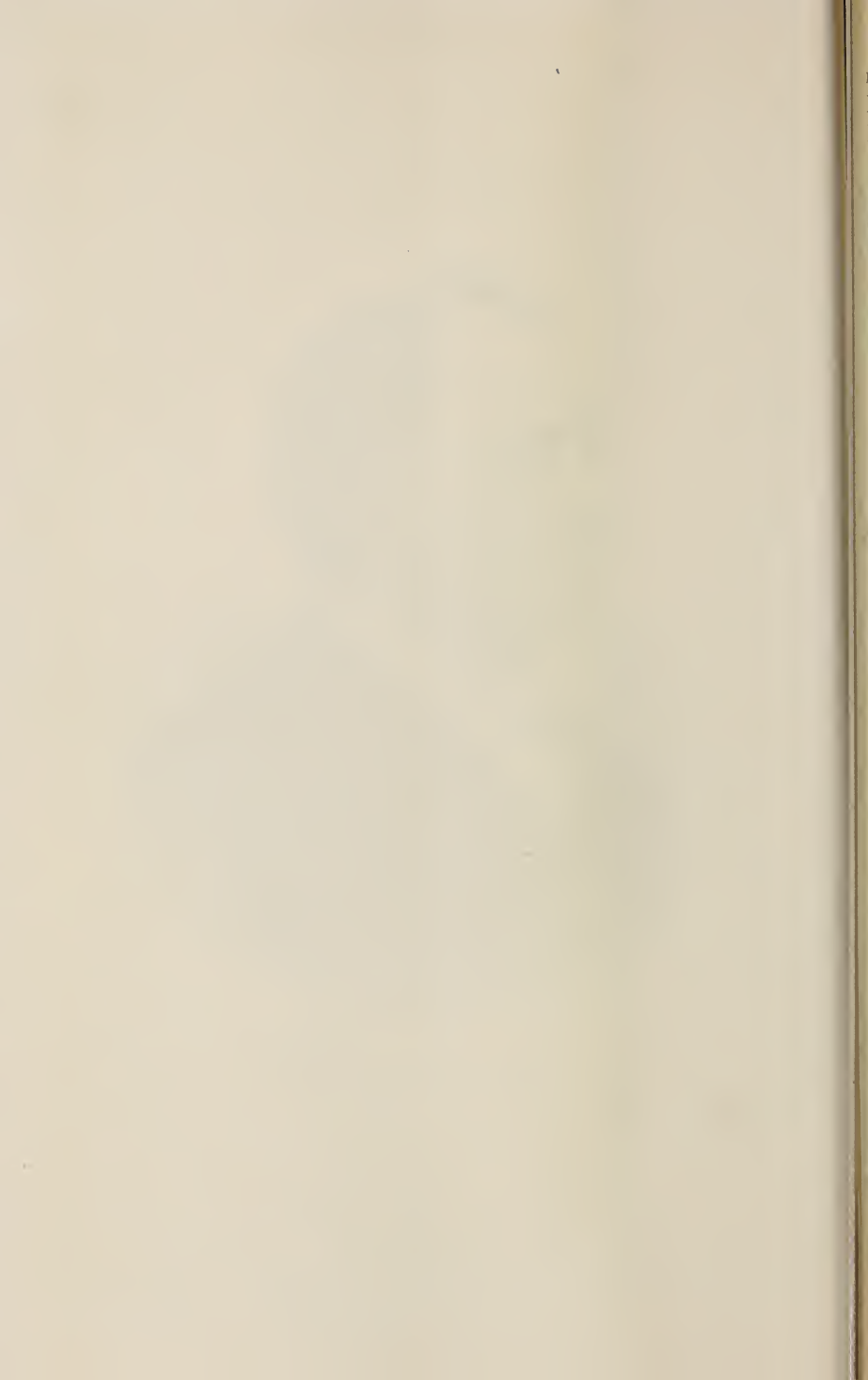
On Wednesday all the various departments of the meeting commenced: Consecration Meetings, Tabernacle, 5.45 to 6.45 daily, Rev. R. J. Andrews; Family Devotions, Auditorium, 6.45 to 7 daily, President; Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, 9 A. M. daily, Mrs. Palmer; Young People's Meeting, Y. P. Temple, 9 A. M. daily, Rev. C. H. Yatman; Helping Hand, Thornley Chapel, 9 A. M. daily, Rev. R. J. Andrews; Public Services, Auditorium. 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M. daily; Miss Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1.30 P. M. daily; Mothers' Meeting, Thornley Chapel, 1.30 P. M. daily, Mrs. Wheeler; Children's Meeting, Temple, 1.30 P. M. daily, Mrs. Inskip; Twilight Services, Temple, 6.30 P. M. daily; Rev. C. H. Yatman. All these meetings started with their respective leaders at the appointed time, and God was in them.

At 10.30 a vast audience had assembled at the Auditorium to hear the opening sermon from Bishop Goodsell. His text was: "Now, therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God," Acts 10. 33. He said: "Cornelius was in sympathy with truth—an earnest seeker after it. He was a man accustomed to obedience from his subjects, and was himself ready to obey. This life of obedience must be constant. This makes character. Let us obey for our own soul's growth that we may be able to help others. Perfect obedience brings the soul out of doubt and unbelief, and the feet rest on the immovable rock. Such a life, allied to the angels by constant service, brings the soul where it may bask in the sunlight of the Father's presence forever." The whole sermon was blessed in its influences upon the hearts of all.

This was followed by a series of other sermons, which are rarely, if ever, as a whole, excelled, as follows: Rev. Willis Reeves, Long Branch, N. J.; Rev. J. R. Westwood, Camden, N. J.; Rev. W. V. Kelly, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. John Handley, Bridgeton, N. J.; Capt Kelso Carter, Baltimore; Rev. Lucen Clark, D. D., N. Y.; Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., Baptist Church, N. Y.; Rev. Thos. E. Terry, D. D., Dover, Del.; Rev. W. L. Murray, D. D., Wilmington, Del.; Rev. J. O. Wilson, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. D. H. Muller, D. D., Canton, Ohio; Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. T. L. Poulson, D. D., N. Y.; Rev. H. Wheeler, D. D., Phoenixville, Pa.; Rev. W. H. Lawrence, N. Y.; Rev. H. M. Brown, N. J.; David B. Updegraff, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio; Rev. Geo. W. Miller, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Thos. Haulon, D. D., Pennington, N. J.; Rev. L. B. Wilson, D. D., Baltimore; Rev. George J. Mingins, D. D., N. Y. Rev. J. H. Hargis, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. James Rogers, Beverly, N. J.; Rev. C. H. Young, D. D., Presbyterian Church, Elberon, N. J.; Rev. W. C. Snodgrass, D. D., Jersey City, N. J.; Rev. S. Edward Young, West-



BISHOP DANIEL A. GOODSSELL.  
Methodist Episcopal Church.





minster Presbyterian Church, Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. E. C. Hancock, Millville, N. J.; Rev. B. M. Adams, P. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. S. D. Paine, D. D., Jacksonville, Florida; Rev. S. Small, D. D., Georgia, and Dr. L. Poulson, of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

These sermons, thirty-two in number, were all of them pronounced exceptionally good, and especially appropriate for the time and place—and the influences of which were felt and seen, not only on the vast congregations which daily gathered to hear, but also in the side meetings, which grew in interest and power to the last. Some were so masterly in conception, so symmetrical in structure, so eloquent in utterance, and so permeated and accompanied with the divine Spirit that no mind could portray or words unfold the extent of their influence or the fruit which they would bear, on to the day eternal.

The Sabbath, though cool, was never equalled in the crowds which gathered; the love-feast was like surging swells of the deep sea, full of blessedness and God. The sermons at the Auditorium, morning, noon and night, and those at the overflow Meetings in Tabernacle, Temple, and at the Beach, were such as are rarely heard, and with the others will long be remembered, if ever forgotten.

But, the sermons are over, and the last day of the meeting dawns upon us. From all directions the people come, and at 9 o'clock, the Children's Baptismal Service begins. Parents, guardians, and children crowd the platform. Forty-six of the precious little ones receive the holy ordinance, amid silence, and song, and general joy.

There is an expectancy of solemn gladness on every face, and the swellings of the highest hopes in every heart. A hundred of God's Ministers, impart the holy emblems of a Saviour's death, to over *two thousand* of His *people*. The children, a hundred or more, who had found the Saviour during the meetings bow around the altar for the first, and as many go to their distant homes to-morrow, in all probability, for the last time join together in this holy service. Angels, we are sure bend and gaze with holy rapture on the scene, while all through the vast audience, eyes are dewed with tears, and many bosoms heave with unutterable emotions; and, while the little Christian soldiers, newly enlisted in the Army of Jesus, march up and out the middle aisle, a thousand lips exclaim, "*God bless and keep you to the end.*"

The services continued, and while there was no rushing of a mighty wind as Elijah experienced at Horeb, or earthquake, or fire such as he felt and saw,—yet there was a "*still small voice,*" in the deep and holy hush, heard by every spiritual ear, and that voice so full of love divine, melted and moved all hearts.

When the choir, led by Professor Sweeny, came, and with eyes suffused with tears, bowed together, to receive the holy emblems, singing

“God be with us till we meet again,”

the culmination seemed to have been reached, and the bending heavens broke in blessings upon all.

When all was over, the President returned most hearty thanks to all, men, women, children, ministers, exhorters, leaders of meetings, choir, ushers, reporters, janitors, police, &c., &c., who had in any way promoted the interests of the meeting, and while so doing was interrupted with the following:—

“RESOLVED: First, that we record our devout thanks to the Giver of all good, that the life of Dr. Stokes has been continued; for the physical health, mental vigor and spiritual power which has been bestowed upon him—whereby, under God, aided by his faithful co-workers of the Association, the meetings have been so singularly successful in the conversion of sinners, the sanctification of believers and uplifting of the people,

“RESOLVED: Second, that we hereby express to Dr. Stokes our highest appreciation of his valuable services as President of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, and assure him of our sympathy and co-operation in his great work. And we will ever pray that his life may be spared and health continued for many years to come.”

JAMES MOORE, P. E. New Brunswick District, N. J.

S. W. THOMAS, P. E. North Philadelphia District, Pa.

This paper was approved by the waving of thousands of handkerchiefs, which seemed like white winged messengers of joy, such as may greet the good, when the toils of life are over. After a brief statement of the results of the meeting, which will be found after the recapitulation, on the next page, with reports of the leaders, the march around the Auditorium commenced—which, with songs, tears, and rejoicings, continued until encompassed twice; then returning to the stand, amid songs of triumphant joy, the President lifted his hands, at which the profoundest silence followed, and in that silence, prayed that we might all meet in heaven, adding:

“I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the year 1890, at a close, in the name of the Father, (bell) and of the Son, (bell) and of the Holy Ghost, (bell) and may the Blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, rest upon, and abide with you all, forever, Amen.”

## Recapitulation.

Sermons, . . . . .	62
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Business Men's Meetings, . . . . .	11
Women's Christian Temperance Union, . . . . .	6
Elim Cottage Meetings, . . . . .	6
National Division Sons of Temperance, . . . . .	9
Memorial Service, Gen. Fisk, . . . . .	1
"    "    Ocean Grove, . . . . .	1
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, . . . . .	9
"    Home    "    "    . . . . .	4
Young Women's Meeting, . . . . .	1
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"    "    Model Jerusalem, . . . . .	4
"    "    Miscellaneous, . . . . .	3
Stereopticon Exhibition, . . . . .	4
Family Devotions, (Auditorium), . . . . .	10
Orations, . . . . .	2
Concerts, . . . . .	1
C. L. S. C. Round Table Talk, . . . . .	1
C. L. S. C. Camp Fire, . . . . .	1
C. L. S. C. Reception, (Arlington), . . . . .	1
Epworth League Meetings, . . . . .	3
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General Hospital, . . . . .	3
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Ocean Grove Anniversary, . . . . .	1
Yatman's Meeting for Unconverted Alone, . . . . .	1
Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, . . . . .	8
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Twilight Meetings, . . . . .	9
Helping Hand Meetings, . . . . .	8
Consecration Meetings, . . . . .	11
Women's Encouragement Meetings, . . . . .	6
Mother's Meetings, . . . . .	9
Children Baptized, . . . . .	46
Adults, . . . . .	2
Total, various services, including baptisms, . . . . .	1,006

The twelve Bible Readings of Dr. G. W. Watson, of Windsor, Florida, given after the Camp Meeting, in September, and his sermons, on four Successive Sabbath mornings of that month, so scripturally orthodox, so earnest and eloquent in delivery, so wonderfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and productive of deep and abiding impressions, have rarely been equaled at this place. For this protracted service, Dr. Watson received some financial consideration, but his highest reward is the profound gratitude of all his hearers for the lasting blessings and benefits received.

You ask me the results of all these efforts: I answer, in the old way—no human tongue can tell, or pen unfold. I give you the written reports of the several leaders of the side meetings, (except Dr. Watson's, which was overlooked) in their own language. These contain the best estimates they could make, but they do not include all, and none can, until the final numbering at the harvest in the end of the world.

## Reports of Leaders.

### THE CONSECRATION MEETING,

HELD EACH MORNING AT 5.45 O'CLÖCK.

The attendance at so early an hour was very good and the results of the meeting glorious. Sinners have been converted, hundreds professed to receive heart purity and hundreds more consecrated themselves to God and his service. The meetings were characterized by prompt and full attendance, a burning desire on the part of Christians to be useful, and a hungering and thirsting after perishing sinners. Each morning the Tabernacle was filled with the Divine glory, and a shout of a king in our camp. Eternity alone can tell how much good this meeting has done.

R. J. ANDREWS, Leader.



NEW YORK, Aug. 29, 1890.

DR. STOKES:

*Dear Brother:*—You know how I feel about numbers. For the first time since our meeting commenced I have this summer counted those who came to the altar rail and testified at the close “Jesus saves me now.” When I think of these many testimonies of so many days my impression is that not less than 100 have claimed cleansing, and many others have been strengthened.

Yours in sympathy with work for our precious Jesus,

MRS. S. L. PALMER.

MRS. SMITH'S MEETINGS NEVER WERE AS GOOD; from the first one on Wednesday, which closed with a *wave of glory*, up till this afternoon, August 28, which was filled with shouts of hallelujahs from saved souls, who, with glowing hearts, praised God for deliverance. It is impossible to number the souls helped, reclaimed and sanctified. *Eternity alone will reveal the results.* Day after day the altar was filled, and many times the front benches also. God *wonderfully helped* and blessed Sister Smith in leading souls to the fountain of cleansing.

MISS M. C. CLARK.

## MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The present season has been the most wonderful in the history of the “Mothers' Meeting.”

Every day the Chapel has been filled to overflowing with mothers eager for the conversion of their children.

In many instances God has cheered their hearts by giving what has seemed to be direct answers to their prayers.

Not only are those present interested, but many letters have been received from various parts of the country asking prayers for their children. As an illustration of its far-reaching influence, one was received from a mother in Indian Territory.

Practical and spiritual lessons pertaining to motherhood and home have been given, and many tender and thrilling incidents related.

325 different members of the homes were represented and special prayers asked in their behalf.

Never before has the tide of interest and spiritual power risen so high. To God be all the glory!

MARY SPARKS WHEELER.

## CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

OCEAN GROVE, Aug. 29th, 1890.

The Children's Meetings were held regularly each day during Camp-Meeting, commencing at 1.30 P.M. with a Song Service of fifteen minutes. Large attendance, and the meetings increased in interest and power. Large numbers converted, and some remarkable cases. Among others, a minister who came regularly each day with his children, when his last child had been converted, arose, and with joy

exclaimed: "I am the happiest man in Ocean Grove. My whole family is now saved." A mother spoke and said: "My little daughter, eleven years old, was wonderfully converted, and came home and told her unsaved father, which made a deep impression, and she believed it would be the means of his salvation." The workers with myself think it the best meeting for glorious results. To God be all the glory.

MARTHA J. INSKIP.

### THE HELPING HAND MEETING,

Held in Thornley Chapel each morning, at 9 o'clock, was well attended. At least one hundred persons professed to receive heart purity, backsliders were reclaimed, and some sinners converted. A large number were helped in various ways spiritually. The meeting was good from beginning to end. To God be all the glory.

R. J. ANDREWS, Leader.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING, TWILIGHT SERVICES AND BUSINESS MEN'S MEETINGS.

AUGUST 30, 1890.

REV. E. H. STOKES, D. D., President O. G. C. M. A.

*My Dear Doctor:*

The meetings of this summer, without question, have been the most largely attended and productive of the most conversions, the greatest helpfulness and reclaiming of the most prodigals of any in their history. To say that ten thousand had been especially helped, four hundred saved, and scores won from their backslidden state would, in my opinion, be far inside the real facts of the case. The work is of such a character that no human eye can gauge the good done or figures state the exact results.

This is my eighth year as leader, and, after a careful estimate, will say that in that time fully *two thousand souls* have passed from death to life as a result of the meetings. All this is of God, to whom we ascribe alleluia and praise.

C. H. YATMAN.

One attending most of the meetings adds:

"The hearts of the people are feeling after God. The pulses of the people are throbbing for the living God."

Ocean Grove, Aug. 30, 1890.

M. C. T.

So, I have passed over and through the work of our twenty-first year. I wish it had been better. I am glad it is so well.

Partial and imperfect as these statements are, there is enough to make us all glad, I trust, forever. Let us rejoice that it is ours to help on the

cause of God, and join the swelling ranks and the all-conquering march of the Gospel of Christ.

Sound the anthem high as heaven,  
 Raise the grand triumphal arch;  
 Make way, continents and nations,  
 Truth is on its mighty march!  
 Towns and cities, land and ocean,  
 Bannered hosts and marshalled men,  
 Lift the blood-stained banner higher,  
 Shout aloud the glad amen.

Earth give way, give way perdition;  
 Give way men and devils, too;  
 For the lowly one of Nazareth,  
 Girds himself with strength.  
 Dagon, broken, falls before Him,  
 Anak's sons are bending low;  
 Shout the triumph, faith beholdeth,  
 Prostrate walls of Jericho.

We are greatly pleased with all the material prosperity which has crowned our labors at this place, and we hope to see much more accomplished in this line, but there is nothing so thrills the heart with emotions of exquisite rapture as the salvation of an immortal soul—for that moment the dry and shrivelled thing begins to blossom out into eternal life, and bear fruit to the honor and glory of God. We gladly welcome all who come, but those who burn with holy ambition to save a sinner from the error of his ways will always find a door wide open.

Hail ye holy, God's evangelists,  
 Sound the joyful tidings forth;  
 From the east to golden sunset,  
 Blooming south and frozen north.  
 Sound the anthem high as heaven,  
 Raise the grand triumphal arch,  
 Make way, continents and nations,  
 Christ is on His mighty march.

Whatever Ocean Grove is permitted to contribute to this great work is, and will always be, an abiding joy.

Thankful, therefore, for all the past, with earnest desires to do more in the future, we commit all this work and ourselves, our souls, our bodies, our families, and all the friends of this place to Him who was and is, and is to come, forever. Amen.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*





"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW."



# Things Said of Us by Some of Our Friends.

The Asbury Park *Daily Press*, August 25th, 1890, has the following:

## AN HOUR WITH CARLETON.

The Great Pastoral Poet Interviewed. Will Carleton, whose name is known in every household, resting with his family in Ocean Grove. An interesting expression of his views on varied subjects.

MR. WILL CARLETON, author of "Farm Ballads," "City Legends," and several other books that are read wherever the English language is spoken, to say nothing of numerous translations, is spending a few weeks at Ocean Grove with his family. He has thus far evaded the newspaper fraternity, as is his custom during the summer season, but one of the untiring reporters of the *Press* hunted him down Saturday, in a handsome cottage near Wesley Lake, which he has rented for the rest of the season. Mr. Carleton was looking over a large amount of correspondence relative to his coming lecture season. A Columbia safety bicycle stood on the veranda, and a handsome horse and phaeton were just leaving the cottage, containing two ladies of the family.

"You have evidently brought with you some of your Brooklyn methods of enjoyment," said the reporter. "How do you like Ocean Grove as a residence?"

"To use the words of the favorite hymn they are singing here now," he replied, "It just suits me." It is a city and a village combined—a place where you can know everybody or be as exclusive as you wish—a cottage hermitage or a religious university—just as one decides to make it. Of course there is noise; but it is not the racket of drunkenness and revelry; and if we never hear anything more disturbing than the hymns our father and mother sang us to sleep with—we'll not suffer. To be sure people stare at you when they want to—but what of that? You have just as good right to stare at them—and, I confess, I have improved it; for a more interesting character-study than Ocean Grove does not exist upon the continent. Then there are the sea and the lake—the lion and the lamb close beside each



other—and the groves, and the girls, and the sweet-looking old ladies, and the picturesque old gentlemen—and the lily-faced children—and the tonic of the sea's breath—well, I won't try to enumerate half the attractions of the place."

"Do you find that the religious restrictions interfere with a pleasant cottage life?"

"Only to make it more pleasant. Nobody who means to be fair and honest, and who wishes to be quiet, feels any restrictions at Ocean Grove. If one wants more amusement than is granted here, the fare to Asbury Park is only a cent. I do not object to dancing, but most people can get all they need of it, I should think, in the nine months of the year spent at home. To come from gayety into gayety is not rest. To come from a city where there are saloons on every corner, and find more saloons, is not rest. Restriction means peace and safety, and, with most people, a considerable change; and it does them all good. If I were one of the Grove fathers, I would vote for more restriction, sooner than less."

"What means of recreation are most available, and which do you enjoy most?"

"First comes my daily fight with the surf—perhaps the grandest and most exhilarating sport in the world. There is nothing much more exciting than to be tossed in those sublime blankets of spray and foam. No, I have never encountered a 'sea-puss,' and am not hunting for one; but it seems to me that I should try to swim directly across it, instead of battling to immediately reach the shore. I think that fear has drowned more people than water."

"Do you enjoy bicycling?"

"Yes, it gives me more health than any other one exercise. I used to ride the high and lofty kind, but a hundred and ninety pounds and an occasional 'spill' do not go well together, and so I told my friend, Colonel Pope, of Boston, to send me one of his best Columbia Safety Roadsters. With this facile and compact piece of mechanism, I can easily do fifteen or twenty miles before breakfast, and it is a prime appetizer. No, I do *not* enjoy rowing, as it has too much of the galley-slave industry in it—and I always feel like turning the boat around to see if it is going in the right direction. Give me 'white wings' upon a yacht, or, better still, a skiff or canoe. For genuine all-around aquatic sport, I have never seen anything equal to the double-prowed sail-skiffs among the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence river."

"Do you find the camp-meeting and religious services an attraction?"

"Always. I have never witnessed a service in this Grove that did not do me good. Bishop Goodsell's opening sermon last Wednesday, was like a thunder-peal from a clear sky. The amount of brain and heart that Dr. Stokes sometimes assembles upon his platform is stupendous. He has considerable imagination and a faculty for leadership combined; and it is a pleasure and a study to see him mass his forces."

"Could you criticise any of the arrangements or disarrangements of the Grove?"

"Did you ever see anything that an American couldn't criticise? I wish the bathing-rooms at the principal pavilion were more hospitable in their general and specific appointments. I wish the life-savers would stay in their boats more—between the bathers and the deep outside sea. I wish it were not customary for people to sit down on other people when hobbing for seats in the Auditorium. I wish—but there's no use to find fault; things are growing better all the time; and natural growth is better than grumbling."

David Brainard Updegraff, a member and minister with the religious Society of Friends, Mount Pleasant, Ohio, who preached at Ocean Grove, the afternoon of Camp-meeting Sabbath, August 24th, 1890, and who publishes *The Friends' Expositor*, in the September issue of that periodical, quotes the following from Rev. Stephen Merritt, found in *The King's Messenger*.

“The giant, head and shoulders above its fellows, the metropolis of the camp-meetings of the world, stands Ocean Grove. Too big, too big for anything. Like the wideness of the ocean, like the bigness of the sea, she looms up in her vast proportions, in talents, in numbers, in space, in ability, a *sun*, around which the lesser planets revolve, and to which all are attracted; the wonderful city by the sea. Generalship equal to the control of vast armies is necessary to the successful management of such a place, and it is there. The very best talent of every kind is brought from all parts of the Union, put in place and artistically arranged, preaching, teaching, singing, with all the backing and filling necessary to make it shine, is there. The people are there, crowds upon crowds thronging in every direction, every place too small, although of immense proportions, yet not adequate to accommodate the multitudes.”

The Philadelphia *Times*, August 20, 1890, has the following letter, authorship unknown to us.

### OCEAN GROVE.

The Outrageous Manner in Which the Great Resort Has Been Misrepresented—Grove Is Now Lighted By Incandescent Lamps.

OCEAN GROVE, June 19.—Few resorts in the world have ever received the gross misrepresentation and exaggeration which newspaper writers generally have given Ocean Grove. Particularly have the New York newspapers been at fault in this. The Philadelphia papers have had correspondents on the ground, and have rarely if ever accepted articles about this resort worked off at long range. It is, however, a well-known and undisputed fact that the New York papers have permitted and sanctioned the preparation of descriptive articles by men who have barely been inside of Ocean Grove's gates, and whose ignorance of their subject is only equalled by the stupendous errors with which their articles abound. Apparently there is to be no immediate change in the metropolitan press in regard to their treatment of Ocean Grove,

There have been fun and ridicule poked at Ocean Grove for a long time, but now there is a reaction in public sentiment, and it appears doubtful if canards will be published henceforth without resulting in practical resentment from the public, and loss of patronage to the papers at fault. Honest criticism is invited, but misrepresentation will receive its due deserts.

There are certain rules governing the people of Ocean Grove, which may seem at first flush to interfere seriously with a man's personal liberty and his individual

responsibility. Such are the directions of the association forbidding card-playing and dancing on the premises, and even croquet, and lawn tennis are tabooed during the camp-meeting season. Still to one thoroughly conversant with the character and object of this religious resort the absence of such regulations might appear inconsistent.

The false ideas New York people have obtained from their newspapers, are shown by the conversation of three business men from that city who were yesterday strolling along the beach in Asbury Park. They were smoking, and soon crossed the boundary between Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. The one best acquainted with the place, from newspaper reports, at once called upon his companions to throw away their segars or they would be liable to arrest for smoking in Ocean Grove. This was done, and the same night the unhappy trio went home horrified at such restraints upon their liberty and enjoyment. It is needless to tell Philadelphia people that smoking is not a violation of Ocean Grove regulations; and this incident will serve to illustrate the many misconceptions entertained by New Yorkers.

This resort is already teeming with life and business activity. But few of the thousands already occupying their cottages are permanent residents. Nevertheless there are but few here now who do not regularly spend from four to six months in their seaside homes. And of those the majority come from Philadelphia and the vicinity. Several scores of business men commute between here and Philadelphia nearly all of the summer.

On Monday night, for the first time this season, the incandescent lights were turned on in all parts of Ocean Grove. Several cottages and the leading hotels are thus illuminated, as well as the beach promenade, camp-meeting grounds and all the groves and public buildings. This electric light system is owned and operated by the Camp-meeting Association, which also owns and manages the sewers, water-works, ice-houses and all other public improvements. The illumination of the place has been a serious and expensive problem for the thirteen ministers and thirteen laymen who constitute the association, and until last evening the place has never been satisfactorily lighted. The increase of power and the number of lights have, at last, transformed the place at night, and now it far surpasses its prosperous neighbor, Asbury Park, in this respect.

W. D. T.

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The *Christian Herald*, an excellent New York weekly, has the following editorial, July 16, 1890, complimentary personal allusions omitted:

### OCEAN GROVE.

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Its History and Its Work—The Object of the Association—Its Origin—Criticism of the Project—Its Charter Obtained—Its Success—A First-Class Summer Resort—The Religious Meetings—Mr. Yatman's Beneficent Work—The Prototype.

The phenomenal development of Ocean Grove, and the great religious movement it represents, clearly demonstrate the practicability of successfully establishing, under the blessing of God, for the residents of our populous centres, summer resorts affording them superior advantages in the shape of pure air, beautiful



scenery, excellent water, and pastoral quiet—the whole forming the happy combination of Ocean and Grove, as indicated in the title,—with every possible encouragement and opportunity to worship God and serve Him in spirit and in truth, insuring at the same time, absolute immunity from overt desecration of the Lord's day and the terrible evils of the liquor traffic. It proves, too, that the Christian men and women of our day are sufficiently in earnest in their desire for growth in grace, to liberally support an enterprise designed to provide them with the opportunity of spiritual development, simultaneously with spiritual recuperation. The annual vacation is now recognized as a necessity by the business man, weary with the toils of the year, and by his wife who has borne the monotonous burden of domestic cares. The question was whether the number who would prefer to spend their vacation in an atmosphere of piety, apart from the worldly pleasures and frivolities of the ordinary summer resort, was large enough to support a distinctively religious watering place. The answer furnished by the prosperity of Ocean Grove is as unequivocal as it is gratifying. Readers of the *Christian Herald* in other sections of the country, who have not an opportunity of visiting this now famous place, will be glad to have a brief account of its history and present developments.

Thirteen ministers and thirteen laymen obtained a charter from the Legislature of New Jersey, under the title of "The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association," binding themselves in solemn covenant to use the land it acquired, for sacred uses with a single eye to the Divine glory.

When the object became known it was made the subject of ridicule by the secular press, and the churches doubted whether the idea could be successfully realized. Some thought the meetings would be neglected for the bathing and the rambles on the beach. Others thought that it would prove a financial failure. But the promoters had strong faith in God and the people, and they went on with their work. With remarkable sagacity and keen business foresight they planned the new town and, as the numbers of those who have resorted to it have increased year by year, they have adopted the latest improvements to increase their temporal comfort. The management has kept pace with the demand upon its resources and the ideal of its originators has been fully realized.

There is no sign that Ocean Grove has ceased, or even paused, in its development, but it can never be more perfect than it is to-day in its adaptation to the needs of its visitors. It has over twelve hundred buildings, the majority of which have all the appliances of modern civilization. An Artesian water-system with over twelve miles of water mains assures the resident of pure water in abundance. The streets are lighted by electricity supplied by the most improved plant and fifty miles of wire. Post-office, police, fire brigade, hotel accommodation and stores are all in efficient operation. The city man may stay there and gain health without missing any of the facilities to which he has been accustomed. In addition, special care has been taken to preserve the high morality of the resort. There is not a liquor saloon, nor a cigar store within its boundaries, and there is conspicuous absence of the temptations which have to be shunned elsewhere.

#### THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES

are, after all, the main feature of Ocean Grove. The managers have taken care that they shall not be subordinated to the secular attractions. Every summer there

are three full months of religious meetings. Sunday School Institutes, Young People's Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, Business Men's Meetings, Children's Meetings, Meetings of the King's Daughters, Holiness Meetings, and Temperance Meetings, are some of the departments of special work, beside the regular preaching services and general church assemblies. In addition to these, several agencies hold their anniversaries at Ocean Grove, such as the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, The Women's Foreign Missionary Society, The Band of Deaconesses, and Chautauqua Circles. During last season there were no less than 63 sermons preached and 447 addresses delivered at Ocean Grove, and at the two celebrations of the Lord's Supper there were 3,736 communicants.

#### THE AUDITORIUM,

is a large building, covering nearly half an acre of ground and accommodating comfortably seven thousand persons. At nearly every preaching service it is crowded, and a large sounding board over the preacher's head renders it easy for him to make himself heard by the vast congregation. The choir, generally under the leadership of Professors Sweeny and Kirkpatrick, occupies the centre of the large edifice. It is carefully selected and contains representatives of several churches.

#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

is another of the famous buildings at Ocean Grove. This is one of the newer buildings rendered necessary by the success of the meetings conducted by Mr. C. H. Yatman, the famous Newark evangelist. These meetings are the most popular on the grounds, and are held at nine in the morning throughout the three months. Though the building is a large one it is always crowded, and, in the height of the season, hundreds are unable to gain admission. The beneficial results of these meetings are felt in many a home, and thousands of parents bless God that their sons and daughters have attended them. A kindred work, also much blessed, is the Bible Class conducted by the Rev. Thomas Hanlon, D. D.

The Biblical prototype of Ocean Grove is the Galilean shore. As multitudes flocked from Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and the parts from beyond Jordan, to hear the words of life that fell from the Master's lips, as He walked by the sea, or taught from the boat put out a little way from the land, so multitudes from our populous cities go to this Christian shore to commune with Him in spirit, to hear His word and to gain strength for their souls.

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An account of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Love Feast, Sabbath morning, August 24th, as published on Monday morning, August 25th, 1890, in the *Daily Press*, of Asbury Park.

**Testimony from all the States and Territories—Heaven and Earth Blend in Happy Songs and Enthusiastic Greetings—A Gathering Unparalleled Throughout the World.**

Ocean Grove is a great institution. Its popularity increases every year. The "Summer Program" is a comprehensive admixture of moral activities, but

the biggest thing in the program is the annual camp-meeting, and the culmination of its ten days of devotion is the Sunday morning "love feast."

This fact was clearly instanced by yesterday's unparalleled gathering in the Auditorium at such an early hour, for at 8 A. M. there were five thousand people waiting, and willing to wait another hour before the unique ceremonies should begin. They came all the way from Canada, Nebraska, Colorado and California; and whatever other service or sermon they are compelled to forego, every body was bent and bound to witness or participate in this celebrated scene. But it was no hardship to wait under such circumstances. The diversified thousands pressing in, kept interest on the *qui vive*, and Professor Sweeny's choir dispelled all weariness from body or mind. They had a grand exercise on the favorite melodies of "Sunlit Songs," up to the moment Dr. Stokes at the tap of the bell opened the exercises by a fellowship hymn of the old Methodist type.

Dr. A. J. Kynett offered a tender and comprehensive prayer, which was punctuated all through with exclamations of "Glory!" and "Amen." This prepared the way for the interdenominational hand shaking. This forms the first of a series of sensations, for which people's experience furnish no data. Friends and strangers grasp hands, preachers hug each other in the ardor of their fraternal spirit, and men and women are equally social in this exhibition of Christianity.

Tears began to trickle as old campaigners met, and the singers got in some of the war songs of Zion, which unfolded the bright beyond. Then the shoutings began with an impromptu desire to demonstrate actual joy, which they do by standing up and waving five or six thousand white handkerchiefs. At this point, the strangers who arrived at the grove on Saturday and never were at the Grove before, became conscious of getting into a whirl of excitement entirely novel. This, while extraordinary, was tame compared to the touch and thrill of sympathy all pervading when the speaking began.

Dr. Stokes himself set the example in a brief word of testimony, saying his joy in God was as radiant as the sunshine of the morning. Half a dozen were on their feet in an instant, and the strains of "Beulah Land" were taken up by three times "a thousand tongues." Several of the older preachers and fluent sisters near the stand, not needing to be fired up by any further excitement, being already full, and talking about a second each, used some such expressions as "fully saved," "happy in Jesus," or made a Bible quotation.

The great trombonist said he had taught his instrument to say "glory to God." Many of the experiences related were suggested by the snatches of song which burst out at intervals, such as "A Wonderful Saviour," or "Blessed be the Name of the Lord." Several were always up at the same time, in different parts of the great audience, and said their say without interruption; except where they dropped an unusually bright remark, which was hailed with exclamations of assent. Some colored sister far out among the mass of people who stood beyond the range of seats spoke so distinctly, and with such originality, that the answering shout became general and was the signal for a lively hymn.

It was noticeable that strangers frequently told where they came from, and the leader commended the habit; until, curious as was the coincidence, a Canadian, a man from Florida, two or three from Colorado, and a sister from Nebraska succeeded each other. "Where are the people from California?" asked Dr. Stokes,

and one or more responded. So with Texas, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Vermont. Connecticut had several representatives, and a voice round on the left near the reporter's table sung out, "I'm from Egypt," "But, have you crossed over?" asked the Doctor. "Oh, yes," said he, "I have reached the land of Canaan."

The amusement increased as a rural brother announced, "I am from New Jersey." This pleased Dr. Hanlon, who stands by New Jersey, for it has a Pennington Seminary and an Ocean Grove within its borders. "Palms of Victory" was chorused, after old Dr. Porter and Rev. Father Street were brought forward to tell of old-time camp-meeting power. A locomotive engineer had the longest story of all, but a score were up and testified before he got through. The "war-horse," Chauncey Shaffer, was brief and to the point in his remarks, and the choir had a melody expressive of their own faith, which the leader called them up to sing. He remarked that when the grip had hold of him, he nearly succumbed to circumstances, but to-day he was on the mountain-top and "marching to Zion."

A Swede said, "Old time religion" was good enough, when a German, a Scandinavian and various other nationalities took occasion to tell the news that they were saved, until everybody sang "I am so glad."

Instead of letting the rising tide emotion swell on to the preaching hour, Dr. Stokes tapered off by calling all the members of the Ocean Grove Association who were on the ground, to the front of the platform, telling of their positions and work in the history and progress of the place. There stood the treasurer, D. H. Brown, Esq., of Brooklyn, next to him, Dr. A. Wallace, editor of the *Record*, then side by side stood Rev. William Franklin, Dr. I. Simmons, Editor G. Hughes, George W. Evans, Esq., Rev. J. R. Vankirk, Dr. J. H. Alday, Rev. H. M. Brown, Hon. Holmes W. Murphy, Rev. R. J. Andrews, and perhaps others. The members who have died were named, as Rev. Alfred Cookman, George Franklin, Rev. R. V. Lawrence, Rev. J. H. Stockton, Rev. J. S. Inskip, Dr. J. R. Tantum and Joseph H. Thornley.

While still standing at the front, the choir sang the chorus:

Many are the friends who are waiting to-day,  
Happy, on the golden strand,  
Many are the voices calling us away,  
Calling to the better land.

The following are brief extracts of letters published in the *New York Tribune*, from the Ocean Grove correspondent at different times. Other New York, Brooklyn, and many of the papers in the large cities, as well as county papers, have spoken with the kindest words. Complimentary personal allusions, for which we are always grateful, omitted here.

### OCEAN GROVE.

Growth of a Great Religious Summer Resort—The Mecca of the Methodist Church—The Aims of Its Founders—Personal Sketches.

OCEAN GROVE, August 1 (Special).—This little city is the great summer Mecca of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the favorite outing-



place of thousands of people who do not belong to that denomination. Here are held every year some of the most notable meetings known to the entire religious world. Persons come from all parts of the globe to attend the meetings, and here are heard every summer some of the most prominent pulpit orators and lecturers of the time. The grounds are owned by the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The charter was obtained February, 1870, and gives the Association most extraordinary powers. This charter invests the association with the right to purchase and hold real and personal estate, to construct and provide all necessary works, all other conveniences, and to make all other improvements which may be deemed necessary or requisite. In fact, the association under its charter, can run everything, from a prayer-meeting to a concert, and build and operate all kinds of buildings, electric light plants, water-works, steam-pipe lines, or anything else its members want. The association has absolute control of all the roadways and all the works within its inclosure. It makes and enforces its own regulations. Much has been said about the so-called "restrictions," and a certain class of newspaper writers expend a great deal of energy and ink every year in denouncing the officers of the association and what they call "their Puritanical laws." In doing so they misrepresent both the officers of the association and the objects and aims of the corporation. The clergymen and laymen who founded Ocean Grove when they sent their charter to the New Jersey State Legislature for enactment did not intend to found an ordinary seaside resort. The preamble to the charter reads as follows: "Recognizing the truth and beauty of the Scriptural declaration, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,' and being especially impressed with the propriety of having a portion of the land skirting the sea consecrated to sacred uses; we, whose names are hereunto affixed, with a single eye to the Divine glory, and in humble dependence upon our Heavenly Father's aid, do hereby solemnly covenant together to use certain land, which has been providentially committed to our trust, for those high and holy purposes. And we further declare it to be our design to make this a perpetual oblation upon Christ's altar, and enjoin its strict observation upon those who may succeed us. And to this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor." The by-laws state that the objects "of this association shall be to provide for holding of camp-meetings, for the promotion of Christian holiness, rigidly excluding all forms of speculation; and to afford to those who would spend a few days or weeks at the seashore an opportunity of doing so at moderate cost and free from the temptations to dissipation usually attendant on fashionable watering places." They also contained the proviso that no lots should be sold outright, but that they should be leased for ninety-nine years or less time. These leases are subject to renewal, if none of the conditions has been violated, to persons of good moral character who are in sympathy with the objects of the association, and who are approved by the President. All transfers of lots must be approved and indorsed upon the leases.

The so-called restrictions outside of such as belong to all well-organized towns and cities are very simple and cannot in any way be regarded as Puritanical. The by-laws absolutely prohibit dancing, card-playing or any such diversions as are prohibited by the general rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the buying and selling or drinking of spirituous liquors, excepting in cases of extreme neces-

sity, and the sale of tobacco in any form. The strict observance of the Christian Sabbath is rigidly insisted upon. The gates of the association are closed at midnight Saturdays, and not opened until Monday morning at an early hour, excepting an inmate of the ground dies, when the undertaker is allowed to drive his wagon through the gates and remove the body to his warehouse. None of the hotel proprietors are allowed to sell tobacco in any form at any time, the general rules of the Church prohibiting its use by both the clergymen and laity.

### IN CAMP AT OCEAN GROVE.

Open-Air Religion Old and New—Twelve Daily Services—Leading Workers and their Works.

OCEAN GROVE, August 22 (Special).—Camp-meetings date back to the Mosaic dispensation. There were three great feasts which were instituted by God himself and at which all the males of the Israelites were to assemble themselves together for a season of religious worship. The feast of Tabernacles, more than others, resembled our camp-meeting, and was held after the ingathering of the harvest or about our September and lasted eight days, the people dwelling in booths made of green branches or in tents. Camp-meetings in this country began to be held nearly a century ago. The first was held in 1799 by two brothers named William and John McGee, one a Methodist preacher, the other a Presbyterian. This was followed by others held by these brothers, until the camp-meeting which seems to have been peculiarly adapted to the genius of Methodism in those early days became an established institution of that aggressive pioneer church.

The campers of to-day have little conception of the wild, weird encampment of the olden times. The circle of tents (home-made and primitive in style), the barricade of trees and brush ten or twelve feet high, the elevated platforms placed at intervals about the encampment, where pine knots were piled high and lighted at night, formed a sight that once seen would be stamped upon the memory. Especially vivid would be the remembrance of the midnight sermon when the preacher thundered forth the terrors of the law and portrayed the final judgment.

Ocean Grove campers and cottagers enjoy all the comforts and many of the luxuries of modern refinement and civilization, and the multitudes have little to do but to attend the twelve different services that extend from sunrise to 10 o'clock at night.



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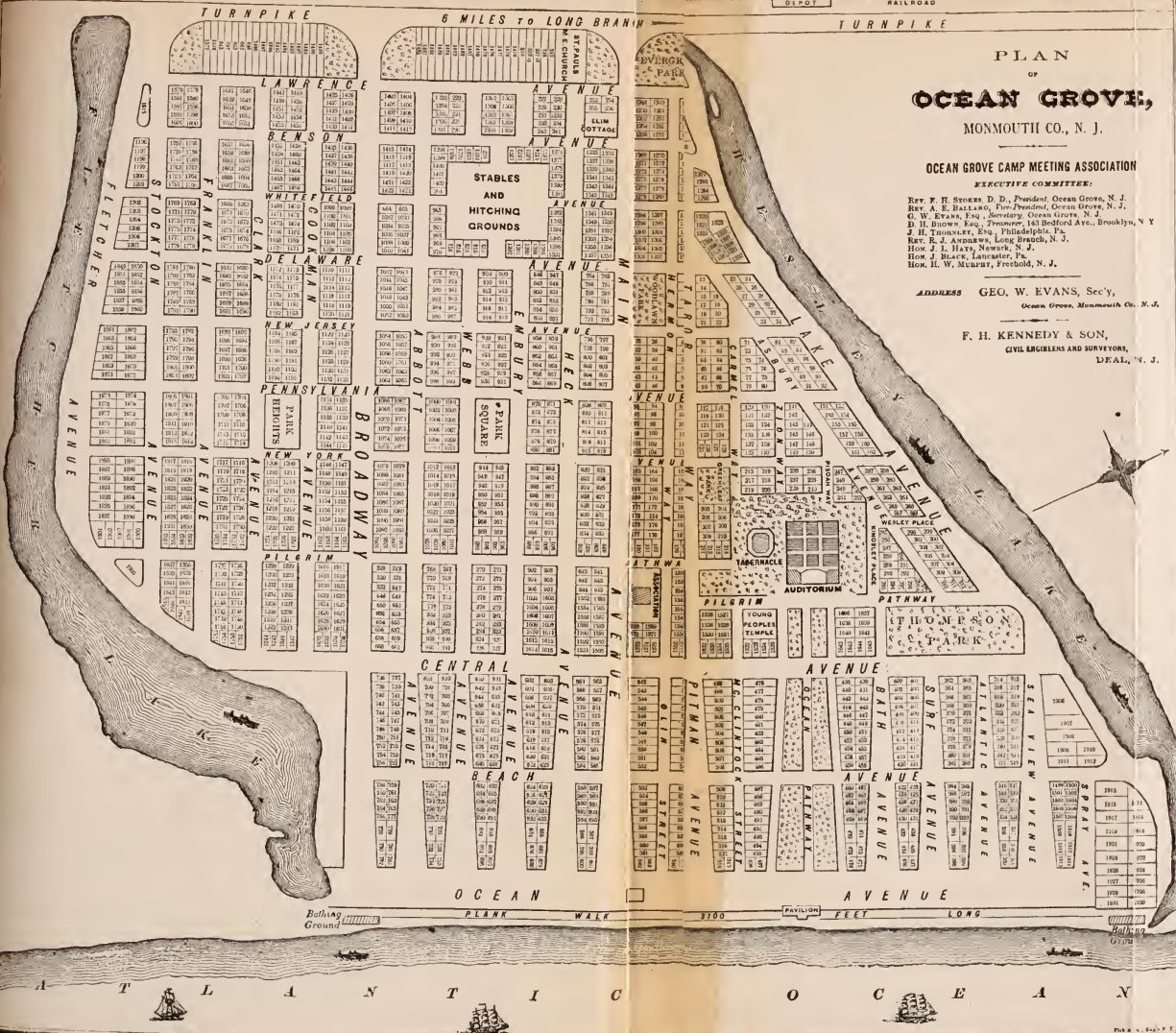
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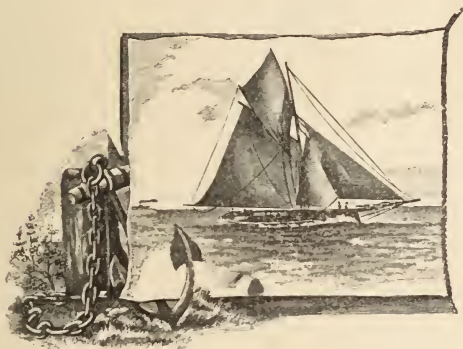
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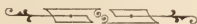
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Winds gaily blow,  
Waves brightly flow,—  
Sun-tipped with splendor as onward they go;  
Sails snowy white,  
Flash in the light,  
Beauty is smiling with gladness aglow.

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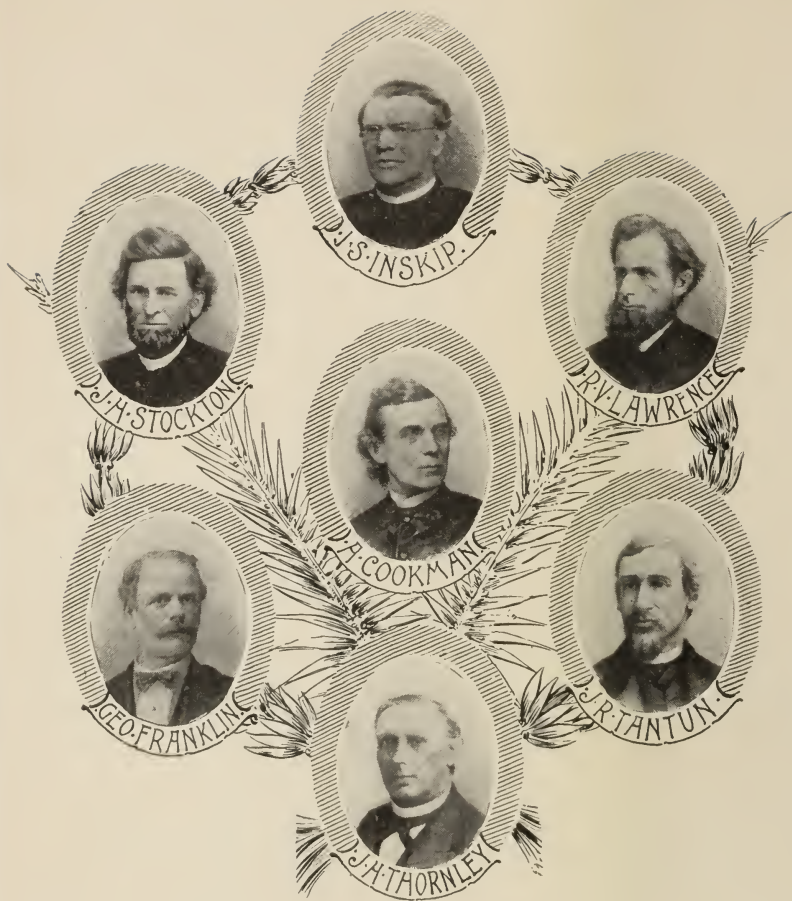
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## ASCENDED.

They sought for rest, and found it by the sea.  
 Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep  
 Where glassy lake, its lumbering on the lee,  
 And dim old forests cast their shadows deep.  
 Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed  
 And prayed, and sang of Jesus' precious blood  
 Here many a time the story they rehearsed  
 How sweetly passed in triumph up to God. — E. H. S.

↔ TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT ↔

OF THE

↔ PRESIDENT ↔

OF THE

Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :



*Dear Brethren :*

Having passed the limitations of the second, and with our feet upon the threshold of the third year of our third decade, I take great pleasure in greeting you, my compeers, in the great work to which God has called us. All God's works, however viewed by us, are great to him in whose sight nothing is indifferent or small. Still,

in human comparisons some things are greater than others, and the work to which we are called is among the greatest of all, because not bounded by the narrow confines of time, but reaching far out into the illimitable and eternal. Our great specialty here is not city building, though that in a sense is necessary, but character making, which involves the endlessness of duration, and the happiness or misery of the after state. I am often overwhelmed with the magnitude, not to say the awfulness of the situation. We are here upon the seemingly shoreless ocean. To us the multitudes come in yearly increasing numbers. They place themselves under our spiritual oversight and care. Their soul necessities are not only to be provided for, but all the cravings of their intellects are to be met, and as far as may be, satisfied. Added to these are the transient thousands which throng our pathways or

crowd our places of worship. Many of these, through the whole year gather little or nothing of the bread of life but that which may drop from the table spread by us. Besides these, vast multitudes of all denominations of christians come here, not only to be spiritually fed and nourished with the doctrines of the word of God, but to be enthused, inspired, and moved with loftier and better directed efforts for the salvation of the world. Our work here touches the home churches to remotest extremities, for weal or woe.

We seem, without our special planning, oftentimes, to be a centre from which radiates a crowning light and an almost resistless energy. We have become a mountain to which all eyes are turned, and an educator, the moulding influences of which are being felt afar. Everywhere our plans are being discussed and our methods adopted. What we do, others do, because we do them. Our responsibilities increase. Our obligations multiply. We must constantly be on the alert to keep abreast with a demand which we have ourselves created. In the beginning we were but a fountain in the remote hills, so insignificant that if we were noticed at all, it was simply to produce a smile of incredulity, or provoke such criticism as weakened and discouraged. Nevertheless, helped of God, we went on. The fountain sent forth its pure waters, which, curving noiselessly around the great, high, hard rocks of opposition, gurgled down into rivulets and rivers, which in the roll of the years have broadened into bays and seas. It is all well. God shall have, what to Him of divine right belongs, all the glory. What we now more than ever need, is wisdom to guide the interests, thus unsought and Providentially committed to our care, over the vast and ever widening waters, for the increasing welfare of men.

It is to you, my brethren, to whom with myself, is entrusted this great and important work, that I extend my friendly and christian salutations at this time. For twenty-two years I have stood before you in this position. In all this time God has been marvellously good, and you have been uniformly more than kind in bearing with me so long. I praise God that these things are so, and to you I offer my sincerest thanks.

In the conclusion of these introductory remarks permit me to add, that in the material departments we should be diligent to respond cheerfully to all reasonable and legitimate demands, and if at any time any thing shall in any way, in any measure, suffer in the smallest degree, see that such suffering be not in any sense or measure, on the religious side. Keep the fire always burning upon the altar of a pure spirituality and fervent devotion. When these things cease we shall be on the downward march, and the end will not be distant.

The status of the Association remains the same as last year, with the exception of the election of Col. William H. Skirm, of Trenton, N. J.,







GEORGE W. CHEESEMAN, Esq.,  
Birmingham, Conn.

who fills a vacancy caused by death. Two vacancies, one by death and the other by resignation, both in the laity, still exist. In electing their successors I trust you will be Divinely guided. The Rev. T. T. Tasker, Sen., of Philadelphia, has, much to our regret, by age and consequent infirmity, for several years been prevented from attending our meetings. Our brother, Joseph McPherson, Esq., is still an invalid, and unable to be with us.

I take this opportunity also to mention, that on the 2d day of April, 1891, our highly esteemed friend and brother, George W. Cheeseman, Esq., of Birmingham, Conn., one of our original members, passed to his reward in Heaven. It was always a regret to us that several years ago his business obligations were such as caused him to feel that he must resign. But though this was so, he entertained the liveliest interest in the place unto the end, and we cherish his memory with the tenderest affection.

I must also state that on the 26th of December, 1890, Mrs. Martha J., long the devoted wife of our late beloved brother, Rev. John S. Inskip, died at her home in Eggleston, Florida; and on the 10th of February, 1891, Mrs. Elizabeth, for forty years the companion of our secretary, Rev. Geo. W. Evans, went up from Orange, N. J., to be forever with the Lord. We have greatly missed the energetic and successful efforts of sister Inskip as a soul-winner, and also the quiet usefulness and beautifully modest adornments in the home and social circles, of Sister Evans. May time, that great healer of human heart aches, and the influences of the Divine Spirit, soothe the sorrows of all that mourn.

The year which we now close has been, like most of its predecessors, one of continued anxiety and toil, yet the outcome, I am happy to say, has been successful.

I now proceed to unfold our work in the line of improvements and advances.

### CONCRETE WALKS.

These are a great convenience and comfort over the old clay and gravel sidewalks.

During the autumn of last year and the early spring of this, we have added to those already laid,

For the Association, . . . . .	30,000 square feet.
For private parties, . . . . .	58,000 " "
Total, . . . . .	<u>88,000 square feet.</u>

or about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles, 6 feet wide, making with those laid during previous years, a grand total of  $13\frac{1}{2}$  miles, or fully one-half of the entire town.

The completion of this work is greatly to be desired. Not only would such completion add to the convenience and beauty of the place, but more than repay the cost to our citizens in the increased value of

their property. The autumn and early spring are most favorable times for this work.

### AVENUES.

These need continual attention. The summer travel over them is immense, and on some of them it is heavy during most of the year. Claying, scraping, and other repairs, are needed daily. Such attentions in a general way have been bestowed during the year, costing nearly or quite \$600.00.

On Main Avenue, the work has been more extended and costly. The sharp hill at the entrance from the turnpike has been cut down; the roadway is not only better in appearance but much easier for heavily loaded teams and stages. From the macadamized road in front we have covered this Avenue 390 feet towards the sea with a very excellent quality of clay gravel, 410 loads, at a cost of \$582.90, hauled for the purpose nearly five miles, and with which we hope, during the coming winter, when our teams have leisure, to cover the whole down to the ocean front.

The new iron gates, constructed by Joseph Yard, Esq., of Trenton, N. J., which so much improve the appearance at the entrance of the grounds, cost \$455.00, which, overarched by groups of electric lights, are the admiration of all. These gates were completed and opened to the public on the 24th day of December, 1890, the officers of the Association being carried through first, in one of Mr. Stiles' stages, by that faithful driver, Mr. William H. Hyers, known as "Buckie," by all the travelling public. Added to these, new signs, numbering 493, have been placed on the corners of all the streets, to the great convenience of those not well acquainted with the place.

### NEW OCEAN PIER.

This structure was built by Richmond Bros. of Delanco, New Jersey. It is pronounced by competent judges to be one of the very best on the Atlantic coast. It is, by exact measurement, 500 feet and 6 inches long. The first 400 feet are 16 feet wide; the last or seaward end, of 100 feet 6 inches, is 24 feet wide. It is built on 200 piles. Those above high tide are oak, and three leaf pine are used from high water mark, outward. There are 14,000 feet of lumber; 17,600 feet of plank for deck, and 1,044 feet of fence. There is a small building at the entrance, 15x20 feet, two stories high, for the person having charge. There are 10 electric light poles; 20 electric lamps with all necessary appliances. It was commenced March 20, 1891, Gen. J. C. Patterson giving the measurements and striking the first stroke; and finished at 9 A. M. May 29th, 1891, Capt. Rainear driving the last nail. The total cost is





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ENTRANCE TO OCEAN GROVE, HEAD OF MAIN AVENUE.



\$4,059.66. Should a duplicate be required it would probably cost not less than \$5,000.

The original object in building this pier was the protection of the sewer which runs beneath it. But in connection with this, it was determined to maintain it as a fishing pier. It was opened early in July, and closed Sept. 15th. A fee of five cents was charged for entrance for fishing purposes, and those fishing paid extra for other accommoda-



PHOTO. BY STAUFFER.

ENTRANCE TO PIER.  
Opposite Embury Avenue.

tions. The cost for service was considerable. It was also a poor fishing season. The total

Receipts were, . . . . .	\$690 82
Expenses, (not estimating interest on cost), . . . . .	533 28
Excess, . . . . .	<u>\$157.54</u>

The expenses for next year can be reduced, and so we hope the profits may be more.

A handsome fishing pole and reel was given as a prize at the close of

the season, to Mr. James Woglom, who had caught the heaviest edible fish, a striped bass, weighing eight pounds.

### SEWERS.

The sewer outlet underneath the pier, and for the protection of which the pier was mainly built, had been more or less out of repair for two or three years. Since the completion of the pier this has been thoroughly repaired. It was a difficult and consequently a costly work, viz.:

New pipe, . . . . .	\$163 38
Bands, hangers, &c., . . . . .	126 00
Mr. Case charges, . . . . .	709 56
Capt. Rainear's men, . . . . .	167 50
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$1,166 44</u>

There has been 2,200 feet of sewer pipe added to the sewer system, mainly on Cookman, Franklin and Stockton avenues, at a cost of \$942.94. This is a cost much greater than that laid on higher ground, because the constant inflow of water required constant pumping to enable the workmen to proceed.

Total cost of Sewer system to October 1st, 1891, . . . . .	\$35,919 82
No. of connections with system last year, . . . . .	907
“ “ “ this year, . . . . .	962
Increase . . . . .	<u>55</u>
Income from Sewer Connections, . . . . .	\$ 560 00
“ “ “ rentals, . . . . .	4,040 65
Total income from Sewers, . . . . .	<u>\$5,600 65</u>

### ARTESIAN WATER.

This department has had its history during the past year. We are now, as during the year 1890, pumping from 21 wells, and when worked to their full capacity, give an average of 350 gallons per minute.

From October 1st, 1890, to October 1st, 1891, there were pumped 78,763,900 gallons, as follows:

October, 1889... 3,255,000 Gals.	October, 1890... 7,100,000 Gals.
November, “ ... 2,926,000 “	November, “ ... 5,400,000 “
December, “ ... 3,048,000 “	December, “ ... 6,035,000 “
January, 1890... 3,225,000 “	January, 1891... 5,422,500 “
February, “ ... 3,080,000 “	February, “ ... 6,345,000 “
March, “ ... 3,255,000 “	March, “ ... 5,520,000 “
April, “ ... 4,800,000 “	April, “ ... 3,500,000 “
May, “ ... 6,200,000 “	May, “ ... 4,665,000 “
June, “ ... 7,170,000 “	June, “ ... 4,920,000 “
July, “ ... 10,850,000 “	July, “ ... 9,185,000 “
August, “ ... 10,850,000 “	August, “ ... 11,944,400 “
September, “ ... 9,360,000 “	September, “ ... 8,727,000 “
68,019,000 Gals.	78,763,900 Gals.

Increase 10,744,900 gallons over last year.





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SEA END OF NEW PIER.





COTTAGE OF DAVID E. STOUT, ESQ.,

N. W. Corner of Pitman and Ocean Avenues.

From this table it will be seen that the lowest quantity pumped during any one month was 3,500,000 gallons, April, 1891; and the greatest quantity during any one month, 11,944,400 gallons in August, 1891. The water supply during the past year had to be lifted 29 feet from below the pumps to 55 feet above, making a total lift of 84 feet. During the month of August the pressure on the water supply was very severe, and taxed us to the utmost. For years there has been a reckless waste of water on the part of consumers. To arrest this became a

necessity, or we be entirely unable to meet the demand. To do so two methods were adopted. First, the employment of a water inspector, and secondly, the introduction of *meters* to such places where unguarded waste was most likely to occur. We purchased 51 metres, \$10.15 each, at a total expense of \$512.15. Forty-nine of these are now in use, most of them in the large houses, and have worked well.

The result has been, in a general way, the saving of water, and in some instances at a small increase of cost to the consumer ; in other



REV. W. H. WARDELL'S COTTAGE,  
Main Avenue, opposite Association Building.

cases the expense has decreased. As a whole it has somewhat decreased the revenue, but quite largely increased the water supply. Without the metre attachments I am sure our August difficulties would have been much greater than they were. As it was, we had to extemporize arrangements at a cost of \$469.00 to carry us through.

The water tank in Thompson Park has been thoroughly cleaned, repaired, and a manhole put in at a cost of \$159.13.

No of water connections, Oct. 1, 1891, . . . . .	947
Increase since Oct. 1st, 1890, . . . . .	83







MAIN AVENUE, LOOKING EAST FROM NEW YORK AVENUE.

The total cost of Artesian water plant to Oct. 1st, 1891, . . .	\$60,074 55
Receipts from water connections, Oct. 1, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891, . . .	252 00
Receipts from water rentals, 1890-91, . . . . .	8,767 29
Total receipts from Oct. 1, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891, . . .	\$9,019 29
Running expenses and interest on cost of plant, . . . . .	5,400 29
Net earnings, after paying 6 per cent. interest on bonded indebtedness, is 6 per cent, . . . . .	\$3,619 00

You will have to adopt some measures in this line for the relief of coming years, which measures will require the exercise of your most enlightened judgment.

### DRAIN PIPE, CULVERTS, &c.

There have been laid 312 feet of 18 inch drain pipe from corner of Broadway and Central Avenue, to carry off the heavy flow of surface water down Broadway in time of rain, thus preventing the cutting of streets and filling of cellars. This cost \$311.45.

Other places have been repaired, and also culverts carrying surface water into Wesley and Fletcher Lakes, readjusted, at a cost of nearly \$100.00.

### ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The whole system has, during the last year, been a full success. The chief, and almost only change, has been the removal of the insufficient 40-horse power boiler, for the new one of 150-horse power now in use. This boiler, I am glad to say, equalizes the power of boiler, engine and dynamos, a result never before attained. The cost of boiler, setting and enlargement of the engine building to receive it, is \$2,390.48.

We have 3 dynamos, two of 450, 30 candle power, and one 375.

The street lamps and commercial lamps are on the currents supplied by the two large dynamos, while the lamps in the Auditorium, Temple, Tabernacle and Chapel, are all attached to the 375, 30 candle power. During the year there has been a greater call for commercial lights than could be supplied. The two dynamos in use for street and commercial lights have been overtaxed, while the smaller dynamo of 375, 30 candle power, used for places of worship, has not been used to its full capacity.

The following proposition, which I hereby recommend, will meet the case, viz.: Purchase a new 200, 30 candle power dynamo, and make the following changes in the system, namely: Take the 200, 30 candle power machine for lighting the Auditorium, Temple, Tabernacle and Chapel, which will more than do the work. The 375, 30 candle power, will amply do the street lighting, leaving the two 450, 30 candle power machines, 900, 30 candle power lamps, for commercial purposes, which will probably meet the demand for several years. We have now, en-

gine and boiler power equal to the working of the three dynamos, and the new one proposed, making a total of 1,475 candle power lamps. The 200, 30 candle power, will cost about \$2,000, and need not be purchased before April of next year. The great importance of this change is in the fact that we can supply the commercial light an hour earlier, if need be, than the streets require to be lighted, and if thought advisable, during parts of each month can run the town lamps on moonlight



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VILLA STOKESIA,  
N. W. Corner of Pitman and Beach Avenues.

schedule ; whereas, now, being all connected, we are compelled to run all together every night of the year, at a heavy loss in the life of the lamps. The highest number of lamps burning at any one time, during the year was as follows :

For Association, including town, . . . . .	458
Commercial, . . . . .	465
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Total for all purposes, . . . . .	923
The total lamp hours per year, . . . . .	995,760
Average hours of lamp life for the year, . . . . .	1,171

The total number of lamp hours for the year, 995,760, or 113 years and 4 months, which would give us the light of one lamp for one hour each night until the year 2004.



The total cost of plant to October 1st, 1891, . . . . .	\$37,383 39
Income from October 1st, 1890, to October 1st, 1891 :	
Received, lighting town and iron bridges, (estimated), . . . . .	3,650 00
"    Commercial lights, . . . . .	3,122 64
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$6,772 64
Running expenses, including insurance and interest on cost of plant, . . . . .	6,592 53
Excess, . . . . .	\$ 180 11



PHOTO. BY SMITH.

MRS. ELIZABETH WOOD'S COTTAGE,  
S. W. Corner of Main Avenue and Ocean Avenue.

**ICE DEPARTMENT.**

Ice purchased after the last annual report, to fill later demands, \$141.11. Bought in February last for the supply of season of 1891, 1,976 tons ; cost, including freight and all other expenses, including delivery, \$6,269.41. The actual loss on ice, especially in the retail trade, during the hot months is very great, and the wear on men and horses heavy ; nevertheless, it is an article the use of which, in our modern civilization, has become a necessity and must be had. A year ago the income over expenses was very small, almost nothing. This year the trade has been better and the margin more satisfactory.

## SANITARY CONDITION.

I take great pleasure in calling your attention, and also the attention of the public generally, to the following letter from Rev. Dr. Alday, our Sanitarian officer :

*To the Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, President of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association :*

MY DEAR DOCTOR.—Allow me to congratulate you as the Chief Executive of the O. G. C. M. Asso'n, and through you the members there-



THE LILLAGAARD,  
Abbott Avenue.

of, and the public generally, on the healthfulness of the town during the last summer.

As the Sanitary Inspector, with the assistance of my deputy, Dr. H. B. Alday, I have endeavored to place and keep the Grove in as good sanitary condition as possible. Although it is conceded that there is a great advance in this respect over the past, yet we are by no means fully satisfied, but are seeking through all possible means to reach the highest possible attainment, so that in a more comprehensive sense and

greater degree, Ocean Grove may maintain at least its place in the first rank of health resorts.

For a further and more perfect knowledge of the situation and matters appertaining thereto, I would respectfully refer you to my annual report, to be submitted to the Association in session on the 13th inst., to the suggestions of which I earnestly request the favorable consideration of yourself and the members thereof.

Yours truly,

Signed,

J. H. ALDAY,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

The report to which Dr. Alday refers is so excellent, that it would be well could it all be inserted here. I make a single extract :

“The existence and spread of disease very largely depends on local and personal conditions. If cleanliness of locality, good habits of the people, pure water, and an abundance of fresh air prevail, there is nothing to attract or germinate disease, and nothing on which disease can feed. Consequently, through ordinary proper measures it will speedily die out. This is our great object in the early and thorough spring inspection of the place. When this is done, as it has been in the past, healthfulness and safety must be the result.

“Similar investigations must be made as needed through the summer, and also at the close of the season. Too many of our residents leave their premises in bad condition on returning to their winter homes. Consequently I have requested the Superintendent, Capt. Rainear, to remove all rubbish from premises which have been vacated, and charge the expense of so doing to the property cared for. The wisdom and necessity of this procedure is self-evident.”

### TREE PLANTING DAY.

APRIL, 22, 1891.

There were purchased 49 trees for planting, cost \$58.75. Most of these were set out for private parties, from whom were received \$96.50.

Memorial trees were planted in Centennial Park with interesting religious services, for Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, D. W. Disosway, Esq., Mrs. Geo. W. Evans and Mrs. Martha J. Inskip. An interesting and profitable tree planting day service was held in the evening at St. Paul's church. Every year the wisdom of the work done on these tree planting days is more and more apparent. Let it not cease.

In dim and far off ages,  
 E're man had tilled the sod,  
 There was a great tree planting  
 By the Creator, God.  
 He planted and gave sunshine,  
 Soft rains and pearly dew,  
 He gave his blessing, also,  
 And lo! the planting grew.



We cannot bring the sunshine,  
 The dews or summer rain;  
 But each can plant a maple,  
 We have, and can again.  
 And this we will do gladly,  
 With each returning year,  
 And trust the widening branches  
 To us will soon appear.

So, we are planting daily,  
 Our words are living seeds,  
 And in a single moment,  
 Produce enduring deeds.  
 O! may we then plant wisely,  
 The good seeds from above,  
 That these may bring forth ever  
 Fruits of enduring love.

### PARKS AND LAWNS.

There has never been much money expended on our Parks. A more liberal policy would materially improve their appearance, and be gratifying to all.

THOMPSON PARK. Old and unsightly trees have been removed from this Park and the walks concreted, greatly to the satisfaction of the public. All done here is a move in the right direction.

GREENLEAF PARK has never looked better than during the past season.

WOOD LAWN PARK has been enjoyed by hundreds in the simple plays of croquet and lawn tennis.

EVERGREEN PARK, at the Main Avenue entrance, with the new fence and gates, is vastly improved in appearance, and the filling up of the low places near Wesley Lake, when fully completed, will be a still further benefit. Its prominent location at the very entrance of our grounds, will justify still further expenditures in the way of floriculture and decorations.

The surroundings of the Angel of Peace, at the foot of Main Avenue, have been greatly improved at trifling cost, and add much to the appearance of the place. The public grounds must all and always be kept in repair, which example the people, owners of private properties, will not be slow to follow. Ocean Grove should be a garden of beauty.

### PLACES OF WORSHIP.

AUDITORIUM.—For several years the roof of this building has been leaky. Last year the repairs, though guaranteed, were a failure. This year, a new roof, without additional cost, was put on. It is not yet a perfect success, and we shall be compelled to take it in hand ourselves.

TABERNACLE.—The roof of this building has also received a new





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OCEAN PATHWAY, LOOKING TOWARDS THE SEA.



cover, and while not perfectly water-tight, does better, and is one of our most used and useful places for the worship of God.

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S TEMPLE.**—The roof of this building has also troubled us, and a contract is now in hand, which, if not completed to entire satisfaction, there is to be no pay. The work not yet being complete, I am unable to report upon it.

**THORNLEY CHAPEL.**—This modest, yet beautiful little structure, is very useful, and remains in good repair.

### NEW AUDITORIUM.

There is considerable interest manifested on this question. The model, built by Gen. J. C. Patterson, and Janitor, W. H. Stokes, after plans by W. H. Carman, Esq., has been an object lesson of interest and attraction. Two gentlemen have agreed to give each \$1,000, another \$500, two others \$250 each, another \$100 for its erection. All of these propositions were made without solicitation. When we shall be able to present *exact* plans, and get fully ready to build, many others will gladly do likewise. The amount already handed in, without solicitation is \$299.83. Two hundred dollars of this sum came from a lady of New York, who did not wish her name mentioned,\* and the balance from contributions in sums from \$25 down to \$1. All these contributions and any sums added to them are, and will be held on six per cent. interest, as a separate fund, specifically for the New Auditorium.

### BUSINESS BUILDINGS.

Wainright's store, Quinn's Ice-cream parlors, Ladomus' store, Van Gilluwes, Olin and Central avenues, Association building, Pioneer cottage, Vunk dwelling house, at the hot-houses, stables, &c., with other needed repairs, and improvements, amounting to over \$1,000, have been made.

### IRON BRIDGES.

#### WESLEY LAKE.

Have not needed any repairs, but must be painted soon.

Open for pay travel from June 1st to Oct. 1st, 1891. Receipts during this time :

Pilgrim Pathway bridge, . . . . .	\$1,870 64
New Jersey Avenue bridge, . . . . .	1,492 87
Total, . . . . .	\$3,363 51

A decrease of \$542.40 from last year. This sum is equally div-

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\* This lady, Miss Ester Toohig, a devout Missionary and Bible reader among the poor of New York City, having recently died, justifies its publication now.

ided between Mr. Bradley and Ocean Grove Association, and after paying expenses, about meets interest on the cost.

On the night of Aug. 7th, a carnival of much beauty was held on the Lake, which was witnessed by probably 25,000 people.

Considerable expense has been incurred in cleaning, bulk-heading, policing, lighting, and otherwise caring for the Lake during the year, so that the condition and order have been good.

#### FLETCHER LAKE.

The interest in this Lake increases with the years. More boats are on it, and since the erection of the wooden bridges, many more people cross than formerly. These bridges are a great convenience all the year, especially on the Sabbath, to persons crossing and recrossing for public worship. The shores need repairing and smoothing up, which together with small yearly outlays would greatly improve its appearance.

A fine carnival was held here on July 10th, and was greatly enjoyed by all the people.

#### STREET SPRINKLING.

This has been in the past and still continues, an unsatisfactory part of our summer work. Our supply of water for this purpose has never been sufficient, and our general appliances have not been complete. This year we added to our sprinkling wagons three new bodies, and two of the old two-horse bodies were repaired. With these we commenced work, using the artesian water supply. As the season advanced and the pressure on that source increased, we had to turn in other directions for relief, and bought the wave power pier and tank near Ross's, for the purpose of lifting water from the sea, for \$750.00. We then applied the old caloric engine, which we had on hand, and tried to pump with that. But this failing, after an expense with it of about \$250, purchased a new apparatus, which, with all the appurtenances, labor, &c., cost \$965.88. The cost of plant for sprinkling streets, including wave power pier, engine, machinery, and labor, is \$1,965.88. Sprinkling streets for the summer, \$451.25. Total for street sprinkling purposes \$2,417.13.

We have now plans which before another season will be completed, by which better results will be reached.

#### BUSINESS LICENSES.

The regular business licenses issued :

This year, . . . . .	193
Boat licenses—Fletcher Lake, . . . . .	\$ 8 00
“ “ —Wesley Lake, . . . . .	120 00
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	\$128 00
Total for licenses this year, . . . . .	\$2,158 00







FOOT OF WESLEY LAKE, BETHESDA TENT BLOCK ON THE LEFT.

**HOT-HOUSES.**

These promised well in the winter and early part of the season, but through failure in the management did not succeed. The whole cost of running this department was about \$1,000.

The receipts, from private parties, . . . . .	\$852 00
Association, . . . . .	150 00
Yet due, . . . . .	50 00
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	\$1,052 00

We have therefore rented the premises to Mr. J. Bergen Thompson, a gentleman well recommended, who giving it his personal attention, will succeed better.

**TENT LIFE.**

The total number of cottage tents erected and in use by us during the season, was 141. The number of those not counted as cottage tents, 94, making a total of 235 belonging to the Association. The other tents located promiscuously over the grounds, belonged to private parties. Some of these were erected by our men, but paid for by those for whom the work was done. The annual expense of keeping up tent property is heavy, costing last year \$3,573.30. The cost of repairs annually, is large, and the life of a tent only from five to seven years. Tent life continues popular. Perhaps no part of our summer population enjoy themselves more, than those who occupy these frail tabernacles, the evidence of which is seen in the fact that many of these re-rent them from year to year, and not a few have done so from the first. The inspiration seems to be in the totality of the change, from the hot walls of a crowded city, to the freedom of the flowing canvas, the sweet fresh air of the sea, or the wild tempests which sometimes sweep down upon us. Often after such visitations, in passing from tent to tent, we find the occupants dry, smiling and happy.

**PLANK WALKS.**

These, which were formerly numerous through the town, are all abandoned, giving place to the more enduring and safer concrete, or stone flagging pavements. The only plank walks remaining are those along the sea front. These of course can not be changed. We wish they could, for they are a source of constant care, anxiety and expense. They are laid with heavy plank, but frequent rains, and the protracted hot suns and winds of summer soon destroy them, so that repairs are needed almost daily. Then, too, the walk from Ross's to Ocean Pathway pavilion, is so thronged in summer as to be hardly passable. Besides this, the sea makes its perpetual inroads and threatens to destroy.

To strengthen the old walk from Ross's to Ocean Pathway, 155 new and longer piling were driven between the old ones, which, with the lumber and work, cost \$1,530.00. It was a fortunate thing that this strengthening was made, otherwise 200 feet of our walk would have been broken up by the summer storms. To afford relief to summer crowds, 14 feet were added to the width of the walk from Ocean Pathway to Ross's, making the entire width of walk for that distance 30 feet, which, with the new seats added, gives great relief to our summer visitors. The cost of this addition is \$1,690.24. Total cost for the addition and repairs, \$3,220.24, including repairs and painting old seats, and 66 new ones, \$168, making total of plank walk, enlargement and repairs, \$3,388.24.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department in this town is in good condition. It is a question whether any place in the State of the same size, is better prepared to successfully cope with the devouring element, than we and our immediate neighbors are. I am very glad to know that in case of need our own department is ready to render prompt relief to them, and so are they to us. May this kindly feeling always exist.

The great fire at Sea Bright in the early part of June last, has awakened a more general interest in the departments, and the fire commissioners are about to place in the hands of the several companies, additional and superior appliances for their work. To the Sea Bright sufferers we were glad to loan for three or four months, some thirty or more of our tents, thus sheltering them from sun and storm.

#### POLICE.

Three men are on duty during the entire year. These are strengthened as the season advances, the highest number at any time being 13, and making 515 days of extra police work done. The order was good. Number of arrests, 47: For theft, 5; burglary, 2; tramps, 2; pedlars, 7; book pedlars, 5; begging, 3; drunkenness, 5; disorderly conduct, 11; fast driving, 2; improper bathing dresses on the streets, 5.

Complaints attended to, 150. Removed from bathing grounds in improper bathing suits, 65. Sanitary complaints made and relieved, 150.

#### JERUSALEM MODEL.

As Jerusalem of old is the christian sacred city, and more christian people sigh to behold it than any other in the world, so this model, like a picture, being its exact representation, is gazed at from year to year, with a reverance in many instances amounting almost to awe. It



pays as an object lesson, to keep it in repair, and as long as this is done will continue a place of resort and study to the oncoming thousands. At a small expense it had some repairs at the beginning of the present season, such as painting the houses, coloring the ground and trees, &c. The bazaar, used for selling keys of the model, needing repairs, it was moved and fixed up as a covering for new auditorium model, and a new building, at the small cost of \$78, was erected in its stead for bazaar purposes. The janitor, W. H. Stokes, Esq., delivered a number of lectures on the model during the summer, greatly increasing the interest thereby.

**RAILROAD BUSINESS.**

We are without definite returns on this subject. After the early part of July the work was very heavy. The freight business increased, and the many hundreds of thousands visiting us were brought from and returned to their homes without accident.

**PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.**

These have been numerous and important. In many instances, the remodelling and enlargements have cost more than the original buildings.

Mr. Ross has rebuilt the interior of one wing of his bath houses, and put in a steam dryer, enclosed with brick, costing \$2,000. He also covered the sand plot, north of his buildings to the flume, with plank, built steps down to the waters of the lake, a very great public improvement, and otherwise beautified the whole vicinity, at his own expense, of about \$800.

Mr. Lillagore has added hot and cold sea water baths, and other repairs to his establishment, costing \$1,700. Large additions have been made to the United States, Alaska, and the Stratford Houses.

No. of cottages last year, . . . . .	1,042
Erected this year, . . . . .	35
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Total cottages, 1891, . . . . .	1,077
No. of boarding houses, 1891, . . . . .	78
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Cottages and boarding houses, total, . . . . .	1,155
Add to the above 26 stores of various kinds; public and private stables, 40; public school house, large, 1; places of worship, 5; and 5 offices not included in above enumeration, . . . . .	77
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Total buildings, . . . . .	1,232

**ELIM ASSOCIATION.**

Passing in review the season just closed, the ladies of this Association felt that they had done but little, yet remembering the joy of those

who had sojourned together at Elim in the quiet and christian communion of ministers of the various denominations, and knowing they have been benefited physically and spiritually by the arrangements of the home, so that much needed rest was secured, they realize that they have not labored in vain. During the year these ladies have sustained heavy losses in the death of efficient workers. Mrs. Evans, the faithful treasurer ; Mrs. M. J. Inskip Bateman, one of the vice presidents ; Mrs. A. Badeau, the genial matron ; and Mrs. E. Hibbs, who kindly remem-



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#### ELIM COTTAGE.

Main Avenue, near Entrance Gates.

bered them in a bequest of \$200.00 ; Mrs. Mary Robinson, and Miss Annie Graham, who were always ready to help them, have gone to their final reward.

To Miss L. A. Bundick, who was elected and faithfully and successfully performed the delicate and oftentimes difficult duties of matron, these ladies make their grateful acknowledgments.

The total number of guests entertained at Elim during the summer of 1891, was 149. By States: New Jersey, 55 ; New York, 49 ; Pennsyl-

vania, 17 ; Connecticut, 14 ; Maryland, 5 ; Delaware, 6 ; District of Columbia, 2 ; Illinois, 11 ; representing all the evangelical denominations.

The business of the Elim Association for the year is as follows :

By balance, 1890,	\$ 47 34
Home receipts for board, 1891,	988 34
Subscriptions,	137 00
Total,	<u>\$1,172 68</u>
Expenditures for Home, 1891,	\$1,117 58
Balance on hand,	55 10
	<u>\$1,172 68</u>

The bequest of \$200 for the special fund has been received, and placed on interest at 6 per cent.

Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, Philadelphia, is president, and Miss Josie Hamilton, Ocean Grove, treasurer, either of whom, with any of the managers, will be glad to receive subscriptions or bequests.

### ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This building occupies the block between New York, Pennsylvania, Heck and Embury Avenues, and is open all the year, with free seats. It reported to the last annual conference a membership of 503, with 44 probationers. Its church property, (not including ground), is valued at \$23,000. Its present pastor, Rev. D. B. Harris, is not only beloved by all his people but is doing a good work.

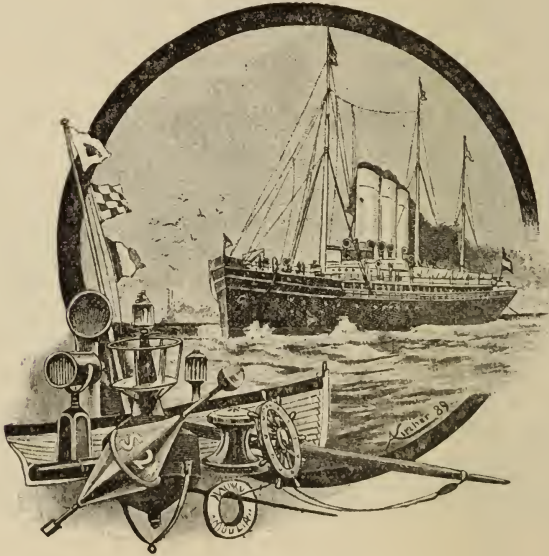
Out of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association's work have grown the following churches of our own denomination ; St. Paul's, Ocean Grove ; First M. E. church, Asbury Park ; Belmar ; West Grove ; Ocean Park ; Spring Lake ; and West Asbury Park ; with an aggregate of members and probationers, of 1,312, and church and parsonage property valued at \$81,500.00 ; besides which, there are 15 churches other than those of the Methodist Episcopal, located at Asbury Park, Belmar, Spring Lake, Avon and Loch Arbour, all of which have come from the little seed planted here, twenty-two years ago, with aggregated property, (estimated) at \$90,000, and a membership, (estimated) at 1,525. Grand total, property, \$171,500, with membership of 2,837. "What hath God wrought?"

I look, and smile, and then adore,  
 And here can trace the hand divine ;  
 The work blooms on forever more,  
 Though planted in the soils of time.  
 These swelling tides resistlessly  
 Through all the years flow grandly on,  
 As sweep unto the boundless sea,  
 The widening floods of Amazon.

## TOWN CLOCK.

Our town clock is now eleven years old. It has cost in a manner, nothing for repairs, and keeps reliable time. It is an important factor in our arrangements for the convenience of the public, and is consulted in all weathers and at all hours, regulating many of our human affairs and exerting an unconscious influence upon all.

'Tis the old clock's mission to say tick tock,  
 And to give the time of day:  
 And true to its work, like the moveless rock,  
 It keeps on its course, tick, tock, tick tock!  
 So true to duty is the grave old clock.  
 And so may we, when all is gay,  
 Or when the sunlight fades away,  
 To every trust be true, and say, tick, tock.



## POST OFFICE.

The affairs of the Post office remain as at my last report. Rev. A. E. Ballard is still postmaster, and his principal helpers are as last year. The business continues large, the principal part of which is crowded into about four months of the twelve. Added to this is the fact that new clerks, often inexperienced, have to be taken on as the crowds increase; the majority of names on letters, instead of being familiar as in the home offices, are largely new, while the applicants for their mail matter are mostly anxious to be served at once, which often causes con-







ASSOCIATION AND POST OFFICE BUILDING. ERECTED A. D. 1881.

Corner Main Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway.

fusion. We sympathize with the public, but believe the utmost efforts are made to serve them faithfully.

**TELEGRAPH OFFICE.**

This department of our work is, as for several years, under the supervision of Geo. W. Evans, Esq., our efficient and faithful secretary. The business increases from year to year, and has become so interwoven with the commercial and social interests of every community, that were we deprived of its facilities, would seem like going back almost to a barbarous age. William Hamilton, Esq., who from his early boyhood has grown up with us here, is the efficient operator.

Click, click, click, click, the harnessed steeds,  
 Prancing and leaping, dash;  
 And joy, or sorrow messages  
 Fly with the lightning's flash.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

RECEIPTS.

Received from regular sources, . . . . .	\$77,432 29
Received from sale of lots, (applied by Trustees to payment of Bonds and Interest), . . . . .	8,319 55
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$85,751 84
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1891, . . . . .	8,372 62
	\$94,124 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements, . . . . .	\$54,878 96
“ “ Police, . . . . .	3,724 00
“ “ Salaries, . . . . .	3,650 00
“ “ Wages, . . . . .	16,602 79
Bonds redeemed and Interest paid on Principal, . . . . .	11,800 00
Paid temporary loans, . . . . .	2,185 00
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1890, . . . . .	1,283 71
Total payments, . . . . .	\$94,124 46

RESOURCES.

Inventory, (the several plants, and salable lands not in- cluded), . . . . .	\$133,000 00
Cash in trust fund, . . . . .	4,195 43
Due on Book Accounts, . . . . .	11,503 10
Due on Lots sold, . . . . .	20,785 07
Total, . . . . .	\$169,483 60

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, . . . . .	\$100,865 44
Assets over liabilities, . . . . .	68,618 16
Total, . . . . .	\$169,483 60

By a careful examination of the above statement, and comparison with last year, it will be found that our liabilities were then quoted at \$113,434.74, while this year they stand \$100,865.44. Still further comparisons show that our resources are \$3,051.46 less than stated last year. All the facts reveal an improved financial condition this year over last, of \$9,517.84, to all which may be added our public improvements amounting to \$15,000. This to me is a cheering record, and inspires anew the hope that some day, however distant, we may *be out of debt*.

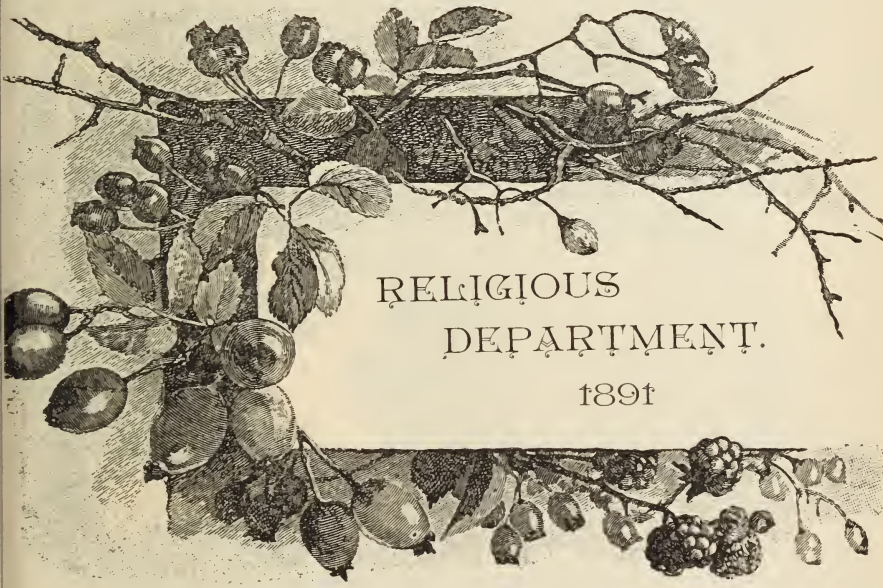
The trustees of the Sinking Fund have sustained a loss by the failure of the Spring Garden Bank, Philadelphia, the exact amount of which cannot be stated, until the bank affairs are finally adjusted—probably not much more or less than \$2,000. Notwithstanding this loss, the trustees will be able to meet maturing obligations without embarrassment.

In the conclusion of this part of my review of the year's work, I am again reminded of the goodness of Almighty God in helping us through, and also, of my indebtedness for the constant, and always cheerful assistance of all the members of the Association, who, together with the Executive Committee, and especially the officers, vice president, secretary, and the painstaking and unwearied treasurer, who has been with me from the beginning, together with our sanitary officer, all, or most of these being nearly all the time on the ground, and therefore more accessible, without whose valuable aid I could not have succeeded, to each and all of whom, as due, I render my profoundest thanks.

Likewise to all of our men, helpers in the various departments of our extended work, many of whom have been with us from the beginning, and are still proving themselves true—to all such, I hereby, and in this public manner, express my heartfelt gratitude, and shall continue, as I have often done before, to pray for the blessing of God upon themselves and families to the end.

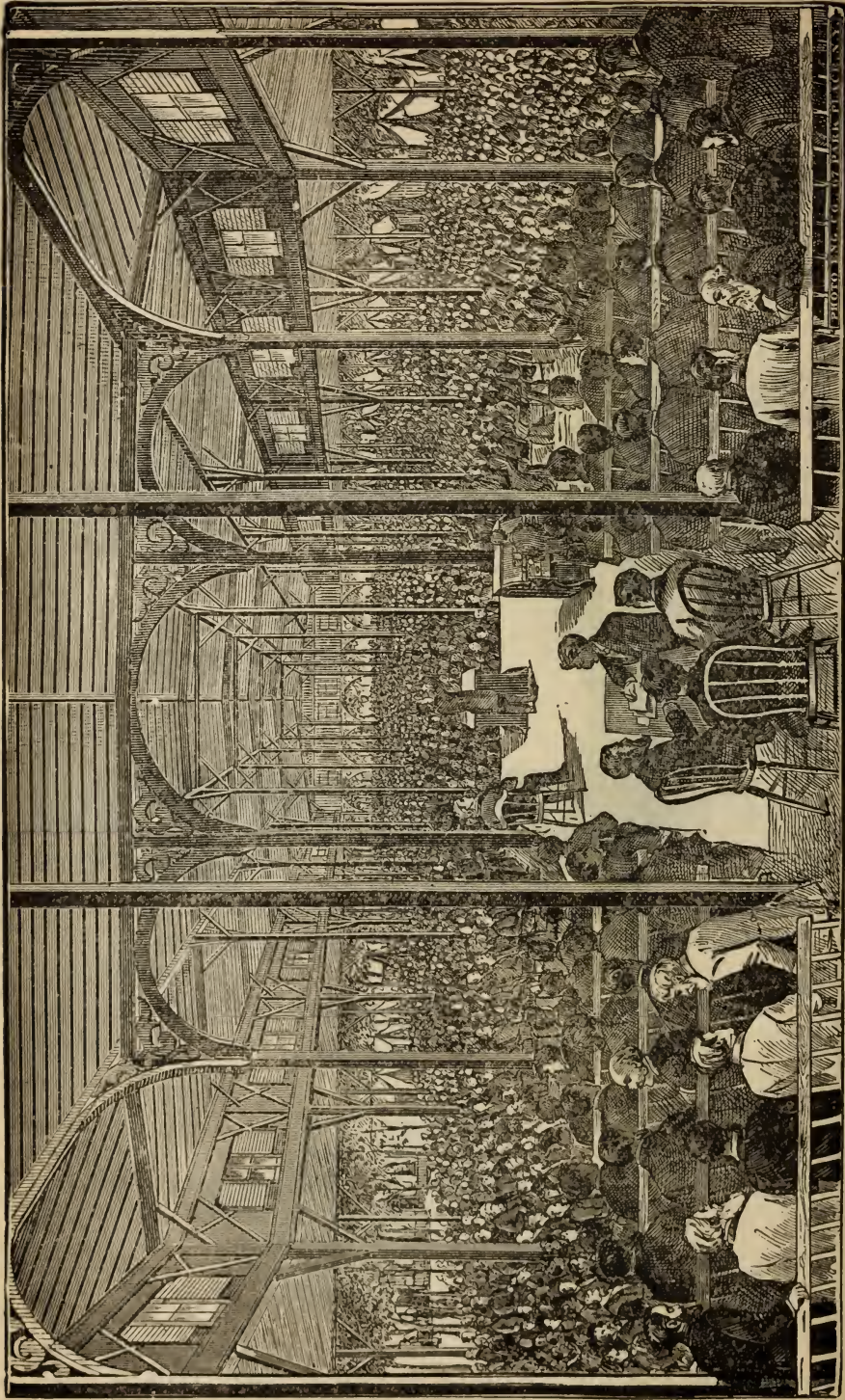






RELIGIOUS  
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Auditorium, 1880. Size 126x146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all standing room is occupied about 6,000 people hear.

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Up to the house of God fond hearts repair,  
Souls all aglow with pure devotion's fires :—  
Hold high communion through each fervant prayer,  
Where human songs blend with celestial choirs :  
Sires, Matrons, children, pressing towards the skies.  
Each step, God-guided, a divine arise,

E. H. S.

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## — The Spiritual Department. —

Heart-culture ! Should we be satisfied with the lowest, or even medium ? Nay, rather, covet the best gifts, and forever press towards the highest summits. We are in the service of one who is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all we ask or think. When we were spiritual children we were satisfied with the child-attainments, but reaching adult years, having outgrown these things, our immortality craves, demands, cries for infinite and eternal altitudes. Our spiritual natures must have more than low platitudes, or simply words, the frail and imperfect symbols of things invisible. As well might scientists and philosophers be content to sit down and play with the letters of the

alphabet, as for men and women born of God to be content with the first principles of the doctrines of the gospel. The sparrow nature simply flits from stake to stake, while the eagle soars sunward. Our first birth was sparrow like, our second like the eagle's. Let us cultivate the eagle's strength for sunward flights. We must lift up a standard for the people. It must be high as God himself. Holiness unto the Lord. Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. It must never be lowered. When a drum major who had rushed in front of his regiment, facing the foe, was ordered back to a place of greater security, he simply cried out, "Let the regiment come up to me." We must go forward, rise higher, know more of God—be like him. If any lag, let us help them on and up. To this we are called. This must we do and never fail. The call is unto us. The opportunity is ours. To falter would be sin. Shall the 19th century close where it commenced, or, with the sciences and arts far in advance, the church and all spiritual unfoldings, be as they were? Reason, revelation, religion, all forbid. God himself forbids. Go forward, rings through all the Bible, and Christ continually cries, come upward, onward!

The building of this town thus far, has been a great work, but soul-culture—helping men and women heavenward, is far greater, and infinitely better. We build the town, only to enable us better to save souls.

Men, women, and even little children, in coming here expect great things. For these expectations we must provide. Lay broad foundations. Build lofty superstructures. Bring forth the cap stones. Every season should be greater than the last. We must outgrow ourselves. When growth ceases, decay commences. We must grow or die.

Last year was thought to be our best, but this simply creates an almost infinite soul hunger for greater things next, and the coming years.

Go forward; God allures thee  
To deeper depths away;  
Go forward; on before thee  
Glory unfolds its day.  
Angels their wings are shaking,  
Millions their songs are waking,  
Billows of glory breaking,  
In God-light, melt away!

Such thoughts rushed through our souls at the beginning of the season past, and such thoughts, intensified if possible a thousand fold, glow and burn for all future time.

Let us review the past, and whatever failures or successes appear, only move us to higher endeavors.

The Sabbath afternoon experience meetings for the promotion of holiness are held from year to year, closing only with the beginning of Mrs. Palmer's meetings in the Tabernacle for the same object, and



always being resumed on the Sabbath following their close. So, there is a meeting for holiness every week during the year, and for nearly three months of the year, one every morning, at 9 o'clock.

The Tabernacle was opened for public services on Sabbath, June 21st, Rev. H. C. McBride preaching from "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation." During all this service, as at the experience meeting in the afternoon, and during the evening worship, the divine presence was a realized and heartfelt fact.

### AUDITORIUM OPENING.

This took place on Sabbath, June 28th, 1891. At precisely 9 o'clock, A. M., the bell tapped, and the services began in Tabernacle and Temple. The attendance at both services was large, and the influence blessed. At 10.30 o'clock there was a vast gathering at the Auditorium. The choir, with John Day, Esq., as leader, and C. J. Taylor, M. Sulger and Mrs. Marshall, with instrumental music, was in its place, ministers and others on the platform, while all hearts were moved with divinest gratitude as the lips broke forth,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The singing commenced and continued all through the season on a wider and grander scale than ever before. This was greatly promoted by having the hymns used each Sabbath printed on leaflets, and each worshipper supplied with a copy, which greatly increased the volume of song. Our thanks are due, and hereby expressed to a generous friend, who from his own funds, paid the whole expense of these leaflets for the entire summer.

Rev. Joseph E. Smith, pastor of State street Methodist Episcopal church, Trenton, N. J., was the preacher for the occasion. "All my springs are in Thee," was his text. Every eye was fixed and every ear attent. He said, "It is often difficult to search and find out the source of a mighty river. Still, success usually attends such efforts. But, who by searching finds out God? Who can grasp the meaning of this one simple word, which sets forth the Creator of the vast universe around us, a being whose centre is everywhere and circumference nowhere. All worlds, all life, multiplying itself a thousand fold, myriad streams dependent on the one sole inexhaustible fountain of beneficence. In this marvellous age we see what a man is who allies himself to the forces of nature, and can talk by telephone from pole to pole. But what is a man when he allies himself to God? Science has no more powerful force than nitro-glycerine, but this may fail, yet God's power can bring a pentecost if you let him use you, and you take hold of him. When David bowed before the throne of his Maker, God made

men bow to him. Heaven begins with us here for we have fellowship with God. The bright summer sun shines for us. The ocean air refreshes for us. For us the flowers bloom and nature is generous. Oh, redeemed people, there are crowns and robes and many mansions in preparation for you, but above all, you can say, God is mine, and all my springs are in him."

The influence of the sermon was divinely uplifting, and a blessed under-girding of power for the days of work to come.

The evening sermon, by Rev. C. J. Young, of Elberon, on the earthly tabernacle, and home not made with hands, was also full of encouragement, and the whole regarded as a high success.

### MRS. PALMER'S MEETINGS.

These, commencing with the opening day, and continuing until Sabbath, Sept. 6, a period of eleven weeks, making seventy-seven services in all, were, as they always are, greatly helpful to the many thousands who enjoy them. God was present first, last, and all the time, manifesting himself as the "*Mighty to Save*." Sometimes these manifestations were of such character and blessedness as reminded of the transfiguration scenes. Hundreds were helped on their way. At the last meeting of the season a lady said :

"I can not tell the art,  
By which such bliss is given;  
But Jesus has my heart,  
And I have heaven."

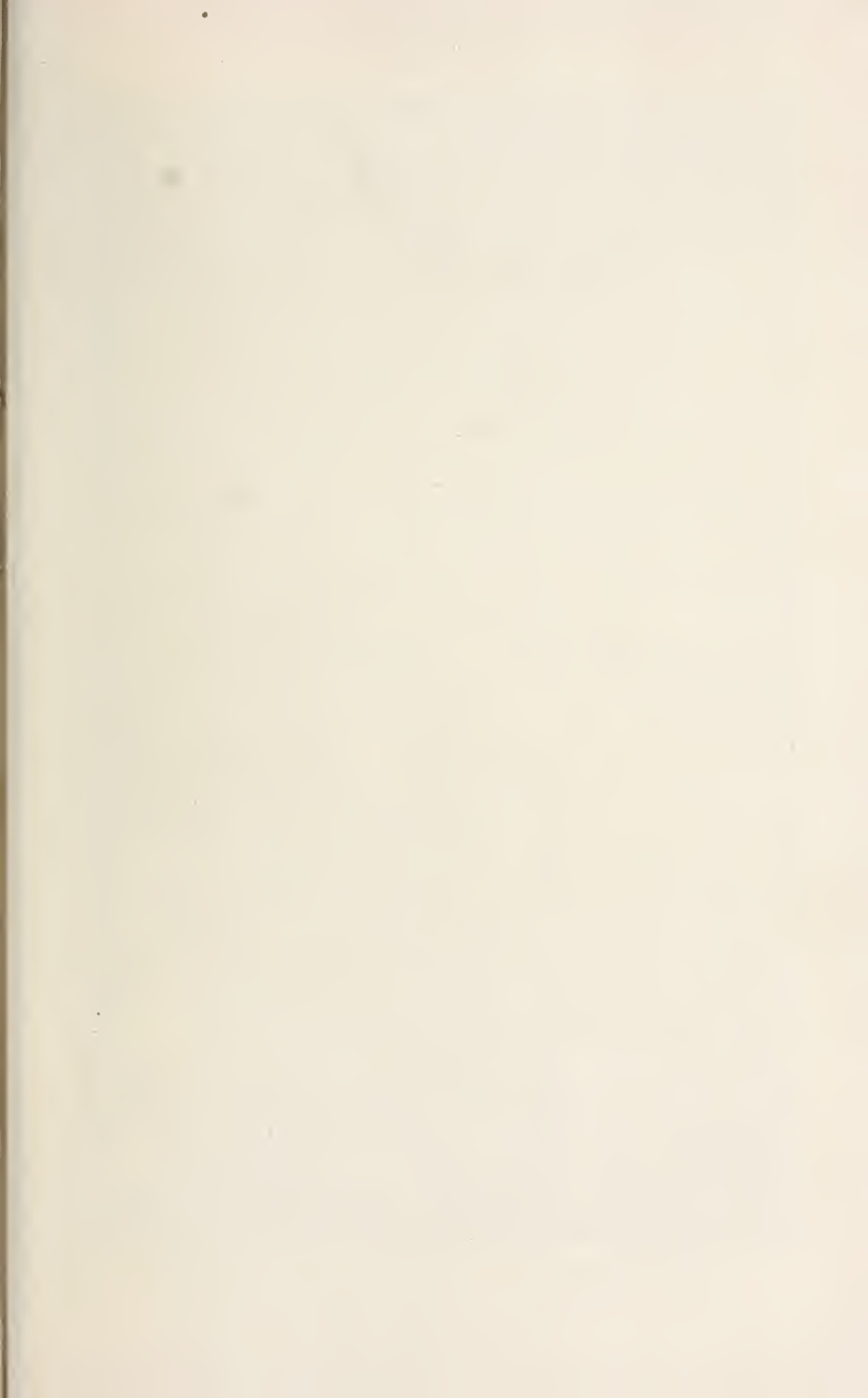
This explains it all. Mrs. Palmer, who is marvellously not to say miraculously sustained in her work, has our heartfelt thanks, and also the thanks of many thousands blessed by her work.

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

These commenced in the Temple on Sabbath, June 28. There was a large attendance and the spirit of the meeting was of a high order. The absence of Mr. Yatman was explained by his desire for a summer's rest. Rev. G. L. Barker felt the embarrassment of the situation, but took hold like a wise master builder, and during the cheerful exercises of the first meeting had a joyous token for good in one awakened soul submitting to Christ as the Savior of sinners. The meetings increased in interest to the last, and great good was done as will be seen in the final summary of results, at the close of this report.

### SUMMER SABBATH SCHOOL.

At 2 P. M., June 28th, re-opened, and over 2,000 persons joined in the reunion services at the Auditorium. G. W. Evans, the Superin-





BEACH MEETING AT THE OLD PAVILION AND PLANK WALK,  
Before their Destruction by the Sea in 1884.

BY PERMISSION OF MRS. FRANK LESLIE.



tendent, led in an appropriate responsive service, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Stokes, Dr. Hanlon, Mr. Louis Klopsch, and others, forecasting the work of the season. The latter gentleman, proprietor of the *Christian Herald*, of New York city, of which Dr. Talmage is editor, being a summer resident, and an acknowledged power in Sunday school work, to be with Brother Evans in the intermediate department which this year for the first time meets in the Young People's Temple, thus making way for Dr. Hanlon's Bible class, which has grown from thirty persons to the number of 2,500 meeting in the Auditorium, where there will be room for still further growth. Mrs. Skirm and her helpers, to meet as usual, with her primary department, in the Tabernacle. All departments of the Sabbath school were, through all the season, a beautiful success. Each steadily increased as the season advanced.

During the eleven sessions held, the numbers in attendance aggregated 26,200. On camp meeting Sabbath, the crowds being so great, no estimate of the school attendance could be made. Mrs. Skirm, with her faithful helpers, fills an important place in the primary department, and will receive a rich reward. Mr. Klopsch, though a stranger among us, took hold of the minds and hearts of the intermediate department at once, and led them willing captives to the cross of Christ. Dr. Hanlon remains as he has always been, master of the situation in the Bible class, and although orthodoxy sometimes seems on the crumbling verge of a fearful precipice, yet always in time to save itself, wheels gracefully around, and stands upon the very centre of the immovable *Rock*, Christ Jesus, all the stronger for the strain. All these departments are a vast training school for God, and usefulness, and heaven. To all the workers I am under profoundest obligations, and I hereby express to them my fervent gratitude.

The Chinese Sabbath-school held eleven sessions, in Association Hall, with an attendance of about 12 with a teacher for each, and the results are reported good.

#### SURF MEETINGS.

These commenced with the opening day. Nine such gatherings were held on the beach, and one, during a rain, at the Auditorium, immediately preceding the evening sermon. These services are sometimes criticised. To these criticisms we patiently submit, but still go on. It may not have occurred to all, that the first surf meetings were held by Jesus himself. How often he met the people on the shores of Galilee, and preached the gospel, at which times, no doubt, the people also sung. Jesus embraced every opportunity of doing good, and in these things we are simply trying to follow him. Some are impressed in one

way and some in another. Many an unexpected blessing is received, amid the countless thousands in this simple worship where the billows break. Probably not much if any less than 100,000 persons, first and last, during the season thus gather, and are helped while singing this, or some other verse :

Oh, come and let us worship, let us worship by the sea,  
 Before the great Jehovah let us bow the suppliant knee,  
 Let us join our happy voices in a song of jubilee,  
 Salvation's flowing on.  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah!

#### FOURTH OF JULY.

Patriotism and religion go hand in hand. Woe the day when they shall be severed. May such separation never take place. From the very first we have observed, with appropriate services, our national anniversaries at this place. This year was no exception. At sunrise the day was greeted with ringing bells and booming cannon, while age and childhood clapped their hands with joy.

The Auditorium was suitably festooned with flags, and at 10.30 A. M., a large congregation gathered. St. Paul's church choir, led by Mrs. George Bennett, rendered superior music. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Wallace, D.D., and the Declaration read by Rev. John Handley, A. M., of Asbury Park, after which the Rev. D. B. Harris, pastor of St. Paul's church, Ocean Grove, delivered the oration. The theme was

#### ANALOGIES BETWEEN THE LATE CIVIL, AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

“ In both cases there were those who saw in the events of the time, evidences of things not seen. Many felt in the very commencement of the controversy which led to the Revolution, that final separation must come, and that the solution of the problem could be reached in no other way. All through the bitter controversies preceding the late Rebellion, the compromises and attempts to regulate and restrict the gigantic evil of slavery, there were many who saw there was but one possible ending of the agitation, and that must be the complete destruction of the evil itself, and towards this bent all the energies of their natures.

“ Not as we hoped :—but what are we?  
 Above our broken dreams and plans,  
 God lays, with wiser hand than man's,  
 The corner stones of liberty.”

“ When right and wrong in any of their multiplied forms grapple on the field of strife, the issue can never be settled until the wrong is destroyed. In the settlement of the grave problems of to-day, the remembrance of this and its practical application, would avert many a





Mrs. S. J. C. DOWNS.

President W. C. T. U. of N. J.



Bull Run, and hasten the Appomattox. Let the clarion cry go forth from the lips and heart of the nation, 'No compromise with wrong.' There are issues before us to be decided as grave as those of 1776, or 1861. As then, so now, compromises with wrong, or closing the eyes to the importance of the issues is perilous if not fatal, and not in accord with the exalted patriotism of either period. On this national anniversary let there be the putting forth of the declaration, that from these things so degrading and damning, these states are, and of right ought to be, free and independent, and for the maintenance of which we should be willing to pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The orator was frequently interrupted with hearty and prolonged applause, and at the close, resolutions eulogistic of all who had taken part were unanimously adopted, and the audience dismissed. The whole day was passed in a rational way, without noise or dissipation, and in the evening a fine display of fireworks on the beach.

#### WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF N. J.

This was held in Janes Tabernacle, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 7 and 8. It was under the direction of the president, Mrs. S. J. C. Downs. This distinguished lady has for the last ten years been an earnest and devoted worker in this Union. During this time she has displayed marked ability in the organization and development of the various departments, and has brought them up to great usefulness and strength. A type of consecrated womanhood, she deserves and receives the hearty support and prayers of all. In her important work this Summer she was nobly sustained by distinguished ladies from our own and other States. Mrs. Emma Bourne, N. J.; Mrs. E. S. McMinn, N. J.; Mrs. Ella B. Carter, N. J.; Mrs. Mary G. Cadma, N. J.; Mrs. S. Oberhaultzer, Pa.; Mrs. A. M. Hammer, Pa.; Mrs. M. P. Sparks, N. J.; Mrs. K. E. Connah; Mrs. Fuller; Mrs. A. S. Brown, N. J.; Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Mass.; Mrs. Easton, N. J.; Mrs. Dr. Thomlinson, N. J.; Mrs. E. C. Greenman, N. J.; Mrs. M. T. Burt, N. Y.; Mrs. F. Humphreys, N. J.; Mrs. R. W. Barber, N. J.; Miss A. T. Bailey, N. J., Mrs. J. T. Ellis, N. J.; Mrs. Kate Raphael, N. J.; Miss F. C. Mulford, N. J.; Miss H. Patterson, N. J.; Miss Faulkner, England; Miss Jessie C. Ellis, N. J.; Anthony Comstock, Esq., N. Y.; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, N. J., and many others.

With such an array of talent the meeting could not fail to attract the attention of the people, and to call forth, notwithstanding rain, large audiences at every session. I am very sure no right minded and discerning person can fail to see and appreciate the wide spread and abid-

ing influence of such women. What can we do less than bid them God speed. What we should do more is to help them up to the full measure of our ability.

God bless such women, and give them such success as will bring the desired results with the least possible delay.

#### OCEAN GROVE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

This assembly never attracted such large audiences, or was in every way so highly satisfactory as during the last Summer. It commenced July 11, and included July 22. Dr. Loomis, the Superintendent of Instruction, and his helpers, Dr. Clymer, Dr. G. K. Morris, Dr. Sweney, Mrs. B. B. Loomis, Mrs. J. R. Sweney, and Miss M. S. Loomis, each in their several departments, never did better work. Among the special features were the Demorest Gold Medal prize contest, by the young people of Ocean Grove, which was a display of oratory of the finest type, and for persons so young not only awakened much surprise, but met with universal commendation. The magnificent stereopticon exhibitions, songs and lectures, of Philip Phillips, Esq., were matchless in their way, and greatly enjoyed by all. Dr. Morris greatly interested and profited his hearers, by his series of lectures on the art of speaking, and many will realize the benefit derived from his suggestions to the close of life. His audiences increased in size and appreciation up to the sixteenth and last lecture. Highly flattering resolutions were adopted at the close.

Prof. Sweney's concert, always popular, was never more so than this year, and the collection, a good test, the largest ever taken on such an occasion. All the sermons and lectures were of the best. There was general regret that the health of Bishop Vincent did not allow him to fill his engagement, but the Rev. R. S. Pardington, Brooklyn, N. Y., nobly filled his place.

The number of graduates were, in the C. L. S. C. course, 23 ; first class, normal, 9 ; post graduates, 16 ; boys and girls, 40 ; total, 88.

A crowded and every way enjoyable reception was held at the Arlington from 8 to 9 P. M. At the close of this, instead of a camp fire on the beach, or carnival on the lake, Mr. Charles Crowell, president of the Unexcelled Fire Works Company, of New York, and a summer resident of Ocean Grove, who had volunteered to give, at his own expense, a display of his goods at the seaward end of the new fishing pier, was on hand and ready for his work. After the explosion of a large number of aerial bombs, he introduced a novelty in pyrotechnics which thrilled with astonishment. A succession of pieces were ignited and thrown overboard from the pier, where they floated on the swelling

waves, discharging Roman candles, flower pots and chasseurs, which skimmed over the surface of the heaving waters. Some of these squibs bounded from wave to wave, back and forth, and pursued each other far up the beach. These were followed by whizzing pillars of fire, and stately rockets, with the grandest combinations at the point of explosion. It seemed as if some skilled hand, away up in the darkened heavens, manipulated the strange and entrancing effects of the golden rain, lingering stars of every color, and fiery serpents in all their erratic gyrations. Such was the grand climax, witnessed by countless thousands, of a day long to be remembered, and of the Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly for 1891. Mr. Crowell won the praise of all, and the unbounded thanks of the public, including the Ocean Grove Association.

### THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL JUBILEE.

This gathering, Thursday, July 23d, as always, brought with it and produced by its coming, great enthusiasm. Dr. Beckett, of Washington, D. C., is the summit, while his associates in the quartette, as they stand beside him, constitute the spurs of a great mountain of song, so peerless in its height that the multitudes look, wonder, are amazed; then listening, are melted to tears, or enthused with sentiments of loftiest praise.

The addresses by Bishop Turner, Dr. Coppin, editor of the *Quarterly Review*; Dr. Derrick, general missionary secretary; Dr. B. F. Lee, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, Philadelphia; Rev. J. Porter, Chester, Pa.; Rev. W. D. Cook, of Wilmington, Del., and others, were creditable alike to head and heart, taking hold of both head and heart of all who heard. The morning and afternoon services were increasing inspirations.

### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION.

Through the kindly interest of Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Secretary of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after correspondence upon the subject, arrangements were made to have this body meet in the Senate Chamber of Association Building, at this place. Thursday, July 23d, 1891, was fixed as the time, and as their business would be private, to continue in session as long as their work required. The assembling of a number of bishops with representative ministers and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the undivided attention which they gave to ecclesiastical matters, awakened interest and curiosity as to whence they came and what was the import of their deliberations at Ocean Grove.

The General Conference of 1888, the last held, ordered a committee consisting of three Bishops, and one representative from each of the Episcopal districts into which the church is divided, to consider and "define the constitution of the main body, the General Conference, and the original law of the church, and to suggest improvements."

The Bishops present were, Merrill, of Chicago; Foss, of Philadelphia; and Ninde, of Topeka, Kansas.

The members from the districts were: First District, Ex-Governor W. P. Dillingham, Montpelier, Vt.; Second, Rev. Dr. John Miley, Drew Seminary, N. J.; Third, Frances H. Root, Esq., Buffalo, N. Y.; Fourth, Rev. T. B. Neely, D.D., Philadelphia; Fifth, Judge Hiram L. Sibley, Marietta, Ohio; Sixth, Dr. Jacob Todd, Philadelphia; Seventh, Col. John W. Ray, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Eighth, Dr. L. Hitchcock, Chicago, Ill.; Ninth, Rev. A. J. Kynett, D.D., LL.D., representing Upper Iowa Conference; Tenth, Judge Samuel H. Elbert, Denver, Col.; Eleventh, Rev. C. L. Madison, San Antonio, Texas; Twelfth, T. B. Sweet, Esq., Topeka, Kansas; Thirteenth, Rev. Jacob Rothwiler, D.D., Newport, Ky; Fourteenth, Judge R. M. Widney, Los Angeles, Cal.

Bishop S. M. Merrill, D.D., LL.D., was chairman, and Rev. T. B. Neely, D.D., secretary. The results of their deliberations have not yet been made public. As they were appointed by the last General Conference, to that body which meets at Omaha, Neb., in May, 1892, they will make their report. We shall wait for that report with interest.

In coming to Ocean Grove these honored servants of the church, many of whom had never before seen the place, conferred an honor upon us which is highly appreciated, and we hope their visit proved pleasant to themselves.

#### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Friday, July 24th, and Saturday, July 25th, were set for this society. Its officers and friends gathered with enthusiastic strength. Distinguished ladies took part in the exercises, among which were Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, of Bryn Mawr, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Mrs. Dr. Rust, Mrs. C. W. Bickley; Mrs. S. B. Darnell, Florida; Mrs. C. F. Garrison, N. J.; Mrs. J. O. Boswell, Newark Conference; Mrs. W. G. McDowell, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, N. Y.; Miss Reedy, missionary among the Italians in New York city; Mrs. Grace Wiser Davis; Miss Martha VanMarter, of N. Y.; Mrs. Kent of Bradley Beach, N. J., who brought her seaside mission band from the "Little Church in the Woods;" Mrs. E. M. Griffiths, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Clara Roach, Washington, D. C., with many others.

Added to these, there were among the speakers, Bishop Turner, of the A. M. E. church, Dr. A. B. Leonard, Missionary Secretary of







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parent society, and Dr. Dolby, superintendent of the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School for Missionaries in Washington, D. C.

All the ladies acquitted themselves in such ways as to increase the interest and intensify the general enthusiasm in the work. Mrs. G. M. Bennett, of Ocean Grove, and other efficient vocalists, enlivened the services with sacred song. The meetings throughout were profitable, and considered by all, a high success.

#### AMERICAN SABBATH UNION.

This recent organization has the Rev. J. H. Knowles, D.D., for its general secretary. Its Summer anniversary was fixed for Ocean Grove, Sabbath, July 26th, at 10.30 A. M. It was favorable that it should occur at the time when so many distinguished strangers from all parts of the land were present, attending the *Constitutional Commission*, and for the other privileges which the place affords.

The morning was Eden-like, and the bending heavens seemed propitious for a day of great spiritual power. The hurrying multitudes towards the grand centre of devotional activities, the Auditorium, reminded one of camp meeting concentration. It is not often that three Bishops, men who have traveled around the globe in their work, are seen upon our platform at one time. It was so, however, on this day. Bishop Merrill, of Chicago, was the speaker. He was not well, but the scene was inspiring, and girding himself for the work, announced his text: "Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth his Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon mine altar, for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."—Isaiah 56, 7-8. I quote only a few passages, though every word was worthy of perpetual preservation. He said: "The language of the text indicates the perpetuity of this divine institution, and all who join the Covenant, that is, all who belong to the church, professing to love God, are to be distinguished for their jealousy in guarding and honoring the day of the Lord, the Sabbath of rest. It is a valuable and practical digression in this discourse, just here to indicate the nature and obligation of the baptismal covenant, under which every church member is bound to 'renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of this world, and keep all the commandments of God.'

"The flimsy pretext that you do not make a loud profession is no excuse for certain kinds of worldly pleasure, and thus violating the

sanctity of God's holy day. The very lowest standard of profession exacts complete and entire subjection to the moral law, and condemns all this looseness of habit and character which to-day is a greater foe to the sacred institution than all blatant infidelity or continental latitude. The law protects the Sabbath. It is an institution of the government, and you violate it if you buy and read the Sunday morning paper. This keeps people from going to church. The reporters sitting on this or any other platform, reporting a sermon for the secular press, is at work as much as the farmer ploughing his field. The President of the United States takes an oath to uphold the laws. Christians should therefore be protected by the force of law against the inroads of this great and growing evil." The conclusion of the discourse, which continued more than an hour, dwelt on the blessings conferred on those who observe the laws of the Sabbath—"Even them, will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer." The whole sermon was one of unusual strength, and the influence profound.

In the evening Bishop Ninde, of Topeka, Kansas, preached from the text, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion."—Isaiah 52 : 1. He closed his most tender and touching sermon with these beautiful words : "The chief source of strength is pentecostal power. The Holy Ghost is the church's and world's great want. How shall we get it? Ask, and ye shall receive. This is an easy condition for a priceless gift. Lord, send on me, and all this people, the power of the Holy Ghost."

The whole day was supreme in a long series of matchless days.

#### THE NEW JERSEY SABBATH UNION

was held on Monday, July 27th, the day following the American Sabbath Union. Rev. Dr. Mott, President ; Dr. T. P. Stevenson, of Philadelphia ; Rev. Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, corresponding secretary of American Sabbath Union, Dr. T. A. Fernly, Philadelphia ; Alex. S. Bacon, Esq., President of the Kings County Sabbath Observance Association, N. Y. ; Lewis D. Vail, Esq., Philadelphia ; Dr. Frank Chandler, Asbury Park, N. J. ; Dr. H. H. George ; Dr. S. Small, Dr. J. H. Knowles, of New Jersey, with others, gave stirring addresses. The meetings were largely attended, and at the close the tide of holy interest and influence rose higher than at any preceding meeting. The friends of the Sabbath must keep on with these and all other kinds of legitimate demonstrations until the work of restoring the Sabbath to its proper place in the popular mind is secured.



## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

This was arranged for Tuesday, July 28th. As last year, for this society, it proved more or less rainy. This, while regretted, was borne with cheerfulness, and the work went on. Three services were held, morning, afternoon, evening. The following persons took part: Rev. D. B. Harris, Dr. James Moore, P. E., Rev. J. H. Zelle, Rev. J. Crandell North, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. Handley, A. M., Asbury Park, N. J.; Rev. S. M. Vansant, Moorestown, N. J.; Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne, New York city.

Religion being the aim and the very life of every member of the league, how appropriate its great watchwords—"Look up, lift up." The whole meeting was not only uplooking, but uplifting to all.

## NATIONAL TEMPERANCE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The veteran hosts composing this great organization, assembled this year July 29th, and continued until August 2d. Always welcome, their methods are wise and their forces strong.

The first notes from the Silver Lake Quartette, were tones of triumph, and they encouraged to the end. It is still true, that whatever may be said of the tardy or retarding movements of the temperance reform, there is, notwithstanding the seeming, a steady, though to the superficial mind, barely perceptible rise in the tide of public sentiment, which no earthly power can ultimately resist. Back of all delays and hindrances, there is a *divine energy*, which continually marches on, no matter how fierce the winds or black the sky. Here is our hope, trust and triumph. God is in the movement, and this society, composed of divinely called agents, is a co-worker with Him. These temperance hosts were never stronger than to-day. Truly the mantles of Hon. Wm. E. Dodge and Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, have fallen upon their successors. Mead, Chambers, Lawrence and Platt, the glee club, were a constant inspiration. Hawks, the elocutionist, immensely popular; Stearns, though in the midst of physical suffering all the while, was clear cut and forceful in every sentence; Carswell, witty; Steel, terrifically in earnest; Wilson, argument in a blaze; Dixon, a cyclone of eloquence; Lawson, neat, accurate, strong; Hopkins, terse and accomplished; J. E. Adams, always lucid, deep, beautiful; Pogson, thoughtful, brave, hopeful; Charley Raphael, Ocean Grove's boy orator, who, governed by the nicest rules of vocal art, always enthusiastic, carries the audience with him, and secures the highest meed of praise; Bain, easy, natural, graceful, magnetic, simple as a child, majestic as a mountain; then, a Niagara of brilliants overarched with rainbows, whose

perpetual and resistless flow cuts a deep channel for itself through the hardest heart-rocks in the land.

The Quartette concert met the highest expectations of expectant multitudes. This was attested both on Friday night at the concert, and on Sabbath night after Col. Bain's last lecture, by the thousands of white handkerchiefs which flashed and fluttered in the light, like great snow flakes in the sun, expressing gratitude to all, and an invitation to come again ; and, while every heart burned with holy indignation against the wide spread legalization of the terrific traffic by which the souls and bodies of unconverted thousands are eternally destroyed, the following against the license system, seemed more appropriate than ever :

Christians will you hear and heed,  
 Heed the piteous wails of woe!  
 Never mind your kith or creed,  
 Never mind your present need,  
 If you stand alone, or lead,  
 Rise to one majestic deed,  
 All united, thunder NO!  
 Thunder like the billows roar,  
 Thunder like Niagar's flow,  
 Thunder it from shore to shore,  
 Let the thunders thunder, NO!  
 Never, while the sun shall rise,  
 Never, while the waters flow ;  
 Never, never, God replies,  
 Never, never, never, NO!  
 License? No! the earth exclaims,  
 License? No! the sky proclaims;  
 License; never, never, No.  
 While these human bosoms swell,  
 While the watered grasses grow,  
 Legalize no earthly heal.  
 Bells of Prohibition, chime,  
 Let the anthem be sublime!

#### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER MEETING.

This is held every year, on the evening of July 31st, that being the date of the first religious service held upon these grounds, which took place in the tent of Brother and Sister Joseph H. Thornley, on the site now occupied by the memorial vase, in Thompson Park, near the foot of the bridge across Wesley Lake, in the year 1869. There were twenty-two persons present that night, now twenty-two years ago. What hath God wrought. At our late meeting a large assemblage gathered around the vase, at 6.30 P. M., and for an hour enjoyed songs, prayers, addresses, reminiscences of the past, until every heart was aglow with gratitude, praise and love. The universal sentiment was, hold to first principles, live close to God, and all will be well. To these utterances



# IN MEMORIAM

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FLORENCE STREET

FROM THE FROST LAND UNTO LANDS ALL VERNAL, BEFORE THE THRONE, WHERE DEATH NO MORE CAN SEVER,  
 WHERE PEACEFUL PLEASURES ROLL! THEY WALK THE 'STREETS OF GOLD';  
 NO WANT UNMET, WHERE LIVING TIDES ETERNAL, THEY RISE IN RAPTURE THROUGH THE LONG FOREVER,  
 SWEETLY O'ERFLOW THE SOUL. AS YEARS OF GOD UNFOLD, E.M.S.



every heart said, Amen. It was one of our best meetings, the Silver Lake Quartette greatly increasing the interest to the end.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The annual memorial services were held on Monday evening, Aug. 3d. This, as we have so many times taken occasion to say, is not a funeral service, but a sweet and tender remembrance of our ascended loved ones. The memorial tablet, a photograph of which is found opposite, contains over sixty names, concerning most of which a few beautiful words of undying affection were kindly spoken, and songs full of immortal hope tenderly sung. The whole is a joyous uplift of soul, in which sorrow is soothed and new hopes inspired. An omission of this service from our summer program, would be sadly missed, while its yearly recurrence seems like saying to our absent friends, "We have not forgotten you."

Are they dead ?  
Never let such word be said,  
Never! In the land all vernal,  
Lo! They live in life eternal.

### FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

This society entered upon its mission to educate and elevate the Freedmen of the South, at the close of the war, in 1866, with Dr. R. S. Rust, of Cincinnati, as its mainspring. Now, as the result of twenty-five years, in building school houses, seminaries and colleges, preparing preachers and teachers for the colored race, extending annual conferences, and building up an evangelistic church, where cast and color line is obliterated by fraternal help and sympathy, we have one of the brightest chapters of achievement in the general progress of the new South. All of these things were brought before the minds of the auditors, and many who had not kept abreast with the doings of this great organization, were amazed at its accomplishments. Addresses were delivered by Dr. J. S. Chadwick, one of the active secretaries; Dr. W. V. Kelley, of Brooklyn; Dr. Pearne, Ohio; Dr. Monroe, A. M. E. Zion church, N. Y.; Dr. George W. Gray, Chicago, and others. Appropriate songs aided in enthusing the people, and the whole day, Tuesday, Aug. 4, was an inspiring advance.

### MINISTERIAL VETERANS DAY.

This, under the general direction of Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton, was held on Wednesday, Aug. 5. It was a new service, and the object, not well understood at first by the people generally. Still, an audience

respectable in numbers and thoughtful in character, assembled, and listened to the able speakers, both lay and ministerial, morning and afternoon.

The aim was to awaken a more generous sympathy in the support of the worn out ministers through the church. Such, I think, could not fail to be the result of the addresses.

The stereopticon exhibition, given in the evening by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, entitled "*Romance of Methodism*," drew an immense audience, and was greatly enjoyed. In addition to the address of Mr. Hamilton, the following gentlemen also ably advocated the cause: Wm. H. Murphy, Esq., Newark, N. J.; J. M. Gwinell, Esq., Newark, N. J.; Wm. Hill, Esq., New Haven, Conn.; and J. H. Kirkbride, Cramer Hill, N. J. May these noble men, so liberally devising liberal things, have large success.

### KING'S DAUGHTERS.

They came on Thursday, August 6th, for the third time, and are always welcome. Their founder and president, Mrs. Margaret Bottome, of Fordham, N. Y., was in the lead, and a queen could scarcely have had a heartier greeting. Indeed, she is a queen, with her cheerful, happy and devotedly loving subjects by the hundred thousands, in every part of the civilized world.

The beautiful decorations of the Temple, arranged "In His Name," by the busy hands of the home circle, were greatly admired, and the consecration service in the chapel, the inspiring songs, and meetings so helpful, gave brightness to the sunshine, and the very air was inter-fused with the atmosphere of heaven. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Bottome; Col. H. H. Hadley, N. Y.; Dr. Hanlon; Mrs. I. C. Davis, corresponding secretary of the order; and Jacob A. Riis, Esq., N. Y.

Reports of King's Sons, Mr. S. J. Bells and Mr. J. Gordon.

The services of the day closed with consecration meeting, at 6.30 P. M., in Thornly Chapel. The whole proceedings were beautifully arranged, and so carried out as to be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL BIBLE CONFERENCE.

This, held Aug. 8-12, was the fourth of its kind at this place. These annual gatherings, undenominational in character, have been a great blessing to many thousands. Especially is this true here, where so many of the adherents of all the evangelical churches meet to spend their summer vacation, who are pleased to see, that while in control and management we are Methodist Episcopal, yet in spirit we are





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broad enough to take in all who love our Lord in sincerity and truth. We aim, as far as possible, to meet the wants of all. One has said, "At Niagara there is more teaching. At Northfield more enthusiasm. At Ocean Grove there is a happy combination of the two." One minister said,—“There is no place on earth, where one that loves God's word, can spend five days in August to so great profit, and with so much enjoyment, as at Ocean Grove at the time of the Bible Conference.” Assaults against the Bible are being made with greater boldness and vigor. We should be “Ready always to give to every man that asketh, a reason for the hope within us.” This conference helps us so to do. Dr. L. W. Munhall, as formerly, had charge. Professor and Mrs. John J. Love, conducted the singing. Among those assisting Dr. Munhall in Biblical exegesis were Dr. Nathaniel West, Dr. Pierson, Dr. G. C. Needham, Dr. W. J. Eardman, Dr. W. N. Bradbeek, Dr. Lucien W. Clark, Dr. Charles Webb, Rev. W. E. Needham, and Prof. Stiffler. All of these men are able in their various departments, some preeminently so, loftier mountain summits amid lofty mountains. It is not to be supposed that *every one* would accept every utterance that any corresponding number of men might say, even if all were of the same denomination; much less can we expect this when all the denominations speak. There is truth in every creed, and if we hear the truth from every standpoint we shall broaden and grow thereby. Some tastes prefer one dish to another. This conference spreads a table for all. This table was greatly enjoyed by the great companies which partook of it every day.

#### WOMENS' ENCOURAGEMENT MEETINGS.

From the beginning and in all climes, women have taken a conspicuous part in human affairs. This has been especially true in the religious realm, and will be increasingly so to the end of time. Women have been honored at Ocean Grove, and they have honored us. Paul was enthusiastic when he said, “I beseech thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel.” Women are needed to help women up to their own possibilities, and enthuse them in the greatest of all human endeavors, that of helping others in the way of life. Here at Ocean Grove we have so many women capable of helping. Hence these meetings. They help from their own standpoint of need, and through their efforts many who have been languid or lingering in the way, have received strength to run and not weary. But, not only are women helped—men, likewise, as they have dropped in receive new inspirations and go forward. In this good work Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, and while she lived, Mrs. Rev. J.

S. Inskip, have been effective and noble leaders, who calling to their aid ladies of distinction from all parts of the land, have accomplished a blessed work. So, on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 13 and 14, God helped these blessed women, as they helped others, onward.

#### NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY, WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

What human mind would have conceived the idea, or braved the dangers of crossing vast oceans, encountering herculean difficulties in the form of terrible persecutions, imprisonments, and death, but for the all commanding word of Jesus, "Go!" Even then, but for the encouragement given, "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," who would have dared to go? As it is, it requires a mighty impulse from above, and a gigantic faith in the faithfulness of him who promises. Nevertheless, women have gone, and others, with great heart throbs of an unconquerable love for souls are still crying, "let us go also." Those that cannot go are staying at home laboring to sustain those that can. Hence these nineteen years of labor by this society. It has done and is still doing a great work. May it never grow weary until the world is saved. The meeting this summer was held Saturday and Sabbath, August 15, 16. Among the workers was the president of the society, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Stokes; Mrs. W. B. Skidmore; Mrs. M. Sparks Wheeler; Mrs. Bishop Harris; Mrs. K. Chandler; Mrs. Rev. J. R. Vankirk; Miss M. A. Layton, India; Miss Rose A. Bower, Africa; Mrs. M. F. Scranton, Korea, China; Miss Spencer, Japan; little Miss Salter, of Trenton, N. J., and many others.

Dr. A. B. Leonard, one of the general secretaries of the parent missionary society, preached the sermon on Sabbath morning, from the words of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Matt. 28:18. At the afternoon services, continued at the Auditorium, Mrs. Dr. Stokes, Mrs. Bishop Harris, Miss Lillie Spencer and Dr. Leonard, were made honorary life managers, and Mrs. Rev. S. H. Asay and Mary C. Clark, life members. The total collections amounted to \$1,200. But, even more than the money, was the increased interest awakened in this among the greatest of all benevolences, for the salvation of the world.

Oh, the glory, highest glory,  
Glorious of Creation's King;  
Oh the story, sweetest story,  
Such as angels cannot sing.

#### THE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

We have crossed the plains, through the villages, towns and cities, over the ravines divinely bridged, through the tunnels, out and away,





Rev. ALPHEUS W. WILSON, D.D.,  
Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.



up, and still on, until we have reached the foot hills of ascending glory, height on height, where God reveals himself as he did through Jesus, on the sacred mountain, until, though they feared as they entered the cloud, soon beheld no man save Jesus only, and him *glorified*! So we have come. Here we stand and wait, and, if our faith is steady, and our eye single on this mount of holy vision, we shall see divine unfoldings, transfigurations of human souls, until hearts shall burn and faces glow with unearthly splendor. It was so in the days of Moses. So you have all seen it even in later times. Shall it not be so in this fuller dispensation of the Holy Ghost? Give God room, let the Holy Ghost have way, and wonders shall be wrought in us and for us. Here comes the struggle. If God has room, and the Holy Ghost has way, self must go down and God be supreme. "To your tents, O Israel," struggle with the angel alone, until as Jacob said, long centuries ago, "I will not let thee go, unless thou bless me." This struggle is not to make God willing—he is always willing, but rather to bring us to the receiving point. After this private struggle and victory shall come the public recognition and reward.

Our Camp Meeting is no ordinary time. The world does not understand, but the saints know it is a hand to hand struggle, where Satan must be defeated, and the enthronement of God complete, or the reverse be true. If the reverse be true then comes our defeat. But the saints of God are heroes :

" In all this war,  
They conquer though they die."

On the first day of the meeting, Aug. 18, a prayer service was held for this purpose alone—victory! Multitudes come, all pray, believe and shout the triumphant shout even before the walls fall. Scores exclaim, "We shall have the best meeting ever held in this place."

At night thousands gather at the sacrament: ministers, laymen, women, children, all nationalities, creeds, tongues and people, and renew their pledge of fidelity to the Great King. Faint hearts grow stronger, the timid are emboldened, faith revives, hope is inspired, love inflamed. The people gather in warlike array, phalanx after phalanx, the helmet of salvation gleaned, the breastplate of righteousness adjusted, the shield of faith wielded, the sword of the spirit girded, the feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. The divine commander cries "Fight the good fight of faith."

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, all the meetings commenced. The consecration service, Tabernacle, Brother Andrews, at 5.45 A. M. Family prayers, Auditorium, 6.45 A. M. Holiness meeting, Mrs. Palmer; Young People's Temple, Bro. G. L. Barker; Helping Hand, in Chapel, each at 9 A. M. God is in them all. At 10.30 A. M. that great mas-

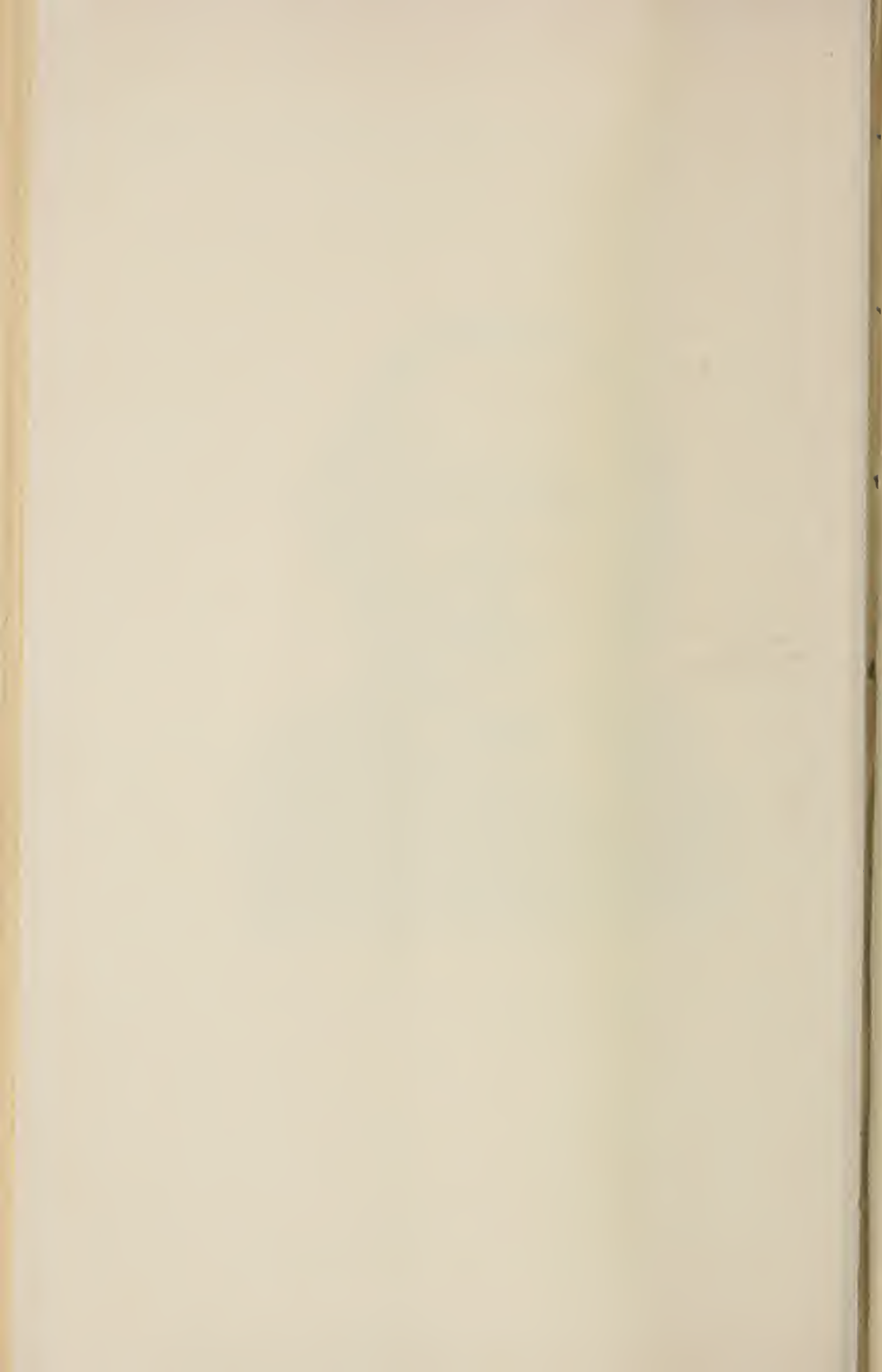
ter builder, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, is in his place upon the stand, and asks the vast multitude in commanding tones, "*What think ye of Christ, Whose son is he?*" Questions of everlasting interest to the race. More said and written about him and his relations to men, than any other person. After unfolding the marvellous character of this divine man for an hour, he asked, in conclusion, "Now, what think ye of Christ?" If he should stand here to-day, what would you answer? Let me be your spokesman, and falling at his feet I would say, "Thou art Christ, the son of the living God!" Before sitting down, the Bishop added, "I have reason to love camp meetings, for wrestling in the straw I began my christian life. It was at Sing Sing, and never can I forget the honored names who were then testifying for Christ and leading souls to his cross. I pray that this meeting may be a successor of the old-fashioned camp meetings in powerful preaching against sin, and faithful presentation of retribution to the impenitent. Brethren, preach Jesus here as a Saviour from all sin. Preach perfect cleansing and perfect love, and may God give us everywhere, a revival of this doctrine and experience." The immediate effect of this great sermon was the establishment of many a wavering mind, and a mighty uplifting of all hearts—a spiritual transfiguration of the divine one, until all were ready to exclaim, "*Truly, this was the Son of God.*"

At 1.30 Mrs. Smith's meeting in Tabernacle; Mrs. Wheeler's Mothers' Meeting in Chapel; at 4.30 Brother Klopsch held children's meeting in the Tabernacle; 6.30, Bro. Barker's twilight service in the Temple. Thus all the meetings were inaugurated and owned of God.

After the opening sermon by Bishop Foss, the other sermons were in the following order: Rev. Wallace McMullen, Springfield, Mass.; Rev. D. E. T. Hubbard, Wilmington, Del.; Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, Baltimore, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. C. H. McAnney, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. G. C. Stanger, Camden, N. J.; Rev. Geo. E. Strowbridge, D.D., St. Andrew's Church, N. Y. City; Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, Baptist church, Brooklyn; Rev. Dr. Graham, P. E., Saratoga District, Troy Conf.; Rev. Lucien Clark, Assist. Editor *Christian Advocate*, N. Y.; Rev. Stephen Merritt, N. Y. City; Rev. Ezra Tinker, D.D., N. Y.; Bishop I. W. Joyce, Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, Brooklyn Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. C. B. Stemen, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dr. T. L. Poulson, Jamaica, L. I.; Rev. John R. Wright, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Simon McChesney, D.D., New Haven, Conn.; Rev. T. Haulon, D.D., Principal of Pennington Seminary, N. J.; Rev. F. C. Baldwin, Newark, N. J.; Rev. D. B. Harris, Ocean Grove, N. J.; Rev. J. W. Langley, St. John's Church, Philadelphia; Rev. H. R. Robinson, Easton, Pa.; Rev. Henry Parrish, F. R. H. S., Philadelphia; Rev. J. L. Sooy, Camden, N. J.; Rev. W.



Rev. T. DEWITT TALMAGE, D.D.,  
Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle,  
and Editor of the *Christian Herald*, New York.





A. Leopold, Evangelical Association, Penna.; Rev. Enoch Stubbs, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. J. Boyd Brady, D.D., Newark, N. J.; Rev. Alex. McClean, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rev. R. Kelso Carter, Baltimore, Md.; making in the regular sermons of the Camp Meeting, 27, and including the three sermons at the overflow meetings on Sabbath morning, a total of 30.

I cannot, after the opening sermon, particularize these discourses without being invidious. I wish I could. Taken as a whole they are rarely equalled, perhaps, never excelled. Collectively, they constitute a vast intellectual and spiritual mountain range, with summits all along, piercing the clouds, rising beyond them, catching the glow of the heavens, and reflecting back upon human hearts the glow and grandeur of the eternal world. Some were like great massive rocks, matchless in strength, others carrying the soul to the third heaven of spiritual blessedness, while all had their mission to lead the sinner to the foot of the cross, to cheer the penitent, to lead the wanderer back to the long deserted fold, to strengthen the wavering heart, to soothe the sorrowing, to bring down mountains and exalt valleys, and so open to the discouraged a highway of privilege from this world to the better and brighter beyond. Never, perhaps, than during these last ten days was the vision of Isaiah more fully realized, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." These were the days of heaven upon earth, and the remembrance of them is a lingering beauty, and the fragrance like that which comes from the land of God.

But, the last day has come. The baptism of thirty-one of the dear lambs of the flock; the great communion with its hundred ministers; nearly two thousand communicants, and vast multitudes in every direction. The band of little children, newly saved, a beautiful procession of rosy-faced and smiling, happy hearted young disciples who had just espoused the service of their Master, marching Zionward with songs of gladness, came down the middle aisle, completely filling the great wide altar, and kneeling, many of them received for the first time, the emblems of their Saviour's dying love. It was a scene over which the saint on earth wept tears of holy rapture, while the angels doubtless, sung new songs of joy in heaven.

The communion is over. Eyes are wet with tears; hearts throb with

holy joy, yet subdued with the parting sorrow. Other faces glow, with a realized or anticipated heaven. There is the hush of a divine expectancy. Angels are hovering 'round. God is present, heaven not far off. Singing, the triumphant songs of Zion, we march twice around the Auditorium. It is a march performed with mingled emotions—joy and sadness. Joy, we are nearing home. Sadness, our paths will largely diverge, till then. Never mind. There we shall all, if good, meet again,

' Forever with the Lord.'

Reassembling at the platform, a few kind and tender words are spoken. Tears flow afresh, or joy beams still higher, thousands of white handkerchiefs flow and flash in the light. Good bye, good bye! The president said "In the name of the Father, (bell) and of the Son, (bell) and of the Holy Ghost, (bell), I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for the year 1891 at a close—and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon and abide with you all, forever. Amen.

#### RECAPITULATION OF SERVICES FOR SEASON.

16 Special Prayer and Experience Meeting ; 63 Sermons ; 67 Holiness Meetings ; 65 Young People's Meetings ; 448 Addresses ; 11 Sabbath School Sessions, aggregated attendance 26,200 ; 11 Chinese Sabbath Sessions ; 9 Surf Meetings ; 2 Orations, 4th of July and C. L. S. C. Graduation Day ; 1 Reading Declaration of Independence ; 8 Elim Cottage Meetings ; 6 Women's Christian Temperance Meetings ; 9 Special Devotional Services ; 18 Recitations ; 9 Lectures on Jerusalem Model ; 6 Lectures on Sacred Oratory ; 4 Miscellaneous Lectures ; 13 Song Services ; 2 Vesper Services ; 7 Classes in Sacred Oratory ; 3 Alumni Meetings ; 3 Receptions ; 8 Boys' and Girls' Hour ; 8 Post Graduate Classes ; 14 Normal Classes ; 4 Stereopticon Exhibitions ; 2 Concerts ; 1 Demorest Gold Medal Prize Contest ; 1 Primary Teachers' Conference ; 6 W. C. T. U. Conferences ; 4 Missionary Conferences ; 1 Model Teachers' Conference ; 1 Pastors' Conference ; 1 C. L. S. C. Round Table ; 1 Recognition Service ; 2 A. M. E. Church Jubilee Sessions ; 14 Church Constitution Committee Sessions ; 6 W. H. M. Society Sessions ; 13 Consecration Meetings ; 10 Children's Services ; 3 New Jersey Sabbath Union Services ; 1 American Sabbath Union Service ; 3 Epworth League Services ; 10 National Temperance and Pub. Society Sessions ; 1 Anniversary Prayer Meeting ; 1 Memorial Service ; 3 Freedman's Aid Sessions ; 3 Ministerial Veterans' Services ; 3 King's

Daughters' Sessions ; 14 Inter-denominational Bible Readings ; 2 Chalk Talks ; 4 Women's Encouragement Meetings ; 4 Woman's Foreign Missionary Meetings ; 1 Woman's Missionary Love Feast ; 2 Sacraments of the Lord's Supper, aggregate number, 3,386 ; 1 Camp Meeting Love Feast ; 9 Family Devotions at Auditorium, during Camp Meeting ; 8 Helping Hand Meetings ; 8 Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings ; 9 Mothers' Meetings ; 10 Twilight Meetings ; 3 Special Inquiry Meetings ; 1 Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn's Training School Address ; 31 Children's Baptisms.

The following are the reports of the leaders of these meetings :

### AUDITORIUM.

The congregations vast, attentive and devout from the beginning. The preaching, as a whole, perhaps never excelled upon these grounds. The fact that we were favored with sermons from three Bishops, Bishops Foss and Joyce, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and from Dr. Talmage of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, gave great eclat to the whole of the pulpit services. The Camp Meeting Sabbath, Aug. 23, was the culminating point. The Love Feast was a tidal wave, to which Bishop Joyce's sermon was added momentum ; while Dr. Talmage called together the greatest multitude ever assembled here at one time. All the sermons and services, wonderfully owned of God, were divine uplifts in which a number were converted, still larger numbers sanctified, and many thousands helped heavenward.

E. H. STOKES, *Leader*.

### MRS. PALMER'S MEETINGS.

Between 60 and 75 persons presented themselves for prayers, most of whom were signally blest. During the last two mornings 50 persons expressed a desire for a clean heart, and were led to the fountain of cleansing. We believe we are safe in saying that hundreds were reclaimed and helped on their way to heaven, through the season.

S. L. PALMER, *Leader*.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

Every day since the opening, June 28th, has been marked by the presence of God and the power of his spirit ; 619 arose for prayers during the progress of the meetings, many of whom expressed a determination to begin a christian life, and 109 gave evidence of hopeful conversion. Many backsliders were reclaimed, and thousands otherwise helped.

### TWILIGHT MEETINGS.

These have been among the largest ever held, and a large number have been saved.

G. L. BARKER, *Leader*.

### CONSECRATION MEETINGS,

At 5.45 o'clock each morning, were among the best ever held here. The attendance very large, and the divine presence powerful. Not less than 500 were forward for prayers. A number were converted, Roman Catholics among them. Backsliders were reclaimed, and a large number professed sanctification. From 800 to 1,000 persons consecrated themselves to God and his service forever. To God be all the glory.

R. J. ANDREWS, *Leader*.

### HELPING HAND MEETINGS.

Held in Thornley Chapel every morning at 9 o'clock, which was full to overflowing. Two hundred testified that they had been especially helped. Some were converted and a large number sanctified.

R. J. ANDREWS, *Leader*.

### MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The Mothers' Meetings were never more blessedly owned of God than during this Camp Meeting. From the beginning, the tide of interest and spiritual power steadily increased until it overflowed its boundaries in Thornley Chapel, and we were compelled to move into the Young People's Temple, where thousands of mothers met to commune with each other and with God in behalf of their children.

Among those who were present and assisted in the services, were Bishop and Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Bishop Foss, Mrs. Van Cott, Mrs. W. B. Osborn, Mrs. Linville, Philadelphia, Mrs. Judge Burris, Washington, D. C., and many others. Every meeting was marked by the presence of the Most High. Multitudes spoke of children redeemed through the influence of this meeting, and numbers of others specially helped. It is impossible to give definite estimates of the good accomplished, but we believe the tide of influence set in motion by that meeting will roll on till it breaks on the shores of eternity.

MARY SPARKS WHEELER, *Leader*.

### MRS. LIZZIE SMITH'S MEETINGS.

Never have we seen more wonderful manifestations of the divine presence than in these meetings this summer. Glory be to God.



Wave after wave of glory rolled, and a soul was converted while the (baptized) hymn, "All the way to Calvary He went for me," was being sung, and this while the person was sitting on a back seat, and before the invitation to come to the altar was given.

About 100 were forward for prayers, and 70 or 75 were sanctified. How many hundreds were helped, reclaimed and converted, eternity alone will tell.

MARY C. CLARK, *Secretary.*

### OCEAN GROVE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

The Ocean Grove Summer Sabbath-School held eleven sessions this season. The aggregated attendance in all departments for the whole summer was larger than any previous year of our history. All the departments together for the season aggregating 26,200. Dr. Hanlon's Bible class, very instructive and largely attended. Held in Auditorium for the first time. Intermediate department, held in the Temple first time, and the new departure in the method of teaching was considered a success. Likewise the home teaching, which interested hundreds of families each week in the current lessons. The attendance in this department exceeded that of any former year. The primary department, so ably superintended by Wrs. W. H. Skirm, likewise shared in the general prosperity.

So much for the outward and visible conditions of success. The good actually accomplished, God only can estimate.

GEO. W. EVANS,

LOUIS KLOPSCH,

*Superintendents.*

### CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

The children's meetings, eight of which were held during the Camp Meeting, were wonderfully owned and blessed of God, in numbers and results. The instruction was progressive in character, and especially adapted to the requirements of young people and children. At the various altar services about 200 sought the Lord, and in many instances, perhaps all, the promise, "They that seek me early shall find me," was abundantly fulfilled. Good seed has been prayerfully and bountifully sown in many earnest hearts, and that the Holy Spirit may cause it to take root, spring up, and bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God, is the sincere and heartfelt prayer of

LOUIS KLOPSCH, *Leader.*

Thus ends the account of our summer's work as far as we can see. But, there is an unwritten history which no human heart can grasp or mind unfold. That we leave with God, and the eternal day to reveal.

For all we have been permitted to see and know we render thanks to the Infinite and Eternal. For that which lies beyond our finite comprehension, we trust there will be still larger fruits. The harvest is the end of the world.

O bells, exultant ring!  
 The light of God glows in the love lit eye,  
 Through heavens broad day triumphant banners fly,  
 And buds of earth unfolding in the sky,  
                   Truths blessed blossoming:  
 Life's precious seeds rooted in soils like this,  
 Have their full fruitage in the world of bliss.

All these things, the results of the blessed, holy, HEART-CULTURE we constantly labor to promote at Ocean Grove.

Greatly thankful that God has permitted so many of us so long to labor together here in this great work, I commit you, your families, and all our friends, together with this great interest to which we have been providentially called, to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, forever. Amen.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

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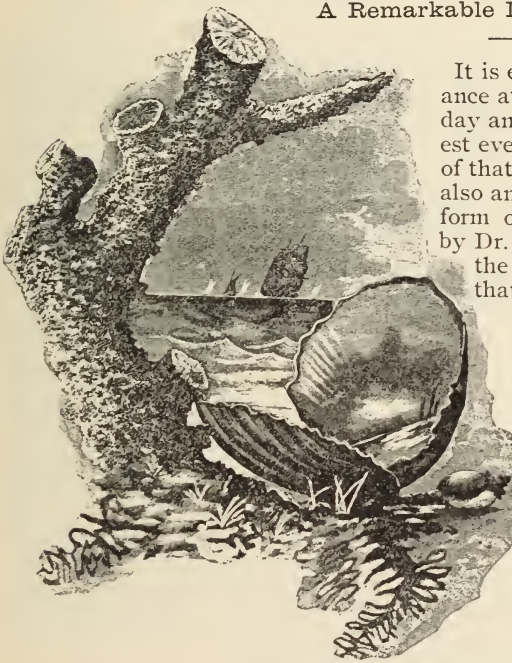


# KIND WORDS

From Some of Our Friends.

The following is from the *True American*, Trenton, N. J. It stands in that old and well established paper as editorial, and its appearance was an agreeable surprise. The particular Sunday referred to is likely the Camp Meeting Sabbath, Aug. 23, 1891 :

## A Remarkable Local Government.



It is estimated that the attendance at Ocean Grove on Saturday and Sunday was the largest ever known in the history of that famous resort. It was also announced from the platform of the great auditorium, by Dr. Stokes, the President of the Ocean Grove Association that every State and Territory in the Union, and every nationality and every religious creed in the civilized world was represented by those in attendance.

It is worthy of note in this connection that in all the vast crowds which gathered at the various places of religious worship and that thronged the streets and avenues of the town throughout the day and

evening there was not a single case of disorder reported, nor any occasion given for the arrest of any person for misconduct. This peaceful condition was not obtained as Napoleon III. made peace in France, by an exhibition of force. There was but one solitary policeman in uniform, and two or three in citizens' dress, and their duties were mainly confined to the giving of information when it was sought for by strangers. Practically, every one did that which was right in his own eyes, and as every one did that which was right in the eye of the law, there was no breach of law or regulation. Before sunrise in the morn-

ing the air was musical with songs of praise, and throughout the day there was a succession of song, and sermon, and prayer, and exhortation, but before ten o'clock in the evening the crowds had retired within doors, and the streets were as silent as those of any country village.

The prime object of all government is peace and order. There has been from the beginning much adverse criticism of the government of Ocean Grove, and its regulations have been made the butt for the lampoons and coarse jokes of the press during all the years of the existence of the place, but there is much food for the reflection of the political economist in the facts set forth above, which are but a type of the conditions which have always been obtained under the government at Ocean Grove.

The *Youths' Temperance Banner*, for December, 1891, has the following, written by the accomplished editor, Miss L. Penney.

#### A City by the Sea.

Did you ever meet a boy or girl who did not like the seashore? Such fun it is to play on the sands, to dig tunnels, build forts and towers; to wade into the surf, to let the breakers dash over one and feel the salt spray in one's face. But of all places of this kind Ocean Grove, to our mind, is the best and most enjoyable.

A great many of our readers have doubtless been there and can tell all about it; what good times they had and what big appetites the salt air gave them. To those who have never visited the place we would say that it is on the southern coast of New Jersey. Here the waves have an immense sweep. For miles and miles they break on a level beach; not a rock to be seen; nothing but the white sand. Here the children play to their hearts' content, sometimes burying themselves in the sand with only the face and head exposed to view. It seems as if only the good children gather here, for we never heard any quarrels or witnessed any disputes. Such fun-loving, happy little ones as they are, with bright eyes and sun-burned faces. In fact not only nice children gather here, but the best class of men and women; sensible people who do not care for frivolity or fashion, balls or card-playing.

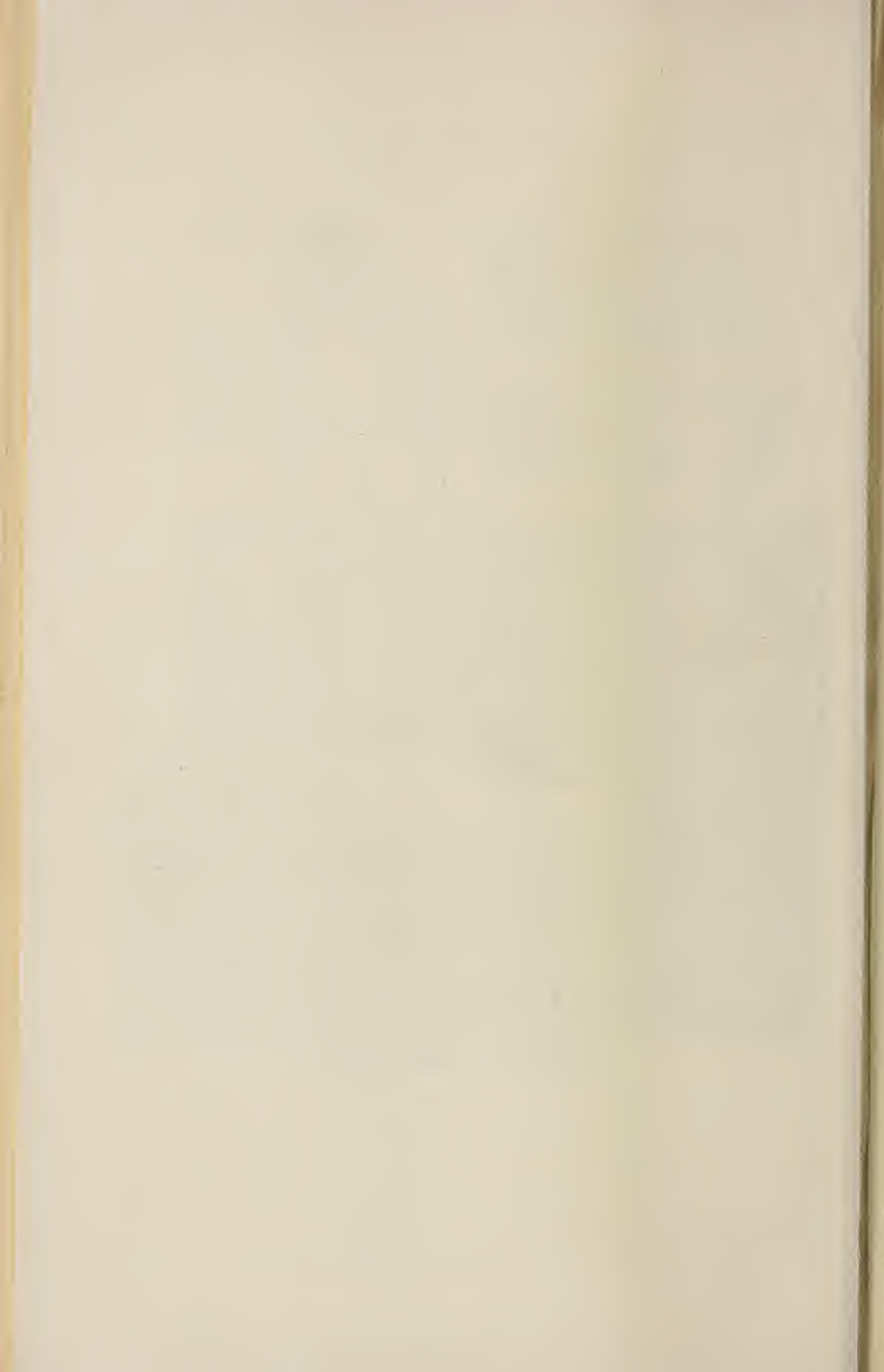
Fathers and mothers come here with their children knowing that health can be gained, cheeks made rosy, and that here is a safe harbor for their little ones, because there is neither a liquor saloon nor a cigar shop to be found all over the place. Just think of it! not a drop of strong drink, nor a cigar, nor any kind of tobacco can be bought here at any time during the year. They are not allowed to be sold. This is regular prohibition. What a paradise for children where these evils are forbidden.

There is something else to make Ocean Grove attractive, and that is the meetings. Yes, the meetings, and *such* meetings as we see nowhere else but at Ocean Grove. About five hundred yards from the beach there is a grove of trees, and in this grove is a large auditorium, with seats for about six thousand people. At the Temperance meetings of the National Temperance Society, which are held there for five days every summer, we have seen every seat occupied, and also all the space in the aisles, and between the benches and platform filled with camp-chairs; and even the immense platform filled with eager listeners. Many persons have stood during the entire service, wherever they could





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find standing room. There have been nearly eight thousand people gathered at these meetings, and especially when Mr. George W. Bain or Mr. Edward Carswell have been the speakers. Ocean Grove would not be Ocean Grove without its meetings, and nowhere can be found more eager, attentive audiences. For eleven years the National Temperance Society has held a series of five days' meetings there, managed by the corresponding secretary, Mr. J. N. Stearns, when the best speakers are secured.

The children are by no means slighted, for they have their own especial meeting. They have an entire afternoon given up wholly to them, when they occupy the best seats, and the speeches and music are adapted entirely to their needs. We well remember the last Children's meeting, held last August, when hundreds of bright-eyed boys and girls came hurrying in long before the hour for opening. They listened eagerly to everything that was said, and at the close of the meeting to each one was given a copy of the *Youth's Temperance Banner* and one of the Society's illuminated cards, which contained a handsome design in bright colors and a temperance text. Thousands of boys and girls have promised at these meetings that they will never drink any intoxicating liquor; and influences for good have gone out from these gatherings, which we trust will be lasting.

There is one other thing which we must not omit to speak of,<sup>7</sup> and that is the quiet Sabbaths. The gates are closed at eleven o'clock on Saturday night and are not opened until the next Monday morning. No horses or carts are seen passing through the streets on the Sabbath, and not a sound of wagon-wheels breaks the stillness.

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This article was cut from the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, Aug. 23, 1891:

#### Propriety at Ocean Grove.

There are some queer people in that unique religious summer resort, Ocean Grove. It is a great place for cranks, and the things that they do and the subjects that excite popular discussion go to show that the cranks are by no means all on one side. There is a distinctively religious element in "the Grove," as it is familiarly called, and there is another element which, while not what would be called wicked, is opposed to the rigid morality of the former. The latter class are intruders. Ocean Grove was founded, as the Pilgrims founded Plymouth, for a refuge and a gathering place, where those who believed in strict religious rules and ceremonies might assemble and enjoy a season of mingled rest and devotion, not troubling the world and not troubled by it. Its founders would have been only too glad to let the outside public alone if the public would let them alone.

During the whole existence of the place there has been a steady fire of opposition to the peculiar laws enforced by the managers of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, which is the governing body; but the sentiment of the majority sustains them, and the opposition has not prevailed at any point. Just now there is an excited outcry about a practice which has grown up there of women putting on their bathing suits at home and walking to and from the beach in this attire. An order that such persons must be suitably covered is being enforced, and

there is great indignation over this tyrannical edict, as it is called. The managers are denounced as cranks and bigots, but does this order prove them to be such ?

Suppose a woman in Philadelphia should attire herself in the most modest kind of a bathing suit and undertake to walk down to the wharves for a dip in the Delaware. How far would she get before being arrested for improper conduct ? And how horrified at her action would be the very people who are now horrified at the enforcement of a similar law at Ocean Grove. The costumes in use at that resort are modest enough ; they cover the person as entirely as does the ordinary street dress ; but they do put trousers on the female form and make public demonstration of the fact that woman is a biped. They are not exactly tights, but they are a considerable advance in that direction. At any rate, they would not be considered proper in the streets of any city ; they make an unseemly display, especially when the wearer is returning, dripping, from her bath, and when in that condition they are not pleasant things for promenaders to rub against. There are ample accommodations for changing the dress at the bathing beaches, and that is where the toilet should be made.

The excitement will do the Ocean Grove management no harm, the order will be enforced and obeyed, and after people get used to it there will be no further dispute about it ; but while the controversy lasts it serves to show not only how differently different people view things, but also how differently the same people view the same things in different places. The critics of one place are the cranks of another, and their views of morality vary with their location.

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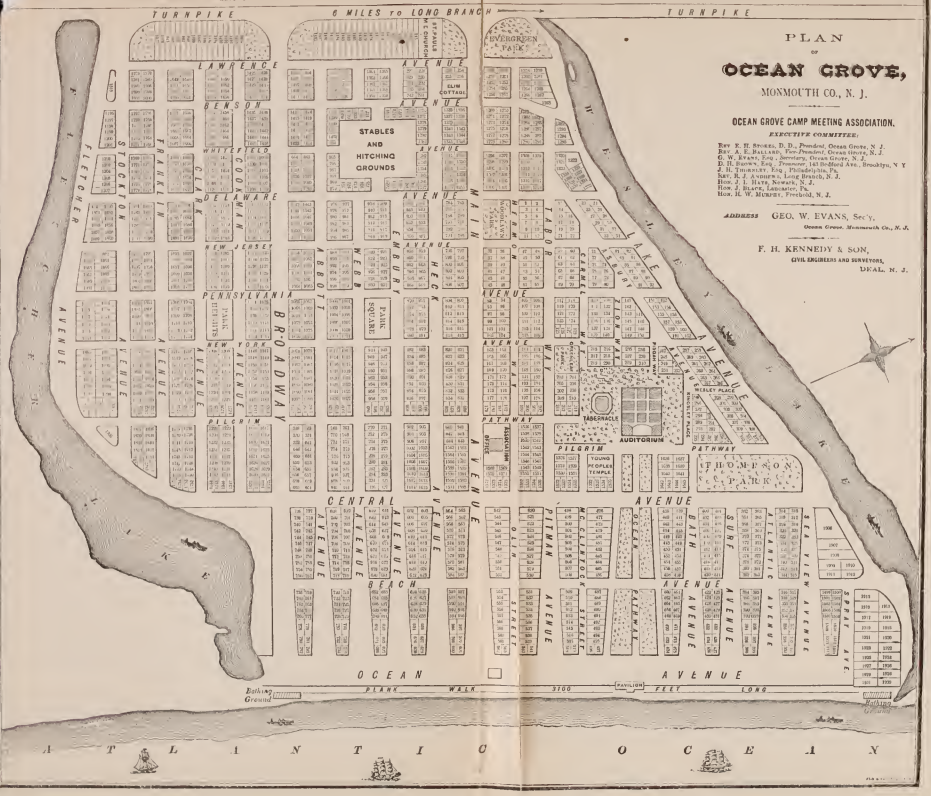
The following extract is from the pen of Mrs. Rev. J. S. Collins, in the *United Presbyterian*, published at Pittsburg, Pa. :

This pleasant sea-side resort is fast filling up with people from almost every State and Territory in the Union. They come here for rest, pleasure and the meetings. The place never looked prettier than it does this season, many beautiful cottages having been erected, and old ones enlarged since we were here two years ago. The little green yards, and flowers in front of the cottages, with honeysuckles climbing over the fine verandas, make them attractive and home-like.

Pleasant as are these surroundings, the moral atmosphere that pervades the place is even more delightful to christians. The Association has demonstrated the possibility of keeping their place free from Sabbath desecration and other objectionable features. No "Sunday papers are hawked about the streets. No vehicles, with meat or milk, disturb the people. No liquors or tobacco are sold ; no smoking permitted in the post office. All is quiet, save the tramp of thousands going to and from the places of worship.

The intellectual treats furnished every season, to which all are invited, are in keeping with the place. With wise tact, men of broad culture are secured for addresses. They are not confined to the followers of Wesley, but occasionally a Calvinist (not of the Briggs type) is invited to preach. Men of advanced thought on the great moral questions, the Sabbath reform, temperance, and polygamy, are also engaged to speak.





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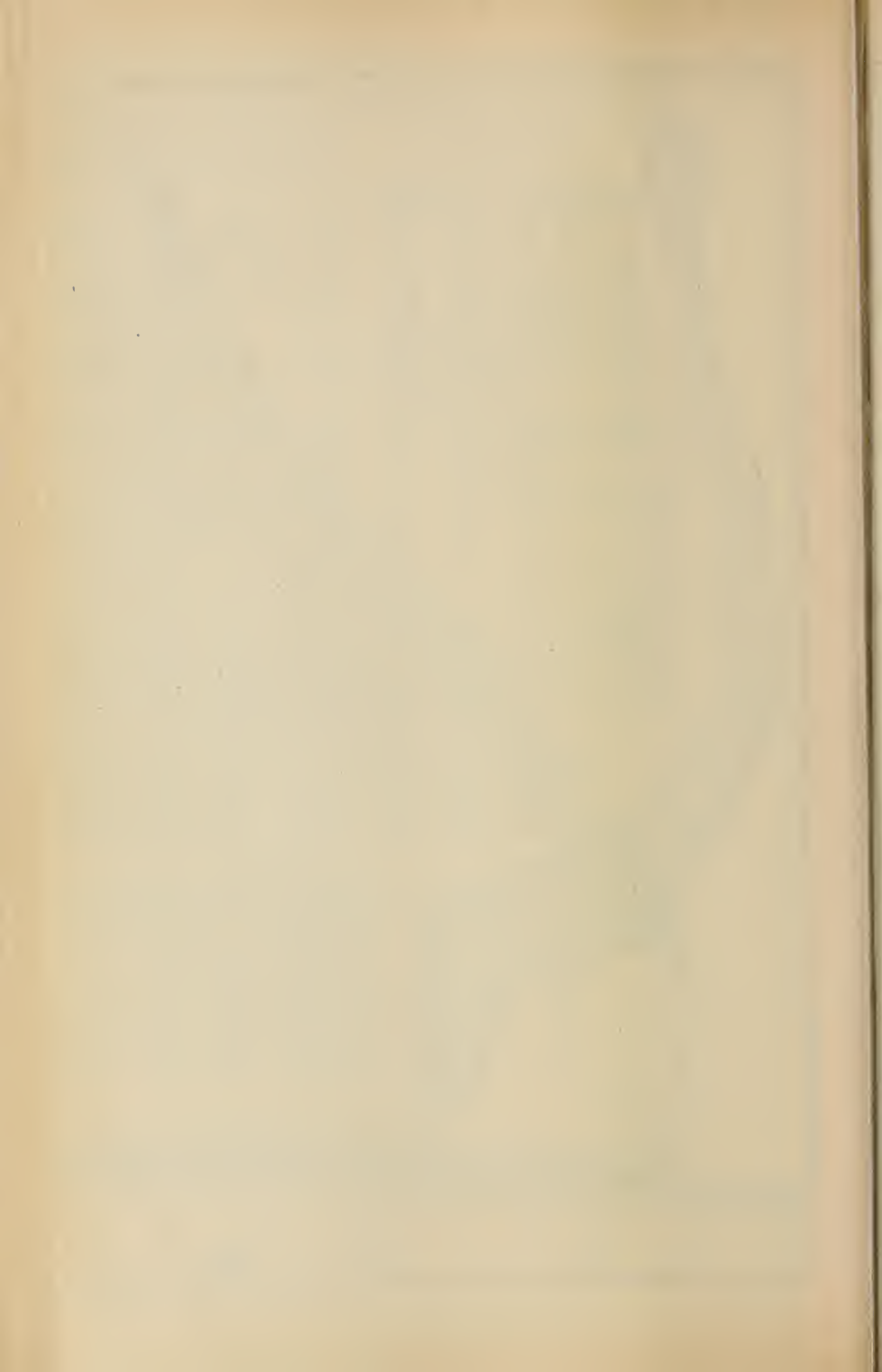
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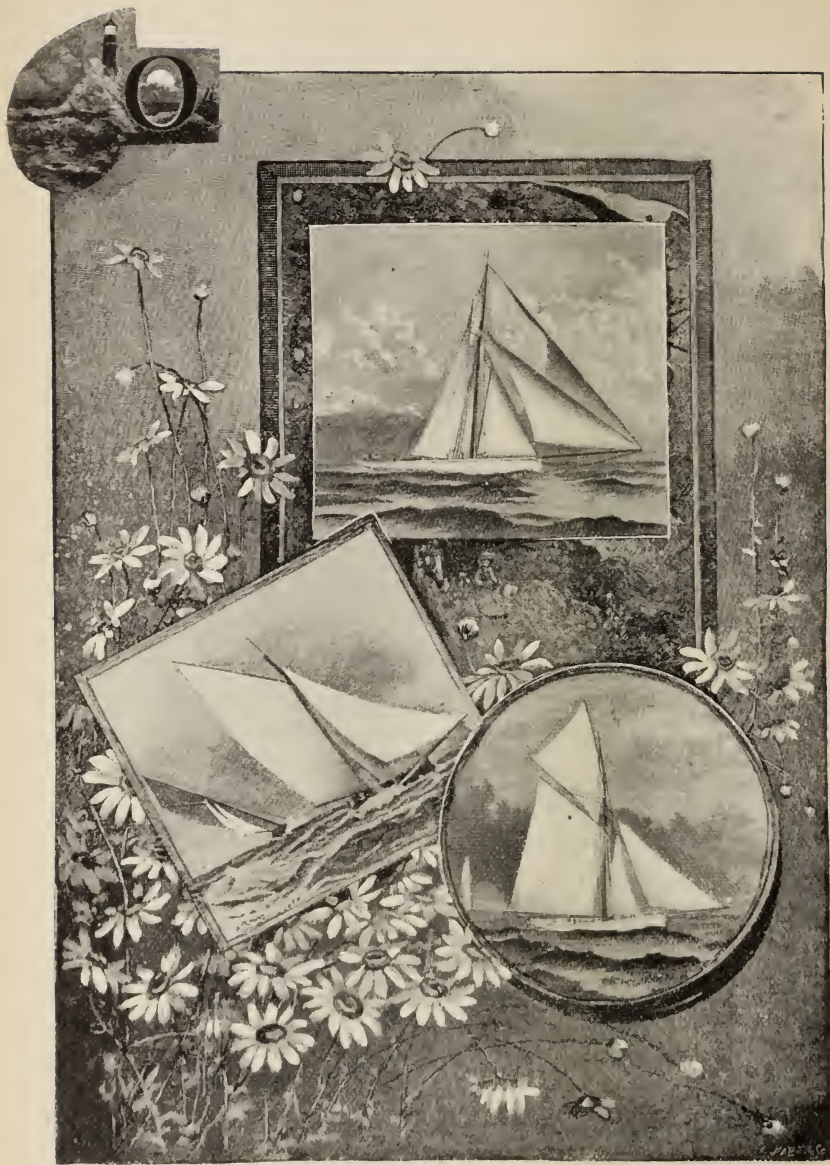
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### WIND CHARIOTS.

Winds freshly blowing, sails gaily flowing,  
White-winged the Chariots sweep over the sea:  
Sunbeams are flashing, bright waves are dashing,  
Sailors and Sea Gulls are brimful of glee — r. n. s.



HEART-FRUITAGE BY THE SEA.

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No matter where, no matter when,  
By rolling sea, on mountains high,  
Mid solitudes, or throngs of men,  
With well-trained heart, and skillful eye:  
We, if we never cease to try,  
On mountain-top, or by the sea,  
Shall, like this busy butterfly,  
Find good that is, or yet may be.—E. H. S.

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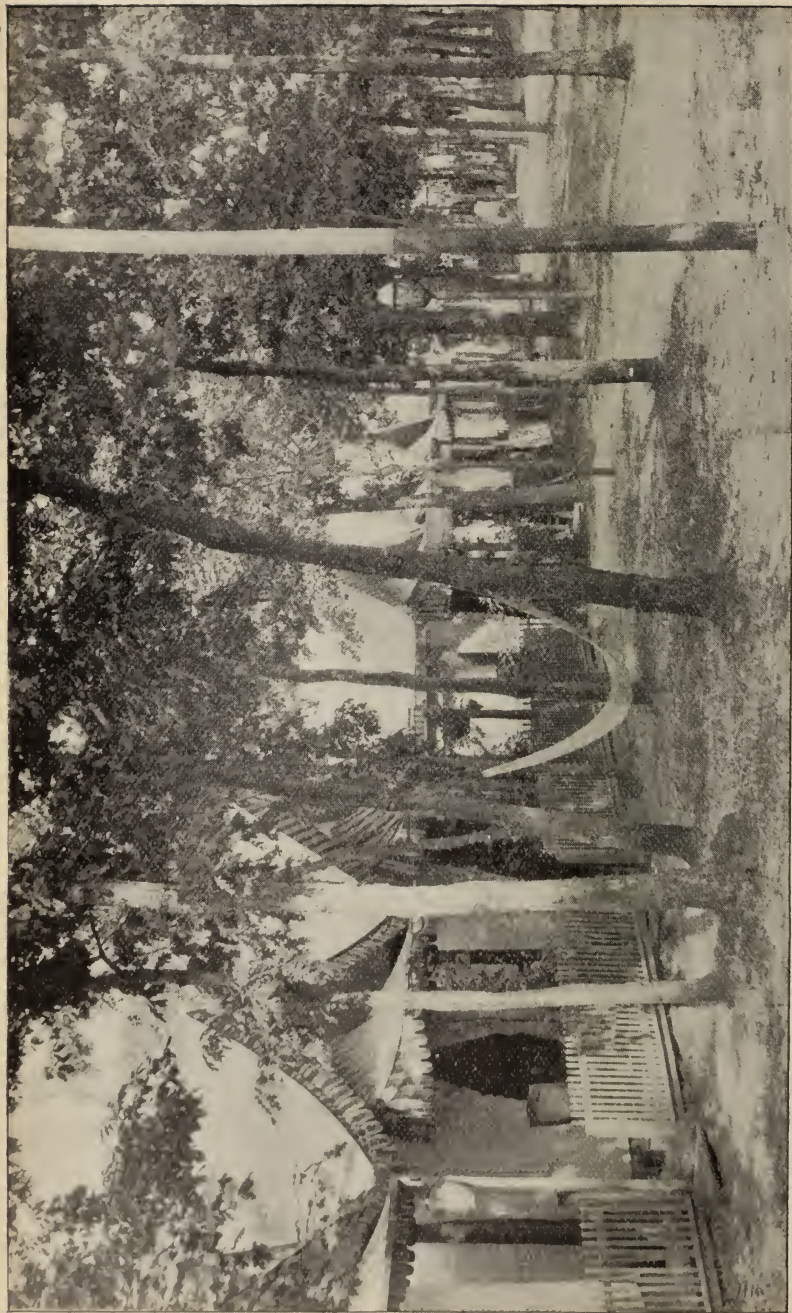
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JOSEPH R. TANTUM,  
JOSEPH H. THORNLEY,  
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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,  
And 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.



COTTAGE TENTS.

Facing North Side of Audlortum, Looking East.



# TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

## Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

OF THE

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

*Dear Brethren :*

At the expiration of another twelve months, we are again assembled in our annual convocation. This, always a joy, was never more so than at the present time. The places made vacant by death, and otherwise, have been filled; so that now, the first time for several years, our number is complete—thirteen laymen and thirteen ministers, twenty-six in all. In looking over the record, I find that of the original twenty-six members only

eleven remain. Six of the others finished their life-labors with us, and then went out joyfully to their eternal reward, while the balance, for various satisfactory reasons, felt it their duty to resign. For all we still, and shall continue to cherish the kindest regards, and hope to participate in eternal associations, through the better life.

We hail the *veteran eleven!* All in the full flush of meridian life when this Association was formed, you cannot now, at the expiration of twenty-three added years, longer be called young men. You have carried the heavy burdens of this great enterprise long and well. If any of you are still erect, and if there remains any elasticity in your steps, unfrosted hair upon your brow, or enthusiasm in your hearts, it is because the burdens borne have been those of the holiest affection, and although the

years of so doing are nearly twice as many as those served by Jacob for his beloved Rachel, yet the love you have cherished for this place, has not only caused these burdens to be light, but as in Jacob's case reduced them seemingly to but a *few days*. Again, I hail you, and let me assure you that, when in the order of our Divine Father, I am compelled to bid you the last "*Good Bye*," it will be with emotions of such tender love as I have borne to few other men.

To these, our honored and younger brethren, I extend, if possible, a still heartier greeting. The veterans, I am sure, will not object to this. Some of you have been with us almost from the beginning. But you were



Our New Members.

A. H. De Haven.

J. T. Preston.

T. M. Dickey.

not of the original number. Others, as vacancies occurred, have come in later. Three, A. H. De Haven, T. J. Preston, and T. M. Dickey, elected at an adjourned annual meeting, held for this purpose May 10th, 1892, meet with us in the regular annual meeting for the first time. We hail each of you, as the depleted ranks of war-scarred veterans hail the arrival of reinforcements, who with quick steps, inspired by high toned martial music, take the front lines of battle, and march to higher victories. We need your fresh blood and broad enthusiasm. Never yet has an Ocean Grove banner licked the dust! Shredded to ribbons, mud and blood marked they may have been, or are; but—

Through these years of toil well done,  
 Battles fought or victories won;  
 Arms, long worn and lifted still,  
 Nerved by Christ's all-conquering will,  
 Heart and courage still unfailling,  
 Banners torn, *but never trailing.*

O, ye younger members of this Association, see to it that they never shall. Hold to our present, God-given, fundamental principles. Let the world fall if it must, but under the fearful apprehension of eternal maledictions, let not one of these principles fail. Do you tremble at this? I will change the figure, and say, by the divinity of the love you bear to this Christly institution, vow, that with cords as imperishable as imperishable love, you will hold it to the Eternal Rock, God Himself, so that whatever changes may come, here, there, or anywhere, *this shall be the one place and these the ever-abiding principles which shall know no change:—*

“While life, or thought, or being lasts,  
Or immortality endures.”



Thos. T. Tasker, Sr.

Beyond the introduction of the above named beloved brethren, there has been no change in our ranks but the translation of our long honored and venerable Thomas T. Tasker, Sr., to the brighter and better world. Though not an original member, he was, by many years the oldest man

among us, and while he was not, because of his great age when elected to our body, able to do much detail work, yet his name was ever a tower of strength, and his influence among us very great. At the time of his departure, he had attained the ripe age of 94, yet to the last, his mind was vigorous, and his spiritual vision clear. We expect to greet him in immortal youth. While we shall miss his annual and semi-annual communications, which were always new inspirations to us, yet we rejoice that we have had no other losses.

The end of the year has come, and we are on the threshold of a new period of time. It is now our duty to examine the past. May the review, whatever regrets it may awaken, revive new energies and invigorate us for another year of toil. The past year, like its predecessors, has been one of anxiety and care, yet the advance in all things has been marked, solid and steady. Let us, as has been our custom, enumerate the material labors first, and then the spiritual.

### Concrete Walks.

This is an important department of our work. In the beginning, and for several years of our history, the public would endure the crudities which met them on every hand, and the fact that the place was new, became the all-sufficient apology. Now, immaturity cannot be claimed. Large numbers of property owners have cheerfully and promptly complied with the ordinance concerning side-walks, and have made good foot-ways for themselves, their neighbors and the public. The minority, surely, will not complain if expected to do the same. We have made good progress the past year, as the following statement shows. Number of square feet laid for private parties, 61,734; number of square feet laid for Association public grounds, 30,995. Total from October 1st, 1891, to October 1st, 1892, 92,729 feet, or two and three-fourths miles, six feet wide, which added to walks previously laid, make a grand total of sixteen and one-fourth miles now in use.

Some of these walks, particularly among those first put down, six, seven and eight years ago, by outside parties, have not endured as we had hoped. The work is now largely being done by the Association; much better materials, both in quality and quantity are being used, and much more satisfactory results secured. Each added foot enlarges the experience of the workmen, and improves the work, so that it is our judgment that the material now used and the work performed will give general satisfaction. We hope as far as practicable, to finish this work, north of Broadway, before the opening of the season of 1893. This will, of course, be somewhat determined by the weather and other circum-



stances, but when all is done, the property holders will be pleased, values increased and a want of the general public met.

### Avenues.

These are a constant source of anxiety, and often here, as everywhere, cause much annoyance and expense. On some of the avenues, the wear is not only constant but very heavy. Main Avenue, of course, has the greatest strain. This has been greatly improved by covering it nearly all the way with Elberon clay and gravel. The cost of this is great, because of the distance (nearly six miles) to cart it. We hope, however,



Main Avenue, Looking West.

by the next season, to finish this, also, improve Broadway, Ocean, and some other avenues in the same way. The cost of grading, cleaning, scraping, carting and placing clay and gravel on avenues the past year, was nearly two thousand dollars.

### The Ocean Pier.

This structure has been well tested this year, by repeated severe storms, and lastly, by a large and heavy piece of wreck impelled by the fury of the waves, striking it with great force; but no injury was sustained. The

wreckage which became entangled with the piling, after much effort, and some delay, was removed without harm to the pier, broken up, and carted away.

The existence of the pier has been not only a great pleasure to the public, but has enabled us to make the necessary repairs to the sewer with greater facility, and less expense, and has also been a great protection to the sewer itself. In the estimation of some, the pier should be extended seaward, one hundred or one hundred and fifty feet beyond its present terminus, to a point outside of the shore currents, thus drifting the sewage beyond the probability of a return. This, as well as others, is a question with two sides, both having phases for and against; it will do for future consideration. The pier was rented the past season to Mr. George Pridham, Jr., of Ocean Grove.



Ocean Boulevard.

The storms during February and March, of 1892, were severe. North-east gales prevailed for thirteen consecutive days. During all this time, neither beach, plank walk, or pier sustained any damage. Near the end of the storm, however, the wind changed, cutting a heavy gash in the bluff, which widened and washed out, until piling were left swinging in the air, and fourteen feet in width of new walk, west, and probably 400 feet north

and south, became necessary to cover the cavities made by the sea. The cost of repairs were, for

223 piling, 18, 20 and 22 feet long, . . . . .	\$490 00
Carting the same 16½ miles, three at a load, . . . . .	196 00
Richmond & Bros., contract for driving, . . . . .	557 50
Carting pile driver, . . . . .	5 00
Labor (our men), . . . . .	130 50
Lumber, nails, etc., . . . . .	851 47
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$2,230 47</u>

This great walk is a peculiar joy to hundreds of thousands of people, but the winds, rains, hot suns, and general wear and tear, render watchfulness and repairs an almost daily necessity, yet its worth as a living and crowning joy is vastly more than all its cost.

### Gutters and Sluice Ways.

Many of our gutters along the streets and avenues, are subject, in times of heavy rains, to deep and wide washes. Concreting the same would prevent such washes, and, perhaps, be as economical as anything. Pigrim Pathway, and Beach Avenue, from Main to Broadway, are particularly exposed. This should be prevented. The sluice way at south end of Beach Avenue, running the water into Fletcher Lake, is in bad condition and needs a thorough reconstruction. It should be done.

### Sewers.

The seaward sewer outlet, was carried away by storm and wreckage, during March, 1892. This was repaired and replaced by galvanized iron pipe, in twenty-one feet lengths, suspended with galvanized iron hangers; cost:

Galvanized iron pipe, 12 inches diameter, . . . . .	\$505 91
Galvanized hangers, . . . . .	305 91
Labor, . . . . .	70 25
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$882 07</u>

Cost of Sewer plant to October 1st, 1891, . . . . .	\$35,919 82
Expended this year, . . . . .	882 07

Total cost to October 1st, 1892, . . . . .	<u>\$36,801 89</u>
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No. of Sewer connections, 1891, . . . . .	962
No. of Sewer connections, 1892, . . . . .	1000
Increase, . . . . .	38

Income, October 1st, 1891 to October 1st, 1892.

Sewer connections, . . . . .	\$ 380 00
Rentals, . . . . .	3,688 62
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$4,068 62</u>

As a rule, the sewers work well; the old system of vaults, with or without proper water flushings, is almost wholly extinct, and our sanitarian is making wise and efficient efforts for their total obliteration. When this is done, the benefit to the particular premises will be great, and the general public will joyfully share therein.

## Artesian Wells.

This department has done well during the past year. We have pumped from the original twenty-one wells. We sunk one of these original twenty-one wells from 425 feet to a depth of 565 feet, and employed Uriah White, who is well equipped for such work, to sink two new wells to the 600 feet strata. These three wells have furnished us 175 gallons additional water per minute.

During the season ending, October 1st, 1891, we pumped 78,733,000 gallons of water, and from October 1st, 1891, to October 1st, 1892, 87,733,000 gallons of water, as follows: October, 1891, 3,720,000; November, 3,150,000; December, 1891, 4,185,000; January, 1892, 4,650,000; February, 1892, 4,350,000; March, 1892, 4,650,000; April, 1892, 4,200,000; May, 1892, 6,300,000; June, 1892, 9,000,000; July 1892, 16,368,000; August, 1892, 16,360,000; September, 1892, 10,800,000; total, 87,733,000 gallons of water. Increase over last year, 8,969,000 gallons of water.

The total cost of water plant to October 1st, 1891, \$60,074.55. Permanent improvements for this year, have been as follows:

Driving two new Wells and sinking one old, . . . . .	\$1,852 70
Expense connecting new Wells, etc., . . . . .	75 00
Laying pipe on Mt. Hermon Way, . . . . .	43 00
Test boring, etc., . . . . .	591 22
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	\$2,561 92
Making total cost of plant October 1st, 1892, . . . . .	\$62,636 77
Water connections October 1st, 1891, . . . . .	947
Water connections October 1st, 1892, . . . . .	1020
Increase, . . . . .	73
Receipts from water connections from Oct. 1st, 1891 to Oct. 1st, 1892, \$	216 00
Receipts from water rentals from Oct. 1st, 1891 to Oct. 1st, 1892, . .	8,621 75
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Total receipts from Oct. 1st, 1891 to Oct. 1st, 1892, . . . . .	\$8,837 75
Running expenses: Coal, \$853.69; Wages, \$643; Sundry, \$1,522.14, .	\$3,018 83
Interest on cost of plant, . . . . .	3,722 71
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	\$6,741 54

Each year increases the demand for water; therefore, two or three additional 600 feet wells are needed for the year 1893. Increased care



must be taken to reduce the water waste. The value of a full supply of such water as comes to us from the depths of the earth cannot be over-estimated, and, therefore, it must be the joy of all well-meaning people to prevent such waste as must result in want.

### Electric Lights.

At the annual meeting in October, 1891, it was recommended to purchase an additional dynamo, and make the following changes: Take the new 200, 30, C. P. dynamo for lighting the auditorium, temple, tabernacle, and chapel; the 375, 30, C. P. dynamo for the streets; and the two 450, 30, C. P. dynamos for commercial lighting, which would give us a 200, 30, C. P. dynamo for auditorium, temple, tabernacle and chapel; 375, 30, C. P. dynamo for street lights, and two 450, 30, C. P. dynamos for commercial lighting.

In carrying out this plan the following material was purchased, and work done:

One 200 30 C. P. Lamp Dynamo, cost, . . . . .	\$1,700 00
One New Clutch Pulley, . . . . .	91 75
One New Belt, 12 inches wide, 34 feet long, . . . . .	84 74
One 450 Light Regulator Exchanged (difference) . . . . .	125 00
One Plug Switch and Wiring, . . . . .	3 00
Nineteen New Cedar Poles, . . . . .	20 00
Eight miles No. 8, \$80 per mile, . . . . .	640 00
Labor, Mason, . . . . .	\$104 00
Carpenter Work, . . . . .	30 00
New Wiring, . . . . .	147 00
	281 00
New Belts for three dynamos, platform for dynamo, six lightning arresters, additional wire, new belt for driving wheel, 2 feet 7 inches wide, 80 feet long, etc., etc. (belt cost \$495), . . . . .	2,589 08
Total permanent improvement from Oct. 1, 1891, to Oct. 1, 1892,	\$5,534 57

So that we now have in our plant as follows:

**For Commercial Lights.**—Two 450, 30, C. P. light dynamos, two 450 light regulators, 599 lamps of various candle power, nine miles of No. 8 wire, with necessary switches and attachments.

**Street and other Association Lights.**—One 375, 30, C. P. light dynamo, one 375 light regulator, 330 lamps of various candle power.

**Association Places of Worship.**—One 200, 30, C. P. light dynamo, one 200 light regulator, 116 lamps, nearly all 45, C. P., four miles of No. 8 wire, with necessary switches and cut-offs.



Bishop Janes' Memorial Tabernacle.

The total cost of Plant to October 1, 1892, is \$42,917.96.

INCOME FROM OCTOBER 1, 1891, TO OCTOBER 1, 1892.

Received from Lighting Town (estimated), . . . . .	\$3,650 00
"    "    Commercial Lighting, . . . . .	4,124 89
Total Receipts, . . . . .	<u>\$7,774 89</u>

EXPENSES.

Coal, . . . . .	\$ 745 84
Wages, . . . . .	2,003 00
Sundry, . . . . .	2,037 23
	<u>\$4,786 07</u>
Interest on plant, . . . . .	2,575 07
	<u>\$7,361 14</u>
Result, . . . . .	\$413 75

Our combined dynamo capacity is 1,475 30 candle power lamps. There are also sixty miles of wire of all sizes now in use.

The highest number of lamps in use, . . . . .	1,139
Number of lamps burned out by lighting and age, . . . . .	1,100
Average life of lamps, in hours, . . . . .	1,042
Total number hours which all lamps burning aggregate for the year, . . . . .	1,146,360



Cottage Tents—North side of Jerusalem Model.

### Tent Department.

This part of our work, unless properly guarded, is liable to abuse, but kept in its legitimate and proper channels, is one of the most interesting phases of our sea-side life. It is such an absolute change from the home just left, as by its novelty, to be at all times an inspiration. The air, always pure and healthful, but little inconvenience, even in a severe storm, is felt. Tent life, however, does not, and never was meant to mean boarding house life. The tents are never rented for such purposes, and any use of that kind made of them at any time, by any person or persons, is a

violation of our regulations from the beginning. Neither are they intended for business of any kind, but simply and singly for private families as summer homes. As such, some of these frail structures have been occupied for many years by the same persons, and we are always glad to have them. To such, and no others, they are always accessible.

The wear and tear on tent property is heavy. The annual expense of putting up, taking down, and taking care of, large; while the yearly value of the ground they occupy, if estimated by the price of lots in similar locations, would run the expenses of even such habitations high—much higher than we are charging for them—but our aim has been, and is, to keep them in the reach of all proper persons who may desire them.

Number of cottage tents, 144; plain tents, near auditorium, 35; Association tents, south of Broadway, 53, total, 232. Number of private tents on Association lots, south of Broadway, 35; north of Broadway, 5, total, 40.

The private tents, on private lots, are not included in the above statement, as the Association does not put them up, or take them down, having no connection with them, excepting that they are under the same police and sanitarian regulations as all other places in the Grove.

## Iron Bridges.

### Receipts and expenses, 1892 :

Received from Pilgrim Pathway Bridge, . . . . .	\$2,163 01
Received from New Jersey Avenue Bridge, . . . . .	1,646 35
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$3,809 36

Increase from 1891, \$445.00.

Ocean Grove's share, one half, . . . . .	1,904 68
Expenses, two collectors, . . . . .	\$420 00
"    one policeman, . . . . .	200 00
"    lighting, . . . . .	100 00
"    cleaning out lake and repairs, . . . . .	384 00
"    painting iron piers, . . . . .	20 00
"    interest on Bridges, . . . . .	157 76
Total expenses, . . . . .	\$1,281 76
	1,281 76
	\$ 622 92

These bridges, as in the past years of their history, have been a convenience to the public, also a great promoter of Sabbath sanctity, while the small amount paid for crossing, helps to bear the heavy expenses of the place. Number of persons crossing bridges, not counting Sabbath passengers, summer of 1892, 380,936.



### Ice Department.

This department of our business, always involvs great anxiety, labor, and heavy financial outlays. This year all these things have been greater than usual.

The total cost of ice, freight, interest on capital invested, delivery,	
etc., . . . . .	\$8,156 10
Total receipts . . . . .	8,358 39
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	\$ 202 29

With \$461.15 due on accounts, and ice remaining in house, October 1st, 1892, value, \$150. Still, the business is a necessity in order to furnish our people with this commodity, and so protect them from excessive charges and irregularity of supply.



Foot of Wesley Lake—Looking West.

### Wesley Lake.

The Lakes continue places of recreation and popular enjoyment. Vigilant oversight is continually needed, that in the midst of innocency and pleasure, nothing shall hurt or destroy. Sanitary inspection, police

diligence, and manual labor, are all needed in their time and turn. With these, good conditions have obtained, and the order good. Considerable work, too, has been done, in removing sand bars, putting in new and repairing old bulk heads along its shores; also building new gates at the flume next to the sea. The bulk heading, all along, needs overhauling, and the Lake thoroughly cleaned. On the evening of August 7th, a carnival of fine character was given by the Lake boys, and the interest taken in such displays, was shown in the fact that 25,000 or 30,000 spectators richly enjoyed the scene, and the order was excellent throughout.



Fletcher Lake near Central Avenue.

## Fletcher Lake.

These fresh water lakes, are sources of safe enjoyment to vast numbers of the juvenile, as well as older visitors to Ocean Grove. Fishing on Wesley Lake, for small varieties, and sailing on Fletcher Lake, have been exceptionally good this season. We were unfortunate at the foot of this lake, during the summer, in having a break at the flume, and a washout beneath, by which the water slipped from us and went to sea, much to the annoyance of ourselves and others. No serious harm came of it however, and the repairs were made without delay.

Cost of repairing gates, dam, flume, carting out sand, cleaning at the head and west of railroad, \$206.00.

## Business Buildings.

Repairs were made at Ladomus' Store, Van Gilluwe's, McCabe and Margerum's Butcher Shop, Ferguson's Market, Olin Street Bakery, etc., amounting to \$350.00.

The store occupied by Mr. Quinn, on Main Avenue, became so much out of repair it was thought best to remodel the same. Contract was made with Wm. H. Carman, for the proposed alterations and repairs. Cost, \$683.94.

## Miscellaneous Work.

Closing model of Jerusalem, repairing stables, building new wagon shed, new wagon bodies, . . . . .	\$156 00
Repairing summer house, Webb Avenue, repairing Ladomus' store, Vangilluew's store, Olin Street bakery, telegraph office, Association building, Auditorium, water closets, etc., etc., . . . . .	120 85
Grading beach ocean front and soiling, . . . . .	324 00
Carting sod and sodding, . . . . .	10 25
Carting soil and grading around auditorium, . . . . .	25 00
Cutting grass, cleaning parks, etc., . . . . .	198 00
Caring for flower beds, etc., . . . . .	22 00
Incidental work, . . . . .	137 50
Covering parks with manure, . . . . .	28 50
Removing old wreck against pier, . . . . .	21 00
Cleaning up trash on beach, . . . . .	10 00
Carting hay and grain (our teams), . . . . .	92 00
Painting auditorium and tabernacle roofs, and all of the Association's tin roofs, material, \$150.94; labor, \$110.00 . . . . .	260 94
Repairing summer house, Webb Avenue, new floor, . . . . .	19 00
Total, . . . . .	\$1425 04

## Hot Houses.

A floral department is needed at Ocean Grove. God made the flowers, and the cultivation of the beautiful is a high employment. Many of our summer citizens give considerable attention to this method of adorning their homes. This should be encouraged. To this end our hot-houses were built. They have not been sources of much income to us, by reason of the many other interests claiming attention. They were rented the past year to Mr. J. Bergen Thompson, who has done better. He has also re-leased them for a period of three years, and we believe his trade, by careful attention, will increase.

Let them bloom for the pure and good,  
 Let them bloom for the old and poor;  
 Let them bloom where feet of the great have stood,  
 Let them smile by the cottage door.



Waiting for the Yacht.

### Street Sprinkling.

This department improves from year to year, and the belief is now entertained, that with the additions of the past year, the advance will be still more rapid. The small water main along Ocean Avenue, to Webb, has been taken up, and a larger one put down; new water wagons purchased, which, together with other minor arrangements, cost \$2,995.45. With these we hope to be able to meet reasonable demands.

### Business Licenses.

The number of business licenses issued, 1891, including boats, was 225. Amount received for the same, \$2,030.00.

The number issued, 1892, 265, including boats. Increase, 40. Amount received for the same, \$2,340.00 Advance over last year, \$182.00.



## Tree Planting Day.

The annual return of this day is anticipated with interest, and always enjoyed. It takes us out of our selfishness, to plant a tree in honor of somebody else, and arrange for children yet unborn to sit beneath its shade. Thanks to the unselfish who years ago, planted trees for us. Somebody yet unborn, may thank us, for doing the same. But, be this as it may, let us go on, doing our part of this beautiful work to still further beautify this already beautiful world. Fifty-six trees were set out this year, largely for private parties. Memorial trees were placed in Centennial Park; around the Auditorium; on the Mt. Tabor Way, side of Thornley Chapel; for Rev. T. T. Tasker, George W. Cheeseman, Rev. G. R. Snyder, James Stephenson, Rev. A. S. Compton, Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, Deborah Stokes, Correll L. Howland, Sarah Osborn, Mrs. Dr. Pomeroy, Esther Toohig, James Johnson, Mrs. James Johnson, Rev. Geo. C. Bancroft, Mrs. Rose Tucker, Col. C. A. Crane, Mrs. Laura Crane, Elizabeth Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Brummell.

Tree planting day was observed this year April 27th, and religious services were held at Centennial Park in the morning, in connection with the planting of each memorial tree; and also religious services in the evening, at St. Paul's Church.

## Parks.

Our parks and lawns have received some attention during the past season, but much can, and should be done each year, to still further improve their appearance.

From the soil placed on grounds at the Ocean front, between the plank walk, and east of Ocean Avenue curb, a natural grass grew, which gave a green and pleasing appearance. These, by soil enrichments and sowing grass seed, can at small expense be greatly beautified.

The diagonal concrete walks across THOMPSON PARK have added convenience and beauty, and this work should still go on.

WOOD-LAWN PARK can be greatly improved at small expense, and should be done.

EVERGREEN PARK, at the entrance of the grounds, should have attention each year, and improvements made. Being at the threshold of the town, it should make a good appearance. First impressions are lasting.

GREENLEAF PARK. This is a bright little emerald gem, in the thickly settled part of the town, which needs the touch of a sympathizing hand and heart. Some day, we hope, such a hand and heart may be



Kent Holme.

South side of Fletcher Lake, near Lillagore's.

found in the person of some young lady, or others, who will drop an occasional seed or plant, which will, in a little while, more than repay the planter, by the morning greeting, "*How do you do?*" of some pleasant flower, or the inhaling of a richer fragrance on the passing breeze.

### Sanitary Condition.

Dr. John H. Alday, our efficient Sanitarian, presents to this body a very full and able report on his special department, in which he states, that the sanitary condition of the place, notwithstanding the vast and ever-increasing multitudes which visit us, was never better. This view, he assures us, is sustained by physicians, druggists, and all others, near or remotely, connected with the health department. He presents an intelligent and exhaustive review of all points needing special care and oversight, suggesting safeguards and remedies, where needed, and has, in co-operation with Dr. Mitchell, Sanitarian of Asbury Park, together with Neptune Township Board of Health, such measures in hand, and prospective, as will result advantageously to both places, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods.

The report, satisfactory in all respects, ends thus :

And now in conclusion, allow me to say, that the nature and magnitude of the work accomplished cannot be fully embraced from the aforesaid statements ; for no report within such circumscribed limits, can fully delineate it.

The Sanitary Department of Ocean Grove—the City by the Sea—is continually enlarging its sphere, and entailing new and ever-increasing responsibilities of the gravest nature. The same calls for and demands close, ever-watchful and unremitting attention, and the judicious enforcement of the most rigid sanitary laws. The present age is pre-eminently one of sanitation. The secular and religious press teems with it. It is the *sine qua non*, with which is identified, and upon which is largely dependent, social, economic and even religious interests.

The neglect and violation of its laws will cause the tide of travel to seek other shores than those of ours, on which to cast its multitudes. Therefore, to meet this demand, and the requirements thereof, is a work which deserves the patient, fullest and most careful consideration of your honorable body, in connection with the unceasing and indefatigable efforts of the Board of Health, in the application of modern scientific sanitation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D., *Sanitarian.*

DR. H. B. ALDAY, *Assistant.*



New Pier, looking South.

## Fire Department.

Our fire district takes in Ocean Grove and West Grove. The apparatus is in good condition, the companies well organized and equipped, showing the following strength :

**Washington Engine and Hose Company.**—*Apparatus* : One steam fire engine, two hose carriages ; forty-six men.

**E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Company.**—*Apparatus*: One chemical engine; thirty-two men.

**Unexcelled Chemical Engine Company, West Grove.**—*Apparatus*: One chemical engine; thirty-six men.

**Eagle Hook and Ladder Company.**—*Apparatus*: One hook and ladder truck; eighteen men. Total, 132 men.

The department had its annual parade on the evening of September 6th, with 115 uniformed men in line, and made a fine appearance. On the 23d day of September, at 3.30 A. M., a fire occurred on New York Avenue, in the house of Mrs. Harriet Smith. The whole inside of the kitchen was on fire before the inmates were aware of it, or any alarm given. This fully accounts for the advantage gained by the fire, and the ravages made. As soon as the alarm was given the Asbury Park, West Grove, and Ocean Grove companies were promptly on hand, and the flames arrested. All things considered, it was marvelous that the damages were not greater. Few communities can compare with those in this immediate vicinity, in the completeness and strength of their fire departments, and the success with which, up to this writing, they have met and arrested the progress of the devouring flames, deserves all honor.

Bell! Bell!

Midnight slumber! midnight knell!

On the silent city fell,

Like the clang of bursting shell.

Pell-mell,

Knell, bell! bell, knell!

## Police.

The Chief of Police reports as follows: Order during summer, good. The number of nuisances abated includes the following: pack peddlers, basket peddlers, tin peddlers, match peddlers, book peddlers, whiskey peddlers, small shows, tramps of many grades, drunken people, disorderly persons, kodac photographers, rag gatherers, straw riders, organ grinders, insane persons, bathers in improper suits brought from the surf and stopped on the streets.

The arrests have been: disorderly persons, 6; drunken, 4; improper bathing suits, 3; fast driving, 3; peddling without license, 1; insane persons, 3. Add to this the following: ordered out of water from improper bathing suits, 67; prevented from going in water, same cause, 12; stopped kodac photographers, 22; stopped from bathing on Sabbath, 11; bicycles



stopped on Sabbath, 23; disorderly persons ordered off of beach, 5; lost children restored to parents, 27; arbitrated in disputes, 4; complaints, help trouble, dogs, cats, chickens, etc., etc., etc., over 200.

Three policemen on duty all the year. Number of special men during summer months, 12.



Jerusalem Model.

### Jerusalem Model.

Improvements were made on the model, early in the spring, which greatly increased the naturalness of its appearance, and made it much more attractive. It is gratifying to find, that this model, like the city

which it represents, and the land where it is located, does not lose in interest, but rather increases. So may it always be. W. H. Stokes, Esq., delivered a number of lectures.

Hail Palestine! thou sacred land!  
 Where once the feet of Jesus trod;  
 Jerusalem, thou city grand,  
 That once beheld incarnate God.  
 Hail brilliant skies, from which the star,  
 Beamed brightly on the wise men's way.  
 Hail, land of prophets, once so far,  
 Which Model brings so near to-day.

### Private Improvements.

These during the year have been of a commendable and substantial character. Number of cottages last year, 1,077; number of cottage boarding houses, 78. Total, 1,155. Erected during 1892, 23 cottages; making total cottages, October 1st, 1892, 1,100; boarding houses, 78. Total, 1,178. To which add twenty-six stores, thirty-nine stables, one school house, one church, four other places of worship, and five offices. Total, 76. Grand total, 1,254.

Mr. Ross has made improvements at his bathing grounds in different ways by re-piling the outer pavilion, putting in eighty-five new piling, sixty-five of them twenty-five feet long; putting in a double acting pump, with 700 feet of four-inch galvanized pipe, also eighteen new bathing tubs of hot and cold sea water. Total cost of, \$3,500.

Mr. Lillagore has also improved his place, putting in an entire new plant of pipes, and forty additional hot baths, a duplex pump for filling pool, throwing 20,000 gallons of sea water per hour; two new tanks one of 9,000 gallons capacity and one of three thousand gallons. These improvements cost \$4,500.

Numerous other private improvements are projected on large and liberal plans for the year to come.

### Branch Banks.

For a number of years past there have been numerous and often vexatious inconveniences, for the want of some kind of banking accommodations inside of Ocean Grove. Years ago we as an Association made long and frequent jaunts to Long Branch, and later, drop all work in the office and run to Asbury Park for conveniences of this kind. Our summer population, too, in particular, has frequently almost raided our office for change or to cash their checks.

After it was found that the room occupied by Mr. Evans was to be vacated, the First National Bank of Asbury Park, made application to

rent it for a Branch Office. It was rented to them, including the two little rooms on the east, for five (5) years, at the yearly rental of \$350. They removed the partitions between the rooms, renovated the whole and have fitted it up in a very beautiful style, and is well adapted to their purposes. A few weeks subsequent to the leasing of this room, the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank located in Asbury Park, purchased the building formerly owned by Mrs. Linnell, on the northwest corner of Main and Pilgrim, for banking purposes, and at once proceeded to alter and rearrange it so as to adapt it to their needs. They have fitted it up in a very tasteful manner, and opened for business May 9th, 1892.

These branches have fully supplied a greatly needed want, in our own accommodations, and also the public. We learn that both have had a run of business beyond their expectations. We earnestly wish them both all possible success.



Lillagore's Bathing Grounds, looking South.

## Railroad Business.

The business of the railroad increases each season. During the last year, the freight traffic has been vast, and the passenger and baggage business larger than ever. It is cause for continued thanksgiving, that with such uncounted multitudes, of all ages and conditions, continually

coming and going, there are so few accidents, none indeed worth recording. This is high commendation to the general management, and worthy of all praise.

### St. Paul's Church.

This Church is beautiful for situation, on what was Park Square, between Embury, and Webb, and Pennsylvania and New Jersey Avenues, occupying the whole block. It has done well from the beginning, and is prosperous to-day. Rev. D. B. Harris, is still the beloved and efficient pastor. During the past winter, an energetic committee, consisting largely of young people, purchased, paid for, and placed in the gallery at the east end of the building, back of the pulpit, a large pipe organ, at a cost of \$1500. This, with an excellent choir, under the leadership of Mrs. George M. Bennett, with Miss Alida Patteson as organist, adds to the attractions of the Church.

### Elim Cottage.

This establishment, located on Main Avenue, near the entrance gates, continues to be a place of resort for Christian workers of all creeds and denominations, who seek a plain and pleasant resting place. Conducted by an Association of ladies, and aided by contributions from friends, its object is not to make money, but to fix the price of board so low as to bring the entertainment within the reach of those who, engaged in the Christian ministry, or preparing for it, are receiving such small salaries, that, unless some arrangement of this kind obtained, they could not visit the sea-side at all.

This year there were 179 guests entertained, and registered from the following places: Pennsylvania, 51; New Jersey, 54; New York, 46; Ohio, 5; Delaware, 6; Connecticut, 6; Indiana, 1; South Carolina, 1; South Dakota, 1; Mexico, 2; Spain, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Japan, 1; Turkey, 1; Nicaragua, 1; Bulgaria, 1. Total, 179.

The denominations were represented thus: Methodist, 110; Presbyterians, 2; Protestant Episcopalians, 5; Baptists, 3; Reformed, 13; Methodist Protestants, 3; Congregational, 1; Church of Christ, 1; Evangelists, 5; Lutherans, 2. Many of the guests did not register their denominations. Sixty-seven were ministers, the others teachers and students. It does not hurt for all these to mingle for a few days, and so finding something good in all, broaden to a holier charity and more Christly life.

Good is found in every Christian,  
 By whatever name defined;  
 In the lowly as the highest,  
 If they bear the Christly mind.  
 Good is found in all the Churches,  
 Where the Spirit walks sublime;  
 Good is found in sweet communion,  
 With the saints of every clime.



During the year, valuable donations have been received from Mrs. A. H. De Haven, Mr. J. A. Wainwright, Mr. Bammin, Mr. Carman, Mr. Hemmenway, and others.

Death has taken from them the valuable services of Mrs. Helen Peck Crane. High appreciation of the work of the new matron, Mrs. Amelia Rives, and Mr. France, her helper, for valuable services, are expressed. Contributions will be thankfully received by Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, President, Philadelphia; Miss Josie Hamilton, Treasurer, Ocean Grove, or any of the managers.

### Town Clock.

This excellent piece of machinery, though sometimes like the human, varying a little, still keeps on its way, and in the future, with better care, will give better time. It has recently had a thorough cleaning, by a skilled workman, sent by the manufacturers, and the above will be the result.

The spring comes up with its buds and flowers,  
 And the world with life is gay;  
 The birds build homes in the leafy bowers,  
 And sing their songs through the sunny hours,  
 But the solemn heart of the solemn old clock,  
 The same by night, the same by day,  
 Both when we sing, and when we pray,  
 Amid bloom or blast, still repeats, tick, tock.

### Post-office.

All summer resorts, having, as they must, an ever-changing multitude of people, are subjected to many embarrassments in their postal work. Vast numbers of new names are thrust, in great avalanches, several times each day upon the clerks, who have to be employed, often without experience in such matters, and great numbers pressing for their mail, it is not surprising if sometimes there should be some excitement. A little forbearance, however, usually brings pleasantness, and things move on. We always sympathize with strangers in postal troubles, and regret delays; but I am quite sure the aim is to do the best to serve the public. Perhaps no office of the same class has more space or better accommodations.

Rev. A. E. Ballard is Post Master, and the summer business increases from year to year.

### Telegraph Office.

Geo. W. Evans, Esq., continues in the management of this department, and the business increases annually. Five hundred messages sometimes pass over the wires in a single day.

Wm. H. Hamilton, Esq., who for the last fourteen years has been connected with the office, is the efficient operator.

## New Auditorium.

One year from next summer, namely, July 31st, 1894, we shall be twenty-five years old; or, in other words, it will be our SILVER WEDDING.

I am already met on the streets with this sentiment, "*Plan largely for that year.*" During most of the years of our history, we have presented, on our anniversary days, some object of interest to the public, and as 1894 will complete our *first quarter of a century*, the expectation will be, and the occasion calls for something worthy of this Association, and fitting for the times.

*Please take notice* that for a number of years past, such have been the summer multitudes visiting this place, that if one-half should demand seats for the public service, we should be utterly unable to furnish them. "*More Room*" is the public cry. Not to provide for this want, is to let our people drift from us. Not only is more room needed, but better accommodations also.

Some, indeed many of our people, sit on these hard and uncomfortable seats from six to eight hours in a single day. Not to provide something better, will, sooner or later, cause more or less of our people to seek them elsewhere. *This should never be!* Why? Because the religious department of this place is our *peculiar work*. For this we were raised up, organized, and for this we stand before the church and the world, most solemnly committed. In this work, and nowhere else, lies our special strength. For this, in the largest and most liberal way, we must provide, and keep doing it always, or we fall from any position of eminence we may have gained to the level of other places, losing the divine prestige which has been given us of God. What shall be done? I most respectfully suggest:

Get approved plans, such as will seat, by actual measurement, at least 10,000 persons, more if possible, with complete acoustic properties, proper methods of ingress and egress, ventilation, etc., one deep gallery (if capacity cannot be gained without) all around; the east end, back of platform, and reaching down to a level with it, for the choir, at least 500 strong; the roof to be of iron, concave or tortoise-shell shaped, the whole of which to constitute a perfect sounding board, instead of a small one over the head of the speaker simply, and bringing the whole audience of 10,000 or more in pleasant reach by an ordinary voice.

In the whole arrangement, three things to be kept steadily before the mind, and reached. (1.) Greater capacity, 10,000, or more. (2.) Perfect acoustics. (3.) Open sides, and free circulation of air. These three points have all been reached, and can be again.

SECONDLY: (1.) These points gained, get reliable estimates of cost. When this is definitely reached, then plan largely, wisely and in time, to raise the money. **IT CAN BE DONE!** Are there not among our many thousands of friends, twenty-five who will give \$1000 each, and as many more who will give \$500? Besides these, vast multitudes of others will give \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$1.00, &c. Two gentlemen, without solicitation, have already, without knowing plans, agreed to give \$1000 each, and others are ready to do the same.

Appoint a gentleman, or lady, or both, a soliciting committee, in all cities, towns, or other places, where our friends are found. No better missionary work for immediate results, than to help build this Auditorium. From here radiate influences resulting in the conversion of thousands, and stirring the churches all over the land, to higher efforts for the salvation of the world.

(2.) Plan strongly for a New Auditorium Day, Sabbath, July 30th, 1893; and so see our friends before that time, that at the close of that day, at least two-thirds of the cost, may be reported on reliable subscriptions. All that is needed to do this, is a steady faith, and holy enthusiasm. These will remove mountains. Vastly more improbable things have been, and are now in course of successful accomplishment. It can be done by us, for, in addition to faith and a holy enthusiasm, God has given us the confidence of the people.

(3.) What action, if any, must be decided before the adjournment of this Annual Meeting. To do, or not to do, is now the question? Without an absolute decree at this meeting, we shall lose our opportunity. I have now, and have had for the last three years, a profound conviction, that this New Auditorium should be built, and ready for occupancy, by the summer of 1894, OUR SILVER WEDDING YEAR. This too, can be done.

If you decide not to take up this question, with a determined will, at this meeting, the wave of interest, which for two or three years has been steadily rising, will recede to a low and sluggish tide, which you will find difficult, if not impossible to turn. The determined will of twenty six such men as compose this Association, can, with the blessing of God, and the help of our friends, reach the end desired. God has committed to us a great work, the magnitude of which none of us fully comprehend. It is to lift all Christian people to a higher plane of the religious life—to enthuse the church of all denominations, with highest and holiest ambitions—to educate into the best methods of bringing sinners to the cross, to save men, and to bless the world.

We are touching every denomination, every state and territory, on this and I might add, every other continent on the globe, and also the islands

of the sea. Churches and people everywhere are doing things because *we do them*. Unseen forces and influences for good are set in motion by these great meetings, which widen like the wideness of the sea, and present views to the mind, compared with which all earthly pageants, processions, triumphal arches, the tramp of returning heroes, the glow of human glory are tame and transient, and we shall behold nothing grander until we reach other worlds of unimaginable splendor, where heaven bursts upon our vision, and angels, archangels, cherubim, and seraphim shall gather around us, and our own spirits, subdued, awed, and overwhelmed with the incomprehensibility of the grandeur, shall exclaim with the immortal and innumerable throng, "Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God, forever and ever," and He shall say, 'Well done good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord.'"



Ocean Boulevard, approaching Ross's.

The day of small things with us is past. The day of a great opportunity has come. For a long time, I have carried the burden of this New Auditorium. I bend beneath its weight. Will you, by your decided action this day, help me bear it? That the Association cannot do this without help, the following Financial Statement shows:



## Financial Statement.

### RECEIPTS.

Received from regular sources, . . . . .	\$79,912 49
Received from sale of lots (applied by Trustees to payment of Bonds and Interest), . . . . .	5,655 00
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$85,567 49
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1892, . . . . .	1,612 79
	\$87,180 28

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements, . . . . .	\$44,893 92
"    Police, . . . . .	3,980 00
"    Salaries, . . . . .	3,753 07
"    Wages, . . . . .	14,800 67
Bonds redeemed and Interest paid on Principal, . . . . .	11,380 00
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1891, . . . . .	8,372 62
Total payments, . . . . .	\$87,180 28

### RESOURCES.

Inventory (the several plants and salable lands not included), . . . . .	\$135,000 00
Cash in Trust Fund, . . . . .	169 32
Due on Book Accounts, . . . . .	13,296 48
Due on Lots sold, . . . . .	17,653 60
Total, . . . . .	\$166,119 40

### LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, . . . . .	\$100,458 91
Assets over Liabilities, . . . . .	65,660 49
Total, . . . . .	\$166,119 40

## Summary.

Net Indebtedness, 1891, . . . . .	\$74,381 00
Net Indebtedness, 1892, . . . . .	69,339 00
Net Reduction, . . . . .	\$5,042 00
Improved Values:	
Electric Light, . . . . .	\$5,000 00
Water Plant, . . . . .	2,000 00
Sewer Plant, . . . . .	500 00
Sprinkling Plant, . . . . .	1,200 00
Total Improved Values, . . . . .	8,700 00
Total Improved Conditions, . . . . .	\$13,742 00
Amount of deposits in Spring Garden Bank not yet settled, . . . . .	\$3,792 67

This financial statement is, of purpose, made brief and simple, so as to be readily understood by all. The reduction of actual indebtedness is small, less than we had hoped, but it is a reduction rather than an increase, and

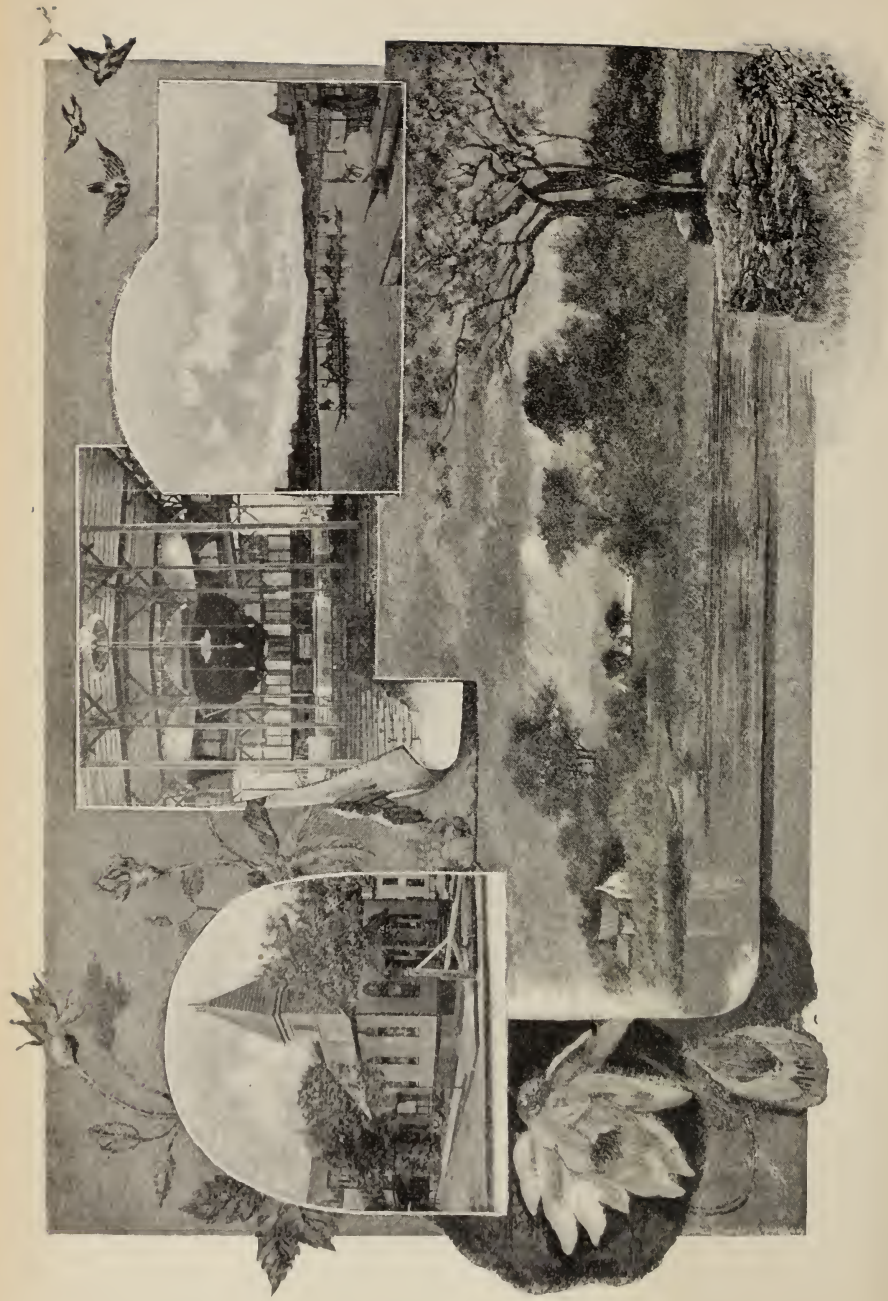
the improved values of \$8,700 show a better financial condition by nearly \$14,000; still, the way out is long, and the advance slow, yet with patience, perseverance, and economy, we shall reach the end.

In the transaction of all business in connection with our extended work, the utmost care is exercised, so as to make the best use of every dollar coming to us, and reducing expenses wherever possible, decrease the amount of interest to be paid, and thus have a larger amount for necessary public improvements. It is the highest wisdom of every property owner at Ocean Grove to aid us in this effort, as every dollar gained or in any way made in our legitimate business transactions, instead of being absorbed in dividends, is used in public improvements, thus enhancing the value of individual properties by that much and all the while, so that the Association and its lease-holders are, in the truest and best sense, a co-operative institution; and that which is beneficial to one is in the interest of all.

In closing the secular part of this my Twenty-third Annual Report, I wish to state that during the year, there have been held nine Executive Committee meetings; one adjourned Annual Meeting, and one Semi-Annual meeting. Total, 11. Whatever time may be required in attending these Executive Committee, Annual or Semi-Annual, meetings, no compensation is allowed any member, the traveling and entertainment expenses simply being paid. Some of our members, business men, have been on the Executive Committee from the beginning, a period of twenty-three years, attending an average of twelve meetings a year, often consuming two days or more each, of valuable time, frequently at great pecuniary sacrifice, all of which is cheerfully borne for the general good. Such unrequited toil, should receive from our people, as I believe it ultimately will, from our common Lord, the universal commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servants." To them, and all my brethren of the Association, with all our employees, men who have been with us long, and done their work well, who to me seem like brothers, equally interested with myself in a great work, some of whom have from little boyhood grown up with us, and their families, many of them born here,—to helpers, permanent or transient, men, women, and children, *all*, I return profoundest thanks, and devoutly pray, that all of us, true to God, as we have tried to be to this place, may so live, as to meet and greet each other in the better life.

Before the throne, where death no more can sever,  
 May walk the streets of gold;  
 Then rise in rapture through the long forever,  
 As years of God unfold.





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Up from the beach, joy-robed, with sunlit faces,  
Through green-leaved groves, go to the House of God;  
High audience there, go up with love's quick paces,  
Where sainted feet delightedly have trod.  
Heart-songs, soul-prayers, here reach the ear on high,  
And love, which never fails, gives back love's quick reply.—E. H. S.

## RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

We have thus, in the first part of this report, gone to the root, risen with the trunk, and followed the branches of our constantly increasing materialistic work. All this, though toilsome and expensive, is work that must be done. It is not first the full corn in the ear, and then the seed; but first the seed, and then the full corn. The soil prepared, seeds cast, plants nourished, pure air, rain and sunshine, then buds, blossoms, fruit. Heart fruit—heart fruitage by the sea! What joy there is in harvest! How the glad voices ring out on sunlit mornings, afternoons, and all day

long, as the heavy laden men, women and children return with ever increasing burdens of God's bountiful gifts, the ever blessed fruits. The joy is all the greater, because, all through the cold, dark and stormy winter, there had been long weary faith-waitings, hope-waitings, and sometimes sorrow-waitings, for the joy cry, "The winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." But however long, and faith and hope straining the delay, the cry is sure to come: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters." "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting"—thirty, sixty and an hundred fold in this life; but the final harvest, the eternal heart fruitage, is the end of the world. What inspiration for continuous and never failing toil! "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." The joy of fruit gatherings here is the imperfect type of enduring joy that shall be there, when souls are gathered into eternal garner.

We have had more than a score of years of blessed heart fruitage at this place, the last year, the largest and richest of them all. Blessed be God! For this purpose Ocean Grove was planted, has been nourished, reared, and now, as always, is fully dedicated. Heart seed—heart culture—heart buds—heart blossoms. Heart fruitage by the sea. It is now, as it has always been, my highest joy to refer to this heart harvest, which I now proceed to do.

The Tabernacle was first opened this season on June 12, and the experience meeting assembled at 3 P. M. It was a real joy to hundreds of thirsty souls to get back.

"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW." The faces of many who had gone out from us during the dark and death-reigning winter were sadly missed; but God was with us in superabounding power, and all hearts were aglow with divine love. The key note was full of expectancy for the season, and new inspirations came to all.

The first morning service of the season was June 19, conducted by Rev. H. C. McBride. There was from the beginning a glow of sacred fervor over the entire congregation, as holy song, fervent prayer, and earnest exhortation followed in quick succession, until all were ready for the general altar service. Many came to rededicate themselves anew to God, and one soul was happily saved. It was a good beginning, an augury of the blessed days, and weeks, and months to come.

## General Opening Day, June 26.

### Mrs. Palmer's Meetings.

Promptly on time, at the tap of the bell at 9 A. M., June 26th, as for many years past, the saintly, venerable, and heaven-aspiring Mrs. Sarah Langford Palmer, was at her post, in the tabernacle, and commenced her labors for another year. Rev. Wm. G. Browning, of the New York Conference, who has for a number of years rendered such unremitting, acceptable and valuable aid in this meeting, was at her side, ready for further work. Mrs. Grace Wiser Davis, always useful, together with, Rev. J. R. Daniels, who greatly enjoys this meeting, and other prominent friends of holiness, with Miss Ida Asay, at the organ, were present; but over all, higher and holier than all—God, a felt presence and Almighty power. The prevailing sentiment was, Pentecost and the permanent endowment of spiritual power, the full baptism of refining fire, and a complete consecration to the work of God. On this line these meetings continued up to the close, September 11th, a period of eleven full weeks, seventy-seven in all, the tide continually rising and the influence increasing to the end, during which time, at least 500 entered the valley of blessing. The universal testimony was, never were the meetings better - never equal. May the devout leader, with all her cheerful and valued helpers, have continual enlargements of spiritual baptisms—baptism of usefulness, blessed baptisms of holy gladness, until white in the blood of the Lamb, they step from the heights of ascending glory, into the immediate presence of God in heaven.

### Young People's Meetings.

The inspirations of the beautiful day, bright sunshine, balmy air, the re-opening of the Young People's Temple, together with the return of Rev. C. H. Yatman from his European tour, in time to be at the first service, called out an unusually large audience for the opening day. The hour was a tidal wave of song and praise, and prayer, a kind of jubilee of each, and crowned with special evidences of the divine favor. Mr. Yatman, said, among other things, "that his recent trip to Europe, furnished nothing equal to the enjoyment derived from meeting so many, to begin a good season's work for Christ and salvation." These meetings continued from June 26th, to September 4th, a period of ten weeks, daily, with the largest attendance, strong religious influence, and best results yet had.

If nothing else is accomplished at Ocean Grove through the summer months, the almost world-wide influence of these meetings, would be a good spiritual and eternal revenue on the capital invested, and we should be forever glad. But this is only part.



**Rev. Russell H. Conwell.**

Pastor of Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia.

### Auditorium Opening.

This took place Sabbath, June 26th, 10.30 A. M. A large audience assembled; the platform was well filled; singers, and the players on instruments, all under John C. Day, Esq., leader, were in their places, and as usual, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," rung out on the bright, pure morning air, almost as fresh and inspiring, as if, instead of joining in it for, perhaps, the ten thousandth time, we had never sung it before. If the Divine Spirit is in old things, old things are as fresh as new. It is the Spirit that giveth life. It is the Spirit that will give eternal vitality to things in heaven, old, millions of ages back. The preacher for the opening service was Rev. J. H. McCarty, D. D., of Ocean Grove. The text, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matt. 11: 28. This, though nearly two thousand years old, with the Divine Spirit like a fresh current of immortal life,



was as grateful as if heard for the first time. "Nature does not give rest, for she wears frowns as well as smiles. Nature teaches us about God, but does not reveal Him. Nature is stern and unforgiving. Cyclones and earthquakes do not pulsate with benevolence. There are smiles, however—health, happiness, love, beauty. I look at the dark side, and ask, Is there a God of compassion? I look at the bright side, and cry out, "God is love." Jesus Christ holds the key to the Temple of rest. It lies in conscious fellowship with the divine. Men naturally believe in God as a great first cause; not so easily in Him as revealed in Christ. In this faith grows and reaches its acme when it accepts the Holy Ghost. This rest is purely spiritual. As at the bottom of the sea all is still, however the surface may be storm-tossed, so down below the tribulations of the world we may have rest. "My peace I give unto you." Jesus did not say come to the church, or to a system of doctrines, but come to ME. The church is good, doctrines are good, but they cannot save. Jesus can. He gives Himself to us. The highest reach of our holy faith is this rest of soul amid the heat of life's conflicts. Jesus said, "Come unto me, and I will give it you."

This sermon was an inspiration to Christians, not only to seek this rest, in a higher and more perfect sense, but to lead those heavily-burdened with sin to its divine possession.

## Summer Sabbath School.

The reunion of all the departments of the Summer Sabbath School, including the St. Paul's Church, which continues the year round, took place at half-past two. This is always an occasion of interest. It was in charge of Mr. George W. Evans, Superintendent; Rev. D. B. Harris, pastor of St. Paul's, A. H. DeHaven, George L. Barker, C. H. Yatman, and the President, made brief addresses. The singing was excellent.

At the close, general directions were given for the opening on the following Sabbath: Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class at the Auditorium; Intermediate Department in the Temple, Mr. Evans and Dr. J. H. Gunning; Primary Department at the Tabernacle, Mrs. William H. Skirm and Mrs. T. P. Summers. Ten regular sessions of the school were held, with an aggregated attendance of all departments, 28,962. Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class alone commenced with 925; reached on Camp Meeting Sabbath 5,000, and closed on September 4th with an attendance of 1,504. The aggregated attendance, by actual count every Sabbath, of the Bible Class alone, was 19,789. 327 questions were read and answered.

The Chinese Department, in charge of Mrs. A. W. Wilson, opened in Association Hall June 12, with two pupils, highest number 7, average five for the season.

The whole work of the Sabbath School Department, and also attendance, was in advance of any previous year.

### Surf Meetings.

Ten of these meetings were held during the summer, one every Sabbath evening at six o'clock. The first service was "Praise," a new responsive reading not used before. All hearts seemed to be in thorough accord with the scriptural sentiments expressed, and the addresses by Rev. A. E. Ballard, Dr. Ferguson, Dr. Wright, Dr. Wallace, Rev. W. H. Meeker, and Rev. C. H. Yatman, together with the singing led by J. C. Day, Esq., and the players on instruments, J. C. Taylor and Mr. Sulger, gave an enthusiasm to the whole exercises rarely experienced at the beginning, so that here by the sea, where the fresh breezes freely bathe the brows of the thousands gathered, the very breath of God inbreathed into the soul gives divinest inspiration to all. As Jesus taught personally at the surf meetings by the Sea of Galilee, so His Spirit still teaches here.

### First Sabbath Evening Sermon.

Rev. C. H. Yatman was the preacher. He had just returned from Europe. He was greeted by a large congregation, and a forest of white handkerchiefs, as an Ocean Grove salute, fluttered in the air. It was an inspiring moment. The speaker felt its power, and plunged immediately into his subject, proving first that every soul has a destiny, and with logical clearness pressed this thought home on the conscience. He showed the two destinies possible: heaven, hell; the one happiness, the other woe. He appealed for an immediate surrender of all sin, and an immediate acceptance of Jesus Christ as a Saviour. At the close, he descended from the platform, went to the front of the altar rail, asked the people to arise, and such as would make this surrender now, to come at once and do so. It seemed a bold movement. The scene was sublime, as if angels crowded the battlements to await the issue. Could there be a single one ready? Yes; there is one. The ice of reserve is broken; a convicted soul comes forward with firm resolve in every step. Two more venture, yes; there are three. "Now," said Mr. Yatman, "I am going to offer prayer; are there not others?" There were; three more ranged themselves in front of the altar. The preacher seized the hand of each, as they came, as if to give a thrilling welcome home to the wanderer. Hearts were softened all over the audience. Tears fell; tears of penitence and tears of joy. Six souls were safely over the line of decision to live for God and heaven. The day closed; faith was strengthened, all hearts were glad, and heaven rejoiced. All conceded, it was the best commencement day we ever had.

## Fourth of July.

As this great patriotic holiday came this year on Monday, the day previous, Sunday July the third, was justly styled the National Sabbath. The Fourth of July, therefore, really commenced the day before. It is no more than just, also, to say that it was fitly commenced. Never was a more appropriate entrance gate, portico or royal archway, constructed to the grandest palace on earth, than was that reared by Dr. A. J. Kynett, in his matchless sermon on Perfect Civilization, delivered at the auditorium on Sabbath morning, July the third. The text was, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains."—Isaiah 2: 2-3. It was a mountain sermon; granite in strength, faultless in arrangement, convincing in argument, beautiful in conception, and overwhelming in its conclusions—Christian Civilization, which is destined to cover the earth, should be protected by the governments of the world.

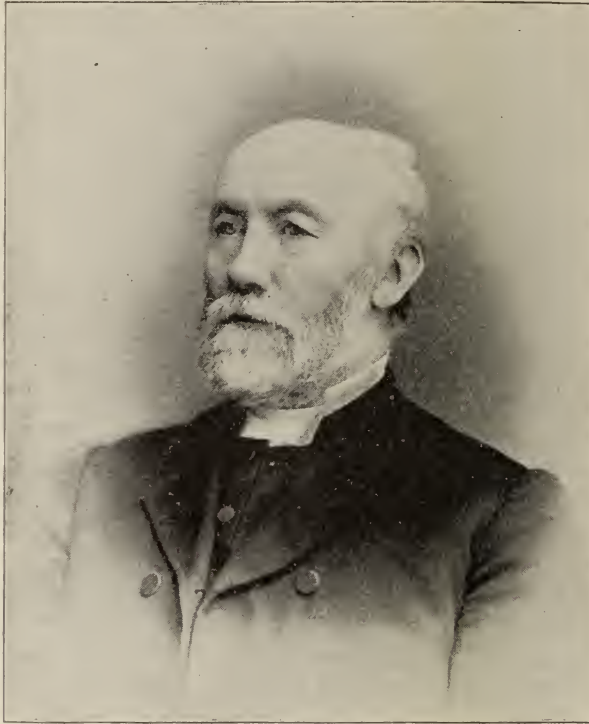
"Existing laws mark the degree of civilization. The trend of law-making discloses the trend of civilization. The standard is absolute righteousness, conformity to the will of God. To descend to low expedients is to move towards barbarism. Revenue laws, devices for material improvement, modes of government, the encouragement of industries and of commerce, are legitimate fields of legislation, but always and everywhere in harmony with the great principles of righteousness which distinguish the kingdom of God."

In the evening, Rev. Dr. S. D. Paine, chaplain-in-chief of the G. A. R. in the midst of a heavy thunder shower, gave, even under the unfavorable circumstances, an eloquent and patriotic closing to a matchless day. Monday, the glorious old Fourth was ushered in with booming cannon and joyful bells.

At the Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., the regular National Services were held. Patriotic songs, by a well-trained choir, in charge of Mrs. Geo. M. Bennett; prayer by Rev. J. R. Daniels; reading the Declaration of Independence by Geo. W. Evans, Esq.; and oration by Rev. John Handley, Ph. D., of Asbury Park. Dr. Handley dwelt mainly on the discovery of America: first by Norsemen, then Marco Polo, and just four hundred years ago by Christopher Columbus, whose character and achievements were extolled; so also, the fathers of our country, and the phenomenal progress of our civilization. He also touched on needed reforms, and closed with an earnest and eloquent plea for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The speaker was often interrupted by loud, long and enthusiastic applause. Resolutions of thanks were extended to all, amid waving

handkerchiefs and hearty cheers. In the evening our friend, Mr. Charles Crowell, of Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove, gave a magnificent pyrotechnic display on the Ocean front, and the day closed without anything to mar the general joy.



Bishop A. Carman.  
Methodist Church, Canada.

### Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey.

This assemblage of noble Christian women, engaged in one of the holiest enterprises of the earth, fitly follows in its work next after the Fourth of July. It is not only Christian, but patriotic and National, as well.

They convened, this year, on Wednesday morning, July 6th, and continued until Thursday evening, July 7th. It is always welcome, not only because of its great objects and aims, the suppression of the liquor traffic, and all concomitant evils, but because of their own inherent qualities,



in presenting to the world a solid phalanx of consecrated Christian womanhood.

Although we sorrow over the loss of their noble standard-bearer for so many years, Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, yet we rejoice, that a worthy successor was found in Mrs. Emma Bourne, of Newark, N. J., daughter of the devout and energetic "MOTHER HILL" of precious memory.

This program contained the names of Mrs. R. A. Phelps, of Asbury Park; Mrs. R. A. Anderson, of Trenton; Miss Ada Sulger, of Trenton; Mrs. A. M. Hammer, of Philad'a; Mrs. E. A. Mickle, State Treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Forrest, of Philad'a; Mrs. C. A. Dorman, M. D., of Boston; Mrs. L. A. Leggett, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dr. T. H. Tomlinson, of N. J.; Miss Florence Cramer, of Ocean Grove; Miss F. R. Griffen, of Alabama; Mrs. A. C. Dunham, of Ocean Grove; Mrs. May P. Sparks, of N. J.; Beulah S. Ewing; Mrs. R. P. Patterson, of N. J.; Mrs. W. F. Herr, of Red Bank, N. J.; Miss Mary E. Campbell, of N. J.; Mme. E. Alberts, N. Y.; Mrs. J. T. Ellis, State Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. W. G. Moorehead, Philad'a; Rev. Anna Shaw, Washington, D. C.

All parts of the program were well sustained, and while there was general and hearty acceptance of the truths uttered, many things received the most enthusiastic endorsement.

The last address of the series, was given by Rev. Anna Shaw, of Washington. There was a large attendance, and much interest. Her sentiments were well received, and the meeting closed enthusiastically, with the general feeling that the whole meeting was among the best they had ever held.

So, women, in their weakness strong,  
Are taking vice by storm;  
And blear-eyed sons of sorrow hail,  
The temperance reform.

All hail the women! prospering go;  
The cause advances well;  
Stop by your prayers, and words and works,  
Each breathing place of hell.

You shall succeed, for right is might,  
Though right has suffered long,  
Yet right, like David's sword, shall cleave,  
The giant head of wrong.

### The King's Daughters.

Why should we not welcome royalty? We do. Humanity was made in the image of God—royal. Before sin came, we aspired; not until after the fall did we gravitate earthward. When we are redeemed, then gravitation turns the other way, towards God. It is not strange, therefore,

that a great company of saved, or desiring to be saved, young people, have taken this royal cognomen, "King's Daughters." God bless them; may they always be lovingly loyal to their peerlessly royal Father, the Eternal God. They came on Monday, July 11. We could do no better at that early date. But, though an inconvenient day, they came in great hosts. Mrs. Bottome, Mrs. Isabella C. Davis, Rev. Wm. Bottome, formerly of England, and vast multitudes from all parts of the land, bringing reports from the field, by leaders of chapters and circles, mingled with flowers, and songs, and addresses, and welcomes, and smiles, and joyous greetings on every hand. It is one of those delightful occasions which almost every one wishes could come two or three times where it comes but once.

### The Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly

Was held this year July 12-21. It was the eighth annual gathering of this kind at this place. It has grown from the first, and is still full of divine vitality. It must grow, for God, who is the central source of all vitality, is in it. We cherish, as the gift of God, all holy evolution. Rev. B. B. Loomis, Ph. D., Superintendent of Instruction, with his able assistants, Dr. J. F. Clymer, Normal Instructor; Prof. Sweney, Musical Director; Mrs. B. B. Loomis, Boys' and Girls' Departments; Mrs. Sweney, Organist; Miss M. S. Loomis, Pianist, while Dr. Loomis himself, still young, has become almost a veteran in this most interesting and important work. So long engaged in similar employment at Round Lake, N. Y., and for so many years here, it comes to him with the familiarity of things learned in childhood, and yet losing none of its enthusiasm because familiar. The whole work is, in itself, so delightful, that it creates new enthusiasms at every step. It is its own enthusiasm. The last was the ablest, largest in attendance, and most enthusiastic of the eight. Every department was so well sustained that to particularize might be invidious. It may, however, be permissible to say that the pictorial entertainments of Crump and Morrow were exceedingly fine and greatly enjoyed; the Concert by Professor Sweney and his valuable assistants was beyond all his past; also the sermon of Dr. C. N. Sims, on Sabbath morning, on the "Gain of Godliness," and his lecture on the "Philosopher's Stone," on Monday night, were greatly enjoyed by vast congregations. So, too, was the sermon of Rev. Anna Shaw, on Sabbath night. The oration on Graduation Day, by Rev. J. E. Adams, on "Ideal Costumes," was exceptionally fine, in language, construction, delivery, spirit, and all that goes to make up a masterly production. There were graduates as follows: Dr. Loomis' class, 22; Dr. Clymer's class, 24; Mrs. Loomis' class, 46; C. L. S. C. Graduates, 13; total, 105.

The pyrotechnic display, at the new pier, on the ocean front, given at the close of the assembly, on Thursday night, July 21, by Charles Crowell, Esq., of the Consolidated Fireworks Company, Park Place, New York City, was acknowledged by persons from all parts of the land to have been one of peerless magnificence. The soaring night shells, bombette fountains, calliope mines, electric batteries, geysers, whirlwinds, willow trees, parachutes, peacock plumes, flying fish, floating illuminators, spray fountains, Bengal lights, aerial bouquets, etc., the flashing and many colored beauties of which could be seen as far as Spring Lake on the south, and in the distance northward, toward Long Branch. Within this stretch of shore, 40,000 or 50,000 persons, if not more, beheld the wonderful display; and thus the Eighth Sunday School Assembly closed.

### Sabbath Observance Day, July 22, 1892.

This, as for years past, was under the direction of the general secretary of the American Sabbath Union, Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D., whose aid and influence were so largely felt in securing action by the last Congress of the United States, for closing the doors of the great Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath, at Chicago, 1893. The following telegram was received from him as per date given.

July 13, 1892.

“TO REV. DR. STOKES, Ocean Grove, N. J.

“The United States Senate, at Washington, voted to-day that the World’s Fair must be closed on Sundays, and no liquor sold. Laus Deo.

“J. H. KNOWLES.”

The reading of this dispatch before an audience of 5000 people produced the highest degree of enthusiasm, which expressed itself in great clapping of hands and cheers. On the following Sabbath, the following was ordered by a unanimous rising vote, of 5000 people, and also telegraphed:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 17, 1892.

*To the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Members of Congress, Washington, D. C.*

In behalf of 5000 citizens assembled here to-day, of all denominations, from New Jersey and other states, and by their direction, we, the undersigned, respectfully petition, and earnestly request the House of Representatives to vote for the Senate bill just passed for the closing of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday, believing the same to be wise and statesmanlike, and for the best and highest interests of the American Republic, and our fellow-men everywhere.

Very Respectfully,

E. H. Stokes,  
C. H. Yatman,  
Thomas Hanlon,

James F. Rusling,  
A. H. De Haven,  
Wm. Dalton,  
Edward T. Lovett,

David H. Brown,  
H. W. Murphy,  
George W. Evans,

*Committee.*

On this Sabbath observance day, reports from various societies were read, in the Tabernacle at 2.30, and a jubilee service, at the Auditorium in the evening, at which Rev. C. H. Yatman, Frank Moss, Esq., of New York, Dr. J. H. Knowles, and Rev. Dr. H. H. George, field secretary of the American Sabbath Union gave interesting and strong addresses.

### Church Extension Services.

Saturday and Sabbath, July 23d and 24th. The addresses on Saturday morning at the Auditorium, by Drs. Kynett and Swindells, and those in the evening by Drs. Spencer and E. K. Young, all of Philadelphia, were of such intellectual strength, and grip of all phases of the great church extension question, that could they have been heard by all the churches would have stirred them to their deepest depths. As it was, good was done and the many that did hear were not only enlivened but enthused.

The sermon on Sabbath morning on the unchangeableness of Christ, was full of gospel sweetness, tenderness, and love; a divine uplift to many thousand hearts.

The sermon in the evening, by Rev. Dr. E. I. D. Pepper, who at very short notice, consented to take Dr. Watson's place, in his non-arrival from Europe in time to be present, from the text "Jesus only," was a fitting close to a day of great power. He said in conclusion: "O brethren, when Jesus becomes the bride of the soul, what bliss! 'Jesus only' makes for us a third heaven, such as Paul knew. Here is sublimity for the most commonplace life. Work is worship. The body is a temple of the Holy Ghost. The world and all its allurements fade into nothing in comparison with the presence of the great 'I am.' Jesus all, Jesus only." Then the audience, with souls aflame, joined in singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and Mr. Yatman closed with an altar service in which several persons gave their hearts to the all merciful and unchangeable Jesus.

### A. M. E. Church Jubilee, Tuesday July 26.

This occasion does not lose its interest by repetition. Each year rather adds to its popularity, and the joy abounds. It is a day of general uplift. The Africans are lifted, because they see in their audiences, composed of many hundreds of white people, a manifested interest, and realize that there is a sense of appreciation of their services; and the audiences are lifted, because, in most of the speakers, if not all, there is a developed ability not expected. It is therefore a day of general uplift. They lift and are lifted.

The addresses of Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, Philadelphia; Dr. J. P. Sampson, formerly of Asbury Park; Dr. W. B.



Derrick, Secretary of the African M. E. Church Missionary Board, and Bishop Turner of Atlanta, were full of good sense, well expressed, fervent in spirit, and sometimes reaching points of towering eloquence. The musical part of the jubilee is always greatly enjoyed. Twenty little girls from Newark, N. J., sang several choruses, which showed careful training, while the "Swing low Sweet Chariot," and "Steal Away Home," by Mrs. Lyons, of New York, whose voice is rich and well cultivated, captured all hearts. Miss Lee, also, so interested the audience, as to be requested to repeat several pieces. In the midst of all, through the afternoon, the lightnings flashed, thunder crashed, and rain fell, but songs, and prayers, and praise still went on, until 4.30 o'clock, when the rain ceased and the people quietly went home.

### Dr. A. B. Simpson, of New York.

It was expected that Dr. Watson, of Windsor, Florida, who had been on a tour to Europe, would be here to speak on Tuesday evening, July 26th; but he was not able. In this emergency Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, of the New York Tabernacle, who was holding a convention at Asbury Park, consented to occupy the place. His texts were Mark 11: 24; Acts 16: 31; Romans 3: 27. His subject "Faith."

"We can trace this principle in material things, and, rising a step higher, it is discovered to be the cohesive bond in human society. Without confidence what becomes of business enterprises, or the domestic relations? God lays His hand on father, mother, children, communities at large, and therein is safety.

"The first word in bringing back a lost soul is, 'Believe, and whoever believeth shall be saved.' He requires this faith, because the want of it makes him a liar. This is the attitude of every unbeliever; saying in the face of the loving Heavenly Father, 'I don't believe your words.' How do we feel when our fellows doubt us? How must God feel when we doubt Him?

"Now, what is the trust that God requires of us? Is it that He is able? No! Willing? No! That He will do it? No; but that He does it! Believe that ye receive, and ye shall have. Faith lives in an eternal now. The grace is given, the bond is sealed, and lies at your feet. Take it, and sing, 'Hallelujah, 'tis done.'

"This, O sinner, here at Ocean Grove, this marvelous place, from which it would seem, the angels do not go away, here, and now, this is the way to be saved. And this is the way to be sanctified. Take Jesus by simple trust. All the blood can do, and the blood washes whiter than snow—you will realize this very hour, by simply believing God's Holy Word."



Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D. D.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

## National Temperance and Publication Society.

July 27-31.

Prophetic lips, long centuries ago, proclaimed to the world of mankind, "Trust ye in the Lord Jehovah." But humanity, almost in despair, turned in the direction from which the sound proceeded, and despondingly inquired "Why?" Then the same voice continued, and said, with unswerving and majestic firmness, "For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." This was rock in sand desert—high noon on the midnight of the soul. Sometimes, even now, however, in the blackness of the howling tempest, we, in our forgetfulness, ask, "Is there any sun?" But that grand old luminary sits enthroned in his wonted sphere, smiling upon the partially enveloped earth, unconcerned as if there never was a cloud, or

even the thinnest gauze-like vapor to obscure his light. So small are these things on the disk of his undimmed splendor.

We sometimes say truth sits on granite. Rather, truth is granite! The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall abide forever!

However the currents of the world flow, God, who is spiritual and eternal truth, is mightier than all world-currents. High above all discouragements, we lift into the effulgent sunlight the never-trailing, and never to trail, banner, "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth."

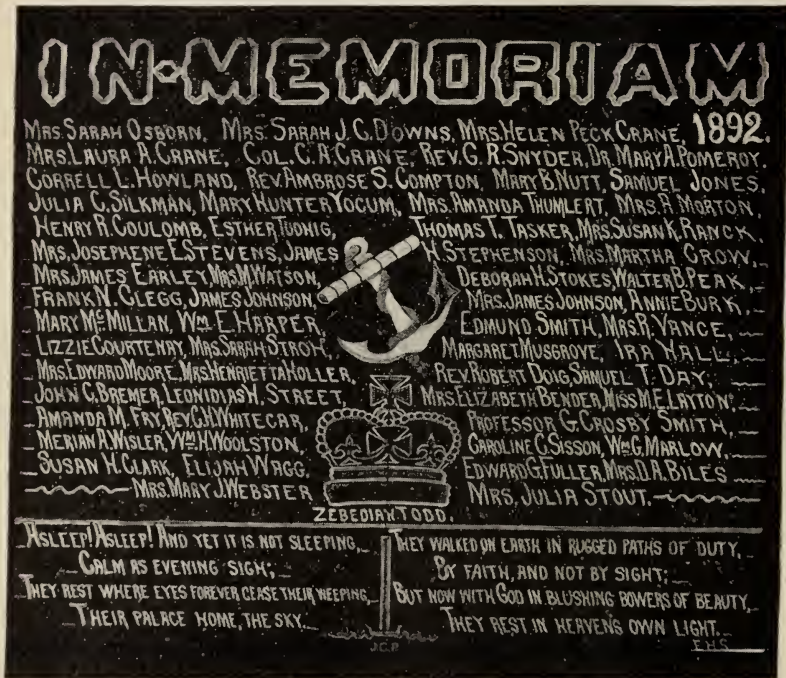
In such strength these National Temperance Society brethren always come, and their coming is inspiration. They march on granite, and each step has granite might. The mountains may wash and wear, and oceans change their courses, but the truths which these men bring are one and the same forever—God's truths, and must abide. There is a ring of victory in their voices which rises above all clangor of defeat. The Silver Lake Quartette is a prophetic peal of approaching final and enduring triumph! These lead the van, followed by men that never fail or falter: J. N. Stearns, W. C. Steel, Edward Carswell, T. L. Poulson, Bishop W. J. Gaines, A. G. Lawson, the venerable Theodore L. Cuyler, P. A. Burdick, C. H. Mead, George J. Mingins, George W. Bain. Such men make the earth shake with the majesty of their march, and for five days and nights the air resounded with the electric tones of their resistless speech. It was the first visit of Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, to these grounds. Long desired by himself, and us, circumstances had not favored until now. To see and hear this eminent Brooklyn divine, was to thousands, whose only acquaintance with him had been through his contributions to the religious press, a great joy. In view of the occasion being Ocean Grove's Twenty-third Anniversary, Dr. Cuyler embraced the opportunity to liken it to the Elim of old, with its palms and wells of water. He rejoiced in its phenomenal history, and the world-wide results of its powerful camp-meetings. He acknowledged, on the part of the great temperance organization, of which he was President, the courtesy of Ocean Grove in giving it free course on these grounds every year, and prayed that God's richest blessings might continue to rest on its President and his co-laborers in all the years to come.

In the conclusion of his sermon on "Whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him," he said, "Every father and mother should build up a Christian wall around their firesides. O, there is nothing like a Christian home. Let me know there is a Christian altar in every house in the Republic, and I don't care who sits in the White House, or which party has a majority in Congress." A hush came over the great assembly as the man who had been permitted to wield such a mighty power for right-



eousness pleaded for a better life in all the homes in this land. All the speakers were at their best, and were never better. Let none be afraid!

For solid still, as granite hills,  
Truth stands a castle high;  
Because Omnipotence so wills:  
The Church of God its work fulfills,  
For life divine its bosom thrills,  
As centuries go by.  
Though thrones may fall and crumble into dust,  
God's truth shall stand, for He hath said it must.



### Ocean Grove's Memorial.

This tender and beautiful little service was held this year in the Tabernacle, on Monday evening, August 1st. Its annual recurrence is to many, a sad and sacredly silent joy. So sacred, indeed, that all step softly, and each voice is subdued. The songs are like the shadows tinged with the glow of the setting sun, and the prayers, though fringed with grief, inspired with promises, take the wings of quenchless hope, and rise until they nestle in the bosom of God. They also lift the mourner into the same warm embrace of unchangeable love. The tablet contains many



familiar names. The background is dark ; but in the front is the sunlight of God's eternal smile. The words spoken are full of comfort. Our loved ones are not forgotten. The righteous are in everlasting remembrance. The hush prevailing is like the sacred awe around the throne when the angels fall, and reverently cry, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty. They rest from their labors.

So out of tribulations deep,  
 Conflict and strife,  
 The good, through Christ, all enter in  
 To endless life.

## Epworth League.

Under the auspices of the New Jersey Conference Society, and its President, Rev. Marshall Owen, Sea Bright, N. J., Tuesday, August 2d, was given to the members of this expanding organization throughout the boundaries of Methodism.

Dr. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary, spoke eloquently in the morning at the Young People's Temple, of the Epworth Rectory as the true model of all Epworth Leagues. The afternoon services were at the auditorium. Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Newark, N. J., Rev. George P. Eckman, Orange, N. J., Rev. J. L. Howard, Mattawan, N. J., Rev. F. W. Baldwin, Newark, N. J., Dr. John Handley, Asbury Park, N. J., Rev. Clarence T. Wilson, of the Wilmington Conference, and Rev. William H. Lawrence, of New York East Conference, son of Rev. R. V. Lawrence, First Vice-President of Ocean Grove. Each spoke ten minutes. Rarely, if ever, have we been privileged to listen to so many addresses, all so very high, and so nearly equal. Choice in diction, charming in rhetoric, classical in allusions and illustrations, they stand out as seven great summits in the loftiest mountain of our thoughts.

The evening service was in the Temple, when Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, Pastor of the 18th Street M. E. Church, New York City, and father of Rev. Clarence Wilson, who spoke in the afternoon, delivered in his peculiarly earnest and positive way, a mighty discourse on saving by sacrifice, founded on the words, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." Matt. 27 : 42.

It was an appropriate and long-to-be-remembered climax to one of the loftiest mountain days, so many of which come to us at Ocean Grove.

Epworth ! O mother, all sublime,  
 Thy fame has spread from shore to shore ;  
 Maidens, young men, in strength divine,  
 Go, make her grander than of yore.

## Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which convened at Ocean Grove, Aug. 4-5, included in its programme, Mrs. General Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. L. M. Dunham, Mrs. George M. Bennett, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. M. E. Griffith, Mrs. James Kent, Miss Emma A. Dobbins, Rev. Dr. James M. King, Rev. I. N. Dalby, Washington, D. C., Miss Bristol, Baltimore, Miss Corbin, Philadelphia.

There were greetings from different fields, Florida, Tennessee, New Mexico, Arizona, and the local work.

Words of cheer came from Newark, N. J., Baltimore, Md., New Mexico, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Troy Conference, and New Jersey.

The whole programme, in all its details, was carried out with such ability as would be expected from such an array of talent; the children's hour, including Mrs. Griffith's Nail exercise, being an occasion of great interest and profit.

The good accomplished by such an organization, going through our cities, visiting the slums, climbing rickety stairways, going down into dark cellars, scattering blessings here and there, feeding the hungry, educating the ignorant, ministering to the sick, carrying the gospel to the poor, doing good to the souls and bodies of men, without reference to race, color, or creed, is beyond all computation.

Such, and vastly more, is this Society—it is to such that the King Eternal shall say at last, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Evangels, lo! Before you  
The fields in whiteness lie;  
Go! Sing and reap for Jesus,  
Go! Garner for the sky.

## Young People's Day.

It was set down in the summer programme, that Sabbath, August 7th, should be Young People's Day, and so it was. The weather was delicious, the sea breezes refreshing, the sunlight cheerful, and notwithstanding crowds, everybody seemed glad they had come to Ocean Grove.

At the Temple at nine o'clock, not much more than half who desired could find seats. The service was one of great inspiration, and before Mr. Yatman had pronounced the Benediction, the balance of the free-will offering of \$1000, which the young people promised to make to the Association, to assist in providing the privileges enjoyed in the last ten years, was more than complete. At the Auditorium there was a vast congregation. The preliminary exercises were intensely interesting. Immediately after these, Mr. Yatman made the following :

### REPORT.

It is very fitting that at the close of a decade of work for young people, here at Ocean Grove, we hold an anniversary, and that I give you a brief report of the happenings during these fifteen years.

The true record can only be had from the pages of God's Book of Life, but of some things we may speak. It was ten years ago since I first took charge of the Young People's meetings. Previous to that, in tent and small temple, the meetings had been conducted by faithful and successful leaders—the Rev. Frank Cookman and others having had no small part in the success of those early days.

From that point a special providence gave the call to an enlargement of the work, so that to-day, instead of a temple holding two hundred and fifty, we have one in which we can crowd two thousand, with five hundred additional hearers standing without, which is not an infrequent sight.

Four times within these ten years have our borders been enlarged, and the need for the fifth is more pressing now than in the past.

As nearly as I can gather the actual facts from notes and memory, about TWO THOUSAND young people have, in these years, given themselves to God and made confession of Christ. At the close of a single meeting during the past week, nineteen came forward and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Master. This is our crowning glory. Next to this comes the inspiration and special help received literally by tens of thousands. Churches and pastors, from far and near, tell of the wonderful help these meetings have been to those of their flock who have summered here.

The meetings, while under Methodist management, have never been narrowed to a denominational basis, but with a charity that hopeth all things, and a love that never faileth, they have also those of other names fully as well as our own beloved church. People of every creed who love Jesus Christ, the Son of God, have participated actively and enjoyed and profited thereby.

The outstretch of the meetings has been to the ends of the earth.

The gladsome songs, old and new—the joyous testimonies, the Bible instruction, the heartiness of worship, the freedom from cant, trickery or sensationalism, the ever uplifted Christ, have been the means God has used for our great success.

The willingness of workers, the boldness of truth, the courage of conviction, the absence of stiff and formal ways, together with the bright

sunny faces, have drawn the people of the world into the house of the Lord, till they have become the people of God.

The meetings have helped in no small degree to permeate the Grove with a spirit of good, indescribable, but felt; that is known far and near, and has drawn to this city by the sea the many families who want not only their children, but themselves, to be surrounded by a moral atmosphere that will make life sweeter and nobler here, and find good hope for the hereafter. Not as some think, to the leaders belong the credit for success. No, no; to Him who alone can change the barren wilderness to a blossoming garden, should praise be given.

There are human enterprises where the hand of man can be traced, showing cause and effect, but in this none save the Holy Spirit has been the powerful guide, and His use of the thousands, rather than the one, is known and seen by all.

And now for the present two things are engaging our minds: First, a whole purpose to extend and expand the work on the same lines for another decade confronting us. We ask your aid, your prayers.

Secondly, to make a thank offering to God for the mighty mercies we have received. This is to be in the shape of a free-will offering of one thousand dollars to the Ocean Grove Association, for providing the facilities and arranging such meetings as we have had. And I cannot help but add the hope that the Spirit will open some heart that is able in worldly means, who has himself or his family been so blessed here as to desire to erect a memorial monument in the shape of a new and adequate temple, that we may reach tens of thousands, where we now reach thousands.

C. H. YATMAN,

Leader Ocean Grove Young People's Meeting.

At the close of the report, Mr. Yatman stated, to the surprise of all, that the young people had completed their free-will offering of \$1,000, and now thought that this great congregation ought to cover it with \$1,000 more.

At this juncture E. T. Lovett, Esq., who has special interest in the work, called upon a committee of fifty young ladies and gentlemen to go through the assembly and receive its offerings. This was done in the most quiet, unostentatious and delicately gentle way, and, the collectors being so numerous, in an incredibly short time. The noble sum of \$548.38 was cheerfully deposited in the little receptacles carried by the committee, and general joy prevailed. Immediately following was the masterly sermon of Rev. Dr. S. M. Vernon, Pastor of the Wharton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, from the text, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions."—Acts 2: 17.

High toned, inspirational, commanding, and on the ascending scale to



the close, it met the highest expectations of the speaker's warmest admirers, a surprise to those not well acquainted with his ability, and enjoyed by all.

The evening was occupied with addresses—Mr. Dusenbury, a prominent business man of Newark; Rev. W. H. Geistweit, of the Baptist Church, Minneapolis; and Rev. C. H. Yatman, all aiming at the one great object, the salvation of souls. It was a beautiful crown to an exalted day.

## National League

### For the Protection of American Institutions.

This organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, December 24, 1889. Its objects are to secure constitutional and legislative safeguards for the protection of a common school system and American institutions, to promote public instruction in harmony with such institutions, and to prevent all sectarian or denominational appropriations of public funds. The League is absolutely unsectarian and non-partisan in character. It proposes to secure an amendment to the United States constitution prohibiting sectarian legislation by the States. Already a good work has been done along these lines. The Hon. John Jay is its President, and Rev. Dr. James M. King its General Secretary.

This last-named gentleman had the use of the Young People's Temple on Monday evening, August 8th, and in a most earnest, eloquent and intelligent way, greatly interested the people in this important work.

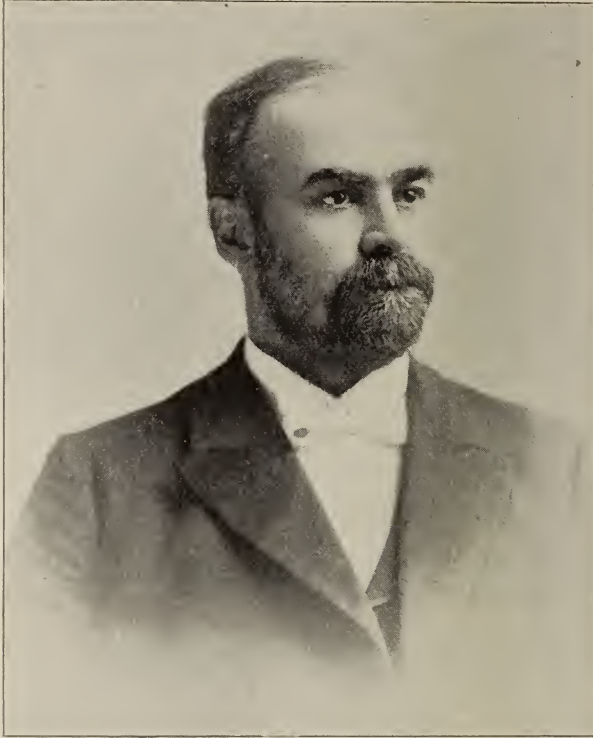
## The Young Evangelists.

This was a new feature in our work. Six evangelistic services were held beginning August 9th, and ending August 14th. Each afternoon at four o'clock Mr. Yatman gave an hour's Bible talk on How to know and love the Bible, the relations of the Bible to success in life, human characters in the Bible, the Bible at home and in business, etc. These were all well attended, very interesting and profitable. Rev. W. H. Geistweit, of Minneapolis, also rendered most acceptable service in this and other departments of the work.

The evening sermons were by Rev. R. M. Green, Rev. D. L. Marvin, Rev. A. Swift, Rev. George L. Barker, Rev. C. B. Fisher, Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce, who preached the closing sermon of the series, Sabbath evening, August 14th.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, preached the morning sermon, on Isaiah 53: 11—"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied." He said, in conclusion: "It takes

the nails, thorns, cross, and agonies endured for us, to awaken a consciousness of sin, and lead to repentance. This leavening power is working. There is no darkness so dense as to hide the tear of penitence. The wheat will He gather in His barn, and as they come from the east, west, north and



**Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D.**

M. E. Church South.

south, of every kindred, tongue and nation, a race redeemed, He is satisfied. He saw all this from Calvary, Saul converted and Paul the apostle preaching to the Gentiles, the gospel spreading after Pentecost, Martin Luther coming into the light, John Wesley preaching free and full salvation, missionaries bearing the glad tidings to the ends of the earth, the fulness of the Gentiles brought in, then His own people, the Jews, turning their gaze of faith on Him whom they had pierced; and in all He is satisfied, as the purchase of His blood, gathering before His throne, and singing the new song, "Unto Him that loved us." The whole evangelistic service was a most profitable investment in promoting the general interests of the summer's work.

## The Industrial Christian Alliance, New York.

This organization, in charge of Mr. Milbury, General Secretary, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Draper, and a number of rescued men, gave a service on Monday evening, August 15th, consisting of singing, prayers, experiences, addresses, etc. The whole was intensely spiritual, thrilling, quickening, inspiring, awakening, and heart rejoicing, as these rescued people from the slums of New York stood before the great audience and declared, in simple and unvarnished story, what the grace of God had done for them. Every heart was glad, and many tears of holy sympathy were shed. O the blessedness of saving one immortal soul!

On, on to the rescue, a life is in peril,  
On, on, hardy seaman, the honest and true;  
On, on, O ye Christians, a soul is in danger,  
And largely the rescue is resting on you.  
On, onward, O seaman, on, onward, O saint,  
Let faith never falter, nor firmness grow faint.

### India's Buried Treasures.

The Rev. Dr. A. W. Rudisill, of Madras, India, who has spent several years in missionary work in that far off clime, and who is soon to return, taking with him a magnificent stereopticon made expressly for his work, so powerful that a whole sermon can be thrown upon 10,000 square feet of canvas, set up with the great rocks for a background, enabling hundreds of thousands assembled on the banks of one of the sacred rivers for worship to see a gospel sermon photographed in their own language, which they, if they cannot all hear, can fairly understand.

He brought this instrument to us, with the aid of which, accompanied by one of the finest lectures, he showed us India as it is. At the close a prominent minister, in a glow of enthusiasm, exclaimed, "The finest thing ever presented from this platform!" If all did not thus say, I am very sure thousands felt like saying, "It is surely among the finest."

### Women's Encouragement Meetings.

The sphere of woman widens, and her influence strengthens. For ages out of mind, her field was limited, and of necessity her influence less. All is changed. Old walls are breaking down, and woman is emancipated. It is the Lord. Let Him do as seemeth good.

This is true at Ocean Grove, and has been. Every year our Women's Encouragement Meetings grow and intensify. God is in them, and He uses these His handmaidens to promote His glory. Elect ladies were

present at all the services, which commenced on Wednesday morning, and continued until Friday night, Aug. 17, 18, 19.

Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, Mrs. K. Chandler, Mrs. Dr. Vernon, Mrs. Dr. Stokes, Mrs. Moorehead, Mrs. Dr. McCarty, Mrs. Dr. Loomis, Miss Fannie Sparks, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, Mrs. I. S. Krass, Mrs. Dr. Gause, Miss Cassie Smith, Mrs. Judge Burris, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Monroe; also, Bishop Taylor of Africa,



**Mrs. Clementina Butler.**

Wife of Dr. Wm. Butler, who organized the Ocean Grove Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. twenty-one years ago.

Rev. Dr. Butler, Chaplain U. S. Senate, Dr. E. H. Stokes, Dr. H. Wheeler, Rev. C. H. Yatman, and others, all of whom took interesting and important parts. Bishop Taylor gave increased interest to the services on Thursday night at the Auditorium, where a large audience assembled to hear him.

He said, on being introduced by Mrs. Wheeler, "Mothers have their imperial throne in the nursery. They have the moulding and salvation



of the race, and the destiny of nations in their hands. Children do not, however, get the idea of God from their mothers. That is innate, given by the Creator. To mothers is given the responsible duty of fostering and cultivating this crude idea, until the child comes to a perfect realization of the Deity."

When these three memorable days closed, all felt that not only had souls been led to glory, but those who long ago had given their hearts to Him had been greatly strengthened, and were going forth better qualified for religious work.

## Twentieth Anniversary, Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The missionary work is unselfish. This going out after somebody else, for their personal benefit and salvation, takes us out of the self realm, destroys the selfish selfhood, cultivates benevolence, and giving ourselves to, and for others, enriches those who receive; then, by a reflex action, enriches us. "He who was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich." "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied." It is this reflex action of pure Christly benevolence that gives to Jesus His ever-widening and eternal satisfaction in heaven.

So these women have been giving themselves to others in this Christly work, in this place, for the last twenty years. During all these years, the work has enlarged, and the workers grown more Christlike.

Their meeting this year was held Saturday and Sabbath, Aug. 20, 21.

The long-tried and earnest workers were in their places, Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, the President from the beginning; Mrs. K. Chandler, First Vice-President; Mrs. Dr. I. Simmons, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Wm. H. Skirm, Third Vice-President; Mrs. A. Kent, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Dr. H. Wheeler, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Rev. J. R. Vankirk, Treasurer; Mr. C. E. Moorehead; Mrs. Wm. Skidmore; Mrs. Dr. J. K. Knowles; Miss Richardson, Bombay, India; Mrs. W. H. T. Reeves, Rev. Dr. Waugh, South India; Miss Fannie Sparks, of India; Mrs. Lewis Evans; Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis; Mrs. Rev. Wm. B. Osborn; and Rev. Dr. S. H. Baldwin; Rev. D. Robinson of the Eurasian work in India.

From the commencement, there were unmistakable evidences of the divine presence and all the services were aglow with spiritual fervor.

The ladies were highly gratified, and very much helped in their exercises by the presence of native missionaries from Bulgaria, Syria, etc., as well as several returned missionaries from other foreign fields.



Miss Ethel Raphael Singh.  
Graduate B. A.: Calcutta University, India.

The Love Feast, on Saturday night, was at white heat. Most of the persons speaking were, or had recently been, in the active missions work abroad.

The sermon on Sabbath morning, was by Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D.D., for twenty-two years a missionary in China, but now Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who announced the following as his text: "I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women who labored with me in the gospel." He gave an outline of the work accomplished by this Society since its inception, in Boston, on a snowy New England morning, March, 1869, by less than ten ladies, when Miss Isabella Thoburn was sent to India as its first missionary. He showed what they had done and what they needed to meet the obligations continually pressing them. He did this in such a direct and impressive way, that all hearts were touched, and each felt like asking: "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" The result of all the exer-

cises, including the Young People's Temple, which contributed between five and six hundred dollars, was \$1899.62, by far the largest amount ever contributed here for this object. How did it come? Answer: The people had a mind to work. This sum will help others to go—

Over the land and oceans,  
 O'er mountains and the plains;  
 Help flood with gospel sunlight  
 The realms where darkness reigns.  
 Help tell the thrilling story,  
 To every clime and race,  
 Help magnify the wonders  
 Of God's redeeming grace.

## The Annual Camp Meeting.

August 22d to September 1st.

We are now through with our miscellaneous summer work. While, however, we term the work of the past two months miscellaneous, it is so simply in the sense that the services have taken in a wide range of religious work, while at the same time the trend of all has been to promote the highest interests both of mind and heart. It is a source of great joy, too, to be able to state that all through these varied summer exercises the work of soul-saving has gone steadily on.

In the camp meeting it is understood there are no side issues, however good; no divergent paths, however smooth, flowery or inviting; no interruptions of any kind, but one broad, straight highway, all the better prepared by the work of the preceding months, upon which highway, for the next ten days, with increased joyfulness and intenser energy, all the ministers of God, followed by the militant hosts, of whatever name or order, are to press with diviner aspirations for loftier attainments for themselves and for greater usefulness in helping others in the same blessed and heavenward path. This great avenue of usefulness never seemed broader, more beautiful, or so attractive. It is well worn, smooth and definite, by the feet of the holiest men and women that ever graced the earth. On it millions have entered into life, and millions more are on the ascending way. Some, many may be beyond us. We hope, however, to overtake them at last. But our great concern just now is, to persuade others to go with us. With throbbing hearts, and tearful eyes, and tender tones of holiest love, thousands upon these grounds are saying to the young and bright and strong and gay, to all, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." It is a profound joy that so many heed, but no Christian heart will be fully satisfied while

one unsaved person remains on the downward way. Hence the camp meeting, where so many of God's children can concentrate in consecrated efforts to bring souls into the high and holy ways which lead to heaven.

For this divine purpose we assembled in devout and earnest prayer on commencement day, Monday, August 22d. Forty vocal prayers were offered in a single hour for one single object: the salvation of souls. God was present, and many felt that prayer was heard and would be answered.

In the evening many hundreds gathered around the Sacramental board and reconsecrated themselves to this great work. At these sacramental services all eyes seem single, and all hearts blend in one.

On Tuesday morning all the meetings begin Consecration service, Tabernacle, Rev. R. J. Andrews, D. D., 5.45 A. M.; Family Prayers, President, Auditorium, 6.45 A. M.; Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, Mrs. Palmer, 9 A. M.; Helping Hand, Chapel, 9 A. M. The start was devout, earnest, spiritual.

At 10.30 A. M., Ministers, Choir, Professor Sweney in charge, the Congregation filling the large auditorium, and all hearts are expectant. It is a scene on which angels may look with pleasure, and God, we trust, approves. Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., Corresponding Secretary of Methodist Episcopal Board of Education, is the preacher. His text: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever"—Rev. 11: 15. He said; "Will this ever become an accomplished fact? Will this Apocalyptic Vision ever be witnessed by men? There is a feeling among many good people that the world is growing worse. A good man said not long ago, that if things go on in this country, as they are now going on, for fifty years, we shall not have a country worth living in. I don't look at things in that way. Surely the church is not as good as it should be; there are many evils in it. Skepticism is abroad. It does not look as if the millenium would begin to-morrow. Still, it remains true, that "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord."

When and how shall this great change be wrought? As sure as God is God He will make a success out of creation. The infinite power that redeemed the world, will not allow a failure. Let us take hope. The kingdom of Satan cannot stand, because of its disintegrating and self-destroying elements. A house divided against itself shall fall. Advances have been made by Christ's kingdom, all the way down the ages. More has been done in the past twenty-five years than any fifty years before. The Church used to go with oxen speed. It has changed to horses, to steam, and even electricity. The Church must have broader views; she must present an unbroken front. In heaven's name come out of that kind of religion which leads you to worship God on Sunday, and work against



Him all the rest of the week. Let us put down wickedness, and have good government where we live. Then, when the day of victory comes, legislators, who pronounce religion a dream, will not be known in our halls of legislation, party lines will be deserted, and all will unite in hastening the good time of "peace on earth, and good will to men." Here, the minister, full of holy enthusiasm, asked that there might be such endowments of divine power, during the meeting, as should result in the conversion of more than 3,000, the Pentecostal number. Brothers, give your loyalty to Christ, come out of your individualism, and, massed in one great army, wage 'ceaseless war against iniquity and wrong.'" The sermon awakened great interest, and profound convictions of widespread results were expressed on every hand.

In the afternoon at 1.30, Mrs. Smith's meeting in the Tabernacle; Mrs. Wheeler's Mothers' Meeting, 2 o'clock in the Temple; Children's Meeting in Temple, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, 4.30; and Twilight Meetings, Rev. C. H. Yatman, Temple 6.30 p. m. All of these daily.

The sermons preached were in the following order: Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne; Rev. Dr. Alex. McClain, Brooklyn; Rev. J. R. Mace, Ph.D., New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. F. C. Iglehart, D.D., New York; Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., New York; Rev. Geo. P. Mains, D.D., New York; Rev. J. W. Langley, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Ansonia, Conn.; Bishop Newman, Omaha; Rev. Jacob Todd, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. David Wills, D.D., LL.D., of Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Phila.; Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, D.D., 18th St. Church, New York City; Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D.D., Dover, Del.; Rev. Pennington Corson, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. S. W. Thomas, D.D., Phila.; Rev. Geo. E. Reed, D.D., LL.D., Pres. Dickinson College, Pa.; Rev. Thos. Kelley, D.D., Phila.; Rev. A. G. Kynett, Phila.; Rev. A. C. Vandewater, Ill.; Rev. Russell Conwell, Grace Baptist Temple, Phila.; Rev. C. H. McAnney, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Dr. Hanlon, Pennington Seminary, N. J.; Gipsy Smith, England; Rev. J. H. Robertson, Paterson, N. J.; Rev. Henry Baker, D.D., Newark, N. J.; Rev. B. M. Adams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Isaac Naylor, Yorkshire, England; Bishop A. Carman, Canada, Rev. R. R. Meredith, D.D., Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rev. W. Swindells, D.D., Phila., thirty in all.

It was a great array of human intellect, permeated with spiritual light, heat and force. Combined, it was the whole Gospel, from almost every angle of light; the old Gospel, for there is no other, with new illustrations, from heaven and earth, science and philosophy; arguments profound, logic on fire, and oratory on wings; all these were repeated, yet ever varying, until the brain throbbed, the heart burned, and the pulse quickened. It was preaching in the old way, preaching in the



Rev. Rodney (Gipsy) Smith.

new way, first one way and then another way ; preaching in all ways, if by any means souls might be saved. And souls were saved :—

Be not surprised! What helps were here,  
Through the long summer, in its roll;  
God in His might was always near,  
And men to move and melt the soul.

Pauls in their grip of wondrous thought,  
Johns in their burning love intense :  
Andrews whose zeal their brothers brought,  
Apollos in their eloquence.

The Love Feast on Sabbath morning was an occasion never to be forgotten. With four or five thousand people, from almost every part of the civilized world, all aflame with the love of Jesus, it could hardly be otherwise. Denominations are forgotten. Names and sects and parties fall. Jesus is supreme. Songs blend, prayers arise, testimonies flow, hearts burn, faces shine, tears fall, joy beams, until praises ring out on the calm sweet air in great billows of gladness, like chiming bells from scores of

towers. No wonder, a little while ago, at the commencement of the service they all grasped hands in token of high and holy fellowship, and now, in their Father's house sit together, feasting at His table, in full prospect of enjoying the eternal banquet in heaven. Not to overflow with joy at such a time and place, would almost argue unfitness for a place in heaven.

The last day of the meeting has come. The little ones are brought to be dedicated in baptism, to Him who said: "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not." It is a solemnly joyful scene and God is present.

Parents and children retire. Their places on the platform are filled by nearly two hundred ministers. The seats below are occupied with silent and expectant worshippers. The bread and wine, emblems of a Saviour's death are consecrated. The invitation, broad, blessed, Christ-like, is, "Ye that do truly, and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort."

For an hour or more they come, phalanx after phalanx, scores, hundreds, thousands, until the last hesitating one, having lost confidence in self, and feeling too unworthy to look up, comes with trembling steps, falls before the crucified One, believes and is saved.

In this great throng, one hundred and thirty children, who have just given their young hearts to God, bow together at the sacramental board. The vast multitudes linger, look, wonder and adore. Angels rejoice, and Jesus, seeing the travail of His soul is satisfied.

The close is at hand! A weight of solemn and transforming glory rests upon the throng. With songs and tears, and smiles of triumphant gladness, we march twice around the Auditorium. We return. The solemnity intensifies. Many are sad, for the harvest is past, the summer ended, and they are not saved. Others are glad, for out of the darkness and depths of sin, their feet are on the eternal Rock. But, religion is sympathetic. These saved are sad for those not saved. Many sit and look, and watch, and wait for the next thing to be done. Mr. Yatman makes a last appeal: who yet, at this last moment will give their hearts to God, and take Jesus as their Saviour now? There is one, yonder another, over there a third, here a fourth, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve men, women, children, come over on the Lord's side. Thank God, though late, it is not too late. Tears still flow, joy rises higher. Heaven is nearer than ever. We shall not all meet until we meet over there. We cannot even shake hands with you here; too many. We shall have time and ability there. Here, I extend my hand to you all, as many as will do so to me, arise and extend yours to me. We will thus shake hands in our

hearts. Thousands are on their feet, and, amid tears, and songs, and shouts, extend their hands. "Good-bye! Good-bye!"

Then the President said: "In the name of the Father (bell), and the Son (bell), and the Holy Ghost (bell), I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for the year 1892 at an end; and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, rest upon and abide with you all forever. Amen."

## Recapitulation.

### Summer Meetings, 1892.

Sacraments of the Lord's Supper, 2; Twilight Meetings, 9; Special Prayer and Experience Meetings, 8; Helping Hand Meetings, 7; Sermons, 64; Children's Meetings, 9; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 9; Holiness Meetings, 76; Young People's Meetings, 71; Addresses, 475; Business Men's Meetings, 2; Surf Meetings, 10; Gipsy Smith's Meetings, 4; Elim Cottage Meetings, 8; Rehearsals, 4; Fourth of July Celebration, 1; Orations, 2; Women's Christian Temperance Union Meetings, 7; Special Services, including Family Devotions at Auditorium, 14; Bible Readings, 8; Memorial Services, 2; King's Daughters, 4; Consecration Services, 11; Special Song Services, 30; Stereopticon Exhibitions, 5; Boys' and Girls' Hour, 7; Normal Hour, 7; Post Graduates' Hour, 7; Lectures, Model Jerusalem, 8; Conferences, 3; Question Box, 2; Concerts, 3; Lectures, 4; Reunions, 2; C. L. S. C. Round Table, 1; C. L. S. C. Recognition Services, 1; C. L. S. C. Alumni Meeting, 1; American Sabbath Union Meetings, 2; Church Extension Services, 2; A. M. E. Jubilee Services, 2; National Temperance and Publication Society, 12; Ocean Grove Young People's Anniversary, 2; Epworth League Meetings, 3; Women's Home Missionary Society, 6; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, 4; Young Evangelists, 5; Christian Alliance Services, 1; Deaconesses' Services, 1; Women's Encouragement Meetings, 5; Love Feasts, 2; Ministers' Conferences, 5; Infant Baptisms, 23; Adult Baptisms, 1. Total, 964.

The following are the reports of the Leaders of these meetings:

### Auditorium Services.

All through the season the audiences were vast. During this time there were nearly one thousand services of different kinds held upon the grounds. Many of these, while simply intellectual, entertaining, or amusing, were, nevertheless, of



such character as to draw, rather than repel the mind from that which is good. The great preponderance, however, aimed at direct spiritual results, and such results were reached.

It was regarded as a favorable indication, that on the opening day, June 26, five embraced the Saviour, and similar success attended every effort, during the season, when practicable to invite sinners to the Saviour. The sermons, prior to and during the Camp Meeting, aided in this work. Often whole congregations would receive such divine up-lifts as would be felt, more or less, for days, all over the ground. Sinners were greatly moved in these upheavals, backsliders reclaimed. believers brought into the clear light of full gospel liberty, and souls newly saved. An effort was made to keep a full account of the latter, but this is almost impossible to do. The great throngs of people, the wholesome, and, as all thoughtful people know, the unavoidable excitements prevent this. There cannot be a revival without more or less excitement. There was an excitement when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and there always will be excitements on such occasions. If God be in these excitements, the more we have of them the better.

But notwithstanding all difficulties of counting, we feel safe in saying that not less than one hundred and fifty embraced the Saviour at the Auditorium altar, or in the Tabernacle, when the after-meetings were adjourned to that place. To all the ministers, and multitudinous other helpers in this work, we render many thanks, and pray the Divine blessing to rest upon them, always and everywhere.

E. H. STOKES, Leader.

### Mrs. Palmer's Meeting.

There have been held sixty-seven meetings since the opening Sabbath, June 26th.

These have all been deeply spiritual, and fairly well attended. To give the exact results would be impossible, and it is difficult to approximate. The attendance has been largely Christian workers, ministers, evangelists, official members and earnest seekers after the endowment of power from on high. It is safe to say, that scores have received the Holy Ghost, and many of these have, for the first time, consecrated their all to God, and accepted the Lord Jesus as their sanctifier.

These have gone to their homes to publish their full salvation. Others who felt their need of refreshing bowed at the altar of prayer, and received what they sought. It has been a successful season, and eternity will attest this fact.

(Signed) REV. W. G. BROWNING.

### Young People's Meetings.

Rev. C. H. Yatman's heart and hands have been so full for a few days past, that he has assigned to a committee of intelligent ladies and gentlemen, who have been constant in their attendance at the Young People's Temple during the summer, the tabulation of the season's work, with direction to report to Dr. Stokes on the closing day of the Camps. The committee consisting of E. T. Lovett, Esq., Chairman; Jennie E. Preston, Secretary; Mrs. Lovett, Miss M. A. Juch, Mrs. J. H. Davis, Miss E. Ford, and Miss Jane B. Buist, present the following: On behalf of the Young People, the undersigned, a duly appointed committee, do make the

following report of the Morning and Twilight Meetings, held in the Young People's Temple for the season of 1892, to wit: We desire to offer our sincere thanks to Almighty God for His gracious presence and power, which have been vouchsafed to these several gatherings, and to Him we ascribe all the glory.

The Divine Master has greatly honored the leadership of Rev. C. H. Yatman, as from a close observation we are safe in saying that all former years have been surpassed by this one in the saving of souls; over four hundred have been led into the light. At one meeting nineteen were converted, at another, twenty-three, and many thousands have been confirmed in their faith.

The religious work has been earnest and thorough. No far-fetched methods have been permitted, only the plainest and simplest means have been used. Not numbers, but salvation has been the great aim.

Seventy-one meetings have been held, and we estimate that they have been attended by at least thirty thousand persons, coming from almost every part of the world; indeed great numbers have gone away strengthened in righteousness and ready to proclaim the gospel.

Glorious results! Praise God! Brother Yatman has shown wisdom in organizing his workers, and so utilized the forces at his command as to produce the best results, and thereby adding to the deep interest exhibited in the meetings throughout the season.

Music and song have been a most important feature. Many excellent singers, skillful in their profession, and devout in their lives, have greatly aided in this department of the work. They will receive their reward. With pardonable pride we point to the various collections taken in these assemblies, the amount reaching nearly two thousand dollars. The "Twilight Meetings" have also been prolific of much good, seventy-five persons having given themselves to Jesus. Our prayers ascend to heaven for the richest blessings to descend upon the Association and its President, and upon our Young People's leader, Bro. Yatman.

### Consecration Service.

Every service was attended with great spiritual power. About twenty professed conversion. One hundred and fifty to receive clean hearts. One thousand or more consecrated themselves to God and His service forever.

(Signed) REV. ROBT. J. ANDREWS, D.D., Leader.

### Helping Hand Meeting.

Twelve converted. One hundred received the blessing of a clean heart. Two hundred received help and much encouraged.

(Signed) REV. ROBT. J. ANDREWS, D.D., Leader.

### Mothers' Meeting.

The interest manifested in the Mothers' Meeting has been deep, earnest and persuasive. The presence of God has been felt melting and moving the hearts of the people. Here multitudes of mothers from all parts of the United States, from Canada, Europe, Asia, and Africa, have presented their household friends for



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prayers, and mingling their voices in pleading for the salvation of their children. One hundred and sixty-eight special requests for prayers were presented, and many conversions were reported as the results of this meeting. Many who last year came with burdened hearts, were present this year rejoicing to report that their prayers had been answered. The leader has been assisted by consecrated workers, among whom were Mrs. Boswell, Newark; Mrs. Dr. Gause, Asbury Park; Mrs. Denler, Boston; Mrs. Judge Burris, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dr. Vernon; Mrs. Monroe; Mrs. Moorehead, Phila.; Mrs. Simmons, Danbury, Conn.; Miss Fannie Sparks, India; Mrs. W. B. Osborn, Brooklyn; Mrs. Dissosway, Ocean Grove; Mrs. Amanda Smith, Africa; and others. Every meeting has been marked by deep religious fervor and divine power. It is impossible to report the actual results. Eternity alone will reveal these.

(Signed)

MARY SPARKS WHEELER.

### Children's Meeting.

We have had one hundred and sixty-six who have sought pardon, and one hundred and sixty-five who have professed conversion.

Each one of these has been spoken to by my efficient helpers, or myself, either in or after the meetings. At least one hundred and fifty gave intelligent answers, and seemed truly to have given themselves to God. These conversions embraced all ages, from the young child to the parents in middle life. Our meetings have been blessed, not only to the children, but adults also, among which we include ourselves as Christian workers. One of the most encouraging things has been the desire of so many parents for the spiritual welfare of their families, and the words of encouragement given to the children and workers.

(Signed) GRACE WEISER DAVIS.

### Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting.

Never have these meetings been attended with such success. A number of conversions, more than ever, have been noted. One afternoon a whole family were converted, and went home to erect the family altar. Sister Smith received a request for prayer from one who was converted, and said she was the only one in a family of nine who was a Christian, and asked prayer that she might be kept faithful. Scores were saved in almost every meeting. At times the spirit of praise so rested on the meeting that it was like a wave of glory. On Sunday evening at six o'clock, and during the evening, the altar was cleared three times, and filled again by those desiring to be saved. It is impossible to report exact numbers, but at the lowest we feel safe in saying hundreds were quickened into new life and wholly sanctified. About twenty-five conversions.

We think of all the seventeen years of Mrs. Lizzie Smith's labors in our midst, this has been the very best.

Yours, in His Name,  
(Signed) MISS MARY C. CLARK.

The final summary is :

Young People's Temple, Converted, . . . . .	400
Twilight Meetings, . . . . .	75
Auditorium, . . . . .	150
Children's Meeting, . . . . .	165
Consecration and Helping Hand, . . . . .	32
Mrs. Smith's, . . . . .	25
Total, . . . . .	847

Blessed results! A continent,—  
Nay, worlds, their force are feeling still;  
Great words, almost omnipotent,  
In other souls their work fulfill.  
Till thirty, sixty, unto these  
A hundred fold be added yet,  
Widening like rivers to the seas,  
And shall till time's last sun shall set!



So ends the story of our summer work. To me the account is very unsatisfactory, because, having seen the living thing, the statement seems so far below the realness of the case. A wax rose may be beautiful, yet disappointing, because it lacks the living hue, and has no fragrance. So here. But, poor as it is, I lay it at your feet, and beg you to accept it "IN HIS NAME."

We drop the silent tear,—  
 Love's golden throne! Love's coronation day!  
 Love weaves anew her softest, sweetest lay,  
 Love lightly treads in love's delicious way,—  
 White robed, with heart sincere,—  
 And lips of all things beautiful and good,  
 Bathing fond brows with tears of gratitude.

Thankful to our Father in heaven that so many have, through so many years, been privileged to sow and gather such blessed results, HEART FRUITAGE BY THE SEA, I commend you all, and your families, and our work, to God, for the year to come.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

E. H. STOKES, PRESIDENT.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., OCTOBER 11TH, 1892.





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Beside the sea, the wondering people stood,  
Or sat, or bowed, devotion's earnest throng;  
The spirit, lost in worship's attitude.

#### SURF MEETING.

O widening sea, O ever heaving flood,  
Here on thy margin, where the surges roar,  
The people rise to Thee, O blessed God,



HEART-HARVESTING BY THE SEA

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Bind the sheaves in the bundle of life,  
Bind them ever with cords of love ;  
Gather them in from the world's hot strife,  
Into the garner of heaven above :  
Gather them in, yes, gather them in,  
Gather them in from this world of sin,  
Wisest are they who the most shall win,  
Life's great work is to gather them in.—E. H. S.

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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.



**TENT LIFE, 1870.**

Hon. James Black and family; Rev. W. B. Osborn and family; Jas. P. Tibbits and wife;  
Mrs. Newton and sons; Mrs. Abrams and others.



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

*Beloved Brethren:*



Always a joy to greet you at our Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings, it was never more so than to-day. It is pleasant, at all times, for Christian men to meet in social life, or business relations of mutual interest, but there may be, as is often the case, periods when heavy cares press us, and long and unmarked ways are to be traveled, that the warm grip of the hand of well-trying friendships, wise counsels and tender sympathies, are sources of timely and especial inspirations. It is so now. The year just closed has been exceptional in its anxieties. The World's Fair, at Chicago, was largely diverting the minds of the people from their usual summer resorts, and the position of the management on the subject of opening the gates on the Holy Sabbath, was giving great dissatisfaction to the order-loving, moral and religious people of the United States. It seemed to be the absorbing theme of conversation in social circles, and very often referred to in sermons, prayers, and experiences, where people had assembled to worship God. It was perfectly natural that it should be so, and all had their influence in the creation of a wholesome public

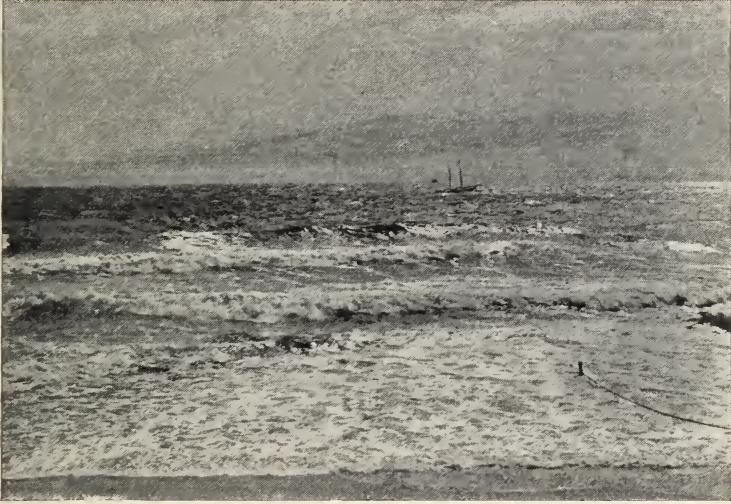
sentiment. Still, it divided, and so diverted from the immediate work of salvation to which we aim pre-eminently to hold the mind and heart. Added to these things, was the derangement of general business matters, by the financial stress of the country. But, notwithstanding all, there was with many of our people an average degree of summer success, while the larger boarding houses and hotels, found their chief deficiency of usual patronage, not so much in the number of their guests, as in the brevity of their stay. During the month of July, judging from general appearances, there were fewer visitors present than formerly, but making our calculations by the attendance at our evening entertainments and Sabbath services, they were fully up to other years, while during the month of August, there was no perceptible diminution.

Taking into the account the disturbed condition of the public mind, and the pressure of monetary affairs, we have great reason for congratulation, that by a general comparison with other places, the results with us are so favorable. This condition is all the more appreciated from the fact that there were heavy financial responsibilities resting upon us, the liquidation of which depended upon the average success of the season. When, therefore, at the close of the financial year, we found these all met, our joy was not only full, but overflowing. Other sources of devout thanksgiving will appear as the affairs of the months unfold, through the coming pages.

Among these will be found the fact, that during the year just closed, while several of our members have passed through severe and protracted physical sufferings, which in some instances still continue, yet death has not invaded our families nor depleted our numbers. For all these things, and thousands of other blessings, far more than can be numbered, let our bosoms swell with sentiments of profoundest gratitude, while we gird ourselves anew for the remaining battles of life, so that we may ultimately enjoy the eternal victories of heaven.

It will now be my privilege and pleasure, to give you, somewhat in detail, the material work and progress of the year. Before I do this, however, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness, in making out my Annual Reports, to Capt. L. Rainear, our General Superintendent, for leading facts in all departments of work; to Gen. J. C. Patterson, for special statistics and measurements; to Mr. John J. Smith, our engineer of water and electric light departments; to Mr. Charles J. Beegle, electrician, for facts in connection with their work; to Mr. H. B. Ayres, cashier, for all financial statements; to my nephew, Mr. W. H. Stokes, for a large annual volume, for the last eighteen years, of detailed daily proceedings of the general religious work; and also, for access to files of

the *Ocean Grove Record*, *Ocean Grove Times*, *Asbury Park Journal*, *Daily Spray*, *Shore Press*, and many other papers, without all which, laborious as the preparation of these reports always is to me, that labor would have been greatly increased.



A Chopped Sea.

### Concrete Walks.

This important work goes steadily on, and is generally not only satisfactory, but highly approved. In some instances, as in all human things, there are defects, but these are always remedied before payment is required. There has been laid this year, a total amount of 70,495 square feet. Of these feet, 57,240 were laid for private parties, and 13,255 for the Association. These, added to those previously laid, give us  $18\frac{3}{8}$  miles of side walk, six feet wide. There is still a large amount to be laid. Many private properties remain as at the beginning, when the streets were first laid out, without curbing or any kind of pavement at all. This is also true of some of the Association property. In either case the evil complained of, for the sake of greater comfort in walking, and general appearance, should be remedied without delay.

In this connection, I am glad to say, that, by the expenditure of a comparatively small amount of money, Woodlawn Park has been greatly improved, by the addition of concrete walks diagonally across it. Let there be no delay in completing this work in all directions.



## Avenues.

Good roadways are a great benediction. They greatly improve the general appearance of a village or town, make a good impression upon the visitor, and add materially to the comfort of all citizens. In the improvement of our avenues, though we pay a large amount of taxes annually to the township, yet we have never received a mill in return for roads. The whole burden falls upon us. During the past year, we have expended, in scraping, cleaning, graveling, &c., nearly \$2,000 on our avenues, and propose keeping on, as fast as funds will allow, in these much needed, and always recurring, improvements. If to the above expenses we add that of sprinkling streets, the total cost on streets will be nearly, or quite, \$3,000.

There has also been another feature of long-needed street improvements during the past year. I refer to the paving, with stone and cement, of the gutters on both sides of Beach Avenue, from Main Avenue to Broadway, and on the west side of Pilgrim Pathway for the same distance. This effectually prevents the deep cuts caused by heavy rain-falls, and successfully carries the surface water to the lakes. The cost of these improvements, for stone, cement and labor, is \$1,500. In due time other similar improvements will be made.

## Ocean Pier.

During the latter part of the winter of 1892-3, by the force of the wind and tide, a piece of old wreck, from 20 to 35 feet long, dashed with great fury against the pier. Its first blow carried away two piling. The seas increased in force, the southward current was resistless, and repeated blows, struck about 170 feet from shore, carrying away nine piling, and about 20 feet of the deck. The cost to repair this breach was \$355.

By the severe storm of August 24th, the pier suffered but little, save that the sand was washed from the piling at the sea end, until only 8 or 10 feet of the piling remained in the ground, two or three only being broken. The cyclone of August 28th was disastrous. The wind blew 70 miles an hour; the seas from crest to trough 16 to 20 feet high; at 6.30, A. M., the large fishing pound, near Lillagore's, was broken, some of the poles of this pound, 60 feet long, fastened together with chains, came against the outer end of our pier, from the sea-side piling of which the sand had been washed, and unable to resist the enormous strain gave way with a fearful crash. One hundred feet were carried away, and driven northward by the force of the blast, struck the Bond Wave pier and damaged it to a considerable extent. The damages amount to nearly



\$800. Quite a number of the piling, though of the very best quality, and driven but three years ago, are completely honey-combed by worms. It will require your very best wisdom to devise some method of reconstruc-



Ocean Grove Fishing Pier.

tion, by which greater security against sea ravages, and the destruction by these tiny and insignificant insects may be secured.

The small building on the shore-end of the pier was unsightly, and has been greatly improved in appearance, at a cost of about \$500.

Here dash the wild waves darkly,  
 Here moans the angry main ;  
 Here tempests howl at midnight,  
 In stormy throes of pain ;  
 Here pass the nation's commerce,  
 Here wealth's deep currents flow,  
 Here rush the tides of ages,  
 And ships in grandeur go.

### Sluice Ways.

A number of sluice ways and culverts have been repaired; chiefly that carrying surface-water from east side of Ocean Avenue, foot of Main, to the ocean, and 185 feet at the entrance of Main Avenue, along the McAdam Pike in front; cost, \$300.

Others require attention, which will be given in due time.

## Ocean Boulevard.

The repairs made on this walk from October 1, 1892, up to the storm of August 24, 1893, were simply to replace a few worn-out planks with new, and repair some of the seats.

The storm of the date named, carried away nearly all of the central part of Mr. Lillagore's pavilion, and a large number of his bathing houses; loss, \$7500. The same storm affected Mr. Ross, to the amount of about \$1000. The same storm broke and washed out, about 425 feet of our walk, carrying some of the sections over to the middle of Ocean Avenue. A break about 100 feet was also made at Wesley Lake flume, but only 72 planks were lost or destroyed.

All of these damages were temporarily repaired, at a cost of something over \$100, but the permanent restoration will cost several thousand.

## Sewer Plant.

During the heavy storms of winter, the sewer outlet at the sea was broken in two places. The restoration was delayed. This delay, however vexatious to the public, was still more so to us, caused wholly by the violation of solemn pledges, on the part of outside contractors to supply the material in time.

Sewer mains have been laid during the year on Stockton Avenue, across the turnpike to Mr. Treat's laundry, and also, on Benson Avenue. Sewer extensions this year cost \$1200. Sewer connections during the year, 51. Total, October, 1, 1893, 1051. Total cost of sewer plant, October 1, 1893, \$37,976.98.

## Artesian Water.

In this department, we are pumping from 23 original wells, 21 of which are from the 450 strata, and the other two from the 565, which afford us a full supply of water all through the year, except the greatly increased demand during July and August. To meet this, we contracted with Uriah White, of Asbury Park, to bore a four-inch well, 1,000 feet deep, by which it was confidently believed the needed amount would be supplied. But, by an irreparable accident in the progress of the work, and after one-fourth of the heavy outlay was paid by us, the whole project was a total failure.

Greatly distressed with the situation, we were, in the midst of the season's rush, compelled to drive 16 surface-wells, but even these additions were not adequate to the demand.

The amount of water pumped from October 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893, was 128,790,200 gallons, being an increase of 41,057,200 over the previous year.

There is now a united effort on the part of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park to secure an additional water supply for 1894, the best business talent of both places being employed, and nothing will be left undone to meet the increasing demand.

It is now morally certain that the great water question pressing both places, will be settled in time for the relief of the coming season.



ALONE.

The sleeping sea is sobbing,  
 In tones almost a moan;  
 While I walk softly near it,  
 And seem to be alone.

Yet it is seeming only,  
 I hear the Spirit's call:  
 And Christ the Lord walks with me,  
 The dearest Friend of all.—E. H. S.

Electric Lights.

This department continually enlarges. The dynamo-room having become too much crowded, an addition, 10 x 30 feet, with side walls 12 feet high and one foot thick, was built in a recess on the west side of the building. This gives room for the electrician to move among the machinery without danger, and also for a two-horse power engine, lathe, forge, vise, anvil and other small tools and appliances and supplies, with which we could do our own repairs. Cost of room and fixtures, \$377.10;

which, added to the previous cost of plant, makes the total, October 1, 1893, \$43,295.06.

INCOME FROM ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT, OCT. 1, 1892, TO OCT. 1, 1893.

From estimated cost of Lighting Town, . . . . .	\$3,500 00
“ Commercial Lighting, . . . . .	3,589 41
Total Receipts, . . . . .	————— \$7,089 41

EXPENSES (RUNNING).

For Coal, . . . . .	\$1,538 62
“ Wages, . . . . .	1,656 00
“ Sundry Expenses, . . . . .	1,980 00
“ Interest on Plant, . . . . .	2,597 70
Total Expenses, . . . . .	————— \$7,772 32

The combined capacity of all Dynamos is 1,475, 30 C. P. Lamps. There are over 68 miles of different kind of wire in use.

Highest number of lamps in use at one time, . . . . .	1,328
Number of lamps burned out, . . . . .	815
Average life of lamps in hours, . . . . .	868
Total number of hours which all lamps burned, . . . . .	992,823
Or 112½ years for one lamp.	

Less hours run on streets 309 for 365 lamps, on moon schedule. We have:—

FOR COMMERCIAL LIGHTS.—Two 450, 30 C. P. light dynamos, two 450 light regulators, 878 lamps of various candle power, ten miles of wire, No. 8, with all necessary switches and other attachments.

FOR STREET LIGHTS AND OTHER LIGHTS BESIDE PLACES OF WORSHIP.—One 375, 30 C. P. light dynamo, one 375 light regulator, 390 lamps of various candle power.

FOR ASSOCIATION PLACES OF WORSHIP.—One 200, 30 C. P. light dynamo, one 200 light regulator, four miles of No. 8 wire, with cut-offs, switches, and other attachments.

The plant is not as remunerative as it should be.

## Tent Life.

This department of our work continues to interest large numbers of people. Inconveniences do not seriously annoy, or storms discourage. The past season, in this last respect, was exceptionally severe, yet the occupants of tents were generally, at such times, cheerful, and regarded their inconveniences as features of novelty and healthful excitement in their Summer outing. The storms of August 24th and 28th did considerable damage; yet, when we consider that in some localities whole



towns were almost wholly destroyed, it is remarkable that out of nearly 300 tents, only about 40 of our oldest and most worn tents were damaged. The repairs of tents, after the storm, cost \$542.98. The total expense of erecting and taking down tents during the season, caring for the same, building lattice kitchens, tent floors, annual repair of tents, including those damaged by the August storms, was \$2,733.29.

The tenters around the Auditorium, on Bethany Block, and back of Ross's bathing grounds, were very little harmed. During the present Winter, frame kitchens, with permanent floors, strong posts, and firmer tents will be prepared for the Fletcher Lake tenting grounds, an improved appearance given to the whole locality, and the occupants of that neighborhood will be better accommodated than in former years.



Bathing Scene.

## Wesley Lake.

The two bridges across Wesley Lake, built of iron, the property of James A. Bradley, and the Ocean Grove Association, are picturesque structures, give new beauties to this charming little sheet of water, and are a great convenience to the people. They are always free on the Sabbath, and for eight full months of the year. A toll of one cent for each

passenger is collected during the secular days of June, July, August, and September. This fund is used for paying current expenses,—policing, lighting, repairing bulk heads on the lake, cleaning, collecting, interest on cost, &c. The aggregated crossings over both bridges, during the past Summer, not counting those on the Sabbath, was 339,950, being 18,000 less than the same months in 1892.

The condition of this lake has been pretty good, but needs more frequent cleaning by both sides. About five hundred feet of the bulkhead has been repaired. This department needs constant watching and work.

### Fletcher Lake.

There are three wooden bridges across Fletcher Lake. None of these have been much cost to the Association. The first, and lower one, near Lillagore's, was erected chiefly at the expense of Mrs. Kent and Mr. Bradley. The upper one, at Pennsylvania Avenue, the property of Mr. Bradley, when on Wesley Lake, was given to us by him, when the iron bridges were completed, on condition that we would move and set it up in its present position. The third, and last, 245 feet long, 7 feet wide, at Pilgrim Pathway, cost about \$400. Mr. Bradley gave \$50, and his men did the work of its erection at his expense. The bridge committee paid one hundred, and they have something over. On Tuesday evening, July 28th, 1893, the bridge was thrown open to the public, and the occasion was celebrated by an enthusiastic entertainment, given by Mr. Bradley, in which the citizens of Bradley Beach and Ocean Grove joined most heartily, and the best of feeling prevailed.

All these bridges, built by the consent of the Association, for special convenience, and at comparatively small cost, *are always free.*

The condition of Fletcher Lake has been good. We had some trouble in holding the water, caused by the breaking of the flume; but that was soon remedied, and a better state of things prevailed. All these things need constant attention, cleaning and repairs.

### Ice Department.

There were 2,268½ tons of ice purchased and, excepting a small quantity left for fall and winter use, sold during the season. The first cost, and handling of this large quantity through the summer, is heavy. Still, the work was well done this year, and the general results such as to be satisfactory to all. The ice house will need considerable repairs, by renewing lumber and increasing strength.

## Business Buildings.

All of these need yearly repairs or alterations to meet the constantly changing conditions of the occupants.

The old meat market of McCabe & Margerum has been entirely removed, and a more modern brick structure, finished with hard wood, erected in its stead. It is a substantial building, and the occupants named above have done themselves great credit, furnishing it with beautiful and the most modern fixtures, for the convenience of themselves and the public which they so faithfully serve. The total cost is about \$2,000.

To the above, is a large amount of jobbing and miscellaneous work in the line of repairs, which by their number are almost beyond our ability to compute.

## Tree Planting Day.

Tree Planting Anniversary was observed this year on Wednesday, April 26th. A number of trees were planted for private parties, and paid for by them. Others were set out to the memory of deceased workers and early settlers in the town. The names of these appear in the memorial tablet. These plantings were intermingled with simple religious services in Centennial Square, and around the individual trees as they were set. At St. Paul's Church, in the evening, an appropriate religious service was also held.

## Business Licenses.

The number of licenses issued this year was 194, being 31 less than last year, for which there was received \$1,767.50. The whole license question needs careful revision, and such additional legislation as will put the whole matter at rest. I commend this to your careful attention, and ask its reference to a strong and judicious committee.

## Parks and Lawns.

These have received considerable attention during the past year, but need still more.

THE OCEAN FRONT, between the eastern curb of Ocean Avenue, to the western edge of Plank Walk, has had a good coating of soil, from the north line of Main Avenue, southward to Heck, taking in the Angel of Victory, and gives to the whole a much improved appearance. Soon we shall be able to complete this work, so that we shall have from Ross's to Lillagore's, a bright green sward.

WOODLAWN PARK.—This has been raised to a grade above the walks around it, with good soil from Darlington; grass-seed has been sown, and



Hon. James A. Bradley,  
Asbury Park, New Jersey.

concrete walks laid diagonally across. The appearance is much improved. The property-owners around this Park have agreed to place a fountain in the center, at their own expense.

EVERGREEN PARK, at the entrance gate, is in a very conspicuous position, needs, and should have, additional cultivation.

GREENLEAF PARK, too, with a little care and expense, can be so improved as to make it a joy to all beholders. I have before called attention to it, but success is gained by line upon line, and precept upon precept. I am fully aware, however, that the cause of these delays is not indifference, but want of funds. Some day I hope this want will be overcome, and we shall be able to do all that should be done.

THOMPSON PARK looks better, but we hope by still further taking out dead trees, the planting of fresh ones, the filling up of the low part



in the northeast or seaward corner, the placing of more and better seats, and the laying of concrete walks diagonally from northeast to southwest, to give it a more smiling face with which to greet our next summer visitors.

OCEAN PATHWAY, the Ocean Plaza of our town, is the most conspicuous, and may become the most beautiful upon our grounds. It will take time and money. The citizens on either side of the Way agree to bear half the expense.

Something has already been done in this direction. It will need additional soil, seed and cultivation. Happily, the soil is now in reach, and will be brought from Darlington, near by, for this purpose. The improvements already made, including floral decorations, have cost \$427.75. If it be true, that those who cause two blades of grass to grow where there was but one, are benefactors, what shall they be who cause thousands to grow where there were none?

## Sanitarian's Report.

(Abstract.)

*To the President and Members of the*

*Ocean Grove, C. M. Association, in Session October 10, 1893.*

As your Sanitarian, I present this my Annual Report :

The practical work to and for which, all proper sanitation is and ought to be devoted, was inaugurated in the month of April. This consisted in the application of Sanitary Laws, in the homes and on the premises of the Grove. To this end, a personal visitation, and inspection of said premises was instituted, and a proper examination made. All necessary advice and instruction given, in order to the prevention of sickness. In all such precautionary measures, not only are the health and life of the individual and family cared for, but that of the entire community ; for one single case of contagious disease can and may endanger a whole community. In order to such prevention and protection, there is needed the most thorough and constant supervision ; for the neglect of sanitary requirements still obtains to a fearful degree, through ignorance or culpable indifference. Though we, your Sanitarian and his assistant, do not claim to have done this work as thorough and as complete as they desire, yet the result of our efforts, demonstrate the efficiency of the same, and also establishes beyond question, the wisdom and imperative necessity of a permanent Scientific Sanitary Department. The gross ignorance of, or the utter indifference to the laws of health among many of the residents and visitors to our town, is lamentable.

I am pleased to report, that during the last six months, the health of Ocean Grove has been remarkably good. The undertaker, who has most of the sad work of burying the dead of the Grove, reports to me that there have been fewer funerals

in the aforesaid interim, than in the past twelve years. We have had some sickness, but through a rigid and unrelenting enforcement of the requisite medical sanitation, we have kept disease within the narrow precincts of its first appearance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D., *Sanitarian*.

H. B. ALDAY, M. D., *Assistant*.

The report touches a number of other very important matters, but being referred to in their appropriate places in this report, are here omitted.

## The Fire Department.

The boundaries of the fire district remain as last year, which includes Ocean Grove, West Grove, and along the McAdam road, to the head of Wesley Lake. Beyond that, north, is in Asbury Park. The apparatus is in good condition, and includes as follows:

**Washington Engine and Hose Company.**—*Apparatus*: One steam fire engine, two hose carriages; over 1500 feet of hose; and forty-five men.

**E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Company, No. 1.**—*Apparatus*: One chemical engine, complete, one good horse, driver, fire harness, and thirty men.

**The Unexcelled Chemical Engine Company, No. 2, of West Grove.**—*Apparatus*: One chemical engine, complete; and thirty-six men.

**Eagle Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.**—*Apparatus*: One truck, ladder, ropes and buckets, complete; and eighteen men.

The fire commissioners of the district, have during the year, purchased needed apparatus, and built a substantial house, for this last named company, on a lot purchased of the Association on the northwest corner of Heck and Witfield Avenues. The object of the commissioners in building in that locality, was more evenly to distribute the different companies over the district, and so be of more speedy access in case of fire.

There have been, during the year, three small fires where the different companies showed their skill, by the efficiency of their work.

Clang, clang, clang the bell,  
In a dread and dismal knell,  
On the blackened midnight fell.

Flash, flame, hurry, fire,  
Water, run; fiercer, higher  
Skyward savage tongues aspire.

## Policing.

I have before me, a full report from our Chief of Police, Gen. J. C. Patterson, which gives a detailed statement of all matters within his jurisdiction, for the year. These details contain a painful record of the high misdemeanors of a class of boys belonging to our town—boys from whom better things are expected, and will be required—boys over whom a more rigid home discipline must be exercised, and, without which the future of their lives has no promise. I spare further exposure at the present, but repetitions will call forth the rigid exactions of the law.

The highest number of policemen employed, increase, over the three all the year men, as the summer multitudes increase, up to eleven, and then, as the multitudes retire at the close of the season, drop down by degrees to the regular number, *three*. Their work is to preserve order. The difficulties which occur, are not with our own people, but with those who get in, or seek to get in improperly. There were 21 arrests for various causes, and hundreds of improper persons kept from entering, both on week-days and the Sabbath. Over 300 complaints of various kinds were adjusted. It is by continued vigilance of this kind that our general order is good, and our Sabbaths a perpetual benediction.

## Jerusalem Model.

This, as always, has interested a large class of people. During the summer, many travelers, who had visited the Holy City, spent much time in its study, and generally spake in praise of its excellence and accuracy.

It is a frail structure, and frequently needs attention, but the interest which it awakens more than pays for the care and cost.

## Branch Banks.

The Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, and also the First National Bank of Asbury Park, have both branch offices at Ocean Grove; the first at the northwest corner of Main Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway, and the second on the first floor of the Association Building on the northeast corner of the same avenues. Both have capable and gentlemanly clerks, who conduct the business with general acceptance, and I am glad to know that each has a satisfactory line of business. They are a great convenience to all of our people, and their withdrawal would be a serious inconvenience to all.



Residence of Mr. J. Edward Flitcroft,  
 Corner of Tabor Way and Asbury Avenue.

### Private Improvements.

Numerous cottages have been remodeled and so changed as almost to have lost their original appearance. A. H. DeHaven, Esq., of New York, and E. T. Lovatt, Esq., of Tarrytown, N. Y., have materially changed and beautified their homes on Ocean Pathway; Mr. J. Edward Flitcroft has built a commodious and very attractive home for himself and family at the corner of Delaware and Asbury Avenues; Mr. Columbus King has also erected a fine five-story hotel, with all the modern improvements, on Ocean Pathway, near the sea.

Total number of Cottages and Boarding Houses in 1892, . . . . .	1,178
Erected, Cottages, 1893, . . . . .	16
"    Boarding House, 1893, . . . . .	1— 17
Total Cottages, 1893, . . . . .	1,195
Total Boarding Houses, 1893, . . . . .	79
Add 26 Stores, 42 Stables, 1 School House, 1 Church, 4 other Places of worship, 5 Offices, . . . . .	79
We have a Grand Total of . . . . .	1,353



## Elim Cottage.

“And they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water, and three-score and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the water.”—Ex. 15: 27. It was a beautiful oasis in a wild, wide waste of desert on every hand. Here they found refreshment and delicious rest. So many a way-worn pilgrim has found our Elim by the Sea.

Here from June 3d to September 6th, 1893, there were 234 thus rested. These were from all the tribes of our Spiritual Israel, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Reformed, Evangelical, Episcopal, Moravians, Menonites, Humanitarians, Salvation Army, Israelites, Theological Students, Deaconesses, Missionaries, and other Christian workers; and yet “Ephraim did not envy Judah, nor Judah vex Ephraim,” all sweetly drinking together from the wells of life, and resting beneath the shade of victorious palms.

The states and countries represented by these various guests were: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, North and South Dakota, India, Mexico, Italy, China, and Turkey. Among this large company were found Rev. Dr. William Butler, the first missionary to India, and at whose suggestion woman’s work for woman was commenced in foreign lands; his wife, Mrs. Butler, who organized the Ocean Grove Auxiliary of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; their daughter, Clementina, who has been Missionary to Mexico; also, their son, Dr. John W. Butler, now Missionary to that interesting, though American, yet, in most respects, still a foreign land; also the Rev. L. V. Ravi, first Methodist minister to Florence, Italy, with his son and daughter, who have come to this country to be educated. In view of all this, permit me to repeat my metrical credo of last year:

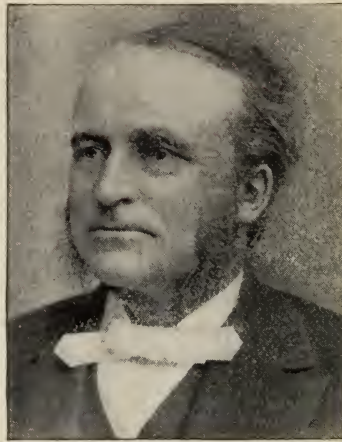
I believe in every Christian,  
By whatever name defined;  
In the lowly as the highest,  
If they bear the Christly mind.

I believe in all the Churches,  
Where the Spirit walks sublime;

I believe in sweet communion  
With the saints of every clime.

## St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal Church.

This is an important adjunct in our all-the-year work at Ocean Grove. The building, in its exterior, is architecturally attractive, and its internal arrangements convenient. It is a working church, and beyond the



Rev. Milton Relyea.

average in spiritual attainments. The grade of its pastors has been high, and the present incumbent, Rev. Milton Relyea, is cherished in the hearts of a devoted people. All departments of churchly requirements are clearly set forth, and responded to with such cheerfulness as gladdens a pastor's heart, making the roughest paths of duty smooth, and the heaviest burdens light. The present membership is nearly 600.

O! church of God, sweet rest,  
 So fondly cherished, to my spirit true,  
 Thy pastures green are blest;  
 And thy rich music thrills with raptures new,  
 Till, overborne with throbs of gratitude,  
 I find still higher bliss in doing good.

## Railroads.

The passenger traffic, during part of the summer past, was very heavy, but the general business, as a whole, not quite up to the average. The accommodations afforded by the two lines, viz., the New York and Long Branch and the Pennsylvania Railroads, are excellent, and the employees efficient.

That the vast multitudes which come to and go from our station, are so handled as to prevent accident, from year to year, is cause for continued thanksgiving.

The Bradley Beach Station is the latest born of depots in our neighborhood. The plot of ground, valued at \$4,000, belonging to the Ocean

Grove Association, 250 x 300 feet, on which it stands, was donated to the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company, Hon. James A. Bradley contributing \$1,500, and the Ocean Grove Association the balance, \$2,500, with the proviso, that trains shall not receive or land passengers thereat on the Sabbath day.

Mr. Bradley, at his own expense, has erected a small business building thereon, which will serve until the public necessities are such as to require a greater, when the railroad companies will meet the demand.

### Post-office.

With the change of the national administration, Rev. A. E. Ballard resigned his position as Post Master at this place, and Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, nominated, and the Senate confirmed, George W. Evans, Esq., who had been Post Master during Mr. Cleveland's first term, as his successor. He, at his own expense, immediately on entering upon his duties, enlarged and otherwise improved the conveniences and appearance of the office, and the general work of this department, while increasing every year, has been pleasant and prosperous. Mr. Wm. H. Hamilton is his efficient assistant.

### Telegraph Office.

This department, too, is under the general management of Mr. Evans, assisted by Mr. Hamilton, who, with increased conveniences, has been able to do better work. Both these important, and in this age indispensable, agencies, in every well-regulated modern town, are doing well in meeting the wants of the public.

### Town Clock.

This, now somewhat venerable recorder of time, has kept on its way another year, with improved correctness. It is in the hands of a competent person, who adjusts it every day, at 12 M., to standard time at Washington, to the greater convenience and confidence of the public. Taking its whole career for a period of twelve years, few public chroniclers of the passing moments have done better work. It is a silent monitor to each passer by :

Set of sun!

Moments gone, what have I done?

Any good to any one?

Solemn is the thought to me,

Moments gone eternally;

Passed with the retiring sun,

Golden moments, one by one.

## New Auditorium.

My last, lengthy and most fervent appeal on this subject, to the members of the Association, assembled in regular annual meeting, was made October 11th, 1892, and is published in the Annual Report of that year. The points were clearly set forth, with all the earnestness of the profoundest conviction of their truthfulness, and the absoluteness of their necessity. The statements were received with silent courtesy, but the thought entertained by the majority was, that in view of the greatness of the work, and the financial depression prevailing, and likely to prevail indefinitely, the period was not auspicious for such an undertaking. This was disheartening, but permission was given to get up such plans as might enable us to obtain an approximate cost of the building needed.

When both were presented, at the semi-annual meeting, May, 1893, the cost was found to be beyond the grasp of the most enthusiastic hope. But before that meeting adjourned, propositions were made, having, as was believed, sufficient basis, that a building could be erected which would come within the possibility of an intelligent and united Christian effort. Permission was given to pursue the investigation, and if sufficient data for action could be obtained to warrant further progress, a special session of the Association might be called. The special meeting was called, and after a careful examination of the whole subject, consent was given to go forward and test the willingness of the people to contribute the amount of \$50,000, with which amount it was thought the structure could be built. In my appeal, one year ago, after stating the necessities of the case, are the following words :

“Plan strongly for a New Auditorium Day, Sabbath, July 30th, 1893 ; and so see our friends before that time, that by the close of that day, at least two-thirds of the cost may be reported on reliable subscriptions. All that is needed to do this, is a steady faith, and holy enthusiasm. These will remove mountains. Vastly more improbable things have been, and are now in course of successful accomplishment. It can be done by us, for, in addition to faith and holy enthusiasm, God has given us the confidence of the people.”

In accordance with these words, and the consent of the Association, the day for the financial effort was appointed for Sabbath, July 30th, 1893, which would be within thirty-six hours of the time when our first little informal meeting was held in Brother Thornley's tent, consisting of twenty-three persons, twenty-four years before. In perfecting our plans, however, for that day, it became in our estimation, important that we should have the aid in so great a work, of our very best financial talent,



and so sought Chaplain C. C. McCabe. But such arrangements, because of previous engagements on his part, could not be made. The time, in order to suit the convenience of all, was changed to August 13th, and we esteemed ourselves fortunate that our most ardent desires could be thus met.

I have deemed it necessary to give this brief history of the Auditorium enterprise thus far, for future reference; but as the actual financial effort was made during the progress of our summer services, I refer the reader to the RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT of this Report, page 56, for the outcome of the whole question.

## Financial Statement.

### RECEIPTS.

Received from regular sources, . . . . .	\$72,460 63
Received from sale of lots (applied by Trustees to payment of Bonds and Interest), . . . . .	5,612 09
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$78,072 72
Overdraft, October 1, 1893, . . . . .	3,604 79
	\$81,677 51

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements, . . . . .	\$45,432 69
"    Police, . . . . .	8,807 80
"    Salaries, . . . . .	4,303 99
"    Wages, . . . . .	10,560 24
Bonds redeemed and Interest paid on Principal, . . . . .	10,960 00
Overdraft, October 1, 1892, . . . . .	1,612 79
Total payments, . . . . .	\$81,677 51

### RESOURCES.

Inventory (the several plants and saleable lands not included), . . . . .	\$140,000 00
Due on Book Accounts, . . . . .	19,853 60
Due on Lots sold, . . . . .	15,200 02
Total, . . . . .	\$175,053 62

### LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, . . . . .	\$93,646 69
Assets over Liabilities, . . . . .	81,406 93
Total, . . . . .	\$175,053 62

### IMPROVED CONDITION.

Net Indebtedness, 1892, . . . . .	\$69,339 51
Net Indebtedness, 1893, . . . . .	58,593 07
Net Reduction of Indebtedness, . . . . .	\$10,746 44

This is the briefest possible abstract of our financial affairs. It is so of purpose. Results are all we aim at here. Our books, which are examined annually by an expert, show every cent of receipts and

expenditures by which these results are reached. It is a real joy to find a net reduction of indebtedness of \$10,746.14 during the year. The joy would be still greater if the sum was larger; but where the outlays are so numerous, constant and heavy, we cannot for the present, hope for much more. There is another feature of relief in this connection. Our collectable book accounts are considerably larger for this, than in other years. This, of course, grows out of the financial stringencies of the times. While the non-payment of so many bills is a very great inconvenience to us, and for the want of which we are compelled to pay interest on corresponding sums, yet nearly all these accounts will finally be collected, and when so done will give us great relief.

I have thus passed through a surface sketch of the secularities of the year. No report that I could possibly make, would be otherwise than surface. This however, will suffice, and I pass from them with a sense of relief, glad that notwithstanding all the discouragements and toil, that things are so well. Indeed, such have been the many instances of the helping hand of God, that I feel as if I should never doubt again, and that my heart should ever swell with grateful songs of exalted praise.

In reaching the end of my report on the secular phases of our work, permit me to say that we, as officers and executive committee, have done the best we knew with the means within our reach. Every man has stood abreast with his responsibilities, up to the full measure of his convictions and ability, and all have my profoundest thanks. I do not now see how, with the light we had, imperfect as our work may be, if it was to be done over, that we could do any better. I also express my gratitude to all the members of the Association for moral support, prayers, and constant words of encouragement and sympathy. So also to our men, heads of departments, and all the men who have helped on with work, I express my confidence, appreciation and thanks. God bless you and them, always and forever.







**OLD AUDITORIUM. Commenced 1870. Completed 1880. Removed October, 1893.**

I stood in silence! Saw the flickering day,  
Pass down the golden pathways of the west;

O hallowed fane, thy memories are sweet,  
Through years which from us have forever flown;





Lo! surging crowds, like the vast ocean billows,  
Press up, and onward through their sunlit ways,  
Harps taken gladly from the weeping willows,  
Are tuned to songs of heaven's exalted praise.

Press in, press in, there's room enough for all,  
Press in, press in, 'tis heaven's high festival,  
Lift high the banners, shout the "Harvest Home,"  
'Tis God's own house, the prescinct of His throne.

## RELIGIOUS WORK.

Heart harvesting by the sea. This is not simply our legitimate, but our pre-eminent work. All other aims are not only subordinate to this, but without this there would be at this place, on our part, no aims at all. We are here for this, and, whatever else we may do, it is for the express purpose of doing this more successfully. It is this specific purpose that

has kept us here, amid all the strifes and struggles, joyful, for so many years. There was great joy in Samaria, when the people gave heed to the words spoken unto them by Philip, the apostle. It was the joy of a spiritual harvest. The seed times, culture and blossoming, if not followed by fruitage and harvesting, bring dejection and sorrow to the soul. We often sow in tears, but we reap in joy. As Christian workers, we are always enthused with the divine announcement, that, though we may go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, we shall *doubtless* come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. But, while we grip and hold this divine assurance, there is a faith which triumphs in the darkest hours, and the deepest discouragement: "Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the field shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." To the faithful, however, such darkness and discouragement is usually the precursor of approaching dawn, for, while weeping may endure for a night, "joy cometh in the morning." It is the morning light that inspires, and the joy of the harvest time thrills every fiber of the soul with exquisite delight, as nerved by the holiest ambitions, it garners for the future.

What pre-eminence of bliss is it, when the harvest is immortal souls, and the garnering for heaven? This blessedness has held us here, amid the toil and care of nearly a quarter of a century, fresh, vigorous and strong. It has all been of God, and to Him belongs the glory.

Having then, in the preceding pages, glanced at the *more secular* phases of our work—more secular I say, because they pertain to material, and therefore perishable things, yet in a sense, even these things have a sacredness about them, because they are all designed for sacred uses—sacred, as were the material things in the Tabernacle and Temple, in the days of Moses, and later—because used in, and for religious purposes:—I now turn to the spiritual.

### Tabernacle Opening.

June the 11th, was early to open the Janes Memorial Tabernacle, but the presence of the multitudes required it. So at three o'clock, on the holy Sabbath, and in the restful quiet of the afternoon, we met for song, and prayer, and testimony.

In the morning, at St. Paul's, the people had been greatly refreshed, and helped by a sermon from a member of the Reformed Church Synod, of America, holding its session in Asbury Park, by Rev. Mr. Vandewart, of Hackensack, N. J. The influence of this sermon was felt for good in



Rev. W. P. C. Strickland, P. E.,  
New Brunswick District, New Jersey Conference.

the afternoon service, and the reassembling of so many, after months of separation, was a joy to all. There is power in testimony. Many a soul has been rescued from imminent and perhaps, from eternal ruin by the timely word, however weak, of some blessed saint of God.

This helpfulness and rescuing power, has been felt by thousands at Ocean Grove, through all the years of its history, and the flame of a living experience should never be allowed to expire in the human heart, or the words which flow from such an experience cease to be uttered by the lips. The meeting was restful, helpful, and blessed. So, also was that held on Sabbath afternoon, June 18th, Rev. G. Hughes, in charge.



## Summer Opening Day.

Sabbath, June 25, 1893.

The sounds of preparation, which had been going on for months, in all departments, ceased on Saturday evening, June 24th, and on Sabbath morning all was a holy hush. The weather, too, was propitious. The intense heat of the past two days had been tempered down by blessed showers, and plenty of pure air came to heighten the healthful pleasure.

The signal bell at the Auditorium was ringing before the people were quite through with family prayers. This only accelerated movements to join in the opening doxology. Exactly on time the bell tapped nine, and where, a few moments before, all had been silent, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," floated out from Tabernacle and Temple, on the strains of Old Hundred, which, for a hundred years or more, have helped in the worship of many million hearts.

### Mrs. Palmer's Meeting.

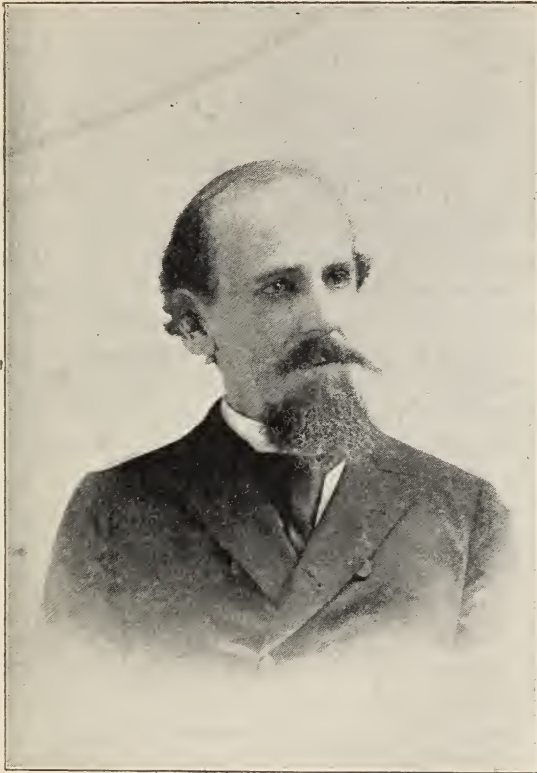
Because of physical disability, Mrs. Palmer, the leader for many years past, did not occupy her accustomed chair on the platform; but there were a number of others, experienced workers on the line of Christian holiness, her intimate friends and co-laborers, Rev. George Hughes, Rev. W. G. Browning, Mrs. Grace Wisner Davis, Rev. W. C. Stockton, Rev. Dr. Hanlon, Mrs. Sherwood, Bro. J. C. Rose, Martha J. Miller, Judge Davis, Mrs. Judge Burris, Washington; T. M. Dickey, Rev. Bro. Furguson, T. W. Lillagore, Rev. John Parker, of New York, &c., ready for the work. With such helpers, and the blessing of God, no meeting could be a failure—and this was not. God Himself was the leader, and all hearts felt the subduing power.

These meetings continued for a period of eleven weeks, seventy services in all, during which, the Leader, Rev. George Hughes, was, much of the time, ably assisted by his associate editors of the *Christian Standard*, Rev. John Thompson and Rev. E. I. D. Pepper, D. D., both of Philadelphia, and others, together with elect ladies not a few. The whole series was full of divine power, and the fruits pre-eminently abundant and blessed.

### Young People's Temple

Opened at the same hour, with Rev. B. F. Hoagland, the assistant of Brother Yatman, in charge. There was a large attendance; the Spirit of the Lord was in the songs, prayers, testimonies, and all the services. A programme, prepared by Rev. Bro. Yatman, was taken up, "A Summer





**Rev. George K. Morris, D. D.,**  
 Pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

with Jesus," with seventy-one themes, for the Temple worship. The first was "Jesus and the Shepherds," and the last, "Jesus and Thomas." The series touched almost every phase and scene in the life of our Adorable Lord. The meetings started well, continued well, and ended well, with constantly increasing interest, and enlarging results. They continued through the long period of ten weeks, closing on Sabbath morning, September 3d. The leadership alternated between Rev. C. H. Yatman and Bro. B. F. Hoagland, both having, in all the work, a single aim: the salvation of souls.

They came! Dead souls were quickened;  
 The foul were cleansed from sin;  
 The Holy Christ, in beauty,  
 Had blessed reign within;  
 Then came such holy rapture,  
 As all our hearts had craved;  
 A joy like that of angels,  
 When human souls are saved.

At the Auditorium, the first sermon of the season was by the President of Dickinson College, the Rev. GEORGE EDWARD REED, D. D., LL. D. Mr. John C. Day, chorister, Mrs. William Marshall, organist, and the Auditorium Choir were in their places, and on the platform were Rev. Dr. Payne, Secretary of the Educational Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. J. H. Knowles, Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, Rev. H. C. McBride, Rev. A. C. Vandewater, of Illinois, and Rev. J. Gaskill, Trenton, N. J., with many others.

At precisely 10.30 A. M., a large audience being present, the services commenced as usual with "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," by a full choir and the congregation. Prayer by Rev. John Parker, of New York, and the Scriptures read by the officiating minister.

The text was from Ephesians 5: 19: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." He spoke of the power of the national songs: The Marsellaise Hymn, of France; Rule Britannia, of England; also of the Scotch ballads, and the German battle songs. What wonders of valor have been wrought under the power of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the hallelujah chorus of liberty, which declares, "Our God is Marching On."

Much also is said about the spiritual songs of the church militant. Of these it will be appropriate to speak to-day in a place celebrated the world over for this very thing, among all its other attractions. The songs, and the song-power of the church to-day, may suggest useful trains of reflection.

The children of God have always been a singing people. Miriam celebrated the deliverance of the people at the Red Sea by timbrel and song,— "The Lord hath triumphed gloriously, the horse and his rider He hath cast into the sea." The apostles took up a new song and a higher theme. John Wesley's converts in Cornwall used to rise early and sing the hymns of their day. Many cases were cited and illustrations given. The singers come, and the singers go, said the preacher, but the songs remain, and it is the gladsome privilege of the church to sing and make melody in their hearts unto the Lord.

With several touching incidents in relation to the conversion of souls and the comfort of dying saints through the power of song, the sermon was brought to a most effective close, leaving many in tears, and others joyfully praising God.

### Summer Sabbath School.

The usual reunion of all departments of the Summer Sabbath School and St. Paul's, which at the church continues all the year, but joins us

during the summer, took place at 2.30 P. M. All the leaders were present, viz.: Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., President; Rev. Milton Relyea, Pastor of St. Paul's; Geo. W. Evans, Esq., Superintendent; Dr. J. H. Gunning, Assistant Superintendent; Claude V. Guerin, Superintendent of St. Paul's; Dr. Hanlon, Teacher of Bible Class; Mrs. Wm. H. Skirm and Mrs. Titian Summers, Teachers of the Primary Department; and D. D. Peak, Esq., Secretary.

There were a number of inspirational addresses by the officers, lawyer Russell, of New York, Rev. Wm. H. Meeker, of Troy, T. G. Hensey, Esq., of Washington, D. C.; and two little boys, Robin and Stanley Clark, sung a juvenile hymn. It was a good start, in a great and good work for Summer Sabbaths.

The attendance at the opening was 1000, which continued rising until Camp Meeting, when it culminated in 4,422, and ended after eleven sessions, on September 3, having had an aggregate attendance for the season of 22,926.

Whatever the opportunities of the Christian pulpit, and they are vast, there is no broader field or more promising soil for sowing the seeds of eternal life than these multiplied thousands of youthful, but rapidly expanding and maturing hearts. Let not seeming want of success discourage.

O sower, go forth to the world's vast field,  
Go forth with thy ransomed powers;  
Go, for the rockiest places may yield  
Rich fruit, and beautiful flowers.

## Surf Meetings.

These continue, and I presume, will, while Ocean Grove continues, for they meet a want and fill a niche which nothing else does. We must sow beside all waters. Jesus did, we must too. He held surf meetings. So must we. He beside the sea of Galilee, we beside the broad Atlantic.

The first this year, was held on the opening Sabbath, June 25th, at 6 P. M. The tide was high, and the billows broke hoarsely over the beach, leaving but a narrow strip of dry land for the people to occupy, and sometimes the waves dashed over that. We resorted to the pavilion, and held our service there, facing west. The leaflet used, was *Divine Protection*, and it was a joy to know, that the voice of God had said to the sea, "Thus far, but no further." So, we were safe. Spirited addresses were delivered by Rev. Bro. Russell, John Parker, and Bro. B. F. Hoagland. The singing was led by Mr. C. H. Harding, and the meeting was one of special interest. Eleven others were held, and we wait for the world eternal to reveal the good accomplished.



#### Plume of the Billow.

The billow's plume is the wind-kissed wave,  
 Where it crests the frosted silver spray;  
 Like the helmets' toss of warriors brave,  
 Marching in strength on the victors' way.

### First Sabbath Evening Service.

It had been a full and blessed day, thus far, but the evening foretold rain. The numbers in attendance, therefore, were not so large. But, reduced as they were, the largest church would have been over full.

It was the privilege of those who were present, to hear Rev. Dr. Hanlon, principal of Pennington Seminary; Rev. Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson College, Pa., and Rev. C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, speak on the subject of Christian Education. It is not often three such men can be brought at the same time to the platform, and their words, the spirited singing, and other exercises, closed a delightful and profitable opening Sabbath for the season of 1893.

### National Sabbath.

The Sabbath nearest the Fourth of July, we always designate, *The National Sabbath*, and the services are usually, such as the title of the day would suggest.

In arranging for this service, our minds often, almost instinctively,



because of his eminent fitness for the work, turn to Dr. Kynett, Secretary of the Church Extension Society. His responses to such calls, are always cordial, and the service rendered profitable. It was, perhaps, pre-eminently so this year. His text, was Matt. 5: 13-16. "Ye are the salt of the earth," &c. I quote the introductory, a few intervening, and the closing paragraph. I wish I had room for all.

The relation of the Church of Jesus Christ to the world in which it has been instituted, was the theme deduced from that portion of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, included in this particular passage. He said:

"I hesitate to use the term church, because that term is to many suggestive of ecclesiasticism, of bishops, priests, prelates, canons, assemblies, conferences, the spiritual artillery of the church militant. I believe in organization and system, but in discussing the term, church should be understood to relate to the *persons* rather than the machinery of the organization. It was to Christ's disciples that He said, 'YE are the salt of the earth, the light of the world.'

"By the familiar provision of our National Constitution, it is distinctively set forth, that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. We have a free church in a free state. The corresponding provision in the Constitution of New Jersey, makes clear the design of that in our National Constitution. 'There shall be no establishment of one religious sect, in preference to another.' It merely guarantees the quality of all Christian denominations before the law, and positively forbids any interference with the free exercise of their religious liberties. The same men who formulated this provision, declared in the ordinance of 1787, that, 'Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to government and the happiness of mankind, schools and means of education shall forever be encouraged.'" He concludes as follows:

"The church in America and everywhere, is like a city set upon a hill, which cannot be hid. It cannot avoid its prominence or escape its responsibilities. As every particle of salt should have its proportion of savor, so the entire church must have that savor which comes of vital relations with Christ. The great need of the hour is that Christian people should come closer together, and stand together, and work together for the highest ideals of Christian civilization. We as Christians of this present period hold things most sacred for coming generations. We must be true to our trusts, or in the onward march of events trodden under foot of men. We must have salt in ourselves, and let our light shine more and more, 'that others seeing our good works, may glorify our Father which art in heaven.'"

## Fourth of July.

Ocean Grove is not deficient in patriotism. From the beginning she has been on the alert to hail our great national holiday with becoming grace and enthusiasm, and each annual return increases rather than abates the zeal. At sunrise the peal of bells and booming cannon announced the opening day, while on every hand the national standard flashed in the light and floated in the breeze.

At 9 A. M., the anxious worshipers gathered for the early services. At the Tabernacle, "Liberty in Christ" was the delightful theme, and at the Temple, Mr. Yatman formulated a practical "Declaration," which exalted Jesus as King and Lord, and secured a general pledge of everlasting allegiance. When 10.30 A. M. arrived, the expectant multitudes were at the Auditorium awaiting the usual outbursts of oratory and song. They were not disappointed. Mrs. George M. Bennett, with her well-trained choir, were in their place, and "My Country, 'tis of Thee," rung out upon the fresh morning air. Dr. George W. Miller, of New York City, offered a patriotic prayer. Rev. M. Relyea read the Declaration of Independence, and Hon. Jas. L. Hays was called to read the signers' names. Dr. Bryan, of Asbury Park, sang "Hurrah for Columbia."

The orator was Rev. Jacob Embury Price, D. D., Pastor of St. James' Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City. Theme, "Our Country, Our Heritage, and Our Duty." He dwelt on the Genius of Liberty, the boundaries of the Republic, a cemented Union, and the responsibilities of American citizenship. He added, in conclusion: "The domination of our politics by the saloon is of menacing significance, and the preservation of the Christian Sabbath is of paramount importance. I came away from Mr. Cleveland's private office the other day with the conviction that all people of every party should give to our President the credit of having a determined purpose to do the best in his power to serve his country; but I think I know what Andrew Jackson would say, if he were in the White House, to the Chicago Exposition Directory: 'If you do not close those gates or refund the \$2,500,000 to the nation's treasury, by the Eternal, the nation's troops will appear at the entrance of the Windy City Exhibition.'" (uproarious and prolonged applause, and hurrahs for Jackson). "A Thousand Years, My Own Columbia," by Mrs. Erdman, resolutions of thanks, and benediction by Rev. Wm. H. Lawrence, closed the service.

Ring! Ring! Ring!  
 Ring the bells ye happy people,  
 Children, maidens, grandsires hoary,  
 Ring for all the years of glory.  
 Ring from tower, ring from steeple;  
 Let the flags fly. Ring the bells  
 O'er the mountains, through the dells.

Booming cannon, rolling drum,  
 Let the loyal legions come.  
 Banners flying, bugles, bells,  
 O'er the mountains, through the dells.  
 Freedom reigns, let discords cease;  
 Ring! Ring! Ring! Ring!  
 Ring the blessed bells of peace!

## Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

These staunch Christian ladies met on July 6th and 7th, in the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle. This building had been handsomely decorated for the occasion by the Young Ladies' Union of Ocean Grove. Among these decorations of flags, banners, etc., was a picture of the late President, Mrs. Sarah J. C. S. Downs, above which were her last words: "*The liquor traffic must be outlawed. Blessed be he who helps.*"

On the programme the following names appear: Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. Emma Bourne, Mrs. J. T. Ellis, I. H. Demarest, Mrs. E. A. Mickle, Mrs. M. W. Gwindon, Mrs. A. M. Hammer, Mrs. M. P. Sparks, Mrs. Frank Le Bar, Mrs. E. M. Thatcher, Miss M. W. Osborne, Mrs. N. L. Caminade, Mrs. Emma Horner, Miss Geneva Moore, Dr. E. H. Stokes, Mrs. M. R. Denman, Mrs. T. H. Tomlinson, Miss Jennie Clark, S. M. Krome, Mrs. A. E. Bennet, Mrs. L. Downs Quigley, Mrs. W. F. Day, Miss I. M. Stephens, Mrs. J. C. Fernald, Mrs. J. M. Pullen, Mrs. M. Hussey, M. D., Miss Mary Campbell, Mrs. Kate Raphael, Mrs. Dr. Upham, Miss Henrietta S. Moore, beside all which, others took part in the intensely interesting exercises, during the two days through which the meetings run. The programme covered a great variety of subjects, devotional, social, educational, scientific, woman's franchise, and governmental. All were ably discussed. Public meetings were held, and much enthusiasm prevailed. These devoted women have a great work in hand, and are doing it well. The way may be long, but at last success will come. When the end is reached, all will be sorry they did not have a helping hand towards its attainment. All honor to those who are faithful until the crown is gained.

### King's Daughters.

These were, and always are, welcome. Their name is an inspiration. It must have been God-given, and we are sure His smile is on it. We speak thus because there is royalty in it, and this, instead of being human, is divine. God is the eternal and invisible King, and all His earthly sons and daughters, born anew, of the Divine Spirit, must bear upon brow and heart, His blessed image. Hence the King's Daughters Day, to us, is always royal. They met this year on Saturday, July the 8th.

The temple was wreathed with floral crowns, and the water lilies, marvelous in their spotless perfection, reminded us of the white-robed saints that walk the streets of gold.

Mrs. Bottome, the founder and President of the order, gave an address and all her royal assistants did noble work. Rev. Dr. Price, pastor of St. James Church, Harlem, N. Y., was happy in his words of help; the



reports from circles, encouraging, and all the services were blessedly owned of God, whose children met, continued and parted in *His name*.

Who are these whose royal footsteps  
 Quicken with the songs they sing?  
 These are they, the royal sisters,  
 Noble daughters of the King.

Rich or poor, or high or lowly,  
 Hearts redeemed and cleansed from sin ;  
 Plain or jeweled robes—true glory,  
 Is the royalty within.

### Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

This is among our important series of services, and is looked to as a ten days' period, of constantly increasing interest. It was held this year, July 11–20th, inclusive. The Board of Instruction was the same as in former years, headed by Dr. Loomis, with the addition of Dr. G. K. Morris. Professor Sweney was in place, also Mrs. and Miss Loomis, with Dr. Clymer, and the organization was complete. The several classes, under the instruction of Drs. Loomis and Clymer, were unusually well-attended, of interest, and the boys' and girls' hour, under Mrs. Loomis, steadily grew. The twelve lectures on oratory, by Dr. G. K. Morris, were a special feature of the Assembly, and his fame as a master of the questions under consideration, increased to the end. The stereopticon views exhibited by Dr. J. B. Brady, of the discovery, history and picturesqueness of American scenery, including the Columbian Exhibition at Chicago, were exceedingly fine. But, whatever may be said of their artistic merits, it is entirely safe to say, that the eloquent explanations and descriptions given of them by the eloquent doctor himself, far exceeded their beauty, and the vast audiences almost or quite forgot their splendor, in the Niagara rush and roll of his wonderful words. Signor Vitate's violin performances came like a mystery of music from lands unseen, and held the people as by magic.

The concert given by Professor Sweney, was a sweep of music like the wide, deep sea. Bishop Andrews gave the Baccalaureate Sermon on the Sabbath, from the text, "Not of the letter but of the Spirit," 2 Cor. 3: 6, and was broad, deep, strong. Mr. George E. Vincent, Vice-Chancellor of Chautauqua, son of Bishop Vincent, gave the graduation address—on the "Inter-dependence of Mankind." It was chaste, beautiful, strong and brief, eliciting frequent applause, and all who heard it were greatly gratified. In the afternoon the graduates received their diplomas from the hands of the President—from Mrs. Loomis, Primary Department ;





**Rev. J. Boyd Brady, D. D.,**  
Pastor of People's Church, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Clymer, Normal Class; Dr. Loomis, Post-Graduate Class; and C. L. S. C. graduates; ninety in all.

There was a brilliant reception given in the spacious parlors of the Arlington, by the local circle of Chautauquans, at night. Later, there were fire works on the Fishing Pier. At precisely 9 P. M., the first rocket shot skyward. For the next forty minutes, the heavens were aglow with the light of the pyrotechnic's art. It was in every way a success, and the varied and transcendently beautiful forms, in which the golden rain fell

from the sky, seemed like the fabled splendors of Aladin's Lamp. Thus closed the Ninth Annual Sunday School Assembly, of Ocean Grove, N. J.

### American Sabbath Union.

This important, and always welcome union, met this year, on Saturday, July 22d. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Mott, Dr. Hanlon, Dr. McCloskey, Rev. Edgerton R. Young, Dr. J. H. Knowles, Mr. Anthony Comstock, and E. F. Cragin. High ground, in regard to the sanctity of the Holy Sabbath, was taken by each speaker, and heartily endorsed by all the congregations present. Rev. Dr. J. Boyd Brady preached the Jubilee Sermon, on the Sabbath morning, and in reference to closing the gates of the World's Fair on the Sabbath, said in his last paragraph :

"O Sabbath Queen! We love to look into thy bright face, and clasp thy soft hand reached out to help a bleeding world. 'Queen of time.' Sweep on in triumph over the Himalayas, the Alps, Mt. Shasta, and poor Chicago. Sweet angel, go on, sweeping out the rubbish of Buddhism, Paganism, Anarchism. Go on, blessing all Europe, and the orient, 'round the world, to meet us in New York again, with the message of One whose hands were pierced for us, and who died that we might have life through His name, Jesus, the Son of God."

O pearl of days, the best :  
 The softest blue o'er spreads the sunlit skies ;  
 In the still lakes heaven's perfect image lies ;  
 And balmy air, all fragrant breath supplies.  
 O holy, holy rest !  
 Toil folds its hands, its six days' work is done,  
 And heaven and earth, embracing, blend in one.

### Indian Life.

Rev. Edgerton Ryerson Young, for many years missionary to the Indian tribes of the Great Northwest, of our country, gave two of his interesting and instructive lectures, on Indian Life, and Dog Trains, one on Monday evening, July 24th, and the other on Tuesday evening, July 25th. His narratives of marvelous adventures, and inexhaustible fund of remarkable stories, are alike entertaining to the young and old. Nothing, outside of a directly religious service, could be introduced in our churches, more healthful in tone, or more instructive in facts, than these stories of missionary life. We commend him and his work to all.

### Woman's Home Missionary Society.

As an introduction to the legitimate work of this earnest and laborious Society, nothing could be more fitting and appropriate than the lectures of Dr. Young, just referred to.

These heroic ladies came to their work this year Wednesday, July 26th, and Thursday, July 27th. Their program comprised the following well-known names: Mrs. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. Mary Leonard, Mrs. F. Mason North, Miss Hattie Moorehouse, Mrs. Mary S. Dunbar, Mrs. L. M. Dunham, Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Miss Miner, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bouden, Rev. I. N. Dalby, M. D., Rev. G. K. Morris, D. D., Mrs. M. E. Griffith, Mrs. Margaret Bottome, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mrs. M. A. Linville, Miss Lena Leonard, Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, D. D., Vice-Chancellor of American University, Washington, D. C.

The duties assigned to this long array of distinguished speakers were well chosen and important. To say that they were promptly and cheerfully met, and so discharged as to do credit to themselves, and give aid and comfort to the society, would be only what all would expect. The meeting was full of inspiration, and regarded, I think, as one of their best.

## African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee.

This is, so to speak, always a red letter day at Ocean Grove. This year, on Friday, July 28th, the attendance was larger than usual. Bishop Tanner presided, who gave a short address. Rev. W. H. H. Butler, D. D., and Rev. W. D. Cook, followed with short addresses. The principal speaker was Mrs. Sarah Gorman, who for several years has been a missionary to Africa. Rev. Dr. Derrick, Corresponding Secretary of the African M. E. Church Missions, spoke eloquently and with great enthusiasm. Rev. J. C. Embury, D. D., Rev. John M. Palmer, Rev. H. H. Pinckney, and Rev. W. H. Yocum also spoke. All of these addresses were good: some were of surpassing excellence, and would have done credit to any platform, and on any occasion. The singing of Rev. John W. Beckett is always enjoyed, and never more so than this year.

The American Creole Quartette captured all hearts, while tears and smiles mingled together, and great billows of devout gladness rolled high and strong. It was a day to live in memory, and will be carried by many to their graves.

## Joseph Cook.

This name is a lofty peak in one of the many great mountain ranges of thought for which Ocean Grove has been remarkable for the last twenty-four years. It will hardly be regarded as disrespectful to any if I say, among the very loftiest. All things considered, the address on Saturday evening, July 29th, 1893, must stand conspicuous among the greatest deliverances ever given here. It was superior, not only from a



Joseph Cook.

literary, but also from an oratorical and scholarly view. The subject was, "The Seven Wonders of the World." These wonders, as named by him, are, the speed of intercommunication among nations; the self-reformation of hermit tribes; the parallel advancement of education and representative government; the prospective moral alliance of advanced nations; the triumph of Christianity in our century; the current fulfillment of Biblical prophecy; and the victory of science as an ally of faith. The lecture gleamed with unusual bits of information, which were so combined, and so massed in drawing conclusions, that the results were startling. The production was highly poetical. The thoughts, too, were couched in extraordinarily pure English, and embellished with the genius of an artist's pencil. The same is true of the sermon on Sabbath evening, July the 30th, on the "Certainties of Religion." Taken together, they form a



towering shaft of splendor, flashing back upon our wondering minds and hearts, all the glowing grandeur of the full-orbed noonday sun.

His magic words, like lofty domes, majestic,  
 Or Alpine summits in their heights immense,  
 Graceful and glowing in their burnished splendor,  
 Divinest art, resistless eloquence.  
 And all that eloquence was laid in meekness,  
 With every honor, at his Master's feet;  
 All consecrated to advance His glory,  
 And that advancement made his joy complete.

### Young People's Day.

The eleventh anniversary of Mr. Yatman's connection with the Young People's Meeting was celebrated on Sabbath, July 30th. The decorations of the temple and auditorium were very fine, and the addresses by Chancellor Lovatt, F. B. Hoagland, G. L. Barker, and A. H. De Haven, were full of inspiration. It was a general regret that Mr. Yatman, who was detained by duties in New York, could not be present. The sermon, from Proverbs 23: 7, was by Rev. Wallace McMullan, of Grace M. E. Church, Philadelphia, whose illustrations of the importance of spirituality were highly appreciated. "Heart life," he said, "is real life. God deals with verities, and as He sees us, so we are." His deductions were: usefulness, sincerity, charity, and the cultivation of the spiritual life—a life of love, truth, progress, and purity. These were applied to family, business, and church relationships, everywhere and always reflecting the God-life within us, and the incontestable evidences which identify us as the "sons of God."

### Twenty-Fourth Anniversary Prayer-Meeting.

This took place on Monday evening, July 31st. At 6.30, there was a gathering at Thompson Park, on the exact spot where, twenty-four years before, the first little meeting was held. What hath God wrought in these years! The services were songs, prayers, four or five very brief addresses recounting the toils of the past, the blessedness of the present, and the hopefulness of the future. We then, at 7.30, adjourned to the tabernacle, where songs, prayers and addresses were renewed. The President, Bros. Franklin, Hughes, Murphy, De Haven, Evans, Ballard, Vankirk, and Dr. Wallace, spoke briefly from the platform. Rev. Bros. Robinson, of Patterson, N. J., and Jones, of Hackensack, N. J., referred to the genial spirit of the place, and the far-reaching influences set in motion here. A lady gave some incidents showing how the services tell on other denominations. Bro. Hughes was glad the old motto, "Holiness

to the Lord," had never been taken down. Mrs. Wheeler found here a sanitarium for the body, and great spiritual enlargements for the soul. Gen. Rusling referred to the great lecture of Joseph Cook on the "Seven Wonders of the World," and thought Ocean Grove might have been included as the eighth. Bro. Evans referred to the invaluable services of General Rusling as a lawyer and friend to the Association in time of great need. A. H. De Haven gave some touching reminiscences, and called on the congregation to join him in singing, "Arise, my soul, arise."

Miss Barber, Mrs. Chandler, Miss Hinman, and other ladies, added to the interest, and the meeting closed with a thrilling address from Col. Hadley, showing how here he had dedicated himself to God years ago, and from this place went into his wonderfully successful evangelistic work.

### Epworth League.

This met on Tuesday, August 1st, with Rev. P. Perinchief, President, Rev. J. L. Howard, Vice-President, Rev. G. S. Meseroll, Secretary, and the Presiding Elders of Trenton, Camden, Bridgeton and New Brunswick Districts, as the Conference Board of Control. The services commenced at 9 A. M., in the Young People's Temple, in connection with Brother Yatman's meeting. The programme, in addition to the Board of Control, included Rev. M. Relyea, Rev. J. R. Westwood, Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Jr., Rev. G. C. Mouldsdales, Rev. George Adams, Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, D. D., Rev. G. W. Carter, Rev. A. S. Kavanaugh, Brooklyn, N. Y. The addresses were of a high order, the whole series of services inspiring, and good was done.

### National Temperance Society, and Publication House.

No matter who comes to Ocean Grove, or who goes,—who abides or who is transient—this organization is like a rock mid-sea, and

Though lightnings glare in the midnight sky,  
And the tempests howl in the air,  
Though the billows dash in their madness by,  
Yet the NATIONAL is there.

It is analogous to that great and unalterable utterance, which comes to us through the ever changing varieties of time: "*But the word of our God shall stand forever.*"

The old, long-tried, fully tested and familiar faces—faces, some of which have smiled their benedictions upon us for thirteen years, and which we expect to smile upon us through eternal cycles, are with us



SILVER LAKE QUARTETTE.

J. W. Allett, A. H. Laurence, Geo. E. Chamber, Rev. C. H. Mead, Leader.

still. Stearns, Poulson, Lawson, Carswell, Lightbourn, Pogson, Hicks, Corey, Mann, Bryan, Steel, Bain, Silver Lake Quartette,—Mead, Chambers, Laurence, Allatt,—Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Penny—a constellation, which because of the many whom they have turned to the ways of righteous, shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

The meetings commenced Wednesday, August 2d, and continued to Sabbath evening, August 6th. The start was triumphant. The songs of



the Silver Lake Quartette, are like clarion tones which reverberating through mountain peaks, echo in ever deepening thrills of inspiration, enthusing all. Their repetitions do not cloy, but always call for more. The greeting to Ocean Grove, by Rev. C. H. Meade, which was called for several times, commences thus:

“Ring out, ring out both loud and long,  
 A song for Ocean Grove!  
 No friends more kind, no friends more dear,  
 Than those who meet and greet us here,  
 To each we bring a song of cheer,  
 And one for Ocean Grove.”

CHORUS.—“A song of jubilee, we gladly bring to thee,  
 Fair city by the sea, Old Ocean Grove so dear.”

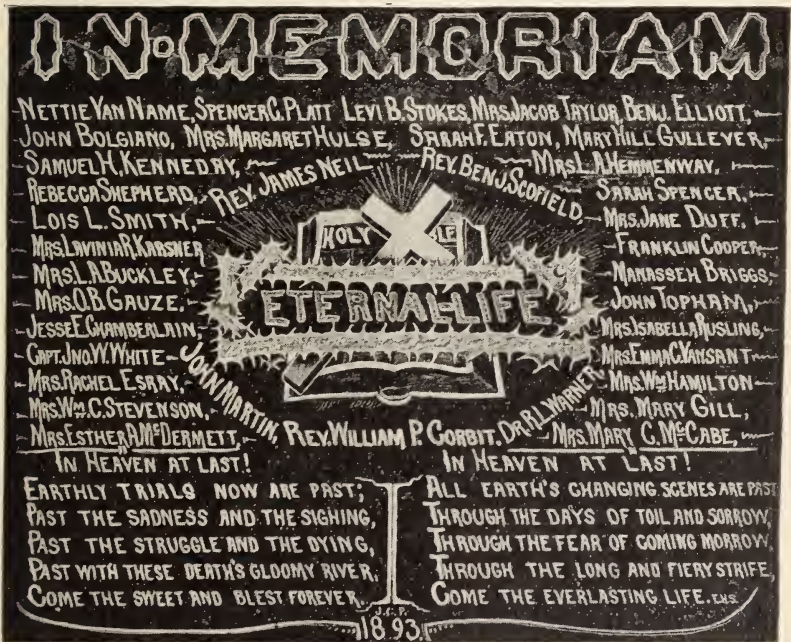
It was the general sentiment, that Stearns, Carswell, Poulson, Lawson and Mead, never did so well, and those with whom the audiences were less familiar, Lightbourn, Mann, Corey, Bryan, Mrs. Ellis and Miss Penny, captured all hearts with the strength of their arguments, and the force of their appeals. The Silver Lake Quartette Concert, on Friday night, was superb.

Col. Bain always excels himself. He lectured on Saturday night, for the twenty-eighth time at Ocean Grove. The Auditorium was overflowing long before the hour for his address, and he was greeted, and repeatedly interrupted during the lecture with prolonged applause. His theme was, “The National and political evils of the liquor traffic.” He said, in the course of his address, the marvel of the age, is, that the liquor traffic should be linked to the law. No man can claim for the saloon a single uplifting tendency. At the World’s Fair, all other persons sent specimens of their products, but the rum seller didn’t. They only exhibit their tools. They should have put on exhibition, wrecked hopes, blasted homes, and broken hearts. Of all the articles and editorials on the labor troubles, I have yet to see one on the liquor trade as a cause. Fifty thousand dollars every twenty-four hours go out of the pockets of the laboring men of New York into those of the saloon keepers. Politicians talk about the tariff. I have a greater question. All the tariff collected in a year would not pay our liquor bill for a single month. I have a greater question than the silver question. The \$500,000,000 in our country, couldn’t at all pay our annual rum bill of \$900,000,000. In all the 340 speeches of our late president, there is not a single sentence against the saloon. He sent a message to Congress because three American citizens were killed in Chili, while 300,000 were annually killed by drinking rum. I do not blame him; he could not do it. What can you do? Every one can do something.



My brother, dedicate your ballot to God, and country and native land and the liquor will be outlawed to-morrow." He spoke again on Sabbath evening, to fully 6000 people, and held them spellbound. In closing, he referred to the many times he had spoken here. It was probable, this was the last time, as before next year the New Auditorium would be built. The president publicly thanked him for the good he had done here, and invited him to be present next year in the larger edifice, and added,—

Your fame glows on the mountains,  
 It flashes through the vales;  
 It breathes through summer zephyrs,  
 It rushes on the gales.  
 We hear it in the evening,  
 A soft and sweet refrain,  
 And lo, the morning's dewy light,  
 Reveals, George W. Bain.



Ocean Grove's Memorial.

It was held in the Janes Memorial Tabernacle, on Monday evening, August 7th. I am glad it comes once a year. It is not too often, but it is often enough. If longer, our hearts would not be tendered as often as they need. If oftener, it might lose its influence by too frequent repeti-

tion. Once a year seems just right. As the names appear on the black-board, we see their faces through the tear-mists that almost blind our eyes, and we feel the touch of the long vanished hand. Our bosoms heave, and the sigh gives relief to the suppressed emotions. God is here, and the gentle words of friendship soothe and comfort. Sweet songs give wings to our thoughts, and we walk with the dear departed on celestial shores. But, it is only in thought. Well, before long it will be sweet, and eternal reality. Patience till then. You say the smile is gone, the kiss is cold, and home broken! Sad. But—

O, heart bowed with thy grief,  
 The world gives poor relief,  
 Though loving words from those who pity, come;  
 Yet suffer, and be still,  
 Wait then thy Master's will,  
 And He will soon restore smile, kiss, and home.

### Industrial Christian Alliance

Held services at 7.45 P. M., Tuesday, August 8th. A. W. Milbury presided, and gave an address; the Park Sisters rendered delightful music with their cornets; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Draper (Sister Charlotte) addressed the meeting; Misses Grier and Hickel also spoke, Messrs. Hogan, Ryan and W. M. Dean, told their experience as reformed men. "Rescue the Perishing" was sung with good effect.

The meeting was interesting, and an additional proof of the power of the gospel to save to the uttermost.

### Dr. Watson's Bible Readings.

This faithful and earnest minister is always hailed with delight. He commenced his Bible Readings this year on Wednesday morning, August 9th, and continued until Saturday evening, August 12th. The subjects treated were: The Progress of Faith, The Progress of Unbelief, The Progress of Life, The River of Life, Twelve Spies, &c.

Dr. Watson brings to his exercises the fruits of close and careful study, deep devotion, rare attainments in spirituality, ardent love for the Divine Word, and high enthusiasm. With these he always interests and profits, while every sentence sparkles with the glow and fervency of the Divine Spirit. His expositions are fresh, and his applications those of a master mind.

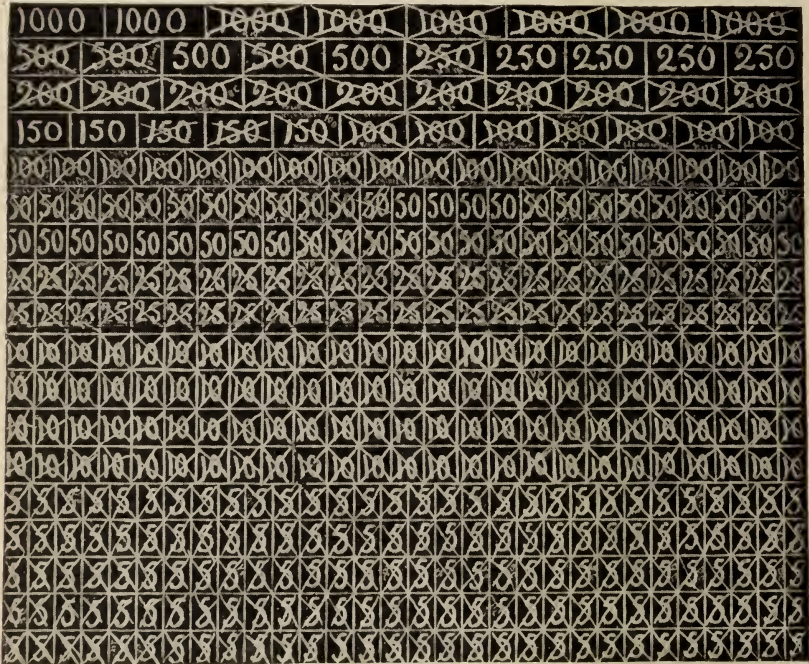
### New Auditorium Day.

This was fixed for Sabbath, August 13th, 1893, at ten o'clock. The week prior to this was a period of great solicitude. Severe mental conflicts arose, and darkness intensified. God seemed to hide Himself, and

the wine press was trodden alone. But the darkness is rarely so dense that there is not left some star of hope, however faint. The hope came now, through a proposition from an old friend, David H. Wyckoff, Esq., of Asbury Park, for a Laymen's Mass Meeting, in the interest of the New Auditorium, to be conducted by laymen, for laymen, the ministers having nothing to do with it in any way or form. It was like a sunburst on a dark night. The meeting was held on Friday night, August 11th. A vast audience; Hon. James A. Bradley presided, and gave an address. Gen. Rusling N. E. Buchanon, A. H. DeHaven, John A. Githens, E. T. Lovatt, and D. H. Wyckoff spoke enthusiastically; Miss Emma Johnson wrote a hymn, "There's a Call to the Faithful Soul"; Miss Rice gave a splendid oil painting, which was sold for \$100; another lady, who had already donated two horses, carriage and harness, gave additionally a gold watch and chain, which was also sold for \$100. No collection was taken, but resolutions of high moral and financial support were unanimously and triumphantly passed. The meeting was a great success. A day or two before this meeting, word was received from Chaplain McCabe that, because of family affliction, he would be unable to fulfill his engagement. That was a great disappointment. But the laymen's meeting brought great relief. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. Still, the Sabbath was dreaded, but had to be met. It came. It was a matchless day, without a cloud in the sky, and the temperature exactly right. A vast audience, full of the highest expectations. The ministers were on the platform; but no Chaplain McCabe. There was wonder. The introductory services opened, proceeded, and closed as usual. Then the President arose and read Chaplain McCabe's letter. There was a ripple of disappointment; but not a hand stirred, or foot moved. Before the audience had time to think, they were listening to an address from the President, in which all his brain, heart and soul were concentrated, accompanied with a cyclone of Divine power received directly from the Eternal Throne. He spoke ten minutes, and said at the close, "I am grieved for your sakes that Chaplain McCabe is not here; but great and good and grand as he is, he cannot have half the interest in this work that I have, or you have. He would be a stranger here, but this is your summer home, and this is the culmination of my life work. Shall we heed the plea and build? "Hard times," do you say? Yes, and they will be harder if we do not do more for God. "Widows' mites," do you say? Oh, if we could only get the widow's mites! Yes, she cast in *two* mites, *even all her living!*" There is as much money as ever. It belongs to God. Give a part to Him, or He may take it all." Hon. James A. Bradley spoke in the same strain, so did Dr. Hanlon, so did Bro. C. H. Yatman. By eleven o'clock we were ready for the subscriptions. There



were two vast blackboards on the platform, in full view of the people, with sums from \$1,000 to \$10, marked on each, both exactly alike, aggregating \$45,000. There were five secretaries, and two brothers with chalk in hand, to mark off the sums as they were taken. (See cuts). Then the giving commenced. Fourteen of the sixteen \$1,000 were speedily taken. Then smaller sums, \$500, \$100, \$50, \$25, &c., came like the rapids of Niagara, all seemingly afraid they would not get a chance to give; while the people laughed, wept, clapped their hands for joy, shouted like the



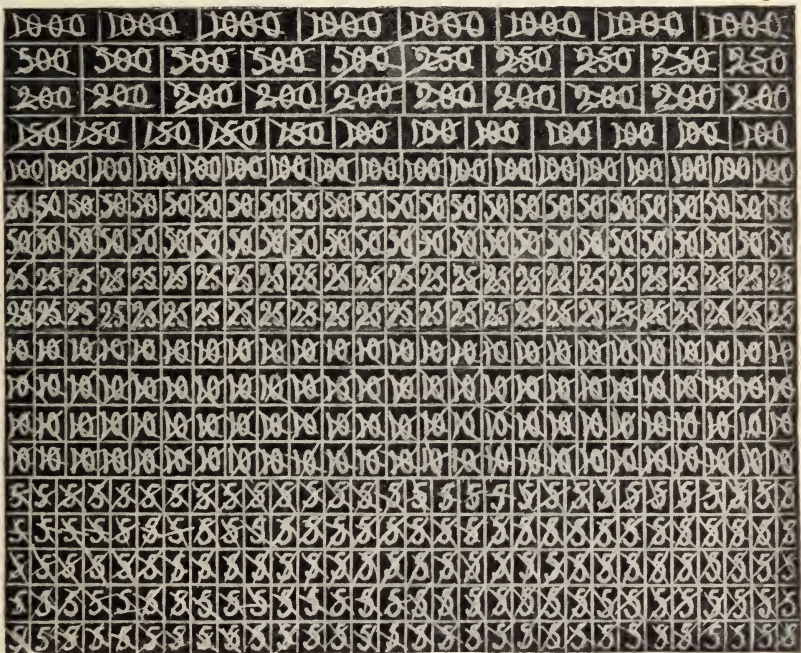
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sound of many waters. Dinner was forgotten, and the tide swirled, dashed, and rolled until one o'clock. Then at two it began again in Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, who had asked it to contribute \$20,000 of the \$50,000 needed to do the work; and, while few thought it could be done, now began to look as if it might. Here the tide began to flow anew, so too at the Beach Meeting Service, at six o'clock, under Bro. Yatman. At night there was another enthusiastic outpouring and demonstration at the Auditorium. The multitudes were enthused, surprised, dazed, at what they saw, heard, and felt. When the meeting closed, at ten o'clock, as



nearly as could be ascertained, about \$42,000 had been subscribed. In the stillness of night, which had settled down upon us, high and repeated doxologies of overflowing joy burst from the exultant thousands, and in the midst of the universal cry of hard times, seemed more like a midnight vagary than real, or a miracle of Divine Power, rather than wrought by human agents. All the members of the Association in reach, every man, woman and child in Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, everybody worked hard, were intensely interested, and everybody happy. That our own



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people should have partaken of this spirit; might, to some extent, have been expected; but that our friends at Asbury Park should have taken the part they did, was a surprise as vast as it was valued. All have, and must forever have, our grateful acknowledgments and highest appreciation. The next day, and for weeks, the new subscriptions continued to come in, and, occasionally, still come. For days it was difficult to pass along the streets for the congratulations, and telegrams and letters joined to the general joy. We do not take honor to ourselves; it belongs to God, and He has, and shall have it.

With some of us, it was the greatest day of life, the culmination of all previous joy, never before equalled, and never to be repeated perhaps, until the gates of the eternal city swing open, and the divine, "Well done, enter in to my joy," falls on immortal ears.

On Sabbath, the 10th day of September, 1893, the last service was held in this old building, in the presence of a great audience, amid sighs, and sobs and tears. The services commenced at 10 A. M. The President delivered an address, giving the leading facts concerning the old Auditorium, in the conclusion of which he stated, that the total services held herein, were 12,873, or 1½ services a day for 22 years, 365 days to the year.

The approximate numbers converted, reclaimed, especially helped, and sanctified during 24 years, as near as we can reach.

Converted, . . . . .	7,050
Sanctified, . . . . .	4,900
Reclaimed, . . . . .	4,500
Especially helped, . . . . .	55,800
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	72,250

But these figures do not represent half the facts. These can never be enumerated, until the eternal day. The President was followed by D. H. Brown, Esq., Treasurer; Geo. W. Evans, Secretary; Rev. Geo. Hughes, Dr. Hanlon, Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler; Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis.

The afternoon was occupied by an old times Love Feast, admission by ticket, and the distribution of the cake and water, the symbol of mutual friendship and Christian love. The testimonies of tenderness and love for the old time-honored edifice were many and tearful. The evening was taken up with an evangelistic service, in charge of Rev. C. H. Yatman. He delivered a brief address, followed by the President, W. H. Skirm, Dr. Hanlon, A. H. De Haven, and E. T. Lovatt; 12 or 14 were converted. Then the President, after a closing prayer, the last ever offered there, pronounced the final benediction, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the bell striking after each name.

Old Auditorium,  
 So thy great works we sum,  
 And now, adieu;  
 Our bosoms sadly swell,  
 Yet thy expiring knell,  
 New joys our hearts impel:—  
*Faith sees the new!*

## Women's Encouragement Meeting.

Commenced on Wednesday morning, August 16th, and closed, Friday evening, August 18th. Mrs. Wheeler in charge. She was very efficiently

aided by Mrs. Hammer, Miss Christiana Butler, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Butler, Mrs. Judge Burris, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, Miss Cassie Smith, and a large number of others. The meetings were larger than usual, and increased in interest to the close.

A great many timid persons are encouraged by these meetings, and drawn to do, first little things, and so on, by degrees, to greater, until the weak are strong, and enabled to do nobly for God. Our summer work would not be complete, without these services.



Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D.,

Founder of M. E. Missions in India and Mexico.

## Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

Held its anniversary this year, Saturday and Sabbath, August 19th, 20th. Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, President; Mrs. K. Chandler, first Vice-President; Mrs. Rev. Dr. Simmons, second; Mrs. W. H. Skirm, third; Mrs. Anna Kent, fourth; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wheeler; Re-



cording Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. Rev. J. R. Vankirk; Organist, Mrs. W. H. Reeves.

The officers were ably aided by Mrs. Judge Burris, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Rev. J. H. Knowles; Mrs. Dr. Baldwin; Rev. Dr. Butler, Miss English, of India; Mrs. Rev. Dr. Butler, founder of the Ocean Grove Auxiliary; Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis; Rev. Geo. Hughes; Mrs. Wm. Skidmore; Rev. Dr. Baldwin, who preached an able missionary sermon on Sabbath morning; Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, Vincent, and Rubino Ravi, of Italy; Miss Clemantine Butler, Mr. J. C. Day, Rev. C. H. Yatman, and F. B. Hoagland, besides a number of other ladies and gentlemen, who took cheerful and happy parts in raising funds to carry on the work. All the meetings were full of the divine Spirit, and a holy influence prevailed from first to last. The Society was organized in 1872, and collected that year, \$95.25; this year \$1,482.67. The total amount collected in the 21 years of the Society's existence, is \$19,907.91, being a yearly average of \$904.90. The highest annual contribution, was in 1892, \$1,924.62.

The Society has done a good work, and its officers are encouraged to persevere unto the end.

## Annual Camp Meeting.

August 21-31.

The miscellaneous services for the summer are all through, and we now prepare for still higher, holier and intenser action. There must not be any thing to divert from the great central point, SALVATION. Every thing must be at white heat for saving of souls. The songs, and prayers, and exhortations, and sermons—everything, public and private, indoors and outdoors, along the avenues, at the ocean front, in boarding houses, hotels, cottages, and tents, need and must have the Divine baptism, and so be better qualified for doing good. The highest joy on earth is to help somebody into the kingdom of heaven. It is kindred to, if not the actual joy of God Himself. What a motive to work. Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins. So we began.

Our prayer meeting from 10.30 to 11.30 A. M. on Monday morning was an hour with God for victory. Our Sacramental service at night, overshadowed by divinity, had seventy-five ministers, and 1425 communicants. Bishop Walden consecrated the elements, the different denominations participated, and the subdued and holy joy was great.

Tuesday all the meetings commenced. Consecration Meeting, 5.45 A. M., Tabernacle, Dr. Andrews; Family Prayers, 6.45 A. M., Auditorium, President; Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, 9.00 A. M.,



Mrs. Palmer ; Young People's Meeting, Temple, 9 A. M., Yatman and Hoagland ; Helping Hand Meeting, Chapel, 9 A. M. Rev. W. Franklin ; in each department there was inspiration and an uplift of spiritual joy.

At 10.30 A. M., there was a large congregation : platform full. Professor Sweney and a large choir in their places, each one enthused with the holiest anticipations.



Bishop Walden.

The sermon was by Bishop Walden, from the words of Paul : "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Romans viii. 28. He likened this eighth of Romans to a high mountain, from which the most extensive outlook may be enjoyed in relation to Christian doctrine, experience and life. It teaches regeneration, and makes this the prelude and promise of our resurrection. He also dwelt

on the witness of the Spirit and the possibilities of complete salvation. We ourselves make our surroundings. Choose the love of God, and let this be an indwelling principle, and even life's bitterest adversities are sweetened and sanctified. The whole universe stands in relation to man, to shape and regulate his relations to God. "All are yours" if ye are Christ's—forests, flowers, fruits and all the possibilities of toil. The gifts of nature are all the gifts of our Father. If you are not in harmony with all this Divine arrangement, get the baptism of love at this Camp Meeting. Take hold of His hand to-day. The harvest is not always all here, but a good deal of it is. Read over again this rich and glowing chapter—"No condemnation," at peace with God, and Oh the inheritance beyond, and the path shining brighter and brighter to the perfect day. God intends all for you. May the number who shall accept Him, and His be multiplied more and more. Do you want to love God, and carry the happy consciousness that God loves you? You may find it at this Camp Meeting, "For now is the accepted time, and behold, now is the day of salvation." This is a great work. The fire and power of this meeting in years past has reached the Mississippi Valley. May the Lord continue to bless Ocean Grove, and may His power unto salvation be manifested in the way a western sister prayed at the revival where she was converted: "O Lord, convict sinners; convert mourners; reclaim backsliders, and sanctify believers. Amen."

A blessed influence pervaded and followed the sermon, of which the above is but the briefest sketch, and was a happy introduction for what was to follow.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, and Mrs. Wheeler's Mothers' Meetings, commenced and were held each day at 1.30 P. M. Children's Meetings held each day at 4.30 P. M., by Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis. Twilight Meetings at 6.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman.

There were thirty-four sermons in all. The names of ministers preaching are as follows, and in the order set down: Bishop Walden, Rev. W. P. C. Strickland, P. E. of the New Brunswick District, N. J., Conference; Rev. James Moore, D. D., Rev. Hugh Johnson, D. D., Rev. B. M. Adams, Rev. Isaac Naylor, Rev. George H. Corey, D. D., Rev. P. M. Waters, Rev. W. H. Lawrence, D. D., Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., Rev. Isaac Naylor, Rev. Kerr B. Tupper, D. D., Rev. I. Simmons, D. D., Rev. J. R. Daniels, Rev. Dr. L. W. Munhall, Rev. C. M. Sims, D. D., Rev. H. A. Cleveland, D. D., Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D., Rev. Thomos Hanlon, D. D., Rev. Isaac Naylor, Rev. Albert Banks, D. D., Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D., Rev. David Mills, D. D., Rev. C. H. Yatman, Rev. J. Merlin Hodson, D. D., Rev. Willis Reeves, Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, D. D. At the overflow meeting, in the Tabernacle, Temple, at Ross's and Lillagore's, on the Sabbath, the follow-

ing were in charge or preached: Tabernacle, Rev. J. R. Daniels; Temple, Rev. Wm. E. Smith, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ross's, Dr. Andrews, Rev. I. Naylor; Lillagore's, Rev. A. E. Ballard, Rev. W. P. C. Strikland, and Rev. Mr. Jones of Hackensack, N. J. These honored ministers will please accept our kindest expressions of the highest appreciation and warmest thanks for valued services, and the most ardent prayer, that in the final harvest, at the end of the world, they may reap abundantly from these faithful seed-sowings here.

If it be still true that where much is given much will be required, what returns must we of Ocean Grove make to the All-giver, God? Surely, no people on the earth were ever more highly favored. What can we make but an unreserved and thorough consecration of all we have to Him?

The Love Feast, on Sabbath morning, was a great ocean sweep of spiritual life and power. The preaching, like mountain summits. The whole day a spiritual uplift until it touched divinity—an apocalypse of grandeur rarely enjoyed in this world, and may not be again by some until the immortal and unimaginized unfolding of the eternal world. Every change of the services, like a new turn of a great kaleidoscope, flashes out new glories, until hearts and faces newly transfigured, reveal no man, *save Jesus only*. Convictions are deep, conversions are clear, the rise of the spiritual life is high, and the joy is great. But the end approaches. We are at the last day. Again we are at the Baptismal Service. Thirty-four of the lambs of the flock by solemn form and holy consecration are dedicated to Almighty God. The offering is accepted, and parents, children and auditors are blest.

Again we gather at the Sacramental Board. It is the last time we shall so do at this consecrated spot. A never to be forgotten hour. The Eternal Trinity is near. Angels are hovering round. The spirits of the just made perfect mingle with the throng. Ninety-eight ministers are present, and 2106 receive at their hands the holy emblems of a Saviour's sufferings and death. One hundred and twenty-one children participated. Many of them for the first time. Smiles of joy, tears of gratitude, subdued utterance of praise, all mingle, while the Holy Spirit sets His seal on all. These retire, and the multitudes again fall down at the altar, and amid sighs, and sobs, and tears, and rejoicings, accept the bread and cup. Crowd after crowd, phalanx after phalanx come. There seems to be no end. After a while they slacken—less come—now still less—then two or three, then one, timid, fearful, halting, trembling, with almost broken heart, reaches out the faltering hand, receives, and is blest, goes away strengthened to lead a better life. All are glad, and the angels of God rejoice. The white cloth is spread over the sacred em-

blems. It is the end, almost like the shutting of the door of heaven. Oh may none of us be left on the cold dark outside at last.

We pass twice around the Auditorium square with songs of joy—joy, but subdued, with a silent, ecstatic sense, for God is so present that to be otherwise would be out of harmony with Him. We return to the platform, Statements are made, thanks returned, and resolutions formed to meet in heaven. Tears flow afresh. Handkerchiefs wave, and there is a hush as deep as the silent heaven of eternal love, where words, too weak to express thoughts, mean nothing. Mr. Yatman makes a last appeal. Over fifty asking prayers, promised to lead Christian lives, and meet us all in heaven.

Thousands arise, wave handkerchiefs again, and weeping, exclaim again and again, "Good-bye! Good-bye!"

In the name of the Father (bell), and of the Son (bell), and of the Holy Ghost (bell), the President said: "I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, for the year 1893, at an end. And may the peace of God, that passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, rest upon, and abide with you all forever. Amen."

### Recapitulation.

Prayer and Experience, 4; Holiness, 82; Young People's, 71; Addresses, 588; Sermons, 59; Sabbath-schools, 11; Number of Scholars, 22,926; Sabbath-schools for Chinese, 11; Surf Meetings, 12; Orations 2; Women's Christian Temperance, 6; Bible Readings and Expositions, 8; Mother's Meetings, 12; King's Daughters, 3; Elim Cottage Meetings, 3; Song Services, 16; Boys' and Girls' Hour, 7; Normal Hour, 7; Post-Graduate Hour, 7; Lectures: Sacred Oratory, 8; Indian Life 3; Dr. Cook (Joseph), 2; Jerusalem, W. H. Stokes, 6; Stereopticon Exhibitions, 4; Teachers' Conferences, 2; Question Box, 2; Concerts, 2; Missionary Conferences, 3; Elocutionary Entertainment, 1; C. L. S. C. Round Table, 1; Vesper Services, 3; New Jersey Sabbath Unions, 2; Lectures, Col. Bain, 2; Woman's Home Missionary Society, 6; A. M. E. Jubilee, 2; Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Memorial Service, 1; Children's Meetings, 9; Woman's Foreign Missionary, 6; Industrial Christian Alliance, 1; Laymen's Mass Meeting, 1; New Auditorium Services, 3; Old Auditorium Services, 3; Women's Encouragement Meetings, 5; Love Feasts, 3; Sacraments, 2; Consecration, 10; Family Devotions, 10; Helping Hand, 8; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 9; Twilight, 9; Fireworks Exhibition, 1; Baptisms, 34; Total, 1,074.



The following are the Reports of the Leaders of these Meetings:

### Auditorium Services.

The opportunities for altar work at the Auditorium this year, were greater than usual. Many of the sermons were very direct in their appeals to the unsaved, and to those who desired to enter into all the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ. They were of such length, too, as afforded time for altar work. Large numbers of the ministers and laymen entered intelligently and enthusiastically into soul-saving efforts. These efforts were crowned with blessed success. Often the doxology would be sung five, six, eight, or ten times in succession over the newly-saved. The number converted here, and at the overflowing meetings immediately from here, amounted to 180. Hundreds also professed to receive the blessing of a clean heart, and many more the endowment of power.

E. H. STOKES, Leader.

### Consecration Meeting.

At this meeting, held at 5.45 each morning, 200 confessed entire sanctification, and at least 1,000 men and women entered into a new covenant with God, and made an entire consecration of themselves to His service forever.

(REV.) R. J. ANDREWS.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., August 30, 1893.

REV. DR. STOKES:

There have been remarkable manifestations of the presence and power of God in the Morning Holiness Meeting in the Tabernacle from the opening of the season until the present time. Since the Camp Meeting commenced there has been a ceaseless shower of blessing, converting, reclaiming and sanctifying the people. It is estimated that 150 to 200 have been saved—at a moderate estimate we put it at 150. To God be the glory. We expect at least fifty more to be saved before the meeting finally closes.\*

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE HUGHES.

### Helping Hand Meeting.

DEAR BROTHER:—Though our numbers have not been large, God has met with us in a special manner at every service. The brothers and sisters who have helped, have been helped and blessed themselves. Sister Sharp was a great blessing to the meeting whenever present. Special help was received by about fifteen persons, perhaps more. Some, though in the church for years, had never had a clear sense of pardon. Such were brought into the light and established in the faith. Others were restored to

\* This was more than realized.

heart purity, and some others for the first time. I believe a great amount of good can be accomplished by the Helping Hand Meeting.

Yours in Jesus,

(REV.) WM. FRANKLIN.

### Young People's Meeting and Twilight Services.

The meetings have been full of God and good. The season has been characterized by helpfulness, thousands being blessed with inspiration for work and holier lives. It is within the bounds of truth to say, that fully 100 have been hopefully converted in the two meetings. Double that number would probably be nearer the facts in the case. Never has there been so much news of conversions occurring *outside* the meetings as this year. The influence has been felt in cottages, tents and even on the streets, above all former years. The praise belongs unto God who from the opening to the close has been manifestly with us.

(REV.) C. H. YATMAN, }  
F. B. HOAGLAND, } Leaders.

### Mrs. Lizzie R. Smith's Meeting.

This year truly excels all of the past in the history of this meeting. At the very first, Mrs. Smith felt impressed to invite all Christians to get low at the foot of the cross, and a marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit fell upon the meeting. A powerful blessing came down upon the soul of the writer of this report, while singing "Oh! the blessing and the power, that the Lord gave me there." I never will forget. It lingers with me yet. On Sunday evening there was a most wonderful display of saving souls. Believers were sanctified, and a family of five persons were all converted. The meeting continued through the whole evening. Again and again all at the altar were saved, and as they arose and took their seats, other penitents took their places. Such meetings are impossible to report. Eternity alone will reveal the results. Sister Smith never seemed more completely and powerfully saved. At the last service held, she said, "It was to her the best Camp Meeting of her life." Some 90 or 100 souls were converted or gloriously sanctified. How many were converted, reclaimed, helped and comforted we cannot tell. Two ministers were among the number sanctified. May God bless our dear Sister Smith, and bring her back to help save precious souls for many years to come.

(MISS) MARY C. CLARK.

### Mother's Meeting.

From the first day, this meeting has steadily increased in numbers, interest, and spiritual power, until it culminated in a wondrous outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Multitudes of mothers brought their husbands and children to Jesus, laid them upon the altar of consecration, stepped out on the

promises, and, in many instances, received the answer to their prayers in their conversion to Christ. Eternity only can tell results.

MARY SPARKES WHEELER.

### Children's Meetings.

The numbers coming forward as seekers of pardon, 127 : number professing conversion, 121. All of these were carefully instructed, and, we believe, have given clear evidence of a change of heart. In these numbers were children of very early years, up to women of forty. In these services I have had the assistance of the largest number of most competent workers. Parents have brought their children to Christ, and in one case, at least, the child brought the parent. I believe the number recorded of those led to the Saviour is but a small part of the good accomplished. We have had the largest attendance of adults, and they have, many of them, expressed themselves as wonderfully blessed. We ourselves also, as workers, have been abundantly helped. In many instances grown people have been so convicted as to tremble from head to foot. At least eight, who came forward at the night auditorium services, promised to do so at these meetings. With thanks for the help of all the workers, and to God, to whom belongs all the glory,

I am very truly,

MRS. GRACE WEISER DAVIS.

### Chinese Sunday-school.

DEAR DOCTOR:—Our Chinese Sabbath-school opened June 25th, with an attendance of eight scholars and seven teachers. We had one boy who expressed a desire to find Christ. I really feel more encouraged in the work than ever before. Chu Jor, who has just taken the Ocean Grove Laundry, is, I believe, a thorough Christian, and I hope next Summer our school will be much improved.

I am very respectfully yours,

MRS. ADELAINÉ W. WILSON.

With these reports I close the record of the Summer's work. It has been vast and laborious, but also blessed. I wish it had been greater in results, but I am glad of what it is.

The sorrowing seed times of the year are past, the toilsome days of culture gone. The fruit has ripened and the harvest gathered. O the joy of harvest! Soon will come the Eternal Harvest, then

Forever there,  
 On the far heights with all the ransomed host  
 From every land, or calm or stormy coast,  
 Redemption's themes forever uppermost;  
 While everywhere  
 High Jubal songs to every tongue are given,  
 The Harvest Home, true rest, and earth exchanged for heaven.

Now, in conclusion, I wish you all, in all your work for God, an ever-widening harvest of immortal souls; and whether by the sea, in cities full, through mountains or lonely vales, that we may be workers together with Him, and at last, rejoice in the Eternal Harvest before His throne. Until then, may heaven bless you all.

Faithfully yours,

E. H. STOKES, PRESIDENT.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., OCTOBER 10TH, 1893.



The Harvest Home! Let every heart and voice,  
Earth, seas, and skies, all, everywhere rejoice.



## MARRIAGE OF THE SEA.

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There are notes of joy like a marriage bell;  
There are tides of bliss in the deep sea's swell;  
There are dreams of love in the billow's roll,  
And visions of God break in on the soul.

There's a widening joy on the Summer sea,  
And the beach is proud as the beach can be,  
For the bright sea kisses the peaceful land,  
And the sea is kissed by the glowing strand.

It is light, all light, on the wedded sea,  
Where the white-winged gulls in their flights are free;  
There are songs of bliss, there are winds that bless,  
And the heart is soothed by their soft caress.

O yes, I have come, I have come to-day  
Where the billows break and the soft winds play;  
Where the skies look down in the sea's calm face,  
And I rest where the land and the seas embrace.

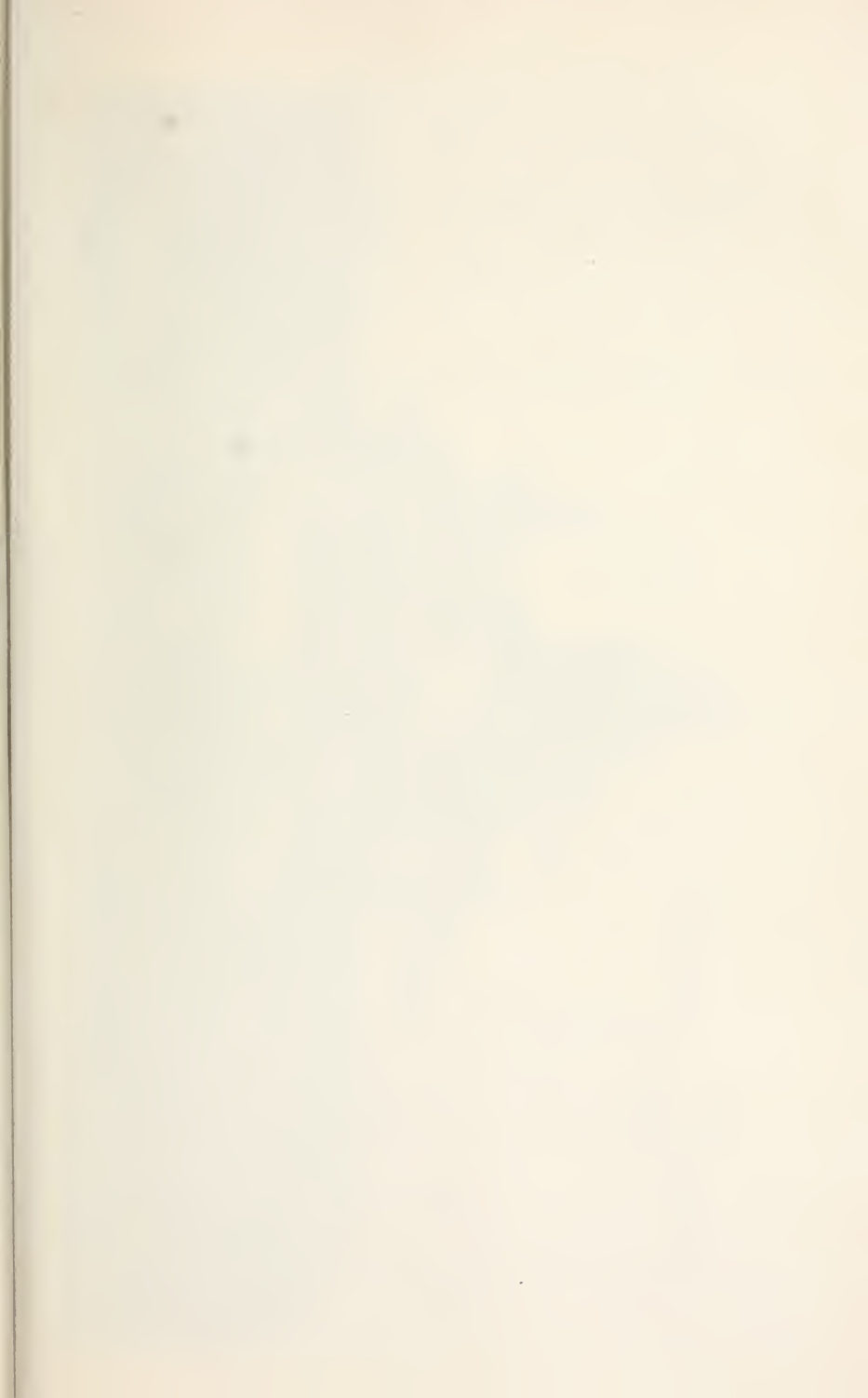
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### PERSONAL ESTATE.

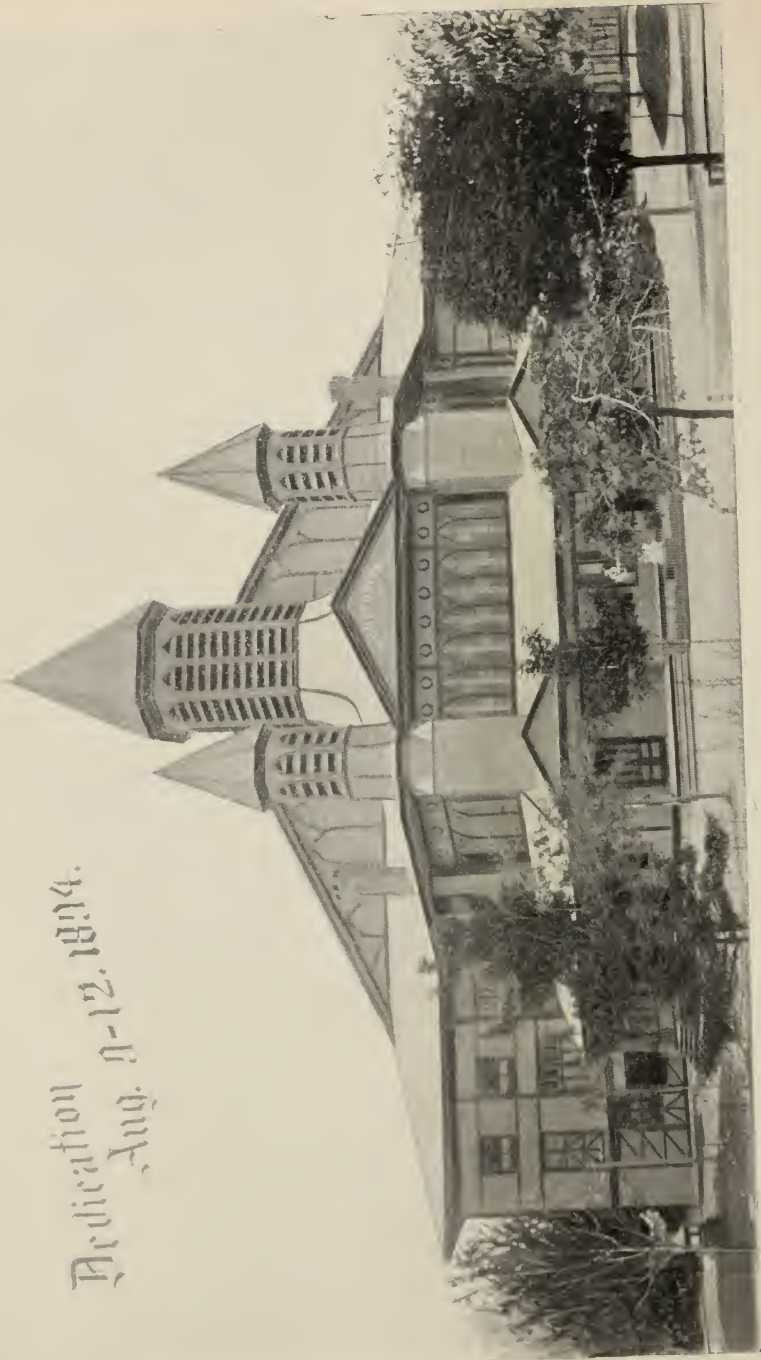
I give and bequeath to the OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, whose place of business is at Ocean Grove, N. J., the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

### REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise to the OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, whose place of business is at Ocean Grove, N. J., [*here insert a description of the real estate*].



Dedication  
Aug. 9-12, 1894.



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**C**ROWN the Five and Twenty years,  
Years of smiles and years of tears ;  
Years of toil which God has blest,  
Years of weariness and rest.  
Years of sunshine more than sadness,  
Crown the silver years with gladness.—E. H. S.



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# Memoriam.



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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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

DEAR BRETHREN:—This is the crowning year—the silver crowning; our Twenty Fifth anniversary; a quarter of a century of time! Two decades and a half of religious life and labors. The Silver year! In making these announcements, I am fully aware that I simply iterate statements with which you are all as familiar as myself. Nevertheless, familiar as are these things to us, there will come times, and generations of people, when, and with whom, they will not be so. It is appropriate, therefore, that they should now be uttered with especial definiteness accompanied with devout thanksgivings to Almighty God, such as might be expected from an association of men, so pronounced in its religious character as is this.

We have reached an epoch in our history—the first of its kind in the record of our existence, and so marked, as to awaken mingled emotions of profoundest thought and sacred joy.

The themes for thought and inquiries, are: have we measured up to the full extent of our responsibility in the great work assigned us, in the wisest ways, and to the fullest possible reach. If we have not, then, repentant before God, we humbly ask to be forgiven. The decisive answer can only come, in the final day, from God himself.

The causes for joy are many, for imperfect as our work has seemed to ourselves, there has been, from its first inception to the present date, a deep and continuous conviction that God was with us. This conviction does not decrease, but strengthens with the years.

When we came here, the place was a desert, now it is full blossomed. When we began our work, it had no record of words or deeds, now, "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world," and entering the Celestial City, touch the infinite, and encircle the Eternal Throne. The ultimate good accomplished must remain an unknown history until the last records are unfolded, and in the presence of an assembled world.

In addition to these things, this quarter of a century occasion awakens memories the most tender and sacred. The associations formed, cultivated, unfolding, budding, blossoming, fruiting, until receiving the final tintage of the Son of Righteousness, then mellowing in the ripeness of enduring heaven, and gathered by the soft hand of paternal love into the All Father's house above, are laid away in the most hallowed recesses of the soul, and must not, too often be referred to, even in our annual gatherings in this place. But, to-day, like a mother, bringing forth the pictures of her dear departed, and bathing them with her tears, or a widow of a quarter of a century, reviewing the wardrobe of her long sainted husband, wants to be alone in the tender and delicate examination, so that no eye may see her tears, or ear hear her wordless sobs, we bring forth our Association memories, and for a moment, air them in the atmosphere of undying love. Do you see these silent faces which now illuminate the walls of

this pleasant room in which we are gathered? How familiar each eye and facial expression? They seem ready, almost to speak, and take part in our routine business. But, though these things are so, they are only shadows of faces, once the human windows of human caskets, from which immortal souls, now with God, looked out to see and speak and do for Him.

Sometimes, friends come into this room, so near and dear to us all, and being strangers to it, look up, and ask, who are these? The question is very simple, and very natural, but the asking always produces a reaction, and for the moment, chills the enthusiasm of the soul. What? These noble men of God, so long in the front of divine activities and chivalry—enthused with the holiest ambitions, leading countless multitudes up the steps of immortality, so well known, and so dearly loved by us all—to ask, who are these? Why, we had thought, that everybody knew and loved them, as we all do this day! But, brothers, some time, and that, it may be, not very far off, other strangers coming into this apartment and looking upon your faces and mine, as they may hang on these walls, may also ask with equal naturalness and simplicity, "*Who are these?*"



WESLEY LAKE, South Side. looking toward the sea.

But, turning from such peculiar thoughts, let me pass before you the names of these silent faces before us, with a word of characterization of each, and thereby accomplish two objects: the revival of their excellencies in our own memories, and so, like currents and waves of holy influence give to these excellencies a new impetus, down, on, and through to other times and ages. I call them in the order of their passing out. Alfred Cookman, fervent, pure, white robed, beautiful, sweeping through the gates to eternal life. Rulif V. Lawrence, earnest, illuminative, spiritual, whose zeal, white heated, was self consuming, went up for us far too soon, to be with God. George Franklin, the sturdy farmer, true, and faithful until death. John H. Stockton, the soul of sacred song, whose footsteps moved to the rhythmic measure of the skies, walked with God, and God took him to himself. John S. Inskip, fearless, undaunted, defiant, victorious, led of God, dared to go himself, and then, by the holiest inspiration enthused countless thousands to press up, and stand where he stood—triumphant. Joseph R. Tantum, the beloved physician, modest, unobstrusive, patient, following his Lord with noiseless footsteps, scattering benedictions as he went. Joseph H. Thornley, the christian merchant, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord up to the full measure of his physical, mental, and spiritual ability, did great good, and left a trail of light in which others could walk Godward. Thomas T. Tasker, Sen., fully developed, physically, mentally, spiritually, used all his great abilities, to advance the best interests of men, and the kingdom of God in the world. James Black, with large physical proportions and soul aflame using all with cyclonic force, to defeat wrong, and promote the right, often impoverished himself to make the world richer and better.

These nine, seven of which were our original members, the others by more recent elections, all died in faith, and their works do follow them.

Then too, there are others, outside of our Association, counted by scores, hundreds and thousands, whose high and holy





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friendship were formed and cemented here, through a long series of years and the most sacred services ever enjoyed on earth, scattered over all states, territories, and countries, who, but for this place we should not have known. Many of these have gone to the land beyond, but all stand out, on the canvas of our memories, enlarged and beautified a thousand fold by the white heat of sanctified affection. We wonder, as we gaze, if we shall ever meet again. We have wept, prayed, toiled, worshiped and triumphed together here, some of us, for the last quarter of a century, and while memory revels through these scenes again, though our tears fall, yet our hearts exult, in the divine assurance, that we shall not only meet again, but enjoy on eternal shores, a thousand fold more than we ever did on earth, the experiences here, qualifying us for greater bliss there. God grant that it may be so.

In these brief touches of the past, I simply glint at another class of facts. Less than one third, of our original members,

have died during our first quarter of a century. Through all these years, there has been but one President, Ellwood H. Stokes, and but one Treasurer, David H. Brown. These were both elected at the organization of the Association, in Trenton, N. J., December 22nd, 1869, and re-elected annually ever since.

Through all these years, we've done the best we could,  
 Bearing our cares and crosses, one by one;  
 Our highest joy to do the greatest good,  
 Our deepest grief, that we've no better done.

We have had but three Vice-Presidents:—Rulif V. Lawrence, John S. Inskip, and Aaron E. Ballard, the latter elected in 1874 and re-elected each year since; so, also, we have had but three Secretaries, George Hughes, William H. Boole, and George W. Evans, the latter elected 1874, and still remains. We have had three Superintendents, William B. Osborn, Henry B. Beegle, and Lewis Rainear, the latter appointed in 1876 and still continues. We have had but one Chief of police, John C. Patterson, appointed in 1871, and still in office. In the executive committee, there have been but few changes, and these almost exclusively caused by death. That the changes should be so few,



SEA SIDE.

Surf and Atlantic Avenues, Ocean Front.

A. S. Stockton, Esq., Proprietor, Ocean Grove, N. J.

among so many men of marked individuality, and through such a long term of years, is matter of surprise, and indicates a unity of purpose running through all our plans.

The changes of the near future must, however, in the necessities of the case, be much greater than those of the lately past, so that it becomes us to keep lowly at the Master's feet, and wisely discern the signs of the times.

Let us then, whatever may be the emotions of this hour, or the autumnal frostings of our years, be joyful in God, praising him with glad hearts for the past, and stronger in confidence than ever, wait whatever the future may unfold.

On this blessed summit of our history, let us sit down thoughtfully together, and :—

Ring the silver bells of joy, ring, bells, ring !  
Let the love-waves rising, roll,  
Through the channels of the soul;  
For the sorrows and the fears  
Of the five and twenty years,  
Now desolved in grateful tears,  
Ring the silver bells of joy, ring, ring, ring.

Since our last annual meeting death has invaded our ranks, and taken two of our beloved brethren from us.

First, the wise, energetic, tireless, never despondent James Black is no more visible to the eye, nor do we hear, as of yore, by the outward ear, his eloquent appeals for all that was good and true. He died at his residence, in Lancaster, Pa., on the 16th day of December, 1893, of pneumonia, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 7 days. He was one of our original members, and from the beginning all the great energies of his mind and heart were in the interests of our work. He never lagged or dragged, or failed or faltered. His only limit was the impossible. He was a Christian, favoring the highest forms and phases of the religious life, an ardent advocate of the temperance reform, a prohibitionist from conviction down to the deepest recesses of his moral nature. He was the first candidate, on the prohibition ticket, for President of



Hon. JAMES BLACK, Lancaster, Pa.

the United States. Defeated to be sure, but he would rather have been defeated in the right, than successful in the wrong. We miss him now, and shall till we overtake him in the light beyond.

Also, on the 19th of October, 1894, our highly esteemed, but long afflicted Brother Joseph McPherson, ascended to be with God, aged 85 years. He was elected to our body, in October, 1876 and had served seventeen years. He was prized for his sterling integrity, transparent fidelity, sensitive conscientiousness, lofty Christian character, and thorough sympathy with our specific work. He was never demonstrative, but his hope and cheerfulness were inspirations, and his piety as known among us, was like a tranquil flow of sunlit waters widening towards the sea, or a glow of light increasing in splendor to the perfect day. He has passed out of the imperfect bud-life of time into the full blossomed fruitions of eternal felicity, where there is no death.





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Our highly esteemed friend and brother, George J. Hamilton, elected 1874, and continuing his connection with us, discharging his duties in the most satisfactory manner up to the year 1890, when, in his own estimation, his accumulating years, greatly to our regret, felt called upon to resign, departed this life in great peace July 24th, 1894, age 85 years. He was a man who walked close with God, was very useful, and has reached his rest.

Besides these, we have had other afflictions. During the past winter, our mutual friend Rev. A. Wallace, D. D., Proprietor and Editor of the *Ocean Grove Record* was so prostrated, that for many weeks, there was no human prospect of his recovery. His restoration is regarded as a direct interposition of divine providence, and gratitude is expressed on every hand.

We regretfully add to the above, the severe and protracted illness of our esteemed associate, Rev. Wm. H. Wardell, and of his

beloved daughter Miss Mary La Tetra. It is a great joy, however to say that the father is restored to reasonable health, and an equal grief, that Mary, the only daughter of the household, after an illness extending through many months, passed out from the paternal fold, October 13th, 1894. She was the affianced of a young gentleman in our midst, worthy of her hand and heart, but before the happy event was consummated in holy matrimony, was called to sit at the marriage supper of the Lamb:

The paths she walked were bright with God's sweet smile,  
The paths of holy duty;  
Thorny sometimes, but blossoming the while,  
Into divinest beauty.

Will you pardon this lengthy introduction. I may, I trust, be forgiven, when you remember, that we have been twenty-five years in making this lofty ascent, and having reached the quarter century crown, to say less would have been a cross, to have written more an inexpressible joy.

Let us then, to the more positive business for the transaction of which this annual meeting is held. This business is two fold—material, religious. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body! Our work deals with both. In each department, the work this year has been marked.

This will appear, as I proceed with as much brevity as possible, to unfold them both.

We take the material first, and by steady progression reach the climax.

**Ocean Pathway.**—This prominent thoroughfare, which from the beginning has involved a large amount of toil and expense, has been greatly improved the past year. A heavy coating of rich soil from five to eight inches deep, carted a distance of two miles, has been spread upon it, and sown with the best lawn grass seed. Flowers have also adorned it at appropriate points, and with constant care and attention, notwithstanding, the severe drought of the summer, has been the admiration of all. The property owners, on either side have cheerfully met their share of



OCEAN PATHWAY, South Side, showing Auditorium in distance.

the extra expense, amounting to nearly a thousand dollars, and have our thanks.

**Avenues.**—These need constant attention, from year to year. We have thought, sometimes, that some of our citizens do not fully appreciate our situation in this regard. I quote from my annual report of five years ago:—"We have thirteen miles of avenues and twenty-seven miles of side walks. They have been brought from a sandy waste to their present condition by a vast amount of toil and at large expense. The summer travel is very heavy, and the wear and tear immense. Sometimes in the hurry of the season, when our men are overrun with other work, we have found it difficult to keep them in a satisfactory state. This is especially true of Main Avenue, where the travel often approaches the throngs of Broadway, N. Y. To keep these in proper order, requires during the summer almost daily scraping and large annual outlays. To meet this heavy expense, hacks, stages, and business people pay an annual license, but there are thousands upon thousands of vehicles which come in and cut our highways without contributing to the expense in any way, and up to this period of our history, now twenty years, neither township

or county, though we by taxation have vastly increased their income, have helped by the contribution of a single mill to bear this constantly increasing burden." And, I add now, that what was true five years ago, in regard to receiving help for our roadway, is true to-day.

In many other villages, towns and cities, citizens residing along their streets or roadways, by tax or voluntary agreement, bear part or the whole of the cost of such improvements.

For repairs to curbing, grading head of Fletcher Lake, carting ashes on streets, laying stone gutters, the purchase of and carting gravel a distance of six miles, to put on Avenues, during the last year the cost is over \$3,000. A vast amount of work on this line remains to be done.

**Concrete Walks.**—This work, if it does not go as rapidly as all might desire, is nevertheless, steadily on the advance. Those who have their walks done have a natural right to expect those adjoining will have theirs done also. It is but just if one provides a good walk for his neighbor, that his neighbor should provide a good walk for him. This is the golden rule, and being observed by all, the paving would be completed in a single year.

During the year just closed, there has been laid—

For private parties, - - - - -	Square feet 19,226
“ Association, - - - - -	“ “ 22,429
	Total, 41,655

Of this walk, 20½ miles, 6 feet wide, have now been laid, and its extension to the end would be a great benediction to all.

**The Ocean Pier.**—As will be seen by my last report the storms of August, 1893, did great damage to this important work. In addition to the destruction of the storms, it was found upon careful examination that large numbers of the remaining piles, back to high water mark, had been honey-combed by worms. This necessitated the renewal of about 373 feet of piling or nearly the whole length of the pier.

To protect the piling from further destruction by these insects the expensive process of creosoting was resorted to. Richmond





BATHING SCENE, South of Ross'.

Bros. the original builders, were employed to drive the piling and rebuild the broken parts. The whole process was tedious and expensive, increased by the fact that the work had mainly to be done during the inclement weather of the late winter and early spring.

The cost of 226 creosoted piling alone, was \$3,118.00 and the entire expense was \$5,081.27. We count it an excellent piece of work, but the sea is an all conquering master and may entail a similar expense at almost any time.

**Ocean Boulevard.**—Owing to the weakened condition of this popular walk from Main Avenue to Lillagore's, together with the decay of the piling at and near the top, a necessity existed to rebuild the original 16 feet wide part, and as this must be done, it was thought best to extend this part, 14 additional feet, so that the whole ocean front 3,250 feet long should have a uniform walk of 30 feet wide. This, too, was a heavy work, notwithstanding the utmost economy, and old material used wherever possible.

The number of feet of walk re-layed and widened, is 892, in length, to 30 feet in width. The total cost of material and work \$3,212.93.

**Sewer Plant.**—The sewer question in all parts of our land is a perplexing one. The greatest cities, and the smallest villages, have their troubles. We are not exempt. Our Ocean outlet for sewer runs 482 feet from the shore, but the sea, like an ill-natured neighbor seems to resent all encroachments upon it, and frequent conflicts are the result. The endless swash of billows, day and night, for countless ages, can not but wear. Hence breaks and constant repairs. At this point, during the last year, the cost of material and labor has been \$589.11.

For extending plant on Franklin and Embury Avenues, and flushing generally, \$163.50. Making the total cost of plant, this year, \$752.61.

Sewer connections, Oct. 1st, 1893, 1051. Total Oct. 1, 1894, 1074. Total cost of sewer plant, Oct. 1, 1894, \$38,729.59.

**Water Plant.**—This is one of the central and most important factors in the success of our town. Without a good and sufficient water supply, we must utterly fail. With it, other things being equal, success is assured. The question, however, confronted us at the beginning. Where and how shall we get it? It taxed the clearest minds until finally, the driven wells were resorted to. These answered for a time, but, for fear of pollution, were, in a few years, abandoned. Then the Artesian wells were tried, and when after months of great discouragement, water was at last struck, all hearts were jubilant. These have been multiplied, until we have now 23 wells: 21—450 feet deep; 2—565 feet deep; and one now being bored, which, at this writing, is 1124 feet deep, not yet in use. But when all of these do their utmost, by pumping day and night, and all days of the week, they have failed to get a sufficient supply to meet the greatly increased demand of July and August of the three or four past years. During the summer of 1893, we were overwhelmed with complaints of scarcity of water. It was felt that we could not pass through another season without relief. We entered into a joint arrangement with Asbury Park to explore the country for a surface supply. But this failed. We at last adopted the Pohlé Air Lift system to be applied to our wells, with

assurances of one million gallons of water for each day of 24 hours. These assurances have been realized, at a cost for machinery and labor, of \$8,545.99 and a cost in running expenses of \$3,550.10, which is very largely in excess of the running expenses by the old pumping system of the past. The total extra expenses of water supply, new machinery, and current expenses this year is \$12,095.99, while the income for water is but \$10,639.04.

The mental compensations in all this are that while in 1893 we had the cry of despair, in 1894 we had the song of gladness. But, where is the financial compensation? There is an actual failure to meet expenses of \$1,456.95; and the end is not yet. There must be for next year, more engine and boiler power, to be supplied at a cost of perhaps not less than \$10,000.

These facts must be squarely looked at and bravely met.

The amount of water pumped from Oct. 1, 1893, to

Oct. 1, 1894, is,	- - - - -	150,554,956
An increase over last year,	- - - - -	21,764,756
The total cost of water plant, Oct. 1, 1894,	- - - - -	\$71,182.76
An increase over 1892,	- - - - -	8,545.99

**Electric Light Plant.**—Our present electric light system, the Westinghouse, is vastly superior to the old. This is true in most, if not every particular. The change, however, from one to the other, has been both laborious and costly.

The following is our electric light conditions at the present time :

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Cost of plant, 1893,	- - - - -	\$43,295.06
Improvements, 1894 :		
Wire,	- - - - -	\$1,987.95
Dynamos,	- - - - -	3,674.88
Pulleys, etc.,	- - - - -	431.38
Transformers,	- : - - -	2,471.00
Incidentals—poles, compensators, belt- ing, replacing old fixtures, and supplies not enumerated above,	- - - - -	4,752.91
Total cost to date,	- - - - -	<u>13,318.12</u> \$56,613.18

The present light producing capacity of the plant is as follows :

2 Westinghouse dynamos, 1,100, 16 c. p., lamps each.

1 Heisler dynamo, 900, 16 c. p., lamps.

Making a total capacity of 3,100, 16 c. p., lamps.

The highest number of lamps used on streets, 450

“ “ on commercial line, 1,502

“ “ Auditorium, Temple, Tab-  
ernacle, - - - 1,148

Total highest number burned at one time, 3,100

Making a total candle power of 49,600.

The Receipts and the Running Expenses for the year 1894 are as follows :

Receipts, 1894, commercial lighting,	\$5,205.43
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Lighting streets (estimated), -	3,250.00
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Lighting, Auditorium, Temple and Tabernacle (estimated), - -	750.00
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Total income, - - -	<u>\$9,205.43</u>
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Expenses :

Interest on plant, - - - -	\$2,597.70
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Wages, - - - - -	1,493.42
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Coal, - - - - -	2,008.00
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Sundry expenses, - - -	1,247.52
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Total expenses, - - -	<u>7,346.64</u>
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Net profits, above expense and interest,	<u>\$1,858.79</u>
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I find that there is an inventory of electric light stock on hand amounting to \$2,379.88. This seems to be very heavy. The New York markets are so very handy for the purchase of supplies, that it seems like a very unwise waste of money keeping so much capital tied up in stock. And especially is this true, at this time when the need for supplies is diminished to very nearly nothing.

**Wesley Lake.**—The lakes bounding Ocean Grove on the north and south have always been interesting and attractive features of our place, and give general satisfaction. To blot them out would be mourned by thousands and the regret of all. To have them at all times in the best sanitary condition is of the highest



importance. Much care is bestowed upon them, and more will continue to be given as the years go by. The condition during past summer generally good.

The flume and bulkhead of Wesley Lake had to be repaired this year at considerable expense. Hundreds of thousands of people, largely transient visitors, enjoy the advantages of these repairs every summer, also the benefits of lighting, policing, etc., who pay nothing towards their support excepting the single penny a few times at the bridges for crossing. No charge is ever made on the Sabbath, and the entire public crosses eight months of each year without charge on any day.

The aggregated crossings over both bridges during June, July, August and September, 1894, not counting those crossing on the Sabbath, of which we have no record, was 364,688, being 2,473 more than the same months of 1893. This does not include the number belonging to the editorial and educational conventions who had the freedom of the city.

**Fletcher Lake.**—This lake has in the past, and will continue to improve, keeping abreast, or leading, as the case may be, with the conditions in its immediate vicinity. The old flume at the foot, at Lillagores, which in one form and another has existed for the past nineteen years, and from time to time, caused much trouble and expense, has, by the absolute necessity of the case, at a cost of \$1,305.86, been thoroughly rebuilt. As Hon. Jas. A. Bradley's land joins us immediately on the south, this expense is divided equally between us. Other expenses connected with this lake, as bulkheading on the south, repairing and cleaning, at an expense of \$254, is borne by Ocean Grove alone.

The three bridges on this lake are free on all days, all the year.

**Tent Life.**—At the expiration of twenty-five years of our history we find the novelty of this kind of life does not wane. Some of our people have been with us during most of this time, and before leaving for home at the close of the season, generally engage their tents for the following year.

Many people, if this mode of living was blotted out, could not come at all. We must provide for them and it is a joy to do so.

The total number of Association tents erected this year: Cottage tents, 168; plain, 44; total, 212.



Residence of Capt. LEWIS RAINEAR, Supt.  
Southwest corner Del. and Main Aves , Ocean Grove, N. J.

There were 269 Association tents erected last year, and including 37 private tents, 249 this year. A decrease of 20. Why? The erection of the new auditorium required more room. There was no way to obtain this without removing one range of tents on the north. By this we lost the number named. To compensate in

some degree for this decrease, we built 25 new cottage tents, on Fletcher Lake. This would seem to have more than made up the loss. It was however, in seemingly only, for while we built more than we lost, we omitted from the locality named more of the delapidated old tents than we erected new, so that while we had less in number, we had better quality, and from this better quality, realized nearly or quite as much revenue, as we did from the greater number of poorer quality of previous years; added to this, our people were better served.

Our expenses for new tents, flies, awnings, and repairs of tents injured by the storms of August, 1893, erection of platforms, cottage kitchens, furniture for the same, etc., \$8,066.68. An unusually large amount for one year, caused mainly by the storms referred to, and the supply of new cottages to meet the losses in making room for the new auditorium.

During the season just closed we have had no losses from storms, all tents were taken down after they were vacated without harm, and are housed in excellent condition.

**Floral Department.**—The flowers are among the brightest and most beautiful of our friends. Let not their cultivation be neglected. The hot houses at the corner of Abbot and Lawrence Avenues, are the property of the Ocean Grove Association, but leased to Mr. J. Bergen Thompson, by whom, and in whose interest the business is conducted.

We regard them as important, for the convenience of those who wish to adorn their grounds.

It is the voice of inspiration, "That the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." We desire at all times that both the literal and spiritual interpretation of this passage shall be fulfilled here. The flowers of the garden and the flowers of grace, are all the children of God.

Bring them in from the mountain side,  
Bring them in from the valleys deep ;  
Bring them in to adorn the fair young bride,  
Bring them in where the sorrowing weep.

**Business Buildings.**—Several of the buildings used for business purposes upon our grounds are the property of the Association, but rented to gentlemen who conduct the several departments of trade for their own profit, as at other places. These rentals come to the common treasury and are a part of the revenue by which the heavy expenses of the place are met. Repairs upon these are numerous and constant, but not to so great an extent the past year as usual. Heavy expenses in this line await us. This is particularly true of the Association building, which in the near future will require a thorough overhauling and adjusting. Had we the means, the erection of a few additional stores might be profitable.

**Street Sprinkling.**—The expense of this department of work, as we are situated, is a very considerable item and much annoyance. A prominent difficulty, is the water supply. True, we have the ocean at our side, and there are some reasons which favor the use of Ocean water for this purpose, but the weight of preferences are for that from the artesian wells. This we can use excepting July and August, when the pressure on them for domestic purposes, becomes too great to allow it. Then salt water must be used. This involves machinery, steam, manual labor, etc.; the season past, about \$1,000 was expended on this line, besides horses, wagons, and men to do the work. Notwithstanding all, we toil on, doing our best.

**Tree Planting Day.**—This, always an interesting festival, and much more so this year than ever, was observed April 25th.

A brief prayer, and a simple song—

God in heaven, bless we pray,  
All the trees we plant this day;  
Give them sunshine, give them shower,  
Grant thy blessing every hour;  
Children yet unborn be gay,  
Under trees we plant this day;  
O! Thou Holy Trinity,  
Send a blessing on each tree.



commenced the service. Memorial trees were planted for, Hon. James Black, one of the original members of this Association, Martha Weston, Joshua Peacock, Eliza Cooper, Rev. Alexander Gilmore, Martha J. Jones, Thomas and Letitia Price, Charles Allen, William H. Jones, Hon. Abraham Herr Smith, Rev. James Mathews, Carrie Gerhardt, Mrs. Joseph Ross, Mr. Platt and Mrs. Metz.

Besides these, of the 78 trees purchased, a number were set out for private parties on their own grounds, at their own expense, and the balance, in public places for the general good. Such work is unselfish, as it blesses a race of people yet unborn:

The song birds of the vernal air,  
Build downy nests in branches fair,  
And rear their young with tender care,  
While all around, above below,  
Through trunk and limb, great throbs of life are there,  
And all the quivering leaves, their glints of glory bear.

**Parks.**—These, I am glad to say, are improving, slowly to be sure, but nevertheless surely. When there is so much that must be done, when means are limited, many things we would like to do must wait their time until they can be done. This is true of the Parks. Of all these improvements none are so great as Ocean Pathway, where the citizens on either side, are bearing half of the expense, and the end there is not yet.

**Woodlawn Park**, on Main Avenue, has been covered to a higher grade with good soil, and a fountain placed in the center by the citizens. The transformation is a glow of beauty.

**Thomson Park.**—The low parts have been filled with earth from Auditorium excavations, and top-soiled, which will greatly improve it.

**Ever Green Park**, at the entrance, is also being improved in a similar way.

**Greenleaf Park.**—The low places in this have also been filled, top-soiled, and dead trees removed.

**Ocean Pathway**, between Central and Pilgrim pathway, is also top-soiled, and will be otherwise greatly improved, the citizens also aiding.

Let the work go on.

**Business Licenses.**—These vary in different years as to number and also in receipts. Last year there were 194, being 31 less than the year before, while this year there were 241, being 53 in excess of 1893, with a corresponding increase in receipts. I am happy to state, that as recommended last year, there has been additional legislative action, by which I think, all the power we need at present has been secured, and I trust, the legality of the license question has been settled.

A little reflection on the part of those doing business in our midst, since it is a fact that all the great amount of trade carried out along this coast, had its inception in our settlement here, besides, all the thousands of dollars paid in taxes by this place, not one mill of which comes to us, for road or other purposes, would show these business gentlemen, that if they live by us, that in some way they should help sustain us. The license system is one of the ways. Licenses this year include the following: Photographers, Ice, Express Wagons, Plumbers, Hucksters, Stages, Hacks, Fish Dealers, Coal and Wood, Oysters and Clams, Ice Cream, Oil Venders, Bakers, Poultry Dealers, Butter and Eggs, Produce, Lumber, Boats, etc.

**Fire Department.**—We have a strong fire department. It includes Washington Engine and Hose Co. No. 1, Ocean Grove. Apparatus—one Steam Fire Engine, two Hose Carriages, 1,700 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch hose, and 44 men.

The E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, Ocean Grove. Apparatus—one Chemical Engine, one horse, harness, and driver, with 26 men.

The Unexcelled Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, West Grove. Apparatus—one Chemical Engine complete, and 38 men.

Eagle Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Ocean Grove. Apparatus—one Truck, ladders, ropes, buckets, etc., with 16 men.

Add to these, which are always equally available in time of need, the following at Asbury Park: Three excellent Steam Engines; five Hose Carriages; 6,050 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch cotton hose, 1,000 feet rubber hose; three first-class Chemical Engines; one second class; and three Hook and Ladder Trucks, together with all the appurtenances needed, such as coal carts, nozzles, lanterns, spanners, hooks, axes, ropes, rubber fire buckets, etc., with 351 regularly uniformed men; and remember that these united forces have territorial limit of only  $\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{3}{4}$  of miles to protect, and all within the reach of one fire alarm, we question if there is equal provision for the safety of the same number of people anywhere in this or any other state.

The successes of these heroic bands, with their varied and efficient apparatus, in times of peril, are the admiration of the home population and the commendation of uncounted thousands of summer visitors from every State and Territory throughout the land.

The most disastrous fire we have ever had upon our grounds took place at midnight, Aug. 19, 1894, at the livery stables of M. E. Sexton, Esq., south of Main Ave., facing the McAdam road, and running through to Lawrence Avenue. Although this large building was filled with great quantities of hay and other inflammable materials, so that the flames spread with great rapidity, and immediately surrounded by numbers of small frame houses, the flames were steadily held to their original starting place, while the adjoining buildings were scarcely harmed at all, and 34 of the 67 horses which the stables contained, escaped unharmed.

There has been but one other fire since, that of the 7th of September, at No. 1 Olin Street, caused by an overheated stove. It immediately communicated with the "Stratford House," but was so managed that the firemen received universal commendations and comparatively little harm was done.

The Fire Commissioners of our district, consisting of J. C. Patterson, Chairman, W. E. Taylor, Secretary, C. C. Clayton,

Treasurer, Charles Lewis, and John M. Dey, are now negotiating for a new hook and ladder truck, with longer ladders and the latest improvements, together with 500 additional feet of 2½ inch hose, and a 1,000 lb. bell, to be placed in the tower of the Eagle Hook and Ladder house, corner of Heck and Whitfield Avenues.

With these additions we shall be still better prepared to grapple with the devouring elements, and our firemen by that much, will do still better work. Let these energetic and self-sacrificing organizations, composed wholly of our fellow citizens acting on the voluntary principle, receive all needed encouragement and support.

**Police Department.**—A policeman's duties are not only varied, and always delicate, but sometimes stern and absolute.

A perfect policeman, is as rare, if not more so than any other kind of perfection. He requires quick and keen perceptions, a well balanced mind, great self-possession, high conscientiousness and decision. To find all, well developed in one man, is difficult if not impossible. The large majority of our summer force, are not professionals. We get the best in reach.

They do fairly well, but we often wish for better service. The highest number at any one time during the summer months was twelve, and this number, for August only. The New Auditorium from its inception to completion, required the attention of one man through the day, and after the carpenter work commenced, a night man was added.

Thirty six arrests were made. These were for all kinds of misdemeanors, including, petty stealing, begging, swearing, persons with improper bathing suits, disorderly conduct, and drunken persons who found their way through our gates.

Added to these, there were twenty-seven persons stopped from bathing in improper dresses; twenty-three stopped from public bathing on the Sabbath; four shows stopped on the beach; eighty-one bicycles stopped from running on the Sabbath; twenty-one lost children restored to parents, and five cases arbitrated; twenty-two dogs without muzzles, destroyed.



Sometimes the police are complained of for requiring the beach to be cleared in summer time by 10.30, P.M. But this is an imperative requirement, and a policeman is derelict if he does not enforce it. The orderly will see the propriety of this, and, for the reputation of the place, comply.

Rudeness or discourtesy in a policeman is not allowed, and if found guilty is liable to dismissal.

**Jerusalem Model.**—This does not cease to be an object lesson for good to uncounted thousands every year, and is always gazed upon with feeling akin to reverence.

After the erection of the New Auditorium, the first impulse was that it must be removed, because a mar upon the front of this noble structure as viewed from the approach on Ocean Pathway. But its removal involves its destruction. This fact caused hesitation and delay. It was finally painted more in harmony with the neighboring edifice. By this, it became less objectionable. It therefore, still remains, awaiting future action. It may be simply sentiment, and yet the more we think of it, the less we feel inclined to touch, with vandal hands, unless under imperative necessity, the representation of a place, around which cluster the highest and holiest associations of earth, and to which the people cling as the birth place of their *eternal hopes*.

**Private Improvements.**—In the beginning of this place, many cottages was erected cheaply, hastily, and for temporary purposes, as if to test the expediency of an experiment, which some thought doubtful as to success, and, therefore, hesitated to make improvements which involved much outlay. This period has past, and every year things became more permanent. Homes, stately in architecture, permanent in character, and costly in arrangement and surroundings, take their place. This has been the case the last year, and will be in the future.

Number of cottages reported Oct. 1, 1893,	-	-	-	1,194
“ boarding houses,	“	“	-	79
Total cottages and boarding houses,	-			<hr/> 1,273

Stores, 26; stables, 42; school house, 1; church, 1; other places of worship, 5; offices, 5.	- - - - -	79
		<u>1,352</u>
Cottages erected 1894	- - - - -	12
Stables " "	- - - - -	3
		<u>3</u>
Grand total of buildings	- - - - -	1,367

Many improvements for the present year are now in course.

**Branch Banks.**—The establishment of branch offices at this place by the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, and the First National Bank of Asbury Park, two or three years ago, was a wise arrangement for all concerned. They have been a greater bond of union between the two places, paid the banks, by enlarging their business, been a great convenience to our people, and delayed indefinitely, what would ultimately, and probably before now, have become a necessity, the establishment of a Bank within our own bounds, to accommodate our people.

We are glad to report pleasant relations with these two institutes, and trust that we and they are mutually helpful.

**Sanitation.**—Our Sanitarian, Dr. J. H. Alday, and his assistant H. B. Alday, M. D., have been intelligently careful, in the inspection of our Sanitary conditions, during the Spring, Summer and Autumn of the past year, and announce, that they were never better.

This gives great satisfaction to us all, and if our citizens, transient or by the year, will cheerfully co-operate with their wise suggestions and requirements the future will be much more gratifying than the past. I most earnestly urge all of our friends to regard the Sanitary officers as their best friends, and do all in their power to help on their work. The more thorough our attention to health regulations in our families, and around our dwellings, the less our doctors' bills. Let all, even the little children, be taught the importance of perfect Sanitation.

**Railroad Business.**—I have no means of making a complete report on this line for the year of 1894. The multitudes visiting these places have been great, and far beyond all previous seasons.

There were many special conventions : The National Editorial Association ; the National Educational Association ; the Odd Fellows Field Day, and others, together with the opening of the New Auditorium, and all the usual assemblages of the season, with increased attractions of the best talent the land affords, drew the people, almost by uncounted thousands, and all came expecting to be enthused by the coming, and went away with their enthusiasms enthused with what they saw and heard. That they all came and went, without the loss of life or other serious accident, is a marvel of good management.

The amount of business transacted at our station, is estimated at an advance of 25 per cent. over the highest record. The amount of baggage handled was over 230,000 pieces, nearly 5,000 of which were connected with the Editorial and Educational conventions. Notwithstanding this large quantity, it is reported, there was not one piece lost, neither was there any accident at the station.

Number of passengers to and from Ocean Grove and Asbury Park station for the months of June, July, August and September, 1894, were:

June,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,259
July,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192,158
August,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222,291
September,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,766
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<hr/> 553,474

**St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.**—This is the only regular church organization in Ocean Grove. We have four other places of worship, but this is the only Church. From its commencement in 1870, it has done excellent service, and continues so to do. The Church and Association are not antagonistic, and they do not antagonize. There are many evidences of this; among them are : The members of the Association residing here are long, tried, and fast friends of the Church; on the other hand the Church is always the friend of the Association.

On our New Auditorium opening, Sabbath, July 1st, 1894, and on Dedication day, August 12th, 1894, the Church was closed, Pastor and people gladly joined in the worship, and by presence, prayer and gifts, aided in our important enterprise.

Rev. Milton Relyea is the efficient pastor, beloved by his people, and faithful in his work which is crowned with success. The membership is now over six hundred and constantly increasing.

Their steps are true, their hearts beat high,  
 Their songs, the songs of joy ;  
 There's gladness in each beaming eye,  
 And heaven in their employ —E. H. S.

**Elim Cottage.**—This unassuming but very valuable institution, continues its benevolent and beautiful work as for a number of years gone by.

During the summer past, 274 guests, were entertained, among which were 89 ministers and ministerial students, 7 lady workers, etc. The denominations represented were Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Primitive Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist, Evangelical Association, Presbyterian, Reformed, Baptist, Congregational, Menonites, Hebrew Christians, etc. These were from the various States and Territories, China and Japan.

The receipts from all sources were	\$1,764.45
Expenditures,	1,516.74
Balance in Treasury,	\$247.71

This, however, before the above report is in print, will be largely if not entirely expended in repairs upon the building.

The ladies of the Elim Association are doing an excellent work, and are worthy of the fullest confidence and liberal help from the Christian public. Donations will be thankfully received by Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, Philadelphia, President; Miss Josie Hamilton, Secretary, Ocean Grove, N. J., or any of the managers.

**Town Clock.**—This faithful recorder of passing time is doing its work well, and each monitory tick shortens each life by just that much. If each moment is rightly spent, this need not



be regretted, and all used as they should be, will prepare us to sing at last :—

Open wide the palace gates,  
On the threshold patience waits ;  
Then the spirit cleansed from sin,  
Robed in white, will enter in ;  
Sword unbuckled, cross laid down,  
We shall wear the victor's crown.

**Post Office.**—The post office at this place, under the efficient management of Postmaster Geo. W. Evans, Esq., has advanced in grade, by enlargement of business, from third to second class.

The Postmaster makes the following statements :—

The business of the office has increased during the year 25 per cent.

He thinks, by April 1st, 1895, at which time the fiscal year closes, we shall be entitled to free delivery.

About \$1,000 have been expended by the Postmaster to increase the conveniences of the public at the office.

The amount of mail matter handled during the summer of 1894, exceeded 1,000,000 pieces. During the month of August, as high as 80,000 letters were handled in a single week.

All this is complimentary to the management, and gratifying to the public.

The persistent efforts made by a few of our neighbors, to consolidate Ocean Grove and Asbury Park Post Offices, locating the consolidation at Asbury Park, will be resisted by every true friend of Ocean Grove.

**Telegraph Office.**—This line of business has increased during the past year. There were 7,000 telegrams sent out, and 8,000 received ; total handled, 15,000, during July and August. A great convenience to all.

Space is conquered, knowledge flies,  
Lightning winged through all the skies ;  
But our prayers ascend to God,  
Paths by swifter angels trod.

**New Auditorium.**—I must first state some facts concerning its predecessors, as preliminary to the introduction of this new edifice. The present location, which is the same as occupied from the beginning, was selected by Rev. W. B. Osborn, and the President, in May, 1870. The first preaching stand was a structure 24 x 24 feet, capable of seating 75 ministers, and surmounted by a small, but sweet toned bell.

The cost of this, which was pleasing in appearance, and so far in advance of those of other camp grounds at that time as to be universally approved, was \$800.

The seating for the congregation was of the best white pine plank, one and a half inch thick, planed on both sides and edges, 24,000 feet, without backs, and sufficient to seat 1,000 people. In 1873, the preachers stand was enlarged and improved at a cost of \$200. It was in this enlarged and improved structure, that the first sabbath school was organized, Rev. Jos. H. Thornly Supt.

In 1874, the congregation grounds were resealed with park settees. One hundred and fifty of these were purchased of the New Jersey Conference Camp Meeting Association, at Pitman Grove, N. J., at a cost of \$750. The balance of seats needed at that time were made by us, at a cost of \$425.00 Total cost of reseating, \$1,175.00

In 1874, the small bell was removed, and the one now in use took its place, made by Jones & Co., Troy, N. Y., weight 600 lbs., and cost, as it hung in its place, \$250.

During these improvements, an altar, without which no Methodist Church, or Camp Meeting grounds should be considered perfect, was built around the platform. But through all these changes, the shade from the sun, was poor. Immediately in front of the stand it was the worst. To improve it, various efforts were made by tent-flies, bowers, and still further by planting vines. But all in vain.

In 1875, a substantial frame, 75 x 100 feet, was erected, and this, covered with green pine and laurel bowers, was very beautiful, and had there been no summer rains, would have been

all sufficient. It served in this way for one camp meeting, and so attached did the people become to it, that many would not listen to any change.



But, so often broken up by showers a roof was finally suggested. This indeed, was the original thought in suggesting a frame, but knowing we could not get all at once, were contented to take things a step at a time.

But to the roof there was strong opposition,—so strong indeed, that it was determined to take a vote in the congregation on the subject. At the close of the camp meeting, it was said, “Let all who favor a roof over their seats, arise.” A large number stood up. Then it was asked, “Those who do not favor, stand.” A company, almost, if not quite as large, arose. There was a little doubt however, and the benefit thereof was given in behalf of those who favored the roof, and after the camp meeting of 1876, the roof was put on. This arrangement continued until 1880, when the last enlargement of the old edifice took place.

The size of this last enlargement was 136 long, by 146 broad. The centre posts, having 11 feet spliced to them, were 24 feet high, and the side wings 18 feet high. It covered half an acre. The sitting capacity, on the ground settees, by actual count, for adults, was 3,400. Platform and camp chairs, adults, 800. Total 4,200. But, when all spaces were full, as was the case on nearly all the Sabbaths of the seasons, and at special entertainments, when great multitudes stood for hours, 6,000 or more were in hearing distance. The whole cost of the building as then completed was \$7,800, all built and paid for by the Association.

The annual report for the year of this improvement speaks of the work, thus,—“No work of the year has been more valuable, and if it was to be done over, we could hardly, with the light and means we had, do better. While it greets the eye pleasantly, its acoustic properties are better than before, and we have yet to hear a real adverse criticism. The only question now seems to be, as this enlargement is already filled, what will you do with the still on coming people?”

But, there is always a way. Time solves every question. So much for the report of 1880.

The 4th of July, 1880, which that year came on the Sabbath, opened beautifully. At 10:30 A. M. to the surprise of all, the auditorium, though enlarged to nearly double its former capacity, was filled, and Bishop John F. Hurst, who had been elevated to his high office only a few weeks before, preached an excellent sermon, from the words of Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” Bishop Harris performed the act of dedication, after which the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered to between four and five hundred communicants, and though protracted, was a blessed service.

In 1882, a two story building, 20 x 30 feet, was erected, in place of the old reception room back of the old stand. This building, which cost \$800, had a cellar under the whole, with ample room for our home gas arrangements, by which at that



time our auditorium was illuminated ; it had also the janitor's office, minister's room, and two spacious upper rooms for sleeping. Originally, the congregation grounds were lighted with street lamps (kerosene), then home manufactured gas, lastly, since August 3d, 1888, with electricity.

The annual report of 1883, speaking of the auditorium, says, "It is the great centre of ever widening religious attraction, and spiritual power. Here the crowds which come to listen, do not diminish, but continually increase. For these we must provide, or lose our hold upon them. The masses will not come an hour before the time of public service to secure seats. We very greatly need two or three thousand additional sittings, and but for our heavy expenses the past season, I should most earnestly urge the reconstruction of our whole auditorium, for next summer, so as to seat 8,000 or 10,000 people.

This was the utterance of 1883, and I restate it now, to show that the cry for a new auditorium is not a new one.

At the beginning of the season of 1884, the roof was entirely recovered with Johns fire proof coating, and 60 new settees, some of them 20 feet long, were built, seating 700 people, so that we count all told, 5,000 sittings. Then the report goes on to say. That this number of additions, large as it is, should be doubled and we shall not fulfill our mission, unless we so provide.

In 1885, repairs were made to the amount of \$350.

In 1886, a sounding board after the style of the one in Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, New York City, was constructed, under the direction of Gen. Patterson, adding so very much to the acoustic properties of the building, as to be a surprise to many, and a satisfaction to all. Cost, \$54.43.

In 1889, the annual report cries out with increasing fervency, "a new and better constructed auditorium, accomodating from 8,000 to 10,000 people with improved acoustics, is a generally felt need. It will cost more than the Association can appropriate. Already, one lady, unasked, has handed in \$100 in *gold towards its construction*. Others have contributed smaller sums, and all

has been placed upon interest at 6 per cent. awaiting the work of building.

In 1891 the annual report says, "There is considerable interest manifested on the subject of a new auditorium. The model built by Gen. J. C. Patterson and Janitor W. H. Stokes, after plans by W. H. Carman, Esq., has been an object lesson of attraction and interest. Two gentlemen have agreed to give each \$1,000, another \$500, two others \$250, another \$100, for its erection. All these propositions were made without solicitation.

My final appeal to the Association was made at the Annual Meeting, October, 1892. At its conclusion, a committee of the whole, excepting, however, the members of the Executive committee, was appointed, to consider the subject and report at the evening session. A favorable paper was presented, which was fully discussed, but finally referred to the Executive Committee for clearer light, and additional plans for the committee to report at an adjourned meeting of the Association, December 22, 1892. Mr. Carman, the architect, presented plans with many points of excellence, but too costly. A committee, consisting of D. H. Brown, A. H. De Haven, T. J. Presten, and the President was appointed to see if there could not be such modifications as would reduce cost.

On the 22nd of December the Association met in an adjourned meeting, as agreed. Mr. Carman explained plans, which had been somewhat modified. Still they involved more money than we saw any hope of raising, and the matter was again referred to Executive committee, to call another meeting of the Association, if need be.

At an Executive meeting held January 17, 1893, it was suggested that as the plans, as they had been presented, would involve an expenditure of from \$70,000 to 80,000, with a possible reduction of perhaps \$1,000 or so, and the time has now so advanced, that the whole matter lay over until the semi-annual meeting in May. Meanwhile all the members of the committee should get all possible additional light. This was agreed to.

At the semi-annual meeting, held May 9, 1893, the following paper presented by Rev. Mr. Geo. Hughes, was adopted:

WHEREAS, God, who in the beginning so graciously enabled us to lay the foundations of the Ocean Grove Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, He having wonderfully blessed our labors, extending over a period of nearly twenty-four years, so that increasing multitudes are coming each season to be dwellers with us by the sea; and

WHEREAS; it becomes our imperative duty, as far as in us lies, to provide for the spiritual welfare, as well as the temporal comfort of these multitudes; and

WHEREAS, the seating capacity of the old Auditorium is altogether inadequate to accommodate the thousands who would gladly hear the word of God if they had the opportunity, and be profited thereby. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That in reliance upon the God who has sustained us throughout the years of our eventful history, and upon the people who are in hearty sympathy with us, and whom we have always found ready to respond liberally to every appeal, we will proceed to build a New Auditorium, so as to have the same completed by the 25th anniversary, July, 1894.

2. That said Auditorium shall have seating capacity for ten thousand persons, and if possible, at a cost, not to exceed \$50,000.

3. That we approve the appointment suggested by the president in his last Annual Report, that the 24th anniversary July 30, 1893, be known as "Auditorium Day," at which time the appeal shall be made to the people for subscriptions for this object.

4. That a special committee of five be appointed to procure additional plans to be submitted to the Association at a special meeting to be called at as early a date as possible, and that when a plan has been approved that estimates shall be solicited from reliable builders, so that the whole matter may be intelligently presented to the people.

5. That in order to avoid a cumbersome debt, we will not commence said building until two-thirds of the amount needed is secured on reliable subscriptions.

The only change made in the above paper subsequently was at an adjourned meeting of the Association held July 13th, which made August 13th, 1893 "Auditorium Day," instead of July 30th, and an order to hold a special meeting of the Association, August 14, 1893. The meeting adjourned.

The week preceding August 13th was one of the darkest of my life, excepting the light which came like an electric shock, through the Laymen's meeting, held on Friday evening, August 11th, a full account of which was given in report of 1893.

Sabbath, the day of trial dawned at last. The sun was bright, the air balmy, and expectation was at its height. The announcement that Chaplain McCabe, who had been widely announced, was detained by family afflictions, was a disappointment, but it lasted only a moment. James A. Bradley, Dr. Hanlon, C. H. Yatman, and the President gave brief addresses. By eleven o'clock we were ready to call for financial aid. *Fifty thousand dollars!* It seemed at such a time, almost like presumption, folly, madness to think of it. So too, it seemed when Israel started through the Red Sea, but God was in the lead. So too, when Peter walked on the water to his Lord, but Christ was there to help, So, too, we stepped out upon the seeming void, but rock was underneath—the rock of the Divine promises, and the rock of the people's love. Such giving I never saw, and doubt if I ever see again—It was like the rush of a mountain torrent—the dash of Niagra rapids—the roll of the Amazon widening to the Sea—the swell of great Ocean billows, dashing up against the strand. It was the gush of sun-rise on a deep dark sea, after the wild tumult of a December tempest, or the hush of a mother's lullaby, after her child had worried itself to sleep. Hour after hour passed. We were oblivious of time. The clock failed to give notice of the passing moments. Gladness filled all hearts. Thousands rejoiced, wept, and praised the Lord, It was the summit of the mountain of gladness, transfiguration day, in which we seemed to see or hear no man save *Jesus only*, he who was rich, for our sakes becoming poor, that we through his poverty might be rich,



and like him, the more *we* gave the *richer we became*. It was like the grand review after the rebellion, the bells of our hearts were ringing, and the flags of our hope waved in holy triumph.

After the morning, afternoon, and evening services were over, and it was found that we were only nine thousand dollars short of the whole amount asked, the congratulations knew no bounds. Prince of days, pearl of days, day of days, with grateful hearts, and loving hands, we place upon thy matchless brow, with the holiest affection, the jeweled crown of brightest remembrances, and the fondest love. The grandeur and glory of the work of all the previous Auditoriums on these grounds, made such a day as this possible. But for them, this day had not, could not have been—to the past belongs the peerlessness of the present.

It was the joy of all to crown the accomplished past, with the gold and jewels of rarest splendor, feeling that all would be too poor to compensate for the twenty-four years of unequaled benedictions.

On the old platforms had stood the great and grave of almost every clime—from this place continued the echoes of truths high as heaven, deep as hell, vast as the universe,—all aflame with light, love, eloquence, terror, power, majesty and overwhelming, soul subduing, elevating, refining, enthroning, time forgetting, immortal crowning grandeur and glory. From this place prayers ascended which griped the eternal throne; testimonies uttered, which startled the ear and heart of hell; songs sung which awakened the holiest memories throbbing with love, which softened and subdued to penitence, revived the heart of despair, called back the wanderer, gave the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, filled the soul with holy laughter, carried the spirit up and away in chariots of love-lit flame to the climes of light and eternal love, and standing before the great white Throne joined with the redeemed and angelic choirs, to sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb forever.

All these God inspiring agencies were interfused through thirteen thousand services which touched and helped heavenward,

uncounted thousands, many of whom are now with God. Under such influences we came to our adjourned meeting, August 14th, 1893, the day after the above matchless and magnificent triumph.

The President gave a brief account of the preceding day. All hearts were enthused. The gloom of an almost starless midnight had given place to a day of cloudless splendor.

Hon. James Black, offered the following paper, which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, That this Association desires to express and record its thankfulness to Almighty God, for His presence and blessing on Auditorium Day, (August 13th, 1893,) inspiring the large contributions towards the erection of the new auditorium,

RESOLVED, That this Association returns hearty thanks to D. H. Wyckoff, Esq., who suggested, James A. Bradley, Esq., who presided, and the gentlemen of Asbury Park, Ocean Grove and elsewhere, who participated in the laymen's meeting, on Friday evening, (August 11th, 1893,) for consultation relative to the new Auditorium, and which meeting so largely contributed to the success of Auditorium Day.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Association are due to Rev. Dr. Thomas Hanlon, Rev. C. H. Yatman, James A. Bradley, Esq., E. T. Lovatt, Esq., and others who prominently aided in the reception of the contributions, and who, without reference to denominational lines, in a Christian spirit, made so liberal gifts to the new building fund.

RESOLVED, That the contribution of \$41,500 reported up to this hour, for the erection of the new edifice, justifies the Association in taking immediate measures for its erection.

This done, on motion of Alexander H. De Haven, the President was instructed to appoint a committee of five, to be styled the Building Committee of the New Auditorium. He immediately appointed David H. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., George W. Evans, Ocean Grove, N. J., Wm. H. Skirm, Trenton, N. J., J. T. Preston, Orange, N. J., and A. H. De Haven, New York City. To these, by a unanimous vote, the Association promptly added the name of the President, as Chairman of the Committee.

Wistar H. Stokes was also appointed by the Association as Secretary of the Building Committee, with instructions to keep proper minutes, accounts, and other needful records, and that he be authorized to receive and give receipts for all subscriptions and pay the same over to the Treasurer. The Committee duly organized stood :

E. H. STOKES, Chairman.  
 D. H. BROWN, Treasurer.  
 GEORGE W. EVANS,  
 WM. H. SKIRM,  
 A. H. DE HAVEN,  
 T. J. PRESTON.

WISTAR H. STOKES was appointed Secretary to the Committee, though not a member of it.

The Committee, thus organized, felt it had a herculean task before it, and at once arranged for work.

Among the first important things to be done was the removal of the old and time-honored auditorium, to make place for the new and much larger structure. This was commenced on Oct. 16, 1893, and under the direction of Gen. Patterson, completed, without much injury to the lumber, and none to the men, Oct. 28th, 1893, at 4 P. M. Some of our hearts were greatly moved as the last columns fell.

'Twas Saturday. Matchless October, bright,  
 Lifted its leafy banners to the sun ;  
 Crimson and yellow, glowing in the light,  
 Told of the triumphs which the years had won.

Visions arise. Lo ! Penitents who wept  
 Sadly, alas, o'er many a wayward year,  
 Found to their joy that God each promise kept,  
 And His soft voice could banish every fear.

We looked through tears and saw the flickering day  
 Pass down the golden pathways of the West ;  
 Old Auditorium, too, had passed away,  
 With tottering steps down to its dreamless rest

Once more we gazed ; two quivering columns tall,  
 Gaunt, lean, and lone their spectral shadows cast,  
 The others gone, these lonely two were all ;  
 A crash, a thud, and these were with the past.

These scenes of sorrow through, I now take pleasure in presenting to you, in as much detail as time and space allows, the following :

## REPORT

OF THE

### BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE NEW AUDITORIUM, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION,

DEAR BROTHERS :—Having been duly appointed by you at a special meeting held Aug. 14th, 1893, to erect, under your general instructions, a new Auditorium for religious purposes at this place, to accommodate 10,000 people, feeling that we are responsible to you for the manner in which we have performed the onerous duties assigned us, hereby respectfully report :



Masts in Position for erecting New Auditorium.

February 21, 1894.



It need hardly be stated that from the moment our names were announced as the Building Committee, in view of the greatness of the work, we could not respond to the requirements of the position, so as to receive the favor of the public or the smile of God without help from Him. The first thing, therefore, was to ask for the wisdom that cometh from above. This we did, and continued to do, and believe, through all our anxieties, our prayers were heard and answered.

After this, the initial step was to call, through the public newspapers of New York, Philadelphia, and New Jersey, for plans and estimates for such a building as we required, to seat 10,000 people, and to be completed and ready for occupancy by July 1st, 1894,

Fifteen plans and approximate estimates were presented on the 11th day of Sept., 1893, by as many different architects, each having points of excellence, which were explained by their designers. After patient and protracted examinations, eleven of



First Iron Truss in Place.

March 6, 1894.

these were ruled out, as not adapted to our wants, or beyond our financial ability to reach: The remaining four were submitted to you at our last annual meeting, Oct. 10, 1893, for final decision. The four gentlemen to whom these plans belonged were present, either in person or by letter, for further explanations. Every one felt the gravity of the situation, and lifted their hearts for guidance more than human. Hours were spent in examination and discussion. The majority favored the plans of Mr. Fred T. Camp, No. 114 Nassau St., New York City. There was some



Two Main Trusses, also Angle Trusses in Position.

March 12, 1894.

disappointment, but all accepted the result as from above. It was understood, however, as the voice of the annual meeting, that while these plans were accepted, they were to be subject to such modification as the Committee should suggest and require, in order to adapt them more completely to our wants and means.

After all this preliminary labor, the hardest of the work commenced, and thirty or more formal meetings of the Committee were held, and informal conferences without number, in many of

which, hours, and sometimes days, were spent in order to arrange, amplify, simplify, adjust, and complete. In all these, inasmuch as we had no path trodden by others to walk in, the skill and best wisdom of architect and individual members of the Committee were taxed to the full.

After the plans were settled, as far as they could be, it required an almost equal amount of time and labor to so adjust estimates of cost, and form such contracts as would come within our reach. On these lines the committee was unremitting in its toil, and unwearied in its labors. In many instances, days, and sometimes several weeks were exhausted, before a contract would be finally made, in the hope that some way of retrenchment might be found, and so reduce the cost. Meanwhile, time, the great value of which every one keenly felt, was passing from us, and under the pressure of what we all felt an unyielding necessity, quickened our already accelerated speed.



All the Main Trusses, Seven in Number, in position.

March 19, 1894.

View from the West End looking East.

Finally, contracts were consummated with the following parties :

ARCHITECT.—Fred T. Camp, 114 Nassau Street, N. Y.

IRON AND STEEL CONTRACTORS.—Milliken Brothers, 39 Cortland Street, N. Y., Fred. Wyman, Foreman.

ENGINEER OF IRON AND STEEL WORK.—L. K. Davis, No. 1 Broadway, N. Y., B. F. Weed, Ass't. Engineer, Morristown, N. J.

CARPENTER CONTRACTORS—Hopkins & Roberts, 245 Broadway, N. Y., Frank W. Groat, Foreman, Cortland, N. Y.

LUMBER SUPPLIES.—Charles Lewis and Buchanon & Smock.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CONTRACTORS.—Field & Hoffman, 132 Bible House, N. Y., Harvey E. Williams, Foreman.

CORRUGATED IRON ROOF.—C. W. Carl, Trenton, N. J., Clayton Harris, Forman, Trenton, N. J.

CONTRACTING PAINTER.—George M. Bennett, Ocean Grove, N. J.

MASTER MASON.—Titian P. Summers, Ocean Grove, N. J.

PLUMBING.—John S. Flitcroft & Bro, Ocean Grove, N. J.

CHAIR CONTRACTORS.—Andrews, Demarest Seating Company 108 East 16th Street, N. Y.

With the consummation of these contracts, the committee felt that an important part of the work had been accomplished, and proceeded as follows, and with the results as shown:

GROUND BROKEN.—For foundations of the New Auditorium December 2, 1893.

EXCAVATIONS.—Total excavations for New Auditorium, 173,934 square feet, or 6,442 cubic yards were directed by Captain L. Rainear, Superintendent of Ocean Grove, and also concrete and cement work including walks around the building.

FOUNDATIONS.—The foundations of main trusses are broken stone mixed with cement, in trenches 6 by 7 feet and 9 feet in depth, with a cap-stone of Pennsylvania granite, 2 feet 6 inches by 3 feet 6 inches, one foot in thickness.

The quantity of broken stone under each main truss is about 15 tons.



The foundations under the gallery columns are broken stone and cement laid in trenches 4 feet by 4 feet, and 8 feet deep, containing about 8 tons of stone each.

The cap-stones, for trusses and gallery columns, valued at \$1,500 were contributed to the Auditorium fund by George Potts, Esq., of Ocean Grove, N. J., from his own quarries in Pennsylvania. These foundations and cap-stones have a crushing resistance of 29,000 pounds or fourteen and one-half tons to the square inch and thus far there is not the least fraction of settling.

They were set by General John C. Patterson, under the supervision of Assistant Engineer B. F. Weed.

CELLARS.—The earth below the buildings on the East front is excavated so as to make good cellars. In the North end there is a pit for a good sized boiler, so that should heat be needed at any time it can be arranged for with but little extra cost.

AIR DUCTS.—Air ducts under the floor 5 feet in diameter and a total length of 440 feet are for removing impure air below the floor, and as needed can be operated by fans run by steam.

TRUSSES.—The seven main trusses, with 161 feet span, are 21 feet apart. There are also 18 angle trusses. The whole weight of steel and iron used in the building is 550,000 lbs. The first steel truss was lifted to its position, Tuesday, March 6th, and the iron work completed March 28th, with an average of thirty workmen.

DOORS, WINDOWS, &C.—Total number in building 262; 232 of which can be opened or closed as may be required.

DIMENSIONS.—Whole dimensions of building: ground floor, 225 feet by 161 feet, 36,225 square feet, or nearly 6-7 of an acre.

SEATING CAPACITY.—On the lower floor is 5,245 folding chairs; platform 355, gallery sittings, about 4,000; making a total of 9,600 seats. All the settees that were in the old Auditorium, excepting 32 are in the galleries of the new. Surplus chairs on hand, a nucleus for seating the galleries of new Auditorium 105. The occupant of each seat has a full view of the speaker.

ROOF.—Corrugated galvanized iron, 40,300 square feet.

CEILING.—the greatest height of main ceiling which is parabolic in shape, from ground floor is 55 feet.

Height from above ceiling to peak of roof 29 feet, and the average air space between ceiling and roof is 12 feet, thus preventing annoyance from the sound of rain.

TOWERS.—The height of main tower from ground floor to finial is 119 feet, height of finial 12 feet, total 131 feet. Diameter of main tower is 18 feet. Height of West tower 102 feet from level of cap-stone and 14 feet in diameter. Height of front bell towers from curb line is 62 feet, finial 8 feet, total 70 feet, diameter 8 feet.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.—The building is lighted with 1,148, incandescent lamps—total C. P. 16,304—and is so wired that the number can be increased to 1,300 lamps if needed. The wiring for the lights is arranged in the best manner to relieve the eye. 6 miles of regulation wire ranging in size from No. 16 to 0000 Birmingham gauge. A fire-proof vault is built in the south end of cellar in which is placed two powerful regulators.

VENTILATION.—Ventilation is obtained by means of 232 openings around the building, above and below galleries, and 4 large ventilators in ceiling. The floor has 48 iron ventilators to create an air current beneath, and also prevent the decay of timbers.

ALTAR.—Length of altar rail 114 feet, with six feet space between rail and platform,

STRENGTH.—The question has been asked as to its strength, etc. The following was the judgment of 8 or 9 mechanical engineers who were examining the work shortly after the trusses were up: when asked what was the tensile strength, or what the trusses would bear, answered as follows: "If timbers were laid on the trusses, a locomotive and train of cars could pass longitudinally over the roof with safety."

They remarked further that the tensile strength and the ductibility of the steel used in the building of the Auditorium trusses was of as high a standard as the finest quality of material used in the manufacture of boilers, steamships and locomotives.

The foreman of Hopkins & Roberts, contracting carpenters of the new Auditorium, anxious about the strength of the building, being yet in an unfinished state, during a heavy storm, accompanied by wind of great velocity, went on the roof to see if all was right. He placed his body against one of the trusses, and found that amid the raging of the tempest it was firm as a rock. After the iron trusses were all in place, the foreman of Milliken Bros. attached blocks and falls to the rear truss and lowered the large masts with which the trusses had been lifted, to the ground, the heaviest of these masts weighing over ten tons. The strain of this immense weight had no effect whatever upon the iron work; it remained firm and rigid. The building has, several times since its completion, shown its great strength by resisting without a tremor the fury and gales blowing 60 miles an hour.



Carpenter Work Progressing, March 19, 1894.

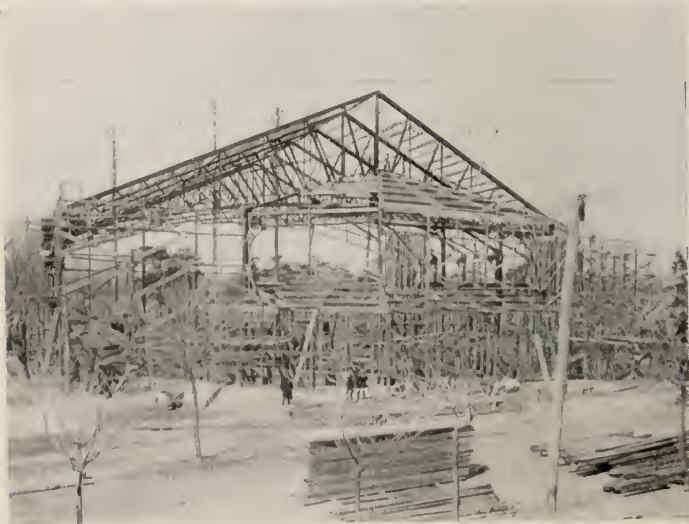
The committee takes great pleasure in stating, that in all its intercourse with business men, it has never received more gentlemanly considerations, or greater willingness to comply with all

the innumerable requests growing out of the magnitude of the work, which from time to time were made upon them.

It was stipulated with contractors, that no matter what pressure was brought to bear upon them, no work was to be done on the Sabbath day, or profane or other unbecoming language used upon the grounds, and we are happy to add, that in but a single instance in the very beginning of the work, and that but momentarily, was the regulation violated.

From the commencement, there was the utmost harmony among the different contractors, and all seemed impelled by the highest and most commendable motives, not only to accommodate each other, but to have their work done at the desired time.

In this connection, it is the committee's great pleasure, to state, that, contrary to the great number of predictions that the work could not be done in time, that from the date of the lifting of the first truss to its place, March 6th, 1894, to the time when the carpenters took their tools and went home, was 92 working days, on time to an hour, without harm to life or limb. To God be all the praise.



Wood Work well under way, March 27, 1894.



The financial statement is as follows:

Cost of new auditorium, including, furniture, and everything pertaining thereto, all and singular, inside and fixings outside, as grading, curbing, lights, etc., etc., - - - -	\$66,610.68
Add, donations, work, material, etc., aggregating*	2,501.48
Grand total cost, - - - -	\$69,112.16
Whole amount subscriptions in public and private, from first to last up to Nov. 14th, 1894, 10 A.M., - - - - -	\$73,275.65
Whole amount of subscriptions paid to Nov. 14th, 1894, at 10 A. M., cash, - - - - -	56,243.01
Received from donations of work, material, etc.,	2,501.48
And material from old building sold, - - - -	367.64
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$59,112.13
Remaining obligations, Nov. 14th, 1894, 10 A. M.	\$10,486.05
To meet these obligations, take whole sub. of -	\$73,275.65
And subtract therefrom cash received, \$56,243.01	
Amount for persons who say they did not subscribe, or are dead, - - - -	698.00
Persons who were asked by mail to pay subscriptions, letters returned, unopened - - - -	384.50
Duplications on our books amount to	1,617.00
Without addresses, amount to - - - -	2,295.50
Total deductions, - - - - -	61,238.01
Balance, - - - - -	\$12,037.64

\*Donations as follows:

Miss E. E. Smith, Bible and Hymn Book, - - - - -	\$ 10.00
John Osborn, and wife, curbing and Corner Stone, - - - -	61.48
L. D. Wilkinson onyx slab, - - - - -	50.00
J. S. Fliteroft & Bro., plumbing, - - - - -	200.00
George Potts, granite for foundation piers, - - - - -	1,500.00
A. H. DeHaven, electric motto - - - - -	250.00
A. H. DeHaven, hymn books, - - - - -	280.00
Mrs. Bishop, Simpson Baptismal font, - - - - -	150.00

\$2,501.48

Our needs, will, by the above, be clearly seen, and we have confidence that our friends will not allow us to fail in meeting the last dollar of indebtedness against our magnificent and God approved auditorium, to remain uncanceled.

As a committee, we estimate the commercial value of the building as it now stands, at fully \$80,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. STOKES, Chairman.	} <i>Committee.</i>
D. H. BROWN, Treasurer.	
GEO. W. EVANS,	
WM. H. SKIRM,	
A. H. DE HAVEN,	
T. J. PRESTON.	

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., NOV. 14, 1894.

This report read in full session of the Association, gave such great satisfaction to all, that a committee was at once appointed to formulate its sentiments in regard to the same, which Committee presented the following :

The Ocean Grove Association, in annual meeting assembled, Nov. 14, 1894, after listening to the brief, but very comprehensive report of the Building Committee of the new Auditorium, desire to place on record, in the strongest terms, our satisfaction and sense of obligation to said Committee for the extraordinary success which has attended their combined judgment and zeal. The devotion of so much of their time, care and labor to this magnificent work is worthy of our highest regard, and the Auditorium, as it stands to-day in its beauty and strength, the admiration of the world, is the best monument of the valuable service they have rendered in fulfillment of their appointment by this Association.

(Signed,)	WM. FRANKLIN,	} <i>Committee.</i>
	A. E. BALLARD,	
	A. WALLACE.	

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from regular sources, - - - - -	\$73,846 69
Received from sale of lots (applied by Trustees to payment of Bonds and Interest), - - - - -	6,867 54
Received on Loans, - - - - -	22,950 00
Total receipts, - - - - -	\$103,664 23
Overdraft, October 1, 1894, - - - - -	5,273 39
Total, - - - - -	\$108,937 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvemenes, - - - - -	\$69,826 88
“ Police, - - - - -	4,552 00
“ Salaries, - - - - -	3,954 00
“ Wages, - - - - -	21,459 95
Bonds Reeemed and Interest paid on Principal, - - - - -	5,546 00
Overdraft, October 1, 1893, - - - - -	3,604 79
Total payments, - - - - -	\$108,937 62

RESOURCES.

Inventory (the several plants and salable lands not included) -	\$140,000 00
Due on Book Accounts, - - - - -	19,815 56
Due on Lots sold, - - - - -	11,065 10
Total, - - - - -	\$170,880 66

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, - - - - -	\$125,897 00
Assets over Liabilities - - - - -	44,983 66
Total, - - - - -	\$170,880 66

We have thus passed through the long path of our Secularities for the year. But long as is the story it is but the brief, and mere surface statement of days and nights of patient toil covering twelve long months of prayerful struggle and final triumph. To my dear brethren of the Association, officers, executive and building committees, and all other men in all the departments of an extensive work, I return sincere and heartfelt thanks for co-operation and sympathy. May the Lord's blessing rest upon them all.

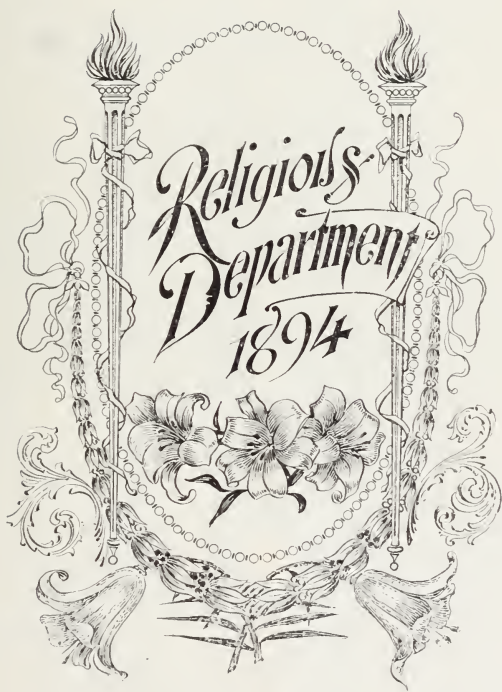


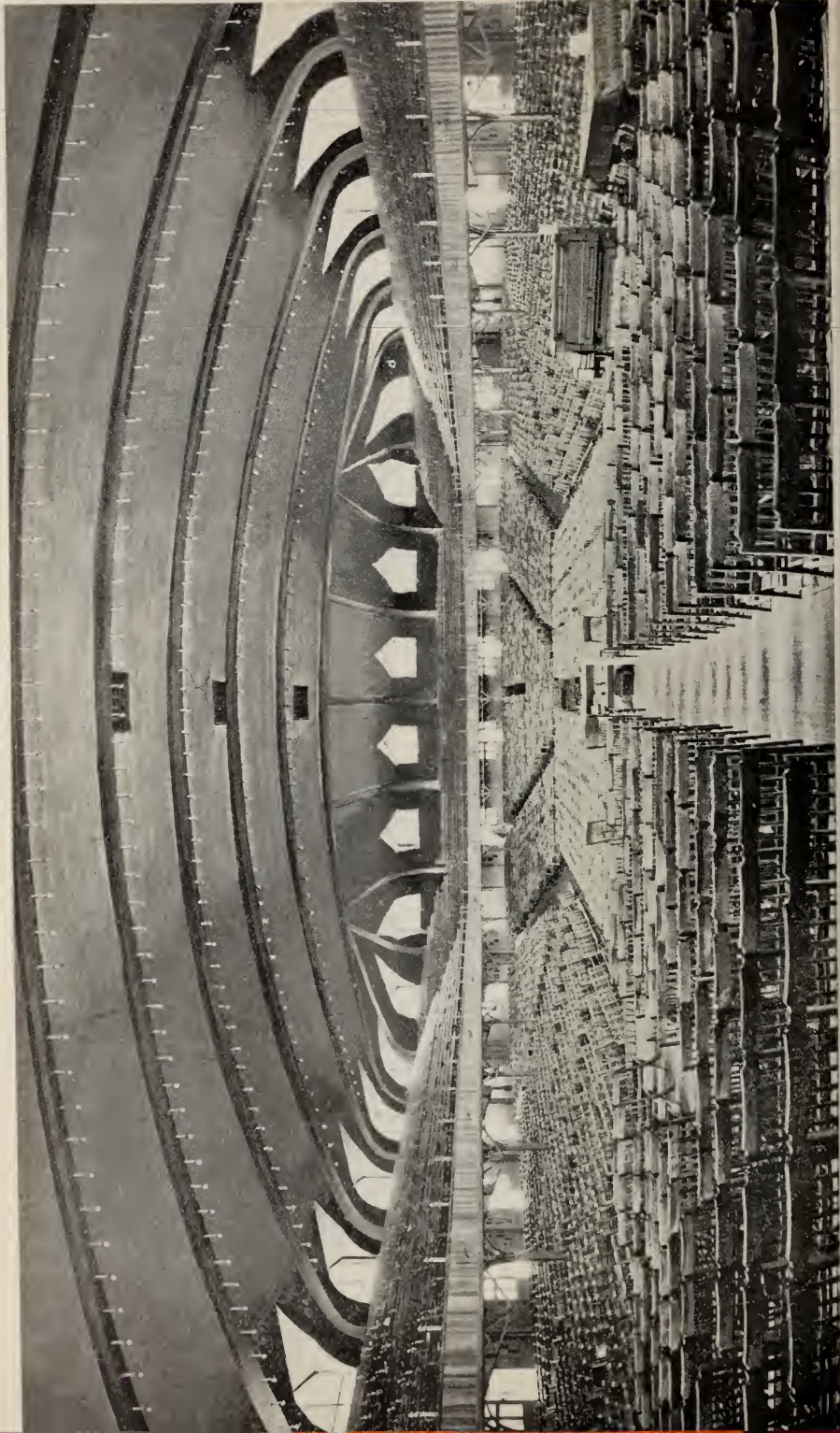
NEW AUDITORIUM.  
North Side—Showing Line of Tents.



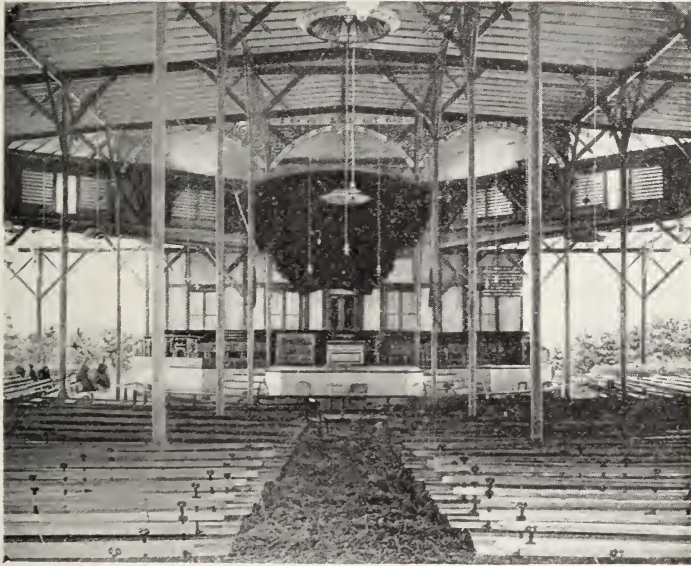
AUDITORIUM COMPLETE.







## THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.



OLD AUDITORIUM, 1880-1893.

The old develops new,  
 Like bursting buds from Aaron's withered rod,  
 Or a white lily from the cold black sod,  
 Like sweet fresh life, from the warm heart of God ;  
     Like morning's pearly dew  
 On the dry grass flashing beneath the skies,  
 So from the old, New Auditoriums rise,  
 And truths evolve, Christ-hued, each a divine surprise.—E. H. S.

Ocean Grove has but ONE SUMMIT—it is not wealth, though such are its financial needs that this could be used to the greatest possible advantage. It is not human honor, yet we seek for all and always the highest, that which comes from God. It is not the glory of this world which is but a glow worm's flicker, but that which shall abide long after sun and moon and stars have been forgotten. The summit is not material, but spiritual—the glory of God in the salvation of men.



This was its foundation, laid a quarter of a century ago. This, thus far, has been its superstructure, and this must be with its ever rising towers—the mountain of the Lord's House established upon the top of the mountains, where its golden finial shall flash and blaze and burn in the ineffableness of eternal splendor. God alone is great. He is our one Summit! Everything beside Him, however vast to us, is in His sight small. With such thoughts in our minds we come to the greatest event which has taken place upon these grounds:

**The Opening of the New Auditorium, July 1, 1894.**—Our Auditorium, though great, when for a moment compared with God's great temples, made without hands, sinks into nothingness and is vanity. But smiled upon by Him and filled with Himself is majestic and sublime.

Everywhere, through this great country, those who have so nobly contributed toward its erection, and especially those in its immediate managements, have felt the profoundest solitudes, that God would own the work, and crown it with His eternal benedictions. For all its symmetrical proportions, magnitudes and strength we are full of gratitude, but without the Mercy Seat, the Heavenly Manna, and the Shekinah, the visible symbol (salvation) of the invisible God, all would be gloom, darkness, death and the sorrowful grave yard of our fondest hopes.

When, therefore, on Saturday night June 30, 1894, everything was in readiness, we awaited the incoming of the Holy Sabbath with subdued, but firm faithed expectation. It dawned like a morning in Eden. The highest and holiest enthusiasm throbbed like ocean tides through every soul. There was a divine sanctity in the atmosphere, and God, through all the avenues, was a soft, sweet and tender presence, attuning the heart to divinest melody. There were some who went up to the front and prayerfully arranged service, bowed under the weight of an embodied glory, too great for words, while the soul melted in unseen tears of silent gratitude. Two hundred and sixty-two openings lifted their heads, or threw wide their arms, to admit light, air and the



thronging multitudes. They came from all directions. A number of the neighboring churches closed their doors, and their people came. From the near, and more remote surroundings, some a hundred or more miles, they came with quick steps and joytul hearts. Ministers, laymen, women and children, all anxious to be present and take part at the first service in the largest edifice appropriated to evangelical christianity, so far as we know in the world. How they came! Between seven and eight thousand, without the sound of a foot-fall or confusion of any kind. The Lord was in His holy temple.

The first act of worship was the President reading:

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

2. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Ps. 84.

Rev. William Bramwell Osborn read 919 Hymn—

“ Jesus shall reign where’ere the Sun  
Does his successive journeys run ;  
His Kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till Moons shall wax and wane no more.”

which was grandly sung by a choir of over 200 persons, and the great congregation, led by Professor J. R. Sweney, who was aided by organs, pianos, cornets, trombone, etc. A prayer which touched all hearts was offered by Rev. A. E. Ballard, Vice-President of Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.

The Scripture lessons were read by Rev. George Hughes and Rev. M. Relyea, Pastor of St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal Church, Ocean Grove, N. J.

The President then said :

“ It is my exalted privilege at this auspicious moment to welcome to this new edifice, on this glad opening day, first of all, Him, to whom in the highest and best sense, it properly belongs—The Eternal God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost ; the Creator of all things ; the Redeemer of all men ; the Illuminator of all worlds ; the nearest, dearest and best beloved—we welcome Thee, at this moment, as these doors lift their heads for the first time, and ask that Thou wilt so come in as the King of glory, that this great host may feel that “The Lord is in His Holy Temple,” while we all for a moment stand in silent awe before Him.

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“ *Fellow citizens of the United States*, and the representatives of all the nations, kindreds, people and tongues, without reference to territorial limits—I most cordially welcome you to this new temple of the living God.

“ *Fellow citizens of the saints and household of God*, heirs of immortality, without reference to creed or denominational lines, I most heartily welcome you to this enlarged place of Christian activities, in the name of our common Christianity, for whose blessed extension this house has been erected. Although bearing

different names, and varying somewhat in external forms, we are all children of one Father; we have all one Saviour, one hope, one heaven. Let us be one in holy unity and affection.

*Artisans, manufacturers, mechanics and laborers* of all classes, I welcome you to this place, which under God has been erected by your hands, and so erected as to time and manner as to meet with almost, if not quite universal commendation. I welcome you here, because the teachings promulgated from this stand will elevate the race, and by making men better hasten the long desired millennium of the world.

It is a gratifying coincident, in connection with our opening day, that we have in our midst, large numbers of one of the most distinguished bodies of men in this country—the National Editorial Association, which meets to-morrow in Asbury Park. Gentlemen of this noble and responsible profession, I extend to you a most heart-felt and royal welcome to this building and our twin cities by the sea. “In the beginning, God said, Let there be light, and light was.” To diffuse light is also your mission. May the light you shed be such as makes men happier, because it makes them better. Feel at home among us, and take our benedictions with you when you go.

We have all united in erecting this house. Let us all unite in devout thanksgiving that it has been completed so quickly, so well and without harm to life or limb.

Then, “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, *Amen*,” was beautifully chanted by the choir.

The President continued:—“Truly the Lord is good, and His mercy is everlasting. Let the offerings we now make, the first within these walls, be a joyful expression of that goodness to us all.”

The baskets returned \$507.00. This, in view of the fact that there was no special plea made for funds, was very gratifying indeed.

The Rev. Josiah Reeves Daniels, then read, and there was sung partly by the choir and congregation, and partly as a solo, the first verse of this special hymn prepared for the occasion :

Spirit of life, we humbly bow,  
 In adoration at thy hallowed feet ;  
 Accept the service offered now,  
 And let our worship be in thee complete.  
 Come, O thou Holy Spirit come,  
 Come, and thyself make known ;  
 Rich grace impart to ev'ry heart,  
 Come, and thyself enthrone.

The effect was deep, far reaching, tender and refining.

It may be proper for me to say somewhat apologetically, perhaps, as the preacher of the sermon, which follows, and the writer of this report, that the copious extracts given from the discourse are not so specifically on account of the sermon itself, as from the fact that the aim being to set forth the mission of the New Auditorium to future generations ; this aim would be defeated unless set forth in some way to those who did not hear. In carrying out this plan, in order to secure as much brevity as possible, the whole historical introduction is omitted, also the peroration, and some parts of its main body. Nevertheless, the Auditorium's Mission is clearly set forth in the extracts given, to which the readers prayerful attention is kindly invited.

#### SERMON.

“ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former saith the Lord of hosts.”—Hag. 2, 9.

But how can this be when the majesterialness of the first temple was indescribable, and the second so inferior that the people wept with a great weeping when they saw it.

All glory is not material ! Gold and silver and precious stones, jewels and gems and costly woods have their grandeur, but all are of the earth and sooner or later perish. There is glory



vastly higher—glory which is moral, spiritual and divine. Though the second temple built by Zurubbabel, and greatly enriched by Herod the Great, had its magnificence, yet as all paled in the glory of the temple on Mount Moriah, like the stars of the morning fading in the light of the rising sun, so the temple of Solomon was eclipsed and lost in the effulgent splendor of the second house, when Jesus, God's only son, equal with the Father, the Eternal Logos, more than the Mercy Seat, more than the Ark of the Covenant, more than the Heavenly Manna, more than Aaron's rod that budded, more than the spirit of prophecy, more than Urim and Thummin, more than each and greater than all, Emanuel, God with men, God himself, the Alpha, Omega, first, last, the Almighty, of whom God said to the world, "This is my beloved Son, hear him." He entered the second temple, the child, the youth, the man, the God! Before him diseases fled, death cowered and life triumphed. He came, the incarnated Prince of the Universe, the maker of suns and moons and stars and zones of light and milky ways, wisdom, wealth, might, majesty, creator of all things, owner of all things—thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, the Supreme Emperor, God over all, blessed forever more.

The temple of Solomon with all its gold and glitter and symbolism was forgotten, as Jesus, the Saviour of Men, stood in the midst of an over-burdened world on the verge of despair, and in tones of infinite compassion cried, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." It was an electric glow amid the rayless gloom, and the world broke into song like the sound of many waters, "Hosannah, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Behold, then, how prophecy is fulfilled, and the glory of the latter house was greater than the former.

But what of this text in its application to us this day. Our first house had no material splendor at all, unless we speak of the glory of the bright skies above, the solid earth beneath, and the vast ocean at our side. And all these are glorious:

“ The perfect world by Adam trod,  
Was the first temple built by God ;  
His fiat laid the corner stone,  
And heaved its pillars one by one.”

This was our situation, for besides what God did, we had but a few planks for seats, and a rude stand from which our ministers must speak. These grew until 14 years ago we enlarged, beautified and had seating capacity for over 4,000. But, compared with this, it was an inferior structure—inferior in size, inferior in finish, inferior in cost, inferior in everything. Our only boast assumed the form of a divine joy, that the great All Father consented to come among us in our crude conditions and crowned us with His love. In the old Auditorium we reached the crown of the foothills which lay at the base of the mountain of our history. Here were held 12,837 services, an average of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  services for 22 years of 365 days to the year. Here hundreds of sermons were preached great strides of intellect and surges of spiritual grandeur, taking up and unfolding every phase of religious thought, and presenting every motive for man to come to God—now swooping down to the lowest depths to which sin could plunge, and then rising to the sublimest altitudes, carrying the guilt-smitten spirit to the very throne, pleading in Jesus' name until pardon was secured. Sometimes the vast congregations under these massive discourses were joyous as the sunlit sea—sometimes moved like the ocean when the tempest sweeps, and sometimes in a swirl of glory, as when the full tides rush in from the great wide sea, filling every bay, creek and crevice, then rolling up and breaking in surplus splendor on the wave-washed shore.

Every succeeding summer of the old Auditorium's history was a mountain of transfigured glory, “ so that which was previously made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.”

The approximate results of the old Auditorium is, in converted, reclaimed, especially helped and sanctified, 72,250; but these figures do not represent the full work. This cannot be enumerated until the final day.

Here are great mountain facts—facts so vast and effulgent with the full-orbed splendors of the meridian sun, facts so majestic, far reaching and eternal, that to eclipse or go beyond them, and so make this house which is much greater than the past materially, greater in its spiritual splendors, will require efforts, the magnitude of which we cannot conceive, and whose glory must transcend the glory of concentrated suns.

But notwithstanding all this, I stand here at the opening of this vast building, the largest we believe in evangelical Christianity, to reiterate the prophetic announcement made more than 2,400 years ago, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts:" and the word of the Lord must not, cannot fail. *This* must be greater than *that*, the *new* must exceed the *old*. Here is a house vastly greater in its capacity than the former; a house much better adapted to the advancing needs of the world than the old; a house which, barring disaster such as all human things are subject to, may last for centuries, and be the rallying point of religious power for unborn and uncounted thousands. Here will gather men and women of greater culture, and by that much should be men of greater intellectual, moral and religious force—mountain men and women, great towering Himalaya's overlooking all, while the past has been simply as drifting sand-hills along a New Jersey coast. If it is said as an offset, "There were giants in those days," I answer "yes," and I bow before them with a reverence amounting almost to worship. Nay, more, I would most heartily commend the high achievements of these great spiritual giants to the devout study of the striplings of to-day; but I also add, where there was *one* giant *then* there should be *whole* races of these men of might *to-day!*

I speak thus to *you young people*, for henceforth you are to be the chief factors, and this is to be the place where efforts are to be made and works to be achieved which shall lift this new temple in the firmament of splendor, as far above the old as the

meridian sun glow on a cloudless day in June, is beyond the fire-fly's flicker on a moonlit night.

Here, too, where the songs of praise have been so grand in the past, they shall be grander still—great cyclones of resistless harmony, sweeping sin to the lowest depths of the bottomless pit; or like clarion tones of triumphant armies inspiring hope and gladness in millions of ransomed souls.

Such a mission lies before this great Auditorium, opened this day for the service and worship of Almighty God—a mission high as heaven, deep as hell, vast as eternity; a mission which, as we come into these sacred precincts and contemplate its magnitude, we seem to hear a voice, like that which came from God to ancient Israel, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

All material things, however, while important and necessary, are, nevertheless, simply the scaffolding, *while the spiritual is the Holy Temple*, which we have been, and still are striving to erect—whose doors we aim to keep always open, and into whose exalted privileges we urgently invite mankind.

As this place has been, so now, if possible, in a broader, fuller sense than ever, we want to make it the Mount Hood of the soul, whose snow-capped summits of purity flashing in the sun, shall attract and hold the attention of the world. Here the multitudes have come, and still are coming, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the waters! If the waters are not moved it is to them a failure, such as crushes the hopes and blights the heart.

As in the past, so more in the future, let the mission of this town and new Auditorium be to hold the Sabbath sacred according to God's laws; all business suspended; all discordant sounds hushed; not a horse or vehicle on the streets; not a milkman's bell or the clatter of baker's wagons, or voice of the newsboys heard, and the barbers' places closed, while the waters of the lakes sleep in beauty and the miniature pleasure skiffs are moored in silence to the shore.



Here, let sunny-faced childhood and furrowed cheeks alike forget their youth and years, join in the songs with holy gladness, until all heaven bends to listen to the strains.

It must, too, be the mission of this new Auditorium to proclaim with new inspiration, holier emphasis and sublimer eloquence the Christ-announced doctrine of the absolute necessity of the thorough change of the moral nature into the divine likeness.

Jesus, the world's great teacher, said to a high official in the Jewish Church, "Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again," and this divine announcement must always be made conspicuous here. Why? "The carnal mind is enmity against God." Until this change takes place there is war in the soul—finite man warring against the infinite God. *There is no peace in war!* The longer this struggle is continued, the less the probabilities of success. Here, in this great Temple the terms of peace must be made known. "Cease to do evil, learn to do well." "Repent, believe!" He that cometh unto me I will in *no wise* cast out! He that believeth *shall be saved!* *One soul* saved is more than all the tons of gold and silver used in building the temple on Mount Moriah!

It must also be the mission of this new Auditorium to unfold to the world the Christly exhibitions of the spirits and fruitage of this divine change in the soul. Christianity is not simply a profession, nor a cathedral, nor a denomination, nor an ecclesiastical system, nor a ritualistic service, nor a swelling anthem, nor an eloquent sermon. It has all these. But Christianity itself is more than them all. It is the divine life in the soul of man! a life broad, deep, high, grand, eternal. It is planted in a divine soil; it grows like the cedar; it flourishes like the palm; it brings forth fruit in youth, maturity and old age. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. If we live in the spirit let us also walk in the spirit. If we do not bring forth these fruits, we are simply wild olives, barren and unfruitful.

No matter how deep we may lay our foundations, or how lofty be our towers, or richly garnished our walls, or imposing our services, unless we show these things in our daily lives men will hiss at our religion and call us hypocrites. But, if we have these things in our hearts and unfold them in our walks and ways, we can defy the world, and, if need be, go to the stake in triumph.

This new Auditorium has a further mission—to unify and enthuse the Church—not Methodism, or Presbyterianism, or any other ism simply, but all the isms, *the Whole Church of God!*

Not to destroy denominational lines, or the great vast families of churches, but to bring these so near together, and so enthuse them with the great principles of our common Christianity that for the time we shall forget that we are anything but a great multitude of men and women banded together for the salvation of the world.

Here the great congregations gather—here are the high inspirations of numbers, the trumpet tones of lofty songs, the tread of corps, cohorts, regiments, brigades, armies, under one commander—Christ leading from conquering unto conquest.

We need a revival of the old Crusader's spirit, on a much higher plane ; not to conquer the Turks, or subdue Jerusalem and secure the Holy Sepulchre by sword, saber or clash of arms, but by the majestic Almightyness of heaven's love. To so enthuse and inspire all that we shall go to our homes, not to build up a sect, but to move the sect already built—to go out upon the territories of sin with such high-toned joy as shall joy the most in helping to bring the world to Christ.

If such, to some extent, is not the influence of this opening day upon all, I shall feel that a great opportunity has been lost.

As we open this Temple this day to the world, so let us all open our hearts still wider than ever to take the world's great Emperor in, as a presence to abide forever.

We have spoken of song! This new Auditorium should

encourage, promote and wonderfully develop the highest possibilities of the noblest Christian psalmody.

This, next to the direct preaching of the gospel, in one of the most beautifully elevating, enobling, inspiring and angelic features of the whole round of Christian worship.

The songs of the old Auditorium were benedictions to hundreds of thousands, and girdled the whole round earth. Why should not the volume under this vast concave increase in influence, have broader reaches, loftier strains, more impassioned thrills, until blending with the angelic hosts, they lift this sin-scarred earth out of the old ruts of jarring discord into the golden harmonies of eternal heaven?

I trust, nay more, I believe, that this choir, under their Christly leader, will have but one ambition—to vie with heaven in the blessedness of its songs, and thereby join with the holy ministry and all good people in leading the world to the foot of the cross, and beyond that to the highest possibilities of the Christian life, until the whole church shall be a white-robed priesthood, offering a complete and acceptable sacrifice to God.

Here, too, we must do the very best thing in the very best way. We are living episties—not only a city by the sea, but also set on a hill, which cannot be hid. Multitudes come here to see how we do, and going home, do the same things because we do them. We, therefore, are a power for good or ill. Hundreds of thousands of eyes as so many cameras are set, to photo us on sensitive souls. These photos are examined as occasion requires, and through these, we become helpers or hindrances in the way of life. We must, therefore, be right, not only occasionally but always, and so positively, thoroughly, lovingly and intensely right, that right will be conspicuous as our supreme aim; so that should the question be raised, what is meant by right, the answer will be, a soul, an Association, in harmony with God. To bring all hearts into this divine harmony was, is, and always must be, the primal business of this place. Here is our success, to do otherwise is ruin.

Such is the high and holy mission of this new building, and being such involves, of divine necessity, a genuine and Scriptural orthodoxy old as the living God, and enduring as eternal granite; yet, I must ardently hope, and devoutly pray, nay more, I issue this command, with the high sanction of Him, who more than fifty years ago, called me to preach His gospel, never let this platform petrify into the mere utterances of dogmatic theology. That can be done elsewhere. Here, rather, now, on, and to the end, let this be the place of an aggressive evangelism, at white heat with the love of God, aglow with such oratory as flames with the terrors of Mount Sinai, and melting with the inexpressible because incomprehensible compassion of Calvary, whose bleeding victim, dying, prayed for his murderers: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." May all the saved here, do as the Apostle Andrew did—having found the Messiah, went and told his brother and brought him to Jesus."

This done, my highest ambition in the erection of this new temple will be met, and in no other way. The same, also, I can say of all my associates.

That this should be a great soul-saving institution was the initial thought in laying its foundations, rearing its walls and reaching its completion. For this purpose it is now thrown open for divine worship, and to this great end, in a few weeks, if God permits, will be formally dedicated.

For this exalted purpose as its most holy mission, I commit it to you, my fellow laborers in the cause of Christ.

To you, old men, on whose shoulders now rests the grave responsibility of guiding its destinies, and, to you younger men and women, into whose hands this vast enterprise must shortly fall, to you as you fear God, and hope to be finally saved, I commit this great trust to be held with a grip that knows no relaxation, to its original aim to the last. If you do this God will help and keep you. If you do not He will cast you off forever."

During the whole delivery of the discourse, which lasted



about 50 minutes, there was a hushed intensity of interest—the highest endorsement of the sentiments expressed.

The sermon ending at 11:50 o'clock, the ten minutes left, were employed in a vast consecration service, led by the Rev. C. H. Yatman in which the multitudes were exhorted to open the door of their hearts to take the King of glory in. Thousands responded and the high seal of the Eternal God was on the opening service.

At the close, in view of the vastness of the building, the greatness of the audience, the perfection of the acoustics, the wide doors and windows, 262 in number, every one of which was thrown open to its fullest extent, to admit the fresh and balmy air of the sweet young summer, the golden sunlight, the surging throngs of intelligent and devout worshippers, the vast array of beautiful, roomy and comfortable chairs; the bright and cheerful appearance of everything upon which the eye rested, besides the lofty inspiration of the whole service, there were universal congratulations, and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," rang out from the assembled hosts like the sound of many waters rushing from the sea.

The afternoon sermon by Rev. Thomas Hanlon, D. D., LL. D., principal of Pennington Seminary, and for nineteen years leader of the Ocean Grove Bible Class; and that of the evening, by Rev. C. H. Yatman, for twelve years leader of the Young People's meetings at Ocean Grove, were all of such character as gave to their hosts of friends, the highest satisfaction. But that which was best of all, and over everything, was the fact that at each service, morning, afternoon, and night, the altar, 114 feet long, was occupied with humble penitents, seekers, or believers reaching out for a holier and better spiritual condition, so that sinners were converted, backsliders reclaimed, and christians took on a loftier form of the religious life.

In all this, thousands of people were happy, not only in the fact that the great Auditorium was so well finished, but that God, in the infiniteness of his high perfections condescended to crown it, and the opening day, with his holy approval, and the

boundlessness of his unflinching love. It was likewise a great joy to all, that during the whole day, we were favored, not only with the members of the Ocean Grove Choir, some of whom have been with us from the beginning, but also with all the leaders, Willisford Dey, Esq., who was the first, serving us for many



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years, and had come from Denver Col., to be at the opening; John C. Day, who succeeded him, and professor Sweney, who followed both, having been the Camp Meeting chorister almost from the beginning, and now leader of all the services; added to which were Charles Taylor, Esq., Baltimore, Md., cornetist, and W. S. Sulger, of Trenton, Tromboneist, with Mrs. Marshall, of Newark, N. J., at the organ, all of whom have served us long and well. At 11:00 P.M., God gave to his beloved, whom he had so graciously permitted to see this day, the highest and holiest sleep.

**The Summer Programme.**—An elaborate summer programme is provided each year for the months of July and August. The arrangement of this long series of intellectual and religious services, involves much time, patience, wise and delicate discrimination, money, and the ripest experience. But notwithstanding all, disappointments and regrets are sometimes experienced.

It is marvelous, however, that through so long a succession of years, these are so few and unimportant. The programme this year was as follows:—

1. New Auditorium Opening, Mrs. Palmer's and Young People's Meeting, Sabbath, July 1st, 9 A. M. Opening Sermon, Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., President of Association, 10 A. M. Summer Sabbath School re-union 2 P. M.; Sermon 3:30 P. M., Rev. T. Hanlon, D. D., LL. D., President of Pennington Seminary, and Leader of Ocean Grove Bible Class. Beach Meeting. 6 P. M.; Sermon, Rev. C. H. Yatman, Leader of Ocean Grove Young People's Meeting, 7:45 P. M.; who will follow all the services of the day with evangelistic efforts.

2. National Anniversary of American Independence, Wednesday, July 4th, Oration, Rev. C. H. McAnney of Tarrytown, N. Y., 10:30 A. M.,

3. W. C. T. U. of N. J., Thursday and Friday, July 5th and 6th, Mrs. Emma Bourne presiding.

4. Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly, Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis, Conductor, Monday, July 9th to Friday, July 20th, inclusive. Stereopticon Views, Lectures, Concerts, National Educational Convention, Baccalaureate sermon, Addresses and Graduation Oration by Bishop Vincent.

5. Christian Arbitration and Peace Society, Saturday, July 21st.

6. Sabbath Observance Day, Sabbath, July, 22d.

7. King's Daughter's Day, Tuesday, July 24th.

8. Epworth League, Wednesday, July 25.

9. African M. E. Church Jubilee, Friday, July 27th, 11 A. M., and 3 P. M.

10. Hackettstown Collegiate Institute Re-union, Rev. Dr. Whitney, July 27th, 7:30 P. M.

11. Lecture by Joseph Cook, Saturday, July 28, 7:30 P. M.

12. Ocean Grove's Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Sermon, Rev. Dr. J. R. Day, Chancellor Syracuse University, Sabbath, July 29th, 10:30 A. M. Sermon, Joseph Cook, 7:30 P. M. Anniversary prayer

meeting, Tuesday 31st, 6:30 to 7:30 P. M., Thompson Park. Anniversary address, Chancellor J. R. Day, Auditorium, 8 P. M.

13. National Temperance Publication Society, Wednesday, August 1st to Sabbath August 5th, inclusive. J. N. Stearns, Esq. presiding. Silver Lake Quartette will be in attendance, and an array of distinguished speakers, including Col. Geo. W. Bain, the Kentucky orator.

14. O. G. Memorial Day, Monday, August 6th.

15. Woman's Home Missionary Society of M. E. Church, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7th and 8th, Mrs. Gen. Fisk, presiding.

16. New Auditorium Dedication, Thursday, August 9th to Sabbath, August 12th inclusive. All of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have been invited; several will be in foreign lands, others in remote parts of our own country; six or seven however, D. V., will be present, Bishops Bowman; Fitzgerald; Foster; Walden, and others.

Detailed programme later.

17. "Seven Churches of Asia." Dr. C. E. Mandeville of Chicago, Ill., will deliver his series of Lectures on the above, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 9th, 10th, 11th, 3 P. M., and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th at such hours as will be found most convenient.

18. Woman's Encouragement Meeting, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 15th, 16th, and 17th, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wheeler, and others presiding.

19. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Saturday and Sabbath August 18th and 19th.

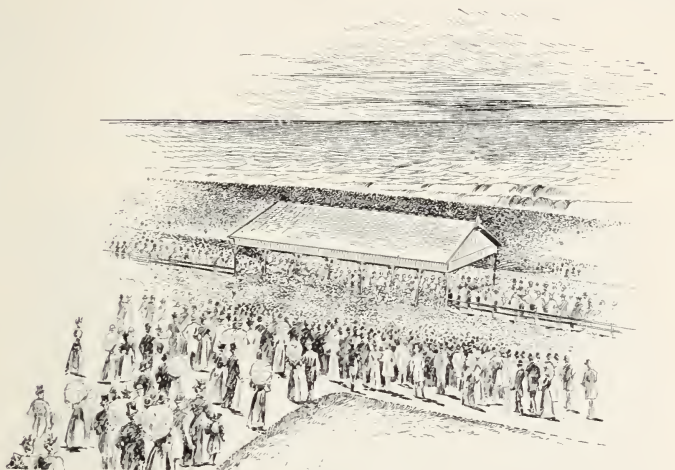
20. Annual Camp Meeting, Monday, August 20th to Thursday, August 30 inclusive; opening sermon on Tuesday, August 21st by Bishop, E. G. Andrews of New York, 10:30 A. M.

Prof. Sweney will conduct the singing during the season. Holiness Meeting will be held every morning during season in Tabernacle, Mrs Dr. Palmer; and Young People's Meeting every morning in the temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader. Twilight



meetings during Camp Meeting also in the Temple. Surf Meeting every Sabbath evening when the weather permits.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*



At the close of the season, it has been customary, in these annual reports, to give a somewhat full account of each meeting, and as far as might be, words of encouragement. This year, however, being largely New Auditorium year, I am compelled to make these notices much briefer than usual, and in order to economize space, content myself with the mention of the prominent facts.

**Holiness Meetings.**—These, under the leadership of our beloved associate, Rev. George Hughes, were never better attended, or more prolific in the blessedness of their results. Held every morning during the season, from 9 to 10 a. m.; they numbered 73 in all, and with continually rising tides, until they sometimes overflowed the banks of ordinary attainments, and flooded all the scene. They were a succession of ever increasing benedictions.

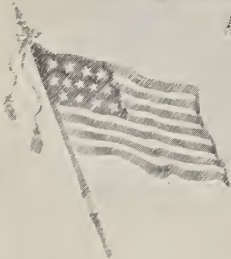
**The Young People's Meeting.**—The Rev. C. H. Yatman, who has led these meetings, with a single exception, for twelve years past, had this year the greatest success of all.

There were more people, more power, more fruit. There were 71 of these meetings; including Twilight meetings, there

were 80. It was rare indeed that any one of these closed without some one declaring for Christ, and often there were many, so that the aggregate was far beyond all previous numbers.

Many thousands of young, and even older people too, will bless God to all eternity for these golden hours of opportunity with Him, in the Young People's Temple.

**Anniversary American Independence, Wednesday, July 4th, 1894:** Bell ringing, and cannon salutes at sun rise. 10.30 a. m. at



**Amer Patria.**

*The erection of the great Auditorium marks an important epoch in the history of Ocean Grove, and it is desired that the first Fourth of July Celebration held within its walls shall be of unusual interest.*

*The singing will be an attractive feature of the programme, and you are most cordially invited to assist in making the occasion a success.*

*Rehearsals Monday and Thursday evenings of each week, beginning June Eleventh.*

*E. H. Stokes.*  
*Mrs. George M. Bennett.*

*R. S. F. P.*

*Location by Rev. C. H. McAnis, of Tarrytown, N. Y.*

Auditorium, the national choir, led by Mrs. George M. Bennett



Bishop EDWARD WILSON, Reformed Episcopal Church.

was a splendid service. Prayer, Rev. Bishop Edward Wilson, Reformed Episcopal Church; Declaration of Independence, Hon. James L. Hays; recitation, "George Washington," Miss Emily W. Rusling; flag presentation to President Stokes, by E. T. Lovatt, on behalf of the ladies.

Oration, by Rev. C. H. McAnney, Tarrytown, N. Y.; was earnestly eloquent, and the whole day closed with the blessing of God.

**The Summer Sabbath School**, including Dr. Hanlon's Bible class, increases in interest and magnitude at this place every year.

In addition to George W. Evans, as the general superintendent, it has Claude V. Guerin, Supt. of St. Paul's Church S. School; Rev. T. Hanlon, D. D. LL. D., teacher of the Bible class, aided by Rev. W. G. Browning, E. C. Lovatt, Esq., Isaac F. Russell, Esq., Jos. E. Johnson, Esq., Wm. C. Carpenter, Esq., with John C. Day, Esq., as musical director and Samuel Nittinger, Esq., as organist. D. D. Peak is secretary, who with fourteen gentlemanly ushers, all of whom were efficient in the discharge of their extended and often delicate duties, and have our profoundest thanks. The work of the Bible class is vast and constantly increasing in its influence for good.

In the Intermediate department, at the Young People's Temple, the superintendent has the help of experienced teachers, illustrating and impressing the lessons, by every device of art which can give clearness of perception, not only enlightening the mind but improving the heart. At the Tabernacle, Mrs. Titian Summers and Mrs. Wm. H. Skirm, aided by many devoted ladies, continue as for years past, to interest and instruct the Primary Department in things which are pure, beautiful and true.

All of these faithful laborers in the Lord's vineyard are not only enjoying the blessedness of their good works here, but laying up more enduring treasures in heaven.

Let none of us be weary in well doing, in this great work, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. The total aggregate

attendance for the ten sessions of the schools, all departments, 19,700.

Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord.

**W. C. T. U. of N. J.**—This great organization held its meetings in the Young People's Temple, Thursday and Friday July 5th and 6th, Mrs. Emma Bourne presiding. The programme was well arranged, intelligently carried out, and thought by all as one of the best of their many meetings. God speed them in their work.

**Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.**—Held July 9-20. Dr. B. B. Loomis, Supt. of Instruction ; Dr. J. F. Clymer, Normal



Rev. CHARLES H. PAYNE, D.D.,  
Secretary Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church.



Instructon ; Dr. G. K. Morris, Sacred Oratory ; Prof. J. R. Sweney, Musical Director ; Mrs. B. B. Loomis, Boys' and Girls'



Bishop JOHN H. VINCENT.

Department ; Miss M. S. Loomis, Pianist. The whole programme was rich, varied, and as usual, highly successful. The Baccalaureate sermon of Dr. C. H. Payne, the stereopticon views and lectures by Dr. Brady, lectures by Dr. Morris, lecture and graduation oration by Bishop Vincent, all superior ; and the whole, including one evening devoted to the National Education Convention, Friday, July 13th, received the highest approval of all the great multitudes who enjoyed them.

**Peace Convention.**—Saturday, July 21st. To all who attended, this was a very profitable and enjoyable occasion. The ability of the speakers, the high-toned character of the addresses, including Bishop Vincent, Dr. N. L. Upham, Dr. Trueblood, Dr.



ARION QUARTETTE, Chicago, Ill.

National Education Convention, Ocean Grove, July 13th 1894.

S. F. Hershey, B. Fay Mills, Joseph Cook, Dr. Greer, Rev. S. H. Brown, &c., evinced the interest felt, and all hearts joined in the prayer that the reign of peace might soon be universal.

**Sabbath Observance Day.**—Sabbath and Monday, July 22 and 23. Rev. Dr. J. H. Knowles, presiding.

The sermons of Dr. J. R. MacKenzie, Principal of Lawrenceville, N. J., Academy, and Dr. G. K. Morris, of Cincinnati, Sabbath morning and evening were appropriate and effective. The addresses on Monday, by A. M. Burton, Mr. Hammond, Hon. Geo. May Powell, Dr. Corey, Dr. Cristie, of Tarsas, Asia Minor, Dr. Fernley, and Dr. Knowles, were of a high order.

**King's Daughters' Day.**—Tuesday, July 24. There was general regret felt at the absence of Mrs. Bottome, but profoundest sympathy for her in the great affliction which had so recently befallen her in the death of her beloved husband. She had, however, an able representative in the person of Mrs. Isabella C. Davis. The services of song, reports from the field, and addresses by Mrs. Davis and others were all superior. These royal ladies are all and always welcome.

**Epworth League.**—Rev. G. G. Senser, Rev. M. E. Snyder, Rev. C. E. Hulse, presiding. The addresses of Dr. Swindells, Dr. Marshall and Rev. W. S. Smith, A. M., together with the whole of the exercises, left a profound impression, and must promote the interest of the League.

**The Friendless Children's Day.**—The Wrights Home for Friendless Children, East 29th and 30th Sts., N. Y., whose Summer place is at Branchport, N. J., had an outing here on Thursday, July 26th. Over one hundred were present, in charge of Miss K. McMullen, Matron. The children sang beautifully; nice little addresses were made. Mr. W. V. Gilday gave them a phonograph entertainment. All enjoyed it very much. "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

**African Methodist Episcopal Jubilee.**—This was held, Friday, July 27th, 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. There was a vast assemblage. Dr. W. B. Derrick, corresponding secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of A. M. E. Church, presiding in the morning, and Bishop Tanner in the afternoon.

The singing and addresses, sometimes rose to points of eloquence rarely reached by any class of speakers, and produced great enthusiasm.

These occasions are greatly enjoyed by all, calling out as many, if not more of the white, than colored people. God bless all the people.

**Hackettstown Institute.**—The twentieth year reunion of this very distinguished institution of learning, under the extended presidency, of Rev. Dr. G. H. Whitney, was held Friday evening, July 27th.

The great auditorium was well filled with an appreciative audience, which listened delightedly to the music, orations and recitations, of the students; and an address from Dr. Joseph Cook, of Boston, after which there was a reunion banquet at the Sheldon of a high social order.

**Ocean Grove's Twenty-fifth Anniversary.**—This was our silver anniversary, and commenced, on Saturday evening, July 28th, with a lecture by Joseph Cook of Boston, on "Does Death End All." Sabbath morning July 29th, Rev. Dr. J. R. Day, Chancellor of the Syracuse University, delivered a sermon of great interest and power on, "Great is the Mysteries of Godliness," 1.



Rev. J. R. DAY, D.D.,  
Chancellor Syracuse University, New York.

Tim. 3.16, which will not be forgotten. Dr. Cook, spoke again in the evening, on, "God's 'Time—Now." It was a great discourse, interrupted somewhat by an alarm of fire. On Monday evening, still in the silver anniversary exercises, Rev. C. H. Yatman, gave his

**Great Silent Service.**—Gen. J. F. Rusling, presided. Not a word was spoken, and no voice heard, except in the songs which were sung. The theme, was the Prodigal Son. The auditorium was full, nearly 10,000 persons present, yet the silence was as unbroken as if the room had been empty. Words do not describe the scene or the effect. It was solemn, inspirational, sublime. It



lasted one hour, followed by an after meeting with good results.

**Anniversary Prayer Meeting.**—The real date of the anniversary of Ocean Grove's first meeting, is July 31st. All the preceding services mentioned under the anniversary heading, were preliminary, and introductory to this date and service. The outdoor prayer meeting was held on the site of Brother Thornley's tent, where the first meeting was held with 22 persons, at the foot of Thompson Park. Just before the meeting hour, there was the appearance of a heavy shower, which held up, and a large number of people gathered. Several of the original 22 were present, and participated in the meeting. Others, some of the Association, and some not, took part. The past was reviewed, contrasts made, compliments offered, thanks to God devoutly expressed, songs sung, tears shed, and joy filled every heart.

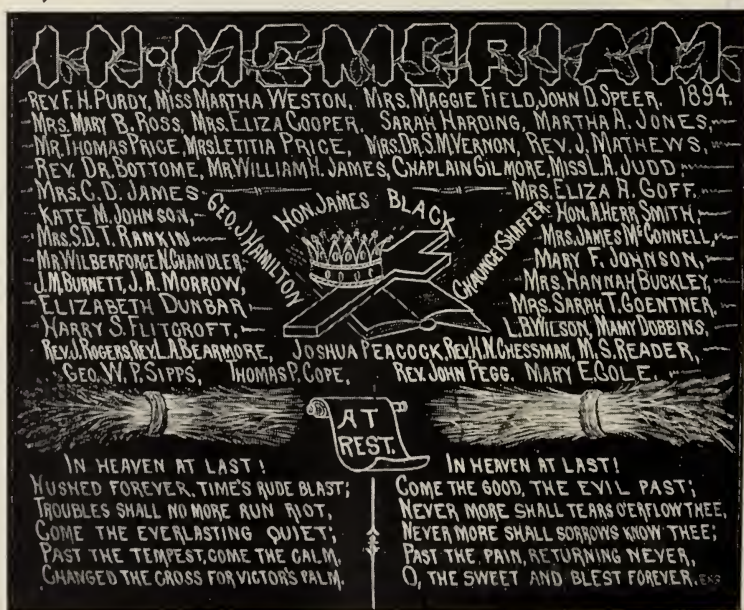
At the close, a procession was formed, and as the march commenced, "We're Marching to Zion," was sung all along the line, and, as we reached the auditorium, largely filled with people, they arose, joined in the song, and in the midst of praises, waving handkerchiefs, tears and rejoicing, it was kindred to what we anticipate when the struggles of life are over, and we enter *Eternal Heaven*. At eight o'clock, Dr. Day, the preacher of the Sabbath morning sermon, delivered the anniversary address, on "Aggressive Evangelism." His audience was charmed by his chaste rhetoric and eloquent appeals to the intellect and heart, until all were moved to go forth to do and, if need be, to suffer for truth and righteousness.

The whole anniversary occasion was worthy of being the commemoration of a quarter of a century of Aggressive Evangelism for the Lord our King, at this place.

**Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the National Temperance Society and Publication House.**—This, under the general direction of John N. Stearns, Esq, the efficient corresponding secretary, was held August 1-5, was strong and irresistible. The inimitable Col. George W. Bain of Kentucky, and the Silver Lake Quartette were present, and fully equal to their best.

The new speakers present, were Gen. O. O. Howard, President of the National Temperance Society, Mrs. M. C. Leavitt, B. T. Washington, and Thos. E. Murphy. All did magnificently, and the meeting left a profound impression.

**Ocean Grove Memorial Day.**—This was held Monday, August 6th, and in order to make room for a laymen's meeting, to be held in the evening, was held at 3 P. M. There was some apprehensions that the change from evening to afternoon might make some unfavorable conditions in the attendance and spirit of the meeting. The contrary was the fact. The attendance was excellent, there was far less interruptions, and the spirit was devout, tender, elevating, and inspirational. This is not a second funeral, no, no, it is rather a holy commemoration of the lives and excellences of our departed friends. Let us look at this board. What names and histories are here.



The meeting was blessed beyond all former occasions. The verses with which the record closes are a part of a poem written a number of years ago, on the death of my own dear sister.

**Laymen's Meeting.**—Aug. 6th, at 8 P. M.—of the laity, by the laity, and for the laity, similar to that held one year ago. Both these meetings had their inspiration in the intelligent enthusiasm of our friend, D. H. Wyckoff, Esq., of Asbury Park,



DAVID H. WYCKOFF, Esq.,  
Asbury Park, N. J.,

Projector of Laymen's Meetings, August 11, 1893, and August 6, 1894.

N. J. At both these meetings Hon. James A. Bradley, presided, and large numbers of prominent gentlemen from both Park and Grove gave brief addresses. High enthusiasm prevailed, and the results of both were very largely helpful in enabling us to reach the desirable financial end. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Prof. Sweney, including the Park Sisters, and others, were prominent elements of success. It was a great meeting, great in numbers, great in enthusiasm, great

in its influence for good, and great in the satisfaction which it gave to all, and all have our profoundest thanks.

**Women's Home Missionary Society** and Deaconess' Convention was held Aug. 7-8

They had a splendid programme. Bishops Bowman, Walden, and Mrs. Clinton B. Fish, presiding, who were aided by elect ladies, all of whom performed their parts with great ability. All the hours of the two days were filled with the consideration of important subjects in relation to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the elevation of our race.

May the all-merciful Father aid, by His spirit and gracious providence these noble ladies, as they plan for God and humanity, giving them all that financial and spiritual help that their enlarged benevolences require. Chaplain McCabe gave an admirable address at the closing service.

**Dedication of the New Auditorium.**—Aug. 9-12, 1894. The erection and dedication of Ocean Grove's Silver Anniversary Monument—the largest and finest evangelical audience room in the known world, was thought to be of sufficient magnitude and importance to the cause of Christianity and the nation at large, to justify an effort to secure for the occasion, the attendance of the whole Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to whom the general superintendence of this interest more especially belongs.

This movement commenced in time and was perseveringly pursued, but, as this Board is composed of only eighteen men, and the whole globe, so far as the interests of their particular Church are concerned being committed to their care, the result sought could not be realized.

All of them, however, expressed the fullest sympathy with the work, and their regrets of inability to attend were deep. Some were physically disabled, but others were so distant as to render their coming impracticable. Three, however, Bishop Thomas Bowman, of St. Louis, the Senior of the Board; Bishop John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bishop Charles H.





Participants in New Auditorium Dedicatory Services, August 9-12, 1894.

Bishop CHAS. H. FOWLER.

Bishop JOHN M. WALDEN.

Bishop THOS. BOWMAN.

Rev. A. J. PALMER, D. D.

Chaplain C. C. McCABE.

Fowler, of Minneapolis, Minn., the latter, coming almost directly from a sick bed to do us service, were with us during the whole four days, rendered magnificent service. Added to these were Chaplain McCabe, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, and Rev. C. E. Mandeville, D. D., of Chicago. The latter gentleman had not been called specifically to the

dedicatory services, but as part of his time was covered by these days, he was an admirable and completing feature of the work. The full arrangement, as widely published, was as follows :

## NEW AUDITORIUM.

### PROGRAMME OF DEDICATORY SERVICES,

AUGUST 9-12, 1894.

- Thursday, August 9.**—10.30 a. m., Sermon, Chaplain C. C. McCabe.  
 3 p. m.—Lecture, "Seven Churches of Asia—Ephesus," Dr. C. E. Mandeville, Chicago.  
 7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Bright Side of Libby Prison," Chaplain C. C. McCabe.
- Friday, August 10.**—10.30 a. m., Sermon, Bishop Bowman.  
 3:00 p. m.—"Seven Churches of Asia—Smyrna," Dr. C. E. Mandeville.  
 7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "The Die No Mores," Dr. A. J. Palmer.
- Saturday, August 11.**—10.30 a. m., Sermon, Bishop Walden.  
 3:00 p. m.—"Seven Churches of Asia—Pergamos," Dr. C. E. Mandeville.  
 7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Great Deeds of Great Men," Bishop C. H. Fowler.
- Sabbath, August 12.**—10.00 a. m., Brief Addresses; Bishop Bowman, Hon. James A. Bradley, Dr. Hanlon, C. H. Yatman, E. H. Stokes.  
 2:30 p. m.—Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class.  
 6:00 p. m.—Beach Meeting.  
 7:15 p. m.—Sermon, Bishop Fowler.

After the evening sermon, Bishop Bowman, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by all the Bishops present, and other ministers, will formally dedicate the house to the service and worship of Almighty God.

Every item in this vast bill was carried out to the remotest particular, and the services rendered by the distinguished gentlemen named, were of the highest order. The three sermons by the Bishops were each crowning summits of their own, such as we rarely reach, and the lectures by the trio

of peerless lecturers was another range of patriotic culminations—great cyclonic sweeps of resistless eloquence, before which the heart and intellect bowed like the sturdy oaks and cedars in the tempest's march.

By the morning sermons the people took a warmer hold on God; by the evening lectures, a firmer grip of the nations heart; God as the nations head, and the nation loyal to its eternal King, grouped together. The sermons moved the deepest emotions of the soul, and the lectures kindled the flames of the loftiest patriotism, until, as the veterans of the late war marched in with their tattered flags and ensigns, some with empty sleeves and limping steps, to occupy seats reserved for them in the front, when the whole assembly of ten thousand people, rose, *en masse*, and cheer after cheer resounded through the vast enclosure, the enthusiasm knew no bounds, and if "Libby Prison" had any dark sides, we could not see them, the "Die no mores," were all immortal on the other shore, and the "Great Deeds of Great Men," were so illuminated as that to be little and mean seemed despicable and real greatness in the easy reach of all.

Sabbath morning came. It was not rainy, it was not clear. "All things work together for good to them that love God." It was not dull enough to keep the multitudes away from Church; it was too dull to be pleasant on the beach. At 10 o'clock, the great house was full. The services commenced. God was in the first touch and tone. There was a divine afflatus in all and through all. Song melted the heart, the prayer of Dr. Alday touched the throne.

Then the President said:—

For the past twenty-five years I have carried this great enterprise on my soul.

For the past five years the ideal of this new Auditorium has been constantly before my mind. It is now a vast dream realized. I call it vast not simply because of the extent of the walls, but more especially with reference to its exalted aims to reach the remotest

parts of the earth, and bring the world, too long in rebellion against God, in humble submission to his feet.

In its management, this great interest is denominational; in its practical workings it is vastly greater than a denomination, or creed, or ecclesiastical system, for it takes in all which have Christ for their Central Sun, and focusing the light and heat of each, until all, aglow with the hallowed fire, shall melt and mould our common humanity into the image of God.

We want to enthuse the world with the divine ambition of a better life—to lift man to a loftier plane—to lead him to mountain summits of divinest privilege—to show the immensities of present opportunities—to move all hearts, to move all churches—to move the world heavenward.

To-day I address all the denominations. For twenty-five years we have tried to help you. You have gone to your homes to help your own people. You have helped them with help you obtained here. I am glad of it. Revivals have followed in the local churches. New forces have been awakened, new churches have been built, the kingdom of God has been extended. One year ago you so helped us as to make the erection of this vast edifice possible.

It stands before us to-day like a great silent vision, almost too ethereal to be of earth, something let down from heaven, until we feel that the Tabernacle of God is with men.

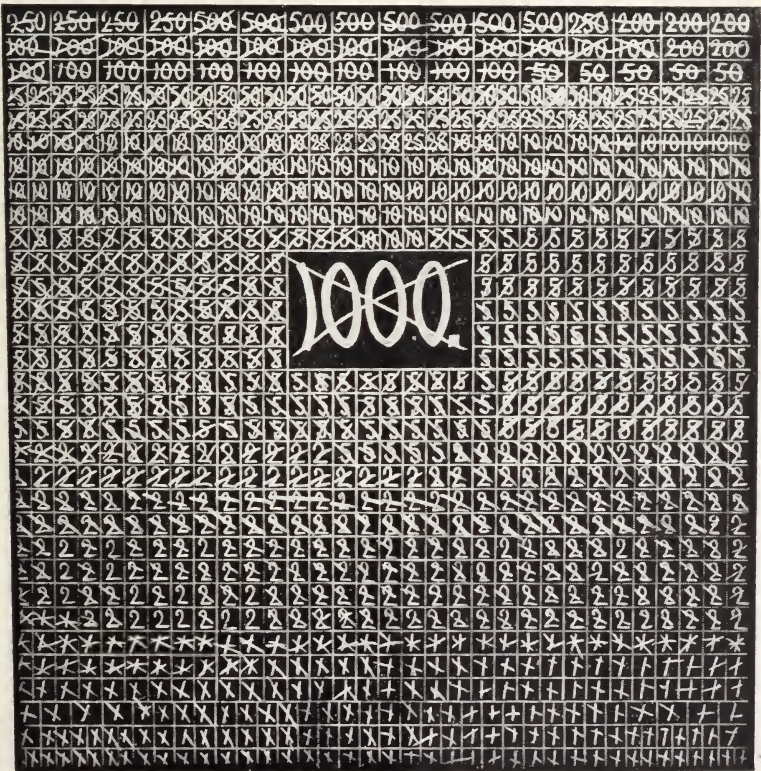
There is just one additional step to be taken, and this great Temple, completed and emancipated from all earthly claims, shall stand, the home of gladness, not to narrow men, but Amazon-like to broaden them out to the great sea of God's infinite and eternal love.

O, house of God! what a mission is thine—to stand forth for long centuries in doing good.

I said, I have carried this enterprise for the quarter of a century. I bend a little with the weight. The burden is too heavy. Will each one of you lift a little from my shoulders. If a man by the wayside was crushed beneath his burden, you would



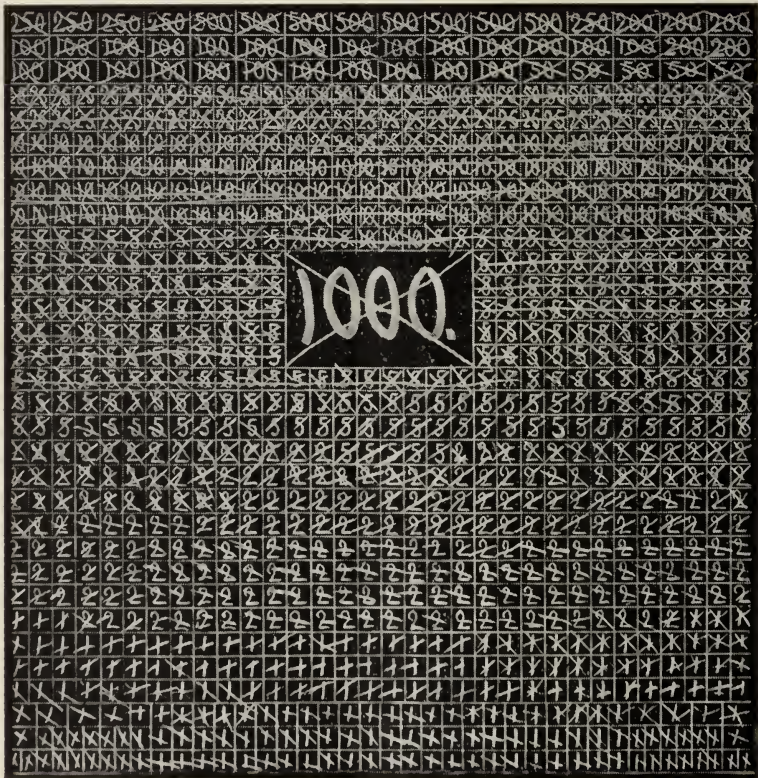
help him, would you not? There is one other step to rise, just one, and we reach the summit of this endeavour. But I cannot rise that step without help. Take my hand, brothers, and help me up, will you? I am in a pit, twenty-six thousand dollars deep, wont you help me out? There are twenty-six thousand fetters on this noble building, Shall this be emancipation day and liberty be proclaimed through all the land, then the joy bells of ten thousand hearts shall out-throb the clang of the old independence bell in Philadelphia, a hundred years ago? It can be done! If we could raise \$41,000 a year ago, simply in hope of what might be,



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can we not raise \$26,000 in the great throbbing joy of what we now see? We can; and the ear of my faith hears the clang of the last fetter falling to the earth.

To this appeal Bishop Bowman, Senator James A. Bradley, Dr. Hanlon, and Rev. C. H. Yatman added earnest and eloquent words. Then the Black Boards were unveiled, the Secretaries were at the tables, and Mr. Lovatt, Gen. Patterson, and others were in their places to mark off the sums announced, and at 11 A. M. the work began. It was a long, steady, but enthusiastic march upward, and after nearly two hours, \$13,000 of the \$26,000, just one-



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half, was subscribed. Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class gave \$1,000 more in the afternoon. Twelve thousand were yet needed to see us through.

No one saw just how it could be reached, but "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." An informal interview of a few friends was held in the President's room, at 4 P. M. A gentleman, James, E. Andrus, of Yonkers, N. Y., a stranger to most, said "You need \$12,000?" Yes. "Divide it into three blocks, \$4,000. each; I will give one-quarter of the first block, one-third of the second, and one-half of the last, if the several remainders shall be taken by the congregation." It was a sun burst on an Egyptian night. The announcement made to the immense audience at night thrilled every heart with hope and gladness. Bishop Fowler preached. It was a masterly effort. Now for the final attack. Never did Bishops, Presiding Elders, Ministers of the rank and file, laymen and general solicitors do better. Eight thousand were raised! The last block of \$4,000 was announced amid high inspirations. The gentleman who had made the block proposition, said, "I will give \$250 for each one of my children, and I have eight of them." \$2,000. At this announcement enthusiasm over-leaped all barriers, submerging all. The remaining part of the mountain rise was comparatively an easy ascent, and at 10:45 P. M. the last dollar and the summit were reached.

All faces were wreathed in smiles, or flushed with exultant joy—hands were shaken, congratulations extended, cornets trombones, glad songs, doxologies and "Blow ye the trumpet blow," mingle together in orderly and sublime confusion.

In the midst of the intensest emotions, the president said:—From the deepest depths of my overburdened heart, I thank every body, the child that gave the penny, the widow with her mites, the nickles, the dimes, the quarters, the halves, the dollars, tens, hundreds, thousands, up to our last great deliverer, Mr. Andrus, who gave his \$4,333.33! May the divine All-Father send his gracious benedictions upon all, near and far, men, women, and children, and fill this new Temple with the highest glory of Himself.



Then Bishop Bowman, aided by Bishops Walden and Fowler, the ministers and the whole vast multitude, which had remained up to this late hour, joined in the beautifully solemn ritual, which set apart this divinely Monumental Temple, to the service and worship of Almighty God.

After which Professor Sweney, the choir and all the great host, sung—in the loftiest tones of holy triumph.

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. And the dedicatory services were at an end.

**Women's Encouragement Meetings.**—Held this year, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 15th, 16th, 17th, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wheeler, and Mrs. Bell N. Chandler, presiding. These meetings, do not lose, but rather increase in interest, from year to year. The last was considered as among the very best. Many of the things to which is attached the least importance, often times help the most. These unobtrusive services are always helpful to those who conduct, and those who join with them. May we all be encouraged.

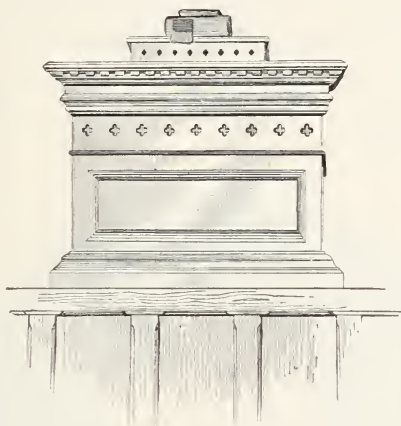
**Pennington Seminary Reunion.**—This noble institution, with Dr. Hanlon, principal, in charge, held its anniversary on Friday evening, August 17th, at 8 p. m. They had an excellent programme, prominent in which was General Rusling's great lecture, “The March of Methodism.” It was throughout a most enjoyable occasion, reflecting great credit on principal, faculty, and students, closing with social reunion of a high order in the spacious parlors of the Arlington.

Long may this popular institution and its noble president live to scatter blessing, over the world.

**Women's Foreign Missionary Society.**—Held Saturday and Sabbath, August 18th, 19th, 1894. The President, Mrs. Rev. E. H. Stokes, had as usual, an array of distinguished ladies, many of whom have become veterans in the great missionary cause, to assist her in the services.



On Sabbath morning, the sermon was by Bishop Thoburn, of India. During its delivery, such facts and incidents were rapidly passed before the mind as held the undivided attention of the vast audience and produced the intensest interest. The total offerings of the whole anniversary, were \$1,400.



**The Annual Camp Meeting.** The New Auditorium is done, and the Dedication past. Now let us, during the next ten days, August 20—30, dedicate ourselves more fully to the work of God in earnest efforts to make the Camp Meeting the greatest in the past quarter of a century.

No matter how large or beautiful the New Auditorium, if God does not crown it in the salvation of the people, our joy will not be full. This is the great object in its erection. Happy are they who help the work.

As far as possible attend all the meetings. Let our efforts be united and we shall have success.

Live near to God, and help some one else. Sing, pray, and here and there drop kindly words—so you may save a soul.

As far as possible avoid everything that would divert your own mind or others from the one great object—Salvation! When Salvation ceases to be pre-eminent here, we shall fall to the level of other places. Lift up the Cross! Be kindly in earnest.

In your pleasures so arrange as not to interfere with the meetings.

Hotels, boarding and private houses, will, I am sure, as in the past, avoid such diversions, as will in any sense, be out of harmony with the work we are so earnestly striving to promote.

Pray publicly and privately, for a blessing upon each service.

This will be the last Camp Meeting some will ever attend. May it be the best.

The following is the programme.

Monday, August 20; Prayer for success of Camp Meeting, 10:30 to 11:30 A. M. Auditorium

Meeting of Christian Workers, Tabernacle, 3:30 P. M.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Auditorium, 7:30 P. M.

Tuesday, August 21; 10:30 A. M. Opening sermon, Rev. Dr. John Potts, Toronto, Canada.

Consecration Meeting, Tabernacle, daily, Rev. J. R. Andrews, D. D., 5:45 to 6:45 A. M.

Family Devotions, Auditorium, 6:45 to 7:00 A. M., daily; President.

Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, 9:00 A. M., daily; Rev. George Hughes.

Young People's Meeting, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 9:00 A. M., daily.

Helping Hand, Thornley Chapel, Rev. William Franklin, Rev. J. R. Daniels, 9:00 A. M., daily.

Public Services, Auditorium, 10:30 A. M., 3:00 and 7:30 P. M. daily.

Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1:30 P. M. daily.

Mother's Meeting, Young People's Temple, Mrs. Wheeler, 2:00 P. M. daily.

Children's Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, 4:30 P. M., daily.

Twilight Service, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 6:30 P. M., daily.

Infant Baptism, Thursday, August 30, at 9:00 A. M., sharp, followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and closing services.

The Corner Stone of the new Auditorium, will be laid Thursday afternoon, August 30th, 1894 at 3:30 o'clock. This will be the last act in the completion of this great building.

This great train of services started exactly on time—anxieties never deeper, expectations never higher. Shall we succeed? Can this meeting equal the days of yore? Can it be greater? *Yes, YES, YES*, to all the questions! God is not bound, grace is not limited, power can not be exhausted. Forward, March! All conquering faith, divine leader, forth. We will follow.



Rev. JOHN POTTS, D.D., Toronto, Canada.

The first day was Pentecost, the second progressive, and the whole triumphant. Dr. Potts of Canada, almost gigantic in stature, fully so in intellect, a Demosthenes in eloquence—more than all in spiritual power, gave an opening sermon from Isaiah 52 7-10 of such appropriateness and strength, that many said—"You can go no higher."

The later ministers were, Rev. George W. Miller, D. D., N. Y., Rev. George T. Eckman, N. J.; Rev. Dr. Corey, N. Y.; Rev. S. P. Cadman, Yonkers N. Y.; Rev. C. M. Boswell, Phila.; Rev. Dr. Murray, Del.; Rev. Dr. Handley, N. J.; Rev. J. W. Marshall, D. D. N. J.; Rev. B. F. Mills, Rhode Island; Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Phila.; Rev. A. B. Simpson, D. D.; Rev. Dr. W. A. Spencer, Phila.; Rev. Dr. H. A. Cleveland Pa.; Rev. F. M. Bristol, Chicago; Rev. Dr. Chadwick, Brooklyn; Rev. Dr. Hanlon, N. J.; Rev. David Mills, Pastor Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Phila. Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas Phila.; Rev. Dr. Wightman, Baltimore, Meth. Ep. Church, South; Rev. C. W. Jackson, Boston; Rev. C. P. Masden, D. D., New Haven Conn.; Rev. Dr. Raymond, Wesleyan University; Rev. Dr. Poulson, Jamaica, L. I.

The whole was a cyclone of pulpit eloquence and grandeur rarely equaled, perhaps never excelled, while the Morning Consecration Meeting, the Family Devotions at Auditorium, Young People's Meetings, Holiness Meetings, Helping Hand Meetings, Mrs. Smith's Meetings, Mother's Meetings, Children's Meetings, Twilight Services, taken as a whole, were far beyond all precedent.

The Sabbath Morning love feast, and all day services were great tidal waves of numbers and holy influence.

Perhaps the aggregated multitudes were fully double those of any previous year. The number of Baptisms, more than double—the synopsis of actual counted results, to say nothing of the uncounted shows more than seven fold those of the highest previous years.

The close of the meeting was a great flood tide of spiritual blessedness far beyond high water mark. "The glory of the





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A. M. E. Jubilee Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hackensack Reunion	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Anniversaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Memorial Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Training Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
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Receptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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Peace Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
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Kings Daughters	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Epworth League	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
National Temperance	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Deaconesses' Conventions	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Women's Home Missionary Society	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Women's Foreign Missionary Society	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Dedicatory Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Women's Encouragement Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Missionary Love Feast	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Camp Meeting Love Feast	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prayer Meetings, Special	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Children's Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Sacrament of Lord's Supper, [4578]	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Consecration	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Family Devotions	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Helping Hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

sented the local press by striking the stone three times. Mr. E. C. Van Cleef aided by Gen. John C. Patterson, hermetically sealed the copper box, the crowd waiting even to the finish of this mechanical part, and when Dr. Stokes pronounced the words "It is done" his face assumed a beam of sunshine showing his inward joy.

The *Evening News* carefully noted every act of this service that posterity might know its proceedings, and congratulates Ocean Grove on its grand success.

THUS GOD HAS CROWNED OUR CROWNING YEAR! He has crowned the general arrangements of our noble structure, the new Auditorium; He has crowned the prosecution of the whole work, so that all was accomplished without accident, and exactly on time; He has crowned our efforts to secure means to defray expenses of construction, by raising friends in scores and thousands, from near and far, who, in our darkest hours, rallied to our support, making success not only possible, but an embodied fact; He has crowned this success with the high commendations of uncounted thousands of people from all parts of the land; He has crowned these vastly enlarged accommodations time after time, by filling every part with attentive worshippers; He has crowned these great multitudes with the exalted privileges of song, eloquence and highest oratory; He has crowned these privileges with inspirations patriotic, philanthropic, reformatory, educational, and the glad tidings of Salvation and Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord; He has crowned all, by placing the high seal of his holy approval in spiritual awakenings, pardoning sin, renewing the heart, divine adoptions, purifying the soul, and lifting the lowly to the loftier summits and sublimer attainments of the Christian life; He has so crowned each that sometimes the doors of immortality seemed to lift their heads, and we beheld, through the openings, the Throne of light, surrounded by the white robed multitudes, where they are constantly saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come; and they fell before him that sat on the Throne, and worshipped him that

liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou has created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

O Priceless Crowns, and Peerless Crownings! Crowns, not of silver, or gold, or diamonds, or rubies, or any of the frail or fading things of time, but the far more, and inestimable Crown of God's approving smile, in whose favor is life:—

Highest bestowment! Coronation day!

Infinite condescension, God comes down,

Here by the matchless sea, in his grand way,

And on our work places his royal crown;

And honored thus, before his thrown we fall,

For God alone is great! He, the ETERNAL ALL!

In the endearments of Twenty-five years of toil for this place,

I am affectionately and faithfully yours,

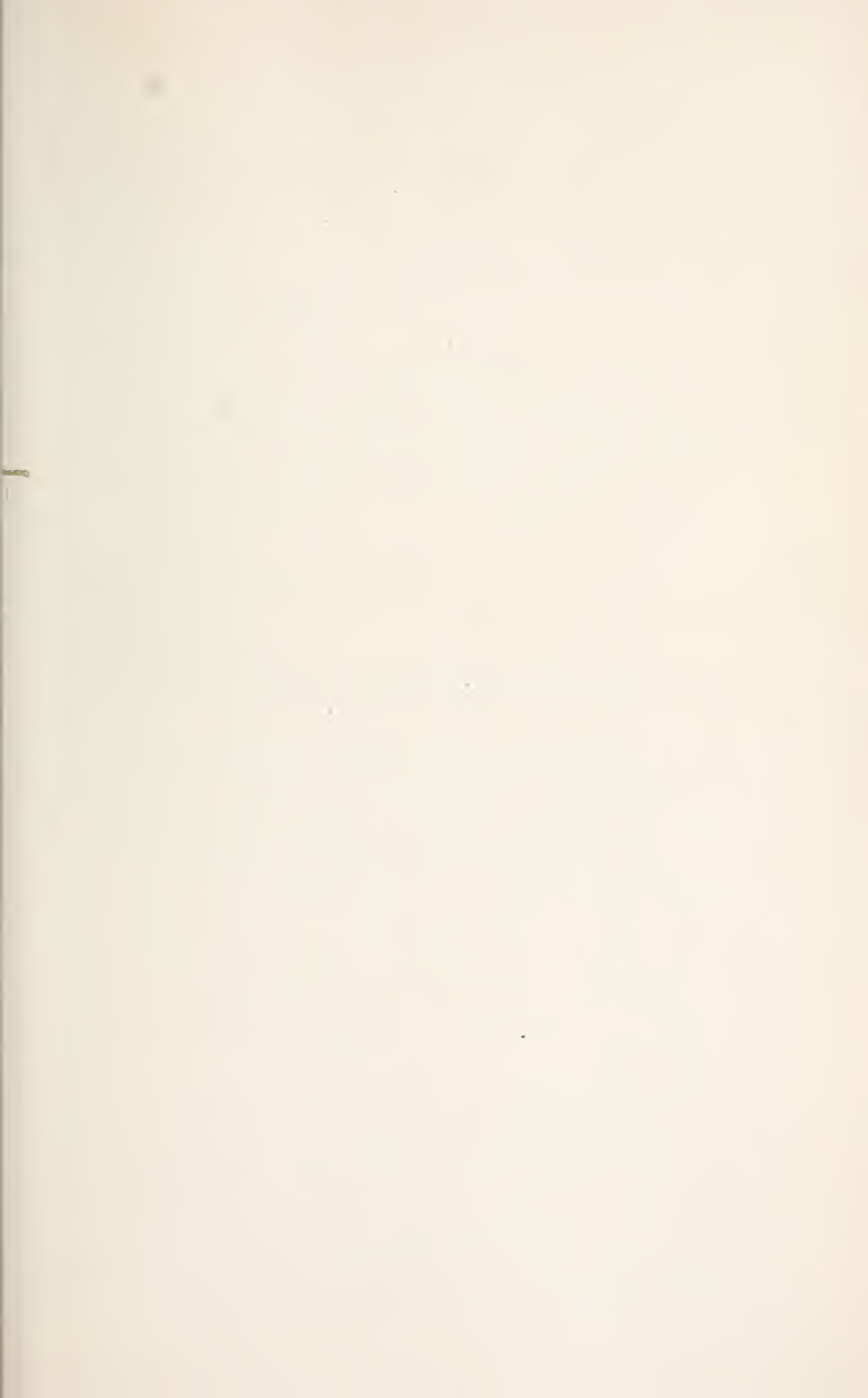
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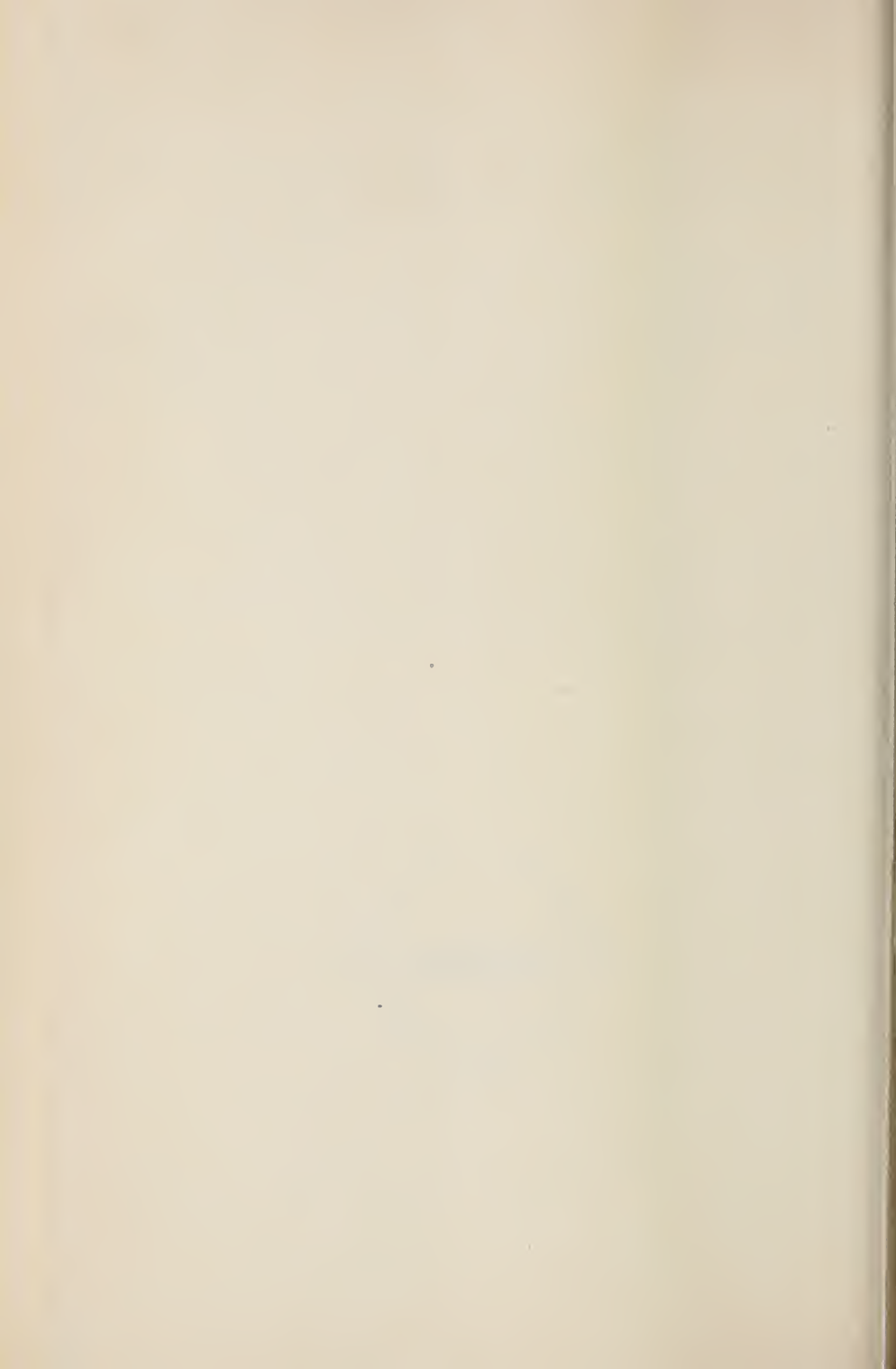
E. H. STOKES, President.

Nov 14, 1894.









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The best counted results of these meetings, we are able to make from the written reports of the several leaders as accurate as they could make, aggregate as follows—including conversions, reclamations, sanctified, and especially helped :

Children's Meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	131
Young Peoples,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Holiness Meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,975
Helping Hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Mrs. Lizzie Smith,	-	-	-	-	-	-	140
Auditorium, no general estimate could be made, conversions							200
							3,846

The consecration meeting, and mother's meeting, report the largest results ever attained, but could not give definite numbers.

**Corner Stone Laying.**—Thursday, August 30th, 1894, 3:30 P. M. The singularity of deferring the laying of the corner stone of this great structure to the last, instead of being nearly the first act, needs explanation. On the 13th of August, 1893, when the first subscriptions were taken, it was stated in an incidental way, without any forethought about the matter, that all the names of subscribers to the building fund would be placed in the cavity of the corner stone. A moment's reflection showed that such names could not be placed there, until received, and they would likely continue to be received until the building was finished. It was then decided to lay the stone as the last act, in the completion of this vast edifice.

In this connection, it is a pleasure to me to state, that I find in the *Evening News*, of Asbury Park, of even date, herewith, a detailed account of this service, so nearly correct, that with a few

verbal alterations I transcribe it in full, making due acknowledgements, and return thanks for the same. The article is thus:

“Every one, as far as possible, seemed determined to witness the finishing act of this great building. Although the laying of the Corner Stone was not to take place until 3:30 P. M., yet a surging, good natured, elbowing crowd, commenced to gather an hour before that time, and stood for three hours, so interesting and attractive did all the services become. Several were overheard to say, “What a wonderful man is Dr. Stokes.” Every service under his supervision shows wise deliberations, as has been demonstrated throughout the long series of services just closed. After Prof. Sweney had entertained a vast audience from 2 to 3 P. M. with his choir, Photographer Stauffer secured a flash light photograph of the interior of the Auditorium. Then everyone sought the most advantageous position to get a view of the Stone. Promptly on time, Dr. Stokes commenced by requesting the choir to sing. The ritual form of laying the Corner Stone was then opened with the necessary changes required by the peculiarities of the occasion, each of the following, reading in clear voice a portion of the services; Revs. W. B. Osborn, Dr. J. H. Alday, Rev. J. R. Daniels, Geo. W. Evans, and Presiding Elder Strickland. Then the 122 Psalm was read in concert.

Dr. Butts read a portion of the services, when Dr. Stokes said, it was customary for a sermon, or addresses or both, to be given on such occasions, but having neither to offer, would hasten to the completion of the work before him; he described the stone, telling how it would be filled and hermetically sealed, then with solemnity referred to the future, when its contents should be brought to light. The trowel used by Master-mason Summers, to lay the first brick and also the last mortar on this occasion, was then given by the assembled friends to Dr. Stokes as a memento, was graciously received. Gen. John C. Patterson gilded this trowel ornamentally, and lettered it. Then commenced the



filling of the copper box and where all the things could be placed was a mystery.

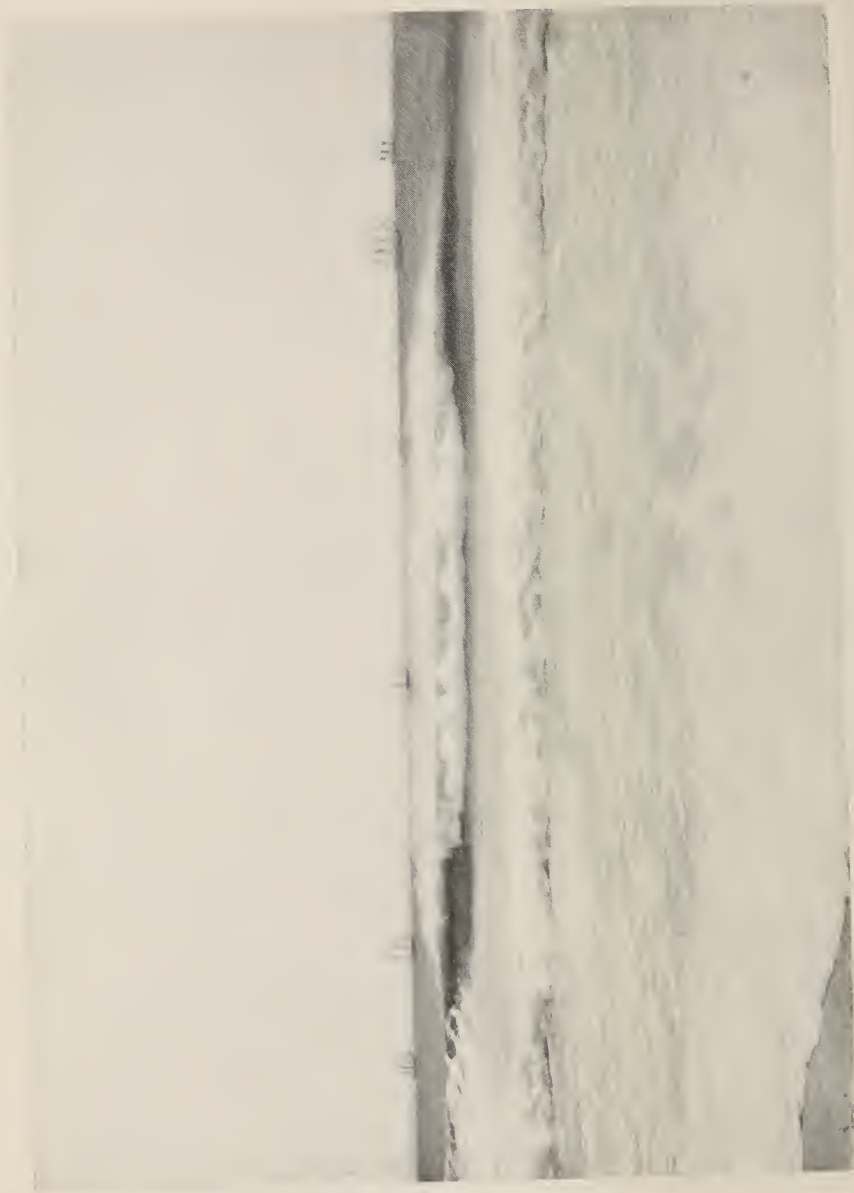
A copy of the old and new version of the Holy Bible ; M. E. Hymnal ; Church Discipline ; over two thousand of the original subscription cards of the donors toward the Auditorium, it was hoped, every name was also "written in the Lamb's Book of Life;" here, Prof. Sweney led in singing "If My Name is Written there," while Gen. Patterson and Wistar H. Stokes packed the cards away. The Conference minutes of New Jersey, Philadelphia, Newark, New York, Wilmington, Baltimore, and Baltimore South, were added. Reports of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, in two volumes, of ten years each, and four unbound numbers, 1870 to 1894; Ocean Grove Record, first volume, with reminiscences of old auditorium; names of Prof. Sweney's choir; Christian Standard; *Christian Herald*; and all of the Asbury Park papers, including a fresh copy of the *Evening News*, *Ocean Grove Times*, *The Torch*, copy of the song book, Love and Praise; selection from Hymnal; National Repository 1878, with article on Ocean Grove, written by Dr. Stokes; a full set of 1894 proof coins from Philadelphia mint with a letter from H. W. Cortzer, Esq., attesting same, which was kept for publication; letter from George and Susan Heck, with a leaf from Barbara Heck's Bible; Ocean Grove papers 1873; letter by Post Master Evans, stating facts about the Post Office in 1894; twenty five cent pieces 1794 by George H Tyndall; also same of 1894 by Mrs. Hough; copy of scripture promises; Centennial medal of Methodism 1866, set of Beach meeting programs; copy of "What I saw in Europe" and "Blossoms," by Dr. Stokes; G. A. R. Button; I. O. O. F. Emblem; Photographs of Rev. E. H. Stokes, by A. H. DeHaven; Dr. Thos. Hanlon and Rev. Chas. Yatman, by Judge E. T. Lovatt. "Star Spangled Banner" was sung and handkerchief salute given. Guide to Holiness; Peninsula Methodist; vote of thanks to the poet Fannie Crosbie; button of Loyal Legion; badges of Epworth League; Kings Daughters; Jr. O. U. A. M.; and Hebrew Christian badge.

Then the laying of the stone started, and Dr. Stokes, with trowel in hand struck the stone three times in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He was followed by each member of the Association, the absentees being represented. Dr. Hanlon represented the Bible Class and Pennington Seminary; and Rev. Chas. Yatman the Young People's Meeting.

Wistar H. Stokes, after 19 years of janitorship of the Auditorium, then struck the stone, repeating "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Captain Lewis Rainear, as the Superintendent of Ocean Grove; Gen. John C. Patterson, who has served as Chief of Police since 1871; John J. Smith, Engineer of Water and Light Works; Charles J. Beegle, Manager of Electric Light Plant; Rev. H. B. Beegle, early Superintendent and First Postmaster; Women's Foreign Missionary by Mrs. Dr. Stokes; Home Missionary Society Mrs. Judge Burris; Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Kate Raphael; Saint Paul's Parsonage Association, Mrs. John M. Dey; Local Epworth League, Dr. Starks; Women's Encouragement Meeting, Mrs. K. Chandler; Board Control Epworth League, E. T. Lovatt; St. Paul's H. M. S. Lena Clayton; St. Paul's F. M. S. Mrs. James Ross; St. Paul's Sunday School, Claude V. Guerin; Kings Daughters, Miss Martha Miller; St. Paul's Church, Rev. Milton Relyea; First M. E. Churches, Asbury Park, West Park and Belmar. Laymen and Women of Asbury Park, D. H. Wyckoff; Mother's Meeting, Mrs. M. S. Wheeler.

Methodist Episcopal Conference were represented as follows: New Jersey, W. P. C. Strickland, P. E.; Newark, Dr. Dunn; New York, Dr. Ferguson; New York East, Rev. W. H. Wardell; Philadelphia, Rev. T. Snoden Thomas; Wilmington, Dr. Terry; Baltimore, Dr. Brown; M. E. Church South, Rev. J. T. Whiteman, D.D.; Institutions of Learning, Dr. Butts; Silver Lake Quartette and Temperance Reform, Rev. C. H. Mead; Ocean Grove Choir and all Singers, Prof. Sweney; Children's Meeting, Mrs. G. Wiser Davis; Hebrew Race, Rev. J. H. Faust. Then Dr. Stokes repre-





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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 piue-groves' fragrant breath,  
Mingle with wind-tossed waves dispelling dews of death.

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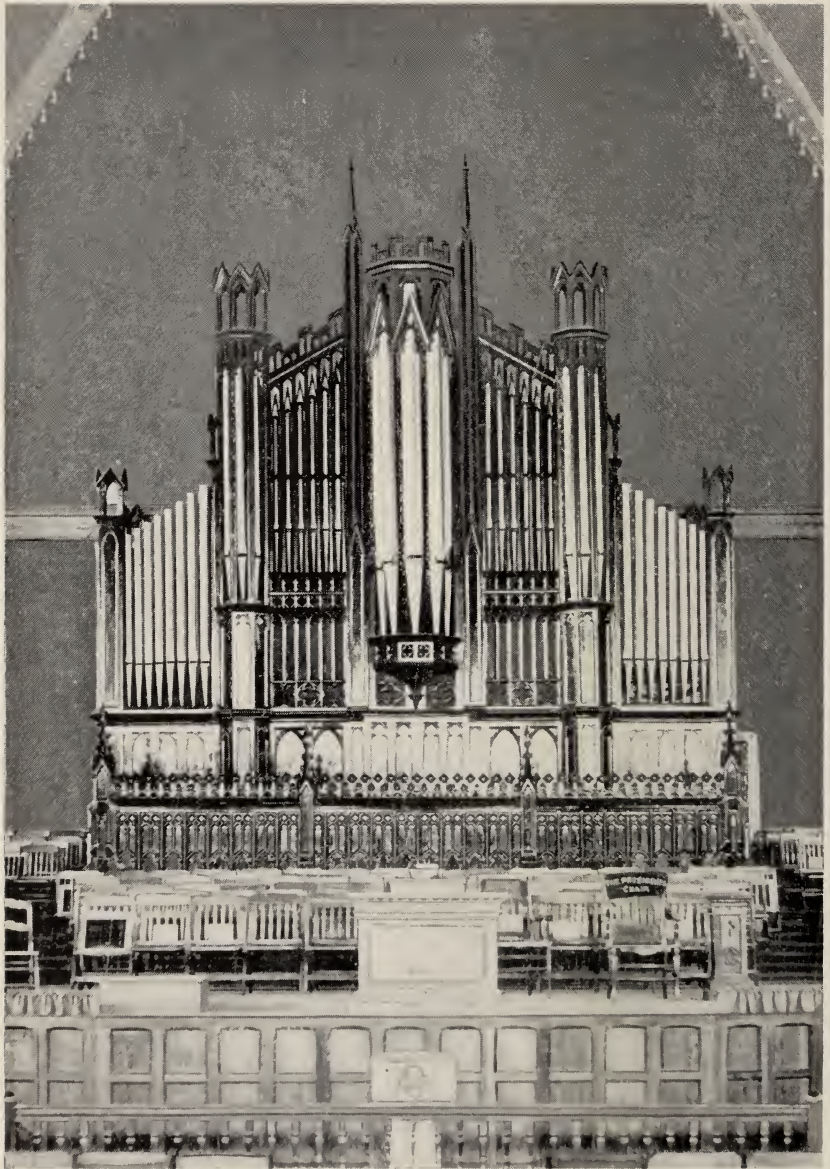
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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,  
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;  
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,  
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;  
Here oft they sat and with their friends conversed,  
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.



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

DEAR BRETHREN :—



ONCE more I stand before you with my Annual Report. We reached, enjoyed, and have passed our Silver crowning. The ascent was long, slow, steep and often rugged, but the summit gained, the review produced grateful tears, the outlook high inspirations, while the rest enjoyed was like the crown of lofty Hermon, when the Divine Christ, transfigured before his astonished disciples, who, in the fullness of their joy, seeing no man save Jesus only, exclaimed ;

“ Master, it is good for us to be here, let us build three Tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias,” and, as if they had added, here let us stay, rest and enjoy. So, too, we, as we entered our new Auditorium, and gazing upon its vast proportions, under the pressure of the long and heavy strain of the great accomplishment, felt almost like saying, here too, let us stop and rest. Such, however, was not the divine order in either case.

At the foot of Hermon, the blessed mountain of special privilege, lay a world lost in the lunacy of sin, and so paralyzed that it could

not work for God. The causes of this lunacy must be removed, and the paralysis broken. To this work Jesus led his amazed followers down the mountain sides, and seems to say to us, you too, must go in your more widely extended and improved opportunities, and do more and better work for Me. Work is the divine allotment, and in all our Christly efforts we find the doors wider open to the highest walks of personal enjoyment.

It was a high inspiration to us, to find that in going down from the mountain of divinest intimacies to the deepest vales of toil, we reached the first rung of the ladder in our second ascent, leading, in due time, to other crownings, the golden, the diamond and the ruby. The silver crowning past, we commence the ascent to the golden, nearly a quarter of a century away. It seems very far, that 1919, but we have already taken the first step up. Twenty-four remain, and then the crown of gold and the legal jubilee. Who of us shall attain to that? Not many. Most, if not all of our faces, cold, fixed and silent will hang, with our already departed compeers upon these walls, but from the world eternal our spirits, blood bought, cleansed and clothed in white, may look down and participate in the general joy. My soul exults in the blessed thought that it may be so.

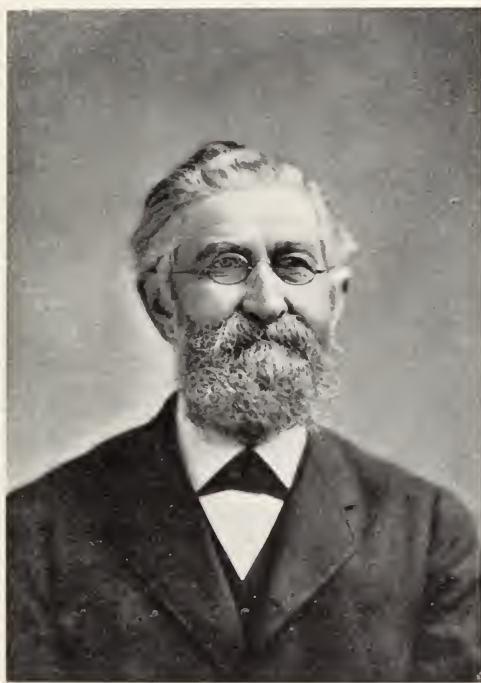
To our successors, we commit this high inheritance. We had no foundations on which to build, excepting the divine promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." Our successors will have this promise, also, and the foundations we have laid. May they have wisdom, grace, strength, and financial ability to do better than we have done.

The year has been one of toil and success. Many cases of spiritual lunacy have been cured, and the paralysis of spiritual inactives removed. There have been hundreds, not to say thousands of soul transfigurations on the high mountains of our beatitudes. The joy of the Lord has been the strength of our hearts, and a continual inspiration.

During all the twelve months just closed, our ranks have remained unbroken, and, thanks to our Divine Father, though there

have been a few cases of sickness; some of these, including our honored Vice President, were serious, yet the general health of the Association is now good.

While this is true, and just cause for profound gratitude, it is also true, that death has come very near in the removal from human society to the higher fellowship of the glorified, the Rev. Henry B.



Rev. H. B. BEEGLE.

Beegle, an honored member of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was, for a number of years our valued and highly useful Second Superintendent, and the first Post-Master of this place, discharging his duties with great acceptability to the department at Washington, and the people at large.

He was a fine writer of both prose and verse, an excellent theologian, a devoted pastor, a correct business man, working righteous-

ness and walking humbly with his God. He departed this life for the better, in holy quietude, on the 23d of September, 1895, esteemed and loved by all. May we meet him in the skies.

Each year, our material, as well as spiritual responsibilities enlarge, and consequently our expenses in each department of our work increase. This will probably continue. The higher the type of our Christian civilization, the more money is needed. Barbarism has few wants, civilization, many.

You will be interested with an account of our Secular work. I give it briefly as I can. I must do this, however, with some minuteness, because these annual reports aim to be a succinct history of each current year.

**Ocean Pathway.**—When this town was first laid out, many thought the width of this Boulevard was a waste of land. As the years have passed, however, the wisdom of the arrangement is more clearly seen. It would seem, as we pass from the beach westward, to the New Auditorium, that the whole plan was conceived at the commencement, so completely does the building fit in its place, and the whole opening is not a foot too wide, to reveal the vastness of its proportions. Had it been less in extent, there would have been perpetual regrets, while more space would have been an unnecessary waste. During the season just passed, though very dry, it has remained fresh, green, and greatly admired by all. Its beauty should never be allowed to decline, and reasonable attractions added every year.

**Culverts and Sluice Ways.**—These need constant attention, and are a continual expense. Repairs, however, decrease in proportion as the streets and avenues are improved, and as the latter reach towards a maximum, the former will approach a minimum. They retrograde, or advance together. We look forward, hopefully, to the time, not very distant we trust, when both will be all that we could reasonably require. Meanwhile, we must be patient, remembering that it takes a long time to complete a town, and when completed, if not continually attended to, decline will immediately commence.



**Streets and Avenues.**—As intimated in the last item, streets and avenues require care and cost. I enumerate a few particulars, showing some of these costs for the past year. As a rule, these estimates are under, rather than over stated.

Stone gutters on Beach and Pilgrim Pathway, to prevent washes by heavy rain falls, \$40; carting ashes from Electric Light and Water Station, for making and repairing streets, \$200; repairing public curbing, \$36; cleaning streets and gutters, \$172; scraping streets, \$75; shoveling and removing snow, \$24; grading, claying, and graveling streets and avenues, \$1,454; grading square and curbing at Bradley Beach, \$428; Total, \$2,440.

More than this amount could be expended every year, but our incomes will not allow.

In all cities and incorporated towns, the owners of property, I believe, pay for street improvements, to the center of the same. In this way, we could complete the whole of our streets, in a couple of years.

**Side Walks.**—There were laid for the Association, 1,260 square feet of concrete sidewalks, during the year, and for the general public, 11,183 square feet, which added to the amount previously laid, gives us about 21 miles of fairly good sidewalks in concrete, and about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles in flag stone, averaging in width from 4 to 6 feet.

Ten years ago, either stone or concrete walks were the exception. Now, they are the rule. Still, there are many walks not yet laid. Is this doing to our neighbor, as our neighbors have done for us? If my neighbor prepares a good walk for me, should I not do the same for him?

Cities enforce these things, and if property holders do not do them, the authorities do, and the cost stands a lien on the property until paid. I most earnestly beg of delinquents not to force us to this issue.

**Ocean Pier.**—Our ocean pier, in view of the immense strain often brought to bear upon it in heavy storms, has stood well. In the severe tempest of December 28th, 1894, a heavy piece of old

wreck, brought up against its north side, and although thrown very heavily against the piling, breaking three of them, was finally drawn to the shore, secured by ropes and so held until broken up and carted away.

The working up of the old wreck and carting it away cost over \$20. We are, in all storms of any severity, liable to just such mishaps, and in such cases must do the best we can. The pier has a mission to perform, and, if faithful, will receive the praise of men.

**The Plank Walk.**—Unnumbered thousands traverse this foot-way during the spring, summer and autumnal months. Its loss



Plank Walk from the Ocean.

from any cause would be a great public calamity. Yet this, like everything else with which the sea has to do, must be guarded with the greatest care. The Ocean seems to be jealous of all encroachments. Our plank walk is menaced by every storm and every incoming tide.

Sometimes a single storm or tide will inflict hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars' damage. The pilings wash out and have to be renewed; the decks under the exposure of hot suns, high winds, heavy rains and constant travel, wear with surprising rapidity. Much of the old decking needs to be recovered, and in some in-

stances new stringers placed. As human life is a constant struggle, so is the life of plank walks by the sea.

**Sewer Plant.**—In a town, indeed everywhere, and in all things, matters which lie beyond the common purview, are often the most important. It is so with the sewer system. It is the safeguard or pest of all communities. It is everywhere, and increasingly so, a source of interest and solicitude to all municipal authorities. We are not exempt. In the main, ours works well. The outlet to the sea is our great care. But, God is with us, and we shall overcome this. Schemes are in course of execution which will bring us through.

The sewer plant has been extended during the year five blocks westward on Franklin Avenue. This, and other sewer expenses have amounted to about \$700.

The cost of sewer plant, to October 1, 1895, - \$39,205.68.

Total sewer connections, October 1, 1894, 1,068.

Total sewer connections, October 1, 1895, 1,097.

**Electric Light and Water Station.**—This, as the reader may be aware, is a new structure, filled with new machinery of the most modern and approved designs and quality for the production of light and water commensurate with our needs.

It has been a great work, and has taxed to the utmost, all resources within our reach. The necessities, however, were upon us, and the demands had to be met. The annual meeting, in November, 1894, saw the situation, and appalling as it seemed, responded nobly. A committee was appointed, consisting of D. H. Brown, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; G. W. Evans, Ocean Grove; J. R. Daniels, Ocean Grove; A. H. DeHaven, N. Y.; J. E. Andrus, N. Y.; T. J. Preston, Newark, N. J.; with the President as Chairman.

This committee met at the office of A. H. De Haven, Esq., 40 Wall Street, New York City, on January 5, 1895, and looked the matter squarely in the face. After long, tedious, and often unexpected delays, plans were adopted and contracts made. Then came the details of construction, the full records of which would fill

volumes. The great mass of these, however, were committed to a sub-committee, consisting of T. J. Preston, and A. H. De Haven, to whom with the engineer, Mr. E. K. Conover, of New York City, the admirable results now reached are largely due ; the whole committee, however, rendering faithful services in all possible ways, as the almost numberless and extensive minutes of their efficient Secretary, Rev. J. R. Daniels, clearly show. To all, the whole Association, as well as the general public owe a debt of gratitude which no words can pay, and they will have to wait the time when God Himself shall say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

As the work approached completion, A. H. De Haven, T. J. Preston, and J. E. Andrus, were appointed a committee to prepare a full report of the whole work, for presentation at our annual meeting, November 13, 1895. This was well and exhaustively done. The report as presented, required thirty minutes in reading, and was listened to with profound attention. Immediately at its close, the meeting adjourned to visit the new station, and examine for themselves. Many of the members, living at a distance, had not seen the work as it progressed. The whole scene was a revelation so massive, symmetrical and complete, with all parts of the machinery in motion, that all were surprised, and many looked on in silent awe, amazed. A brief religious service was held, and the machinery dedicated to aid in doing the work of God.

On reassembling in our business room in the evening, the report of the committee was taken up, highly commendatory remarks made, unanimously adopted, and the thanks of the Association, unanimously and enthusiastically rendered.

This paper, too lengthy to be inserted here in full, in the latter half, reads thus :

"The new Bass Corliss engine which has been erected is most emphatically a '*Fin de Seicle*;' containing all the improvements and refinements which the inventive genius of the century have been able to devise. You will notice the beautiful harmony of all its parts, the distribution of the metal, no weak parts, all fitly jointed to-



gether, all the wearing surfaces abnormally large; the heavy frame shaft on which the great wheel is connected. One of the latest improvements in Corliss Engines is the double eccentrics which increase the power and economise the steam. This engine weighs one hundred thousand (100,000) pounds. It is one of the principal factors of economy in our plant: when in use, in the future, it receives its steam only after the Watts Campbell engine has used it, no steam going direct from the boilers. This is the feature that makes our engines compound: the expansion force of steam being so great that only a portion of the duty of steam can be gotten by using it in one



Bird's-eye View of Ocean Grove from Asbury Park.

engine, hence when another of suitable size is added to the first machine, a double duty is obtained from the steam, and greater economy is the result. In other words, the steam that formerly escaped into the atmosphere, we are now using in the new Bass Engine, and will obtain three hundred (300) horse-power without any expense on account of now utilizing a product which was formerly wasted.

Your Committee would especially call your attention to the Condensers. The great source of economy in the use of the condensers connected with these steam plants, is that they relieve the engines from the back pressure of the atmosphere, which is 14.72 pounds per square inch. This is equivalent to having 14.72 more steam

pressure on your boilers without burning the coal to generate the steam. This condenser is strongly and durably built, and should run night and day for years with trifling repairs and will prove a great fuel economizer.

It was the intention of the committee to purchase an air compressor of simple style, but of larger dimensions than the old compressor used in connection with the water system, but by diligent search a second-hand Duplex Corliss Pumping Engine was found for sale at Chester, Pa., and we decided that air compressor cylinders could be put on in connection with our water cylinders, and our plant made complete in one unit.

This plan of coupling the entire system to one Engine has never been done before, and after careful study, it was laid before the principal builders of this line of machinery.

They all refused to guarantee their cylinders to work with this system, and said that the plan was visionary, but that if it could be done it would be very economical. Nevertheless, the committee in the face of these discouraging remonstrances, finally purchased the Air Cylinders on their own judgment, and these new air compressors and water pumps are a novel combination. No such plant has heretofore been constructed, and to give you the history of weeks of labor would make a volume, spent upon this one machine by Mr. Conover and your Committee before the mechanical difficulties could be surmounted, and the air compressors and pumps could be made to work in harmony. The machine which you now see was developed, working easily with no undue friction, perfect in all its parts, and receiving its power from a pair of Corliss Engines, these being the most perfect for producing power yet invented. This pumping plant is a twin machine. Both can be run together as you see them running this afternoon, or they can be disconnected, if desired, and one side or the other used in case of an accident.

The pumping capacity of these engines is 1,711,720 gallons per day of 24 hours at a speed of 35 revolutions per minute, and 2,448,000 at 50 revolutions per minute, which is a fair running speed for

this machine. We have run it at 55 revolutions with no evidences of its capacity for speed being reached. One side of this machine has been furnishing your water for the last three or four weeks, running at a speed of 35 revolutions per minute, and working 7 to 8 hours only out of the 24, thus showing our present consumption is about 285,000 gallons per day. Your Committee found by experiments made in August, 1895, that the present machinery will furnish more than 2,000,000 gallons per day, which amount is far beyond the present summer requirements of Ocean Grove; thus we believe the water supply for Ocean Grove from our present Artesian Wells is assured for years to come. It will not, therefore, be necessary to run the Bond Pier pumping plant for street sprinkling purposes. Our sprinkling wagons can, when empty, attach to the nearest fire plug and be filled quickly, thereby saving the time the empty wagons consume in traveling to the beach to be refilled, so that fewer wagons will be required and do the work, better than in the past. These items, the Committee estimates, will alone save the Association \$1,000.00 a year.

We would also say, that an ample boiler plant, has been provided whereby a cheaper grade of coal can be used, and more power had if required in the future. A large chimney and smoke flue, favorable to the most perfect combustion of fuel, with the addition of an automatic damper regulator, thus keeping the steam at an even pressure, has also been provided. Wasteful blowing off of steam through the safety valves is hereby avoided, and in other ways by the use of this damper regulator, greater economy of coal is insured.

Foundations for all the engines, air compressing plant, shafting and dynamos, are of broken stones and cement, called concrete, very heavy, and made in the most substantial manner, all connected together in order that they may withstand the immense strain of the machinery without vibration, the air compressors also, and pumps are on foundations of solid granite.

The boilers and buildings are all on similar foundations, and thus far, no cracks or settlement have been discovered.

After the introduction of Electric Service at Ocean Grove, the increasing demands for more lights for our houses, hotels and churches, has made it necessary to add more machinery, and as the production of electric lights requires great power, more boilers were necessary until at the close of 1894, the Electric Light and Water Station had been filled with engines, boilers and dynamos. The old station has done well. It has given us water and light for years, but increasing demands made it imperative that a new station be built, using all the available machinery the old contained to be embodied in the new with the most modern and economical yet devised to meet our wants. You have thus the latest improvements that the best engineering talent has been able to construct, and this station will bear favorable comparison with any other in America. Several economies have been introduced, which no other in the country contains.

The Committee feels that the savings to be effected more than justifies the Association in putting up such an extensive plant, and the work is done in such a substantial manner, that with proper and efficient help, the expense of maintaining the Electric Light and Water Station, will be very small in the future, and the only important expenditures will be the purchase of additional dynamos when the demands for light shall have exceeded twice the former number of Electric lights in use at the time this Committee commenced its work.

Our building is brick and iron construction, with slate roof, thus reducing the fire risk to a minimum, and at the same time gives us a very substantial and tasteful structure.

In the purchase of all materials, in the engineering, and in the provisions for the future, the committee has exercised great diligence and bought everything at the very lowest market prices. The results show for themselves and the cost has been as low as it possibly could be—much lower than that of similar plants elsewhere.

Numerous little items have been added to this station, among which is whitening the walls, painting the girders and the rough



iron work of the machinery ; placing brass railings instead of iron to protect persons from the dangerous part of the machinery when in motion, adding some palms and flowers, the gift of A. H. De Haven, Esq., and oiling the floors. These matters have cost but little, but it is the experience of your committee, that such as the above additions are great incentives to the employees to keep the machinery in good condition, so that undue wear and tear is prevented, the life and utility of the machinery greatly prolonged, while the employees giving greater care and attention, are encouraged to have all the apparatus perfectly clean. Your Committee trusts you will frequently inspect this plant, and hope that every person connected with Ocean Grove, may be proud of our "New Electric Light and Water Station."

Your Committee have had a great number of meetings, both at Ocean Grove, and through the courtesy of A. H. De Haven, Esq., at his office, No. 40 Wall Street, New York, They have spent much time also in conference with our skillful and indefatigable engineer, Mr. E. K. Conover, to whose untiring energy and zeal we are indebted for the construction and completion of our plant.

The cost of the entire plant, including building, machinery, and all the appliances connected therewith, is - - - - - \$43,086 66

All of which, while consolidated, as a perfect whole, is divided between the two departments, light and water, approximately, as follows :

Electric Light, - - - - - \$27,577 06  
 Water, - - - - - 14,944 82

\$42,521 88

To which are to be added for prospective bills, 564 78

Total, - - - - - \$43,086 66

Your Committee on Construction has an inventory of values remaining, the property of the Association, which sold or used, amounts to - - - \$5,419 00

This being deducted from the total bill, will leave

net cost of construction, - - - - \$37,667 66

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. DE HAVEN,

T. J. PRESTON,

JOHN E. ANDRUS.

**Water Plant.**—During all the past summer, the Electric Light and Water Plant was in such course of transition from old to new, and part of the time with both in operation, that it is quite out of the question to give exact figures of service. Our water supply, however, was greatly increased, and the prospect is for a full supply in the future.

The total cost of old water plant to Oct. 1, 1895, \$71,182 76

New machinery and appliances as per Committee's report, 14,944 82

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\$86,127 58

**Wesley Lake.**—This was one of our first joys, and honorable mention of it must never be omitted. Of late, the interest in it has been diverted by other attractions. But, some day, not distant, we shall return to it, as we do to our first love. It is a beautiful little sheet of water, and if properly cared for will remain so. The unsightliness at its head, is more in the seeming than real, but even the seeming should be removed as often as it accumulates, and everything kept pure and sweet. More attention is needed to it every year, then all complaints will be hushed in the louder notes of praise.

**Fletcher Lake.**—Whatever is true of Wesley Lake, is true of Fletcher also. The visitors at Ocean Grove would sadly miss the removal or deterioration of either. The flume as repaired at Lillagore's in the spring, has done its work well; so that there is now no trouble to hold the water to any required height. This is a great relief, as the frequent breaking of the old arrangement was a great annoyance.

Numerous row and sail boats ply upon its bosom during the summer months, and the innocent pleasure enjoyed is great.

**Tent Life.**—This continues to interest many people. In numbers of families the children have come to manhood and womanhood, through summer tent life at Ocean Grove. The influence on their young hearts by the surroundings at this place will never be lost. While it has been home to them, yet so unlike the city residence,



Bethesda Tents.

Wesley Lake.

LaPierre.

that the impressions left are not only picturesque, but the remembrance is salutary.

The number of Association tents erected this year was: cottage, 168 ; plain, 48. Total, 216. Private tents on Association grounds, 36. Besides these, there are many tents erected by private parties, upon their own lots, of which we keep no exact record.

Our tent inventory is, 307 tents and flies complete, including inside poles and posts ; 168 tent kitchens, with platforms for front tents, and inside posts and poles ; 51 plain platforms with outside

posts; also furniture, consisting of bedsteads, spring mattresses, bureaus, stands, chairs, tables, cots, stoves, ropes, etc.

The total of tent expenses, including new material used, this year is \$2,273.83.

Usually, these expenses are much heavier, but through the exceptionally fine weather and freedom from heavy storms this year, the destruction of tent property has been much less. It is noticeable too, that all the tents were taken down and stored this year without interruptions by rain, and perfectly dry, so that the percentage of loss from mildew, and other causes, will be much less than usual.

What we lost, therefore, by extra expenses from dry weather, was made up to some extent by the preservation of our tent property from the same cause.

**Hot Houses.**—This property located at the south-east corner of Webb and Lawrence Avenues, was built by the Association some years ago, and for a number of seasons, conducted by ourselves. Finding this had its difficulties, we leased for some time. Our last tenant, Mr. J. Bergin Thompson, has given general satisfaction, and, so far as we know, shown himself gentlemanly and obliging. Proposing to purchase the premises, his application was favorably considered and the sale consummated. This arrangement, while it takes that much property from our general assets, adds equal valuation in another form.

We are glad to retain this floral department of business upon our grounds.

**Gentlemen's Toilet.**—Places of this description have passed through various stages of transformation since our commencement, but in all the past have been unsatisfactory. I am happy to say, however, that the last improvement, at the corner of Central and Bath Avenues, reaches a degree of perfection, equaling many, if not most of our firstclass hotels. The cost, about \$1,200, while it may seem heavy, will, I am sure, upon examination, meet with your highest approval. The more rapidly we introduce the same system throughout, the better.



**Ladies' Toilet.**—One on the south end of Thompson Park facing Bath avenue, and one for Fletcher Lake Cottage Tents, while not quite equal to the one named above, are so far in advance of a few years ago, that we are greatly gratified with the general conditions.



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**Street Sprinkling.**—The water for this purpose, drawn from the Bond Wave Power Pier, at the foot of Wesley Lake, including engineer's wages, repair of engine, carts, platforms at stands, pipes, etc., cost for the season \$653, exclusive of the cost of men and teams for placing it on the streets. This, owing to the dryness of the summer months made the aggregate cost of street sprinkling very high.

We are not without expectations that with our greatly improved machinery for obtaining water from the Artesian wells, next year we shall be able to secure street sprinkling water from these sources, and so save the cost of drawing water from Wesley Lake. Let us hope it may be so.

**Tree Planting Day.**—This, next to our annual Memorial Day, is a touching and tender service. Trees are planted in the name and to the memory of many of those who have in the past been foremost in our religious work. Others are planted by personal friends as memorials of those they have loved and lost.

All these things revive the past, the heart is reached, and eyes are dimmed with tears.

To Memorialize is one aim of tree planting day. A second, is to repair the waste by tree decline and death.

The number of trees purchased this year, was 51. These were all set out, some for private parties, and some on public grounds. All were maples of the different varieties.

The memorial trees planted were for the following persons: Mrs. Gertrude Barker, Wm. G. Morehead, Miss Mary Wardell, Joseph McPherson, Miss Caroline I. Bancroft, Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop, Mrs. R. N. Newton, Mrs. Susannah Vansant, Miss Mary Cook Wilson, Mrs. Joshua Peacock, John N. Stearns, Dr. Isaac M. Ward, Miss Ida Asay, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodson.

There are few more beautiful acts than to plant a tree to the memory of a departed friend.

**The Parks.**—There are six of these in Ocean Grove. They are already things of beauty, and are capable of indefinite and almost unlimited ornamentation. If the first quarter of a century of this place has brought it from an utter waste and desolation to its present condition, should not the second so beautify, that it shall be the threshold, if not the very centre of the garden of Eden? Let the people, young and old, aid in beautifying the parks.

EVERGREEN PARK, at the front and left hand entrance to the Grove, has had some money and labor expended upon it, and is by that much improved. It should be so ornamented that every person entering our gates, should involuntarily exclaim, "How beautiful!"

WOODLAWN PARK, by being graded, sown with grass seed, concrete walks laid, with mound and fountain in the centre, the last by private contributions, is a gem to what it was a few years ago.

**GREENLEAF PARK**, by soiling, seeding, cutting out dead trees, seating, etc., is much improved. Let the neighbors facing the same, unite in planting and caring for a few flowers, and their property will increase in value and their own pleasures be enhanced.

**THOMPSON PARK**. This improves slowly. Two or three enterprising and progressive people, ladies or gentlemen, could inaugurate a plan to wonderfully change its appearance in a single year.



New Jersey Avenue and Emory Street Bridge, Wesley Lake.

**PARK HEIGHTS**. The Association has, at considerable cost, concreted sidewalks of this entire block, set the curbs and graded and sodded the entire facial elevation, giving to the whole place a greatly improved appearance. It needs still further attention, and with a co-operation on the part of the neighbors might be soon a place of interest and attraction.

**Ocean Pathway**, though named last, and peerless among our Parks, was, in the beginning, an utter sand waste, a Sahara, so desolate, as to be not only repulsive to the eye, but had to be crossed from where the Auditorium now stands to the beach, on narrow

planks, pieces of wrecks, not more than ten or twelve inches wide, placed end to end. The change has been brought about, by a vast amount of labor and expense on the part of the Association, and the present ornamentations, during the last few years, by a few public spirited people co-operating with us, in bearing one-half of the expense, until this once barren spot, has become the admiration of all beholders. In less than ten years, we predict, it will be more like Fairyland, than a place belonging to a sin-blighted world. So, all of our Parks might be, and the echo comes back, so *may they be*.

**Business Licenses.**—These are still collected, and although there is sometimes with selfish people, some friction, in making these collections, yet, believing that those who enjoy the business benefits afforded by the place, should bear some part of the cost which is involved in maintaining it as a place of business, we continue our efforts, and thus far, when the courts have been appealed to, we have been sustained. It would always be cheaper, and in the end more pleasant, if all persons who resist the payment of licenses, were to yield, even though it might seem from their side somewhat oppressive, yet the courts ordinarily see both sides, and usually settle on the side of right. Then, if the case goes against them, they have not only the license, but the costs to pay besides.

**New Auditorium.**—You will, I know, all of you, be greatly interested in knowing the exact financial condition of this great building. In July last, knowing as I did, the exact financial situation, I prepared, and caused to be set forth in large readable letters, neatly framed, and hung conspicuously to public view, on the east front of the building, the following, which explains itself :

### **\$3,000 SHORT.**

This Auditorium cost (with everything pertaining thereto), \$70,000. Of these \$70,000, \$67,000 have been collected and paid; hence, as stated above, \$3,000 short; no less; no more. To meet these \$3,000, we have in unpaid subscriptions, made in August, 1893, and at the Dedication, August 9 to 12, 1894, about \$4,000; these last subscriptions, mainly in small sums, we find almost, if not quite, impossible to collect, for the following reasons: Some of the subscribers have departed this life and are with God; others are in adverse circum-





Auditorium.

Wesley Lake.

Pilgrim Pathway Bridge.

stances, acknowledging the validity of the claim, but to their regret, unable to pay. More than one-half of the above amounts, however, is with persons whose residence we do not know, and consequently cannot communicate with them. It is possible that the *reader* may be one of this latter class; if so, it would be a great relief to us if they would report to W. H. Stokes, Secretary of the Building Committee, at the Janitor's office, or the undersigned. It may be too, that some one advised of these facts, and not having had an opportunity previously to contribute to this great work, would be willing to help us in this emergency. Any amount will be thankfully received by the Secretary, and applied to meet the deficiency now overdue.

E. H. STOKES, *President*.

Ocean Grove, N. J., July 20, 1895.

This notice, which has been read by thousands, it will be seen, bears date, July 20, 1895. Since its issuance, up to the present, (Nov. 13, 1895), there have been received, \$1,091.63 on the \$3,000 note now due, to which is to be added six months' interest. It should be noticed, however, that not much more than fifty per cent. of the amount has come from delinquent subscribers. The other

part from new contributors. Many thanks to all. The balance, \$2,000, with added interest, until paid, is unprovided for, only as from time to time we may succeed in picking up a few dollars from these old subscribers.

**Jetties on the Ocean Front.**—On the 18th, 19th and 20th of September, 1895, there was a very heavy blow from the north-east, lasting over three "high waters."



Washout on the Beach, near Ross's, after the September High Tides.

The current ran strongly to the south, not less perhaps than 7 or 8 miles an hour. This was especially true on the last day named. The seas were very thick and high, and together with the rapid current, formed a dangerous "sea puss" nearly opposite Surf Avenue.

Thousands of tons of sand were removed from the beach front during one high tide. This brought the undertow up to the eastern

edge of the plank walk, allowing the heavy breakers to reach the bluff, carrying it away very fast.

Had not the wind changed there would have been a much greater amount of almost irreparable damage. Something had to be done at once to save the beach.

Jetties seemed the most advisable. After much careful thought and investigation, a contract was made with Mr. D. R. Kelly to build four jetties on the beach, placing the first at 150 feet from the south side of Mr. Jos. Ross' pavilion, and 150 feet between each jetty, extending southward, so as to bring them where the cut was at its worst.

These jetties are being built in a substantial manner, and of good material, thoroughly bolted together. The shore end starts well back in the solid bank, passing under the plank walk and out 100 feet from the east side thereof. The outer end of jetty to be ten feet lower than at the east line of plank walk, with one foot fall in ten feet, thus conforming to the slant of the beach.

The piling used are chestnut, 12 to 16 inches over the butt, and 20 to 25 feet long. The string pieces are of Georgia pine, clamped together, 10x24, running the whole length of jetty.

Planking, running longitudinally, are spiked to the first row of piling on the inside, then a row of staving, 4x8, 20 feet long, are driven vertically against the plank. Above, are the 8x10 string pieces, then the second row of piling, all of these clamped together as per plan. All of this work is now well under way and will (D. V.) soon be finished.

**Fire Department.**—The efficiency of our Fire Department has been shown during the season by their work. The Department includes the Washington Engine and Hose Co., No. 1, of Ocean Grove. Their apparatus consists of one Steam Fire Engine, two Hose Carriages, 1,500 feet 2½ inch hose, and 49 men.

The E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Co. No. 3, 15 men.

The Unexcelled Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, West Grove, 36 men.

The Eagle Hook and Ladder Apparatus, one excellent truck, new ladders, ropes, buckets, etc., with all needed improvements, and 18 men.

Our firemen are untiring in their work, without fee or reward except in duty well done.

Words of commendation are always appreciated by them. Since our last report there have been two fires that brought into use our fire apparatus and our brave and efficient men.

June 5, 1895, The Oil House of the Standard Oil Company, located along the railroad in rear of Charles Lewis' lumber yard, 150 barrels of oil burned, and also a number of barrels of gasoline. The wind was blowing fresh at the time.

With everything against them, our firemen did heroic work, and for nine long hours battled with the destroying element and succeeded.

The Standard Oil Company, at the request of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District, have erected, on the site of the old building, a new fire proof building, for the storing of oil.

One other serious fire occurred on the night of October 11th, 1895, in a cottage occupied by George Pridham, Esq., on Asbury Avenue, catching from an imperfect flue.

The alarm sounded, the apparatus responded grandly, and in one hour the fire was under complete control.

The E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Company has re-organized and is in very efficient working order, with their apparatus and engine house in perfect condition, a credit to any fire department.

With the Gamewell Fire Alarm system, now contracted for and in course of construction, it is believed our Department will be in touch with all parts of the District, and able to do better work than in the past, where and whenever needed.

Our different Fire Companies, as they ask of our people, both summer visitors and permanent residents, contributions to meet their moderate expenses, should be encouraged.

There were three other fires, but not of much importance.



**The Gamewell Fire Alarm System.**—The Board of Fire Commissioners of our Fire District, including Ocean Grove and West Grove, have just concluded a contract with the Gamewell Fire Alarm Company through their representative, D. H. Bates, Esq.

The system consists of a fine toned 2,500 lb. bell in the tower of engine house corner of Heck and Whitfield avenues, this being central and quite near the larger number of the firemen.

Ten call boxes located through the District so as to be quickly reached in case of fire. There will be indicators in each Engine House, showing to the Firemen as they enter their different departments just where the fire is located.

The wires will be run on the poles of the Western Union Telegraph Co., the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., and on our Electric wire poles, yet not so as to interfere with our work, an agreement having been made to that effect between the officers of the Association and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

This system is obtained on very easy terms, arranged for by the Board of Fire Commissioners. The benefit thereof will be shown in many ways and will, no doubt, add to the efficiency of every Fire Company now, or that may be in existence hereafter. The work is to be completed by November 20th of the present year.

**Private Improvements.**—There have been, during the present year, many and important improvements in private cottages and places of business. At this writing many others are being projected. The most noticeable among the new structures is "The Majestic," at the south-west corner of Ocean Avenue and Ocean Pathway. It is first-class in all its appointments, and meets a long felt want. All improvements add to the attractiveness of our place, and business properly arranged and cared for will be remunerative. There are, at this date, upon our grounds, structures, consisting of cottages, stores, school houses, places of worship, offices, stables, etc., a grand total of 1,365, being an increase of 18 over last year.

**St. Paul's Church.**—This comparatively young and vigorous organization is steady in its work and Godly influence. In mem-

bership, 620, it stands, by a difference of only 46, second to the highest in the district, and is excelled by but few in the conference. Its benevolences are always up to assessments, and often in advance. In Epworth League activities, it leads the district with but five higher in the conference, and these all in the larger towns and cities.

We are thankful for all this prosperity, and ardently wish it still greater success. Rev. Milton Relyea, its efficient pastor, is in his third year of service, esteemed by all, and happy in his work.



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

West Grove, N. J.

Rev. J. Hoffman Batten, Pastor.

**Branch Banks.**—Three or four years ago, for the greater convenience of their patrons in Ocean Grove, the First National Bank of Asbury Park, and the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park Bank, both established branches in this town. The banking accommodations thus increased have been fully appreciated by our people, and we believe the interests of both named institutions have been conserved.

We are glad on both accounts. It is also an increased pleasure to learn that while the sentiment generally prevails of the continued financial depression in the business world, yet the deposits of these Branch Banks are largely in advance of previous years.

Increased bank deposits argue fuller tides in business channels, and a more hopeful outlook for the country at large. Success to both of these monied institutions in our midst.

**Post Office.**—George W. Evans, Esq., is still the efficient Post Master, and as the years go by, the business of our office becoming more thoroughly established, and upon more fully developed and complete business principles, whatever frictions may have existed in the earlier periods of our history, grow less, until they have almost, if not entirely, ceased.

Notwithstanding this, however, the year now closed has been one of considerable excitement, and no little feeling concerning our Post Office status. A few persons in Asbury Park (where we have many valued and highly appreciated friends) conceived the idea of consolidating the Ocean Grove Post Office with that of Asbury Park, and the two offices, so consolidated, to be located in the latter place. This effort was aided by the partisan press. Measures not commendable were employed on the aggressive side, and for a number of weeks the contest was strong. Meanwhile the highest official authority was invoked on our part, the situation fully explained by a committee of our citizens, the case impartially considered, and a decision in our favor reached. The result was general joy.

Not long after this, a further attempt was made in the same quarter, on the sanctity of our Christian Sabbath, by having the

U. S. mails delivered at our depot on this holy day. For a quarter of a century we had been exempt from such annoyance, and, unresisted, could not submit to it now. The railroad officials stood solidly by us; again, national interference was sought, and, as before, the national assurance given that no changes would be made. All were devoutly thankful. Both of these very desirable and very important results were brought about by persistent and unremitting vigilance. By corresponding efforts we aim to protect ourselves from future invasions of these kinds.

The business of the Office has been considerably in excess of any former year of its history. The payments to the government have been more than 60 per cent of the receipts after deducting all expenses allowed for its management.

In April the Postmaster inaugurated a private, free delivery service, which is still continued, and has been greatly appreciated both by our permanent residents as well as the summer visitors. Since the inauguration of this service to the present time, between 200,000 and 300,000 letters have been delivered besides a large amount of other class of mail matter.

**Telegraph.**—Business for the year, ending Nov. 1, 1895.

Messages sent,	-	-	-	-	-	8,043
Messages received over,	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
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Messages handled,	-	-	-	-	-	18,043

Mr. W. H. Hamilton, the courteous Assistant Post-Master and skillful manipulator of the wires, has been at his post all the year.

**Board of Health Report.**—OCEAN GROVE, N. J., November 13, 1895.—It is very gratifying to us to make the statement, that never before in the history of Ocean Grove, has its sanitary condition been excelled. We venture the declaration as being incontrovertible, that there is no place on the Atlantic coast that surpasses it in this respect, and that consequently it is the peer of the most healthy localities thereon. And yet, while this is so, there is



reason for continued interest and solicitude, that this condition be preserved, and, as far as possible, perfected. In order to do this every precaution should be exercised and every requirement met, to secure the highest scientific sanitation of our popular and much beloved Ocean Grove.

In this great and important work we must be a unit, and in concentrated effort go forward in sanitary progress. In this undertaking, we will have the co-operation of all who believe that disease is a physical, social and moral evil, and therefor worthy of all efforts for its prevention. This is possible. We have abundant helps at our command. In the present development of scientific sanitation, there is ample knowledge of the needed requisitions for public and private hygiene, which is so important and necessary to physical well-being. In our relation to the community, we endeavor to secure to the people the aid and benefit thereof, and thus, as far as possible, protect them against the dreadful consequences of the neglect and violation of proper sanitation. During the past summer, notwithstanding the great crowds of visitors, the health of the place was excellent; it is remarkably so now. We continue to make special efforts to secure connection of all premises with our water and sewer systems. During the past year up to October 1st, there have been: sewer connections, 29; water connections, 31; making a total of sewer connections, 1,100; water connections, 1,157.

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

H. B. ALDAY, M. D., Assistant Sanitary Officer.

**Police Department.**—This is always an arm of strength or weakness. Rightly managed, its force is far reaching and powerful, otherwise, an element of disintegration. Hence, a constant source of anxiety. We labor for the best results and have some success. Our Police Committee did good work, and continued, with more experience, can do better. There were fifty-three arrests. These were for a great variety of misdemeanors, including drunkenness, disorderly conduct, improper bathing suits, peddling, stealing, swearing, fighting, vagrancy, tramps, etc. There were,

too, as always, many complaints between hotel and boarding house-keepers, and their help. These require patience and wisdom to adjust. All these arrests and disagreements are, however, so conducted as to attract little or no attention, and the general public scarcely know of them.

There has been less sneak-thieving than usual. The highest number of police employed at one time, and that during the month of August, was twelve. We reach this maximum, by a gradual rise, from the annual normal minimum, four, as the multitudes increase, and then drop back, gradually, as people return to their homes, to the old original number. The characters that mostly make the police a necessity, are not our people, but as it was long centuries ago, "When the Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them." So, likely, it will be always, hence policemen are needed, and we ask our people, wherever it can be done, to help and not hinder them in their work.

Policemen are likewise often required by the best of people, for information, and the rendering of such aid, as the ever varying innocent conditions of human life may demand. This being true, their office will be respected by our best citizens, and due encouragement extended.

**Elim Cottage.**—The object of the managers of the Elim Association is to provide a boarding place at low rates for ministers, their families, students, and those whose vocation is that of Christian workers, who, but for this opportunity, could not avail themselves of an outing in the sea-invigorating atmosphere, because of the burdens they already carry, and their inability to meet the regular demands for entertainment at places like this.

To make this rest-home more attractive the Elim Association has during the past year painted the cottage, enlarged the dining-room, put a new porch and railing on the east side, and an awning to cover the second story, new roof on a portion of the building; brightened the parlor with a new carpet, purchased new crockery and cutlery, and bed and table linen.

There have been persons entertained, from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, North Dakota, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Central China and Damascus ; total, 267. These were denominationally, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Reformed Episcopal, Baptist, students, deaconesses and other Christian workers.

The financial statement in brief, is :

Total Receipts,	-	-	-	-	\$1,823 71
Total Expenses,	-	-	-	-	1,321 20
Balance,	-	-	-	-	\$ 502 51



Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Depot.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Station, Nov. 1, 1895.

REV. E. H. STOKES, D. D.,

*President Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n., Ocean Grove, N. J.*

MY DEAR SIR :

As I have no way of computing the number of passengers arriving and departing from this station for the months of June, July, August and September, 1895, I must respectfully refer you to the

Passenger Department of this Company. I have, however, prepared other statistics which, if they are of any service, you may use the same, they being obtained from authorized records.

“American Day,” August 15, 1895, was the largest day of the season, 136 trains, regular and extra, arrived at this station, from which, upon careful and conservative estimates, fully 35,000 people were discharged, and without accident. I would also add that with this multitude of people, there was not an arrest made, either from disorderly conduct or drunkenness.

During the months of June, July, August and September, there were 93,536 pieces of baggage received and forwarded from this station, without one piece of this large number being lost or gone astray.

There were over two hundred articles left in trains, and considered as lost, but were recovered and returned to their owners, the same consisting of canes, umbrellas, hats, gloves, eye-glasses, rubber shoes, seal skin sacks, overcoats, packages, bundles, grips, satchels, etc., etc. Also a number of pocket-books containing sums of money, ranging from \$2.00 to \$200.00, which fact speaks well for the service.

In my official capacity of Station Master and with Police authority, our station was almost totally free from ruffianism, lounging and loafing, profane and indecent language, and last, but not least, free from drunkenness. I made only three arrests for the latter during the whole season, which also speaks well for our twin cities by the sea.

In conclusion, let me add, that during the whole season, no accident occurred, though had it not been for constant and careful vigilance, we might have had to record several.

Trusting that the foregoing will be of some service to you, believe me,

Very truly yours,

E. R. TINDALL, Station Master.

N. Y. and I. B. R. R., Asbury Park, N. J.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from regular sources,	-	-	-	\$ 90,607	19
Received from sale of lots (applied by Trustees to payment of Bonds and Interest),	-	-	-	7,231	76
Received on Loans,	-	-	-	42,700	00
Total receipts,	-	-	-	\$140,538	95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements,	-	-	-	\$100,419	45
“ Police,	-	-	-	4,708	00
“ Salaries,	-	-	-	4,101	00
“ Wages,	-	-	-	15,833	05
Bonds Redeemed and Interest paid on Principal,	-	-	-	5,420	00
Overdraft, October 1, 1894,	-	-	-	5,273	39
Total payments,	-	-	-	\$135,754	89
Cash Balance October 1, 1895,	-	-	-	4,784	06
Total,	-	-	-	\$140,538	95

RESOURCES.

Inventory, (the several plants and salable lands not included),	-	-	-	\$145,000	00
Due on Book Accounts,	-	-	-	21,554	23
Due on Lots sold,	-	-	-	9,435	32
Total,	-	-	-	\$175,989	55

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities,	-	-	-	\$152,579	45
Assets over Liabilities,	-	-	-	23,410	10
Total,	-	-	-	\$175,989	55

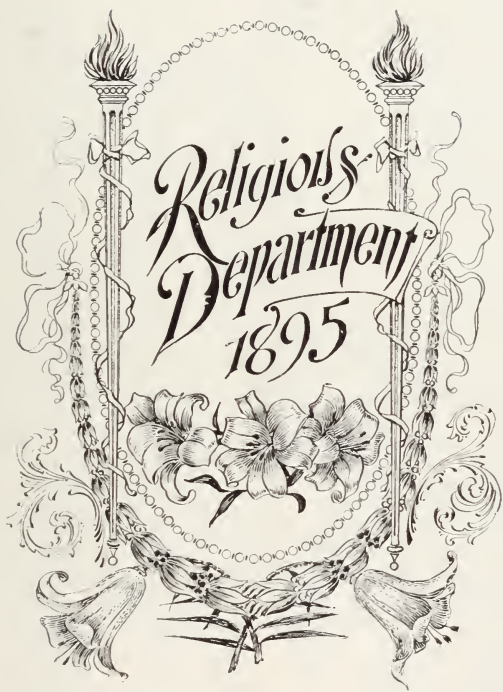
All these secularities are submitted for careful consideration. But for the large expenditures at the electric light station, the showing would have been better. I am thankful, however, it is no worse. I close this part of my annual report with expressions of gratitude to all helpers. There has been much patient toil and faithful performance of duty. I greatly regret the accident to our long tried and trusted friend, Captain John J. Smith. He has our sympathies, and all are glad of his prospective recovery.



YOUTH AND YEARS.

An Autumnal Outing By the Sea, September, 1895.

Youth flushed with beauty, age fading with years,  
All beauty below, all beauty above ;  
Youth with smiles unwreathed, age smiling through tears,  
Each always happy in each other's love.







# THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.



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**MRS. SARAH LANGFORD PALMER,**

Originator of the New York Tuesday Meetings for Holiness, and for Twenty-four Years Leader of the Holiness Meeting at Ocean Grove.

Eighty-nine ! the lengthening shadows  
 Show the close of day ;  
 Eighty-nine ! still nearing heaven,  
 Shadows pass away.

We have thus passed through the Temple of our material work. It is vast, and it is expensive ! So vast, indeed, and so expensive, that but for the greatness of the ends to be secured, we should have faltered long ago. But, as we have remembered that the redemp-

tion of the world was great and costly, involving, as it did, the death of the only begotten Son of God, we have taken new courage, growing stronger as the years go by.

All material things, when properly understood and used, are as really the servants of God to do his will and work, as are things directly religious and spiritual. Body and soul while occupants of this world must go together. This reconciles us to the expensiveness of the town, for town and temple are both necessary to carry on the work of God in the salvation of men. All human enterprises are parts of the machinery by which divine achievements are wrought. Toil and treasure are equally required in both.

We often, as Christian men and women, say: "We are workers together with God." As well might human and divine enterprises say, "We, too, are workers together with Him." In this life, the human and divine are inseparable. Hence, we endure the toil of city building by the sea, in order to secure the higher results—Salvation by the sea. If there was no salvation, we should not care for the city; but having the city, we shall, if properly used, have salvation, just as much as having all the appliances for electric light; with dynamos and power at one end, we shall have light at the other. So God will work with us, if we will work with Him. With this view, we joy in our dual work at this place, to which we believe we have been divinely called, and in which, for the last twenty-six years, we have been so constantly employed. The religious ends are our high inspirations in all our material toils.

We should greatly rejoice, did space allow, to give you in detail an account of our religious work for this year. This, however, cannot be done. The best that we can do, will be but partial, and even that superficial.

#### THE SUMMER PROGRAMME, 1895.

1. AUDITORIUM OPENING, Sabbath, June 30. Holiness Meeting, Rev. J. R. Daniels, in Tabernacle, 9 A. M., daily. Young People's Meeting in Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader, 9 A. M., every morning through the season. Opening sermon by Rev. H. A. Buttz, D. D., President Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., 10.30 A. M. Summer Sabbath

- school and Dr. Hanlon's Bible-class, 2.30 P. M., every Sabbath of the season. Sermon, 7.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman.
2. 119th NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, July 4.—Oration by Rev. W. H. Lawrence, D. D., Sea Cliff, N. Y., 10.30 A. M.; patriotic music, Declaration of Independence, etc.
  3. W. C. T. U. of N. J., Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7.—Mrs. Emma Bourne, presiding.
  4. OCEAN GROVE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis, conductor, Tuesday, July 9, to Friday, July 19, inclusive.—Stereopticon views, lectures, concerts, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. O. Wilson, D. D., Brooklyn. Lecture, "March of Civilization," Thursday, July 18, 7.30 P. M., Bishop John P. Newman. Friday, July 19, 11 A. M., commencement oration, Bishop John P. Newman, D. D., LL. D. (Send for detailed programme which is now printed).
  5. CHRISTIAN ARBITRATION AND PEACE SOCIETY, Saturday, July 20.
  6. SABBATH OBSERVANCE DAY, Monday, July 22.
  7. KING'S DAUGHTERS' DAY, Tuesday, July 23.—Mrs. Margaret Bottome.
  8. EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY DAY, Wednesday, July 24.
  9. NATIONAL DEACONESS CONVENTION, Thornley Chapel, Thursday, July 25.
  10. WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27.—Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, presiding.
  11. TWENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF OCEAN GROVE'S COMMENCEMENT.—Sunday, July 28, Young People's Day. Monday, July 29, Anniversary continued—illustrated service by Rev. C. H. Yatman, 10.30 A. M. Ocean Grove Memorial, 3 P. M. Silent Service, 7.30.—Tuesday, July 30, Anniversary continued. Wednesday, July 31, Anniversary continued—outdoor service at Thomson Park, 6.30 P. M., and a closing address, Auditorium, 7.30 P. M., Dr. M. Hulburd.
  12. NATIONAL TEMPERANCE DAYS.—Lectures by Mrs. Emily L. McLaughlin, Cambridge, Mass.; Col. George W. Bain, Rev. C. H. Mead, James C. Ambrose, the Western Temperance Cyclone. Concert by Silver Lake Quartette, Friday evening, Aug. 2. J. N. Stearns memorial service, Saturday, Aug. 3, 10.30 A. M. New Jersey Anti-Liquor League, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 10.30 A. M.
  13. SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Rev. J. Embury Price, D. D., Dean, Wednesday, Aug. 7, to Friday, Aug. 16, inclusive.—Morning and afternoon sessions, taken up by classes.—Thornley Chapel, Tabernacle and Young People's Temple.
  14. AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH JUBILEE, Friday, Aug. 9, 11 A. M., and 2.30 P. M., Auditorium.
  15. WOMEN'S ENCOURAGEMENT MEETINGS, Monday, Aug. 12, to Wednesday, Aug. 14, inclusive, morning and afternoon. Mrs. Dr. H. Wheeler, and Mrs. Belle N. Chandler.

16. PENNINGTON SEMINARY.—Dr. Hanlon's twenty-fifth Presidential anniversary, Thursday, Aug. 15, 3, and 7.30 P. M.; addresses, music, presentations, etc.
17. WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Saturday and Sabbath, Aug. 17 and 18.—Missionary sermon, Sabbath, Aug. 18, 10.30 A. M., by Miss Mary A. Danforth, of Japan.
18. ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING, Monday, Aug. 19 to Thursday, Aug. 29, inclusive.—Opening sermon, Tuesday morning, Aug. 20, at 10.30 A. M., by Bishop E. G. Andrews, of New York. The Sabbath camp-meeting services, Aug. 25, will (D. V.) be as follows: Love-feast, 8.45 A. M., Auditorium. Sermon, 10.30 A. M., by Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, Buffalo. Sermon, 3 P. M., by Rev. Russell H. Conwell, of Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia. Sermon, 7.30 P. M., by Dr. T. DeWitt Talman, of Brooklyn.

These clergymen will be preceded and followed during the camp-meeting by distinguished ministers from various parts of the land. Let the whole Church pray for a pentecostal baptism on all of the services. Prof. Sweney will conduct the singing during the entire season. Surf meetings every Sabbath evening at foot of Ocean Pathway, when weather permits. Twilight meetings during camp-meeting will be held in Temple.

E. H. STOKES, *President*.

**Auditorium Opening.**—This was June 30th, 1895. The day, misty and damp, was a little disappointing, yet so many other things combined to make it pleasant that all were glad. At precisely nine o'clock the bell tapped one, and the services commenced.

The Holiness meeting in the Tabernacle, Rev. J. R. Daniels in charge, was well attended. Mrs. Dr. Palmer read the Scriptures with freshness, fervency and interest, applying the Word to all hearts with her usual force.

These meetings continued all through the summer, 71 sessions in all, with a constant daily increase of numbers, a daily increase of spiritual unction, and enlarged religious benefits to all. The final results were also in advance of the years gone by.

This should always be the case as there are more to work, more to be benefitted, and better facilities for carrying on the work.

**Young People's Meetings.**—Rev. C. H. Yatman, just from the Pacific coast, Canada and elsewhere, was on hand at the opening moment, and greeted by a large and interested audience.



After having led the Young People's Meetings here for twelve years or more and immediately succeeding a long and hard winter's work, to take up at once another series of services running through a period of 71 days, at a place where for more than a decade, his face, voice and general methods have been so familiar, and yet be sufficiently fresh, new, and attractive as to hold his audiences from year to year, is no easy task. Yet the leader of this meeting does this all the time.

The ability to hold together for religious worship, one morning hour daily, for ten successive weeks, from twelve hundred to two thousand young people, and so move and mould this heterogeneous mass as to bring out of it 500 converts, 350 reclaimed backsliders, and the spiritual uplift of 2,000 others, must be of God. Yet such are the results reported by the Young People's Committee for the summer of 1895. To God be all the glory.

**Opening Sermon.**—10.30 A. M., June 30, 1895. There was a large audience. Prof. Sweney and his summer choir were in their places. The music was inspiring and the prayer uplifting.

The preacher, Rev. H. A. Buttz, D D., of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., preached a very practical and profitable sermon from the words: "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and I will write it in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."—*Jer. xxx. 38.*

The whole discourse, which was strong in intellectual grip, fresh in presentation, and unctious in delivery, concluded thus:

"All those born into Christ's kingdom, live His life. Some say there are no good people on the earth. This is a mistake. There are saints whom God delights to honor. How great and glorious is this promise. 'The covenant shall be with thee.' I follow the course of events down from the early prophets to the Messiah, and on through the ages to come. See the great army of the saved! The army of God shall conquer the world. To do this



Rev. H. A. BUTTZ, D. D.  
President Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

work is the mission of the Church ; not to make scholars nor philosophers, although it can do this, but to make true people of God—the progenitors who shall fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of His name. God grant that here in this Auditorium may be declared the truth as it is in Jesus. May believing souls be sanctified and sinners led to repentance. Brethren, a time of religious awakening is coming soon to shake the world. Welcome all honest attacks upon truth. Every investigation into the problems of theology shall only be helpful in bringing forth the time of the reign of Christ and that reign shall be forever.”

**The Summer Sabbath School.**—The reunion, including the St. Paul’s Church Sabbath School ; the primary, intermediate, and Dr. Hanlon’s Bible Class, composed of summer visitors, was held in the afternoon of opening day at 2.30 o’clock. A beautiful scene

was presented. St. Paul's Sunday School, marshalled by Rev. M. Relyea, pastor, and Superintendent Guerin, and the teachers, marched into the Auditorium for summer organization. Rev. G. W. Evans, the General Superintendent, had a nicely arranged programme, and conducted a very interesting service. Rev. M. Relyea, Dr. Hanlon, Prof. Schadt, Assistant Superintendent and the President, gave addresses. D. D. Peak, Secretary; Mr. Denning, Chorister; S. Nittinger, Pianist; Misses L. C., and F. A. Nittinger, organists; Mrs. T. Summers and Mrs. W. H. Skirm, Superintendents Primary Department. The opening services, with 1,900 present, were a high success.

There were ten sessions in all, with a total attendance of 29,022, the highest on any one day (Camp-meeting Sabbath) being 5,457. The Chinese School, in charge of Mrs. Wilson, held eight sessions, with an average attendance of ten.

There can be no possible computation of the spiritual results of these vast gatherings. It is a seed sowing period. "The harvest is the end of the world."

Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class is *unique*. Its like is not. Often criticised, yet the critics come again, and if not convinced of the leader's views, get grains of living truth, as they fall, thick almost as manna in the wilderness, which, under the influences of the Holy Spirit, may germinate, take root, and bring forth fruit an hundred fold, in this world, and in that to come, Eternal Life. From the beginning, the divine blessing has been on this work which we most devoutly pray may continue on class and leader to the end.

**Beach Meeting Services.**—These are usually held on the Ocean front at the foot of Ocean Pathway. Several times during the past summer, however, this was difficult, owing to the sea-wash, narrowness of the beach, and frequently very high tides.

The evening of the opening day was wet, and the Beach Meeting Service was held in the Auditorium. It was an occasion of much interest. Rev. Isaac Naylor offered prayer. Rev. G. W. Browning, Dr. Hanlon, Prof. Schadt, and Col. James S. Yard, gave addresses.

These were all touching, tender, earnest, patriotic and convincing. Good was done.

Sometimes, some have thought these meetings unnecessary. But, we are to sow beside all waters, in season, out of season, not knowing which shall prosper. The Beach Meetings come at a time when nothing else is going on. But for these, the time would be largely spent to little profit. These services arrest attention, and give to the mind not only a religious trend, but leave lasting impressions. Ten of these meetings were held and God was in them all.

**Evening Service.**—Rev. C. H. Yatman, preached. It was a direct soul-searching appeal to the unsaved, for an immediate and unconditional surrender of the whole heart to God, rather than a systematic homily on creed and doctrine, and every appeal was effective. A profound seriousness fell on the multitude present. Several were awakened, sought and found the Saviour in the pardon of their sins.

The first Sabbath of the season closed with the smile of God; souls were saved and all the people glad for such great results.

**Fourth of July, 1895.**—This opened with the following programme: Ringing of bells, and firing of cannon at sunrise. Holiness Meeting in Tabernacle, and Young Peoples' Meeting at 9 A. M. Services in Auditorium at 10.30 A. M. "My Country, 'tis of Thee,"—Choir and audience. Prayer—Rev. W. H. Wardell, Ocean Grove, N. J. "To Thee, O Country"—Choir. Declaration of Independence—Rev. J. R. Daniels. "Anthem of Liberty." Solo by Miss Grace Hoffman; Chorus by Choir. Recitation—"Liberty Bell"—Miss Florence Demorest, Newark, N. J. "Hail the Merry, Merry Stripes and Stars"—Male Chorus. Oration—Rev. W. H. Lawrence, D. D., Sea Cliff, N. Y. "Hail Columbia." Closing with "Marching Through Georgia." Solo—Prof. J. R. Sweney, and Chorus by Choir and audience.

Benediction by Rev. George Hughes, Orange, N. J. Musical Director—Mrs. George M. Bennett, aided by Prof. Sweney and a large and well-trained choir.



This whole programme was carried out to the letter. To say that all did well, would be but small praise; to add that all excelled would be nearer true. The singing had the ring of the lark in its first morning circuit through the skies. The prayer, devout, earnest, patriotic, hopeful,—the reading of the Declaration of Independence full of inspiration; and the oration, on the "Hand of God in American History," struck the patriotic sentiment of the audience, which several times thundered its applause, and gave its heartiest congratulations at its close. The day was well spent, and at the proper time, the people, without riot, drunken debauchery, or disturbance of any kind, with the smile of God and the blessing of heaven, retired to rest.

**Women's Christian Temperance Union. N. J.**—July 5-6.—This excellent organization, with Mrs. Emma Bourne, presiding, had a well arranged, thorough, very interesting and strong programme. With a single exception, perhaps, and that caused by family affliction, it was faithfully carried out. The noble women composing this union, are devout, intelligent, and intensely in earnest. I know of no other temperance organization half so wide spread, enthusiastic, or useful. If I am wrong in this, I shall be glad to be set right, and will make corrections in my next report.

What should we do, in this great work without these intelligent, God-fearing women. Shame, that while they are doing more than men on these great questions, that men should vote down one half they do. Never mind, sisters, go on:

God's delays seem long to men,  
Seeming long to Him is brief;  
Help is nearest, often, when,  
Farthest from us seems relief.

**Ocean Grove Sunday-School Assembly.**—July 9-19.—It never had a better programme, and never more successfully carried out. Dr. and Mrs. Loomis, Prof. Clymer, Mr. George W. Brown, Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Sweny, were all on time, and in place. The organization was completed on Tuesday afternoon, and on Tuesday night, Dr. J. S. J. McConnell, of Philadelphia, gave a very finely illus-

trated Stereopticon Lecture on Japan, to a large and delighted audience. The three stereopticon exhibitions by Meneeley and Crump, were also fine, while the single one by Dr. Loomis, on the "Story of Jesus," with stereopticon illustrations, of pictures from the life, and explanations wholly in the words of Jesus, was not only unique, but exceedingly beautiful, and greatly interested the entire audience both old and young. The lecture on Billy Bray, the King's Son, by Rev. A. Swift of the New Jersey Conference, was also highly enjoyed.

The Baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath morning, and the lecture of Rev. J. O. Wilson, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday evening, subject: "Yosemite, the Most Beautiful Thought of God," were both peerless in their line.

Rev. Dr. Manly S. Hard, Assistant Secretary Church Extension Society, whose style was textual, perspicuous, pathetic and impressive, preached grandly on Sabbath evening. "The March of Civilization," and the Commencement Oration, both by Bishop John P. Newman, were equal, if not in some respects beyond his best.

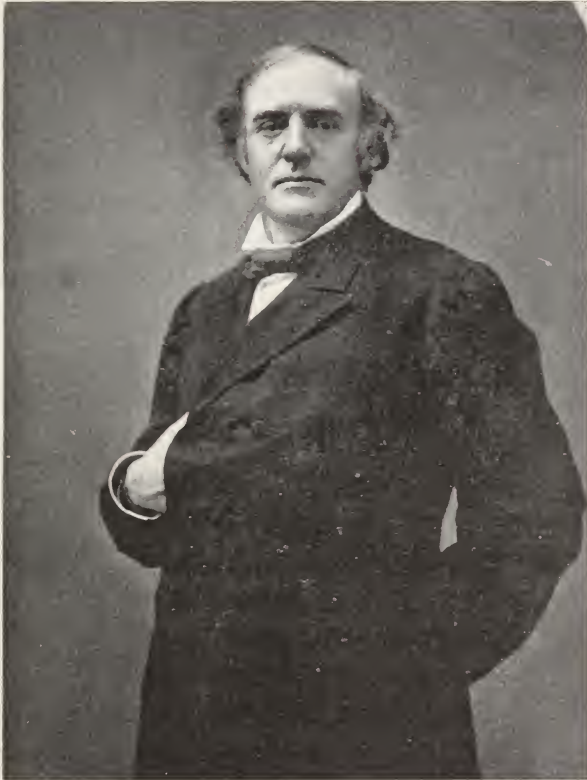
Prof. Schadt, of Philadelphia, gave a most instructive lecture on the "Extremes in the Empire of the Czar of Russia." The Concert by Prof. John R. Sweney and choir, was a grand success. The organ recital by Prof. W. S. Johnson, of New York, in connection with the grand violin performances of Sig. G. Vitali, which took place on Wednesday evening, July 17th, was an occasion of much interest. The organ was heard for the first time, and its tones, under the masterly control of Prof. Johnson, were a high inspiration to all.

The following correspondence was received, which gives the organ's history, and the manner of its coming to us.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1895.

*To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Trustees of Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church, at their meeting last evening,



BISHOP JOHN P. NEWMAN, Omaha.

passed a resolution donating the grand organ of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church to your Association, and instructed the secretary to write a letter apprising you of their action. As you are aware, the Asbury and Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Churches of this city, a short time ago, consolidated under the name of the "Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church," and are now worshipping in the building of the Washington Square Church.

Our people of the consolidated church take great pleasure in showing, in this way, our fraternal feeling toward your Association,

and our appreciation of the great work under God, in which you are engaged.

Fraternally yours,

DAMON H. McCLAIN,

*Sec'y Board of Trustees.*

This was received with rounds of applause, which broke out again and again when Messrs. McClain and Morrison, representatives of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Square Church, were introduced, and standing, the whole audience gave, with much enthusiasm, the Chautauqua salute.

To the above letter a reply was read as follows :

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 15, 1895.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City :*

DEAR BRETHREN :—We are this day in receipt of a letter, through your honored secretary, Mr. Damon H. McClain, apprising us officially of the action of your body on the third day of June last, donating to the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the grand organ, which by the recent consolidation of the Asbury M. E. Church with your own, had come into your possession ; at the same time expressing the pleasure of the people of the united churches, that they could in this way make known their fraternal feelings towards us, and also, the high appreciation they had of the great work, which under God we are striving to promote.

We gladly accept your most generous gift.

We need hardly say that we are at a loss for words to express the unselfish nobility of your vast benevolence.

Commencing this work as we did, more than twenty-five years ago, with a capital of only \$650, with public opinion, the world, and to a large extent the church against us, we have often felt the need of encouragement and help. In the darkest and most trying periods of our history, however, such encouragement has never failed us, and your magnificent gift, the last of special significance



which has come to us, being a new and unexpected revelation of your churchly sympathy and confidence, enthuses each member of our body and nerves us with inspiration whatever counter influence may come, for higher achievements still. We tender to you all, brothers and sisters of the consolidated Methodist Episcopal Church, of Washington Square, New York city, our profoundest thanks for this manifestation of your interest in our work, and believing as we do, that you have taken a great stride in the direction of Christian unity which will not only glorify God in this immediate locality, but touch and enthuse hearts to the remotest corners of the earth, and bring joy not only to your own souls to life's latest hour, but will call benedictions upon you and your church, and when we join the immortal choirs above, the bliss of all will be more perfect for these earthly benefactions.

Again, from our hearts, we thank you, imploring heaven's richest benediction for this truly Christian act, assuring you that it will be our grateful and pleasing service to ask God's continued blessing upon your people collectively and upon yourselves individually as office bearers therein.

On behalf of all the members of our Association and the general public, I am, very truly and affectionately yours,

E. H. STOKES,

President Ocean Grove C. M. Association.

This, on motion of Rev. J. R. Daniels and Dr. Hanlon, was adopted as the sense of the entire audience of about 8,500 people, with increased applause.

After the enthusiasm had somewhat subsided, the President stated that while the organ was a present from our kind friends in New York city, yet the expense of taking down, transportation, fitting up, including changes and repairing, amounted to \$1,300. To meet this sum, the Association was not in funds without infringement upon other needs. Would the audience help us? There was a generous response to this appeal, and with what was contributed then and afterward, the whole amount was met. Many thanks.

Although multitudes listen to organ music, how very few know or consider the almost infinite care required in the building of such a piece of mechanism, which is well called the "King of Instruments."

Its beautified exterior gives a false impression of its interior, which is naught else than a conglomeration of innumerable intricate parts of all denominations of workmanship.

The following is a detailed statement of the interior of the instrument :

Compass of Great Organ, C C to G 56 notes ; compass of Swell Organ, C C to G 56 notes ; compass of Choir Organ, C C to G 56 notes ; compass of Pedal Organ, C C C to C 25 notes.

GREAT ORGAN.—1, 8 feet Open Diapason, C C to G, 56 pipes ; 2, 8 feet Stop Diapason, C C to G, 56 pipes ; 3, 4 feet Principal, C C to G, 56 pipes ; 4, 3 feet 12th, 56 pipes ; 5, 2 feet 15th, 56 pipes ; 6, Sesqualtre, 112 pipes. Sesqualtrea, 56 pipes ; 7, Trumpet.

SWELL ORGAN.—8, 16 feet Bourdon, C to G, 44 pipes ; 9, 8 feet Open Diapason, C to G, 44 pipes ; 10, 8 feet Dulciana, C to G, 44 pipes ; 11, Stop Diapason, Bass, Stop Diapason, Treble, C C to G, 56 pipes ; 13, Cornet, 3 ranks, 168 pipes ; 14, 4 feet Clarion, 44 pipes ; 15, 8 feet Trumpet, 44 pipes.

CHOIR ORGAN.—16, 8 feet Dulciana, 56 pipes ; 17, 8 feet Stop Diapason, 56 pipes ; 18, 4 feet Principal, 56 pipes ; 19, 4 feet Flute, 56 pipes ; 20, 8 feet Cremona, 44 pipes.

PEDAL ORGAN.—21, 16 feet open Diapason, 25 pipes ; 22, 16 feet Double Stop Diapason, 25 pipes.

COUPLERS.—23, Swell Manual to Great ; 24, Choir Manual to Great ; 25, Swell Manual to Choir ; 26, Great Manual to Pedal ; 27, Swell Manual to Pedal ; 28, Choir Manual to Pedal ; 29, Bellows.

Three Manuals. Two Pedals.

The evening following the organ recital, Prof. Sweney's choir, carried out a long cherished desire of presenting to their honored leader a testimonial of their esteem, which was in the form of a beautiful upholstered arm chair. They asked the president to make a brief address, which he did. Mrs. J. R. Sweeney was also complimented in like manner. The occasion was greatly enjoyed.

The Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly closed on Friday, July 19th, with the usual march, music, flower girls, oration, distribution of diplomas, prizes, reception at the Arlington in the evening, and fireworks on the beach.

**Christian Arbitration and Peace Society.**—Saturday, July 20th. The high and Godly aims of this important organization are such as to commend it to the most favorable consideration of every patriotic and Christian heart. The intelligent gentlemen who have it in charge, and the cooperation of the distinguished Christian statesmen and ministers whom they are enabled to enlist in their interests, are a high endorsement of its value.

Rev. Bishop J. P. Newman, Rev. D. Upham, Bishop Coleman, Protestant Episcopal Church, Dr. Lawson, Rev. S. W. Pugh, Rev. H. S. Clubb, Rev. A. T. DeLeasey, Geo. May Powell, Rev. Sidi H. Brown, Columbia, S. C., and H. L. Hastings, the anti-infidel and peace lecturer of Boston, Mass., participated this year. It was a meeting of much interest.



Rev. JESSE L. HURLBUT, D. D.

Rev. Jesse L. Hurlbut, D. D., Cor. Sec. S. S. Union, Methodist Episcopal Church, preached Sabbath A. M., July 21st, 1895 ; text, I. Chorn. xii. 32. At night, Bishop Taylor ; text, Ezek. xxxiii. 1.

**Sabbath Observance Day.**—Monday, July 22. The Sabbath should never be forgotten. It is regretful, however, that there has always and everywhere been a trend in this direction. So much so, that in the beginning God, Himself, the Great Lawgiver, had to call special attention to it in that strong old word, "REMEMBER !" Still, we forget, and its continual violation is all too prevalent. From the foundation of this place we have tried to observe the Sabbath, oftentimes against an opposing pressure ; still we have persevered, and for twenty-six years there has been neither hoof or wheel, for pleasure or profit, seen upon our streets or avenues on the Sabbath day.

Special meetings are held every year upon our grounds to awaken a more general interest in its observance. This year, on the above date, the Women's Branch of the American Sabbath Union, held a meeting in the Y. P. Temple, at 10.30 A. M., with Mrs. Rev. J. H. Knowles presiding. It did good, and we wish it great success. In the evening, Rev. J. H. Knowles, D. D., Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, held a service in the Auditorium, aided by Rev. Dr. F. C. Iglehart, N. Y., Rev. W. C. Steel, D. D., Judge W. Washburn and Rev. Dr. T. A. Fernley, Secretary of Philadelphia Sabbath Association. These services are always interesting. They should, and we trust will receive more attention.

**King's Daughters' Day.**—Tuesday, July 23rd. For seven seasons, the New Jersey Branch of that beautiful order known as the King's Daughters, has met "In His Name," at Ocean Grove. Young, earnest, intelligent and devout, they are always welcome. Indeed, their coming is a kind of golden or ruby day in our history, looked forward to with special joy.

The absence of Mrs. Bottome was regretful, as it is always, but her able representatives, Mrs. Isabella C. Davis and her daughter ; Mrs. Hannah Cairns, of Jersey City ; Mrs. Mary Fisk Parks,



Mrs. Belle Chandler, Misses Alice M. Guernsey, Elsie M. Green, May Wood, Belle J. H. Daws, Belle Ray, C. E. Wilson and others, all did well. May these cheerful bearers of the "Silver Cross," all be wearers of the golden crown at last.

**Epworth League Day.**—Wednesday, July 24th. This young and useful Christian organization met as above, Rev. H. J. Zellely presiding. They had a good programme, consisting of good music, good subjects to be discussed and good speakers who discussed them well. Rev. H. J. Zellely, Rev. Dr. M. Hulburt; Rev. Charles M. Roads, Dr. Hanlon, Rev. Dr. Geo. Elliott, with Rev. S. C. Chattin, Rev. Frank Moore, Rev. W. R. Widderspoon, and Presiding Elder Strickland, participated in the services.

The Epworth League has had a rapid growth, and develops well. A vast and most important field unfolds to their sanctified ambitions. May they so cultivate that it shall bring forth fruit to their honor and the glory of God.

**National Deaconess' Convention.**—Thornley Chapel, July 26th. —Members of this new order were present from various states. Forty delegates responded to their names. Superintendents and their duties, Deaconesses and their duties were discussed. Dr. A. H. Ames, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Miss E. A. Smith, Miss M. B. Wells, Miss I. E. Miner, Miss P. Foster, Miss J. Townsend, Miss Byers, Dr. W. W. Clark, Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. Judge Burriss, Mrs. Bishop Fowler, Mrs. Frank Arter, Mrs. Dr. Rust, Mrs. C. B. Dickinson, made addresses.

Among many other things it was suggested that every sister wear prominently the silver initials F. J. S.—"For Jesus Sake." A large amount of business was transacted, and it was regarded as an important and profitable meeting.

**Women's Home Missionary Society.**—July 26–27. This somewhat new and ever-growing society, always brings a new, varied and interesting programme, which they carry out with fresh enthusiasm every year. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk is the National President, and the work of the Society covers the continent, but the more urgent

calls upon its benevolent activities come from the South and West. All points are duly considered, and ways and means fully discussed, by intelligent and enthusiastic men and women, who in all respects are fully equal to their work. It would be a joy to mention the names of speakers, themes discussed, and conclusions reached by all the labors crowded into these two eventful days, but, the programme being so extended that this is impossible, we can only wish these earnest and devoted women, God speed, in all their Christ-like toils.

**Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of Ocean Grove's Commencement.**

Sunday, July 28, Young People's Day. Monday, July 29, Anniversary continued—illustrated service by Rev. C. H. Yatman, 10.30 A. M. Ocean Grove Memorial, 3 P. M. Silent Service, 7.30 P. M.—Tuesday, July 30, Anniversary continued. Wednesday, July 31, Anniversary continued—outdoor service at Thomson Park, 6.30 P. M., and a closing address, Auditorium, 7.30 P. M.

The Sabbath was an ideal day. From the first of its dawning light, about 4 P. M., and during the bird song services in the groves around the new Auditorium, until evening shades appeared, it was a day of days.

After the opening services at the Auditorium, which were of very great interest, and as it was Young People's Day, Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader of the Young People's Meeting, before the morning offering, presented the following report of the work in his department, which is here given in full :

*Report of the Ocean Grove Young People's Meetings at the Anniversary Exercises, Sunday, July 28, 1895.*

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—This is the thirteenth year of the present leadership of the Young People's meetings at Ocean Grove. We have under the blessings of a good God, grown from a little place, which when crowded held two hundred and fifty, to the large Temple, which seats fifteen hundred, and often when the season is at its height, five hundred more are listeners on the outside. To secure this large attendance of young people (who are on their vacations seeking rest and recreation) not only on Sun-

days, but every week day, and this, year after year, is a victory for Christ and Christianity, which should call forth praises unto the Most High God, and arrest the attention of learned and thoughtful men who study religious phenomena. It is a sight seen nowhere else in the world, and is as glorious as it is great. To the parents and friends of the young people here present, and to the young people themselves we desire to say, the methods used have been simply Christ-like Christianity, and the results obtained are Salvation for thousands; Christian character advanced; Christian joy promulgated; Bible study increased; Christian workers sent forth; old folks made young in spirit, and the blessing of heaven poured continually upon us.

We present you no statistics; the work is wider than figures. We give you no illustrations, they may be had any morning in the Temple. We make no boast, having humbled ourselves, God has exalted us. We seek only to do the will of God, and believe that to be a continuance of these meetings upon the lines of the past, only praying that greater success may be ours, that greater good may be done unto more, and greater glory be unto God.

It is with supreme delight that I announce to you that at the close of this summer work, under God, I hope to have my dreams by day, and my dreams by night realized, in preaching the Gospel around the world. It was here by the side of the sea the inspiration for the world-wide work came, and it is from here I go to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth, hoping, if God wills, to return from New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, in time to lead the meetings again next year. We ask your sympathy and prayers upon our work.

C. H. YATMAN, *Leader.*

After the reading, the congregation was asked to express its gratitude in the liberality of its offering, and a good collection followed. Then came the morning sermon, by Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, of Chicago, Ill. Being Young People's Day, the good Bishop before opening his sermon, spoke beautifully encouraging words to



BISHOP S. M. MERRILL.

this interesting class of his hearers, and then announced his text :  
“ As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the  
Sons of God.” John 1, 12.

The sermon, listened to, with great attention, by a vast congregation, was clear, scriptural, thoughtful, practical, profound, convincing, and so thoroughly orthodox, to all evangelical Christians, and a great spiritual uplift to those who aspired after God.

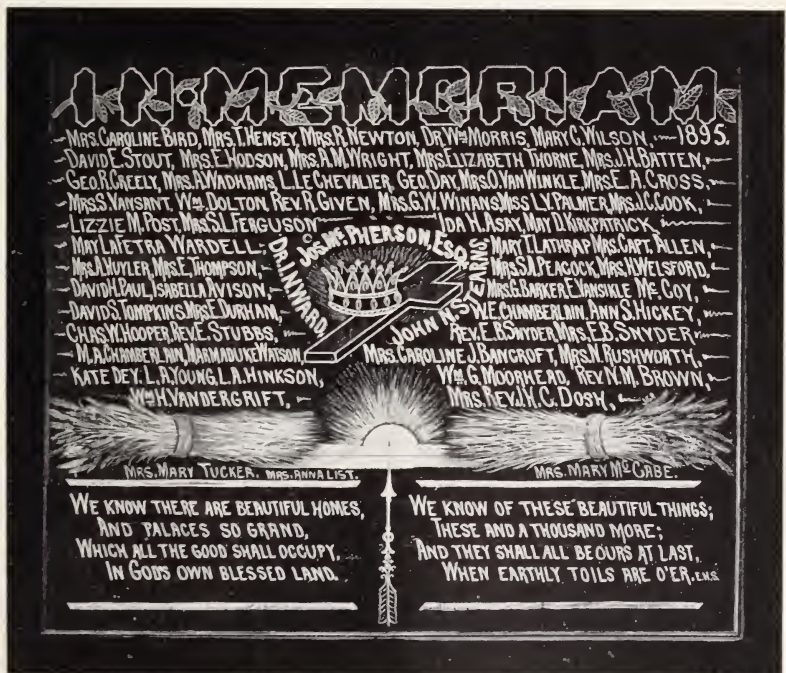
Rev. Dr. George Elliott, pastor of the Spring Garden St. Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, was the original appointee for the morning service, but Bishop Merrill, one of the chief pastors of the Church, having arrived, he gracefully yielded his place to him, and took the evening hour instead. His text, at 7.30 P. M., was, “For all things are yours ; whether Paul, or Appolis, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come ; all are



yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." "The Law of Spiritual Possessorship," was the appropriate theme, which was discussed tensely, and with such eloquent earnestness, that all hearts were touched and many wept for joy. The altar service which followed, was full of interest, and many were saved. Thus ended the Anniversary Sabbath, during the whole of whose sacred hours, devoutly intelligent people, from daylight, until the last benediction at about 10 P. M., were in some kind of religious services.

On Monday morning, Mr. Yatman, gave his illustrated candle sermon in the Temple; where hundreds could not get standing room, yet all were interested.

**Ocean Grove Memorial Services.**—July 29, 3 P. M.—At the very commencement, with the great tablet containing the names of



those who had entered into life, prepared by General Patterson, before our eyes, there was at once felt the increasing waves of a deep spiritual baptism, and the place seemed the vestibule of heaven.

Many touching tributes were paid in memory of the beautifully transparent lives of friends who are now with God, until the people wept in holy gladness, that their beloved were beyond the reach of pain and sorrow ;—“ With God Eternally Shut in.”

Monday evening, July 29, was occupied by Mr. Yatman in a further young people's service, in the Temple, and Tuesday evening, the 30th, by Rev. A. Swift, of New Jersey, with an interesting and profitable lecture, on Billy Bray, the King's Son.

Wednesday, July 31st, was the anniversary proper. There was an out-door service, at the Memorial Vase, in Thompson Park, near the south end of the lower Bridge, across Wesley Lake. A large company of the old and new friends of Ocean Grove, gathered at 6.30 P. M., to listen to the oft repeated story of our humble origin twenty-six years ago. The tides of enthusiasm rose high as narrative, songs, prayers and testimonials rolled in rapid succession. Congratulatory words were spoken by friends from far and near, while the shades of evening seemed to be in holy sympathy with all that was said and done. But the hour is up, the procession formed, and the lines moved on towards the Auditorium, the singers in the lead, while down to the rear the lofty strains of “ Marching to Zion,” could be distinctly heard by all. As the crowd reached the open doors of the Auditorium, the organist sprang to her place, pulled out the stops of the great instrument and in full blast joined in the familiar strains, while the congregation already assembled, arose, and with exultant voices joined in the general joy. Rev. Merritt Hulburd, D. D., the pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., was the orator of the evening. From the first syllable to the last it was a continual flow of appropriate eloquence, on the

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How we wish we had room to place every word of it in this annual

report. But we have not. There are some passages, however, which must be quoted. After passing personal compliments of such a high order that modesty prevents their insertion and some remarks on our primitive conditions, he continued :

“ If what I have said leads you to pity the pioneers of this place for the rude and apparently uncomfortable conditions of the time, you may save your sympathy ; for no grander, greater or happier men and women than here preached, prayed and shouted, ‘ till the woods heard and the sea, ’ never gathered together or hallowed any spot. Healthily holy, they toiled earnestly, and with the happy abandon of childhood buffeted yonder sea, sporting with its great breakers, and gathering strength for labor as they sturdily wrestled with its giant waves. No weaklings nor ascetics were these, but men and women of brawn and brain who loved God and knew how to enjoy Him and all the things which he had made. They were, to be sure, seeking a city that was out of sight, but that did not hinder, but rather helped them to found one which should, as far as is possible to image that ; and hence they copied its legislation and accepted the Ten Commandments as their municipal ordinances.

Founders of a city, they would make its streets safe, and make it as easy as possible to do right, and put up all possible barriers which could be erected against wrong. I am here to claim then that in history, traditions and principles this was founded as a Christian city, and that while its founders were building wiser than they knew, that it has been to a marked and marvelous degree faithful to those principles, and loyal to its traditions. In its origin and history this place is a practical and monumental refutation of the fallacies and sophistries which have largely been accepted as incontrovertible by a majority of the cities of the world. We are told that the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule are an iridescent dream in politics, and that it is impracticable and impossible to conduct public business or private affairs on these lines ; but here is a city which has concreted those ten blocks of Sinaitic granite in

its foundations, compelling, so far as outward conduct is concerned, a decent regard for them, and has garnished its administration with the beauty of holiness. It might have secured the applause of thousands of the unthinking, and won vast sums for its treasury by concessions to the spirit of the age, but the Association has rather endured the adverse criticism of the careless and worldly, suffered the caricatures of the Sunday press, than violate its traditions and lose its birthright. The spirit of the age is saying that the saloon is an accessory of civilization, and that prohibition is impracticable as it is also impossible. But here is a city which has gotten on without one, even disguised as a drug store, and its progress or prosperity seems not to have suffered therefrom.

Men tell us that in our complex civilization we cannot afford the day which God claims for His own, but that it is necessary that the affairs of business and the pursuit of pleasure should be catered to on that as any day. Here, however, man, beast and machinery rest, and God's holy day is remembered and honored, and even that mighty accessory of modern civilization, the Sunday newspaper, has no place.

"They say that the Government—or the administration—through the post office authorities, will compel this Association to allow trains to stop on ground given by the Association to the railroad corporation, ostensibly to facilitate mail delivery on that day; but we may remind the authorities that even the administration is amenable if not obedient to God.

When Frederick of Prussia would enlarge and beautify his palace of Sans Souci, his esthetic taste was offended by the presence of an old mill nearby which he sought in vain to buy from its owner. At length he lifted the arm of his kingly power, and tendering a sum which he deemed equivalent, ordered the mill demolished. The miller went to law, won his case, and the baffled king was obliged to rebuild the old mill. When the old miller died, his son with neither the sturdy character nor the attachment to locality, but with an eye to pecuniary interest, offered it at a price to the monarch; but



he refused, saying that the mill must stand as a monument and reminder that even kings were not above the law.

Once more : while this place has been broadly catholic in its spirit, and men of every clime and name have been warmly welcomed to this platform ; and place has been cheerfully given for every real reform to have advocacy, it has been held sacredly by all to the Bible and our Divine Lord. None under the guise of higher criticism have been permitted here to air their vagaries, or undermine the faith of any. No man is brilliant enough, learned or eloquent enough, to command here a hearing who does not accept the Deity of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Some institutions of learning, Methodist in name, might profit by the example. Then, too, while cordially catholic, the Association has stood for Methodism, and its cardinal doctrines have been loyally and heartily accepted. Ours is a reactionary period in theology, and is one in which checks and safeguards are necessary, lest we lose the faith once delivered unto the saints. If Calvinism introduced too much iron into the blood, we need have a care lest the substitution of a weak whipped syllabub should be made, and cake and sugar may not worthily replace strong meat. Softening outlines do not change facts. I have seen the Alps and stood amid the mighty fastnesses of the Rocky Mountains ; have seen them swathed in the light of noon, dim in the darkness, violet and purpling, brightening in the "awful rose of dawn," gorgeous in the glory of the westerning sun, soft and pale in the misty moonbeams ; but in it all I did not mistake the solid hills were there still.

We may leave out of our vocabulary the words sin, blood, judgment and hell—may employ expressions in place of these stern words, but we do not alter the facts, and only men who understand and appreciate the sinfulness of sin will realize the need of the blood element in religion and thank God for the "fountain open in the house of David for sin and uncleanness." We may not substitute a weak wishing for the "sorrow that worketh repentance," or the confec-

tionery of a sickly sentimentality for the deep conviction which made the mourners' bench a city of refuge to the sin stricken soul. Let us be everlastingly true to these.

A vision rises before me, and these vast spaces are filled with the vanished forms of those who in its history have ministered and worshipped here. They have "passed over," they are now the true Hebrews, they are entered into the promised rest. I could replace this great audience with another greater in number, who have here enjoyed the anti-past and are now entered into the greater glory whose foregleams have filled the hearts with joy and their tongues with singing. May God grant us to be faithful to this, our trust, until we also enter into our rest."

**The National Temperance Society.**—Days, August 1 to 6.—Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Emily McLaughlin, Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. C. H. Mead, Field Secretary of the National Temperance Society; James C. Ambrose, Esq., Evanston, Ill., and Col. George W. Bain, of Lexington, Kentucky.

On Friday night, the 2d inst, the Silver Lake Quartette, gave its annual concert. This is always enjoyed by vast multitudes, and never more so than this year. They are always more than welcome. Colonel Bain, who has spoken at every meeting of the National at this place, over thirty times in all, fresh, beautiful, sympathetic, magnetic, always overwhelmingly and triumphantly welcome, covered himself at his last visit with added honors. May the National, with its new officers, have added triumphs, an hundred fold.

**The John N. Stearns Memorial.**—August 3.—The prominence of the National Temperance and publication society, at this place for the last fourteen years, under the general leadership of John N. Stearns, Esq., its corresponding secretary, made it appropriate at the first meeting of his compeers, after his departure to the better beyond, to recount his virtues in a memorial service, in order that we might be stimulated by his example. This was done on Saturday, August 3rd, at 10:30 A. M.

There was a good audience in the Auditorium, composed of the general friends of the cause, and the particular friends of the deceased. The Silver Lake Quartette, rendered beautiful songs. Rev. Dr. Grammer, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, offered prayer; and addresses commemorative and highly eulogistic of the departed were made by Joshua L. Bailey, Esq., Rev. C. H. Mead, Col. George W. Bain, and Dr. E. H. Stokes.

The speakers were all in full sympathy with the occasion, and the feeling of the audience in full sympathy with them; so that at the conclusion, the general sentiment was, truth is granite:—"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our *God shall abide forever.*" However, the currents of the world flow, God, who is spiritual and eternal truth, is mightier than all world-currents. High above all discouragements we lift the effulgent, sunlit, never trailing, and never to trail banner, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." No matter who comes or who goes, who abides or who is transient, this grand old Temperance Society is like a rock mid-sea, and

Though lightnings flash in the mid-night sky,  
And the tempests howl in the air,  
Though the billows dash in their madness by,  
Yet the *National* is there.

**The New Jersey Anti-Liquor League.**—August 6th.—This is an important organization, and has an important work. There was a good attendance, and will be better when its aims, which are the centralization of all temperance organizations against the common foe, are more fully understood.

The secretary of the League, Rev. B. S. Everett, D.D., presided at the meeting, and addresses delivered by Rev. O. H. Jones, Vice-President of the Essex County Good Citizens League, and the Rev. J. M. Hare, Vice-President of the New Jersey Anti-Liquor League, Burlington, N. J.

The occasion was enthusiastic and new interest in the "Great Reform" awakened.

## THE OCEAN GROVE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Auxiliary to the Itinerants' Club Movement, August 7-16, 1895.

E. H. STOKES, D. D., *President*. J. E. PRICE, D. D., *Dean*.

*Advisory Council*:—Bishop John F. Hurst, Bishop H. W. Warren, Bishop E. G. Andrews, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, Wm. V. Kelley, D. D., T. B. Neely, D. D., Geo. K. Morris, D. D.

*Finance Committee*:—A. H. DeHaven, John E. Andrus, Andrew C. Fields, Wm. H. Skirm.

The General Plan embraces (1) Two morning Lectures, daily, accompanied with a syllabus, giving results of latest scholarship and most advanced thoughts upon items under the general heads of Philosophic and Systematic Theology, Old Testament, New Testament, and Church History; (2) Afternoon lectures in Pastoral Theology, Christian Sociology, Hermeneutics, etc., and Conferences on Methods of Practical Work; (3) Lectures as aids to the Mastery of the Course of Conference Studies; (4) Evening Lectures for the general public, in the main auditorium, on great themes where the Church and the World meet.

It will be the object of this school to furnish scholarly and able discussions on most progressive lines, and to afford not only those pursuing Conference studies, but all whose time and energy are largely absorbed by the demands of a busy pastorate, opportunities to come face to face with specialists in chosen lines, and facilities for some study in the advanced thought of the times upon various phases of doctrine and of ministerial life and work. The School will seek to illustrate methods of critical work, furnish results of latest scholarship on the themes discussed, greatly widen the outlook, and yet avoid certain controversial themes and certain phases of the Higher Criticism whose discussion, however proper and profitable elsewhere, would be unnecessary and injudicious here.

The requirements made of students will be attendance upon the lectures and satisfactory written reports upon all not accompanied



with a syllabus, and written answers to all the questions formally submitted by the lecturers, and such other work as the Faculty may deem desirable. Diplomas will be awarded to those who have done to the satisfaction of the Faculty the work required in the two years' course.



Rev. J. E. PRICE, D. D.,  
Dean of Summer School of Theology, Ocean Grove, N. J.

### PROGRAMME.

- PHILOSOPHIC AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY. — BORDEN PARKER BOWNE, LL. D., Professor of Philosophy, Boston University. "Morals and Life." (Two Lectures.) "Foundations of Belief." (One Lecture.)  
 REV. J. R. VAN PELT, Ph. D., Professor Systematic Theology, University of Denver. "The True Scope and Method of Systematic Theology." (One Lecture.)  
 REV. CHAS. H. SNEDEKER, M. A. (Leipsic), Trinity Church, Newburgh, N. Y. "The Incarnation." (Three Lectures.)
- OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.—REV. MILTON S. TERRY, S. T. D., Professor Old Testament and Biblical Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute.

"The Canon of the Old Testament." (One Lecture.) "The Book of Zechariah; A Study in Criticism, Prophecy and Exegesis." (Three Lectures.)

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.—REV. GEORGE S. BURROUGHS, D. D., President Wabash College. "Newly Found Manuscripts." (Three Lectures.)

REV. J. R. VAN PELT, Professor Systematic Theology, University of Denver. "The New Testament Doctrine of the Church." (Two Lectures.)

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—REV. CHARLES J. LITTLE, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor Historical Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute. "Augustine," "Hildebrand," "Bernard of Clairvaux," "Dante." (Four Lectures.)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY.—REV. GEORGE K. MORRIS, D. D., Professor of Practical Theology, Boston School of Theology, Boston University. "Pulpit Oratory." (Five Lectures.)

REV. S. F. UPHAM, D. D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, Drew Theological Seminary. Lecture I: "The Relation of Intellectual Culture to Ministerial Efficiency." Lecture II. "The Building of a Sermon."

REV. T. B. NEELY, D. D., Union Church, Philadelphia. "Administration." (One Lecture.)

REV. THOS. HANLON, D. D., President of Pennington Seminary. A Conference: "How Shall the Preacher Get and Hold the Attention of His Audience?"

REV. WM. V. KELLY, D. D., Editor *The Methodist Review*. "Robert Browning, the Poet for Ministers."

SABBATH SERVICES.—10.30 A. M., Sermon by Bishop JOHN P. NEWMAN, D. D. 7.30 P. M.—Sermon by REV. DR. J. W. BASHFORD, President Ohio Wesleyan University.

SPECIAL LECTURES.—HON. H. W. BLAIR, U. S. Senate. "The Present Outlook for the Temperance Cause."

HON. J. B. GORDON, U. S. Senate, and member of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Staff. "The Last Days of the Southern Confederacy."

REV. JAHU DEWITT MILLER. "The Stranger at Our Gates."

HON. ALBION W. TOURGEE. "The Righteousness of Olivet."

DR. J. W. BASHFORD, President Ohio Wesleyan University. "The Outlook for the Twentieth Century."

Bishop CHARLES H. FOWLER. "Abraham Lincoln."

The Oratorio of the Messiah, conducted by Dr. Walter Damrosch, of the Oratorio Society of New York, will be given on Friday night, and will conclude the exercises of the Summer School.

This great programme was fully and faithfully carried out, with increasing interest to the end. The lectures were profound and brilliant; the lecturers learned and enthusiastic; the students

attentive and appreciative, and the general public greatly enjoyed everything to the close.

The special lectures for the evening hours of the course, were of a more popular character, and called out vast audiences, which many times gave unwearied and enthusiastic attention for two hours or more at a time, and was evidence that the speakers and their themes had been wisely selected, and the work they did was equal to their fame.

The Sabbath services, with Bishop J. P. Newman for the morning sermon, and Dr. J. W. Bashford, of Ohio Wesleyan University, for the evening, were peerless amid the mountains.

The Oratorio of "The Messiah," on Friday evening, was the brilliant crowning of the whole Summer School of Theology. With foundations broad and deep, it was a massive superstructure of inspired and inspiring melody, bold, towering, vast, sacred, pathetic, tender, delicate, triumphant: culminating in a great Niagara rush of billowy hallelujahs overflowing all, in which devotion wept, and description awed and silent, dropped her pen, overpowered in wordless wonder.

Ten thousand people, swayed with mingled emotions of fear, hope, joy and exultation, listened to its unequalled strains, the largest number, said Dr. Damrosch, to whom he had ever given it.

To Rev. J. Embury Price, D. D., the Dean, who prepared the programme, and gave the most intelligent, unwearied and undivided attention in the execution of all its details, unmeasured praise is due. Pecuniarily, receiving the least for all his toil, but in every other respect, more—the blessed benedictions of unnumbered appreciative hearts. In the satisfaction of success his reward is great.

At the close of the Summer School, the following was presented :  
*To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association :*

Your Executive Committee, appointed with power to consider the organization of a Summer School of Theology would respectfully report :

After careful deliberation on our part, a Summer School of Theology was organized under the following Constitution :

I. NAME AND OBJECT.—The Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology shall be under the direction of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, and its object shall be to promote higher ministerial efficiency and to afford to those whose time is largely absorbed by the demands of a busy pastorate, facilities for some study in the advanced thought of the times, upon various phases of doctrine and of ministerial life and work.

II. THE PRESIDENT.—The President of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association shall be the President of the Summer School of Theology.

III. THE DEAN.—The Dean shall be elected by the Managers of the Ocean Grove Association at their Annual Meeting. It shall be his duty to plan the course of instruction, secure the lecturers and prepare the programme, subject to the approval of the President and the Advisory Council.

IV. ADVISORY COUNCIL.—There shall be an Advisory Council of seven members, to whom, as well as to the President, the scheme of instruction and programme shall be submitted for approval. They shall be elected by the Association upon nomination of the President and the Dean.

V. FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Finance Committee shall consist of four members, who shall authorize all expenditures, audit all bills, and provide ways and means for meeting the expenses of the Summer School.

VI. THE FACULTY.—The Faculty shall consist of the President, the Dean, and the several lecturers employed for the year.

VII. THE TIME.—The time for holding the session of the Summer School shall be the ten days terminating Friday before the Annual Camp Meeting begins.

VIII. REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements made of students, shall be attendance upon the lectures and satisfactory written reports upon all not accompanied with a syllabus, and written answers



to all the questions formally submitted by the lecturers, and such other work as the Faculty may deem desirable.

IX. DIPLOMAS.—Diplomas will be awarded to those, who have done to the satisfaction of the Faculty, the work required in the two years' course. The diplomas shall be signed by the President and the Dean.

X. TUITION FEES.—A tuition fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be required of all students, for the course.

The first session of the school was duly announced for August 7th–16th. A copy of the programme which includes also the names of the officers, the faculty, the advisory council and the finance committee, is herewith appended to be placed on file. This programme was fulfilled without a single failure.

A detailed Financial statement rendered by the Dean, and approved by the Finance Committee, who had carefully examined all the vouchers, yields the following general summary :—

RECEIPTS.

From Oratorio and accompaniments, . . . . .	\$6,619.72
From Summer School, fees, sale of Syllabi, etc., . . . . .	95.50
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$6,715.22</u>
Appropriation from Association, . . . . .	500.00
Grand total, . . . . .	<u>\$7,215.22</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of Oratorio, . . . . .	\$3,416.54
Expenses of Summer School, programme, printing and incidentals, . . . . .	2,479.51
Total expenditures, . . . . .	<u>5,896.05</u>
Surplus, . . . . .	\$1,319.17
Amount of appropriation returned to Association, . . . . .	500.00
Balance on hand, . . . . .	<u>\$819.17</u>

This amount, (\$819.17) has been paid into the Treasury of the Association subject to the order of the Finance Committee, as the needs of the School shall require.

The Association freed from any expense for the programme of ten days received in collections the sum of \$829.

Permanent additions by way of betterments to the property of the Association were made to the amount of \$242. These three amounts added together, show that besides furnishing a programme that has attracted the attention of American Methodism and received encomiums from the official papers of the Church, the Summer School yielded a clear financial profit of \$1,890, to which may certainly be added a saving of expense to the Association of more than sufficient to make that profit something more than \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. Stokes, President; Geo. W. Evans, J. H. Alday, J. R. Daniels, A. H. DeHaven, Committee on Summer School.

**The African Methodist Episcopal Jubilee** was held this year, for the tenth time, on August 9th. The advent of this body of Christian men and women is always welcomed at Ocean Grove. Rev. Dr. Derrick, the general Missionary Secretary, is manager in chief, and always brings with him such talent as commands the respectful attention of all hearers. He was accompanied this year by Rev. J. W. Roundtree, B. D., of Trenton, N. J.; Rev. Dr. W. H. H. Butler, of the A. M. E. Church; Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D. D., Presiding Elder of Alleghany District, Pittsburg Conference. The quartette consisted of Mrs. A. W. Lyons, Misses Mamie Diggs, Eda Astwood and Marie Lymus, all of New York city. The music captivated, the addresses earnest and eloquent, the audiences large and enthusiastic, and the whole of the morning and afternoon services were a high success.

**Women's Encouragement Meetings** were held August 11, 12, 13, with Mrs. Rev. Dr. Henry Wheeler, and Mrs. Kennard Chandler in charge. These efficient leaders were aided by many devout and elect ladies, who greatly promoted the general interest.

These services are always modest and unobtrusive in their character, and coming this year by what seemed an unavoidable necessity in the midst of the more demonstrative exercises of the Summer School of Theology, were thereby somewhat overshadowed. Nevertheless, it will no doubt be found in the day of final reckonings, that seeds planted then and there brought forth such delicious fruit as is often found nestling beneath the loftier overshadowings, ripened to greater sweetness and perfection by the seeming disadvantages beneath which they grew.

Many things of small account, in human estimation, are all important in the sight of God. "Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."



"ANGEL OF VICTORY." Foot of Main Avenue.

## PENNINGTON SEMINARY DAY.

AUDITORIUM, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1895.

2:30 AND 7:30 P. M.

President Hanlon's Twenty-fifth Year.

Rev. B. C. Lippincott, D. D., '55, Presiding

Musical Director—Dr. J. R. Sweney

## PROGRAMME—2:30 O'CLOCK

Singing—

Prayer—

Rev. S. W. Thomas, D. D., Philadelphia

Anniversary Sermon—Rev. Wm. V. Kelley, D. D., Class '62, Editor *Methodist Review*.

Singing—

Brief Addresses—Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., LL. D., (Trustee 27 years); Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., '63, New York; Rev. George Elliott, D. D., Phila.

Vocal Solo—"The Beautiful City," with Harp accompaniment and Violin Obligato, by Prof. and Mrs. Palmer Stanton, Evangelists.

An Original Poem—Willis Fletcher Johnson, A. M., Litt. D., '75. *N. Y. Tribune*

Singing—

Benediction—

Rev. Jos. Gaskill, '42

## PROGRAMME—7:30 O'CLOCK

## PART FIRST

Organ Voluntary—

Miss Agnes Rice, '81, Trenton, N. J.

Invocation— Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., '63, Boston School of Theology

Address of Welcome— Mr. A. W. Leonard, '96, Morristown

Pennington Seminary Ode—Chorus

Song—"The Resurrection,"—(*Shelley*) Rev. B. C. Lippincott, Jr., '84, Belford

Recitation—"Jack the Fisherman," Miss Claire Dollard Kulp, '95, Trenton

Selection—Callilogian Glee

## PART SECOND

Selection— Male Quartette

Recitation—"Wild Zingarella," Miss Miriam Lee Earley, '96, Smithville, N. J.

Vocal Solo—"Waiting"—(*H. Millard*) Miss Elizabeth Eldridge, '95, Washington, D. C., with Violin obligato, Mr. Hyndman, '96.

Scarf Fantastics—Designed by Miss Elizabeth Middleton, '88, Crosswicks, N. J.

Recitation—"The Vagabond Prince." Mr. Milton H. Nichols, '97, Atlantic City, N. J.

Presentation of Testimonial to Rev. Thos. Hanlon, D. D., LL. D., by Rev. B. C. Lippincott, D. D.

Selection—Callilogian Glee

Benediction—

Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., LL. D.

COMMITTEE:—Adna W. Leonard, '96; Martha A. W. Hanlon, '94; Eugene G. Grace, '96; Miriam L. Earley, '96; Edgar A. Miller, '95; Frank M. Doane, '96; Claire D. Kulp, '95; Milton H. Nichols, '97; Joseph C. Renner, '95.

RECEPTION IN ARLINGTON PARLORS



As the programme shows, this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Hanlon's competent and prosperous administration of Pennington Seminary's interests.

The Summer School of Theology gracefully gave way to this noble institution, for its two services, on Thursday afternoon and evening, August 15—an institution, now 55 years old, which has sent 1000 ministers to help evangelize the world, and 10,750 men and women to adorn the other walks of life.

The whole programme was beautifully produced without break or failure of any kind, and highly appreciated by the great audiences present.

The Scarf Fantastics, rendered by the Callilogian Glee Club, twelve young ladies, dressed in gauze-like pink, white and blue, presented visions of supernal beauty, as they passed through their graceful calisthenic evolutions which seemed more celestial than earthly. The whole scene was a profound surprise and an elevated joy.

Dr. Hanlon's anniversary testimonial was \$1,235 in gold, a credit to the donors, and a benediction to the recipient. All were delighted and the social reception at the Arlington at the close wound up this memorable day for Pennington and its chief.

**Women's Foreign Missionary Society.**—The twenty-third anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Ocean Grove Auxiliary, was held Saturday and Sabbath, August 17th and 18th, 1895.

Promptly on time, the officers, aided by an efficient corps of workers, were ready for duty, viz.: Mrs. J. E. Knowles, Mrs. Dr. Kidder, Mrs. J. O. Peck, Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, corresponding secretary Philadelphia Branch, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. C. E. Moorhead, Mrs. H. A. Eaton, Mrs. I. H. Hitt, president N. W. Branch, Mrs. Wm. Skiddmore, corresponding secretary New York Branch, Miss Mary A. Danforth, of Japan, who, to the great satisfaction and delight of a vast audience preached the anniversary sermon on Sabbath morning.



Miss Mary A. Danforth.

Mrs. H. A. Eaton.

The whole of the services, from Saturday A. M., to Sabbath afternoon, was a spiritual uplift and encouragement to the ladies in their work. The contributions amounted in all to \$13.00.

The following paper, after having been adopted by the officers of the society, read to, and by a rising vote endorsed by, the great congregation at the Auditorium on Sabbath morning, was duly forwarded to the President of the United States.

AUGUST 12, 1895.

*To the President, Hon. Grover Cleveland.*

DEAR SIR:—The recent brutal assault upon the lives of American citizens now resident in China, and the wanton destruction of their property, and that through religious prejudices, is the apology for this formal and earnest appeal to you as the President of the United States, to put forth such immediate and earnest efforts as your superior wisdom may dictate for the protection of our fellow citizens in the Chinese Empire. Those in whom we are especially and prayerfully interested are educators in colleges, established by our countrymen, deaconesses whose merciful mission is to provide for the physical comfort and moral improvement of neglected childhood, and missionaries who have been

commissioned by the Church to spread Christianity and advance our better civilization.

Judging from information which comes from private sources and through the great journals of our country, we are impressed that the Chinese government is incompetent, whatever may be its willingness, to suppress these murderous and fanatical outbreaks against the lives and property of those whose mission is most beneficent.

We, the members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, assembled at Ocean Grove, present to your Excellency this earnest memorial for immediate action.

Wishing you God's blessings,

We are, respectfully, your fellow citizens and officers of the above society :

Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, President ; Mrs. Kennard Chandler, First Vice President ; Mrs. Dr. J. I. Simmons, Second Vice President ; Mrs. Hon. W. H. Skirm, Third Vice President ; Mrs. Anna Kent, Fourth Vice President ; Mrs. Rev. Dr. H. Wheeler, Corresponding Secretary ; Mrs. A. R. Thomson, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. Rev. J. R. Vankirk, Treasurer.

In a very brief time a communication from the private secretary of the President was received, stating that the paper had been sent to the Secretary of State, and would receive due attention. Here, for the time, the ladies rested, feeling they had done what they could.

**The Annual Camp Meeting.**—Aug. 19–29. We now reach the culmination of our summer work. Towards this, all eyes are turned, and concerning which all hearts are full of the highest expectancy.

Whatever may be the religious trend of all previous services, this seeks directly eternal interests, and aims at the immediate salvation of the soul. To this work we are divinely called, and from it we must never turn. This is not simply duty, but the highest pleasure. "There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." All previous work is seed time and sowing, this is the harvest, and we must be as the angels, reapers.

The preparatory meetings, on Monday, the 19th, including the morning Consecration meeting, Family Devotions, Holiness Meeting, Young People's Meeting, Helping Hand Meeting, the Prayer Hour,

from 10.30 to 11.30 for success of Camp Meeting, in which forty audible prayers were offered, the Conference of Workers at 3, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at night, when 3,076 communicants knelt at the altar rail, receiving the memorials of the Saviour's sufferings and death, were all hallowed and helpful. Nearly 150 ministers were enlisted in some way in the different services.

On Tuesday, the following meetings commenced and continued each day until the close:

Consecration Meeting in Tabernacle, daily, Rev. J. R. Andrews, D. D., 5.45 to 6.45 A. M. Family Devotions, Auditorium, President, 6.45 to 7 A. M., daily. Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, Rev. J. R. Daniels, 9 A. M., daily. Young People's Meeting, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 9 A. M., daily. Helping Hand, Thornley Chapel, Rev. Wm. Franklin, 9 A. M., daily. Public Services, Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M., daily. Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1.30 P. M., daily. Mothers' Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Wheeler, 2 P. M., daily. Children's Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, 2 P. M., daily. Twilight Service, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 6.30 P. M., daily.

On the same day Bishop E. G. Andrews, preached the opening sermon at 10.30 A. M., from Luke 11:13; "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." The prominent object of prayer is the obtaining of the Holy Ghost. We base our assurance of the success of our prayers upon the Fatherly care of God. He takes note of all our interests, and to all true and orderly souls, he ordains well being. He gave a spirited reply to the frequently offered objections to the validity of prayer; saying: I do not consent to any law which shuts out God. I do not know what law is, unless it is the operation of the law-giver.

Then followed in regular succession the following:—Dr. Julius E. Grammer, Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore; Rev. George Elliott, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., Norfolk, Va., Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. J. G. Bickerton,



D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Munhall, Germantown, Pa.; Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., Editor *Western Christian Advocate*, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. J. Hoffman Battin, West Grove, N. J.; D. W. Potter, Evangelist, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. C. W. Buoy, D. D., Phila.; Rev. J. J. Dean, D. D., New York; Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., New York City; Rev. George H. Reed, D. D., President of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. H. G. Scudday, Texas; Bishop Mallalieu, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. A. E. Ballard, Rev. H. M. Brown, at Lillagore's; Rev. J. S. Wightman, D. D., Baltimore, M. E. Church, South; Rev. Dr. Andrews, Rev. Dr. Wright, Rev. J. T. Tucker, at Ross's; Rev. Dr. Hanlon, Principal of Pennington Seminary, New Jersey; Rev. R. H. Travis, D. D., Tarrytown, N. Y.; Rev. L. Y. Graham, D. D., Olivet Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Rev. Wm. Lynch, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. T. E. Martindale, D. D., Wilmington, Del.; Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, D. D., Freeport, L. I.; Rev. Isaac Naylor, Yorkshire, England. Twenty-nine in all—varied in ages, nationalities, denominations, voice, gesture, trend of thought, general style and manners, yet all permeated by a single aim and desire to glorify God, in bringing sinners to the foot of the cross, and, they were successful. Every sermon bore its quota to this gracious end. In human estimation, some more, some less. But, alas for our poor judgment; for who can tell which shall prosper, this or that. Some were like the evening zephyr, some like the calm yet sparkling and sunlit sea, some a tempest of divine denunciation against sin; some great cyclones of overwhelming power, some avalanches of glory, or the unfolding of the eternal city as the saints of God, palm-bearers, crown-wearers, clothed in white, passed triumphantly through the gates of pearl;—each having its own mission, and for which, each shall receive at last, the Divine "well done." God bless these honored men, with all they may enjoy on earth, and eternal rewards in heaven.

The Love Feast on Sabbath morning, was, and always should be, a high inspiration. We dwell too often and too long on the low levels of the religious life. There are times when we should reach



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the highest summits, and with the royal psalmist of the olden days, "Cry out and shout as the inhabitants of Zion." There is a wide difference between enthusiasm and fanaticism. The one is a wild blind rush to a false end; while the other, is an intelligent and ardent interest in the highest pursuits. There is nothing higher than the worship of the true God. This should absorb our loftiest thoughts, and sometimes flower out in the holiest exultations. The Love Feast is such an out-flowering. The tides of song roll high and deep and strong. The emotions of ransomed souls rise and swell, till they burst in great billows of hallowed bliss, while faces are enwreathed in smiles, and grateful tears flow fast from rapture's eyes, words being all too weak to express what God imparts. On such occasions, nationalities are forgotten, denominational lines for

the time over-looking the frigidities of heart, alienations are melted in the flames of holy love, and, filled with the new wine of the Divine life, it is Heaven begun below.

Then the great sermon of Bishop Mallalieu, in which all the energies of the preacher were turned in the direction of soul-saving work. The old gospel invitation sung and repeated at high noon, was accepted by trembling sinners, until a score or more were rejoicing in a new found sense of pardon and peace through the blood of atonement.

The whole day was a lofty triumph in the line of Divine Salvation. The absence of Drs. Conwell and Talmage, by providential hindrances, was so overruled by an always kind and gracious God, that the work did not cease. Dr. Wightman and Evangelist Potter did noble work, and when the results shall appear before the eternal throne, it will be found that this and that man were born anew at Ocean Grove, on that Camp Meeting Sabbath.

And so the meetings went forward, until Thursday morning, August 29th, when they closed with the usual forms of baptisms, the Lord's Supper, marching around the grounds, songs, hand-shakings and farewells. Rev. A. E. Ballard, Vice-President, Rev. Dr. J. H. Alday, Rev. J. R. Daniels, Rev. Dr. Simmons, Dr. R. J. Andrews, Rev. Wm. Franklin, and other members of the Association, leading; in the absence of the President, who was detained by a temporary illness, the Vice-President said: "In the name of the Father (bell), and of the Son (bell), and of the Holy Ghost (bell), the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for the year 1895, is at an end."

Thus, with a continued sense of the over-shadowings of the Divine Presence, the people sat, or wept, or rejoiced. Great good had been done; many hundreds having commenced the new life, and other thousands renewed their covenants with God, in which He was glorified, so that the multitudes who left or lingered, felt and said "Lord it is good for us to be here."

## Recapitulation of Meetings held during the season 1895 :

Holiness Meetings, - - - - -	71
Young People's Meetings, - - - - -	71
Addresses, - - - - -	586
Sunday Schools, 10 ; Scholars, aggregate, - - -	29,022
Surf Meetings, - - - - -	10
Chinese Schools, - - - - -	8
Consecration Meetings, - - - - -	10
Sermons, - - - - -	53
Family Devotions, - - - - -	10
Helping Hand Meetings, - - - - -	10
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Twilight Meetings, - - - - -	9
Prayer and Experience Meetings, - - - - -	4
Women's Foreign Missionary Meetings - - - - -	4
Women's Foreign Missionary Anniversary, - - -	1
Love Feast, - - - - -	2
Camp Meeting (Prayer), - - - - -	1
Camp Meeting (Workers), - - - - -	1
Sacrament, Communicants, 4,880, - - - - -	2
Baptisms—Camp Meeting, 53 ; other times, 8 ; Adults, 2, -	63
Mrs. Osborn's Training School Meetings, - - -	1
Odd Fellows' Second Annual Field Day, - - - - -	1
Phonographic Exhibition, Wm. V. Gilday, - - -	1
Recitations, - - - - -	8
Orations, - - - - -	1
Women's Christian Temperance Union, - - - - -	8
Bible Readings, - - - - -	2
Devotional Meetings, (Special) - - - - -	16
Mothers' Meetings, - - - - -	10
Service of Song, - - - - -	35
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Boys' and Girls' Hour, . . . . .	8
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Post Graduate Hour, . . . . .	8
Lectures on Jerusalem at Model, . . . . .	5
Carnival, . . . . .	1
Model Teachers, . . . . .	1
Concerts—Sweney and Silver Lake Quartette, . . . . .	2
C. L. S. C.—Round Table, . . . . .	7
Lectures, . . . . .	6
Recitals—Organ and Violin, . . . . .	1
Reception—Fire Works and Camp Fire, . . . . .	1
Christian Peace Society, . . . . .	3
Sabbath Observance, . . . . .	2
Elim Cottage, . . . . .	4
Deaconesses' Meetings, . . . . .	7
King's Daughters, . . . . .	3
Epworth League, . . . . .	3
Women's Home Missionary Meetings, . . . . .	6
Memorials—Ocean Grove and John N. Stearns, . . . . .	2
Orphan Children's Service, . . . . .	1
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A. M. E. Jubilee, . . . . .	2
Women's Encouragment Meetings, . . . . .	3
Pennington Seminary, . . . . .	2
Oratorio, . . . . .	1
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## REPORT OF MEETINGS.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING AND TWILIGHT SERVICES.

A special committee on the Temple Services, reported the following figures, not of course including the blessed work going forward all the present week :

Number converted,	-	-	-	500
Backsliders reclaimed,	-	-	-	350
Specially helped,	-	-	-	2,000

### THE HELPING HAND.

Rev. William Franklin reports that God had filled the house with His glory, the hearts of the people with His love, and their mouths with praise. Morning after morning quite a number found the blessing of a clean heart. Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost !

### TABERNACLE DAILY HOLINESS MEETINGS.

Rev. J. R. Daniels reports : " Our Meetings this year have been specially blessed and owned of God ; the interest has been continued from the first, and the results cannot be known, but there have been a large number helped, about 100 sanctified, and twenty converted and reclaimed. To God be all the glory ! "

### THE CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis briefly reports : Our meetings this year have been more largely attended by children and adults than ever before, and I have a large number of wise consecrated workers. We have had 126 who professed conversion, and still more seekers after pardon. These have ranged from childhood to middle life, quite a number being married women and young ladies, and one young man. The conversions in many cases have been very clear, and the power of God most manifest. For all of which we thank our Heavenly Father."

## MOTHERS' MEETING.

From the beginning this meeting has had a strong hold on the hearts of the mothers who yearly gather at Ocean Grove. One lady said: "I have heard much of this mothers' meeting, and I came all the way from the far west to attend it, and to ask you to pray for my sick sons."

Although its character was such that it could not be one of the largest meetings, it was, nevertheless, one of the most interesting and profitable. There, many devoted mothers brought their children in their hearts to Jesus, and uniting their faith, prayed for their conversion to Christ. Many touching incidents were related. Hundreds of requests for prayers have been made, and many anxious ones specially helped. God signally blessed the meeting with His presence, and it daily increased in numbers, in interest, and in spiritual power.

The leader would tender thanks to Mrs. Dissosway, who had charge of the singing, also to Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, to Mrs. Bieler (wife of the Vice Chancellor of the University in Washington, D. C.) to Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Burris, Mrs. Thornley of Canada, Camp Meeting Aunt Susan, and all the consecrated women of God who rendered such efficient aid during the meeting.

MARY SPARKES WHEELER.

## CONSECRATION MEETING.

I have great pleasure in announcing to you that through the help of the Holy Ghost, our Consecration Meeting at 5.45 each morning of the great Camp Meeting, August, 1895, was, perhaps, the *best that ever was held*. Over twenty years have passed away, and each year has been a victory for Christ, and His great salvation in every meeting, many rejoiced in being restored to the joy they had lost in yielding to temptation, and large numbers were very happy in being advanced further in divine things than ever they had been before. The crowning thought, however, both with ministers, laymen and women, during the meeting, was an increase of

divine power, that souls might be converted as on the day of Pentecost. Rev. B. M. Adams, Rev. I. Simmons, Rev. A. E. Ballard, and others in the sacred office, with glorious men and women, were crying out for the power, the very same power they had on Pentecost. Many received it, and went to family prayers filled with the Holy Ghost. Permit me to say, however, and I say it, because I want to say it, the climax of the meeting was reached when united, earnest prayer was offered with fervor and faith for our beloved President, Dr. Stokes, that God would abundantly bless him with strength of body and soul, prepare him for all the work he needed to do; and spare him to Ocean Grove for many years to come.

As it is still true, that the fervent effectual prayer of the righteous availeth much, those prayers in the consecration meeting will be answered. And notwithstanding the outward appearance of things, our honored and efficient President will be spared to Ocean Grove for years to come. Many join with me in saying and praying.

*So may it be, Amen and amen.*

Your Brother in Christ,

ROBERT J. ANDREWS.

#### LIZZIE SMITH'S MEETING.

The services held at 1:30 every day, presided over by Mrs. Lizzie Smith, have been of the most glorious character we have ever attended. From the first day up to the last, the Lord was with our sister, the leader, in a most remarkable manner, and although this was her fifth Camp Meeting for the summer, she seemed wonderfully upheld by the presence and power of God. Owing to the fact that she traveled six hundred miles to get from a great Camp Meeting in the West, to Ocean Grove, she was not here for the first meeting, and Sister Kenney took charge. But Sister Smith was on hand, "at the first tap of the bell," on the second day. Never have we seen such manifestations of the Divine Power. The altar was crowded day after day. Sunday evening at 6 P. M., Sister Smith conducted a praise service which lasted until nearly ten that even-



ing, with over forty souls set at liberty, and several converted during that memorable evening. On Monday, such a wave of glory passed over the meeting as we have seldom witnessed. It is impossible to give correct numbers—eternity alone can reveal results; but as far as we can judge (and we were on hand throughout every meeting), some five hundred were helped and encouraged, about one hundred and fifty sanctified, with conversions every day. On Sunday evening, a dear little boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hall of Brooklyn, stood up of his own accord, and declared that, "Jesus had forgiven all his sins," much to the joy of his father and mother. May God bless our dear sister, Lizzie Smith, and may she be spared to come here and conduct this meeting for many years, leading hundreds of souls to the fountain of cleansing.

#### AUDITORIUM REPORT.

The work of soul-saving at the Auditorium commenced at the first service of the season, and continued to the close. Every opportunity given for persons to seek the Lord was responded to by some. Often many came with burdened hearts and found relief. During the camp meeting, the work swept on with increasing power. Evangelist Potter, of Chicago, proved himself a master in his line, scores and hundreds being saved. Mr. Yatman, and many others, aided greatly. God honors our altar work, and burning gospel appeals to the unsaved are as effectual now as ever. If it were possible to be exact in figures, I think the number saved would exceed that of any previous year.

E. H. STOKES, *Leader.*

We thus close our records of the religious work for the Summer of 1895. It is a joy to say that our first step on the ladder of our second quarter of a century, was blessed; greater, I believe, in results than any former year. It is right and proper that it should be so. Our plans enlarge, opportunities widen, our numbers increase, appliances for work improve, everything is better. We

should do better work for God. Forgetting these things which are behind, let us press towards the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

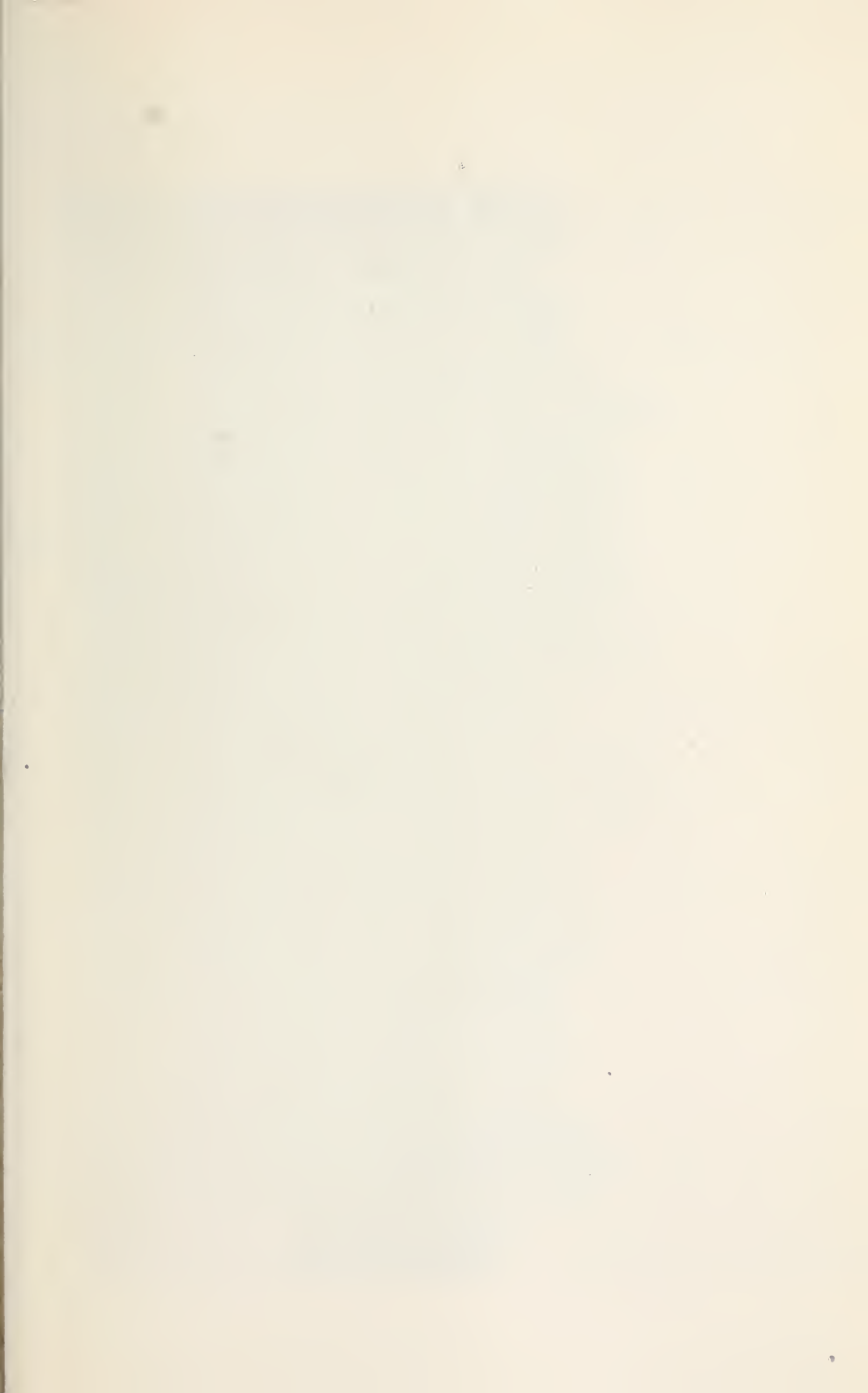
And now, I return devout gratitude to the All-Father above for His continued favors unto us, and to all who have helped in the promotion of His glory at this place, profoundest thanks.

God bless you, and all people, now, henceforth and forever. Amen.

E. H. STOKES, President.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J.,  
November 13th, 1895.







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The sails are spread ! Fresh winds ahead !  
Steer away, steer away home ;  
“ See ! Storms arise,” the seaman cries—  
Steer away, steer away home ;  
Home, home, sweet home ! we come, we come ;  
Steer away, steer away home.

—E. H. S.

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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 sang of Jesus' precious blood—  
Here many a time the story they rehearsed,  
Then sweetly passed in triumph up to God.

—E. H. S.



BETHESDA COTTAGE TENTS. LAPIERE HOUSE.

Foot of Wesley Lake (Looking West).

FERRIS WHEEL, ASBURY PARK.



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

DEAR BRETHREN :



N standing before you this day, with my Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the doings of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church in hand, my heart has pulsations of an almost boundless joy. Not that there has been freedom from sadness or sorrow during the year. No, no! This is not in the course of human allotments. "In the world ye shall have tribulation" is a divine announcement; but it is beautifully added, "In me ye shall have peace." The peace comes in the blessed conviction that in all things the divine glory has been our aim, and one of the joys is in the fact that during the year death has not invaded our ranks, while reasonable health has been enjoyed by all. The years, however, go on apace, and however long delayed, the end to individuals will come at last. Yet the fond hope and trust is that the immortality promised to a good man, "He that believeth shall never die," will also apply to our united work at this place. This belief and trust grows out of the fact that while material things largely

inhere with all our labors, as the body connects with the soul, yet as our aims are pre-eminently spiritual, and as thousands have here started in the religious life and other thousands established therein, though it may be commenced elsewhere, many of whom have already entered into the rest of the people of God, thus and so far our doings here are already stamped with immortality, and our faith is so strengthened that



Rev. J. R. Daniels' Cottage, N. E. corner Tabor Way and Pennsylvania Avenue.

“although the grass withers, and the flower fades, yet the word of our God *shall stand forever.*”

This is our creed; and it is so beautifully simple that, amid all the tribulations of earth, and the sorrows which flow therefrom, our courage revives, and all of us, at the command of God, are ready to “go forward.”

With this brief introduction I call your attention to the secular interests of the year.

It may be appropriate to note just here, that for several years past, as our secular affairs were constantly enlarging and becoming more on-

erous and responsible, it was obvious that the burdens of administration were too heavy to be borne simply by the few officers, aided by an occasional meeting of the Executive Committee; while the anxious inquiry was, "What is the best method of relief?"

It was finally determined to divide the work by appointing standing committees as follows: I, Religious and Educational; II, Summer School of Theology—(1) Faculty, (2) Summer School Finance Committee, (3) Co-ordinate Committee; III, Ushers and Collectors; IV, Purchasing; V, Finance; VI, Board of Health; VII, Electric Light and Water; VIII, Real Estate; IX, Police; X, Highways; XI, Railroads and Post Office; XII, Ice; XIII, Emergency. These committees were filled severally by those thought best adapted to the varied duties required under the several headings, and were so divided as to place every member of the Association in a position on some committee, and several were obliged to be on more than one. These appointed their own chairman and secretary, and with their duties well defined commenced their work. The results have shown the wisdom of the plan, and the first year of trial augurs still better service for the future. To all of these committees I am under great and lasting obligations.

Please bear with me now while I refer to a number of things somewhat in detail, in which I am sure you will be interested.

**Parks.**—OCEAN PATHWAY. This unique department of our grounds has been at its best this season. The greenness of the grass and luxuriance of the flowers have stood out in gay and grateful contrast with the dreary sand wastes, wild bushes, and general desolation of the early days. It is both a park and highway, beautiful as either, and a charm to all.

WOODLAWN PARK, on Main Avenue, has been more attractive than usual this season. The walks are better, the grass suffered but little if any from drought, and the fountain in the center is an added beauty.

THOMPSON PARK, while in better condition than previously, still needs further attention, and some day will be one of the chief attractions of its neighborhood. The removal of the old water tank, which is to take place in the near future, will greatly improve its appearance, and there will probably be but few tears of sorrow over its departure.

GREENLEAF PARK, between Mount Tabor and Mount Carmel, east of New York Avenue, is a beautiful little rural spot and restful place to many.

CENTENNIAL PARK, laid out in 1876, directly opposite the Arlington, and running north quite up to the Auditorium, between the Bishop Janes Tabernacle and the Young People's Temple, increases in beauty every year, and to those of us who remember the dingy old tents of the former days in that locality it is almost a paradise.

EVERGREEN PARK, so called because covered mainly by the "pines" at the left of the principal entrance of our grounds, head of Main Avenue, while much improved over original conditions, can, by the expenditure of a little money, be a fragrant benediction to the many thousands who frequent our grounds during the summer season, and so pleasantly prepare them for the better spiritual things which await them farther on.

THE PLOT OF GROUND on the south side of Main Avenue entrance, and directly opposite Evergreen Park, is marked on our original maps for "*Church and Parsonage*" purposes. Here the first church on these grounds was built, the plot being donated for that purpose by the Association. When the removal of the church to a more convenient locality became a necessity, this ground reverted, as per agreement, to its former owners. When the spot was desired by the trustees of the public schools the Association re-donated the same to them, so long as it should be used for such purposes. So it now stands.

PARK SQUARE, between New York, Pennsylvania, Embury, and Webb Avenues, is now, and for several years past has been, well occupied by St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, donated by the Ocean Grove Association to it so long as used for such church purposes by the same.

PARK HEIGHTS, between Cookman and Clark, New York and Pennsylvania Avenues, directly opposite the former Park Heights Seminary and the "Rest Home," occupied last summer by the deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church, needs improving.

THORNLEY PARK is immediately opposite Centennial Park, and on the west side of Pilgrim Pathway, between Tabor and Carmel Ways. This was formerly an unsightly place because of its occupancy by several superannuated tents, the remnants of a previous somewhat numerous race. When Mr. Thornley died, in 1889, steps were at once taken to erect to his memory the neat little chapel bearing his name; it is at its southern corner, while the bookstore is at the northern limit. The old



tents were also discontinued, and now the little plot is a "thing of beauty," and, I trust, will be to many "a joy forever."

**Concrete Walks.**—This is an important department of our work. During the past year there has been laid for private parties 15,500 square feet, which, added to that already laid, makes a total of twenty-two and one half miles of concrete walk four to six feet wide. Added to these



Beach between Lillagore's and Fishing Pier (Looking North).

there are nearly three miles of flagstone pavements of an average width with the above. Still, there are many walks not yet made. This should not be. Cities enforce these improvements, and if property holders do not make them the authorities do, and the cost stands a lien on the property until paid. We always prefer not to take the last named course, but if nothing else will secure the end, in order to satisfy all parties we shall be compelled to do so.

**Streets and Avenues.**—Our streets and avenues have been in fair

condition during the past season. There being considerable rain during each month of the summer made the wear upon them somewhat heavier.

The expense of material, labor, and teams during the year for graveling, scraping, cleaning avenues, repairing culverts, renewing curbing and street crossings was \$3,450.01.

**Ocean Pier.**—This pier has stood the terrific storms and floating wreckage of the past year well.

One very heavy piece of wreckage (the broadside of an old scow) entered at the sea end of the pier, working its way between the piling until it reached its end on the sand of the beach, doing but little damage.

The piling are in good condition, no repairs of any amount having been required. A number of bad sections of vessel bottoms have been, by careful watching, caught and held from doing damage to the pier until they could be torn to pieces.

The last very heavy wind and rain storm of October 11, 12, and 13 damaged the fencing which surrounds the deck to a small amount.

**The Great "Washout," Ocean Grove Front, 1895-6.**—On the 18th, 19th, and 20th of September, 1895, a heavy storm occurred, coming from the northeast. This storm lasted over five "high tides," and created a dangerous current, running south along the beach 8 to 9 miles an hour.

The sea being heavy and the tides high, their united action made a dangerous "sea push" nearly opposite Surf Avenue. This "sea push" showed by its work a break in the outer bar, which allowed the heavy swell to force itself directly on the shore. As these long-reaching seas struck the beach north end first, they created a "swirl" which carried out vast tons of sand at each recession.

The beach was thus cut from the "Camera-obscura" south to Bath Avenue, and the sand carried out between the shore and outer bar, not very far away, but for the time lost to us. The heavy cut under the plank walk left many of the piling barely touching the sand, while many were floated entirely away. This cut in the bluff between Atlantic and Bath Avenues reached back in many places from 12 to 20 feet.

Something had to be done at once. It was finally decided to build a sufficient number of jetties between the Ross Pavilion and Ocean Pathway to hold the sand and protect the bluff.

A contract was immediately entered into with D. R. Kelly, Esq., to build four of these obstructions, starting on a line with the west side of the board walk, well into the bluff, and extending 100 feet seaward from the east line of the walk, the level or top of the jetty at the start 7 feet 6 inches below the top of the said walk.

By November 2, 1895, these jetties were well under way. Our Jetty Committee labored hard to get them in before the heavy storms that were likely to visit us at the beginning of winter.

It was decided at this period to put in a "bulkhead" running parallel with the board walk, 10 feet east of the same, beginning at Jetty No. 1.



After the Storm of January 24, 1895. Preparing for Repairs.

This bulkhead was built as strong as iron and wood could make it, thoroughly bolted and braced at every joint.

It must be remembered, too, that this work of building the jetties and bulkheads could not be done without severe battling with the high tides and terrific seas.

On the 10th, 11th, and 12th of November, 1895, the dates of our last Annual Meeting, another storm struck us, and for two days the wind blew heavily from the north. On the 12th it veered eastward. The tides were extremely high, and from the south side of Atlantic to Bath Avenue the pilings under the board walk were cut out, and for a distance of 400

feet the west side of the walk sunk from 2 to 4 feet. Another bad cut was made in the embankment, and for a distance of 500 feet uncounted tons of bluff were washed away.

During such conditions Captain Rinear, our superintendent, with a force of men, was on duty most of the night, fighting against the encroaching sea.

As soon as this storm subsided the work went on. Extensions westward were added to Jetties Nos. 2 and 3. Jetty No. 4 was badly weakened while in an unfinished state.

On the 24th of January, 1896, a heavy easterly storm set in, raging about 26 hours, damaging the bulkheads, and completely destroying Jetty No. 4.

It was a wonderfully grand sight to see with what resistless force the waves dashed against all resistances, while the sea carried them away as if they were but cork.

The bulkhead stood the storm long enough to protect the bluff from the high tide and seas, and but for it Ocean Avenue, between the points named, would have been destroyed. All day Captain Rinear, with his men, battled with the elements. Sometimes, as the seas struck the bulkhead, they would bound 30 to 40 feet in the air, while the high winds carried the spray 150 to 200 feet over the walk and beyond Ocean Avenue.

Out from my window I beheld the sea,—  
 In the dark tumult of unbridled wrath;  
 In fierce and frenzied fury, frantically,  
 The tempest swept along destruction's path.  
 Waves clasped each other in a mad embrace,  
 Then rolled, and dashed, and swirled long leagues away;  
 Billows which mounted with a maniac's grace,  
 Worn out, broke down, in lawless gusts of spray,  
 The sea and sky each in their own wild way  
 Rung out high carnival of snow-wreathed song,  
 And lashed the land both savagely and long,—  
 Till the whipped earth wept for some sheltered bay,  
 Where, like a storm-tossed ship, it might retreat,  
 And find, like sin, refuge at mercy's feet.

It was ordered to replace Jetty No. 4, which was soon done. A row of piling was driven 10 feet outside the bulkhead, as close together as



their formation would permit. Fifty-seven of these were placed in a single day.

Jetties Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were by this time completed, No. 7 being 150 feet seaward from the east line of the plank walk.

Mr. Kelly, the contractor, having finished his work, Captain Rainear was directed to build two additional jetties between Ocean Pathway and the Fishing Pier. The high tides of November 12, 1895, February 8 and 15, 1896, having cut their way from Pitman up to and south of Main Avenue from 6 to 15 feet into the bluff, a jetty was located just north of



Building the Jetties.

the Fishing Pier, and another opposite Main Avenue. Fifty feet were also added to Jetty No. 1.

The bulkhead west of the board walk was finished 1,050 feet north of Ocean Pathway and 286 feet south of Pitman Avenue.

The vast amount of work done in building and rebuilding these jetties and bulkheads would not be imagined by anyone looking at our present completed beach, nor does the observer know of the battles fought and refought with the ocean and its overpowering billows in order to reach this long-sought consummation.

The carting of the piling for this great work was an herculean task,



Filling Washout, July and August, 1896.

most of which was hauled a distance of from 15 to 20 miles, often over heavy sand roads or mud.

There were from 700 to 800 piling used for the jetties alone. But the great chasm under and west of the plank walk was still there, requiring 15,000 cubic yards of sand to fill. It was a great undertaking. There was no material within practical reach of the shore. The only solution of the problem of how to fill it was from the sea. This, too, had innumerable difficulties—the high tides, the dashing billows, the north-east winds, and the trash brought in by it clogging the pipes; with all past engineering experience against it, the protest of practical men against it, the crowds of daily spectators against it, all uniting in one loud unanimous cry, “It cannot be done!”

Still, on the part of our sub-committee, Mr. T. J. Preston and Rev. J. R. Daniels, there was an abiding conviction that it was possible. This conviction perhaps grew partially out of the fact that there seemed to be no other way, and that the sea was the source from which the filling must come. There lay the sand in great abundance, but it was beyond low-water mark, fifty or more yards east of where it was needed, under water,

and requiring a vertical lift of from 15 to 20 feet, and to be carried to the east side of the plank walk. It would take 15,000 wagonloads to do the work. But the teams could not get to it. What should be done? Necessity replied, "Get a sand pump." Popular sentiment ridiculed. Perseverance said, "Try." Determination said, "We will." The work of preparation commenced about the first of June. There were many and exceedingly vexatious delays, continuing through most of the month. But the committee held on, so that by July 3 the difficulties were largely over-



The Washout Filled. September 1, 1896.

come, and the pumping commenced. Soon new adjustments were needed. Now a breakdown, then the tides too high or the sea too boisterous, or the pipes filled up; people laughing, "I told you so," etc. Some days not much accomplished, other days nothing; but under favorable conditions 50 cubic yards of sand were lifted and thrown in place in a single hour. The principle was a triumph, and there was general joy. It was also a glad day when, on September 1, 1896, the work was completed, and the problem solved that with a proper pump sand could be lifted from the sea as well as from quiet bays and rivers.

The cost of the entire repairs on the sea front is just about \$25,000. Seeing the enormity of the expense the Emergency Committee was called

together to deliberate on ways and means to meet it. All plans were discussed. It was finally decided to send out the following appeal:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 20, 1896.

DEAR FRIEND:

*Greetings of Grace, Mercy, and Peace!*

You have doubtless heard of the destruction wrought on our ocean front by one of the terrific storms of the past winter.

To restore the former conditions will cost at least \$25,000.

The whole beach and plank walk were so seriously threatened that to prevent the further destruction of one of the highest interests of our town something had to be done at once.

The best knowledge growing out of years of experience along the sea was sought and applied to our situation.

The unanimous conclusion reached was that a series of jetties and bulkheads should be immediately constructed to prevent the further encroachment of the sea on Ocean Avenue and, if possible, restore our wasted beach. The success thus far has been exceedingly gratifying.

To reach our present restorations over \$20,000 has been borrowed, on which we are paying an annual interest of 6 per cent. This burden is too great for us to bear alone.

Our lot holders have always shown sympathy with us in our efforts to protect and promote their property interests. Ours is a mutual copartnership.

The permanent loss of our plank walk and beach would depreciate the interests of all, and by that much lessen the attractions of our beautiful seaside resort.

This heavy burden of expense is felt all the more seriously in that it follows so quickly after other large and imperative outlays in providing better systems of electric light and water supplies; and now we have the added cost of constructing a larger and stronger water tank of sufficient capacity to meet the increasing demands of our people. These last named improvements, however, will in time make such remunerative returns as will, to a large extent, lighten their own weight.

But, from the beach and plank walk there are no direct returns whatever, only as they come from the general prosperity of the place, in which prosperity all property holders share, some more, some less, and all are in their measure benefited.

We, therefore, appeal not only to all of our lease holders, but to you also, as an interested friend of our town, as shown in your gifts to the great Auditorium, for help to remove this largely added debt, which has, in the providence of God, so unexpectedly come upon us.

Some of the members of our Association have given months of uncompensated toil to the restoration of our sea-smitten front, and will, in answer to this appeal, give of their means also to lift the debt incurred.

I therefore, in view of all these things, in the name of and on behalf of the Ocean Grove Association, most kindly, earnestly, and, notwithstanding all the financial depressions which embarrass our country even hopefully ask you to join us in the effort to raise this money.



We would be very thankful to have you answer this appeal at once, or at the farthest by August 1, 1896.

If not convenient to pay immediately what you would desire, our ends would be served if we receive it by September 1, 1896.

In the best interest to secure the highest spiritual and material results, and to hold our beloved Ocean Grove for God,

I am very truly yours,

E. H. STOKES.

Copies of the above circular were sent to all property owners and a large number of friends, not lot owners, whose names and addresses were on our Auditorium subscription book, altogether aggregating about 1,600. By change of residence many failed to reach the parties for whom they were designed, so that between one and two hundred, to the Auditorium contributors, not lot holders, were returned to us, and, having failed to reach their destination, did not do their work. You will all be interested to know the result :

Total number of subscribers, 151. Of these,

	13 gave \$1 00 each,	-	-	-	\$13 00
	6 " 2 00 "	-	-	-	12 00
	1 " 3 00 "	-	-	-	3 00
	64 " 5 00 "	-	-	-	320 00
	1 " 8 00 "	-	-	-	8 00
	30 " 10 00 "	-	-	-	300 00
	1 " 12 00 "	-	-	-	12 00
	1 " 15 00 "	-	-	-	15 00
	4 " 20 00 "	-	-	-	80 00
	14 " 25 00 "	-	-	-	350 00
	7 " 50 00 "	-	-	-	350 00
	4 " 100 00 "	-	-	-	400 00
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	146 Subscriptions paid,	-	-	-	\$1,863 00
	1 Gordon Lecture (net),	-	-	-	215 75
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	Total cash,	-	-	-	\$2,078 75
Unpaid,	2 of \$5,	-	-	-	10 00
"	1 " 10,	-	-	-	10 00
"	1 " 50,	-	-	-	50 00
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	151 Total subscribed,	-	-	-	\$2,148 75

To these statements it should be added that a number of letters were received expressing profound sympathy with the situation, and at the same

time very greatly regretting utter inability to render financial aid. It is also just to say that several gentlemen of high standing in their home relations, of thoroughly intelligent and successful business habits, wrote us, in the most kindly spirit (which letters are not only preserved, but highly appreciated), of their fullest sympathy, readiness, and perfect willingness to help at once; but as parties appealed to could not know their share in the matter, that by far the better and much more equitable way would be to raise the amount by a *special assessment*. This plan, however, and indeed almost every other, had been fully discussed in our Emergency Committee before sending the circulars. It was finally decided to try the circular plan first, and wait developments.

There is another brief item of interest in this history, which will enlighten you somewhat; namely, the relations of each subscriber to our work:

18 resident lot owners, total amount subscribed,	-	-	-	\$138 00
73 summer residents,	"	"	-	979 00
55 friends, not lot owners,	"	"	-	746 00
2 subscribers, out of town, not yet paid,	-	-	-	10 00
1 friend, not yet paid,	-	-	-	50 00
1 subscriber, lot owner, not paid,	-	-	-	10 00
1 Gordon Lecture (net)	-	-	-	215 75
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151 total subscribers. Total amount,	-	-	-	\$2,148 75
4 not paid,	-	-	-	70 00
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Total cash,	-	-	-	\$2,078 75

I add, in conclusion, it gives me great pleasure to say that in all the correspondence I do not recall one unkind sentence or word, and to all who wrote or gave I render profoundest thanks.

**Culverts and Sluiceways.**—These are sources of constant anxiety and annual expense.

Those at Broadway and Beach, Broadway and Central, and all on Main Avenues, require repairs annually, and sometimes two or three times a year.

**Sewer Plant and Sewer Outlet.**—The chief expense for the year has been the sewer outlet, a considerable part of which was carried away by the floating wreckage of the winter storms. The missing pipe

was replaced by galvanized iron pipe of a spiral form, with ends firmly bolted together, making a tight connection.

The expenses of material and labor on repairs to outlet,	-	\$309	59
A new line of pipe laid on Broadway, 275 feet in length,	-	-	79 71
Expense for the caring of the outflow of sewage, one man in constant attendance,	-	-	158 83
	-	-	-
Total cost,	-	\$548	13
Flushing sewer,	-	-	34 50
	-	-	-
Total cost, 1896,	-	\$582	63
Total cost of sewer plant to October 1, 1896,	-	\$39,788	31
Total sewer connections October 1, 1895,	-	1,097	
Total sewer connections October 1, 1896,	-	1,129	

**Electric Light and Water Station.**—The Electric Light and Water Committee submit the following report for your approval :

Many additions and improvements have been made to the station by our very industrious and efficient chief engineer—the setting up and attachment of revolution counter for pumping plant; the new gauge board for the compressor, a very useful and skillfully constructed piece of work; making new pistons and boring out cylinders of large steam pump; new piston rod for bar pump; making new automatic relief valve for main engines, the designs of which were made by one of the Committee; setting up and connecting new water settling tanks for the west-side system of wells, thereby preventing the accumulation of sand in street mains, which was so troublesome during the spring and summer, and numerous other pieces of mechanical work which could not have been done without going to a city machine shop, the expense of which would have been far greater than doing it ourselves.

The entire machinery is all in admirable condition, because of the attention which every part has received, showing no undue deterioration thus far in its wear.

The mechanical excellence and merit of our station has gone abroad over the country, and your Committee have numerous inquiries from owners of electric light and water plants as to how they can be supplied with similar machinery.

The street lighting is still done with the Heisler system, and it is not any more economical than formerly. In regard to renewals

of lamps and sockets, the cost of the same for the past six months is as follows :

309 Heisler lamps renewed at 65 cents each,	-	-	-	\$200 85
64 Heisler sockets renewed at 40 cents each,	-	-	-	25 60

The entire street service lamps were run 1,117 hours each. The Auditorium and other buildings for religious uses were lighted 59 evenings, making a total of 162 hours, with an average of 44 amperes, or 880 lights, per evening. The commercial lights make a total of 50,505 ampere hours, or an equivalent of 1,010,100 16-candle-power lamps per hour.

The consumption of coal for water and light combined, as weighed for each day's run at the station, was as follows :

May,	-	-	-	-	-	64.78 tons.
June,	-	-	-	-	-	85.35 "
July,	-	-	-	-	-	114.76 "
August,	-	-	-	-	-	191.41 "
September,	-	-	-	-	-	126.83 "
October,	-	-	-	-	-	54.86 "
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	637.99 "

It is practically impossible to separate the coal burned for light and water on account of the station being used for both systems together—same boilers, same steam, etc. Cost of coal for the past three years as follows :

Period May 1—October 1, 1894,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,500
" " " 1895,	-	-	-	-	-	4,700
" " " 1896,	-	-	-	-	-	2,000

Water pumped in the past six months as follows :

May,	-	-	-	-	17,856,000 gallons.
June,	-	-	-	-	23,904,000 "
July,	-	-	-	-	34,600,000 "
August,	-	-	-	-	55,688,000 "
September,	-	-	-	-	36,648,000 "
October,	-	-	-	-	13,968,000 "
Total,	-	-	-	-	182,664,000 "

You will see by the financial statement that the total receipts for the year for water and electric light combined are \$17,408.57, and that the



total expenses were (for both plants) \$11,434.42, which shows—after allowing six per cent interest on the cost of the electric light plant and the water plant; and after crediting for street lighting, \$3,250; for Auditorium lighting, \$1,000; for street sprinkling, \$1,000—a profit of  $\frac{3.25}{100.00}$  of one per cent.

The amount charged for construction in this account is largely due to the fact that many bills for last year's construction account ran over and were paid this year (that is, after October 1, 1895). The station is now practically complete, and should be maintained at small expense for the ensuing year. Our receipts also for this year have suffered a great declension in common with general business depression. The total amount shown in the financial statement for construction for the year past for both electric light and water is \$12,139.89. Of this about \$6,000 was reported in our report of November 10 last year. For electric light meters bought this year in order to put our system on a metered basis and thus practice both strict economy and good business, 94 meters, \$1,254. For new transformers bought to meet increased demands for supply of light—7 bought at secondhand rates, although the goods were in every sense first-class, \$364.30, leaving a balance of construction expense for a thousand odds and ends at the power house, most of which was accomplished at greatly reduced costs because of the facilities at the station for doing things at home instead of sending to the city (8 arc lamps and appurtenances included), \$4,521.59. Total, \$12,139.89.

With this we close our report. The year's work has involved much care, thought, and time. Many little details have been attended to which in themselves seem trifling compared with their trouble, but they represent to us, when done, economy for all the years to come. When it is remembered that our coal consumption and cost is fifty per cent below 1894, that our oil consumption shows great economies in use, and all this in view of the greatly increased amount of water and electric light furnished, compared with last year—and that our electric lights scarcely failed us once; that the quality has been almost uniformly up to standard; that our water has been abundant; that there was hardly a break all summer, even when the pressure upon the plant was greatest—it will be seen that our labors have not been in vain. We still recognize many improvements necessary as to methods and arrangements—improvements not involving

expense so much as study and attention, and hope to make these adjustments and policies possible for the coming year. We feel glad that we close our labors for the year with the affairs of the plant in an efficient and good business working condition, and hope to your satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. DEHAVEN, }  
T. J. PRESTON, } Committee.

**The New Water Tank.**—The foundations of this tank are made of broken stone and cement well mixed and tamped. The outer edge of foundations are faced with brick, and then plastered with cement. They are 4 feet in depth and extend 4 feet 6 inches from the side of tank all round; 8 2-inch bolts 6 feet long are in position passing through the 4 feet of foundations with a heavy iron templet on the bottom 12 inches square. These bolts are 23 inches above the foundations, passing through heavy iron brackets riveted on the outside, which hold the structure firm as a rock.

The diameter of the tank is 35 feet inside; height, 60 feet, and may be extended as required. Its holding capacity is 432,949 gallons.

Thickness of iron in bottom,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. The thickness of side plates are: No. 1,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch; Nos. 2 and 3,  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch; Nos. 4, 5, and 6,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch; Nos. 7, 8, and 9,  $\frac{7}{16}$  inch; Nos. 10, 11, and 12,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch, making 12 in all, 5 feet wide. A heavy angle iron is riveted around the top. All of the laps in first course of plates have 3 rows of rivets; all others, 2 rows.

The tank stands 76 feet 6 inches directly south of the electric light and water station. An iron ladder is riveted to the side of tank extending to within 9 feet of ground. The utmost care has been taken in all parts of the work, and nothing short of an earthquake would seem capable of its disturbance.

The entire cost is \$8,525.19, and is to take the place of the old one, of less security and capacity, now in Thompson Park.

**Wesley Lake and Bridges.**—The Pilgrim Pathway Bridge on this lake is under Mr. Bradley's care; that at the New Jersey Avenue is under the care of the Association.

A comparison of our bridge receipts shows them below the average for the past 8 years.

Total receipts from the New Jersey Avenue Bridge,	\$1,470 85
Cost of toll gatherings, etc.,	420 00
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Leaving a balance of,	\$1,050 85

The settlement with Mr. Bradley on the Pilgrim Pathway Bridge will probably increase this revenue somewhat.

Expenses in repairs, etc., on Wesley Lake have been as follows :

Cleaning lake,	\$114 50
Repairs to bulkhead and flume,	246 66
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Total,	\$361 16

The order on this lake has been good.



Prof. S. Nittinger's Family Tent, Bethesda Block.

**Fletcher Lake.**—The waters of this lake have been in a good condition during the past season.

We have had no trouble in controlling the outflow on the ocean front.

The flume at the foot of the lake stands intact, showing no weakening from the heavy seas and drift wreckage.

The order has been very good.

Only very slight repairs were required on any of the bridges.

**Tents and Tent Life.**—Two large tent kitchens were erected north of the Auditorium and six lattice kitchens; new canvas tents; stoves and pipes; general care of tents; taking down, putting up and caring for. Total cost, \$3,027.87.

Number of Association tents erected this year, as follows :

Cottage,	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	
Plain (about),	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
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Tents erected for private parties,	-	-	-	-	-	-		36
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-		242

A number of tents are erected by private parties on their own or rented lots of which there is no account kept by us.

**Floral Department.**—Mr. J. Bergen Thompson has had charge of the Hot Houses by lease for some time, and now by purchase.

He conducts the business, as far as we know, in a satisfactory manner, and has had a satisfactory season.

Many improvements in flowers and plants are seen through the streets of the town on the handsome lawns and terraces.

**Gentlemen's Toilets.**—Central Avenue, near Bath. This toilet room has given great satisfaction in its work during the season past. In a sanitary point of view there seems little or no call for improvement. While this is true of the arrangements of this new building, the Gentlemen's Toilet near Fletcher Lake greatly needs repairs, and should surely be attended to before next season.

**Ladies' Toilets.**—The closet on Bath Avenue, south end of Thompson Park, needs improving in its working; as does the one in center of Bethesda Block; also the one just west of the Auditorium.

**Street Sprinkling.**—The streets have been much better sprinkled during the past season, and less complaint. The Artesian water was used during the season.

The expenses for teams and men for the year ending October 1, 1896, was \$593.08. This amount, however, does not include the expense of the water supply, which is heavy.



**Tree Planting Day** was a very satisfactory occasion. Services were held near the Auditorium and Tabernacle during the morning hours, from 10 to 12, quite a number participating. These services were continued in St. Paul's Church at 7:30 P. M. The day observed was April 29, 1896. Memorial trees were planted for Mrs. Dr. Palmer, Mrs. Dr. I. M. Ward, Mrs. Letitia Jaquett, Mrs. Rev. James Brads, Rev. H. B. Beegle, Joseph Ross, Mrs. Anna Hickey, Thomas James, Rev. John Davidson, John C. Rose, William Scott, Mrs. John Martin, George S. Wood, Rev. A. J. Myers, Mrs. John A. Monroe, William and Rachel Ezray, Dr. C. J. Nice, Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Mrs. Carrie Fling, Rev. William H. Boole, Miss Sarah A. K. Osborn.

The trees purchased include 11 Sycamore Maples, 15 Norway Maples, 3 Silver Maples, 5 Lindens, and a few smaller varieties. After the memorial trees were planted, a number of those remaining were planted for private parties. The remainder were planted by ourselves in suitable places.

**Business Licenses.**—The licenses for the year have been collected without much trouble.

In a number of cases, when the different persons requiring a license failed to pay, suit was entered and judgment obtained. This course had a good effect upon all, and little further trouble has been experienced.

The number of licenses for 1896 is 266. This includes 60 boat licenses. Exceeding the amount paid last year by over \$500.

Twenty-one last year who refused to pay licenses were fined and appealed to the Supreme Court. This august body has just decided the appeals in our favor.

**New Auditorium.**—We have now occupied this great structure for three summers. It grows favorably upon most people each time it is revisited. It is probable that if we had the work to do now, with no more light than then, we would do no better, if as well. Its capacity is not too great, often not up to our needs. With the vast majority of visitors, whatever may have been their previous impressions or prejudices, on seeing, criticism is disarmed and objections lost in praise.

I regret to say there yet remains a debt upon it of just \$2,000. This I had fondly hoped would have been liquidated last summer; but times were dull, and other financial matters pressed. Please note as follows:

## NEW AUDITORIUM REPORT, NOVEMBER 11, 1896.

Amount of cash on hand November 11, 1895,	-	-	\$1.091 63
Amount cash paid, \$1,000 on \$3,000 note.			
"    interest "    \$90    "    "    due November 15, 1895,			1,090 00
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"    cash balance on hand November 15, 1895,	-	-	\$1 63
"    "    received from old subscribers to May 15, 1895,			105 00
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Total,	-	-	\$106 63
Paid interest on \$2,000 note, due May 15, 1896,	-	-	60 00
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Balance cash on hand May 15, 1896,	-	-	\$46 63
Received cash from old subscribers since May to November			
11, 1896,	-	-	71 50
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Total,	-	-	\$118 13
To pay interest, 6 months on \$2,000 note, due November 15, 1896,			60 00
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Amount cash on hand November 15, 1896,	-	-	\$58 13
Amount of unpaid old and new subscriptions,			\$2,433 00
"    less receipts,	-	-	166 50
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			\$2,266 50
Of which amount there are promises to pay,	-		700 00
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Amount very doubtful,	-	-	\$1,566 50

W. H. STOKES, Secretary New Auditorium Fund.

**Fire Department and Fire Alarm System.**—The Fire Department has shown its efficiency in responding promptly to all alarms during the season just closed. The Department shows the following organizations:

Washington Engine and Hose Co., No. 1, Ocean Grove. Apparatus: One Steam Fire Engine, two Hose Carriages, 1,300 feet 2½-inch hose, and 50 men.

The E. H. Stokes Chemical Engine Co., No. 3, Ocean Grove. Apparatus: One first-class chemical engine, with hose attachment, and 15 men, the full number allowed by their own laws.

The Unexcelled Chemical Engine Co., No. 1, West Grove. Apparatus: One first-class chemical engine, with hose attachment, and 50 men.

The Eagle Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2, Ocean Grove. Apparatus:

One first-class truck and full set of ladders, with all needed fixtures, and 18 men.

The old chemical engine belonging to the Association is also in commission and in the engine house of the Unexcelled Chemical Engine Co., West Grove, ready for use in case of necessity.

The Department is well officered and in good working order. All demands upon it have been promptly met. There have been two or three small fires, all extinguished before much harm was done.

The Gamewell Fire Alarm has worked well, bringing all parts of the Fire District in close touch. The work of erecting this system was well done, and is now in first-class order.

**Private Improvements.**—There has been a great deal of improvements on cottages during the year ending October 1, 1896.

The changes in many cottages are so great that the old forms are beyond recognition.

A great improvement has been made in the painting of cottages and boarding houses; the colors are in good taste, bright, and add greatly to the attractiveness of our city.

The total number of cottages October 1, 1896,	-	-	1,197
“ “ “ boarding houses,	-	-	80
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Total cottages and boarding houses,	-	-	1,277

**Police Department.**—REPORT OF CHIEF. Our police force proved itself an arm of strength during the year past.

Under the careful supervision of our Police Committee good service has been rendered, and the general appearance of all the men employed improved by being in regular police uniform.

Each man kept a record of his work, reporting to the Chief, General John C. Patterson, twice each day. A record is kept by the Chief, who reports to the Police Committee through its Secretary, T. M. Dickey, Esq., once a week, or oftener, if need be.

There have been 30 arrests for different violations of order:

Disorderly conduct, 7; intoxicated, 4; huckster without license, 1; peddler, 1; Sabbath bathers, 2; bicyclers, 10; tramps, 2; persons in improper bathing suits, 2.



Police Department



Persons hindered and removed from bathing grounds in improper bathing suits, 256.

Persons not properly covered stopped from going though the streets to and from bathing grounds, 48.

Shows prevented from entering grounds, 7.

Bicyclers stopped from riding on the Sabbath day (strangers to our regulations), 128.

Lost children restored to their parents, 27.

Cases arbitrated, 8.

Dogs running without muzzles, killed, 19.

There was only one pickpocket reported during the summer, and that one we were fortunate to arrest while in the act. It was a colored woman who had plied her calling during the season at the depot and all along the beach. She was brought before the Chief of Police, who held her for the Grand Jury, sending her to the county jail, and meanwhile obtaining her record, which was bad, and on Tuesday, October 6th, she was sentenced by Judge Conover to four years in State's prison.

Highest number of police employed at one time, 12; being 8 additional to the 4 who are on for the year. There are 2 day men and 2 night men on duty all the year round.

**Branch Banks.**—The Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, and also the First National Bank of Asbury Park, have branches in our town. Both interests are well conducted, the young gentlemen in attendance courteous, the business prosperous, and both institutions a great convenience to our people. We wish both all possible success, with constantly increasing influence for good.

**Board of Health Report.**—The usual Spring inspection of the premises in Ocean Grove has been attended to; some of the houses are not accessible at this time because not open, but often inspected after their occupancy, and always when necessity requires. In this work there is special attention given to the proper sanitary condition of all premises, and whatever is lacking we insist upon being done.

The Ocean Sewer Outlet last season did very well, there being less complaints than in the past.

We still continue making strenuous efforts to secure universal connections with our Water and Sewer System, but find great dif-



St. Paul's M. E. Church, Ocean Grove.

ficulty in getting the owners of property to do away with the old grate system.

The plumbing involved in this work we endeavor to have of a proper character, but this requires a careful inspection of the work by an expert plumber.

Garbage is removed by contract for the year. We have had more than usual annoyance in this matter during the past season, requiring unusual care and attention on our part. The principal source of the difficulty was the use of wooden receptacles for the garbage. This diffi-

culty can be removed by substituting for these metallic receptacles, with covers of the same material. In order thereto I have requested the Hon. H. W. Murphy to prepare an ordinance requiring their employment.

We keep a record of all communicable or contagious diseases and send a weekly statement of the same to the State Board of Health in Trenton, as required by Chapter 260 in Laws of Health of 1895. All cases of communicable diseases are quarantined and isolated. This is done by ourselves. We do not allow within our precincts any trade or occupation injurious to health.

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

**Post Office.**—George W. Evans, Esq., makes the following statement concerning the Post Office at Ocean Grove :

The business of the office for the past fiscal year has been in excess of any in its history. The present Postmaster has expended from his own salary, since his incumbency of the past three years, \$2,000 for the improvement of the office and its service. The patrons of the office have manifested, in many instances, their appreciation, in words of commendation and satisfaction. There is still expressed, on the part of many, the desire for the "Free Delivery Service." The Post Office Department has, through Mr. Frank H. Jones, the First Assistant Postmaster-General, shown a liberal disposition toward us, and no doubt, if Congress will make sufficient appropriation for the "Free Delivery Service," it can be secured for the next season.

At least 20,000 pieces of mail matter were handled daily during August, and for the months of July and August over one million. Eight clerks were employed during these two months. The Money Order business for the same time amounted to over \$30,000.

**St. Paul's Church.**—Here the work for the world's betterment still goes on. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Reed, who is in the first year of his ministry at this place, starts out with much popularity and promise of great usefulness. He makes the following statements of the condition of the church :

Value of property, \$21,000.

Present indebtedness, \$4,000.

Value of parsonage (no debt), \$3,000.

The Sabbath school numbers 380; Claude Guerin, Superintendent.

Epworth League, 90 members; Herbert Clark, President.

Number of members of St. Paul's, 619.

Number of probationers, 30.

Also flourishing Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Thomas Dunham, President; Y. W. C. T. U., Mrs. Kate Raphael, President.



Rev. J. G. Reed, Pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church.

**Elim Cottage.**—The Lady Managers of this modest institution, near the gates on Main Avenue, are doing a good work. Year after year, in a very quiet and unobtrusive way, they entertain Christian workers of all denominations, at small cost to the guests themselves, scarcely paying sufficient to meet expenses, while their further needs are supplemented by the contributions of friends, and occasionally by a lawn entertainment, as this year, on Friday evening, July 24. The evening, however, was unpropitious, and the attendance consequently was small, but continuing it over to Saturday night, they realized a considerable sum to aid them in their commendable work.

There were 221 guests entertained this year.

Denominationally there were: Methodists, 156; Presbyterians, 27;



Baptist, 10; Episcopalians, 3; Reformed, 17; United Presbyterians, 4; Salvation Army, 1; Lutherans, 1; Israelites, 2.

Countries: Persia, 3; Ireland, 1; India, 5; Syria, 2. States: New York, 59; New Jersey, 61; Pennsylvania, 56; Maryland, 8; Delaware, 1; Massachusetts, 2; Connecticut, 14; Virginia, 1; Ohio, 1; Florida, 1.

Ministers from States: New York, 14; New Jersey, 26; Pennsylvania, 28; Maryland, 7; Delaware, 2; Ohio, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Connecticut, 3; Virginia, 1; Florida, 1.



Elim Cottage. (Center Elevation, New.)

Since the season closed the cottage has been much improved in appearance by raising the center one story higher, which breaks the long level stretch of roof. This improvement adds a number of rooms to this pleasant but often overcrowded home.

### Railroads.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., October 15, 1896.

*Rev. E. H. Stokes, D.D., President Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association,  
Ocean Grove, N. J.*

DEAR SIR:

During the past season the following pieces of baggage were received and forwarded: June, 9,930; July, 23,198; August, 37,232; September,

17,573 ; a total of 87,943—a decrease of 5,593 pieces over the same period in 1895—and of this large amount not one piece was lost or went astray, which speaks well for the efficiency of the service and the efforts of our baggage agents, Messrs. Romaine and Johnson.

The early season was somewhat backward, but from personal observation I would say that the month of August compared favorably with previous seasons. I noticed an increase of visitors coming here on Saturdays and remaining over the Sabbath only, which can be accounted for by the stringency in money matters throughout the land. The regular Saturday half-holiday trains have been particularly well patronized.

There have been 1,540 carloads of excursionists discharged at this station the past season ; averaging each car as 50 passengers, we have a total of 77,000 people who have visited the famous twin seaside resorts for a day's recreation, and of this large number not one person was hurt.

Frequently during the season we handle as many as 125 trains a day. We have had two very large days this season, namely, August 4th, "Royal Arcanum Day," 140 carloads ; and August 20th, "American Day," 127 carloads. A very pleasant feature to note in reference to both of these days was the absence of all intoxicated persons.

The lost article department at this station has been very active. Over two hundred lost articles were recovered and restored to their proper owners ; said articles consisting of money, jewelry, watches, diamonds, clothing, hats, wraps, shoes, umbrellas, music, valises, and numerous other things.

In conclusion, I will add that while the past has not been quite up to previous seasons, the same has been fairly successful, and had conditions throughout the country been brighter, the Twin-cities-by-the-sea would have had no cause for complaint.

With best wishes for your Association's continued prosperity, and that Providence throughout its divine rulings will permit your continuance in the responsible and honored position you now occupy, and that you may be spared to us all for a long time to come, I subscribe myself

Yours very truly,

E. R. TINDALL, Station Master.

N. Y. and L. B. R. R.,

Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, N. J.

**Financial Statement.**

Received from regular sources,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$83,312	34
Received from sale of lots (applied by Trustees to Payment of Bonds and Interest),	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,808	25
Received on Loans,	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,900	00
Total receipts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$122,020	59
Balance, October 1, 1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,784	06
							\$126,804	65

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Paid for General Expenses and Improvements,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$57,633	80
“ Beach Washout Work,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,657	68
“ Police,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,034	00
“ Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	00
“ Wages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,166	79
Bonds Redeemed and Interest Paid on Principal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,300	00
Total disbursements,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$123,492	27
Balance, October 1, 1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,312	38
							\$126,804	65

**RESOURCES.**

Inventory (the several plants and salable lands not included),	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$175,000	00
Due on Book Accounts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,802	71
Due on lots sold,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,920	27
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$207,722	98

**LIABILITIES.**

Liabilities,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$179,100	00
Assets over liabilities,	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,622	98
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$207,722	98

Thus, my fellow-workers, we have passed in brief review over the surface of our secular affairs for the year 1896. I say surface, because anything more cannot be given in an annual report. The sources of all our receipts, and the disposition of all our funds, can be known in detail **only** by a critical examination of our financial accounts, all of which are thoroughly examined by an expert before each annual meeting, and by him certified as correct.

An analysis of the financial standing this year, compared with that of last year, reveals that our indebtedness is increased by almost exactly the amount of the cost of the improvements on the ocean front; namely,

\$24,787.12. All of the improvements which have been made during the year have been paid from current receipts after paying all other expenses. These improvements (which constitute increased values and conditions) amount to \$21,414.53; namely, for new water tank, new ice scales, new tent kitchens, water works and electric light improvements. In other



W. H. Stauffer,

Asbury Park Photographer, from whose pictures most of the illustrations in these Annual Reports have for several years been made.

words, we have added over \$21,000 to the value of our various properties and paid for the same out of the general income—after paying all running expenses—and our indebtedness is increased by the ocean front disaster only. To this may be added the fact, that the Finance Committee has established the policy of paying hereafter five per cent on all loans, and has already negotiated \$5,300 on this basis.

The year has been doubly oppressive because of the general strin-



gency of the times, and the heavy extra, but imperative, expenses to which we have been subjected. But for these we should have shown a satisfactory reduction of our indebtedness, instead of an increase, the equivalent of the cost of the great washout on the beach. Nevertheless, we have cause for gratitude that it is no worse. With returning prosperity, under the blessing of Almighty God, we hope for better results next year. With devout gratitude to Almighty God, and profound thanks to all who have in any way assisted in the great work to which so many of us have for so many years devoted so much time and toil, I close the secular part of my annual report.







Religious  
Department  
1896



Miss Ruth M. Sites.

Marguerite Wong.

(FOOCHOW, CHINA.)





Rev. Merritt Hulburd, D.D.

Obiit October 10, 1896.

Stalwart in mind and heart,  
Stalwart in toil from morn till heated noon,  
His life just past the fragrant month of June,  
And all his cultured fields aburst with bloom!

His was the leader's art!  
Sowing or reaping, his the victor's cry.  
Then, why depart? Be still! God holds the reasons why.

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“There is not an atom that floats in the summer sunbeam, not an asteroid that takes its place in the great procession of the universe, that does not have its part in God's great plan. God has his plan for every man.”—*Dr. M. Hulburd, at Ocean Grove, July 19, 1896.*

## THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

A JEW entered a Persian temple and saw there the sacred fire. He said to the priest, "How is this; do you worship the fire?"

"Not the fire," answered the priest. "It is to us an emblem of the sun, and of his animating light."

Then the Jew asked: "Do you adore the sun as a deity? Do you not know that he also is a creature of the Almighty?"

"That we know," replied the priest, "but the sensual man needs an outward sign to comprehend the highest. And is not the sun the emblem of the invisible, incomprehensible light which preserves and blesses all things?"

Then the Israelite answered, "But does your nation distinguish the image from the original? They call the sun their God, and sinking even from this to a lower image, they kneel before the earthly flame. You dazzle the eye of the body, but darken that of the mind; and in presenting to them the terrestrial light, you take from them the celestial—'Thou shalt not make to thyself any image or likeness.'"

"How do you name the Supreme Being?" asked the Persian.

The Jew answered, "We call him Jehovah Adonai; that is, The Lord who was, who is, and shall be."

"Your word is great and glorious," said the Persian; "but it is terrible."

Now, a Christian approached and said, "We call him Abba, Father."

Then the Jew and the Gentile regarded each other with surprise, and the Jew said: "Your word is the nearest and the highest. But who gives you the courage to call the Eternal thus?"

"Who," said the Christian, "but the Father himself." Then he expounded to them the mystery of the manifestation of the Father in the Son, and the tidings of redemption.

And when they heard this they believed, and lifted up their eyes joyfully to heaven, and said, full of fervor and of the Spirit, "Father, dear Father." Then all three joined their hands and called each other brethren.

This beautiful parable, from the pen of the evangelical Frederick Adolphus Krummacher, a German clergyman of great distinction, contains in concrete the prolific source or sources of many prolonged and

bitter theological discussions, which have resulted in lifelong alienations, and, in some instances, it is to be feared, have extended even to the world beyond. The happy termination of the verbal differences, in the above prose-poem, is worthy of all commendation: "When they heard these things, then all three joined their hands and called each other brethren."

One of the aims of the Ocean Grove Association is not to destroy organic unions, but to breathe into all, as far as may be, the Christly spirit, and thereby bring about a practical fellowship of the highest and holiest character.

Why not? When the day of Pentecost was fully come, there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. When, therefore, under the influence of the divine Spirit, the multitude came together, they were confounded, because every man heard them speak in his own language. Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea, Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, in Egypt, and parts of Libya and about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. What meaneth this? Then Peter arose and explained. After the explanations they believed, and, practically joining hands, they called each other brethren.

Such scenes have scores of times been witnessed at Ocean Grove. Devout men and women from almost, if not quite, every nation under heaven—all kindreds, tongues, and people, of all denominations, creeds, forms, and ceremonies—have spoken of the great things God wrought in their souls in such exultant tones and terms, and with such sunlit faces, that each caught the spirit of the other, and, although every word might not be fully understood, enough was immediately comprehended to convey the knowledge of Christly fellowship, and soul knit with soul in the midst of flowing tears, and hallowed songs, in spirit clasped loving hands rejoicing that alike born of God, they were one in Christ, and with love, such as they had never known before, *called each other* brothers.

No differences now about verbalisms or rigidities concerning unimportant forms or infallibility of creeds, nothing—for Christ was all in all, and over all, God blessed forever.

If there is one thing at Ocean Grove that, after the conversion of men from the error of their ways, gives us higher joy than another, it is

not that we have unmade any man or woman denominationally, but rather enabled multiplied thousands of Christian people to join in these parts of the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in the Holy Ghost, and in the communion of saints," more heartily than ever.

We now enter upon a review of our summer work somewhat in detail. I trust these details, if they do nothing more, will justify the utterance of the preliminaries given above.

**Auditorium.**—It is to us a pleasant fact, and stands as additional evidence of our aims being more to make and help all Christians rather than simply to build up a single sect, that the first service of the year was the holding of the

#### BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES,

on Sabbath evening, May 24, 1896, one month and four days prior to the general opening day of the season. This large body of Christian people, through their local committee, made the following

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following communication from Rev. E. H. Stokes, D.D., LL.D., has just been received. Ocean Grove is the sister city to Asbury Park, famed for years as a religious seaside resort, and latterly for its noble Auditorium. We sincerely appreciate the courtesy of this invitation from the "Mecca of Methodism" as conferring a pleasing compliment upon our denomination. We print both letter and reply:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., April 23, 1896.

*To Messrs. W. M. Pawley, Ira E. White, Harold B. Ayres, James E. Burt, and M. T. Wheat, Committee of Arrangements, May Anniversary:*

GENTLEMEN:

We have just learned by public announcement and otherwise that the May Anniversaries of the great Baptist Church of America are to be held this year in Asbury Park, a town separated from our own by a narrow lake, and having many things in common with us. We take this opportunity to express our pleasure in having such a gathering so near, and hereby through you, extend to your constituency, in the interest of Christian fraternity, a most cordial invitation to visit our town during their stay.

If it be possible, without infringing upon any of your present arrangements, to hold one or more of your services, at your convenience, in our new Auditorium, it



will be our pleasure to place the same at your disposal. This, I am sure, would be gratifying to our citizens, and appreciated by the general public.

Awaiting your favorable reply, we are

Very truly yours,

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n,

(Signed,) E. H. STOKES, President.

Reply—Written after conference with Drs. Morgan, Morehouse, and Rowland:

ASBURY PARK, April 25, 1896.

*Rev. E. H. Stokes, D.D., LL.D., President Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Ass'n,  
Ocean Grove, N. J.*

MY DEAR SIR:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 23d inst., and on behalf of our Committee, our Church, and the denomination we are serving upon this occasion, I desire to thank you most heartily for your kind invitation and also to express our sincere appreciation of the fraternal spirit which has prompted you so generously to offer your great Auditorium for our anniversary services. Agreeable thereto, it will be our pleasure to assist the officers of the general societies in arranging to hold the Sunday services of May 24 in the magnificent structure you have so wisely erected for the service of God, hoping under his blessing that they may prove the crowning exercises of our great denominational gatherings.

With fraternal greeting,

Most gratefully yours,

(Signed,) WM. M. PAWLEY, Chairman.

We are not prepared at this date to announce full particulars concerning the services to be arranged for Sunday, May 24, in the Ocean Grove Auditorium, instead of the Asbury Park Auditorium, where all other services will be held. In addition to the program already published other eminent speakers of our denomination will participate, and a large chorus choir will be organized to contribute additional attractiveness to the occasion.

The churches of Asbury Park and of Ocean Grove will be invited and local interest centered in these services.

We trust the arrangements, when completed, will please every visitor and make the day one of delightful memory.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 25, 1896.

It gives me great pleasure to state that the arrangements referred to in the latter part of the above were consummated, and a largely attended

and exceedingly interesting public service was held at the Auditorium on the evening of May 24, 1896.

**Grand Army of the Republic Camp Fire.**—Inasmuch as Christianity and patriotism go hand in hand, it is a further pleasing incident that the above great organization held the second service in the Auditorium, prior to the general opening day, namely :

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1896.

A large audience was in attendance, and the services throughout, consisting of patriotic songs, prayer, praise, and fervid addresses, were full of hallowed memories and highest inspirations.

“O! thus be it ever when freemen shall stand  
 Between their loved home and the war's desolation,  
 Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land,  
 Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
 And this be our motto, 'In God is our trust;'  
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!”

**The General Opening Day.**—Sabbath, June 28, 1896. This day had been long anticipated, and came at last. The summer season at Ocean Grove is a new era in the history of the year, bright with joyful anticipation and, if possible, still more wonderful realizations. The “season” is the Kohinoor of all the months. Old friends and new appear on every hand. Smiles wreath each brow, and words of friendly recognitions and royal welcomes fall from every lip. The humdrums of life are for a season left behind, and gladness ripples like sunlight on the sea, or breaks in bounding billows on the pebbled shore. Songs roll along the pathways or burst in tidal waves of overflowing joy as many thousand voices, attuned to highest melody, ascend to God from congregations vast.

It is the Holy Sabbath, and nearly nine o'clock. The avenues, quiet an hour ago, are all a flutter with orderly and happy life. Every face and step is toward the Tabernacle or Temple. The clock on Association Building strikes nine, the Auditorium bell taps one, and at once two congregations, one of the older people and the other of the younger

together, as if by divine magic, though a hundred yards apart, spring to their feet and pour into the listening ear of heaven :

“ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”

The Temple is full, the Tabernacle nearly so, and it is a relief to the pent emotions to sing forth

“ The honor of Jehovah’s name and make his praise glorious.”

Brother Daniels is in the Tabernacle and Brother Yatman is in the Temple, both surrounded by loyal and loving hearts, and, both in their respective places from this opening day, each successive morning, week days and Sabbath days, without a single omission from any cause, they continue in their appeals until far along in the September days, they sing their triumphant songs, and shout their victories. During all the



Bishop Janes Tabernacle and Beersheba Well.

years of these meetings, never before were such mountain heights attained or such triumphs won. To God be all the praise !

#### THE OPENING SERMON.

The Rev. C. H. Yatman, for fourteen years the successful leader of our "Young People's Meeting," absent from his native land on a soul-saving mission around the globe for nearly a year, having gratified a long-cherished desire, and just returning, this was made the day of his Ocean Grove

#### WELCOME HOME.

The weather was unpropitious, yet this did not interfere with the ardor of the occasion, as was evident in the large number that thronged the great Auditorium. There was a thrill of gladness as the people read :

" Ring, joy bells, ring, O ring,  
Praises to Christ our King ;  
Through him you went, and by his care you come ;  
Ring, ring the bells of joy,  
Ring, 'tis a sweet employ  
To ring the happy bells of welcome home."

All the introductory services were full of holy thanksgiving that ministers and people were permitted to meet again and engage once more in the worship of Almighty God.

Mr. Yatman took for his text: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." Rev. xi, 15.

He entered with great physical freshness and vigor upon the subject before him, asking the question, "Will the kingdoms of this world ever become the kingdoms of God?" Answer: "We are seeing this come to pass in our day, and there are three reasons why the completion of this prophetic declaration in connection with our holy religion shall ultimately be fully accomplished. First, it is a religion intended for the world; second, it is adapted to the wants of the world; third, it is reaching that for which it is planned and adapted. I will prove by my experiences of the past year in various parts of the world that this is true." In doing this he gave many thrilling illustrations which came under his own ob-



ervation in various lands, which moved the heart and convinced the intellect.

**Summer Sabbath School.**—At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon the annual reunion of all departments of the Sabbath school—primary, intermediate, and Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class—was held in the Auditorium. There was a good attendance for the day. The Rev. J. R. Daniels gave the address of welcome, to which Dr. Hanlon made an interesting reply, giving a graphic description of the growth of his own department, from thirty persons gathered in Dr. Ward's tent twenty years ago, to an aggregate attendance last year of nearly twenty thousand.

All departments of the Sabbath school have been well officered during the year closed, namely: George W. Evans and Professor O. G. J. Schadt, Superintendents; Dr. Thomas Hanlon, Teacher of the Bible Class; Mrs. William H. Skirm and Mrs. Titian Sommers, Primary Department; D. D. Peak, Secretary; Mr. J. C. Demming, Chorister; Mr. Samuel Nittinger, Philadelphia, Pianist; Misses L. C. and F. A. Nittinger, Organists, together with an orchestra of six instruments, assisted in the music at each session of the school; who, with all other helpers, did excellent service.

Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, always popular, was never more so than this year. The attendance was large at the start, and increasing every Sabbath was, at the close, immense. More irrelevant questions than formerly are now ruled out, which adds to the homogeneousness of the exercises, while those entertained are answered with almost electric speed and flash back upon the audience with brightness almost equal to the electric glow. Sometimes the auditor may not agree with the teacher's views, yet even then the divergence quickens thought, and though the opposing thunders may seem for a while to clash, the commotion purifies the atmosphere of the mind and a clearer calm is soon secured. Freedom of thought is entertained, yet that freedom is not allowed to run riot, and in due time is checked within proper limits, while error is dethroned and truth prevails.

Our Sabbath school and Bible class work at Ocean Grove will tell favorably on coming generations. May the divine blessing rest upon them.

**Surf Meetings.**—On opening day, because of the inclement weather,

this service was held in the Auditorium, immediately preceding public worship. The subject was "Praise," and seemed to be in exact accord with the prevailing sentiments of the day. Excellent addresses were given by Drs. Wallace, Hanlon, Andrews, and General Rusling. The greatly improved condition of the beach this year over last enabled the subsequent services of this character to be held, whenever the weather permitted, at the foot of Ocean Pathway. These meetings are always popular.

**The Evening Sermon.**—This was also preached by Mr. Yatman, from the text, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." It was a heart-searching occasion, and fifteen persons indicated a desire to be saved and five or six professed conversion.

The whole opening day was highly satisfactory and full of holy inspiration. Thousands seemed to gird themselves anew for the battles of another season, and even before the walls of Jericho fell joined in the exultant shout of triumph.

**Woman's Christian Temperance Union of N. J.**—Thursday and Friday, July 2 and 3, Mrs. Emma Bourne, President, presiding, aided by the other officers: Mrs. M. B. Ellis, Mrs. I. H. Demarest, and Mrs. N. H. Caminade.

We have always looked upon this Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey as an important wing of one of the mightiest organizations—"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States"—for the promotion of the cause of temperance on this continent, if not in the world. I have not changed my opinion, and the more I see and know of them the more I am confirmed in my views. I regard them as the *Loyal Legion of our country*, and if our government saw its way to appropriate one fourth the amount to its aid that is expended on the military forces of the land they would do more to maintain the peace and promote the prosperity of the nation than is now done by all our standing armies. I do not expect this to be done, but in the absence of this if every stanch temperance man and woman in the country would contribute \$1 per year to their aid, what a work might be accomplished!

Their program this year was excellent and admirably carried out. Their motto, "NEW JERSEY SHALL BE REDEEMED," is the voicing of

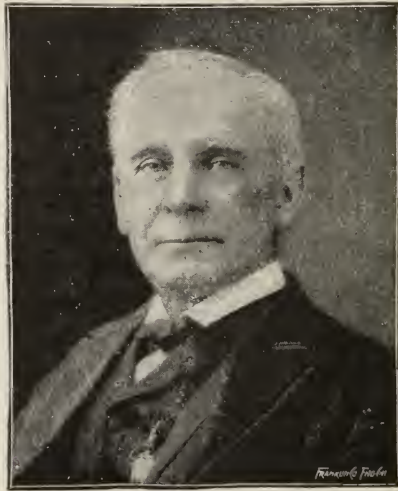
woman's unwavering faith. Their emblem—"The laurel—first victory, then peace," is more than apples of gold in pictures of silver, and shows the only way to the peace which stays. Courage, ye women :

Tempests beat ! But granite stands,  
 Wrong must yield, the truth abides ;  
 Truth is granite ! God commands,  
 Truth shall heed no voice besides.

God's delays seem long to men,  
 Seeming long to him is brief ;  
 Help is nearest often, when  
 Farthest from us seems relief.

**Fourth of July.**—This day, from the time of our commencement, more than a quarter of a century ago, has been duly recognized here, and always celebrated. We have had many very beautiful patriotic occasions, but few, if any, have equaled, and none excelled, the past. One circumstance only had a depressing effect—the lamented decease of one whose charming personality, highly cultured musical talents, and whose intimate relationship to the Ocean Grove Choir, and especially her leadership in the national anniversaries of former years, left a vacancy which may not soon be adequately filled. Mrs. George M. Bennett, whose gentle spirit took its everlasting flight on the evening previous, was sadly missed and mourned, but her memory, embalmed in many loving hearts, will remain. Professor Sweney took her place and, with his well-trained choir, rendered delightful service. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. G. Reed, Pastor of St. Paul's; an original poem recited by Miss Emily W. Rusling; and Mrs. H. H. Forrest, of Philadelphia, read the Declaration of Independence, with the addenda of nine gentlemen joining in the recitative arraignment of King George, under twenty-eight particular charges of misrule, oppression, and tyranny. The plan was not only new, but surprised most of the audience, as they were not prepared for such a departure from the usual method of presenting that immortal document. The change was pleasant and had a fine effect. Mrs. Fannie Buell Miller gave a solo, "Barbara Fretchie," with such impressive emphasis, sweetness, and sweep of voice as thrilled every mind and heart.

The oration was given by Rev. Dr. A. A. Willetts, of national fame. Much was expected from a man who had for so many years occupied such a prominent position among the most popular and eminent divines of this country and Europe. But, however great the expectations, more was realized. His bow abides in strength; his voice is resonant; his logic is on fire; his magnetism resistless; his quick wit surprising; his gestures graceful; his eloquence towering, taking masterly possession of his audiences which he holds till the last word is spoken. The carnival on Wesley Lake at night was magnificent.



Rev. A. A. Willetts, D.D.

**Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.**—The twelfth annual session was held this year July 6-16. The program, as usual, varied, entertaining, and instructive, was sustained throughout with marked ability, the interest not only kept up, but, unceasing to the last. The lectures, stereopticon exhibitions, Assembly concert, addresses, and services were all of a high order, and elicited general commendation. The studies in the Greek Testament, under the leadership of Professor Schadt, were a new feature and increased the interest. The sermon of Bishop Andrews on Sabbath morning, and the Commencement oration on Thursday morning by President G. E. Reed, were, for their special ap-



propriateness, eloquence, and force, worthy of the highest commendation.

Great credit is due Dr. B. B. Loomis for the successful issue of this Assembly. Having originated it here twelve years ago, his labors have been untiring in its behalf; he and his corps of faithful teachers can look back with pleasure upon the session of '96 as among the happiest and most fruitful of them all.

**The Epworth League.**—The Sixth Annual Convention of the Second General Conference District, July 16–20, 1896. This being the first time this convention had assembled at Ocean Grove, the New Jersey Conference Board of Control, assisted by the Leagues of Ocean Grove, West Grove, Hamilton, Bradley Beach, and West Park, tendered to their distinguished guests a formal reception at the Sheldon House, Ocean Grove, on Thursday evening, the 16th of July, which was well attended and the occasion pleasant.

The regular program was taken up on Friday morning, the 17th; Rev. George E. Stockwell, of Fort Plain, N. Y., presiding. The whole services were well arranged and ably carried out by talented speakers, both lay and clerical, from various Conferences, awakening much attention, and calling forth many expressions of high commendation. The Sabbath services were special. The great love feast at the Auditorium in the early morning will not be forgotten, nor the brilliant sermon of Dr. Merritt Hulburt, of Wilmington, Del., on God's plan in each human life; so all the after services of the day.

The members of the Second General Conference District of the Epworth League have reason to congratulate themselves on the pleasant manner in which the Sixth Annual Convention progressed and closed.

**Woman's Home Missionary Society, and National Deaconess Convention.**—July 20–23, 1896. These distinguished and honorable ladies, many of them of national fame, under the general leadership of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, are engaged in a high and holy work, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. The field is vast and their tasks Herculean. They need nerves of steel, an all-conquering faith, heroic zeal, and love such as moved the heart of the Son of God when he said, "Here am I, send me," together with prayers, sympathies, and funds from all the people.

They had this year an extended program, able speakers, and wise counselors, whose far-reaching vision of present and future demands stirred the hearts of all to higher endeavors in the realm of doing good. The Church is rallying to their help, and God is over all. The Deaconess Home plans are perfecting, and the general work is encouraging.

**African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee.**—July 24. The announcement of this annual gathering always attracts a large assemblage. Their weird melodies and plantation songs, their whole-souled oratory their great-hearted enthusiasm, stir the emotions of our people, and in the exercises they all find great delight.

Their popular Bishop Grant was present for the first time, and made an excellent impression by his manner of conducting the exercises, and his ability as a fluent and witty speaker. He had around him a body-guard of the most eloquent men of his large district, which covers all seaboard territory from Delaware to Nova Scotia: Secretary Parks, Dr. Thomas, Dr. I. W. L. Roundtree, Professor Keeting, and J. M. Palmer, scarcely any one of which had up to that date been excelled on this summer's platform. The Afro-American is on the ascending grade.

**“White Sunday.”**—The Young People's Anniversary Day, Sabbath, July 26. It was the Fourteenth Anniversary of Mr. Yatman's leadership of the Young People's Meeting at Ocean Grove. It was a charming day, and the people were early astir. At the regular hour of nine the Temple was completely filled, with hundreds on the outside. The leader and the young people were in white. The services were intensely interesting throughout, and held the vast assemblage until the bell sounded for the more public worship in the Auditorium. This was speedily occupied, an audience of several thousand being present. Over the great platform a banner was suspended with a red cross on white ground, and the name “JESUS” in bold letters above it. White and red were the prevailing colors in the drapery, which was tastefully arranged and had a pleasing effect. The choir was full and the music grand. Just before the morning offering was made Mr. Yatman read the following:

*Report of the Young People's Meeting of Ocean Grove, N. J., C. II. Yatman, Leader, July 26, 1896.*

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Reports, like reputation, have value only where real worth stands behind, and the character

of the work done in the Young People's Temple is such as to bear the test of that severest critic—Time.

This is the fourteenth year of the present leadership, and scattered far and wide can be found a multitude of those who by conversion, consecration, and inspiration from these daily summer services are now beautiful Christian wives and mothers. Young men have ripened out into noble manhood and grace the positions they fill as leaders and workers in the commercial, civic, and religious world.

There is no abatement in the interest of the meetings. The same large numbers daily throng the place where Christ is presented as Saviour and Friend, by word, testimony, and song.

The cosmopolitan character of the company is very delightful. Gentile and Jew, Protestant and Catholic, the extreme ritualist and the light-hearted lass, all join as one in the service that has for its aim the making known God and his loving salvation.

The Holy Spirit is our abiding helper. We ask your continued sympathy because we need it. The work of making the meetings go with ease and brightness, having continued variety, is much greater than labored sermon or scholastic address. We ask your prayers, because by these, made and answered, have we won hitherto.

We ask your generous financial support, for to succeed we must have not only grace, but gold.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

C. H. YATMAN.

The preacher of the morning was Rev. J. E. Price, D.D., of Sing Sing, N. Y., Dean of the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology, who preached eloquently, learnedly, and helpfully from Heb. xi, 40, "That they without us should not be made perfect."

Mr. Yatman closed this very interesting day with a hurried glance at incidents in his soul-saving trip around the world, using them as illustrations of the readiness of Christ to save now and to the uttermost.

**Ocean Grove's Memorial Day.**—This is one of our most delicate and tender days. Death invades our ranks and we are left to pursue our journey alone. We meet to memorialize the departed. The audience is not large, hence we gather in the Tabernacle, but, though comparatively small, it is select and sympathetic. The people come in softly and slow.

If they speak with each other, it is in subdued tones. The music is touching.

“The world recedes! it disappears,  
Heaven opens on our eyes! Our ears  
With sounds seraphic ring,”

while the angels seem to lend their wings, and we are ready to mount, even fly, to their embrace in the bright world beyond. For an hour or



more we re-live the past, and, though through tears, anticipate the blessed future. Over seventy names are on the board; concerning each some kindly word is said. Having thus done what we could, we find comfort in the doing. While we here mourn their going, on the other side we hear them say :



“They come! the war-scarred Christian host,  
From mountain, vale, and stormy coast;  
With hearts aflame and flashing eye,  
They throng the pathways to the sky,  
While banners float above their head,  
And swing of conquest marks their tread.  
Enough! Life’s work is grandly done.  
Enough! Each battle fought and won.  
Enough! They conquered earth and sin,  
And through the pearly gates come in,  
While glory glows around each head,  
And swing of conquest marks their tread.”

### **The National Temperance Society and Publication House.**

—July 28 to August 2. This is their fifteenth annual session. They seem like old friends, though we miss the veteran, intrepid, and enthusiastic leader of the former days, John N. Stearns. But, though dead, he still lives and speaks through his almost unnumbered printed pages, and breathes in his unconquerable spirit, which rests like a divine mantle on those of his compeers who yet survive. Rev. C. H. Mead, D.D., so long associated with him in earnest advocacy of the holy principles of temperance, is his worthy successor, and is nobly pushing the battle on. May this great society, still, as in the past, only more abundantly, have the high success it so richly deserves.

The Silver Lake Quartet, as formerly, consisting of Rev. C. H. Mead, Professor Chambers, J. G. Dailey, and J. D. Allatt, furnished inspiring music all through, and on Thursday evening gave a magnificent concert, to the great delight of all.

The platform talent was superior: Joshua Bailey, Rev. C. H. Mead, Rev. W. C. Steele, Hon. J. G. Woolley, Rev. D. C. Babcock, Rev. S. Z. Batten, Morristown, N. J.; Rev. A. G. Lawton, Rev. John Handley, J. N. Quimby, M.D., Rev. Dr. Peter Stryker, and Colonel George W. Bain. All were at their best, and some, difficult as was the task, excelled themselves. Bailey was historic; Stryker thoughtful, going down to fundamental principles; Babcock, deep, broad, colossal; Mead, varied, witty, attractive, eloquent; Lawton, neat, clean, clear, incisive; S. Z. Batten, intelligently earnest; Handley, rugged, with stern facts and ablaze with white-heat eloquence; Dr. Quimby, towering in scientific strength; Colonel Bain,

as always, silver-tongued, convincing, magnetic, tender as a sorrowful mother plucking a tiny flower to lay upon the lowly grave of a drunkard's child, then in the first fresh glow of the sun-painted morning on poetic wings, carrying his audience to the highest summits of Himalayan Mountains, supremely triumphant, portrays the glories of virtue in sublimest strains; Hon. J. G. Woolley is forceful from necessity; having passed through terrific experiences, he cannot relate them otherwise than as he has felt. In doing so he sometimes rises in such awful flights of unchained frenzy, that the audience, appalled, looks over into the seemingly bottomless depths of horribleness into which men, insane with an unbridled appetite, plunge wild and headlong to gratify it.

" I know my wife weeps tears of blood,  
     But give me rum ;  
 That ruin rolls in like a flood,  
     But give me rum ;  
 I know my eyes are blank and blear,  
 I know my home is dark and drear,  
 I know an awful death is near,  
     But give me rum ;  
 Yes, give me rum ! Mad, crazy—hurry, come !  
 My brain's on fire ! Hell's hot ! Give, give me rum ! "

But, however measureless the depth of woe, or fiery with fearful wrath the deplorable condition, Mr. Woolley never fails to set in the black sky a star of hope—the Star of Bethlehem. Jesus is the drunkard's last great helper. He can save, and is not only able, but WILLING !

" O, man, dost thou by voice or vote  
     Pass on the rum ?  
 Hands often indirect, I note,  
     Pass on the rum ;  
 With worldly policy in view,  
 To sturdy principle untrue,  
 Failing our honest work to do,  
     WE pass the rum ;  
 O, Prohibition ! Liberator, come !  
 And curse the curser, DARKEST RUIN, RUM ! "

The meeting was strong and successful to the end.

**Twenty-seventh Anniversary.**—First religious service held at Ocean Grove July 31, 1869. This is always commemorated at the Me-

morial Vase, foot of Thompson Park, near the south end of the lower bridge across Wesley Lake. It is always a pleasant occasion—a time of general thanksgiving and joy for what God has wrought, and yet wearing a little tinge of sadness because, of all the twenty-four who gathered at the first meeting, only a very few are left—four or five at most—to tell the story of that small beginning in a frail tent, extemporized as a place of worship for the time. But rude as was the place, and limited as was the number present, God revealed himself in such manner as is rarely experienced, even in the grandest cathedrals of the East. It seemed to be a premonition of what God would be pleased to do in the coming time. The prophecy then made through that divine o'ershadowing has been marvelously fulfilled. To him be all the glory! As usual, at our last service, songs were sung, led by Professor Sweney and Silver Lake Quartet; prayers offered; the Ocean Grove chapter, Isa. xxxv, read by Dr. Alday, and addresses made. The speakers on this occasion, after a few explanatory remarks by the President, were Dr. Wallace, Rev. C. H. Yatman, Rev. Joseph Gaskill, Rev. W. H. Wardell, Rev. William Franklin, S. M. Myers, Esq., Rev. J. R. Daniels, A. H. De Haven, Esq., Mrs. Dr. Stokes, Mrs. Rev. James Ayres, and D. H. Brown, Esq.

The following hymn, prepared by the President twenty years ago for such an occasion, set to music by Professor Sweney, and sung at almost every anniversary gathering since, was repeated, and, as rendered by Professor Sweney and Silver Lake Quartet, never with better effect :

#### OCEAN GROVE HYMN.

Jesus, Lord, thy power display,  
Grandly here thy right maintain;  
Here pursue thy glorious way,  
Ocean Grove invokes thy reign.

Here make known thy power to save,  
Here refine from sinful dross;  
Mightier than the ocean's wave,  
Show the victories of thy cross.

Ocean Grove we give to thee;  
Ocean Grove, its lakes and shore,—  
Ocean Grove, its land and sea,  
Shall be thine for evermore.

Ocean Grove, its hands and hearts,  
All are thine, and thine shall be;  
Ocean Grove, in all its parts,  
Seal with thy divinity.

To all these sentiments there were hearty "Amens" by the whole audience.

As the shades of evening began to gather, the open-air meeting broke up and formed in procession down Pilgrim Pathway to the Audito-



Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis.      Mrs. Margaret Bottome.  
(King's Daughters.)

rium, led by the singers and all joining in the refrain, "We're Marching to Zion." The novelty of the scene brought a large number of people together, and as they entered the waiting congregation joined with them in the song. Up to the hour for public worship an inspiring praise service was carried on, until the building became vocal with hearty and joyful melody.



Rev. C. H. Mead was the speaker of the evening, and was well supported by his untiring quartet. He gave the audience a sound, sensible, witty, and thoroughly practical temperance talk, and was frequently applauded.

**The King's Daughters.**—This is always a royal occasion, and never more so than this year. The day and the attendance both were royal; the speakers were all royal—some of them far excelling themselves. Mrs. Bottome was as if inspired, and Bishop Newman especially endowed for this high occasion.

The following rich program was minutely and marvelously sustained throughout:

#### PROGRAM

For the Eighth Summer Meeting of the International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons. To be held by the Central Council at Ocean Grove, N. J., August 3, 1896.

8 to 9 A. M. Special Prayer Service for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, at Thornley Chapel, led by Mrs. John P. Newman. "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee." Psalm v, 3.

#### MORNING SESSION, 10:30 A. M.

In the Young People's Temple. Mrs. Margaret Bottome, President of the Order, presiding. Topic—Personal Responsibility. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts ix, 6. Praise Service, Ocean Grove Choir, led by Professor John R. Sweney. Address of Welcome, Rev. Ellwood H. Stokes, D.D., President of the Ocean Grove Association. Music. Address, Mrs. Margaret Bottome. Music. Address, Bishop John P. Newman. Music. Benediction.

#### SPECIAL CONFERENCE, 2:15 P. M.

For members of the Order, with Mrs. Bottome and Mrs. Davis. "Here am I; send me." Isa. vi, 8.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 P. M.

Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, Corresponding Secretary of the Order, presiding. Topic—Winning the World for The King. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. iv, 13. Reports by Leaders of States, Chapters, and Circles. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Rescue Work, Colonel Henry Hadley. The Win One Chapter, Major Sarah Wray. Five-minute Personal Testimonies. "We have redemption through his blood according to the riches of his grace." Questions and Answers. "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel." Music. Benediction.

#### EVENING SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. Margaret Bottome, presiding. Topic—Personal Consecration for Service. "Now the God of peace, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make

you perfect in every good work to do his will." Heb. xiii, 20, 21. Address, "My People," Rebecca Krikorian, of Aintab, Turkey. Address, "Suffering Armenia," Margaret W. Leitch, of Ceylon. Address, "First Corinthians ii, 2," Isabella Charles Davis. Reception of New Members and Consecration Service. Benediction.

### THE OCEAN GROVE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

**Auxiliary to the Itinerants' Club Movement.—August 5-14, 1896.**

E. H. STOKES, D.D., *President*. J. E. PRICE, D.D., *Dean*.

*Advisory Council*: Bishop John F. Hurst, Bishop H. W. Warren, Bishop E. G. Andrews, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, William V. Kelley, D.D., T. B. Neely, D.D., George K. Morris, D.D.

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#### PROGRAM.

PHILOSOPHIC AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—REV. BORDEN PARKER BOWNE, LL.D., Professor of Philosophy, Boston University.

REV. JOSEPH AGAR BEET, D.D., Professor Systematic Theology, Wesleyan College, Richmond, England. I. "Religion and Theology." II. "The Universal Revelation in Nature." III. "The Historical Revelation in Christ." IV. "The Gospel of Pardon." V. "The Superhuman Claims of Christ." VI. "The Supernatural Outward Attestation." VII. "The Inward Attestation." VIII. "Results Attained. Their Relation to the Bible, to the Church, and to the Christian Life."

OLD TESTAMENT.—REV. HENRY M. HARMAN, D.D., Emeritus Professor of Greek and Hebrew, Dickinson College. "The Great Plain of Esdraelon: Its Physical Characteristics, Surroundings, and its Battle Scenes."

NEW TESTAMENT.—J. C. VAN BENSCHOTEN, LL.D., Professor of Greek Language and Literature, Wesleyan University. I. "Studies in the Codex Bezae." II. "Word Studies in the New Testament."

BISHOP CHARLES H. FOWLER, D.D., LL.D. "The Epistle to the Hebrews."

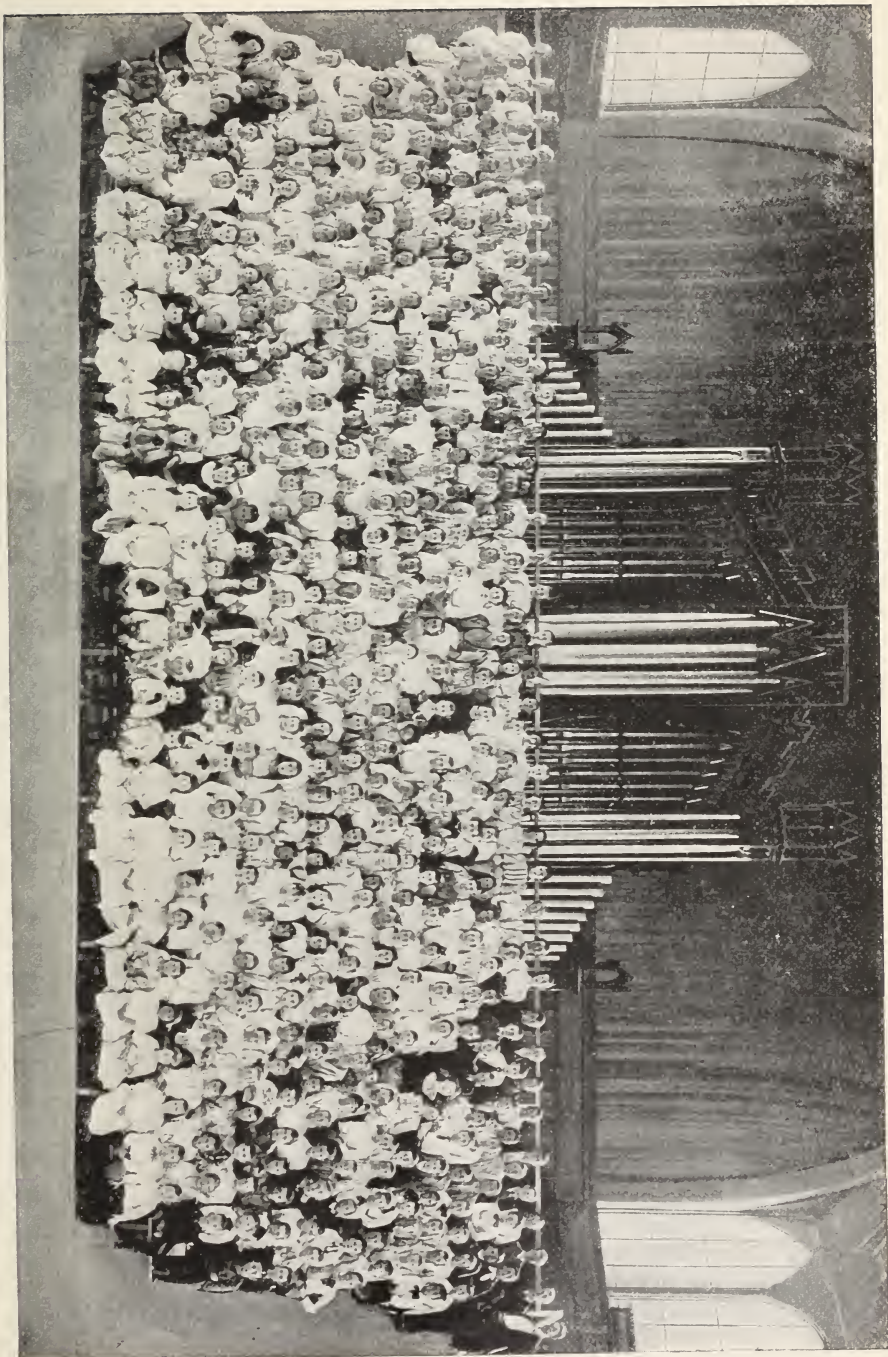
REV. JULIUS E. GRAMMER, D.D., Baltimore. "An Apostolic Ministry."

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—REV. BISHOP JOHN FLETCHER HURST, D.D., Chancellor of the American University, Washington, D. C. I. "How England became Protestant." (One Lecture.) II. "The Story of Christian Unity since the Reformation." (One Lecture.)

HERMENEUTICS.—REV. S. P. CADMAN, Metropolitan Temple, New York City. "The History of Interpretation."

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE.—REV. J. E. PRICE, D.D., Dean.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY.—REV. GEORGE K. MORRIS, D.D., Professor of Practical Theology, Boston School of Theology, Boston University. "Pulpit Oratory."



Children's Chorus (in part), Symphony Concert, August 13, Auditorium.

REV. S. F. UPHAM, D.D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, Drew Theological Seminary.

REV. GEORGE ELLIOTT, D.D., Philadelphia. "The Best Books of the Year." SPECIAL.—DR. HOMER B. SPRAGUE. I. "The Religion of Shakespeare." II. "Milton's *Paradise Lost*."

REV. F. W. GUNSAULUS, D.D., President The Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago. (Two Lectures.) I. "Savanarola." II. "Oliver Cromwell."

MRS. MARGARET BOTTOME, President of the International Order of King's Daughters and King's Sons. "How to Utilize the King's Daughters Circles."

MAJOR J. B. POND, New York. "Reminiscences of Henry Ward Beecher."

SABBATH SERVICES.—10:30 A. M. Sermon by BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D.D., LL.D. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by REV. DR. S. F. UPHAM, Drew Theological Seminary.

EVENING LECTURES.—REV. ROBERT NOURSE, D.D., Washington, D. C. "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

HON. J. B. GORDON, U. S. Senate, and member of Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff. "The First Days of the Southern Confederacy."

REV. ROBERT MCINTYRE, D.D., Denver, Colo. "Buttoned-up People."

REV. RUSSELL H. CONWELL, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. "The Silver Crown."

REV. JAMES M. BUCKLEY, D.D. "Self-unmade Men."

The Oratorio of "The Creation" (August 12), and "The Messiah" (August 14), conducted by Dr. Walter Damrosch, Director of the Oratorio Society of New York, supported by the New York Symphony Society Orchestra and large choruses of prominent New York societies, and the Ocean Grove Summer Festival Chorus, trained by Prof. Morgan.

The Symphony Concert (August 13), conducted by Dr. Damrosch, supported by the New York Symphony Society Orchestra and a Children's Chorus of a thousand voices.

This is a great program. Any attempt to enter into a review of the manner and spirit of its execution would require a volume rather than a brief notice in an annual report. At the same time, it is almost impossible to resist the temptation to introduce themes discussed and the characteristics of the distinguished gentlemen discussing them. Yet the temptation must be resisted, and such work, however pleasurable, be left undone.

The whole program is a mountain range, reaching across the whole continent of thought, bounded on either side by vast oceans of immense breadth which no heroic keel has yet explored, nor into the awful solitudes of whose dark caverns has the mental adventurer dared, or been able to enter or fully explore. Yet there the mountain stands. Its foundations are the eternal rocks. In its great unfathomed heart are the iron, the brass, the silver, and gold, and all manner of precious stones, the garniture of God laid away for the use of coming time. On its sides are



the blasts of storm-tossed ages. Up its windy highways are water-carved cliffs and precipices over which you look down into canyons of darkness a thousand fathoms deep. From their lofty rock-crowned ridges, many thousands of feet in the air, summits, tempest-born, kissed into rugged being by the midnight blast, have broken through the clouds and now



Rev. Russell H. Conwell, Pastor Grace Baptist Temple, Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.

reveling in realms beyond the gloom of earth, speak such words and sing such songs as entrance the angels.

To such mountain men we have been listening the season past, and heard such words as only those speak who have been with God alone in Horeb, or come face to face with him on Sinai and Calvary. Overwhelmed by their utterances strong men wept, trembled, and adored, or bowed in silence before their matchless ministries. There were more than one—a score—who rose to sublime altitudes of thought and exposition, “Jungfraus” of peerless grandeur, who, when seen alone, are

great Alpine heights, incomparable. But even the Alpine heights have their spurs and foot hills, without which there could be no such elevations ; so all have their work, and if faithful, a grain of sand in its proper place, at the proper time, may be as important in the divine order as mountain magnitudes. It is well ! Were it otherwise, the lowly, always high in God's regard, might be discouraged and cease to do. As it is, we are all workers together with him.

But what of the music ? Who shall tell ? A combination of all earth and heaven-born inflections, and tones, and cadences, from hum of tiniest insect hidden in velvet grasses beneath our feet, or burst of booming waterfalls, or storm-tossed seas, or archangels' trumpet peal, calling the universe to worship. Beginning with Creation, ending with Messiah ; the last, the outgrowth of the first, with the gulf of the ages between, bridged by a symphonious consonance of golden harmonies which seem to encircle all like divine rainbows girdling the eternal throne. God said, "Let there be light."

"Now chaos ends, and order fair prevails,"—

and so on for two hours and thirty minutes the wonderful works of God proceed. The performers and their instruments seemed inspired, while in the choruses were heaven's overflow of bliss :

"Forever blessed be his power,  
His name be ever magnified."

The Creation closed, then came the concert with all of its indescribability, and, last of all, *Messiah!* He, "the fairest among ten thousand." The leader and the whole choir seemed to catch partial views of His Imperial grandeur, and, enthused, cry in devout aspirations: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors ; and the King of glory shall come in ! Who is this King of glory ? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory."

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing ? The kings of the earth rise, and the rulers take counsel together. He that dwelleth in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn ; the Lord shall have them in derision. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ; thou shalt dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

“Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ; and he shall reign forever.”

“King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!”

Then every voice—bass, soprano, tenor, alto—rush in like great billows of surging seas; and every instrument, piano, and harp, and violin, and cornet, and cymbal, and bells, and organs let loose, join everything that had breath, crying with loud voices, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory; and blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. *Amen!*”

Then, in the midst of great billows of approval, the waving of handkerchiefs, and the bewildering wonder of men, women, and children, as to what heaven would be, the great musical festival—including the Symphony Concert, and the Oratorios of Creation and Messiah, involving seven hours of actual performance—and the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology for 1896 were at an end; the people saying, meanwhile, as they slowly left the great Auditorium, “Lord, it is good to be here,” or, overawed, passed silently out.

### The Dean's Report.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., November 9, 1896.

*Dr. E. H. Stokes, President Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.*

DEAR BROTHER:

Herewith I transmit a copy of the program of the second session of the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology, held August 5-14, 1896. About three hundred ministers availed themselves of the lectures, besides the usual number of the laity, who shared in the privileges of the school.

The intense and unprecedented heat, while diminishing but slightly the attendance upon the lectures, prevented more than a small profit on the great Musical Festival. It was our earnest hope (an expectation disappointed only by unprecedented conditions) that beyond the expenses of the Summer School some thousands of dollars' profit would be derived

from the Festival, which it was the intention of the Finance Committee to turn into the treasury of the Association with the suggestion that the money be applied to the repair of the ocean front. As it was, the laymen whose devotion of time and thought to the business features and whose noble generosity made the school possible had to find their compensation in the universally conceded merit of the lectures and high artistic excellence of the Festival and the general good sure to result alike to the Association and the cause of Christ.

Herewith I transmit a financial statement, the vouchers for which have been carefully examined, and a summary of which is as follows :

### SUMMER SCHOOL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

From Ocean Grove Treasury (Deposit on Call).....	\$800 00
“ Students’ Fees.....	117 00
“ Contributions.....	1,200 00
“ Musical Festival :	
Receipts.....	\$7,030 30
Expenses.....	<u>6,779 47</u>
Profits.....	<u>250 83</u>
Total receipts.....	\$2,367 83

#### EXPENSES.

Program.....	\$1,845 00
Other expenses.....	<u>459 98</u>
Total expenses.....	\$2,304 98
Balance in Treasury.....	\$62 85

While all the other lectures were free, a charge of admission was made to one, the profits from which (\$215.75) were devoted to the Association, this amount added to the collections taken during the school yield in round numbers \$700, as the net sum which the Association treasury received from the school, while being exempt from all expense for the program of ten days.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PRICE, Dean.



**Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.**—Twenty-fourth Anniversary, August 15, 16.

The following was the program :

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15.

MRS. E. H. STOKES, PRESIDENT.

- 10:30 A. M. Young People's Temple. Singing. Scripture reading by Mrs. J. H. Knowles. Prayer by J. W. Waugh, D.D., of India. Singing. Address of Welcome by E. H. Stokes, D.D. Response by Mrs. C. E. Moorhead.
- 11:00 A. M. Open Parliament. Mrs. William B. Skidmore, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, presiding. Paper, "How to Make Society Meetings Interesting," read by Mrs. A. R. Thompson (followed by discussion, open to all). "Our Missions—Where?" by Mrs. Skidmore. Missionary Literature presented by Mrs. I. Simmons. Music in charge of Professor J. R. Sweney.
- 3:00 P. M. Afternoon session. Mrs. Kennard Chandler, presiding. Scripture reading by Miss Fannie Sparkes, of India. Prayer by Mrs. Anna H. Hammer. Singing. Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. Sparkes Wheeler. Report of Treasurer, by Mrs. J. R. Van Kirk. Symposium, led by Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, representatives of countries in costume. Address by Mrs. William Butler, of India. Music in charge of Mrs. D. W. Disosway.
- 7:30 P. M. Evening session. Missionary Love Feast, led by E. H. Stokes, D.D.

SABBATH, AUGUST 16.

- 9:00 A. M. In Janes Tabernacle. Rev. J. R. Daniels, Leader. Address by Mrs. J. W. Waugh, of India.
- 10:30 A. M. In the Auditorium. Anniversary Address by Miss Ruth Marie Sites (recently returned from China).
- 3:00 P. M. Afternoon session. E. H. Stokes, D.D., presiding. Devotional exercises. Address by Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, of China. Subscriptions. Solo, "Girls of China," by Lizzie Pearl Welch. Benediction.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17.

- 9:00 A. M. Young People's Temple. Rev. C. H. Yatman, Leader. Missionary Day. Miss Ruth Marie Sites, Missionary to China, and Miss Marguerite Wong, Chinese Lady. Missionary Literature in charge of Mrs. I. Simmons. It was a largely attended and successful meeting, and the amount contributed (net) to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was \$1,100.

**Women's Encouragement Meetings.**—Mrs. Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Kennard Chandler, August 17-19. This year these meetings were the greatest in attendance and substantial good ever remembered. Its pro-

ceedings were so unostentatious, the devotions so simple and sweet, and the different addresses by a number of distinguished ladies, who came as cheerful helpers of the leaders, were so punctuated with experience and incident that the audiences, remembering a certain similitude they had met in their scriptural readings, felt that they were indeed sitting together in heavenly places.

The mothers' meeting, which came in at the last, was thought a fitting culmination of the whole. When mothers join their hearts to one



MRS. K. CHANDLER.

MRS. DR. H. WHEELER.

## Women's Encouragement Leaders.

another there is a pathos in their tone and a tenderness of sympathy with which a stranger may not intermeddle. Some experiences given were bright and buoyant with the complacency resultant from well-ordered homes, dutiful and God-fearing children, and the harmony which best types heaven. But one, with hair hoary before its time, and whose noble face is furrowed with lines of anguish as she sighs out: "What shall I do, what can I do with a daughter I have nurtured in prayer, who turns on her poor mother with contemptuous sneers, when I plead with her to stay in evenings instead of going into the senseless frivolities of sin? But she still persists in her own heedless ways. Pray for me." Then, with words of encouragement and hope, they help her on, and with the sweet song, "The Comforter has come," the meetings close.

**Sunshine.**—The Rev. Dr. A. A. Willitts, of Spring Lake, N. J., delivered his famous lecture on "Sunshine" at the Auditorium, Wednesday evening, August 19. It was bright, cheery, sensible, hopeful, eloquent, from start to finish. He said:

"Did you ever stop to think what a dull, damp, dark world this would be without sunshine? Beat out the great orb of sunshine and all the world would be dead. We therefore make the word 'sunshine'



Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., LL.D., Editor of "New York Christian Advocate."

the synonym of all that is bright and happy. This is the connection in which I wish to use the word to-night. There are some people whom we are always glad to see. What is the secret of this? It is because, like the sunshine, they make all about them brighter and happier. Good-natured people are always good-looking people. There is nothing that makes a man or woman so beautiful as a good disposition. It gives to beauty

half of its glow. Our mission is that of cheer and good will to men. You can't place a value on such lives. They are Christlike. Every misery missed is a new mercy. I believe we could do away with half the woes of the world if more sunshine pervaded the lives of the people." So the speaker talked on for two full hours. He was at his best, and the lecture, full of the soundest Christian philosophy, poetic sentiment, humorous incident, and glowing eloquence kept the audience in the happiest possible mood, smiling, weeping, and rejoicing to the last.

### **Annual Camp Meeting.**

*Thursday, August 20, to Tuesday, September 1, inclusive.*

By an examination of the above dates it will be found that during the past summer there were two Sabbaths in our camp meeting period.

This was the first time in our history of such an occurrence. Why? In the early days of camp meetings, when the surroundings were rude and temporary, there was generally a class of persons in attendance, especially near the closing days, whose chief aims were fun and frolic. In these times there was rarely, if ever, any Sabbath day included, for the reason, among others, that the baser sort would attend in such numbers as to interfere with, if not wholly destroy, the decorum of religious worship. Hence the meetings, which commenced on Monday, mostly in the evening, usually closed on Saturday morning. Later, when better conditions prevailed, the management would sometimes venture to run over one Sabbath. When we commenced here—now more than a quarter of a century ago—nearly if not all meetings included one Sabbath day. So we commenced, and while we never had much difficulty in preserving order, and lately none, yet the strain and anxiety of conducting a ten-days' meeting holding only one Sabbath, attended by such vast multitudes, was usually sufficient tax of strength for all concerned. Last summer, however, we ventured to provide for two Sabbaths. The result was so far satisfactory that the plan may be repeated.

A day or two before the meeting commenced this year several thousand copies of the following circular were distributed among the people :





Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D.D., Editor of "The Christian Herald."

OCEAN GROVE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, TO  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1896.

SERVICES.—Thursday, August 20, 10:30 to 11:30 A. M., at the Auditorium, prayer for the success of the Camp Meeting. A Workers' Conference in the Tabernacle, from 4 to 5 P. M., sharp. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Thursday, August 20, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., LL.D., will preach the opening sermon, on Friday, August 21, at 10:30 A. M.

Consecration Meeting in Tabernacle, daily, Rev. R. J. Andrews, D.D., 5:45 to 6:45 A. M.

Family Devotions, President, Auditorium, 6:45 to 7 A. M., daily.

Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, Rev. J. R. Daniels, 9 A. M., daily.

Young People's Meeting, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 9 A. M., daily.

Helping Hand, Thornley Chapel, Rev. William Franklin, 9 A. M., daily.

Public Service, Auditorium, 10:30 A. M., 3 and 7:30 P. M., daily.

Miss Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1:30 P. M., daily.

Children's Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, 4:30 P. M., daily.

Twilight Service, Temple, Rev. C. H. Yatman, 6:30 P. M., daily.

Infant Baptism, Tuesday, September 1, at 9 A. M., sharp, followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and closing services.

It will be noticed by the above dates that there are for the first time two Sabbaths in the Camp Meeting this year, namely, August 23 and 30. The first Sabbath, August 23, the sermons will be preached by Rev. Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, of England. The second Sabbath, August 30, there will be the Camp Meeting Love Feast, 8:45 A. M. The sermons will be by Bishop Mallalieu, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, Washington, D. C. Other ministers of great distinction will preach during the meeting, whose names will be announced from day to day.

I most earnestly and affectionately ask every man, woman, and child, permanent resident and transient visitor, to aid us this year in giving to this meeting the highest spiritual success. Give these days—August 20 to September 1—especially and wholly to religious worship. Please do not allow anything of an ordinary character to hinder.

Do not arrange for *pleasure excursions by sea or land during meeting hours.*

Boarding houses, hotels, and private cottages please avoid all entertainments and exhibitions during the meetings.

Pray *publicly* and *privately* for the divine blessing upon *every sermon* and *service.* Come close to God yourself and bring others with you. Try to do some good to somebody every day, so that this may be the best meeting to you and all ever held upon these grounds.

Let every sermon, song, prayer, and effort aim at immediate results.

E. H. STOKES, President.

In addition to the ministers named in the above the following delivered sermons during the meeting and in the order given: Dr. J. H. Willey, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Joseph G. Reed, Ocean Grove, N. J.; Bishop Thomas Bowman, of the Evangelical Church; Dr. Robert Forbes, Minnesota; Dr. Hanlon, Pennington, N. J.; Dr. J. E. Grammer, Baltimore, Md.; S. M. Frost, Tyrone, Pa.; George Neal, Jr., Keyport, N. J.; J. H. Henderson, A. M. E. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Willis Reeves, New Brunswick, N. J.; Dr. J. E. Adams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. R. Boyle, D. D., Trenton, N. J.; D. V. Gwilyn, D. D., New York; W. W. Cookman, Philadelphia; J. B. Graw, D. D., Trenton, N. J.; J. H. Morgan, Mendham, N. J.; Dr. Mason, Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society, successor to Dr. Hartzell, who had just been elected Bishop of Africa; Dr. B. B. Hamlin, Central Pennsylvania Conference; Frank Moore, Spring Lake, N. J.; Dr. L. W. Munhall, evangelist; Wallace McMullen, Grace Church, Philadelphia; Mrs. Amanda Smith, evangelist; and C. M. Boswell, leader

of the "Forward Movement" in Philadelphia; 28 in all. Two of these ministers, namely, Bishop A. W. Wilson, M. E. Church, South, and G. Campbell Morgan, evangelist, Birmingham, England, preached twice, making a total of 30 sermons during the meeting.

These sermons cannot be compared, or easily classified, nor is this necessary. This much, however, may be truthfully and emphatically said: rarely, perhaps never, was there in an equal number of



Rev. Wallace McMullen, Pastor of Grace M. E. Church, Philadelphia.

sermons more singleness of purpose or directness of aim. To save a soul or help some trembling believer on his way to heaven seemed to be the object of all. Some sermons were greater, some less, but each had its part in rearing the holy and beautiful temple to the honor of God; each had its own place, and there was not a fruitless effort.

Both in the side meetings and at the preaching services at the Auditorium the very first step seemed to have the divine approval, and

the first prayer in all seemed to have a divine uplift, in which the spiritual tides began to rise. These risings, which knew no ebbs, continued to the last. The opening day, with Dr. Buckley in the lead, was great; the first Sabbath, with Bishop Wilson in the van, greater; the second Sabbath, with the Morning Love Feast, and Bishop Mallalieu, Dr. Conwell, and Dr. Talmage as preachers of the word, and the vast thousands in attendance, when it seemed as if nothing could ever reach, much less excel, still greater; but it was left for Tuesday, September 1, to be written as the last great day of the feast—Transfiguration Day—when the great tidal waves of salvation swept everything out of sight save "*Jesus only*," while He, the culminating glory, overshadowed all, and the immense congregations, awed with the Majestic Presence, bowed in silent adoration. In the baptism of the children there was a tender and deeply interested hush; in the consecration of the bread and wine for the Holy Supper the presence of Him symbolized was there, then, when, with silent steps and holy reverence, the multitudes over and over again filled the great altar from end to end, and the subdued tones, "This is my broken body, and my blood, shed for you," were heard, Mount Calvary and its bleeding victim seemed a divine reality, and as it unfolded to the mind, a low, soft, tearful murmur could be heard from the recipients, "*For me, for ME, yes, even for ME*," and heaven-born and tear-dewed hallelujahs fell in holy whispers from many lips, while through and over all the organ wept out its tenderest tones of almost human sympathy over the displays of the height, depth, and length and breadth of immortal love. Sometimes, such was the intensity of the silence, it seemed as if there was not a person in the vast Auditorium, or, if any, each one sat as alone in a divine reverie, listening without consciousness of their presence to strains seraphic, the overflowings of celestial climes, where they worship in the unveiled glory of the eternal God. To many, human hands never performed more skillfully or did unconscious instrument do better service.

When, in the midst of such conditions, more than a hundred children came down the aisle with holy songs, following their leaders, to receive their first sacrament at the hands of holy men, it seemed like a blissful trance, just inside the gates of paradise, while the whole audience, melting into holy sympathy with the transpirings, became oblivious to earth and



dwelt in heaven. When the "singers and the players on instruments" came, the skies again unfolded and choirs celestial joined their songs. The scene changes now, and the saints of God, white robed and crowned with light and love and joy, in triumphant phalanx marching to the quick-step of the music of the soul, pass around the Auditorium, feeling that the tabernacle of God was with men, or the whole glad multitude have ascended to be with Him. Either way the bliss was deep, and the rapture high. Returning to the audience room and platform, in the midst of tears and triumphs, farewell words and waving handkerchiefs, the president lifted his hands, a token for silence, saying, as the hush of holy awe fell upon the people :

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost [the bell giving out its solemn toll of confirmation, as each name was spoken] I pronounce the Camp Meeting of the Ocean Grove Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the year 1896, at an end.

"And may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord ; and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost rest upon, and abide with you all, forever. Amen."

**Recapitulation.**

Baptist Convention, - - - - -	1
G. A. R. Camp Fire, - - - - -	1
Addresses, - - - - -	596
Holiness Meetings, - - - - -	82
Young People's Meetings, - - - - -	72
Sermons, - - - - -	60
Sabbath School, eleven sessions; number in attendance, -	26,717
Surf Meetings, - - - - -	11
Musical Rehearsals, - - - - -	16
Workers' Conferences, - - - - -	4
Law and Order League, - - - - -	1
W. C. T. U., - - - - -	6
Bible Readings, - - - - -	3
Fourth of July Oration, - - - - -	1
Lake Carnival, - - - - -	1
Boys' and Girls' Hour, - - - - -	9
Normal Hour, - - - - -	9
Post-Graduate, - - - - -	9
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At the conclusion of such an array of facts and figures, and after the expenditure of such an amount of time and treasure, together with the physical and mental energy employed, the mind, by a kind of necessity, awakens from its amazement and asks for results. Of this I do not complain, but reply, as often before, that absolute and final results can never be given in this world. In a sense, I am glad this is so. If it were otherwise, and all there is to know could be reached in time, there would be no surprises for the state beyond. As it is, the influences set in motion here, accumulating in their flow, can consummate only with the close of time. "The harvest is the end of the world."

Nevertheless, some things so unfold that we grasp them here. This is important, otherwise the laborers might be discouraged. At a place like this, the harvesting grounds are largely, though not wholly, the side meetings. These were all during the past season ably conducted; namely, the Holiness Meeting, in charge of Rev. J. R. Daniels; the Young People's Meeting, Rev. C. H. Vatman; the Morning Consecration Meeting, Rev.

R. J. Andrews, D.D. ; the Helping Hand Meeting, Rev. Wm. Franklin ; Miss Lizzie Smith's Meeting, conducted by herself and many efficient aids ; the Children's Meeting, Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis and able assistants ; the Twilight Meeting, Rev. C. H. Yatman ; and the After Meetings at the Auditorium, conducted largely, though not wholly, by Mr. Yatman. From all of these beloved leaders and fellow-laborers I have reports, some very full and entering carefully into details, others very brief, giving simply figures. All, however state results largely in advance of any previous year, showing in the aggregate 889 converted, 1,100 reclaimed, 860 sanctified, and more than 10,000 especially helped in their Christian life and warfare.

To all Christian ministers and workers of every kind, and especially to these devoted and faithful leaders of the side meetings, always in their places and exactly on time, I am under lasting and never-to-be-discharged obligations, and to all others who have in any way, by prayer or song, word or deed, in public or seen of God alone, in the great or smaller way, promoted the work of God, I return profoundest thanks.

“Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

E. H. STOKES, President.

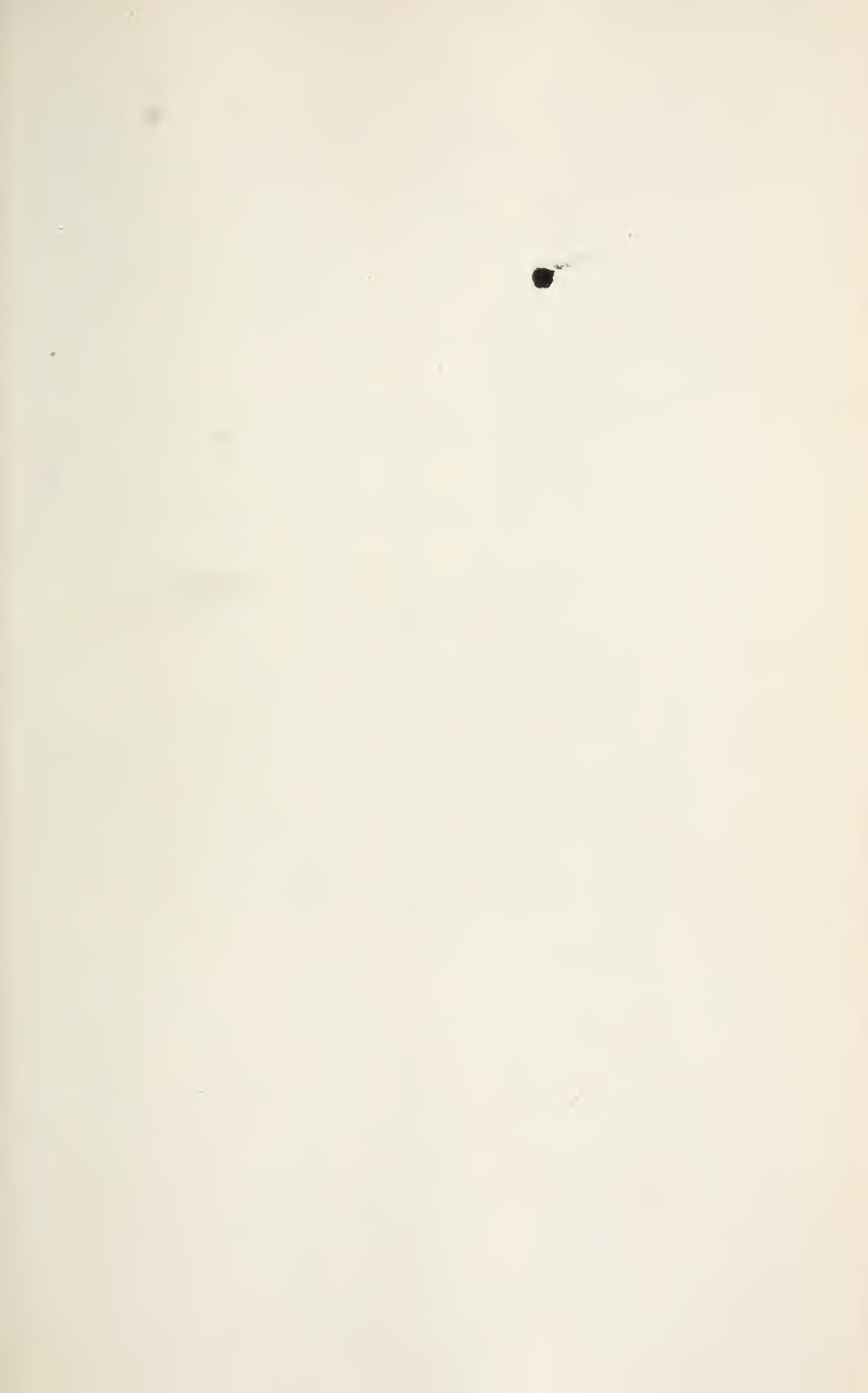
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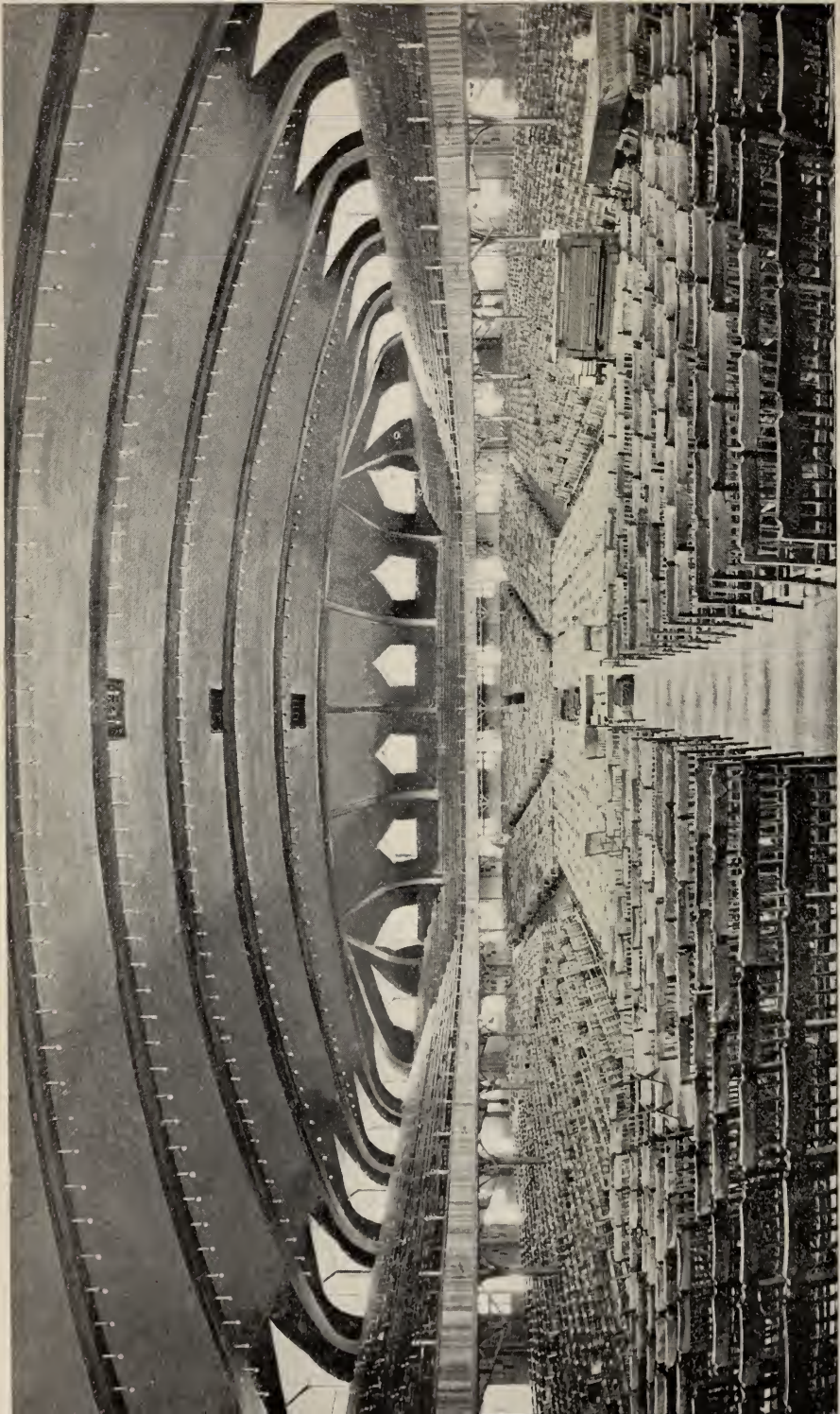














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The sails are spread! Fresh winds ahead!  
Steer away, steer away home;  
"See! Storms arise," the seaman cries—  
Steer away, steer away home;  
Home, home, sweet home! we come, we come;  
Steer away, steer away home.

—E. H. S.

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## In Memoriam,

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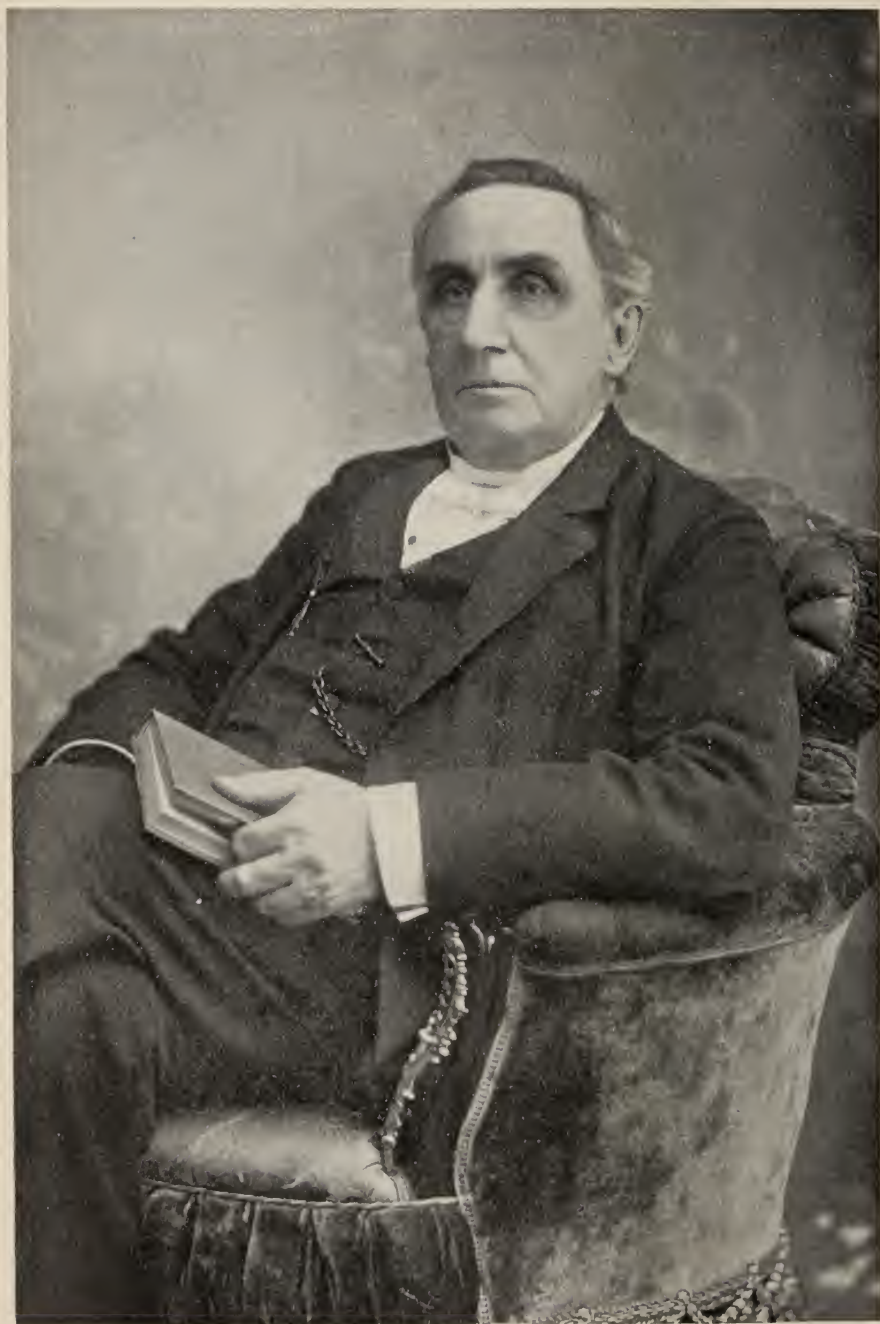
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ELLWOOD H.  
STOKES

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 oid 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 VICE-PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AT ITS  
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION, NOV. 10, 1897.

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FOR the first time in our history the "Annual Report" is prepared and read by another hand and voice than that of Ellwood Haines Stokes, D. D., LL. D., who for all the years of Ocean Grove's existence has been its President. No other hand or voice was fully competent to its preparation, and it is submitted with the consciousness of its incompetence.

The plans adopted at the last Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings, as published in the last report, were either fulfilled or in process of development when the providence of God removed him. The report, therefore, will simply be a continuance from that date, beginning with the Sabbath of June 27th, when our Ocean Grove season was inaugurated with Experience, Holiness, Young People's, Beach Meetings, and Sabbath-School Re-Union. The sermons, both morning and evening, were preached by Rev. Mr. Yatman.—On Sunday, July 4th, Bishop Newman preached

eloquently on the Christian's victory. In the afternoon Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class was added to the regular programme, and in the evening Rev. Dr. W. T. Smith addressed the people on the Universal Saviour.—Monday, July 5th, was observed with services appropriate to the National Anniversary. Hon. James L. Hays, President of the State Board of Education, ably presided on the occasion, and introduced Prof. Enright, of Monmouth County, who read the Declaration of Independence; and Hon. Edward C. Stokes, a cousin of the President, Senator from Cumberland County, New Jersey, delivered a masterly, clear and impressively eloquent oration on "Government through the People, and the People fitted for Government by Education and Religion."—On July 8th and 9th the Woman's Christian Temperance Union inspired anew the workers in their cause with addresses and prayers which defied discouragement.—The evening of July 10th was given to the Woman's Sabbath Alliance.—On Sunday, July 11th, Dr. W. A. Spencer, of the Church Extension Society, preached on "The Church of 'To-morrow,'" and in the evening Rev. E. W. Oakes, of the Baptist Church, spoke on "The Love of God."—On July 13th the thirteenth Annual Session of the Sunday-School Assembly, at Ocean Grove, under the charge of Rev. B. B. Loomis, D. D., Ph. D., began its services. Among those who gave it special interest was Mrs. Loomis, the talented wife of the professor, Profs. Frank E. Robeson, Hutchinson and Bradford, Dr. A. A. Willets, Miss C. A. Teal, and Wistar Stokes; with sermons on July 18th, from Rev. Dr. S. M. Vernon on "The Fulness of the Water Pots," and from Rev. Dr. Munhall, in the evening, on "Our Childhood to God by Faith."

During the progress of this Assembly, on the evening of July 16th, the great sorrow whose shadow had for months been falling before us was realized when in the presence of such members of the Association as could be gathered together, after an impressive prayer by Bishop Fitzgerald, our beloved President departed for heaven.

While this was not entirely unexpected, it was prostrating and confusing. All our enterprises, with the details of their development, had been parts of his daily consideration, and his loss was universally embarrassing. But the committees distributed his work. A devotional committee was appointed, and in the wisdom which came down from above, all our work, both spiritual and secular, moved forward without any apparent lessening of force.

On Monday, July 19th, came the ceremonials which will never be forgotten by its participants, attendant upon the departure of Dr. Stokes.

Bishop Fitzgerald, who, with his family, was providentially summering with us, accepted the Association's invitation to preach the funeral sermon. Its fidelity to fact, which in itself formed a fitting eulogium for the dead leader, made all hearts feel a desire to follow him, as he had followed Christ.

### BISHOP FITZGERALD'S SERMON.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

I quote these words of Holy Writ, not for the purpose of expounding them, but because they rose to my lips on Friday evening last when I heard the bell toll eighty-two, and learned from that tolling that Dr. Stokes was dead.

The days of our years are three score years and ten, and yet God graciously added twelve other years to the useful and beautiful life, the closing of which has shrouded us in gloom. Through our tears we look up to-day, and thank our Heavenly Father that our beloved brother was permitted to tarry with us so long.

The career now ended was not only long, but it was noted. The details of it have been given in the public prints, which have been read on mountain and in valley, far and wide, by multitudes who, though absent in body, are present with us in spirit at this memorial service. We might at this time consider that career in a

general way, but it would seem to be more fitting for us amid our present surroundings to view more particularly its last stages. Others will take it up in its different parts and dwell upon them minutely for months and years that are to come. The *family* phase will be rehearsed by that sacred circle within which one not belonging to it would hardly dare to enter—much less linger now. The members of that circle will think of the son, the brother, the husband, the father, the kinsman; and the story of his life will be reviewed by them over and over again. The *citizen* phase of it will be considered by the various communities in which our brother dwelt from time to time during the years of his active life. They will think of how he lived and moved among them. They will think of the words that he uttered and of the deeds that he performed. They will think of the precepts that he laid down, and of the example that he set. Parents will tell to children the history of his life in every region where he had a home. The *ministerial* phase of it will be considered particularly at the approaching session of the New Jersey Conference, when the name of E. H. Stokes shall be called and the answer be given—deceased. Then and there will be recited the story of his pulpit and pastoral work. Brethren will tell how he ministered in the homes of the people; how he moved up and down the districts; how he advised in the cabinet; how he aided in every charitable work and in every educational movement, and how he promoted in many ways the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Therefore we who are here may think perhaps a little more fully of that phase of his career or life which was most closely related to the institution founded in this place twenty-seven years ago and the fame of which has gone out to the ends of the earth. We are aware that we cannot confine this man within narrow limits. He was a member of the New Jersey Conference, but all of the Conferences claimed him. He was an active and influential leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and yet the Church at large insists that he belonged to her. He was President of the Ocean Grove



Camp Meeting Association, and yet every other camp meeting association and summer assembly and evangelical alliance and charitable institution protests that the right to him did not vest exclusively in Ocean Grove, but that they, too, had in him right and interest. He belonged to no particular locality—to no particular circle. He



BISHOP J. N. FITZGERALD.

belonged to the Nation and to the Church, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which he honored by his life and which laments his death. And so as we come together to-day to place the laurel upon his casket and to pay tribute to his memory, we find ourselves representing all religious denominations as well as various municipal and state

and national organizations and many general and local institutions. Nevertheless *this* was the scene of his most earnest toil, and *this* was the scene of his greatest triumphs. Here with mind and heart, with head and hand he labored as he labored nowhere else. Here he walked and talked closely with God. Here he beheld many and most remarkable manifestations of divine power. Among the trees, beside the surf, in tent and cottage and tabernacle and temple and auditorium he was permitted to hear the pleading cry of the penitent and the exultant shout of the pardoned. Oh! what wonder that to him the dearest spot on earth was Ocean Grove.

In all ages God has called men to special services.

We open the sacred book. We look through its pages. We go back to the very beginning, and we learn that from the earliest day God summoned his people and summoned individuals to march out on specified lines. Patriarch and prophet and priest and king were chosen in order that each in his sphere might accomplish some particular work assigned by the God of all. Coming down to the later time, we see Christ calling the disciples from different points and directing that they go forth and perform definite work in His name. From the history that has been given to us we learn that the Divine One has summoned the reformer also and sent him out to one field after another that right there he might magnify the name of the Lord Jesus in the eyes of the people. Luther, Calvin, Wesley and others like them were specially called of God; and who can doubt that such men as Carey, Judson, Butler, Maclay and a host of others who might be named, have been chosen by the Almighty for the fields into which His providence led them, that they might accomplish the specified service to which He was pleased to assign them.

Thus it is also in matters of state. Looking over the affairs of the world, we find that God raises up men in order that in the name of Jehovah and in the interest of the race they may advance the cause of liberty, the cause of education and other great causes that have been established by His direction. Washington, Lincoln,

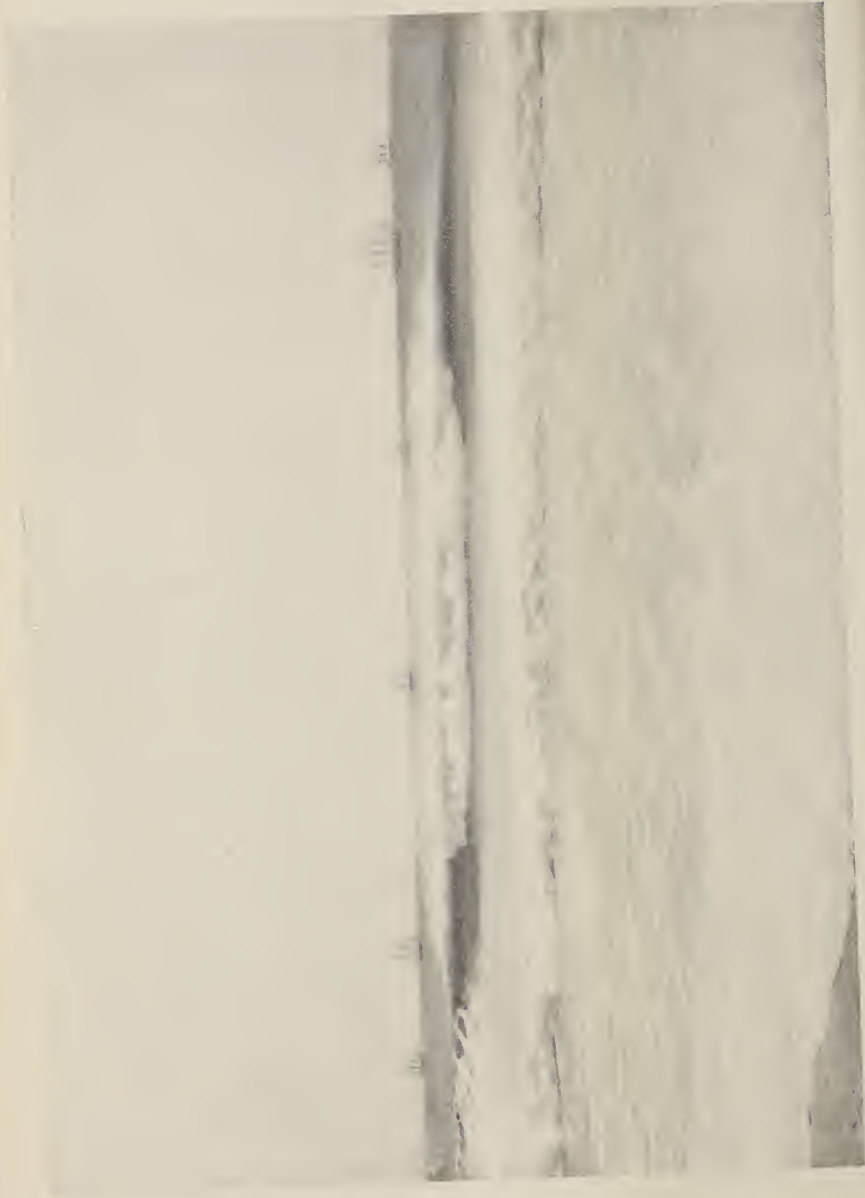
Wilberforce, Howard and many others have been raised up by the Almighty that they might perform His will on particular lines. And so, I believe, our Heavenly Father called Ellwood H. Stokes and equipped him for the glorious work that he has accomplished here. Was ever mission more faithfully fulfilled than was the mission to which God called this man, and was ever man better fitted for the mission to which God called him? As to his faithfulness and fitness we are all agreed, and with united voice, we declare to-day that he was the man for the place and this was the place for the man. In the order of a wise and good providence the man and the work were joined together, and the abundant blessing of God has been upon both.

Dr. Stokes brought to this work at Ocean Grove, every necessary qualification.

We think first of all of his grand physique. It rises to our view now. With admiring gaze we behold him moving up and down the avenues and the pathways with a dignity and grace that were specially marked. His were the very powers of endurance; and that his was the ability to stand the strain that necessarily came upon the body, was abundantly manifested.

To his physical qualifications there were added deep spiritual experience, and high spiritual attainment. These were needed in order that he might lead the people out and show them the way to God—that he might conduct them to greater heights and bring them to a more perfect knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Who, of all the number that have observed him, can doubt, that like Enoch of old, he walked with God, and had spiritual revelation from Him. He had knowledge of Him such as most others do not possess; and this was a necessary and a chief qualification for the great service to which he was here called.

He brought also to this work rare mental ability. All who knew him will concede that his was great intellectual strength; a mind that could grasp comprehensive and profound truths, and that could analyse difficult questions and problems. Such a mind





had he, and all of its powers were employed for the development of plans that were calculated to promote the interests of the cause that was here committed to his charge.

And do we not all know that he possessed an administrative ability such as is possessed by few ?

The attention of the people was turned toward him in this respect. Legislators, Governors, Judges and many in authority coveted the powers of administration with which he was endowed. He seemed to be specially gifted of God in order that he might administer wisely, successfully and well.

We discover also that he brought to this great work purity of motive and fixedness of purpose.

These are two qualities which, when combined in any man, make him a power for the gaining of ends in conformity with God's law. Without purity of motive one will not seek or even desire the good ; and though he possess purity of motive he will not secure and retain the good unless he have a purpose that abides.

In him of whom we speak, these qualities existed and were strongly manifested. What motive had he in seeking here to develop an institution, the like of which the world does not know ? Was it in order that his name might be glorified ; or that he might stand forth magnified to the gaze of the nation and the world ? By no means. His motive was the building up of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the glorifying of the name of his God ; and no one ever knew a personal consideration to enter into any of his plans or any of his works. By deed even more than by word he declared : " This one thing I do. This one thing I seek : not mine own good, not mine own benefit, but the good, the benefit, the advantage of this great institution."

And had he not a fixedness of purpose ? All who knew him will answer—" Yes." He could stand for the right and for the truth, and there seemed to be no power that could move him. We have had evidence of this that to us has been conclusive. This Association sought not simply the elevation of good but the casting

down of evil. And it said: "We must not only stand for the right but we must stand against the wrong." Remembering that these were its duties it enacted laws forbidding within these grounds the use or the sale of intoxicating liquors, the desecration of the Holy Sabbath, and other forms of evil that prevailed at many other resorts. These were laws enacted here. Of what avail, however, to enact a law except there be a man behind it with firmness of purpose sufficient to execute it. Better that the bird though bright of plumage and sweet of song be not hatched than that the care of it be committed to the cat; better that the lamb were never born than that the protection of it be committed to the wolf; and better that laws, even as good as these, be not enacted, than that the execution of them be committed to men who are weak-kneed and faint-hearted, or worse still, who are lacking in the principle of fidelity to the truth. But when Ocean Grove enacted such laws, it saw to it that the execution of them was committed to a man who could stand as firm as the everlasting hills. When, even in the early days, men, and good men, too, came to him and said: "These laws are too severe, too puritanic, the world long ago passed beyond all such enactments," he simply replied: "You are wrong." Years ago a famous man said, "The Union must and shall be preserved." In later years and on these grounds, this other famous man said, "The laws here enacted must stand and shall be executed."

But again the objectors said: "To execute such laws will be to damage the institution. It will suffer in many respects. The financial side of it will be specially harmed. We must be careful that we do not put ourselves out of sympathy with the people and the people out of sympathy with us." And so they told their story and made their plea. But upon him they made no impression. Vain was it for them to tell him that the people would not come, and that those already here would depart. He believed to the contrary. He had faith in the truth and so he held to his course. He held to it long enough for friends and foes to see the error of all such statements; long enough for them to see that not

only those who were here remained, but that others came by thousands and tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands, until more people entered these gates than those of any other resort in the world.

In addition to all this they offered the plea of *necessity*—the plea before which so many good and seemingly strong men have wavered—the plea which they were confident would prove effectual though all other pleas should fail. They presented it as forcibly as



they could and as eloquently. Their declaration was that *necessity* required that on Sunday the feeble be transported to the place of worship; that the physician ride to the home of the sick; that the invalid and the babe have fresh milk delivered at their door. But the ears of Dr. Stokes were as deaf then as they are now to all such words. He adhered to his purpose until it was demonstrated that necessity as interpreted by those who were lacking in true faith was not the necessity that required the taking of the ox or the ass from the ditch on the Sabbath day. It was not real but imaginary. I

have traveled in many lands, but in no clime, under no sky have I seen such a Sabbath as blesses these hallowed grounds, and blesses them because this stalwart and his colleagues knew no such thing as compromise in matters of principle. Thus this hero stood for more than a quarter of a century, resisting forces of evil and demonstrating, not simply to the people of Ocean Grove, and to those who were adjacent thereto, but demonstrating to the state and to the nation and to the whole wide world that a law based on righteousness could be enforced by righteous men. Would that regiments and armies of such men might rise in all parts of our land and secure victories such as have been secured here in favor of the Sabbath and against the Sabbath's greatest foe—the saloon. Oh, what glory comes to the name of this unwavering champion of the truth for his firmness of purpose concerning these things. It is the glory that comes to every man who seeks simply the right and determines to do it; who turns a deaf ear to all such pleas as those we have quoted. I would to-day by the memory of this departed one call upon his associates, who survive him, to renew with strong emphasis their promise to oppose the forces of evil that would break down the Holy Sabbath, that would destroy the Holy Book, that would raze to the ground the Holy Church and that would annihilate Holiness itself. Brethren, beloved, stand up for God and stand for the right as this leader stood for them. And as some divinely chosen Joshua grasps the standard and bears it still forward, let all the people who have marched beneath it, and all who have looked toward it, renew their covenant to resist with all fidelity those who would break down or even weaken the barriers that have been reared here against intemperance and Sabbath desecration. Let them continue the shout that has sounded from turnpike to beach, and from lake to lake, that has echoed and re-echoed around the world, and that from the beginning has been Ocean Grove's war cry, "Holiness unto the Lord."

It falls to the lot of very few men to be appreciated as Dr. Stokes was while living. When a friend dies we sometimes reprove



ourselves because during his lifetime we failed to appreciate his worth. In this house to-day there are probably many who have in just that way reproved themselves. They quote the words of one who has said :

Strange we never prize the music 'till the sweet-voiced bird has flown ;  
 Strange that we should slight the violets, 'till the lovely flowers are gone.  
 Strange that summer skies and sunshine never seemed one-half so fair,  
 As when winter's snowy pinions shook the white down in the air.

This has been the feeling of all of us concerning some of the friends who have gone out from us never to return. But, beloved, no such feeling comes to us when we think of the one around whose form we are gathered now. No such reproof is given by ourselves to ourselves because of our lack of appreciation of him. It was not necessary that death should come in order to teach us his worth. While he lived we felt his influence, enjoyed his communion, and appreciated his merit ; and to-day we are glad that e'er he went hence we sounded and sounded freely his praises—praises that were his due. To-day nothing can be added to that which we have spoken many times from the depths of our hearts concerning the one now gone. We spoke it as we saw him moving up and down in our midst. We spoke it as we saw him upon this platform guiding the worship of the people. We spoke it as we read his name in the prints here and elsewhere. We spoke it because it was in our hearts to speak it and we believed it to be the truth. The children in the Sabbath School, the young people in the Temple, the older people as they came and went told the story of his great worth. And the veteran who came down with him through long years, and who stands now on the border of the four score line that he had already passed, comes to-day and says as he gazes upon the silent form for the last time :

“ Green be the turf above thee,  
 Friend of my early days,  
 None knew thee but to love thee,  
 None named thee, but to praise.”

And we all echo the beautiful words.

The proverb says : " Distance lends enchantment to the view." And beyond all doubt many in years that are to come, will, from a distance, get enchanting views of this remarkable character ; but none of those views will equal in enchantment those which men have had who have stood with him face to face, who have walked with him side by side and who have communed with him heart to heart.

It has been well and beautifully remarked that " you can best measure a tree when it is down." That is true of most trees ; but laying the line to-day along this fallen goodly cedar, we discover that the measure taken *now* agrees to a hair's breadth with that which was taken while he yet stood, towering in the sun-light or breasting the storm. As that sun-light fell upon him he reflected the image of God, and as that storm raged around him he revealed the power of God. In both sun-shine and storm he showed forth the glory of God.

In other spheres he shows forth the same glory to-day, As I came hither I passed yonder memorial urn and read the names that are there inscribed, and thought of other names besides them, and then I said, Oh, the glad welcome that these have given to their old leader now landed on the heavenly shore. Beyond the clouds of this mortal life, they and his Elder Brother have welcomed him to the cloudless life eternal. *We* stand this side the river and mourn that he is gone. *He* stands with that great multitude which no man can number, and cries Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Oh, brethren, let us take the glass through which we can see the further shore and behold the scene that is being enacted there. And then, instead of singing in a doleful strain we will lift glad voices and sing :

There saints of all ages in harmony meet,  
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet.

—the Saviour in whom he trusted, the Saviour to whom he led many trembling souls for the pardon of their sins, and to whom he conducted many anxious believers for the cleansing that can be effected alone through the blood of the Lamb.

It was fitting that the life of this Soldier of the Cross should close where and when it did, right here on the field of battle. Not when the army had gone into winter quarters, but when it was fully mustered, ready to attack, yea, actually attacking the enemy.

These forces were led by this commander in the engagement on the 27th of June. They were led again on the 4th of July, and from his quarters they were directed on the 11th; but ere yesterday,



LILLAGORE'S PAVILION AND BATHING GROUND.

the 18th, had dawned, the Captain and Chief Commander had summoned him to the great council and bestowed on him his reward. He has left the field but the battle is still to go on. He has retired from the work but it is still to be prosecuted; and I believe that God will raise up the man to carry it forward. Ocean Grove is an institution ordained by the Almighty, for the conversion of sinners, for the sanctifying of believers and for the glorifying of the name of our God; and these processes will not fail though this leader and other leaders be summoned to their reward.

To the end that the objects sought by this Association may be continuously realized God would have us to-day in this solemn service reconsecrate to Him ourselves, our powers, our talents, our possessions, our days. He would have us come and yield up to Him everything, that in His hands we may become a mighty power for the up-building of the Church and the establishing of His kingdom and the hastening of the day of His coming.

Let us then in the midst of our sorrow take comfort. Let these ministerial brethren remember the lesson of devotion to the cause of God that has been given by their co-worker, and let these friends, this closer circle, this companion of his joys and sorrows during all these years, these sisters, these loved ones; let them all have this thought, that he has achieved the final victory and now wears the victor's crown. And toward such a victory, and such a crown may we all be moved to press by that power which Jesus stands ready to bestow and which will avail us each and all. Amen.

A meeting of the emergency committee, called by the Vice-President, was held in the reception-room of the Auditorium, to take into consideration the arrangement of appropriate funeral services in memory of our deceased President, Dr. E. H. Stokes, at which, Monday, July 19th, 1897, two P. M., was fixed for the solemnities. The members of the Association were invited to attend in a body, and a committee appointed to arrange these services in connection with the family of the deceased President.

A committee on resolutions was appointed, who reported that:

“WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, in a wisdom which is beyond our comprehension, to remove from us our beloved President and Pastor, Rev. E. H. Stokes, therefore

“RESOLVED, I.—That in the decease of Rev. Ellwood H. Stokes, D. D., LL. D., the first and only President of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we have sustained a loss which to human foresight seems irreparable:



“RESOLVED, II.—That his eminent abilities, cultured by continuous application to the duties of his offices of President and Pastor; his impressive personal presence, always inspiring respect; his courteous and genial manner, illustrative of large kindness of heart; his patient and generous nature, ever more considerate of others than himself; his wise administration of business, through which our phenomenal success has largely been attained;—all crowned with the fulness of a spirituality which shone transparently through the deeds of his daily life;—entitle him to a record rarely accorded to men in any position:

“RESOLVED, III. That in a sorrow which has no expression in words, we feel deeply grateful that for nearly twenty-eight years he has been permitted to exercise among us the duties and privileges appertaining to his high office. That we find in the example of his life, and the peaceful trust of his death, a powerful incentive to follow him, as he followed Christ; so that when we too shall be called away from time, we may enjoy his fellowship again in the world where his Divine Master has said to him, ‘Come up higher.’

“That we tender to his bereaved widow, who for over fifty years has been the beloved companion of his life, and to the other members of his family, our deepest sympathy in their sorrow, and pray the God he loved and served to be their God for ever and ever.

“A. E. BALLARD, J. N. ALDAY, J. R. DANIELS,  
*Committee.*”

Copies of the resolutions were ordered to be sent to members of the family and public press.

It was ordered by the committee that the funeral service should be the order of the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that notices be sent to all members of the New Jersey Conference; that invitations be issued to Asbury Park officials; and that proper arrangements be made for seating

the family, the Association and all invited individuals or companies.

Mr. John E. Andrus, Hon. Jas. L. Hays, Mr. A. H. DeHaven, Rev. H. M. Brown, Rev. A. Wallace and Rev. Wm. Franklin were appointed special pall-bearers.

Messrs. Jas. A. Bradley, Geo. L. Atkins, Theodore Oves and N. E. Buchanon were appointed honorary pall-bearers from Asbury Park.

Hon. W. H. Skirm, Rev. Geo. Hughes, Mr. T. M. Dickey, Mr. S. M. Myers, Mr. T. J. Preston, Mr. E. Hanthorn, Rev. I. Simmons and Rev. W. H. Wardell were appointed honorary pall-bearers from the Ocean Grove Association, to whom were added Rev. Dr. Thomas Haulon, Rev. C. H. Vatman and Rev. J. S. Tucker.

Messrs. John H. Dey, A. C. Fields, Gen. Jas. F. Rusling and Johnson Taylor were appointed from Ocean Grove citizens.

Messrs. Kennard Chandler, Wm. Beegle, C. C. Clayton and D. D. Peak were bearers at large.

The carriers for the body were selected from the employees of the Association, and consisted of Messrs. Lewis Rainear, John Vanfleet, Wm. Strickland, Rue Applegate, Walter Franklin and E. C. Turner.

It was ordered that the body should lie in state from Monday, six P. M., to Tuesday, six A. M., and that the following persons should constitute its guard of honor for that period: Rev. R. J. Andrews, Rev. J. R. Vankirk, Dr. J. H. Alday, Rev. J. R. Daniels, Mr. J. E. Andrus, Mr. G. W. Evans, Mr. E. T. Lovatt, Gen. J. F. Rusling, Mr. J. S. Yard, Rev. W. H. Wardell, Mr. T. J. Preston, Mr. A. H. DeHaven, Mr. L. Rainear, Mr. N. E. Buchanon, Mr. H. B. Ayres and Mr. W. H. Hamilton.

A special palace-car was ordered from the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., in which to convey the family and friends to the cemetery at Haddonfield, where the final interment would take place.

Rev. J. R. Daniels was appointed to superintend the leave-taking of the people.

It was announced that Bishop Fitzgerald had consented to preach the funeral sermon, and Bishop Newman was invited to participate in the services.

On July 20th the Assembly exercises were renewed, and Rev. Geo. E. Reed gave an interesting lecture, full of incitements to vigorous manhood; followed on the 21st by a Chatauqua vesper service and photoscopic exhibition; and on the 22nd the session was



UNDER FULL SAIL.

concluded by the usual Chatauqua celebration, another lecture by the President of Dickinson College, on "The Duties and Responsibilities of American Citizenship," and the delivery of diplomas by the Vice-President.

This Assembly has established itself as one of the regular features of our summer course, whose attractive usefulness is beyond a question. The session of this summer was not deemed inferior to any that has preceded it.

Friday, July 23d, was the Jubilee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, with its bishops and chief ministers present. On the 24th the Monmouth County Sunday-Schools gave a rally, followed by an assembly concert in the evening, under Prof. Sweeney. The 25th was "Floral Sabbath," under the direction of Rev. C. H. Yatman, and was a most impressive service, with sermons by Rev. F. M. Davenport, on "The Living Christ," and Rev. C. H. Yatman in the evening, on "The Two Ways."

In relief of the general depression of feeling attendant upon the decease of Dr. Stokes, the Vice-President proposed and the Executive Committee confirmed a request to Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald to preside at all platform meetings during the remainder of the season. After due deliberation it was accepted, and the duties fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of both the Association and the attendant congregations. God avouched his approval in the continued deepening of religious power until the end.

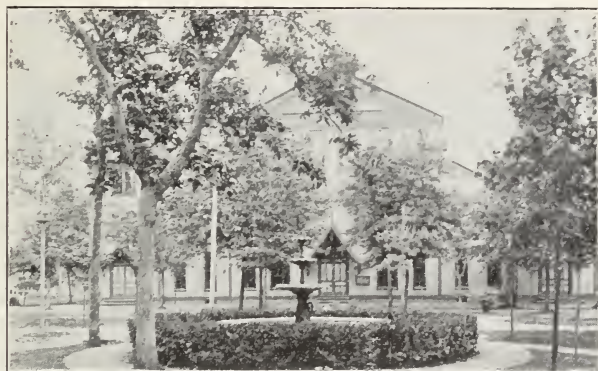
The Woman's Home Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, followed in order from July 26th to 28th inclusive. There were interesting addresses, illustrative of the Deaconess and Mission work on the frontier training-schools, lectures by Drs. Buckley and Morris, and a reception at Kentholme, which made the occasion one of exceeding interest. The realistic word-pictures of "social degredation," given through the able speakers selected for the occasion, largely excited the sympathy of the people for a society whose aim was to uplift the people among whom they labored to higher planes of both physical and spiritual life.

Our regular Anniversary Service was held in Memorial Park in the twilight of July 28th, upon the spot where the prayers which consecrated Ocean Grove were first offered, and which will always be a sacred place in the annals of our history. Very few of those who originally composed that meeting are left on earth; but those who are gone have left good hope that they are with the blessed. As in the past, Dr. Alday read impressively the



thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah; Revs. Franklin, Vankirk, Daniels, Wallace and Yatman, with Bros. Myers, DeHaven, Preston and Dickey, and the Vice-President, made short addresses, which were interspersed with music and singing under the direction of Prof. J. R. Sweeney.

On Sunday, July 29th, the National Temperance Publication Society, Joshua L. Bailey presiding, held their annual convocation, accompanied with the always popular Silver-Lake Quartette, led by Rev. C. H. Mead; Among its special speakers were President Dunn, Drs. Poulson, Stryker, Bowker, Gifford, Kynett, Dunwid-



Young People's Temple, Ocean Grove.

die, Lansing, Chancellor Spence, Mrs. Peck, and George D. Bain. It is not often that so large a number of eminent persons have come together for any purpose as were identified with this temperance assembly at Ocean Grove, and its Sabbath formed a fitting anniversary for the twenty-eighth year of its existence. Its exercises have always been of a character to command public attention, and in most cases public approval. The varied forms in which the temperance cause has been specialized by different bodies of good men have usually been discussed in so temperate a spirit as to keep the general interest directed to the one great object of destroying the traffic in intoxicating drinks.

Monday, August 2nd, was Memorial day. Bishop Fitzgerald presided, and Rev. W. Franklin led the devotions. Among the tributes paid to friends of Ocean Grove who had left us during the year, it was natural that Dr. Stokes should be most prominent. The Vice-President spoke of more than half-a-century of conference classmate-friendship, developing into Ocean Grove; Dr. Alday, personal and medical counsellor, of a close intimacy, depicting affecting scenes of his later physical and spiritual life; Rev. J. R. Daniels, of daily association; Dr. Wallace, of general character; Bro. W. Franklin, of personal love; Bros. Simmons, Evans, Vankirk, Dickey, Smith, Browning and S. E. Young, Mrs. Wheeler, and Bishop Wilson also paid tenderly affectionate tributes to his memory.



Tuesday, August 3rd, was distinguished by a convocation of "The King's Daughters," Mrs. Margaret Bottome presiding. A number of addresses were delivered, and the day closed with a popular concert in the evening. The meeting was one which brought more prominently to the front the wider scope given to women in the practical work left by Jesus to His church upon the earth.

### SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

From Wednesday, August 4th, to August 13, the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology held its annual session, under the direction of the Dean, Rev. Dr. J. E. Price. It was welcomed by an address from Bishop Fitzgerald, in which the great principles underlying the School were outlined, and in the reply by the Dean yet more fully elaborated. The lectures of Dr. Rice on "Recent Phases of Thought on Apologetics" and "Credibility of Miracles"; of Dr. Little on "Martin Luther," "Ignatius Loyola," "Blaise Pascal," and "John Wesley"; of Dr. Morris on "The True Source of Apostolic Law," "Indispensable Characteristics of an Ideal Sermon," and "The Making of a Sermon"; of Dr. Purvis on "St. Luke as a Historian," "St. Luke and St. Paul compared," and "Apostolic Literature in relation to Apostolic History"; of Dr. Winchester on "Memories of English Lakes," "An Old Castle," and "The Value of Literary Study to the Minister"; of Dr. McCurdy on "Israel and Egypt," "Israel and Syria," "Israel and Assyria," and "Israel and Babylon"; of Dr. Price on "Nerve Tracks in Moral Areas"; of Dr. Terry on "The Mystic Element in the Theology of John"; of Bishop Fowler's "Grant," Pratt's "Soul in Song," Henson's "Fools," Quayle's "Hamlet," Pentecost's "Aggressive Evangelism," McIntyre's "Thirty Hours in a Sunless World";—were all of the highest order, and fully on the level of those usually delivered in the best grade of our colleges. They treated intelligently of the gospel doctrines whose extension treads the space between

human and Divine, and are above the comprehension of untrained intellectual forces; and with the arguments gave the forms of illustration which are effective with the popular mind. In all institutions so entirely original to us as this, both time and experience will be needed to determine what had best be omitted or added; but, under the discriminations of a wise censorship, I look for the Summer School to become one of the most popular and useful elements of the future of Ocean Grove.

August 11th, of these services, was Pennington Day, and was celebrated through a lecture by Willis Fletcher, of the *New York Tribune*, with orations, recitations, music—vocal and instrumental,—tableaux, and a reception at the Arlington. The day maintained its reputation for the social pleasantries incident to re-unions; while, at the same time, it placed them upon higher levels than are usually traveled there. These re-unions are largely effective in developing the rejuvenation of the whole being upon these higher levels, and tend toward the fulfilment by Ocean Grove of one of the great purposes of charter in religious education.

There were two Musical Festivals during the season under the auspices of the Summer School. The first associated four hundred voices of children, trained to a surprising accuracy of time and tune under Prof. Tallie Morgan, and which commanded an enthusiastic popularity. The other was the wonderful Oratorio of "Elijah," conducted by Prof. Damrosch, with trained assistants, both vocal and instrumental, which, added to the vocalists of Ocean Grove, gave a rendering of that great production which has been pronounced by connoisseurs to be equal to the larger training and wider culture attainable in our great cities.

The following is the report furnished by the Dean of the School, and ordered to be printed.

TO REV. DR. A. E. BALLARD,

*Vice-President Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association;*

DEAR BROTHER:—The third annual session of the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology was held August 3rd-13th, 1897.



Some of the soloists of the Musical Festival were unable, through illness, to fill their engagements; but no lecturer failed to appear, and the programme was fulfilled as announced.

Although we find ten days yield a very limited time for a worthy representation of the several departments that should be represented in a Theological School, we eliminated one of the periods from the afternoon session this year, thus affording students more opportunity for recreation, and the change seemed to meet with general approval.

The task set for us in the preparation of the programmes is very formidable, and involves many delicate and perplexing considerations. This is not a Sunday-School Assembly, where the mere elementary work of Biblical instruction is attempted; but a School of Theology whose object, as originally announced, is "to furnish scholarly and able discussions on most progressive lines, and to afford, not only those pursuing Conference studies, but all whose time and energy are largely absorbed by the demands of a busy pastorate, opportunities to come face to face with specialists in chosen lines, and facilities for some study in the advanced thought of the times upon various phases of doctrines and of ministerial life and work."

This work we are seeking to do efficiently, but judiciously, striving to safeguard every interest, and we are inviting to aid in the programme only those lecturers whose scholarship is characterized by a most devout and reverential spirit. It must sometimes happen that in a statement of some new interpretation, or the utterance of a positive conviction, the lecturer will antagonize the long-accepted traditions of his hearers, and perhaps provoke hostility; but this is always incidental to healthful discussion, and, as must be admitted by every fair critic of our work, has been only occasional in the history of our School. The effect of the School has been to reveal more clearly the granite foundations on which the old Book of God rests, to widen the horizon with regard to its great doctrinal and spiritual truths, to exalt

Jesus Christ as Redeemer and King, and to qualify for more efficient service the messengers who are called to preach the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

It is gratifying that we can record the fact, which we do with devout gratitude to God, that a larger number of students listened to the lecturers than ever before, and that the lectures produced a profounder impression this year than in either of the preceding years.



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We are also gratified that, despite the unprecedented depression of the times, the School was a financial success.

Space will not permit us to do more than mention the cordial approbation given the work of the School by the religious and secular press in various parts of our great land, or to merely refer to the many letters from the clergy and laity alike, in different states of the Union, expressing high encomiums upon the purposes and achievements of the Ocean Grove School of Theology.

We are sure we shall not be understood as complaining of insufficient accommodation if we mention the fact, manifest to every thoughtful observer, that we are at serious disadvantage in the lack of a building adapted to our work.

If such a building were provided it would be easy, if the Association deemed it wise, to add other educational features to the programme, such as Schools of Art, Music, Oratory, English Literature, Languages, and English Bible; all of which could be conducted certainly without expense, and be made highly useful to their patrons and beneficial to the place.

We submit this annual report with a grave sense of the growing responsibility connected with this great work, for whose success we must rely upon the cordial co-operation of the members of the Association, and for whose highest usefulness we earnestly invoke the blessing of Almighty God.

The following is the financial statement as approved by the Finance Committee :

SUMMER SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Receipts :

Balance in Treasury,	-	-	-	\$62.85
Students' Fees and Syllabi,	-	-	-	65.00
Profits on Musical Festival,	-	-	-	868.51
Receipts from Lectures and Collections,				<u>928.03</u>
Total,	-	-	-	\$1,924.39

Expenses :

Programme,	-	-	-	\$1,448.70
Other Expenses,	-	-	-	<u>366.36</u>
				1,815.06
Balance in Treasury,	-	-	-	<u>\$109.33</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PRICE, Dean.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 1st, 1897.

On August 14th and 15th the Ocean Grove Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their services. Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, the President, was away in the solitude of her grief, and Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Vice-President, filled her place. Rev. W. T. Oldham preached their anniversary sermon, on "The Poverty of an Unredeemed Soul," which closed the exercises. The collections for the occasion were understood to equal those of the year just preceding.

An intensely interesting lecture on Indian Life and Manners by Rev. Edgerton Young, filled the afternoon of August 16th.

The evening was devoted to a unique spectacular exhibition of most impressive character, called "Songs in the Night." The touching presentation of the Saviour—the pathetic tones of the voices singing in harmony through soft instrumental music, will long be remembered by many who listened through their tears to its rendering.

On Tuesday another of the Indian lectures was delivered by Dr. Young, which was richly illustrated with appropriate stereopticon views of Indian life and character.

August 18th and 19th were appropriated to the Woman's Encouragement Meeting, Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, presiding. Bishop Fitzgerald, with others made addresses. Dr. Young delivered a lecture on Indian Life, and Dr. Wheeler one on Victory. The effect of the meeting was to strengthen the hearts of many discouraged women, to still go forward in the best work life brought to them regardless of whatever might be the cost of the sacrifice.

The service of the Annual Encampment began August 20th, with the Holiness Meeting in the Tabernacle, the Young People's Meeting in the Temple, and a Camp Meeting Prayer Meeting. In the afternoon a conference of workers, and children's service, and in the evening the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered through seventy ministers to fifteen hundred and seventy other communicants. On Saturday, the family devotion service under Rev. J. R. Daniels; the Consecration, led by Revs. R. J. Andrews and



H. M. Brown ; Rev. W. Franklin's Helping Hand ; Lizzie Smith's Holiness Meeting, and the twilight service were added, and with the Beach meetings were continued during the entire encampment.

On Saturday morning a preliminary service was led by the vice-president at the Auditorium, after which Rev. Lucien Clark, of Washington, D. C., preached an appropriate opening sermon on "The Inspiration of Hope." Rev. Wm. Mitchell spoke in the afternoon on "Power," and Rev. P. Bascom occupied the evening on "The Way to the Father by Jesus."

The Sunday morning sermon, scholarly, logical, crowded with historical facts, was delivered by Bishop J. F. Hurst on "The World's Unconscious Search after God." Bishop A. W. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, South, in a discourse given in the afternoon, electrified the people on "The Example of the Publican," and in the evening Rev. Dr. S. Ward, of Minneapolis, told, illustratively, "The Preciousness of Man in the Sight of God."

On Monday morning the sermon was preached by Dr. Thomas Hanlon, of Pennington Seminary, on the "Reasonableness of God's Service," at 3 p. m. Rev. H. M. Brown preached on the Transcendent wonders of the things God has prepared for us, and in the evening, Dr. Alpha G. Keynett spoke on the impossibility of God's forsaking us.

On Tuesday, a. m., Rev. John Parker, D. D., discoursed on his favorite theme of holiness. At 3 p. m., Rev. J. M. Foster, told of the character and mission of Jesus, and in the evening Dr. Halleron contrasted the old and new dispensations.

The Wednesday 10:30 sermon was given by Rev. H. M. Buchtel, D. D., on the "Harmonization of man with himself, with others and with God ; the afternoon sermon by Rev. Milton Relyea on Revelation, removing all darkness from us ; and in the evening Rev. Frank Cookman, whose presence brought back the impression of his sainted father, told of the Highway of Holiness.

Rev. J. R. Daniels preached on Thursday morning on the "Baptism of Fire." Rev. B. D. Thomas, Toronto, spoke in the

afternoon, of God's infinite compassion, and Rev. J. W. Lee in the evening, on "Wonderful Love." Friday morning brought us Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of New York, with our "Likeness to Christ." The afternoon Rev. Charles Garnett, of England, on Spiritual Endowment, and the evening Rev. W. R. Widderspoon on the "Call of Jesus."

Saturday morning was filled by Rev. H. Nelson Hollifield of the Third Presbyterian Church, of Newark, N. J., on the "Viper



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on Paul's Hand." The afternoon, Rev. H. T. Widdimere of the First Congregational Church, of Asbury Park, spoke of the "Jewels of Scripture," and Dr. Coultace, of Morristown, N. J., delivered the evening message on "Our meeting the wishes of God."

The public service on Sunday, the great day of the Convocation, took in the annual Love-feast under the presidency of Bishop Fitzgerald. Dr. Wallace, in a printed article which I have slightly abridged, describes his announcement of "clasping hands," whose electric touch should take the place of bread and water. Then

seven thousand persons joined in the ceremony and made the Auditorium echo and re-echo with "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," while these hand-claspings were being enjoyed. The Bishop gave his personal experience, while thousands of white handkerchiefs were waving in response, amid which "I'm bound for the kingdom" and "Beulah Land" rolled the chorus like the "sound of many waters." During the feast, Fanny Crosby, the blind poetess of Methodism, gave a touching and tender spiritual experience amid hundreds of alleluiahs. This was followed by nearly four hundred other testimonies in every variety of voice and pathos until the prevailing enthusiasm encircled all the people in a zone of rapture. Without waiting for the leading of the choir, the people sang the poetry of Methodism. A cornetist shouted "Blow ye the trumpet, blow," another floated out through the instrument upon the hushed atmosphere "Jesus for me," and the Feast closed with what Dr. Stokes always called "a glorious confusion which made the highest order and harmony of heaven upon earth."

Dr. John Potts, of Toronto, followed the Love-feast with a sermon on the "Attractive power of Christ in drawing the wise men of the East to His cradle." Dr. Murray, of Wilmington, in the afternoon discoursed of a "Bodily presentation to Christ, and in the evening Dr. Potts preached the "Gospel of the common people."

Monday, by special arrangement of Dr. Stokes was given to Dr. J. W. Chapman, of Bethany Church, Philadelphia, for evangelistic sermons. His topics were, the Crown—the spirit's baptism and the unpardonable sin. These were attended with a deep and solemn sense of the Divine presence and left an abiding impression for good.

Tuesday evening brought this wonderful ten days' meeting to a close. Tender farewell greetings with pledges for future fraternity both here and hereafter were exchanged in the early morning meetings, after which the closing services were held in the Auditorium. The first of these was the solemnization of infant baptism

by Rev. J. R. Daniels, which was succeeded by the "Lord's Supper where twenty-three hundred members of various evangelical churches partook of a communion administered by seventy-two ministers. During this service fifty children, led by Mrs. Grace Wisner Davis, marched together to the altar and partook their first communion of the "Last Supper." When this was ended, Prof. Sweeny and choir led the association and the people in the encircling of the Auditorium, keeping step to the music of the "Sweet By-and-bye," and, marching back to the platform where, amid the waving of handkerchiefs which covered the people like the white foam of moving seas, as the clock struck twelve, the vice-president advanced to the front of the platform, with raised hands pronounced the benediction, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, officially closed the encampment of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association for 1897.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn held an interesting service illustrative of the missionary training school in the Temple.

On Thursday, the Auditorium, with a Temple service in the evening, was occupied by the A. M. E. Zion Church.

On the succeeding Sabbath, Dr. Levy preached on the "Lessons of Experience," and Dr. Wardle on the "Mystery of Godliness."

On the Sabbath of September 11, Rev. A. K. Sandford spoke in the Temple on the "Intercession of the Spirit," and Rev. W. Russel told the old story of salvation by Jesus. Two public services afterward held in the Tabernacle closed the public exercises for the season.

What were called the "after meetings" held at the close of sermons, were conducted by Bishop Fitzgerald, Revs. Daniels, Hanlon, Westwood, Garnett, Handley, Lowry, Halleron, Brown, Dalbow, Alday and Ballard.

Their largest perceptible effect was in the altar confessions of spiritual need and open expressions of spiritual power. There were



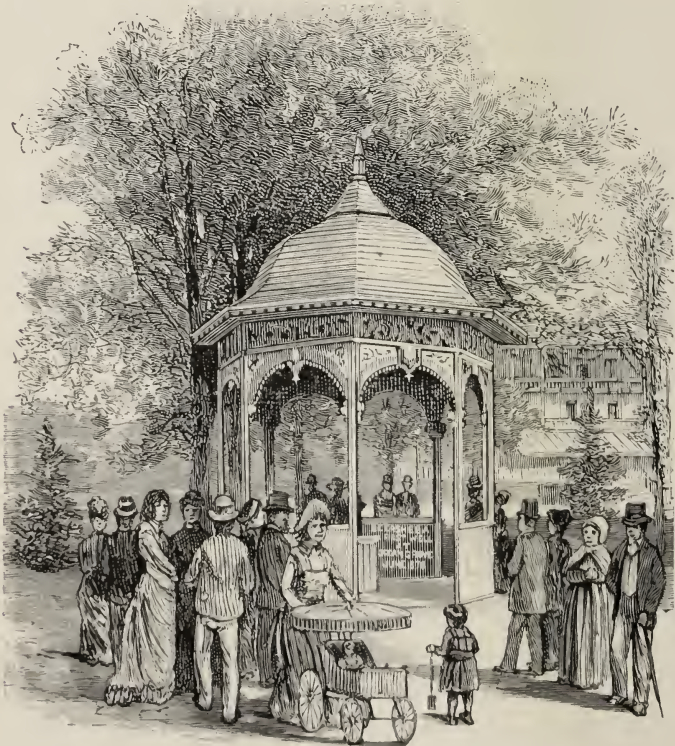
some conversions, numerous sanctifications and a general replenishment of the life of God in the souls of the people such as would enable them to return to their churches filled with the Holy Ghost and its resultant powers.

I have been a close and interested observer of our spiritual work for all the years of our history, and have never beheld more solid and satisfactory results than those belonging to the season of 1897. We have endeavored to develop our conception of Holiness. It has always been sufficiently broad to take in all its aspects. Its physical development is illustrated in our magnificent beach and bathing establishments. Holiness in "business" in the payment by the people of the expense of the encampments. Holiness of mind in the intellectual exercises of the Summer School. Holiness of heart by the spiritual cleansing of the Holy Ghost. Holiness of doctrine by the preaching from our platform. Of consecration by devoting the day to God, in the early morning meetings. Of family in the early Auditorium prayer, in fervor of experience in the meetings of Rev. J. R. Daniels and Sister Lizzie Smith. Holiness of godly decision in the services under the direction of Bro. Yatman; of motherhood in the encouragement meetings; of brotherly kindness in Bro. Franklin's helping hand; of childhood's consecration in gathering the children; of melody in the music which evoked the alleluias; of fire in the after meetings; of fraternity in the denominational gatherings; of temperance in their conventions; of the Sabbath in its celebration; of education in Pennington and Chataqua; of the women laborers by the King's Daughters and the missionary societies; of order in our ushers and police; and of sacrifice in the gratuitous labor, thought, and money given by members of the Association.

When the great tablet expressing holiness to the Lord was placed in position, Dr. Stokes called attention specially to it expressing the earnest hope that we might never depart from its principles. We are endeavoring to carry it out in being holy in all manner of conversation and citizenship in Ocean Grove.

It would be impossible to estimate the value of the service given by the association choir and its leader, Prof. J. R. Sweeney. Some of its members had been singing our melodies for years, while others were newer acquisitions. But they so voiced the time and tune as to give both tenderness and tune and time to renderings which led from one to ten thousand people in music to which they had not generally been trained without embarrassing discord. They deserve the grateful appreciation of the Association.

Appropriate solos and duets were frequently given, both vocal and instrumental, with a distinctness of articulation which placed many of them beyond the renderings of artistic music and lifted them to the levels of realistic devotion.



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## REPORTS OF MEETINGS.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND TWILIGHT MEETINGS.

Rev. C. H. Yatman reports that the blessings of renewing grace and converting power were made known to hundreds of souls. The altar was frequently filled with penitents upon whom the outpourings of the spirit came down in the consciousness of salvation. Most of the workers in the meetings were converts of former days. The letters sent and testimonials given, all told of the wonderful blessedness experienced in the meetings.

### THE CHILDREN'S MEETING

Reports through Mrs. Davis over a hundred professed conversions, and a still larger number who avowed their sense of religious need. Competent persons found them as spiritually intelligent as the same number of persons of maturer age under the same circumstances.

### CONSECRATION MEETINGS.

Rev. R. J. Andrews and Rev. H. M. Brown report the consecration meetings, at 6.45 A. M., as sounding the keynote of the day. They were largely attended, and many who had lost the evidence of acceptance were restored to favor, and a still larger number wholly sanctified. One minister left, stating that they had been a wonderful benediction to him, and would be to his people through him.

### DR. HANLON'S BIBLE CLASS.

Rev. J. R. Daniels, Vice-President, reports an attendance fully equal to any year before. This class in its style of conduct is one of the specially unique features of Ocean Grove. The questioning criticisms of the people fall like snowflakes upon the leader, in which the widest liberty, consistent with the range of Methodist orthodoxy, is permitted. No one has yet been found whose faith has been unsettled by these discussions; while a large

amount of Biblical knowledge has been cleared from the fogs with which in so many minds it has been surrounded.

#### THE BEACH MEETING

Reports, through the devotional committee, by Dr. Ballard, in whose charge the meeting was placed, that these services, designed by our departed President, and carried forward during all the years of the life of Ocean Grove, have been developed this year in the same forms as in the days when he was alive and conducted them. Their form has naturally been ritualistic, because the noise of the waves and the vastness of the audience prevented any other method; but the ritualism has been vitalized by the earnest responses of the people, and made something more than a mere lip service. There has been a larger element of music introduced between the readings, in which the people have joined freely. The addresses made there have been short and pointed, and in most cases have been heard for a considerable distance beyond the speaker. Men from all parts of our land, and from beyond the seas, have participated in these addresses to crowds which frequently exceeded a decade of thousands.

#### THE SUMMER SUNDAY-SCHOOL,

Under the superintendency of Rev. G. W. Evans, has had the exceptionally large attendance of 23,358 scholars, or an average of 2,358 for each Sabbath it has been held. The attendance has not only been large, but orderly; which is always a difficult matter in a numerous assemblage of children coming from all parts of the nation, and without the restraints which surround their lives at home. There have been found a sufficiency of willing teachers to meet all the needs of the case, who were willing to forego the coveted rest of a warm summer afternoon for the precious privilege of helping to form the characters of children who were soon to be the men and women of the land. The superintendent, who has not spared himself in the labors, tenders



to his fellow-workers his heartiest appreciation of their helping, without which success would have been impossible.

#### THE "HELPING HAND" MEETING,

Under the charge of Rev. Wm. Franklin, who for continuous years in the past has exercised their oversight, was again a season of large spiritual benefit. Thornley Chapel has been crowded with people who both gave and received the helping hand. Among them was a Jew who was helped to the knowledge of Jesus, and a man whose life had been ruined by strong drink was helped with power over the appetite by the reception of the Holy Ghost. Many were greatly assisted, many were distinctly and consciously sanctified, many capacitated for larger usefulness, and in all its helpful aspects the meeting was a decided success.

#### THE HOLINESS MEETING IN THE TABERNACLE

Reported through Rev. J. R. Daniels, says "Many addresses and sermons have been delivered in this meeting by representative men and women of different denominations, which with scarcely an exception have been in accord with Wesley and Fletcher, and other later Methodist teachers of sound doctrine in 'distinguishing the grace of perfect love from the pardon of sin, and regeneration of the sinner.' The attendance has been so large that in most of the days of the Camp the Tabernacle was unable to hold the throngs who pressed for entrance. The altars and front seats were frequently crowded with seekers after both pardon and purity, and on some occasions the entire room was a temple of consecration in which hundreds of believers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire."

#### THE HOLINESS MEETING LED BY LIZZIE SMITH

Is reported as possessing a larger power than usually attends even that favorite service. There was one special day when such a

wave of the Holy Spirit passed through it as defies all description. The triple departments of reclamation, conversion and sanctification were all carried forward simultaneously, and the power of God attended every meeting. The vice-president was privileged to attend some of these meetings in both places, and bears witness that these descriptions are below rather than above their reality.

REPORT AND STATEMENT OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Committee on Religious Services desire, at this closing hour of the Camp Meeting, to express their gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His continued mercies and benediction throughout the season of 1897.

While bowing in submission to the Divine Will, in the removal of our beloved and gifted leader, the Rev. Ellwood H. Stokes, D. D., LL. D., we rejoice that his plans, so nearly perfected in arranging the programme, have been completely carried out.

It is with an inexpressible pleasure we record our appreciation of the faithful, efficient, and divinely-honored service of our chief minister, the Rev. Bishop James N. Fitzgerald, D. D., LL. D., whose presence among us we consider particularly providential.

We shall ever remember his cordial and useful supervision of the services connected with the many interests here represented, and will continue to pray that he may be greatly prospered in his high official position and all personal relationships.

The committee also desire to express their appreciation of, and gratitude to, all ministers, church-workers and leaders, and others who have helped, in the ministry of the Word, by testimony, exhortation, song, or prayer, or only by their presence; and to our chorister and all singers, our organist and all players on instruments, and to the leaders of the Bible Class and Sunday-School, with their co-laborers, and to all others who have been with us during these weeks and days of delightful service, while



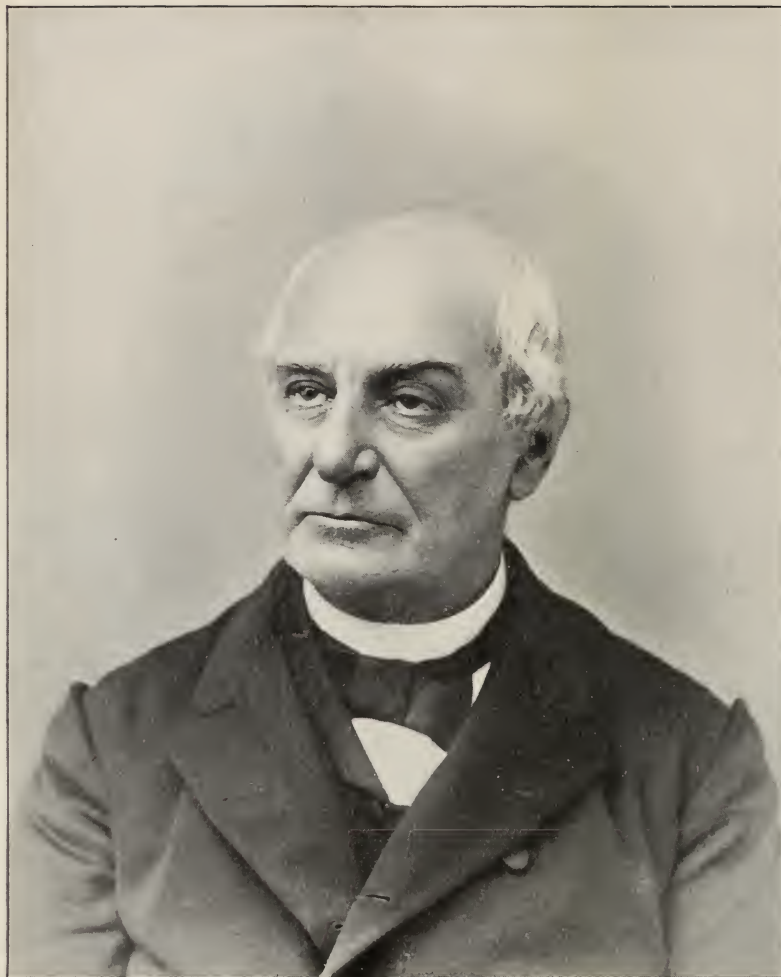
A. M. E. Zion Church,	-	-	-	-	-	3
Anti-Saloon League,	-	-	-	-	-	2
King's Daughters,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Conference Assemblies,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Ocean Grove Alumni,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pennington Seminary,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sunday-School Rally,	-	-	-	-	-	2
July 4th Celebration,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Woman's Sabbath Alumni,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Memorial Service,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Love Feast,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Songs in the Night,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Elim Cottage Lawn Party,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Anniversary Prayer Meeting,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Children's Festival,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mrs. Osborn's Training-School,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sacraments: { Lord's Supper,	-	-	-	-	-	1
{ Baptism,	-	-	-	-	-	1







ASSOCIATION BUILDING.



REV. A. E. BALLARD, D. D.

**The Church** at Ocean Grove advances steadily both in popularity and power. Its present pastor, Rev. Joseph G. Reed, is effective in all departments of its work and greatly beloved by the people, and is also in entire harmony with the Association.

The church and parsonage have a value of \$24,000, with only an indebtedness of \$4,000 against the church.

It conducts a large Sabbath-School, an Epworth League, a Women's Foreign Missionary Society, a Women's Home Missionary Society, a Women's Christian Temperance Union, a Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, and a Junior Epworth League.

The church here is the most effective social force which holds our people together through the winter season.

**Elim Cottage.**—This popular establishment, under the care of the ladies of the Elim Association, has done all its work this year in a manner which will not suffer by comparison with any of its past. The letters which are sent them by ministers and their wives, who have enjoyed the accommodations at the lessened cost, fully attest the value of the institution.

**Rest Home** closed its second season here on September 6th, and reports an entertainment of eighty guests, thirty-eight of whom were deaconesses and twenty-one missionaries, with others in other departments of woman's work. These were women whose nerves were broken with overwork and exposure, and the Rest Home was made a physical as well as a spiritual blessing in restoring the ability to labor. It deserves our highest appreciation.

**The Pavilions** of Ross and Lillagore, with the others which line our ocean front, have become increasingly attractive with each succeeding year. Many of the people love to sit in them and read, or muse, or gaze upon the fishermen or bathers, or watch the sparkle of the sea, or exercise a silent faith that sometimes swells to rapture, while at the same time body and soul drink in the rejuvenating influences which freshen into newer sense of life a debilitated system.

**The Report of the Chief of Police** and Police Committee explains that during the excitement attendant upon robberies around the vicinity, a small addition was made to the force with good result.

Forty-seven arrests were made, but in so quiet a manner as to produce no excitement, and all for minor offences.



ROSS' PAVILION AND BATHING GROUND.



Nearly four hundred persons were either sent off the grounds, or back to their homes, for attempting to bathe in apparel considered to be improper.

Three hundred and eight persons were stopped from bicycle-riding upon the Sabbath.

Fifty-eight lost children were restored to parents.

Twenty-three unmuzzled dogs were killed.

The patrol of the grounds, both night and day, has been unintermitted, and has added much to our security.

Taken altogether, our police system, with its committee, chief and men, will not compare unfavorably with any of our surrounding neighbors.

**Bridges.**—I deem it of more than average importance that we retain our present financial hold upon our bridges by charging tolls. If we loosen that hold (though we have all along made it clear that they were private property), and when once a free egress and ingress is permitted, our power to enforce our own private rights of seclusion will have practically passed away. I hope the Association will not lessen what power they have left in this direction. The bridges over Wesley Lake have been painted, and are in good condition.

**The Jetties** have done all that was expected of them, and more. The sight of the beautiful beach, which they have replaced for us, says more than any language I might use here. Its committee are entitled to the special thanks of the Association for the unwearying care of an oversight which largely contributed to their success.

**The Ocean Pier** has been of but little expense the past year. A new fence has prevented danger, and careful watching has kept us safe from wreckage. It is recommended that the building upon it be removed, and the pier made free to the people.

**Tents.**—There have been sixteen new tent-kitchens erected during the year, with a general repairing of platforms and painting of the buildings. As more improvements are made in this

class of buildings, more and more of the people evince a desire to live in them. While the system is still susceptible of advance, yet the needs of privacy and comfort, with the refinement of outside plots of flowers, have been so entirely secured, that no reasonable objection can be presented against them. As they increase in popularity it is to be hoped that plots along the upper parts of Fletcher Lake may yet be adopted for such uses.

**Post-Office.**—Our Post Office, under its popular and efficient post-master, W. H. Hamilton—who has so grown up in the office that it is impossible to separate the two in the minds of the people,—has been thoroughly renovated, and all obstructions removed.

A free-delivery system, with twenty-three reception boxes, and a full complement of carriers, has been established, to the general satisfaction of the people. Over a million pieces of mail matter were delivered during the single month of August, with but little complaint.

The Ocean Grove Association is largely indebted to Hon. B. F. Howell, member of Congress from our district, for securing through the Post-Master General this free delivery, for which all previous efforts had been in vain.

**Toilet Buildings.**—The ladies' toilet-room on Bath Avenue has been changed and enlarged, as was also the one west of the Auditorium. The Snead Wells system has been adopted, and works well. It will be wise to adopt it as the needs arise, in all our buildings of this character.

**Private Buildings.**—There has not been a very large number of new buildings erected, but the class and style has been of a more expensive and commodious character.

The number of cottages within our grounds on October 1, 1897, was 1,297, of which 87 were regular hotels for the accommodation of the public.

Through the politeness of Mr. E. R. Tindall, station-master at the railroad depot, I am able to state that, with all the con-

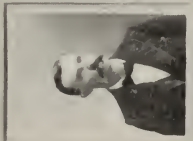
gested state of the large crowds who leave or enter the cars there, no accident has occurred; for which we reverently give God thanks. There has been a decrease in the number of passengers as compared with last year, especially of excursionists. Many of these were prevented, after arrangements were made, by the exceptionally wet weather. In comparison with other resorts, however, the decrease was proportionally very considerably less with us than elsewhere. No rowdyism has been reported, and but one case of pocket-picking, in which the man was arrested and is at present enjoying life at the expense of the state.



LILLAGORE'S SWIMMING POOL.

**Branch Banks.**—Their business this year shows an increase in their deposits, and their conduct has been very satisfactory to the people. Their establishment in our midst has been a large accommodation to our people.

**The Barber Shop** in the Association building has been fitted up in first-class style at a large expense, and been occupied by Signor Victor Nysocki, and is intended to be kept open during the winter. It has two bath-rooms attached, which adds to its attractiveness.



Charter Members of L. S. Stokes Fire Company No. 3.

APRIL 1888



**The Parks.**—Woodlawn, on Main Avenue, with its flowing umbrella fountain, has never presented a more attractively beautiful appearance than during the past summer.

Thompson has been improved, but additional improvement is needed to make it specially attractive.

Greenleaf, lying between Tabor and Carmel, has been a source of much pleasure to summer visitors.

Centennial has become yet more a place of beauty, and stands a living illustration of the refined taste of our deceased President.



Woodlawn Park, Ocean Grove.

Thornley is small, but remains one of the impressions of pleasure which meet the eye in approaching the Auditorium.

Evergreen, at the entrance to our grounds, would repay a small expense for improvement.

**Streets and Avenues.**—Broadway and Main Avenue have been gravelled with superior material at a heavy cost, which it is expected will be economical in view of its durability.

The other avenues, with the culverts and sluiceways, have frequently needed repairs, and will soon require replacing with more durable material. Our street-crossings are of wood, which soon wears out, and should be changed to stone.

The plank walk between Atlantic Avenue and Ross' Pavilion has been laid down from old material, and will need large repair before another summer.

There has been 4,581 feet of concrete walk laid by the Association for private parties, and the parts of our grounds without sidewalks are steadily becoming less and less.

The strip of land between the plank walk and Ocean Avenue, from Webb Avenue to Lillagore's pavilion, is unsightly, and needs to be put in the same condition as that north of it. We have plenty of material for the purpose, and I recommend its use for that purpose. The curbing of lots, both by ourselves and others, is being gradually laid, and it is expected that soon there will be no uncurbed lots in the Grove.

**The Fire Department** has made several improvements in its methods during the past year, as also in material of equipment. Its companies are formed from men of intelligence and moral standing, and, as a result, their efficiency is unsurpassed.

There have been four fires, which were promptly extinguished before any serious damage was done.

I know of no place where the citizens can sleep under any greater confidence of safety from fire than Ocean Grove.

The trifle asked by the companies from property-owners for their comfortable accommodations should be promptly contributed.

**Tree-Planting Day** was observed after its usual manner. Memorial trees were planted for Rev. Wm. Swindells, D. D., Rev. Chas. McAnney, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. Martha L. Eder, Rev. A. J. Myers, Mrs. Eliza Cooper, Miss Mildred Vaughn, Andrew Ireland, John Neal, Henrietta B. Rainear, Mrs. Mary H. Bertron, and Mrs. Mattie W. Cooper.

**Our System of Lighting** the public streets with arc instead of incandescent lights is successful in its kind of illumination. A few additional poles are needed to complete it, which the committee expect to place before the next season. The unceasing labors of the committee on electric-light and water, whose report

is here subjoined, cannot be too highly appreciated by the Association.

*To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, Ocean Grove, N. J.*

DEAR BRETHREN :—The Electric Light and Water Committee would respectfully submit the following report for your consideration and approval.

Many comparatively small additions and improvements have been made to the water plant this year, greatly increasing its economy and efficiency. The new water tank is now all connected with the system in proper shape, and all the pipe outlets have been protected from frost. A new and larger suction pipe has been connected with settling tanks attached to west-side wells. This was rendered necessary by the increased supply of water from these wells, and cuts off two hours of pumping daily.

A new and modern valve gear has been added to the Corliss pumping engines, and all this work was done by our men at the Station and reflects great credit upon their mechanical skill. It was done in our own machine shop, thus affecting a saving of some \$1,200.00, or more than the entire machine shop cost us originally. This is but a part of the large amount of machine work which has been done by our men in this shop, which, besides being a great economy, has been an immense convenience, and saved much valuable time in repairs, etc.

Our water consumption has again increased twenty-five million gallons over 1896, as per the following statement.

May,	-	there were pumped	26,726,000	gals.
June,	-	“ “ “	38,327,000	“
July,	-	“ “ “	43,437,000	“
August,	-	“ “ “	49,496,000	“
September,	“	“ “ “	34,668,000	“
October,	“	“ “ “	15,385,000	“
Total,			-	-
			208,039,000	gals.

while during the summer of 1896 there were pumped totally 182,664,000 gallons, making the increase for 1897 about eleven per cent.

The arc-light system for street lighting was installed in June. The lamps were put up rapidly and without being tested, and the system therefore did not work as perfectly at first as your committee hoped, it being new to our electrician; but by energetic and skillful attention he soon mastered the mechanical intricacies of the lamps, and very soon had everything working in excellent order.

Your committee studies the distribution of the lamps with great care, and can say with pardonable pride that Ocean Grove was the best-lighted town in the county or state.

There are 118 arc lights, and they ran a total of 815 hours. 135 new poles were erected. The commercial lights ran 1,081 hours 45 minutes, and made 45,233 ampere hours. Lights were in Auditorium 44 nights, and ran 108 hours, averaging 860 lights per night.

Coal consumption for the past four years is as follows:

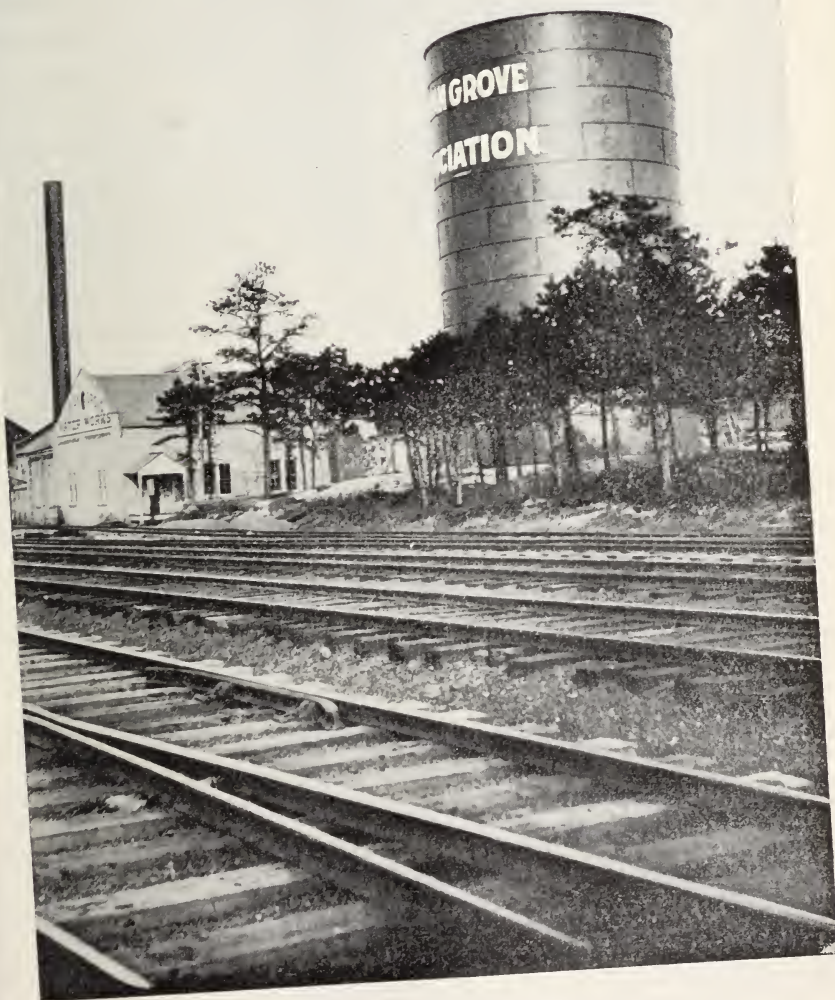
Same period, 1894,	-	-	\$3,500
“ “ 1895,	-	-	4,700
“ “ 1896,	-	-	2,000
“ “ 1897,	-	-	2,200

Your committee have given much time, attention and care to the water and light systems and the constantly-recurring questions incident to them, and are gratified to report that the plants are in excellent condition and repair.

The committee also desire at this time to express their sincere appreciation of the faithful and intelligent labors of our chief-engineer, Mr. Turner, to our electrician, and both of their assistants.

You will observe, from the financial statement, that the total receipts for the year for water and electric light are \$20,404, and





OCEAN GROVE WATER-WORKS.

that the total expenses for both plants were \$11,637; which, after crediting for street lighting \$3,250, Auditorium and public buildings \$1,000, and water for street sprinkling \$1,000, and allowing six per cent. interest on cost of both plants, we have a profit of 176/1000 of one per cent. This is getting profit down to fine figures; but we must remember this class of street lighting would be cheap at \$80 per lamp per year. This item would make the street lighting cost over \$8,000, while we have credited only \$3,250.

Observe also that over one hundred million gallons of water are wasted per year. This loss charged at the rate of seven cents per thousand gallons would be \$7,000. This great waste is due to defective plumbing, carelessness on the part of consumers, and the absence of water meters.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee for your consideration and approval.

T. J. PRESTON, A. H. DE HAVEN, JOHN E. ANDRUS.

**Licenses.**—There has been comparatively little difficulty in the collection of license fees. The recent decision of suits in our favor has, no doubt, contributed greatly to this result.

There were issued for general purposes 217, for boats 49; for which was received for general purposes \$2,235, for boats \$245,—in all \$2,480.

Our “**Janitorship**” has become a position of large importance to us. The careful handling of lost articles in order to their restoration, the completeness of arrangements for the restoration of lost children, the systematic conduct of all notices both on the bulletin and to the speakers, the placing of men and things, the lighting of the buildings, the accuracy of accounts, with numerous other duties,—give it the importance to which I have referred. A large fact in the almost-perfect order of our services the past season has been the management of this department by our brother, Wistar H. Stokes.

**Ushers.**—The work of the ushers has been one requiring very considerable executive ability, both in arranging that *all* the work is done, and that it is *promptly* done. To arrange that every usher shall have his place, and every place its usher, at every service, when their changing necessities often changed the men, was something which required both careful attention and direction. The fact that there was no instance of failure in their work, either in properly seating an audience or in securing their offerings, is an acknowledgement in itself that the Association owes them grateful thanks for their service, and I only voice its sentiment in advance when I express it here. In carrying away the offerings of the people they are usually deprived of their seats with their families. I recommend that they be permitted to lock two seats during their absence on this business.

**The Work of the Sanitary Officer** has been embarrassed with numerous difficulties—many of them not apparent on the surface—which have required the most delicate tact and kindest religious spirit to overcome. Among these is to be found the isolation by quarantine of persons infected with contagious diseases, and also the premises where such infection exists. People so isolated often feel it to bear oppressively upon them, and are restive under the enforcement of a rigorous seclusion, as well as the loss of time and money involved in the case.

Dr. Alday, who has charge of this most important department of our Grove, has met these difficulties with a tact and kindness which it would be impossible to surpass. His report will contain valuable suggestions for our consideration.

*To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, in session Nov. 10, 1897, I hereby submit this my Annual Report as Sanitary Officer.*

On the 1st of October, as Sanitary Officer of Ocean Grove, I made my Annual Report to the State Board of Health, at Trenton, N. J., in which a detailed statement of the sanitary



J. H. ALDAY, M. D.

condition of Ocean Grove was given, as will be seen in my answers to the various inquiries presented in the printed blanks sent to all the local Boards of Health. This Report of the Ocean Grove Board of Health will be published in the Annual Report of the State Board of Health, a copy of which each member of the Ocean Grove Board of Health will receive.

In this Report it will be self-evident that all requirements essential to the proper sanitation of Ocean Grove are carefully and faithfully executed. As far as possible every necessity for its attainment is supplied, and that on the latest and most-approved scientific principles. Illustrative of this fact, I have recently adopted for fumigation and disinfection the Formalde-



hyde Gas Generator, for the safe, convenient and economical production of the Formaldehyde gas, by the oxidation of mythylic alcohol. By persistent and thorough tests it has been satisfactorily proven that in this gas we have a disinfectant which excels all others in the work of fumigation and disinfection; which agent your Board of Health will hereafter use for the aforesaid purposes.

The health of our town during the past season was remarkably good; physicians declaring that, in their experience, it was unusually so.

In order to the healthfulness of the community, it is imperatively necessary that the premises be kept in a proper sanitary condition. We find, as the result of an inspection thereof, many property-owners, at the close of the season, leave their yards in an unseemly condition, through the accumulation of debris, which, if allowed to remain, decay and emit exhalations pernicious and detrimental to the health of those living contiguous thereto. To remedy this state of things, I have requested the Superintendent, Capt. Rainear, to have his men clean out all such yards, and make a careful estimate of the expense and charge the same, in the office, against said properties. We propose that all permanent residents keep their premises in a good sanitary condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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

**Taxation.**—The discrimination against us in the matter of taxation, does not as yet seem to admit of remedy. While we receive no appropriation for our streets, police, lights or other municipal expenses, we yet pay three-fifths of the entire township tax for these purposes.

The peculiar needs of our organization put Borough government out of the question, and unless the legislature can see its way to legally equalize our taxation with our share of public expenses we must bear the inequality.

Its rate has been considerably increased this year both to us and to our people, on account of the large and commodious high school edifice now being built at the entrance to the Grove whose corner-stone was laid to-day by Hon. James L. Hays, chairman of the State Board of Education, and which will be easily accessible to all children of the Grove. This increased tax bears heavily upon us, but, as in the end all such institutions increase property values, and our charter proposes education under the auspices of religion, we can bear the added burden with a less feeling of complaint.

**Sewers.**—Very great improvements have been made in our disposal of sewage during the past year. The subject here subjoined will explain the largest achievement in this direction ever achieved along our coast. There have been sixteen additional sewer connections made through the year, to which may be added thirty-four of water :

#### REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMITTEE.

*Dear Brethren :*

Since the great increase in the population of Ocean Grove the question of the disposal of the sewage has been one of prime importance and concern ; as the proper and effectual disposal of sewage is of vital interest to the prosperity and health of a community.

The old method of a pipe on our pier was very inadequate, and your sanitarian and sewer committee were greatly harrassed by frequent and just complaints of the contamination of the water at the bathing grounds, both at Ocean Grove and of the resorts north and south of us, as well as along our own beach front and its foul condition during the prevalence of easterly winds ; and many threatening complaints from the residents near the sewer outlet have been made from time to time. Conditions were similar in Asbury Park. State legislation has been considered in regard to this matter, and your committee met with the Asbury Park and West Grove delegates who had been appointed by the townships to

consider the best method of sewage disposal. Mr. Bradley and several members of the committee thought that the erection of a union sewage disposal works, to be built and operated at joint expense, would be the most feasible plan. Your committee did not favor this plan as the expense to Ocean Grove for its share of the building and piping would have cost about \$100,000, and our share of the expense of pumping and operating would be about \$9,000



ROSS' NEW SWIMMING POOL.

per year, and we were confronted with this very important question—where was the money to come from?

Your committee at their own time and expense visited a number of places where the conditions similar to our own exist, and where these disposal works have been erected, and found them very expensive to maintain, and unsatisfactory in results; some having against them indictments found by grand juries for maintaining a nuisance, and others threatened with these indictments.

Your committee has maintained that the ocean was the natural and proper place for the final disposal of sewage, and after much thought, long and steady work, and considerable inquiry, your committee concluded that a pipe 12 inches in diameter with its joints screwed tightly, could be placed firmly and safely in the water on the bed of the ocean, and 1,200 feet out to sea, and that the sewage could be carried out through this pipe and satisfactorily discharged in deep water. This plan was submitted at the May meeting, and the committee was instructed to secure estimates and to proceed with the work. The estimate, made by Mr. E. K. Conover, was accepted, and he was directed to proceed at once with the work.



Wesley Lake, near Main Street.

As usual in submarine work the contractor met with many serious unforeseen and perplexing obstacles, and the unusually stormy summer greatly retarded the work and greatly increased his expenses, but our contractor with never flagging power of perseverance and determination kept on with the work, and on September 25th, the pipe was in position and connected with our sewers, and has continued to work with complete success and to our unceasing satisfaction. After the completion, and at the beginning of its operation, your committee went out in a boat and carefully examined the operation of the outlet, and found that the water was not contaminated in the least a distance of 150 feet from it, and we have to



say further that this method has been successful beyond our highest anticipations, and we have been assured by competent judges that we have solved the problem of sewage disposal for seaside resorts, and other towns are preparing to follow the example set by us.

Let us now consider the difference in expense between constructing and operating this new system as compared with the old one of the pier :

Pier, cost to build, - - -	\$7,500
Cost of pipe and attaching to pier, - -	2,500
Repairs to pier in 1893, - - -	800
Repairs to pier in 1895, - - -	5,000
Repairs to pipe, 1893, - - -	400
New Pipe and labor, 1895, - - -	550
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Total cost of pier and pipe,	\$16,750

The above does not include numerous repairs to pipe when broken by storms, nor expense for labor in connection with these damages, and yet this pier sewer outlet has cost in the last ten years, inadequate as it was, over three times that of the new outlet, which should last for fifteen or twenty years.

Our visitors and residents can now have pure water in which to bathe, a clean beach, and God's pure air to breathe, untainted by foul smelling odors or sewer gas.

The foregoing report respectfully submitted,

*Sewer Committee.* { J. E. ANDRUS,  
 J. H. ALDAY,  
 A. H. DEHAVEN,  
 T. J. PRESTON.

**New Auditorium.**—There still remains uncollected subscriptions amounting to \$1,500 or \$2,000 promised to the New Auditorium. In some of these cases the subscribers have died, and the executors have not made payment; in some the persons could not be found; and in others a change of circumstances



INTERIOR OF THE AUDITORIUM.

has rendered payment practically impossible. It was the earnest wish of Dr. Stokes that this fund be kept open until the entire amount was met by the voluntary contributions of the people, and I trust it will be so done.

The platform should have its seating changed, the modern inventions for the improvement of the acoustics adopted, and the reporters' tables better placed.

Among the changes in our policy which seemed appropriate to our best interests was one in the method of meeting the expenses incident to our summer services, and which was only reached by prayerful and protracted consideration. These expenses had very largely increased in the recent years, without any corresponding increase in the collections taken for that purpose. The eleven hundred lights required for these services alone cost from twenty-five to thirty dollars per night; the policing from twenty to twenty-five dollars per day; the service of the Young People's Temple, in its leadership and other expenses, between ten and fifteen dollars; the holiness and early-morning meeting between five and seven dollars; the janitorship, with assistants, an equal amount; besides a large sum for expenses of organists, preachers, and others whose labors were compensated;—which left large deficits to be met from other sources than the offerings of the people. In some of the special cases individual members of the Association had met these deficits by contributing large sums personally; in others they had been paid from other sources of the Association. No public special collection had ever been taken to meet these deficits, in the fear that they might lessen the spiritual tone of the meetings. It was believed that this fear was not legitimate, and a special collection was ordered for the morning of the great Sunday of the Camp. About twenty-five hundred dollars were needed; which were raised in less than as many minutes, and the spiritual tone of the preaching service rose apparently to a higher shore line, because of the feeling among the people that their meeting had paid its own expenses.

The plan of the meetings hereafter raising their own expenses is recommended to the approval of the Association.

There have been some expressions of desire, principally among either business men or permanent residents, to rescind some of the restrictions which have been deemed essential to the sacredness of our seclusion. It has not seemed to be taken into account that it is only by maintaining our peculiar restrictions that our financial success can be assured, for the people who come to us come *because* of the restrictions. The Encampment is the central force of attraction, and to lessen the restrictions will lessen its power to accomplish its objects.

It is a wise policy to listen intelligently to the requests of our citizens, to consider them in all their relative bearings, and grant them, so far as it can be done without infringing upon the principles on which our institution is founded.

Our lease holders were very generally represented in the closing exercises of the camp meeting. In clear distinctness I placed before them the adherence of our officers to our restrictive and seclusive policy. By a unanimous expression, both the lease holders and the summer congregation expressed their approval and desired its continuance for the future.

In this open decision of the people, we seem to be forbidden to make any changes in this regard.

The question of preparing and publishing a book of hymns and tunes which shall contain a larger proportion of those which have made our hymnal immortal, combined with the best of others now in general use, and which shall not need annual renewal, has received thoughtful consideration from members of the Association during the past year.

It is objected to the present system that the hymns in general use at our encampments are not as well adapted to express the poetic spirituality of Methodism, and which so largely makes us a "peculiar people," as those of our hymnal, and that there ought to be a book which did not involve the expense of annual renewals.



It is recommended that a committee be appointed with power to prepare such a book, and submit their report at the semi-annual meeting in May.

**Entertainments.**—Our camp meeting has become so attractive that very many people who come to it remain during the entire season. This fact apparently necessitates a style of surroundings appropriate to the family life at home. This has been met by entertainments, lectures, choral services, readings, recitations, stereopticon and photographic exhibitions, which have been accepted as incidentals without being subject to any well defined authority. Their introduction, when of appropriate character and attractive presentation, and in harmony with our great religious principles, is eminently justifiable. It is recommended that the Association, through its devotional committee, assume the entire charge of this, as a department, and in all cases decide what entertainments may be presented and by whom, and also decide upon their cost and the terms upon which that cost shall be met.

**Our Lakes.**—It is with pleasure that I am able to state that measures are already being taken to sewer the district above Wesley Lake, which will do much toward its purification. The matter of filling that part of it, which is artificial, or whatever method may be best adapted to secure the end proposed, has been referred to a competent committee jointly with Mr. Bradley, and as soon as the weather will permit the work will be begun.

Our contracts for religious service have not heretofore been made by the Association or its executive committee. It is suggested that hereafter all such contracts secure the sanction of the executive committee before becoming operative and binding.

A critical period is upon us now, arising from the necessary transfer of powers heretofore delegated to the president. His judgement was so well rendered that the business of a devotional committee was largely left to his discretion. It seems fitting now



OCEAN GROVE AND WESLEY, LAKE.

that such powers should return to the Association, and that some plan be devised for their operation.

It has been largely suggested that this period of our history is an appropriate one for the examination and revision of all our methods of administration. The present system of carrying on our business through numerous standing committees, involving the entire membership, whose conclusions must be thoroughly reinvestigated and passed upon by the executive committee before they are valid, is cumbersome, expensive and less effective than when brethren, who may be temporarily or regularly resident in the Grove, are affiliated directly with the executive committee by special appointment. Some committees ought to be standing and permanent, with special powers for their work, but the most of them could be of larger efficiency on the plan outlined above.

Especially is this true of the Emergency Committee where a few members at the thought of the moment are empowered to decide questions which ought to have the presence and consideration of the entire Association.

In the nature of things no exigency would be at all likely to arise where the Association could not be called together by telegraph and telephone in time to meet all requirements in the case.

**Flower Mission.**—The following communication, accompanied with a beautiful floral greeting was sent to the Association at its meeting :

*From the Flower Mission of the Y. W. C. U. of Ocean Grove to the Members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.*

GREETINGS :

“The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give thee rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand.”—Deut. 28, 12.

“His love is the key and His glory the measure  
Of grace all abounding and knowledge and light ;  
To thee shall be opened this infinite treasure,  
To thee, the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

In the preparation of this report, in addition to the aid derived from the department officers, I am under special obligation to Dr. Adam Wallace whose published accounts of our summer proceedings, possess a clearness of conception of what is involved in the various causes presented to the congregations, with an accuracy of detail in their representations, combined with a felicity of popular language, which places them on a level with the best literary journalism of the day. When to this is added their clear spirituality of expression, I do not go too far when I speak of them as specially worthy to be preserved among the archives of our Association.

The number of persons who leave this world from Ocean Grove increases with our population. Its recuperative healthfulness for almost every class of disorders, combined with the religious privileges which cover the year, induce many invalids to select the Grove as a place in which what remains of life may be passed in



THE ARLINGTON HOTEL. C. H. Millar, Proprietor.



both physical and spiritual comfort. These advantages become more and more apparent as the years pass; and when people find combined with these the free, joyous and reputable life of the younger people who are with us during the summer, and whose presence seems to exhilarate the whole atmosphere, they find life so brightened that it is not a wonder that they desire in increasing numbers to pass from it here.

It is matter of devout thanksgiving that, except our President, no member of our Association has been called away from us. The Lord, who writes His needs of us in providential words, has bidden us remain and labor here, and it is as well to do His will in Ocean Grove as in the groves of Eden. A seat on the platform of the Auditorium is as much to God to-day as if we sat on the upper thrones of heaven.

Under *His* command the shores of Ocean Grove are as much to us as those of the sea of glass.

Under *His* order it is as high an honor to bear God's messages from platform and temple and tabernacle and chapel here, as it will be to minister at the priestly altars of the Holy of Holies, whose crimson curtains fall before the eternal throne.

This report has been written under the impression of that shadowed presence whose hand has written all our annual reports in the past. I have sat so close to the memories of that past that it has seemed that I was his amanuensis. The feeling that this first-chosen Prince of our Ocean Grove Israel was by me has covered my imagination while I wrote. His eyes have appeared to be *upon* me and through me, as I have sought the best expression for the facts I was presenting, just as they were in the olden days. I have endeavored to disassociate myself from this influence, and stamp my personality alone on these conceptions; but the mental pressure of the man who for so many years walked unchallenged through all the avenues of my soul, has been beside me, and so far as this influence of all our past association has guided me, it is his report still.

I desire to close these words with an expression of the happiness I have found in personal fellowship with the members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, and my appreciation of the honor which for so many years they have accorded me.

My prayer to God is that I may still be of use to the interests so dear to us, in the days or years our Lord may leave me here, and that no act of mine may ever lessen the confidence which entitles me to fellowship; and it is among my most delightful thoughts that when the *Lord* shall say, "I want you in the kingdom of the Father," I shall be permitted to live once again in the fellowship of the brethren who *are* there, and others who will *come* there of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.

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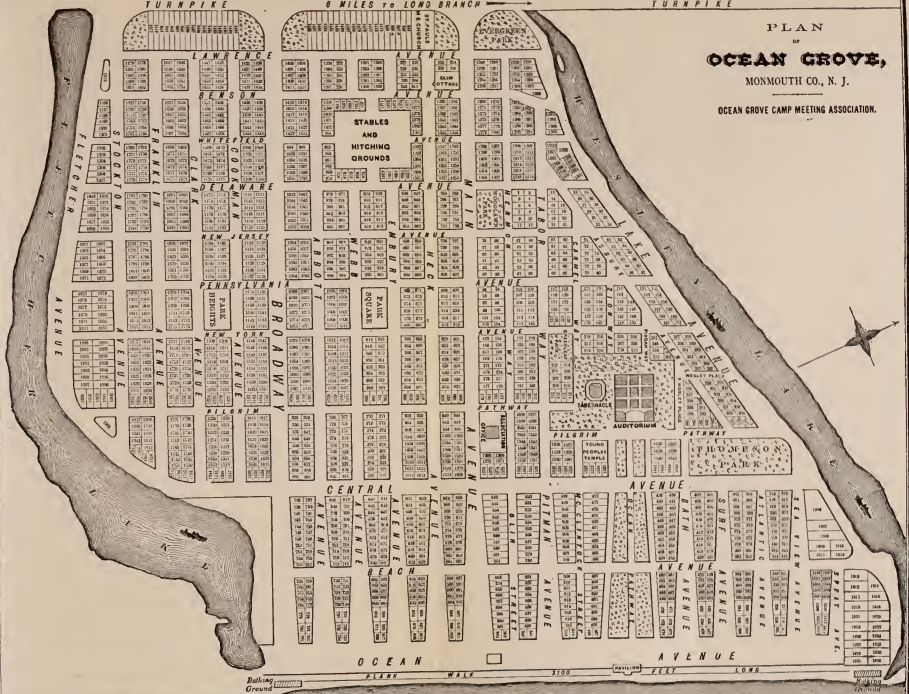
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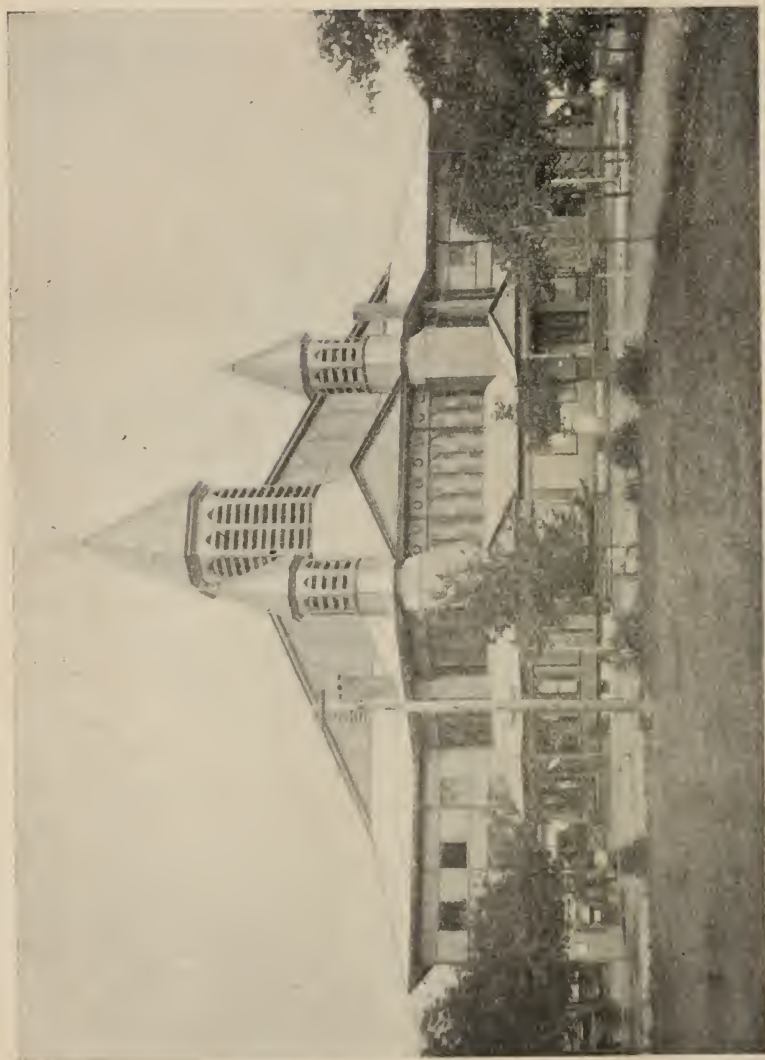
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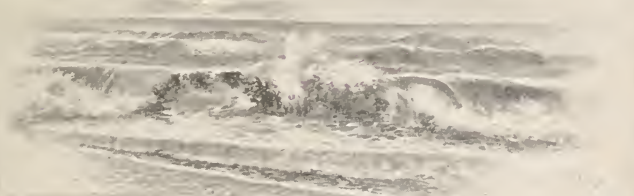


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From the sunrise, where of old,  
Sky and Ocean have their meeting,  
From the soft lips of the Sea,  
Bounding billows send their greeting.  
E. H. STOKES.

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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  
President of the Ocean Grove Association



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AT ITS  
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION, NOV. 17, 1898.

Dear Brethren:

As preliminary to, and yet as part of the detailed Annual Report, which will be composed chiefly of departmental reports from the various standing committees, I beg to submit a few words which must of necessity be largely of a personal character.

One year ago you were pleased to elect me to membership in, and to the Presidency of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To say that I most highly appreciated the honor thus conferred would be to express but feebly the feelings that I experienced upon being notified of your action. In view however, of other duties which the Church had laid upon me, and which I was obliged to regard as paramount, it was difficult for me to see how I could fill, either to your satisfaction or to my own, the position to which you called me. But assurance came to me that I would not be burdened with care relative to the temporal (though highly essential) affairs

of the Association, and thereby I was encouraged to accept the proffered honor, and to determine to test my ability to meet the requirements of the office without neglecting other duties.

And so I assumed the position. The events which led up to this consummation seemed to me strikingly providential. I had not been a frequenter of Ocean Grove. For a quarter of a century my face had been turned almost every summer toward Mount Tabor, but in 1897 the way in that direction was not altogether clear, and by a peculiar chain of circumstances I was led to choose Ocean Grove as my abiding place for the summer of that year.

I came in June, and had at once the joy of fellowship with him who had been continuously the leader of the host which for twenty-seven years had encamped and fought and conquered on these grounds. But ere July had gone I was summoned to stand beside his bier, in that magnificent Auditorium which is a monument to his memory, and pronounce words of eulogy in behalf, not only of his kinsfolk and of his associates in labor, but also in behalf of the multitude who honored his name and who will not cease to mourn his departure.

After your beloved President had been laid to rest, the programme which his wisdom had framed for the season, confronted you, and you were prompted to request me to superintend its execution. I could do nothing but comply. My trust was that the One who had led your leader during all the years would conduct me through what appeared to my view, to be a delicate and difficult labyrinth.

The way was indeed new, but step by step I pursued it as the Spirit seemed to guide, and at the close of the season, with the programme executed and with profound gratitude to God for His gracious aid and favor, I bade farewell to the

field on which the hosts of the Lord had prosecuted a victorious summer's campaign, and sped away to the distant West, there to engage in other service. I went thinking that my task at Ocean Grove was done.

But, lo! in annual meeting assembled, you soon sounded a further call by electing me to the Presidency of your Association. Not knowing how to overcome the obstacles that seemed to stand in the way, but still following what I could not regard as other than providential indications, I signified my acceptance, and entered upon the performance of the duties of the office after being reassured that those duties would in no sense conflict with others that I was under special obligation to the Church to perform.

Since the time of my joining you in this service death has been in our midst, and has borne away two of our honored and beloved members—the Rev. Ichabod Simmons, D. D., and the Rev. R. J. Andrews, D. D.

Their vacant chairs suggest to us the great loss that our Association has sustained in their death, and also admonish us of the importance of doing with our might whatsoever our hands find to do, ere the night cometh when no man can work.

Fitting memoirs of these departed brethren will be duly presented and spread upon our journal.

Tidings come to us to-day that two others of our number are detained from our meeting by sickness. We are assured however, that the sickness will be but temporary, and that we shall at subsequent meetings behold the faces of these brethren and have the benefit of their counsel. Appropriate expression of our sympathy and regard for them will doubtless be given by your order, and forwarded to them.

The meetings held continuously throughout the year on Sunday afternoons in Thornley Chapel under the auspices of

the Association, and in charge of Dr. J. H. Alday, have been marked by manifestations of the presence and power of God.

Many souls, weary with the sorrows and burdens of life, have been refreshed; many believers built up in their most holy faith, and many who knew not Christ have come to know him savingly.

Information relative to the services that were held on the grounds during the season of 1898 may be secured by reference to the report of the Devotional Committee, in which are fully set forth the particulars concerning each branch of the service. From the opening day to the day of closing the interest was great. In the aggregate hundreds of thousands of people attended the meetings, and the evidences of good that was accomplished were many and striking. There is one fact that cannot be stated too emphatically, viz., that "Holiness to the Lord" was the keynote and the pre-eminent note during the entire campaign. In elaborate sermons and addresses, as well as in less formal statements and "experiences," the great doctrine was faithfully set forth, with results that cannot be known until the day when all things shall be made manifest.

The reports of the other standing committees are likewise presented herewith as parts of the General Annual Report, and will show in full the work that has been performed in order to not only keep in good condition, but also to improve and develop the possessions and interests of the Association. The labor and expense required to accomplish all this cannot be comprehended by anyone who is not charged with responsibility for it. To all these works the members of the respective committees have devoted an amount of thought and time and toil which, if spent in other spheres and for their own personal benefit, would have yielded them large returns. But without pecuniary reward, and solely for



the sake of the cause which Ocean Grove represents, they have carried burdens heavy to be borne, and have given themselves cheerfully to the maintenance and enlargement of the interests of the Association.

I verily believe that this which they have done shall be for a memorial of them.

New problems, that could not possibly have been anticipated when Ocean Grove was founded, are constantly presenting themselves (and many of them are difficult, indeed), but they will all be solved, as those of the past have been, and this Association, chosen of God, will march steadily forward in the accomplishment of the great work which the Master has called it to perform.

J. N. FITZGERALD.



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# REPORT

OF

## DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The public services under their direction for the season of 1898 were introduced by the Commencement Exercises of the High School of Ocean Grove, held in the Young People's Temple on June 16th. The exercises were of a creditable character, and justified the interest taken by Ocean Grove in the educational development of its community. An appropriate address on "The Forces of Education and Religion" was delivered by Bishop FitzGerald, illustrative of the position of the Association on these two great subjects.

The more formal opening took place on the morning of June 26th, when the summer religious meetings were inaugurated by the Holiness Meeting in the Tabernacle, under the personal supervision of the committee; the Young People's Meeting in the Temple, led for the fifteenth summer by Rev. C. H. Yatman; the Helping Hand in Thornley Chapel, under Rev. William Franklin, and the family prayer under the care of the Vice President. Notwithstanding the uneasiness in the public mind regarding the probable war with Spain, the congregations averaged those of former years.

This was also true of the assemblage at the Auditorium at 10:15, where Bishop FitzGerald was welcomed in his Pres-

idency, and Bishop Hartzell preached the opening sermon, preceded by a fervent prayer from Rev. George Hughes, an appropriate Scripture by Dr. J. H. Aiday, and inspiring solos by Mrs. Joseph Knapp, of New York. The sermon was an earnest, argumentative discourse on "The great purpose of God toward men in their salvation."

The Summer Sunday-school held a reunion of its different departments in the Auditorium in the afternoon. The Bible Class began its work under the temporary leadership of Rev. Dr. Harcourt, who courteously took the place of Rev. Dr. O'Hanlon, while absent from illness. The larger scholars,



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afterwards occupied the Temple, with Rev. G. W. Evans as Superintendent, and the Primary Class, afterward placed in the Tabernacle, under Mrs. W. H. Skirm. At six o'clock the Beach Meeting, under the care of the Vice President. At 7:30 Rev. Dr. George P. Mains, of the Methodist Book Concern, preached on "Lessons from the slaying of six hundred Philistines with an ox goad."

On Saturday evening, July 3d, a patriotic concert was given by the Assembly Choir, led by Professor Tallie Morgan, in which the rendering of "Tenting on the New Camp Ground," by Miss Grace FitzGerald, and other popular pieces by other vocalists received large expressions of popular favor.

On Sunday, July 3d, Rev. Dr. J. M. King, of New York, voiced the patriotic feeling of the people in the morning on "American Institutions—Their Peril and Protection;" and in the evening Rev. Dr. A. J. Palmer, Missionary Secretary, electrified the people with a discourse on "Gospel Patriotism as Developed in the Progress of Our Nation."

The National Anniversary of July 4th was ushered in with booming cannon and streets lined with stars and stripes. "America" was sung. Rev. Dr. Smith, of the Missionary Society, made a prayer interpenetrated with religious patriotism. "The New Camp Ground" again enthused the people, when Judge Hendrickson was announced as the presiding officer of the day. After delivering an introductory address replete with the common sense of patriotism, Judge Hendrickson introduced a second legal gentleman in the person of Judge J. Clarence Conover, of Freehold, who read effectively both words and meaning of the Declaration of Independence, and was followed by Judge J. Franklin Fort, who completed the trio of Judges, and delivered a magnificent oration, demonstrating in convincing forms that the attitude of the nation



toward Spain was one so thoroughly in harmony with human liberty that it would be false to its providential mission if it faltered here. He emphasized the duty of the Church to support the Government in its object lesson of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

The afternoon and evening of July 6th were occupied by the Freedmen's Aid and Educational Society. Rev. Dr. Rees presided. Dr. Rees, in the clearest of statistics, and Secretary Mason, in burning eloquence, addressed the people in the interest of its necessities.

Thursday was given to the American Sabbath Association, under the direction of its Chairman, Hon. Mr. Yearance. The assemblage was addressed by Colonel A. S. Bacon and Rev. Donald Sage Mackaye in both intelligent and impressive forms on the great question of the American Sabbath.

The 8th, 9th and 10th of July were assigned by the committee to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. General Fiske presiding. It was opened with a Consecration Service, followed by an address by Bishop FitzGerald; and continued with papers and addresses on our mission work in New Mexico, in Southern schools, Industrial Homes, Chinese in America, Alaska mission fields, the present status of Deaconess work, its humanitarian possibilities, intelligence in its working, its practical work and its junior leagues. On Sunday morning their work was represented by Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham, of Drew Seminary, on "The Woman Who Did What She Could," and in the evening by Rev. Dr. Josiah Strong, of New York, who drew a word "horoscope of our present condition as a nation and our absolute need of national renovation by the gospel."

The program of the Sunday-school and Chautauqua Assembly, under the charge of Professor Loomis, was introduced on Monday, July 11th. Its classes and meetings were

arranged with an unequalled rapidity, and on Monday night Professor Robertson delivered his great lecture on "The Midnight Sun," followed on Tuesday evening by his illustrated lecture on Japan. On Wednesday there was a conference of the various forms of missionary labor, followed in the evening by a mass meeting addressed by Bishop Hartzell and Dr. Baldwin.

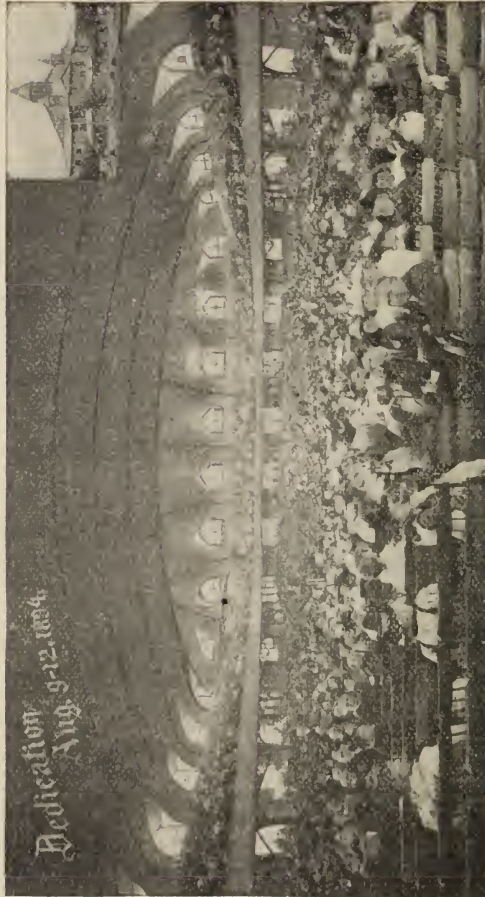
Thursday was given up to teaching and lectures, varied in the evening by Dr. Bradford's humorous and artistic crayons and Miss Lucia C. G. Grieve's stereopticon views of Oxford and the homes of the Wesleys.

On Friday afternoon a musical recreation from the choir was enjoyed, and Rev. G. W. Evans lectured in the evening, with stereopticon views on Cuba. The regular exercises were continued on Saturday until evening, when the choir, to the great delight of the people, gave the annual concert of the Assembly.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, Secretary of the Sunday-school Union on "The First Church of Jesus." The evening discourse, was presented by Rev. James M. Freeman, Assistant Secretary, in illustrative statistics of the advance and needs of the work, and on Monday evening Dr. Hurlbut gave his illustrated lecture on Palestine.

On Tuesday afternoon the Church Extension Society held a conference, followed by a meeting of the Ocean Grove Alumni; and in the evening there was a mass meeting of the Church Extension Society, addressed by Drs. Kynett and Spencer. There were the usual exercises through Wednesday, on the evening of which Bishop Vincent delivered a lecture called "On the Heights."

Thursday was the last and greatest day. It began with an assemblage of the Chautauqua Literary Social Circle Class,



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attended by flower girls, who passed through the arches prepared for them, and received a formal recognition in the Temple, passing afterward in procession down Ocean Pathway, preceded by a band of music, and returning to the Auditorium, were addressed by Bishop Vincent, Chancellor of Chautauqua. In the afternoon the diplomas were presented by Bishop FitzGerald, and in the evening select readings by Miss Leland and a grand violin recital by Professor Vitale closed one of the most successful meetings held by the Assembly.

On the day succeeding this Mrs. Margaret Bottome presided at a meeting of the King's Daughters, whose description of its objects and success elicited appreciative attention and approval.

The Sunday of July 24th, known as "Floral Day," was one of the great occasions of the season. It was in charge of Rev. Mr. Yatman, and held with special reference to the young people, who participated largely in its exercises. The sermon of the morning was preached by Rev. L. A. Ferris, followed by an appropriate discourse in the evening from Rev. C. H. Yatman on the "Ninety and Nine."

On the 25th and 26th of July the Woman's Christian Temperance Union occupied the Temple with devotions, Bible readings, and addresses, prominent among whose speakers were Mrs. Ella Boole, of New York, on "A Plea for Humanity," and Miss Belle Kearney, of Mississippi, on "Christian Citizenship."

July 27th was accorded to the Missionary Jubilee of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. B. Parks and others, closing with a stirring appeal from Bishop Garnett.

This was naturally followed on July 28th and 29th with the program of the National Temperance Publication So-

ciety, by Dr. Dunn, Secretary of the Society; Drs. Stryker Poulson, Russell, Steele, Mann and others. Rev. C. H. Mead gave to the children his celebrated lecture on "The Mills That Grind." On Saturday evening Colonel George W. Bain delivered his popular lecture, entitled "Among the Masses." On Sunday morning Rev. Madison Peters preached on the statistics of the liquor traffic, and Colonel Bain spoke again on "Temperance" on Sunday evening.

"Memorial Day" was celebrated in the Tabernacle on Monday, and appropriate addresses were made by Bishop FitzGerald and others in memory of deceased brothers and sisters who had been prominent in religious work at Ocean Grove. The early evening of the day was occupied with the anniversary of our institution in Thompson Park. Bishop FitzGerald, Dr. Alday and all members of the Association who were present, with Dr. A. J. Palmer, Missionary Secretary, participated in the exercises.

The Summer School of Theology began its work on August 2d with a musical festival of high character in the evening, followed in the days of its continuance by lectures from Drs. Price, Dean of the school; Buell, Elliott, Rogers, Gunsaulus, Faulkner, Freeland, Stevens, Upham, Powers, Gregory, Raymond, Bristol, Carroll, Copeland, Herber, Kelley, Madam Gray and Hon. J. P. Dolliver.

The Sabbath morning sermon was by Dr. Raymond on the "Signs of the Times," and the evening by Dr. Bristol on "Standpoints of Life Illustrated in Jesus."

Monday evening was occupied by the Children's Festival Concert, which elicited the largest popular applause, and its wonderfully successful season closed on Friday evening with the magnificently rendered "Oratorio of the Messiah."

As a full account of these lectures, so exceptionally able, will be given in the report of the Dean, they have only been



named here. The highest commendation is due Dean Price, who, in the face of serious embarrassments, persevered and reached the highest success.

On August 13th the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society began a series of meetings, which were continued over the ensuing Sabbath. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Oldham, with special reference to India, where he had been a missionary, and the evening was interestingly filled by Mrs. Oldham, Chandler and others.

The Willing Workers, under the special charge of Mrs. Farraday, had their outing on Monday, August 15th.

The evening was enlivened by the Annual Carnival on Wesley Lake, which was witnessed by thousands from the Grove and Park and the surrounding country. It was called the finest ever held here, and its expenses were met by the voluntary contributions from residents of the Park and Grove.

August 16th was set apart for the A. M. E. Zion Church, whose representatives made it an occasion of more than ordinary interest by the presence of several of their Bishops, with prominent ministers and laymen.

August 17th was given to the Woman's Encouragement Association, whose object was defined to be the impartation of a more cheery brightness to the life of womanhood through the practical realization of the gospel.

In the evening Signor Vitale, whose wonderful renderings of sacred music on the violin made the people feel as if spirit voices were trilling their favorite hymns, gave a concert.

On Friday the initiatory service of the 'Ten Days' Encampment were inaugurated by an all-day meeting, consisting of prayer, hymns, personal conference and testimonies, with special reference to personal consecration for the ten days of spiritual labor.

In the evening the regular sacramental service, involving a personal consecration, was celebrated by the Bishop and ministerial members of the Association, with fifteen hundred others who participated in its reception.

The opening sermon of the camp was preached on Saturday morning by Rev. Dr. Munhall on "Not by might nor power, but by my spirit saith the Lord," and in the evening by Rev. C. H. Yatman on "The Present Need of Repentance." Both sermons were appropriate as keynotes for a meeting whose efforts were to include the salvation of every class of people, from unrepentant sinners to the highest altitudes of holiness.

On Sabbath morning, by special request of all members of the Association who were in the Grove, Bishop FitzGerald took the place of Bishop McCabe, who was unable to fill his engagement for that service, and preached on "Our Birth-right under the Gospel."

Rev. S. Parks Cadman, of New York, delivered an eloquent discourse in the evening on "God's Power in Christ."

The discourse of Monday morning was preached by Rev. Dr. William Denman, whose faithful labors in our meetings had prepared for him an appreciative introduction, on the "Power of Faith," which was appropriately followed in the evening by a sermon by Rev. Dr. Halleron on "Spiritual Baptism," which stirred the people into a larger appreciation of gospel privilege.

Dr. George Reed, of Dickinson College, on Tuesday morning gave a most uniquely interesting discourse on the life and writings of Paul as illustrative of the gospel, and Dr. Wilding, of Jersey City, spoke in the evening on the choice between God and Satan.

On Wednesday Dr. Hunsberger, of Trenton, told the gospel story of true happiness, and in the evening Dr. J. B.

Graw, of Bridgeton District, warned the people of the danger of neglecting salvation.

The morning of Thursday was given to Rev. Dr. Brooks, who preached a powerful sermon on "Sanctification," and the evening to Rev. George Neal, Jr., who preached on "Coming Into the Ark."

On Friday morning the people received an inspiration from Rev. J. D. Fox, of Philadelphia, on "The Choice of



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Moses," who was followed by Brother Dolbow in the afternoon in the relation of a wonderful personal experience, and in the evening Rev. H. C. McBride, an evangelistic minister residing at Ocean Grove, told of what it meant to be "sons of God."

Saturday morning gave a most effective sermon from Dr. Brickerton, of Philadelphia, on the "Claim of Christ Upon Our Thoughts," and in the evening by Rev. Thomas Houston, the blind evangelist, who had been laboring in our Holiness Meetings, preached on "God's readiness to receive us now."

On Sunday, the great day of the Feast, amid the waving of handkerchiefs and claspings of hands, with tearful eyes and voices filled with emotion, the keynote of the Love Feast was



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given by Bishop FitzGerald in saying, "I know in whom I have believed, the crucified and living Redeemer; He saves me!" Three hundred testimonies followed this, embracing every variety of intelligence and station, all agreeing that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. At the close of the feast Bishop D. A. Goodsell, in a continued flow of lucid reasoning, sanctified by spiritual eloquence, spoke on the "Kingdom of God as nigh to us now," and lifted the souls of the people to a closer approach to the kingdom's Ruler. In the evening Dr. George, of Kansas, preached impressively on the crucifixion of Jesus.

On Monday morning the congregation greeted Dr. O'Hanlon, of Pennington Seminary, who, by special request, for many years past has preached at this period of the camp. The sermon was an incisive application of the "Saviour's question regarding the loss of the soul."

The last sermon of the camp was preached on Monday evening by Rev. Seth Rees, an evangelist, whose solid work had solidly blessed many camp meetings and churches. His sermon was "a unique and earnest exposure of the obstacles in the way of the highest Christian experience," illustrated by the well of water which could flow from us unto everlasting life.

Tuesday morning witnessed the closing scenes of the ten days' Feast of Tabernacles. The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to children by Bishop FitzGerald. The leaders of the various meetings presented their reports. Soul-stirring music rang through the intervals, and an address was given by the President. The "March around Jerusalem" was accomplished, when, after returning to the platform, at the tolling of the bell, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, the Bishop declared the camp-meeting for 1898 was closed. The evening of the encampment closing was ap-



propriated to the interests of the Missionary Training School Institute, of which Mrs. Rev. William B. Osborn is Principal, and who presided at the meeting. Interesting addresses were made by missionaries, and under the leadership of Dr. O'Hanlon a liberal contribution was made to this eminent Christian lady for the work she represents.

The Sunday succeeding the closing of the camp was by special application given to the interests of the Army and Navy Commission for the relief of suffering among the soldiers. Earnest addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Munhall, Colonel McCook, General Howard, Ira D. Sankey and others, whose results were found in a voluntary contribution of over six hundred dollars for the uses of the commission.

There was still one more meeting in the Auditorium, composed of delegates from the Christian Endeavor Societies of the State, who held an afternoon children's service there on the closing day of their session. The exercises were of an interesting character, and the delegates left well pleased with their visit to the Grove.

Meetings were held in the Temple for two Sabbaths after their close in the Auditorium, after which they were transferred to the Tabernacle, and as the weather grew colder to Thornley Chapel, where, under the pastorate of Dr. Alday, they have continued to be held on Sabbath afternoons; and will continue during the coming year till the hosts gather again for service in Ocean Grove.

The Holiness Meetings received special assistance from Revs. Dr. Lowry and Denman, Amanda Smith, Miss Davidson, a hymnal soloist; the daughters of Rev. George Hughes, and Rev. Thomas Houston, an evangelist, who, while perfectly blind, read and expounded Scripture with a facility and power not often surpassed by those who possess the power of vision.

He only came to remain for a day or two, but his services were so blessed that he was prevailed upon to remain for the larger part of the meetings.

The work peculiar to our organization has gone forward. No suspicion of wrong has tainted the name of any of our members.

Numbers have been converted, and more still have been sanctified. Deeply grateful for the blessings of the past, we accept that past for the inspiration of another year.

This report is appropriately closed with our expression of devout gratitude to the Author of all our mercies for the favor which has blessed us.

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

While death has translated two of our most valued members, yet they left us with the splendor of God's glory around them. Two others—Messrs. Murphy and Yard—who are suffering great affliction, feel that under the sanctification of suffering they are ripening for eternal blessedness. The Vice President reported a recent visit to both these brethren at their homes in Freehold.

They were both severely ill. They sent loving messages to the Association, who appointed a committee who responded as follows:

HON. H. W. MURPHY:

Dear Brother—Having been appointed a committee by the Association to communicate with you in your compulsory absence from the annual meeting, because of physical disability, we hereby express to you the unfeigned love and high esteem of us, your brethren.

You may rest assured of our deep sympathy for you, in

your affliction; indeed, your empty chair in our session room makes us sad and dims the brightness of the scene of our gatherings. How we wish for your return thereto. We will pray that our Heavenly Father will, according to His gracious will, confer upon you all needful grace for soul and body, and that His blessing, which maketh rich, in all that which is essential to your spiritual and physical good and comfort, may rest upon and abide with you now and always. Amen!

Affectionately Yours,

J. H. ALDAY,

GEORGE W. EVANS,

Committee.

HON. JAMES S. YARD:

Dear Brother—Your brethren of the Association desire us, as a committee appointed by them, to express to you their kindly feelings of affectionate regard and sympathy for you in your present physical affliction.

We do, indeed, regret your absence from our annual meetings. Be assured that, though absent, you are not forgotten. We retain you in very pleasant and affectionate remembrance, and will pray that the tender and gracious care of our Heavenly Father be vouchsafed unto you, ministering to and supplying all your spiritual and physical needs. Permit us to assure you of our solicitude and desire for the restoration of your health.

Affectionately Yours,

J. H. ALDAY,

GEORGE W. EVANS,

Committee.

The committee on the decease of our brother, Rev. R. J. Andrews, D. D., report that in the death of our dear brother this Association has lost a true and faithful servant in the

work of promoting its best interests through a long series of years. We desire to express our gratitude to God for the grace that came to him in the closing days of his life, which were so full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. We desire also to express our warmest sympathy for the bereaved wife and daughter, and earnestly pray that the great Father, who sustained our brother, will also keep them until that day.

H. M. BROWN,

A. E. BALLARD,

Committee.



REV. R. J. ANDREWS, D. D.

Rev. Ichabod Simmons, D. D., after two years of failing health, closed his mission and his life at Hartford, Conn., on April 15th, 1898. A card written by his daughter to Mrs. Lincoln Wright on the day previous to his death reads:

“Dear Clara:—Before this reaches you Heaven will be the richer for the spirit of my precious father, who is rapidly passing away. The waters are deep, but the Almighty arm is seeing us through.”

The next afternoon, while the Executive Committee was holding its session, a telegram from her told us, “Father has just passed away.” after which a committee of President, Vice President and Dr. Alday were appointed to prepare, and who reported the following minute:

Resolved, That we recognize in the removal of our beloved associate, Rev. Dr. Ichabod Simmons, a mysterious providence, which, while we fail to understand, we are sure is in accordance with the truest wisdom and love of our Heavenly Father.

That in his death we realize the loss of one who was among the early founders of our institution, who has uncomplainingly shared the toils incident to its progress, and whose loyalty to our great principle of the promotion of holiness has never swerved in the passage of more than half a century.

That we have found in his fellowship a nobility of character, combined with a Christian grace of demeanor, which has commanded our highest respect and deepest affection.

That in his distinguished ability as a clear and impressive thinker, writer and speaker upon “Holiness” the doctrine found, and has lost, one of its most convincing expounders and advocates.

That though he has passed from us he will live in our memory as one whose footsteps we can follow, as he followed those of the Lord Jesus.



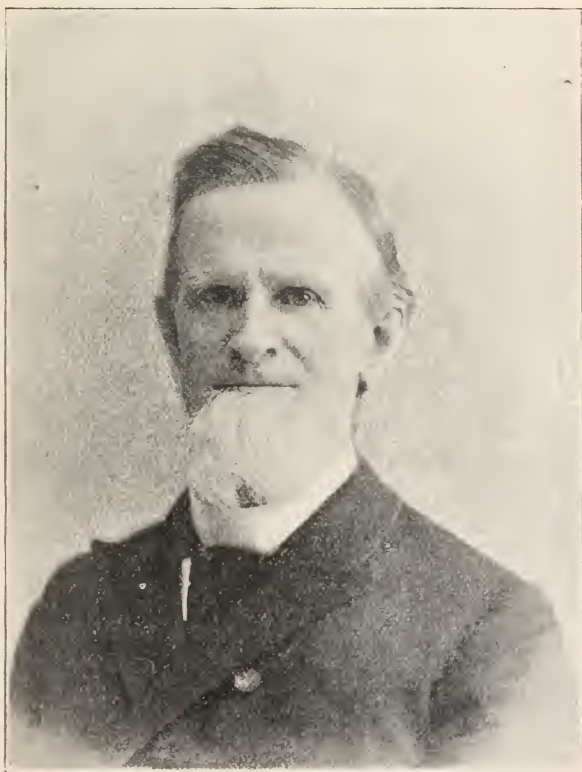
That we tender to his bereaved family a sympathy produced by years of sweetest Christian association, and commend them to the Lord who was the stay of the husband and father, in whose presence he awaits their coming, when they shall all be together "in the Lord" in a world where sighing and sorrow shall flee away forever.

J. N. FITZGERALD,

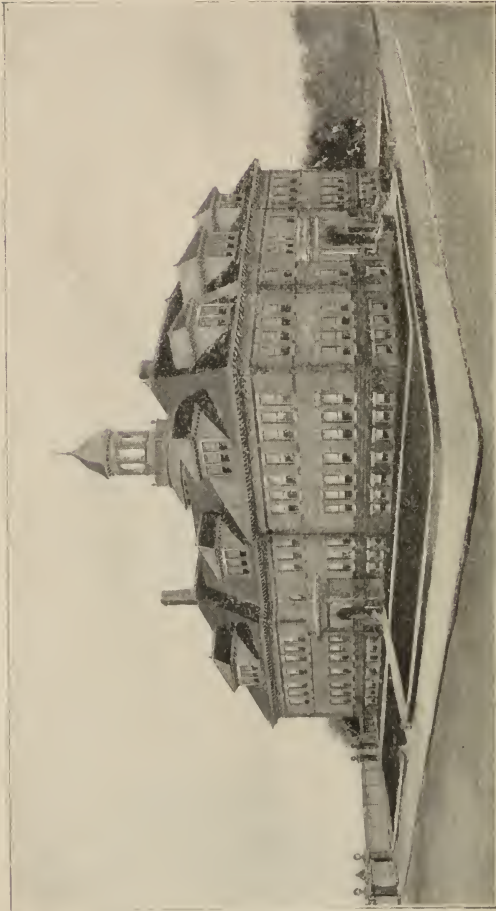
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J. H. ALDAY,

Committee.



REV. ICHABOD SIMMONS, D. D.



OCEAN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.

## Reports

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The Treasurer's report shows an improvement in the values of property and a decrease of about \$5,000 in indebtedness.

The Trustees report the reduction of bonds outstanding to \$20,000.

**Employes.**—Our superintendent, cashier and other employes of the Association are entitled to our commendation for the interest taken in the matters confided to their care.

**Postoffice.**—The Committee on Railroads and Postoffice reports that the postoffice has been maintained in popular efficiency under the postmastership of W. H. Hamilton, whose obliging disposition has greatly relieved the many difficulties incident to mail delivery.

**Railroads.**—The railway service during the season has been safe and abundant. There was an increase of passengers over the previous year, as also in freight and baggage.

Some reductions have been made in rates of passenger fare between Ocean Grove and New York, and efforts are being made for similar reductions to and from Philadelphia. No serious accident has occurred at our station, which, in view of the crowded state of the platforms at all hours, can only be attributed to the unceasing care and watchfulness of the railway employes, under the special providence of God.

**Ice.**—The Ice Committee reports that while the price of our ice was this year put nearly at a level with its cost, yet

the end of the season found us with a small margin in our favor.

The ice was of the best quality, and gave universal satisfaction. It seems essential that Ocean Grove should supply ice to the people, in order to prevent inferior qualities being offered for sale.

**Quartette.**—The afternoon exercises of the camp-meeting were conducted by a quartette of evangelistic ministers, who were also spiritual singers, named Baker, Hanvaul, Stocking and Miles. They associated themselves with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Holiness and other meetings preceding the morning preaching in the Auditorium, as also all services following the preaching, both morning and evening.

These brethren contributed their services for the simple expense of travel and entertainment, and yet labored more than many whose work receives larger remuneration. The blessing of the Holy Spirit was upon them, and through them upon all the people. Their rendering of "Now are We the Sons of God," with its overflow of spiritual power, will never be forgotten, and their earnest pleading for souls will long remain in our memory. A goodly number were induced by them to find forgiveness of sins and many more to advance in the higher realizations of salvation.

**Mr. Yatman Says:**—"The 'Temple meetings for Young People' for this year have been good, and during the season of seventy-one services there have been many manifestations of the power of God. Souls have been saved, believers blessed and backsliders brought back. Bad people have been made good, and good people have been made better. Our hearts, however, ache over the general lack of conversions. Those who have been won to God, however, make the workers long for a second Pentecost.

"The continued presence of the multitude daily, the faithfulness and willingness of the workers, the hearty support of the clergy (more this year than ever), the true spirit and heart power of those associated with me in the conduct of the meetings, is a matter of deepest gratitude. The constant good cheer extended by the Devotional Committee, with absolute freedom in the management of the work, makes me thankful that the fifteenth year of leadership has come and gone so well.

"Another long, soul-winning tour around the world leads me to ask that you pray that the God who has so graciously helped me at Ocean Grove may aid me in carrying the gospel to the regions beyond, and return me in due time in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

The Floral Service was probably the most tasteful of any preceding it. The flowers were costly, but were provided by the munificence of A. C. Fields, Esq., who in all things relating to the material or esthetic good of the Grove is ready for every good work. It was productive of enlarged interest among the young people, and impressions were made upon young minds which were quoted by them as leading them to turn to God.

**Beach Meetings.**—These popular gatherings, at the foot of Ocean Pathway, meeting at 6 P. M. on Sunday evenings, maintained their old-time popularity. The service is responsive, including addresses and singing, and attracts thousands on every occasion. Special care has been exercised this year to secure speakers with voices sufficiently strong to be clearly heard, and whose addresses were short and to the point. From the interested attention of the people it was evident that deep impressions were made, which probably assisted in developing practically into religious life through the other meetings.



Of some meetings the ladies took charge. Different denominations as well as races and colors were represented, and the numbers and interest continued to the end.

**Consecration Meeting.**—Held from 5:45 to 6:45 of each morning, began its services on Saturday, August 20th, with a number larger than usually present at the beginning.

The sickness of Dr. Andrews prevented his attendance, and the Vice President took his place, assisting Rev. H. M. Brown and members of the ministerial quartette in the services.

The exercises were intelligent and impressive. Short addresses were made, usually pungent and self-searching. Every experience related, seemingly opened the secluded places of the soul, into which poured the light of the Spirit. The trust of faith was clear, and the answers came in outpourings of the Holy Ghost, during which numbers were consciously saved and all were blessed. These characteristics were true of all the meetings. There was solemnity which seemed to promise permanence, and an intelligence in the spiritual life which argued well for the future usefulness of the attendants on the service. No time was lost in the deliveries of testimony—several often on their feet at once. God avouched His approval in the number who consecrated themselves to fuller service.

**Summer Sunday School.**—The Summer Sunday School held eleven sessions. The attendance and interest was equal to, and in some respects greater than for any former season.

The aim has been to keep all members of Sabbath Schools who visit the Grove during the summer in line with the regular lesson studies, the same as if they had remained at their home schools.

**Family Prayer.**—At the platform of the Auditorium began simultaneously with all the other gatherings of the En-

campment, under the charge of the Vice President. The meetings were limited to fifteen minutes, beginning at 6:45 and continuing until 7:00 a. m.

They consisted of Scripture, singing and as many prayers as filled the time.

The exercises were remarkable for earnest tenderness, many parents seeming to feel as if the beloved members of their families were present with them. The pleadings with God for unconverted children were especially intense and tearful, and appeared in their loving faith to take hold of the promise. The attendance was increasingly large, and the meeting increases also in favor with the people.

**Bible Class.**—The class for this year was organized by the election of Judge Charles E. Hendrickson for President, Rev. W. Denman for vice president and W. Reeves for secretary, and Dr. Thomas O'Hanlon for leader.

In the necessary absence of Dr. O'Hanlon, who was seeking recuperation in the mountains for an overworked system, Rev. Dr. Harcourt, who was temporarily at Asbury Park, ably filled his place.

Dr. O'Hanlon gives no sign of decadence in the advance of years, or loss in the wonderful tact with which he controls the discursive tendencies of a critical audience, but, on the contrary, develops a continually deepening knowledge of the great principles illustrated in the Bible, and a larger power of impressing them upon the people.

The attendance for the eleven Sabbaths during which the meetings were held ran from 135 to 3,818, making a total of 14,162. The collections began with \$1.88 and advanced to \$63.72, with a total of \$246.15.

Report of the Helping Hand, Rev. Wm. Franklin, leader, assisted by Miss Lizzie Sharp.

Its first meeting was opened with prayer by the Vice

President on Saturday, August 20th. There was but a small attendance, but the feeling was deeply spiritual. On Sunday there was an increase in numbers, and a still deeper, holier influence. Monday was distinguished for clear and pointed testimony. On Tuesday Bishop FitzGerald and Brother Houston, the blind evangelist, were present, and the sense of God's presence hallowed the place. Wednesday the chapel was filled and several persons at the altar. On Thursday the house was full, and the service pronounced "wonderful." Friday, altar filled with seekers after purity, which many obtained. Saturday is described as a meeting of great power, in which many stepped into the light. The Sunday morning service was absorbed in the Auditorium, but at noon the house was packed with seekers after holiness. On Monday the last meeting was held, and was pronounced to be the best of all. Among the hundreds of testimonies given was one by a man who said he would not take a million dollars for the help he had received.

**Twilight Meeting.**—This special service, inaugurated in the early days of Ocean Grove, under the charge of Rev. B. M. Adams, has been continued year by year in association with the leadership of the Young People's Meeting. The present year has not fallen behind in its effectiveness for good. It was believed that larger results would be accomplished by moving it from Temple to Tabernacle, and it was accordingly so done. The truth was presented in the most heart-searching manner, and under its influence Sunday newspapers, with theatre-going, tobacco and other things which stood between the soul and God, were given up. In addition to which many converts surrendered unconditionally to God and received the earnest of salvation.

Lizzie Smith, assisted by Mrs. Lida Kenney, for the

twenty-fourth year, took charge of a Holiness Meeting held in the Tabernacle at 1:30 P. M.

In the first services a number of persons were at the altar, several of whom were enabled to reach the peace which passeth all understanding in the realizations of heart purity. The entire series of ten regular and two twilight meetings were overflowingly attended and as overflowingly blessed. The realizations of the Divine presence in waves of power were such that people were frequently walking up and down the aisles, unconscious of everything but praising the Lord. At the altar the work of reclaiming backsliders, converting penitents and sanctifying Believers went steadily on at the same time, and God was greatly glorified. No better meeting has as yet been held than the one of this year.

The Children's Meeting, led again by Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, reports that on its organization, on August 20th, after addresses by its leader and Miss Fanny Crosby, fourteen persons came forward for prayer. Among these was a child, its mother and grandmother, illustrating beautifully the Scriptures, "And a little child shall lead them." In the progress of the meetings eighty-seven children professed to find the love of God, which profession in many cases was validated by parents in a statement that they were sure the conversions were genuine.

**Woman's Encouragement Meeting.**—In an exceedingly well written report, of which space compels abridgement, it is asked, "What can women do to help the coming of Christ's kingdom?" and answered in the Scriptural motto, "They helped everyone his neighbor and everyone said to his brother, Be of good courage."

The meetings were replete with interest, and many mothers, wives, daughters, Sunday School teachers, found inspiration from them to go forward in their work.



**Woman's Home Missionary Society.**—The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Ocean Grove presents an exceedingly well-prepared report of its work detailing successful advance in its Rest Home at Ocean Grove and the Ritter Home, in Athens, Tenn., the work of its Deaconesses and other laborers in New Mexico, Southern field, Alaska, our frontiers and other places.

These interests were principally represented through Mrs. General C. B. Fisk, President; Bishop FitzGerald, Drs. Elliot and Strong, Miss Snyder, Mrs. Bieler, Mitchell, Chapman and others.

The meeting was one of great interest.

**1869. IN MEMORIAM. 1898.**

Mrs. BISHOP SIMPSON, REV. THOMAS HARRISON, REV. WILLIAM BLAKE,  
 REV. CHARLES E. MILLER, REV. ISAAC N. VANSANT,  
 REV. JOHN L. RICHARDS, REV. JNO. A. MONROE,  
 Mrs. MARY A. HAYS, C. M. WARD, Mrs. ANNA LOOMIS,  
 DR. LEWIS REED, FRANK X. GALL, Mrs. MARIAN L. WEISER,  
 Mrs. IRA STRICKLAND, C. BRYAN, LEWIS P. TIBBALLS, JANE CROSSET,  
 IRA JOHNSON, ELLA CHAMBERLAIN, ALETTA S. WINSOR, IDA OAKLEY,  
 SARAH A. SCOLLINS, CARRIE B. DEEKENS, THOMAS PRENTISS, EMMA DUFFIELD,  
 ANNA E. HICKMAN, DAN L. C. HICKMAN, LYDIA A. CRANE, Mrs. A. E. DAVIDSON,  
 LUCRETIA THOMPSON, Mrs. B. E. FREIBER, LARA CARPENTER, EDWIN M. FIELDER,  
 Mrs. MAGGIE MATHEWS, H. P. CABLE, Mrs. ELIZABETH IARD MOORHEAD,  
 MARY ALLEGHEVALIER, SARAH ALUDLOY, CAPT. W. H. PERRY, JAS. M. JOHNSON,  
 REV. GEO. C. STANGER, LUCINDA E. SCHRADT, PRISCILLA D. SICKLER, MARIETTA GREENE,  
 Mrs. M. A. ABRAMS, REV. J. H. KNOWLES, REV. WM. J. PAXON, MARY S. JONES,  
 SHALL WE BE SAD, WHEN FROM THE LAND SHOWN,  
 OUR CHERISHED TAKE THEIR FLIGHT?  
 SHALL WE MAKE DISCORD IN THEIR SONGS—GLAMERS,  
 WHERE DARKNESS ENDS IN LIGHT?  
 REV. RICHARD NORTH, MARTHA WALTER, MRS. W. G. BEALE,  
 REV. CHAS. V. BOULDIN, Wm. ALLENDORE, Mrs. SWAN SMOCK,

HEER THEE O'HEER, A LITTLE LONGER DUTY,  
 AND DUTY SHALL BE O'EN!  
 SACKCLOTH TO-DAY, TO-MORROW FAMELESS BEAUTY,  
 THEN SACKCLOTH NETER MORE,

THEY COME! THE WAR-SMOKED CHRISTIAN HOST,  
 FROM MOUNTAIN, VALE, AND STORMY COAST,  
 WITH HEARTS OF FLAME AND FLASHING EYE,  
 THEY THROU THE PATHWAY TO THE SKY,  
 WHILE BANNERS FLOAT ABOVE THEIR HEAD,  
 AND SWING OF CONQUEST MARKS THEIR TREAD.

ENOUGH! LIFE'S WORK IS GRANDLY DONE,  
 ENOUGH! EACH BATTLE FOUGHT AND WON,  
 ENOUGH! THEY CONQUERED EARTH AND SIN,  
 AND THROU THE PEARLY GATES WENT IN,  
 WHILE GLORY GLOWS AROUND EACH HEAD,  
 THE SWING OF CONQUEST MARKS THEIR TREAD.



**Memorial Trees.**—Memorial trees were planted on the day appointed, with the usual ceremonies, in the names of Ellwood H. Stokes, Ichabod Simmons, Emily Ballard, Carrie Ballard Deekens, William Blake, Frank Gall, O. van Gilluwe, Ira Johnson, John L. Richards, Lucretia Thompson, Emma L. Duffield, Lewis Reed, Clarence M. Ward, Ella Chamberlain, Thomas Prentis, L. P. Tibbals, Captain Wm. H. Perry.

The institution is an impressive and tender one, and its continuance is recommended.

It is suggested that for the coming year notice be given that the "expenses" shall be borne by the parties desiring "memorial" trees.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Reed, is still an increasing power for good in the community. In all its various departments of Christian active labor, especially its Epworth League, prayer meeting and Sunday School, it is above the average of churches, both in attendance and spiritual intelligence, and works in perfect harmony with the Association.

**The Flag.**—Mr. M. W. Morse, of Newark, carried out successfully a novel plan for the purchase of a magnificent flag to be used in all services at the Auditorium. On Saturday, August 8th, it was presented through the choir to the Association in the presence of a large assembly, who were addressed in an earnest and eloquent speech by Governor Voorhees, who left the Sea Girt encampment for the occasion. At the close of his address he formally presented the flag to Bishop FitzGerald, who in a speech ringing with religious patriotism received it in the name of the Association, whose loyalty it will represent.

The Ladies' Elim Association still continues its kindly beneficence to toil-worn ministers and evangelists in giving at small cost the recuperative forces of the Grove. One hun-



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dred and thirty-five of these gospel laborers, divided among thirteen different denominations, were made partakers of this benefit. A tastefully arranged lawn party largely aided in their funds and reinspired their zeal for another summer.

**Neptune Township High School.**—This school building, conceded to be the finest on the coast, if not in the State, has been located, erected and furnished in Ocean Grove at a cost of less than \$60,000.

Its accommodations are large and well adapted to the sanitary as well as intellectual needs of the children, and the taste displayed in its architecture cannot otherwise than enlarge the artistic feeling among the pupils. It was dedicated by Hon. James L. Hays, Chairman of the State Board of Education, and is now in successful operation, with all its departments more than filled with the children who come for admission.

**Reporters.**—It is a pleasure to express our approval of the general fairness of the reporters during the season just passed.

While not always exactly accurate, yet their reports have been as nearly so as the circumstances permitted, and in no case has there been any which worked to our injury. In questions of fact they have come to us for information before making up their matter.

There has been a noticeable absence of trifling persiflage and in its place expressions correspondent with the dignity of the occasions of which they wrote. Especially was this true of the able local reporters employed by the respective journals of Park and Grove.

**Banks.**—The branch banks respectively of the First National of Asbury Park and the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park Bank have done an increasing business in a style of safe

accommodation which has benefited both themselves and the people.

The courtesy with which their officers have arranged the business of many of the people who were entirely unaccustomed to financial methods entitles them to our high appreciation.

The Superintendency of the Auditorium has been filled by Professor Hillman, formerly of Dickinson College, whose genial manner in the discharge of the varied duties of his position has commended both the man and the office to the good feeling of the people.

**Bathing.**—The bathing establishments at the conjunction of the lakes and sea have been conducted on the lines of our restrictions and with an improvement in their accommodations, which places them among the first to be found anywhere in the land.

The year has been a prosperous one to the proprietors, as well as satisfactory to the people.

The parading our streets in bathing dresses has very nearly ceased, and the notification that "apparel in the streets of the Grove must correspond with its necessary forms in the towns and cities of the land" has been received with general approval.

All buildings obstructing the view on the ocean front have been removed excepting the pavilion at the foot of Ocean Pathway, of which it is proposed to construct a sun-parlor, so arranged as not to interfere with the view, and thus leave Ocean Grove the only resort on the coast with no obstructions to the prospect.

**Music.**—The conducting of the music this year has been under the direction of Mr. Tallie Morgan.

The increasing infirmities of Professor J. R. Sweney, who had so long and ably filled that position, made his con-

tinuance impossible, and Mr. Morgan was selected to fill his place.

Miss Linebarger was again chosen for cornetist and Miss Rice for organist.

The music of the Holiness Meeting was furnished by a number of young ladies through Mrs. Kate Raphael.

The book used in the regular service was the Methodist Hymnal. In other contributory exercises one issued by Biglow & Main took its place. By this arrangement the committee was enabled to furnish the people with the best music at very low prices.

The Assembly and Children's Concerts were rapturously applauded, and the Oratorio of the Messiah was on the level of its previous rendering in the Grove.

The choir was largely increased in numbers and equally so in efficiency during the season under the efficient leadership of Professor Tallie Morgan.

He exacted the discipline of drill unsparingly and the improvement was marvelous.

It was not possible for all its members to attend to the duties of home and children and be present at all the services all the time, yet there was a noticeable improvement in both these regards.

The space of the Auditorium, as well as the large number of the attendants upon the worship, required a larger number in the choir and a larger space for their accommodation. The number has been gathered by the energy of Mr. Morgan and the space has been arranged by devoting two-thirds of the platform to the singers.

After the close of the season a banquet was given by the choir, at which an elegant gold watch was presented to its leader.

Before the majority of the singers had left for their



homes a moonlight excursion was arranged by them to sail round the battleships then lying in New York harbor and up along the Highlands to the tomb of General Grant. The excursion was enlivened with music, which not only charmed the excursionists, but which was returned in responses from the crews of the battleships as they were passed by our people.

**Entertainments.**—In consenting to entertainments the Committee were careful that they should be of an elevating character, and that the cost should be placed invitingly within reach of the people. Only those were selected which had been found acceptable in churches elsewhere. Their object was to parallel the home life of Christian people during that part of the time not special to the camp-meeting. With two or three exceptions, where their expensive character required heavier outlay, a full course ticket was issued at fifty cents, or a single admission for a dime. In a very few cases there were incidental features which, while not bad, had better have been omitted. These can be guarded against another year.

**Law and Order.**—There have been no serious attempts this year through legislative action to change the character of the Association.

Some suits involving infraction of our rules are in process of settlement and others are reaching mutual agreement without resort to law.

**Licenses.**—Since the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of their legality the license fees have been collected without special difficulty.

They are very far from adequate to the expense of wear and tear upon our streets, but they bear a part which cannot well be spared without embarrassment to other interests.

Rev. Thomas O'Hanlon, D. D., President of Pennington Seminary, was elected to membership in the Ocean Grove

Camp-Meeting Association at the annual meeting of 1898. He has been identified with its work in platform, Bible Class and pulpit almost since its beginning.

His election to membership is a well-deserved tribute both to his service and ability.



REV. THOMAS O'HANLON, D.D.

Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., son of Rev. A. M. Palmer, of the Newark Conference, and one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been

a summer resident and warm friend of Ocean Grove from its earliest days.

He was elected to membership in the Association at the annual meeting of 1898.

Hon. Charles E. Hendrickson, a Judge of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and by appointment of the General Conference one of the compilers of the Methodist Episcopal Hymnal, is of Methodist ancestry, and an attendant upon the religious services of Ocean Grove from boyhood, and who has studied it as one of the possible solutions of Methodistic future, was elected a member of the Association at the annual meeting of 1897.

**Board of Trade.**—At the termination of the season a number of Ocean Grove residents met in the parlors of the Arlington and organized a Board of Trade, whose declared object was to co-operate with the methods of the Association in effecting a larger financial and general prosperity.

Its formation is too recent to decide its value, but from the energy already displayed it is reasonable to believe that it will be an efficient factor on the lines it represents.

## FLOWER MISSION

From the Flower Mission of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union to Bishop FitzGerald and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association.  
Greetings:

“He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee; He will not fail thee” (Deut. 31:8).

The Lord thy God!  
“ He it is that goes before thee,  
His the banner waving o'er thee,  
Bright and broad!  
When the fiercest foes assail thee.  
He it is that will not fail thee,  
The Lord thy God.”

## REPORT ON THE OCEAN GROVE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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

In submitting my annual report for the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology I cannot refrain from expressing my genuine satisfaction in the manifest judgment of those most deeply interested in the work that this was the best session the school has held. The lectures of the day were heard by larger audiences, and evidently received with more enthusiastic attention than was true of the preceding years, while the Musical Festival maintained the already established reputation for artistic excellence, and despite the financial depressions, all expenses were met and a good surplus won for the treasury.

The technical work of the programme was for the most part done by specialists of wide repute, viz.:

Old Testament—Dr. Robert W. Rogers, Drew Seminary.

New Testament—Professor Casper Rene Gregory, University of Leipsic; Dr. Marcus D. Buell, Boston University.

Historical Theology—Dr. John Alfred Faulkner, Drew Seminary.

Philosophic Theology—Dr. Bradford P. Raymond, Wesleyan University.

Systematic Theology—Dr. George B. Stevens, Yale University.

English Literature—Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, Armour Institute of Technology; Dr. William V. Kelley, Editor of the Methodist Review.

Pastoral Theology—Dr. H. K. Carroll, of Plainfield.  
Dr. J. S. Herben.

Dr. George Elliott, of Philadelphia, and Dr. S. F. Upham, Drew Seminary.

The popular lectures were delivered to evening audiences by Dr. F. M. Bristol, Colonel F. E. Copeland, Hon. J. P. Dolliver, Madame Anna Grey, Dr. F. D. Powers and Mr. W. Freeland.

The Sabbath preachers were Dr. B. P. Raymond and Dr. F. M. Bristol.

The Popular Concert, the Children's Festival and the Oratorio of the Messiah combined to make the Musical Festival in every way worthy.

With pleasure and gratitude I wish to mention the hearty and sympathetic co-operation of the officers and members of the Association which contributed so largely to the gratifying success of this important work. Herewith I submit the financial statement, whose details, with vouchers, have already been submitted to the Finance Committee:

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance in Treasury . . . . .	\$109 33	
Students' Fees and Syllabi . . . . .	76 60	
Profits on Musical Festival . . . . .	938 81	
Receipts from Lectures and Col- lections . . . . .	965 45	
Total Receipts . . . . .		\$2,090 19

#### EXPENSES

Programme . . . . .	\$1,175 00	
Other Expenses . . . . .	260 35	
		\$1,435 35
Balance in Treasury . . . . .		\$654 84

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PRICE, Dean.

Ocean Grove, N. J., Nov. 7th, 1898.



**Police.**—General J. C. Patterson, Chief of Police, reports the employment of the usual number of policemen, with special commendation of their efficient watchfulness over the infraction of our rules, particularly the observance of the Sabbath and the passing through the streets in bathing attire.

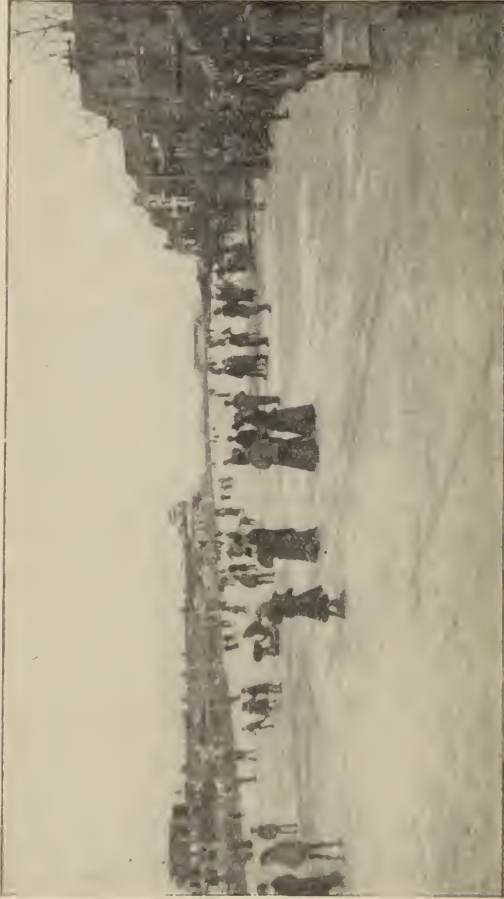
There has been but one case of serious thieving, which was that of a female said to be one of the most expert pick-pockets in the United States. She was arrested in the act, and is now convicted and in prison awaiting her sentence.

He recommends that the sea front of the boardwalk be fenced in, as in Asbury Park.

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, in session November 17, 1898:

I submit this as the annual report of the Police Committee, as chairman of the same.

The committee has carefully and faithfully superintended the good order of the Grove, through the Chief and members of the police force. When it is taken into consideration that thousands of strangers congregate within our grounds during the summer, and among them persons that are not in sympathy with our institution, moral or religious, but who are really of the baser sort, it is a matter of surprise and thankfulness that there has been such remarkably good order obtained. It has not been a trivial matter to secure such a condition of things. There have been several arrests by our officers, and the Chief of the force disposed of the cases according to law. This department has been operated with as little expense as possible consistent with the necessity and requirements of the work so vital to the safety, comfort and reputation of Ocean Grove and its community. Your Police Committee themselves feel great satisfaction at



WINTER SCENE ON WESLEY LAKE

the result, and feel that the Chief and the officers of the force deserve commendation for their faithfulness and diligence in their service.

Accompanying his report made to the Police Committee the Chief has made several suggestions, which are hereby submitted for your consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN,  
Chairman Police Committee.

November 17, 1898.

To the Members of the Ocean Grove Association:

Brethren—Your Finance Committee congratulates the Association upon the financial showing of this year. For the first time in a number of years the net indebtedness shows a decrease. Not since 1893 has this result been attained. In 1894 our indebtedness increased \$36,423.27, the ocean pier and the power house work causing this. In 1895 the increase was \$26,573.56, power house work. In 1896 the increase was \$24,787.12, principally the beach washout work. In 1897 the increase was \$2,451.25. This year there is a decrease of \$4,919.06. We hope it is the beginning of a continued annual decrease. Another noteworthy accomplishment is the good work which has been done in the management of our extensive accounts. There are approximately \$16,800 less on our books than last year. This close collecting enabled our affairs to be conducted from May until October without any borrowing. This has never been done before. Last May there were outstanding loans amounting to \$205,025.00, and this October report shows that \$32,900.00 have been retired. The best previous record in the retirement of loans during a summer was \$27,000.00 several years ago; the average is about \$24,000.00 per year.

We have some troublesome accounts; some are accounts

with people who ought to do better. We have so many different departments of business that our list of accounts is necessarily large and varied, and it is by a firm insistence upon our just dues that we keep the aggregate of accounts down to where it is and our proportion of loss so small. The constant support of the Association in these efforts of the committee has greatly assisted us, and we are satisfied that even the troublesome accounts will be either secured or paid at an early date.

Professor A. J. Rider, of the Rider Business College, has completed the examination of the books and accounts of the cashier, and his report is presented herewith.

JAMES L. HAYS,

Chairman Finance Committee.

**Auditing Committee.**—The Auditing Committee reports that in their monthly examinations of bills, receipts, bank accounts, checks and endorsements of authorization for bills presented they have found them properly balancing each other, and are fully satisfied that these balances correctly represent the condition of our finances.

A. J. Rider, Esq., President of Trenton Business College, for several years past has gone over our books as expert accountant. They have been thoroughly examined by him again this year, with the following result:

Ocean Grove, November 16, 1898.

To the Finance Committee of the Ocean Grove Association:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have carefully examined the general books of accounts of the Association, as kept by the cashier and his assistants, together with proofs of results, and find them correct.

Very respectfully,

A. J. RIDER, Accountant.

To the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association:

Dear Brethren—The Electric Light and Water Committee respectfully submit the following report for your consideration and approval:

Our last report was given at the May meeting of the Association, and contained a full account of the addition and improvements made to our light and water system. As the time covered by this report is our busy season, we have made but few improvements, and our attention has been confined almost wholly to the maintenance of the plant under the severe duty of the summer, which was unparalleled for the water system, and exceeds all former seasons by over 114,000,000 gallons, as per the following report:

November, 1897, there were pumped	13,721,040 gallons
December, 1897, there were pumped	14,202,480 gallons
January, 1898, there were pumped	13,881,520 gallons
February, 1898, there were pumped	15,165,360 gallons
March, 1898, there were pumped	12,517,440 gallons
April, 1898, there were pumped	12,304,260 gallons
May, 1898, there were pumped	16,368,960 gallons
June, 1898, there were pumped	27,602,560 gallons
July, 1898, there were pumped	51,705,840 gallons
August, 1898, there were pumped	69,816,960 gallons
September, 1898, there were pumped	49,453,680 gallons
October, 1898, there were pumped	25,989,840 gallons

Making a total for the year of 322,639,940 gallons

The consumption in 1896, was 182,664,000 gallons.

The consumption in 1897 was 208,039,000 gallons.

Thus showing the unparalleled increase in the consumption of '98 over that of '97 of 114,600,940 gallons of water. The increase of '97 over that of '96 was 25,000,000



gallons; but the remarkable increase of '98 demands most serious consideration, as if permitted to continue it will soon overtax the capacity of our water works. We do not for a moment suppose that this enormous quantity of water was used reasonably for domestic purposes (we have no manufacturers using water), and we know the larger part of this water was simply wasted. Taps were opened and the water was permitted to run to waste. Your committee do not believe that the Association erected the water plant to pump water for the amusement of the patrons, or that they may use the water in this extravagant manner, hence in accordance with the instructions given them by your honorable body, your committee are placing meters upon the premises of every consumer, and we are satisfied that at the end of next season the Association will have more revenue or less coal used and less wear and tear upon the machinery.

The coal used this year was 3,159,200 pounds—just 23,579 pounds more than last year. Considering that over 50 per cent. more water was pumped this year than last, this slight increase in coal consumption is due to the careful firing and the unremittingly faithful attention of our employes.

The Auditorium lights were on sixty nights, with a total of 168 hours and 5 minutes. The arc lamps for the last six months ran 866 hours and 45 minutes for the 120 lamps in the circuit; the commercial lights were on 1,097 hours and 35 minutes, making a total of 45,517 ampere hours.

Your committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of the faithful and skillful attention of our chief engineer, Mr. E. G. Turner, and his assistants; also to Mr. W. D. Franklin and his assistants, all of whom have labored in entire harmony and with commendable zeal both in season and out of season, to achieve the best results with the greatest economy in their several departments.

The financial statement is as follows:

## EXPENSES

Cost of water, labor, coal and incidentals .....	\$4,764 90
Cost of electric lights, labor, coal and incidentals .....	5,997 22
Interest on water, \$92,600, at 4½ per cent .....	4,167 00
Interest on electric lights, \$93,600, at 4½ per cent .....	4,212, 00
	\$19,141 12

## RECEIPTS

Receipts, water .....	\$12,464 65
Receipts, electric lights .....	5,920 76
Charge for sprinkling .....	670 00
Charge for street lights .....	2,000 00
	\$21,055 41

Showing a profit of about 11-10 per cent. upon the investment.

## REPORT OF THE USHERS' AND COLLECTORS' COMMITTEE FOR THE SUMMER OF 1898

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

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

The first collection was taken in the Auditorium on Sunday, June 26th.

The total number of collections taken during the season in the Auditorium was 85; amount collected, \$6,634.88.

Number of Young People's collections, 24; amount collected, \$580.89.

Holiness Meeting collections, 50; amount collected, \$212.40.

Sunday School, three departments, collections, 30; amount collected, \$297.38.

Helping Hand Meeting, collection, \$19.41.

Total collections for the season, \$7,774.96.

In order to take these collections as expeditiously as possible, and to dispose of the same, about forty collectors were required in the Auditorium, and with this force the collection is taken in an average of four to five minutes.

But the thorough and expeditious manner in which these collections have been taken during the past summer has only been possible by the earnest and hearty co-operation of the faithful men who have so willingly aided your committee, and to whom we wish to express our grateful thanks in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by them. It is with great pleasure that we can report that all this important and necessary work has been so well and faithfully done, both in collecting and counting, without the slightest jar or unkind word.

We hope and pray that our Heavenly Father will spare the lives of our faithful helpers, that in the season of 1899 they will be ready again to engage in the glorious work of receiving the offerings to carry on the Lord's work of saving souls.

Trusting this report may meet with your approval, we remain

Very respectfully,

T. M. Dickey,  
Chairman of Committee.

November 16, 1898.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received from municipal sources, assessments and licenses .....	\$14,570 85
Received from general Association sources....	75,566 08
Received from sale of lots (applied by trustees to payment of bonds and interest).....	3,917 64
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Total receipts .....	94,054 57
Balance cash October 1, 1897.....	8,731 68
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	\$102,786 25
Paid for municipal purposes, police, parks, streets, garbage, lighting, Board of Health, etc. ....	\$21,904 88
Paid for general expenses and improvements...	52,823 69
Paid for bonds redeemed and interest on prin- cipal .....	8,860 00
Paid for loans redeemed and interest on prin- cipal .....	18,105 41
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Total disbursements .....	\$101,693 98
Balance cash, October 1, 1898.....	1,092 27
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	\$102,786 25

Rev. J. H. Alday, M. D., who, in connection with his son, Dr. H. B. Alday, has efficiently discharged the difficult and delicate duties of sanitary officer, reports:

To the President and Members of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, in session November 17, 1898:

I hereby submit this, my annual report, as sanitary officer:

“The ounce of prevention is better than the pound of



THE EVER RESTLESS SEA



cure," is an axiom of long-established celebrity and of universal application. It is pre-eminently so in the Department of Sanitary Work. There is as much, if not more, medical science in the prevention of disease than there is in its cure. To secure this end requires a thorough knowledge of the most efficient sanitary measures. This knowledge is not ordinarily possessed by the practicing physician, neither has he the power to compel its practical application, hence the necessity and importance of the establishment of "Boards of Health," to which have been given the prerogative to make all needful sanitary ordinances, and the power to enforce them.

For this purpose the Board of Health of Ocean Grove has been established, and is seeking in every proper way to accomplish the work.

During the past year all matters appertaining to the proper sanitation of Ocean Grove have been diligently and carefully attended to. It is not necessary, neither is it important to enter into details. Suffice it to say, that the healthfulness of the place and its community demonstrates the truthfulness of the aforesaid statement.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented heat of the summer, and the great multitudes of visitors which thronged our precincts, yet we were remarkably exempt from grave sickness. It is thought that our summer population was the largest ever known in the Grove, and yet to our knowledge there was not a single case of contagious or infectious disease.

This was indeed noticeable, and is worthy of grateful recognition. The concensus of medical and all other properly informed judgment was that the last season was the healthiest ever known in Ocean Grove. This is largely to be attributed to the faithful and unremitting surveillance of the Board of

Health, in and through its Sanitary Department, thereby exacting a rigid enforcement of its ordinances.

Just in proportion that the people attend to the sanitation of their homes, and to their personal habits, will they be exempt from sickness. This your sanitarian and his assistant endeavor to impress upon them, and have them keep their premises clean; for uncleanness is conducive to filth, and filth generates and propagates the germs of disease. Hence the necessity and importance of educating the community in modern and scientific sanitation, which really, when simplified, is the thorough and rigid enforcement of cleanliness, personal and relative; the former embracing the individual; the latter, place and environments, i. e., drainage, sewage disposal and a sufficient supply of pure water—but always cleanliness. This truth is indisputable, for herein is the foundation and helpmeet of all efficient and successful sanitation.

**The Sewer System.**—This is, indeed, about as complete as it can be made. I would notice especially its ocean outlet. It was finished a year ago, extending out 1,200 feet into the sea. By many the project was regarded merely as an experiment; but a year's trial has proven it a success. During this time it has shown no indication of defectiveness. Our beach, hitherto made repulsive and unhealthy with the washings of foul debris, is now clean and inviting.

The ventilating iron mast, erected for the purpose of carrying off the sewer gas, has answered satisfactorily the design of its erection.

We may congratulate ourselves on having the most efficient sewer system on the Atlantic coast.

**The Water System.**—This is strictly artesian, having a system of twenty-three wells in operation, which furnish dur-

ing the summer a daily supply of 2,000,000 gallons of as pure water as can be obtained, and at the present time pumping into our town 600,000 gallons per day; thus furnishing about 300 gallons for each individual residing therein for the twenty-four hours.

Pure air and pure water, combined with approved modern and scientific sanitation, have made Ocean Grove one of the most healthy seaside resorts on the coast; indeed, in this respect, it cannot be surpassed.

**Water System.**—For the year from October 1st, 1897, to date there were in Ocean Grove 25 and in West Grove 38 connections; total connections, 1,306.

**Our Sewer System.**—For the year from October 1st, 1897, to date there were 23 connections; total connections, 1,165.

**Wesley Lake.**—Since the excavation of the upper part of this lake it has ceased to be an object of unfavorable criticism, and all possible doubt as to its proper and safe sanitary condition has been removed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D.,

Sanitary Officer.

The Real Estate and Highway Committee report their organization on December 8, 1897, by the election of T. J. Preston, Chairman, and T. M. Dickey, Secretary.

That they have given the most careful examination to all the varied interests which have claimed their attention during the year. It has required continual vigilance to prevent infractions of our rules, especially those which refer to the occupancy of more land by buildings than these rules allow.

One of the most important matters coming under their



VIEWS OF THE POWER HOUSE

recommendation for the year was the construction of the park and tennis ground bordering Fletcher Lake and Broadway, with the curbing of the lake from its mouth to Stockton avenue. The work was completed and reported to the semi-annual meeting, and it gives us pleasure to say that with the expenditure of a little over fifty dollars since, it has been kept in good repair, and gives general satisfaction.

They have also attended carefully to the proper grading of the streets adjoining the property of Messrs. Appleby and Winsor at Bradley Park, and believe that the process of adjustment suggested by the committee will be found satisfactory to all parties in interest. A very considerable amount of stone curbing, both upon our own property and that of others has been laid this year, largely by the insistence of this committee.

In conjunction with Mr. Bradley, Wesley Lake has been kept in a condition satisfactory to the people. It appears impossible to procure any settled plan which will be acceptable generally, and so all that the committee have been able to do has been to keep it clear as the circumstances may require.

A few hundred feet of concrete walk has been laid, mostly for private parties.

Applications of numerous kinds for different kinds of bridges over Wesley and Fletcher lakes have been received and considered by the committee, and respectfully answered "That the committee had no power in the premises," but that the question would naturally come before the annual meeting.

An application for a boathouse on Fletcher Lake was declined, on the ground that boathouses on the banks or extending into the water would prevent the use of the shore by the people, and no permits of that kind would be granted.



The amount of graveling done upon our avenues has not been large, and mostly experimental as to the adaptability of the different gravel pits for our uses before making any very large outlay for that purpose.

So far there does not appear to be any perceptible difference in the value of the different Shark river pits. It is possible, however, that the length of time it may wear may largely influence the final decision. The Watson gravel on Whitefield avenue still wears well.

The old water tank still stands in Thompson Park. We have not been able to sell it or give it away, and stands there awaiting a customer.

There have been some improvements and repairs upon our property.

The stores of Messrs. van Gilluwe and Treat have each been improved at a cost of from one to two hundred dollars. The Quinn building has been painted, the roofing of the Auditorium has been supplemented by stronger supports, and some repairs have been made on the stables, involving less than one hundred dollars.

The seating of the Auditorium platform has been rearranged so as to allow a fuller and more perfect range of elevation to the people who sit upon them. Two-thirds of the space has been appropriated to the choir, to the great advantage of the music rendered in the services.

The posts and wires formerly used by the government for electrical communication between life stations had remained unused for several years, and were lying broken over the ground in such a condition as to be dangerous. The condition upon which they were placed upon our front was the right of removal at our pleasure. They have been taken down and stored away.

The water used by the Ross bathing station became so

impregnated with salt as to be useless for the generation of steam. Permission was recommended to allow the station to sink its wells farther up upon our ground, which appears to have removed the difficulty.

The committee has recommended the cession of one-half of a roadway facing the rear of the lots of Appleby and Winsor, fronting on Steiner avenue.

Also the cession of twenty feet of our property west from the west line of the railway freight station track for the purpose of a general roadway in union with the roadway of the railroad. The condition of the cession of land equal to our own by Appleby and Winsor and Mr. Bradley has been complied with, and the matter only awaits the signatures of the the railway company to making it a roadway without recourse.

The removal of the camera obscura, the house on the fishing pier and other obstructions upon the ocean front appears to have given general satisfaction.

The sewer pipe out 1,200 feet into the ocean has worked with uninterrupted success. It now seems as if our future in this regard was assured.

There have been blocks of streets graveled in accordance with the offer of the Association to bear one-third of the expense.

A disastrous fire occurred in our stable grounds, which burned six dwellings, together with a large number of small stables.

Considerable delay occurred in reaching the fire on account of a wrong signal being given by the fire bell, and there was a further difficulty in making an effective use of the water, in not distributing properly the use of the hydrants for the engines and the smallness of the pipes through which the water was conveyed, both of which are in process



A BATHING SCENE

of remedy by the Water Committee. The fact that the whole draft of the engines upon the reservoir only lowered it three feet is ample evidence that larger pipes and better hydrants will meet all future difficulties.

The question of what shall be done with the property at present vacated by the fire is one of considerable importance, and for the present it is recommended that no permits be issued for the erection of stables upon that property until a policy of the Association is fully decided.

The Pavilions of Ross and Lillagore have been largely improved during the year. A sun-parlor has been added to the Ross pavilion, which has been a large attraction to the people.

It is recommended that another sun-parlor be constructed in the pavilion at the foot of Ocean Pathway.

The Barber Shop in the Association building, with its superior elegance and comfort of bath rooms and appurtenances, has been discontinued in winter service.

Our Parks have been kept in good order, and are largely used by the excursionists who visit us, as well as by many of our own people.

No special improvements have been made upon the bridges. It is believed to be wise to continue the holding of our private right upon them, in order to our own protection.

For another year the jetties have held our shore line safely.

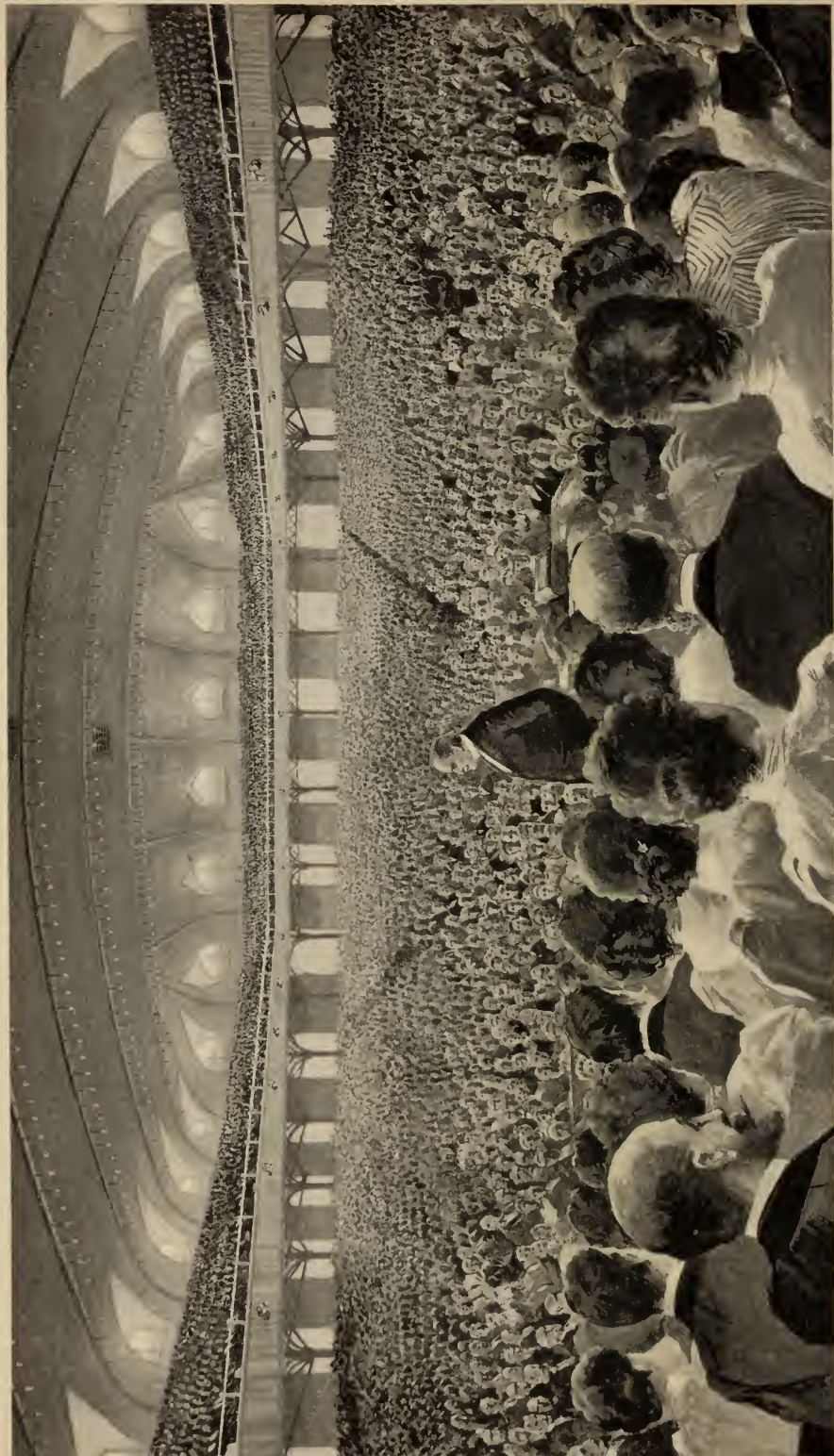
T. J. PRESTON,

Chairman.









THIRTIETH 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-groves' fragrant breath,  
Mingle with wind-tossed waves dispelling dews of death.

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ICHABOD  
SIMMONS

—

ROBERT J.  
ANDREWS

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  
**Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association**

OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AT ITS

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1899

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IN consequence of several important matters claiming attention later in the season, the Association, at its regular meeting on November 16, 1899, adjourned to meet on November 23, 1899, in its regular place at 11 a. m.

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church met pursuant to the above order in the senate room at 11 a. m., Bishop Fitzgerald, president, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. M. Adams. Eighteen members were present.

The minutes of the executive meetings were read, after which the president briefly called attention to the various matters to be presented for consideration through their respective committees.

The Flower Mission of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union tendered their greetings in a beautiful floral offering and letter :

*From the Flower Mission of the Young Woman's Christian Union of Ocean Grove to Bishop FitzGerald and Members of the New Jersey Conference Camp Meeting Association, GREETINGS.*

God, here, forevermore ;  
 In the blest future as the glorious past,  
 On rolling sea and golden shore,  
 First, always, last.—*E. H. Stokes.*

The Association replied: "The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association highly appreciate the beautiful flower offering made to them by the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Flower Mission, and feel that the prayer which accompanies it will strengthen them in carrying out their great mission of temperance and the 'promotion of holiness.'"

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—On this, the occasion of our Annual Meeting for the year 1899, we may well rejoice because of the success that has crowned our labors—which success we readily and emphatically acknowledge, has come through the favor which God in his goodness has bestowed upon us and upon the great interests which we seek in His name to promote. Let us with united voice and heart ascribe highest praises to Him whose servants we are, and without whom we can do nothing.

Our number has not been depleted during the year by death.

Two of the members of our body, Brothers Murphy and Yard, are detained from our meeting by sickness, and one, Brother Hughes, by reason of the death of a beloved daughter. It will be fitting for us to join in a message of brotherly greeting and of assurance to them of our deep sympathy, and of our prayers.

Looking back over the year, we see to our great delight, that, as a result of effort here put forth, the cause of the Lord has been advanced, not only within the bounds of Ocean Grove, but far beyond her borders. In addition to that which our eyes

have seen and our ears have heard in the Auditorium, the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Chapel and on the Beach, there have come to us since the "season" closed, from many quarters, good news of salvation secured, holiness attained, and quickening experienced through the agencies that were employed in the carrying forward of our work here.

The report of the Devotional Committee will inform you in detail of the services held in connection with the different depart-



Main Avenue Looking Towards the Beach.

ments of spiritual work—the Holiness Meeting, the Young People's Meeting, the Beach Meeting, the Helping Hand, the Children's service, the early morning Family Prayer Meeting, as well as those services connected more particularly with the greatest of all the feasts—the CAMP MEETING. That report will also tell of the various anniversaries of religious and benevolent societies that have been held upon our grounds, and that

have resulted in each case in the furtherance of the cause represented.

Besides the great spiritual blessings that have fallen upon us, we have received temporal mercies that have led us more fully than ever to believe that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all other things will be added.

The reports of the other officers of the Association will make more apparent the successes that have been vouchsafed unto us.

The division of our business concerns, and the placing of them under the supervision of different groups of brethren, has resulted greatly to the advantage of the Association, in that it has secured more generally the thought and effort of the entire membership, and brought about a more systematic arrangement and execution of our plans. For the details of the work in the various departments, I beg to refer you to the full reports of the various committees. These reports will present for your consideration several questions of importance, among which will be that of driveway bridges across Wesley and Fletcher Lakes. Pressure from without has been brought to bear for the purpose of securing such driveway, and friends within Ocean Grove have united in a petition, which I herewith present, that the concession necessary to the erection of such bridges be made by the Association. These friends are unquestionably sincere in their opinion that no interest of Ocean Grove will suffer or be jeopardized by the making of such concessions. I am persuaded, however, that if they were charged with the administration of affairs here they would view the matter in a different light, and would see that any advantage that might result from the building of the bridges as suggested, would be immediately outweighed by the peril and final disaster that would come to the distinctive features of our organization. With her peculiar customs changed, Ocean Grove would be a matter of history. A new order of things would obtain, and the gates of this, our Zion, would be borne away. That the planting of our institution here thirty years

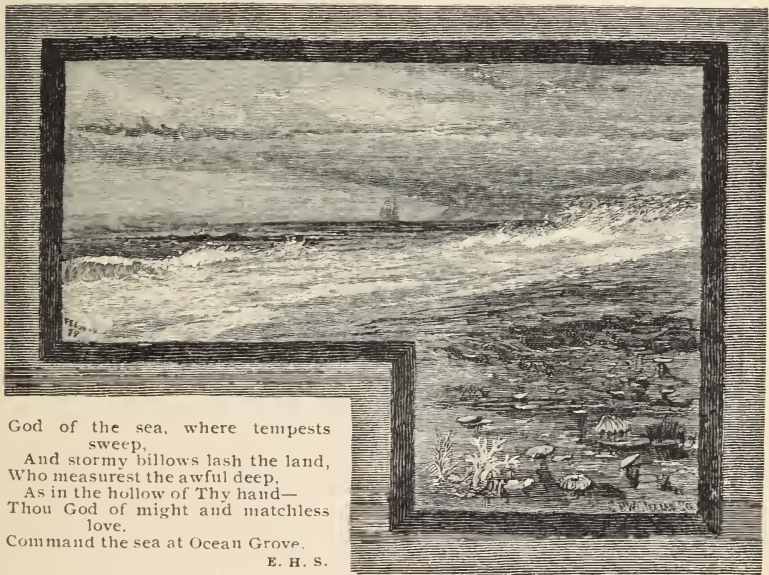


ago has resulted in great development of, and benefit to, the coast above and below our grounds, is generally conceded. In view of this fact we feel that the dwellers in "the regions round about" should be slow to urge that which we are fully persuaded will be for our serious and lasting hurt, and that they should seek to entrench us in our position rather than to lure us from it. We must not, we cannot, imperil that upon which God has so approvingly placed his seal.

I have emphasized this matter somewhat, because of the respectful petition to which I have referred; and I suggest that action be taken thereon, and that considerate answer be made thereto.

All other questions involving the interests of our Association will doubtless receive your careful consideration. And I trust that as a result of our deliberations in this annual session, we may witness greater achievements in the field to which we have been called.

JAMES N. FITZGERALD.



God of the sea, where tempests  
sweep,  
And stormy billows lash the land,  
Who measurest the awful deep,  
As in the hollow of Thy hand—  
Thou God of might and matchless  
love,  
Command the sea at Ocean Grove.

E. H. S.





Ross' Pavilion and Bathing Grounds.

## THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Devotional Committee of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church respectfully report that the public services of the season were again initiated in connection with public education by the acceptance of an official invitation to participate in the dedicatory services of the Ocean Grove High School, whose construction and appointments are equalled by but few in the State. Such members of the Association as were in Ocean Grove accepted the invitation and took part in the programme.

A very considerable number of people, including several members of the Association, have for years expressed a belief that the season should open on the first Sunday in June and close on the last Sunday in September, instead of opening the last Sunday in June and closing the first one in September. In accordance with these requests the committee arranged, in modified form, for its experiment, by giving to the local church the Auditorium for the first three Sundays in June and filling out September by our own regular services. The congregations on these extra Sabbaths were sufficiently large to justify the experiment without injury to the local church.

The regular meeting for the promotion of holiness, which for the intervening portions of the year is held under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. J. H. Alday, at 3.30 p. m. of each Sabbath, was changed on June third to 9 a. m. of each morning in the week and continued till after the close of the Camp.

The Young People's Meeting was inaugurated at the same date and hour and continued for the same time.

The various causes and interests whose reports will be presented, occupied the time until August eighteenth, when the exercises of the Summer School of Theology were appropriately followed by the regular Camp Meeting.

The Tabernacle and Temple services had been deeply spirit-

ual. They had carried with them a cleansing and vivifying power which impressed strongly the faith of the people. The Devotional Committee circular closed all assemblages except those of religion for the time of the encampment. The gathering for prayer on the morning of the eighteenth of August was large and its expression fervent. The Workers' Conference in the afternoon was intelligent in planning and earnest in spirit. The administration of the Lord's Supper in the evening at the Auditorium altar was dispensed for fifteen times to kneeling communicants. The Sunrise Meeting on Saturday morning was permeated by prayerful expectations. The Family Prayer was vocal with earnest pleadings for the salvation of kindred. The Nine o'clock Meetings for holiness in the Tabernacle and young people in the Temple, with Helping Hand in Thornley Chapel, were evidently looking for Divine presence. The opening sermon by Rev. J. G. Reed, pastor of the local church, on the "Atonement," was a keynote for the line of Camp Meeting work. The noon gathering for Lizzie Smith's meeting evinced intense interest in the immediateness of sanctification. The Three o'clock Meeting under the charge of the ministerial evangelical quartette, was filled with the spirit of earnest zeal. At four-thirty Mrs. Davis reorganized the Children's Meeting. The Twilight service followed at six-thirty. The evening sermon was preached by Dr. Lucas, of Pittsburg, on "Waiting on the Lord."

Each successive day of the Camp witnessed a repetition of these services with the addition on Sundays of a Beach Meeting upon the shore at six p. m.; Bible class of Dr. O'Hanlon, and Sunday-schools in the afternoon under Messrs. Evans and Guerin.

The sermon of the first Sunday morning was preached by Bishop Dubbs of the Union Evangelical Society, on "Christ the Ideal Man." Dr. Berry, president of Epworth League, preached in the evening, on "The Saviour's Invitation." Monday morning, Dr. Brooks on "Heart Purity." In the evening, Dr.

Pickels on "Jesus Forever the Same." Tuesday, Dr. Ewing, on "Christian Courage," and Dr. Carson, of the Presbyterian Church, on "The Vision of the Holy Waters." Wednesday, Bishop Grant, of the African M. E. Church, told of the "Reception of the Holy Ghost After Believing," and Dr. Clarence Adams, of the Baptist Church, spoke of "Men who Hazard their Lives for the Lord Jesus." Thursday, Dr. E. J. Gray, of Williamsport; preached on "Reaping from Well Doing," and Dr. Handley from "God's Wonderful Love." The sermon Friday morning was delivered by Dr. L. B. Wilson, Presiding Elder of



Memorial Trees in Vicinity of Auditorium.

Washington District, on "The Prevailing Power of Humble Faith," and in the evening by Dr. Iglehart on "God's Love Illustrated by Science." On Saturday, Dr. Garnett, of England, spoke on the "Pentecost," and Dr. Spencer, senior secretary of the Church Extension Society, preached on the "Union of the Plans of God with the Choice of Men." On Sabbath came the great Love Feast, which has always been one of the salient features of the encampment. No sermon has been more convincing of spiritual realities than the testimonies of experience given here. In all forms of logic and all varieties of expression,



it has been the grand "I know," against the agnosticism of the ages. The testimonies, though varied in language and different in point, yet have all converged in the conscious knowledge of "eternal life." The joy of this flowing through alleluias of praise is impossible of description, and can only be illustrated by pictures of ecstatic happiness in the world beyond us. This was followed by Bishop Fowler's great sermon on the "Defences of Zion," preached in the presence of ten thousand people, who, under the most unfavorable surroundings, listened with breathless interest to its close. In the evening Dr. Schell, secretary of the Epworth League, illustrated the "Mystery of the Spirit," with arguments unique in expression but true in logic. On Monday morning Dr. O'Hanlon preached on "Lifting the Veil." In the afternoon the centennial of camp meetings was observed principally through a paper presented by Dr. Wallace, after which, in the evening the last sermon of the camp was delivered by Rev. Dr. Richardson on "The Great Salvation."

On the morning of Tuesday, August 30th, the people assembled in convocation to take part in the final exercises. The ceremony of baptism was administered to twenty-seven children and five adults by Bishop Fitzgerald, after which reports were received from leaders of meetings. A short address was made by the president, when the vast assembly, led by him and the choir, began the Jerusalem march around the Auditorium, passing through the Tabernacle, Thornley Chapel and Young People's Temple, halting a few moments in each for silent prayer, and assembling again in the Auditorium, where after a brief invocation the president in the usual form, declared the closing of the encampment for 1899. The evening of this day was accorded to Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn's training school at Hackettstown, for which between three and four hundred dollars were contributed.

The Auditorium remained open until the last Sunday in September, making a continuous service since the first Sunday



in June. On September third Dr .R. Harcourt and Dr. George Adams supplied the occasion ; on the tenth, Rev. J. L. Howard ; on the seventeenth, Rev. Dr. Ferris, and on the twenty-fourth Dr. Eaton, senior agent of the Methodist Book Room, with Rev. Mr. Cowles, of Australia, completed the series. On this last Sabbath there were between five and six hundred present, while the local church had its usual congregation. From this it appears that the increasing numbers who come earlier and stay later at Ocean Grove, will make a longer season a duty. June and September are among the pleasantest months of the year, and the longer vacations of the public schools make it feasible to enjoy them.

The numbers who were advanced in spiritual experiences cannot be accurately told, but the "promotion of holiness" was tested by thousands, who penetrated more deeply into its mysteries, and who also received additional power for a more effective working in their several churches. There were about the average number of conversions and sanctifications, as well as deep impressions upon many souls of the need of a life of Godliness in this present evil world.

The Holiness Meeting held in the Tabernacle at nine a. m., was under the special leadership of the Devotional Committee. Rev. Dr. Brooks and the evangelistic choir, with others, rendered efficient service and contributed largely to its success. It was accepted as a spiritual college, in which the deeper mysteries and higher attainments of religion were both taught and experienced. In every meeting the personal realizations of the Holy Spirit were testified, and many professed to enter into higher spiritual relations than ever before, and found a power which conquered their timidity and sent them forth with stronger ability to work for God. A party from the coal mines stated that a new era had dawned upon their religious experience, in the realization of personal holiness.

The one-thirty meeting, conducted by Lizzie Smith, had no

less of spiritual sanctification than in former years. Its specialty of immediate manifestation has always been attractive, and the service has always been largely attended. In the necessary absence of the leader this year, Mrs. Lida Kennedy took her place and conducted it safely through the entire camp.

Rev. William Franklin's report of "Helping Hand Meeting," held in Thornley Chapel, was as follows: "The Lord was very gracious to us, sending us showers of blessing day by day. Lizzie Sharp, my helper, was greatly helped of God, and she was made a very great help to the meeting. The singing was sweet as heaven, and powerful as the Gospel itself. The requests for prayer so numerous we had not time to hear them all. At times one half of the chapel was made an altar, where seekers of every grade might kneel and plead with God, and others plead with them at the Throne of Grace. One morning, while a sister was leading in prayer, the Holy Spirit came down in such power that all order was entirely destroyed and we were thrown into a blessed heavenly harmonious confusion. I thought it was more like the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem than anything I ever saw. We think persons of every grade of religious desire and wish were helped, and some were gloriously sanctified and filled with fullness of God. The name of the Lord be magnified."

The Bible Class maintained the interest which for so many years has given it so strong a prominence in our assemblies. From the statistics supplied by its secretaries we find the average attendance to have been 1,410 and the total attendance 14,162, with an aggregate of collections amounting to \$213.83. Resolutions expressing high appreciation of its leader, Dr. O'Hanlon, were offered by Senator McClelland, and unanimously adopted by the class.

It was in the belief that the home customs of religious life could be profitably continued during the Camp Meeting that a fifteen minutes' service for family prayer was instituted. The number attendant this year was larger than in previous years,

as it will no doubt be in the years to come as compared with this one. There is no doubt that the earnest prayers made there for the salvation of members and their families were largely conducive to that end.

The Beach Meetings, held at the foot of Ocean Pathway on every Sunday evening, still retain their popularity, as evinced by the thousands who crowd to participate in them. A responsive service with the voice of the sea for its bass, possesses a charm not found elsewhere. The fear that the shore will be so



Morning on the Beach.

eaten away as to make it impossible to hold them, has disappeared under the knowledge of the power of the jetties in preserving the beach, and it may be expected that these meetings will retain their place in our programme for many years to come.

The Ocean Grove Sunday-school and Chautauqua Assembly, under Dr. B. B. Loomis, opened on July 12th and continued to July 22d, with a class of exercises with which we have all become familiar. The lessons included Paul's Early Life, Paul a Young Christian, Paul's First Missionary Tour, His Next Missionary

Tour, His Third Missionary Tour, Paul a Prisoner, Paul's Last Years, by Mrs. Loomis ; Bible Doctrines, God, Man, The God-man, The Atonement, Justification, Sanctification, Final things. General review by Dr. J. F. Clymer. The Scholar, The Teacher's Qualification, The Teacher's Preparation, Laws of its Work and General review by Prof. Hutchinson. The time intervening was filled with appropriate exercises of methods which gave a much wider range to the possibilities of Sunday-school work.

There were lectures by Drs. George Lemon and J. F. Clymer, with Prof. Ford and Prof. Crump ; organ recitals and Assembly concerts by Prof. Morgan ; a concert by Prof. Vitalie ; the grand Chautauqua march and distribution of its diplomas, with other interesting exercises. It was understood on all its lines that the past season was one of the most successful ever held at Ocean Grove.

The Summer School of Theology advanced the already high character of its proceedings. The lectures were clear in their teaching, and no advocacy of doubtful orthodoxy was introduced, if we except the discussion of "higher criticism," in which the opposing views were introduced in controversy. A larger number of students availed themselves of the privileges than heretofore. Contemplating the school from the standpoint of its inception, the most appreciative credit is due Dean Price for bringing it to its present status, and it is reasonable to believe that in a very short period no valid criticism can be brought against the mode of its conducting. A very considerable number of ministers have expressed themselves as largely benefitted through the school.

Rev. G. W. Evans reports :—The Summer Sunday-School for the season of 1899 was more largely attended than in former seasons. This is in some measure due to the coöperation of the superintendent, officers and teachers of the St. Paul's school in our work. The interest was very largely enhanced by the valuable aid of the Rev. Dr. F. G. Pierce, of

Scranton, by his blackboard illustrations, which were the best that I have ever known.

The cost for music, etc., was as follows:

Paid St. Paul's school for their proportion of the collection..	\$50 00	
For orchestra.....	41 00	
For printing reward cards.....	9 00	
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Credit by appropriation.....		100 00

All the collections were paid to the Association.

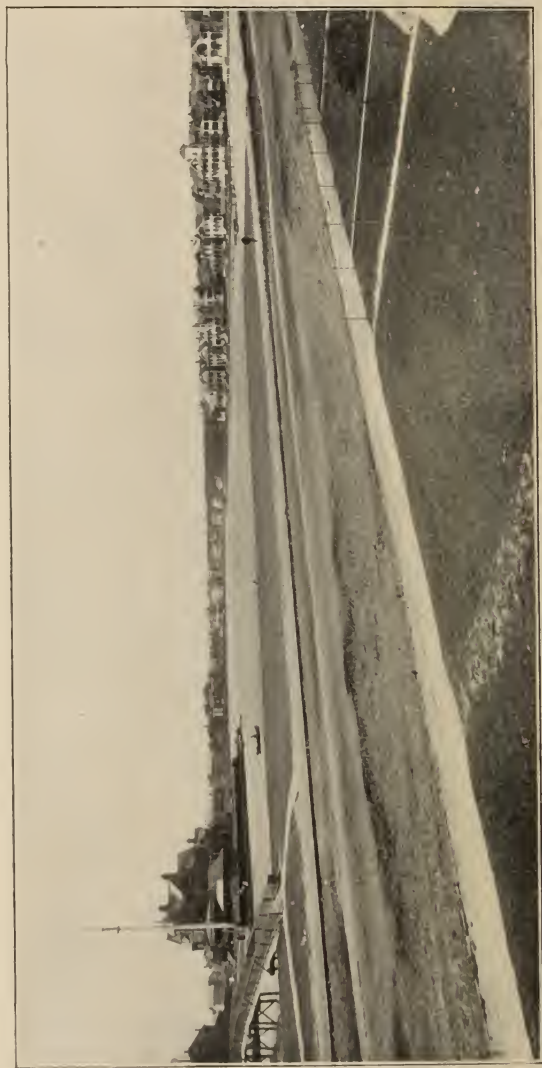
#### EASTER REUNION.

By permission of the Devotional Committee the Board of Trade held a reunion of Ocean Grove people for Easter week. Special arrangements were made by which hotels would be open at moderate prices during the period. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Board gave a reception including entertainments, which continued during this time. A banquet was given on Wednesday evening, followed by a grand concert by the Auditorium choir and Choral Society on Thursday evening, while on Friday evening a Winter Lawn Party, illustrative as a dream of Eden, charmed all who were privileged to be present, and deepened their attachment to Ocean Grove as a place they have learned to consider as their own.

#### LECTURES AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

In connection with the Summer School of Theology, Dean Price delivered a lecture clearly defining the gospel attitude toward Faith Healing and Christian Science. Hon. J. P. Doliver on Public Virtue a Question of Politics. Dr. Purvis lectured on the Representative Epistles of the New Testament. Dr. Fuller on the Sources of Power in Oratory. Mr. Ellsworth on Arnold and Andre. Dr. Winchester on the London of a Century Ago, and another on English Lakes. Albert Armstrong on the





Fletcher Lake from Lillagore's Pavilion.

Bonnie Briar Bush. Professor Peckham on Liquid Air. Dr. Conwell on the Heroism of a Private Life, and a general address by Dr. Gates.

### MUSIC.

The music of the season has been under the training of Prof. Morgan, whose genius has given us a choir, organized out of widely different material, but whose accord has been as perfect as is found in churches where for years the singers have been trained together. Under his teaching voices apparently without capacity have developed capacity, and which were seemingly destitute of time and tune have found themselves possessed of both. Its effectiveness was a marvel to the people and added largely to the value of our services.

In the meetings held in the Temple, Tabernacle and Chapel, as well as the soloists of the platform a number of ladies gave their musical services without remuneration.

The Children's Festival Concert cost Professor Morgan much of time and labor, but was one of the most enjoyable features of the summer. The people showed their appreciation by the fullness of their attendance and their earnest appeals for its repetition where the enthusiasm was not diminished. The rendering of the one line, "I've got you, and you've got me," suffused the eyes of the audience with tearful pleasure.

Programmes for the Concerts were carefully selected with a view to the cultivation of a taste for the finest styles of music in their application to the songs of religion. The Musical Festival in connection with the Summer School of Theology was of this high character and proved an exquisite delight to all lovers of the best and purest music.

There were some "outing" days during the season, under the auspices of the choir, held at Benson Park, which were days of recuperative enjoyment and contributed freely in

developing a fuller social feeling among the musical people who come to the Grove.

The oratorio of "The Fall of Babylon" which was rendered early in the season under the sole training of Prof. Morgan was one of the most highly appreciated events of the season. The distinctness and reverence with which the Scriptures were read in different parts of the oratorio were so noticeable as to call forth favorable comments from the audience, while the naturalness of the singers received the same token of approval.

There were two concerts given by Prof. Vitalie, the purity of whose compositions and renderings was both elevating and refining. His concerts are never inappropriate to the dignity of the Auditorium, and many of the presentations as "Rock of Ages" were given in such perfection of tone as almost to convey the words themselves to a listener who was familiar with them. Mrs. Powell, a Methodist, also sang one of our hymns in a voice whose wideness of compass and variety of articulation has but three or four compeers in the nation.

The grand oratorio of "Elijah" was given through the Summer School of Theology. The orchestra had been trained through Professor Morgan in a manner which demonstrated his ability to conduct it successfully to the end.

It was, however, thought wisest to secure the aid of Prof. Damrosch as leader for the evening, who, with Prof. Morgan, led the magnificent opera to a magnificent success.

#### THE BRADFORD TRIO.

In the early part of the summer a family of young people from New York named Bradford, artists in instrumental music, took part in one of our entertainments. Their music was of so pure and spiritual a character as to interest some generous members of the Association who made arrangements

with them to assist in our meetings through the summer. Their renderings in the song service were highly appreciated and in the young people's meeting were especially blest.

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Public speakers are increasing their effectiveness with us by learning the proper harmony of voice with the large space of the Auditorium. Men, who keep their head and voice facing the centre of their audiences and who speak deliberately in an even voice, have no difficulty in being heard, while those who violate these rules are scarcely heard at all.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT.

In presenting his report the Vice-President desires to express his appreciation of the kindly consideration extended by members of the Association in his discharge of the duties devolved by them upon him.

These had been made familiar by the absences of our late beloved and departed President, Dr. Stokes, during which period it was his endeavor to meet such duties upon the lines of policy established by him and in which the Association acquiesced. This policy has accepted a considerable divergence in details from those which marked our inauguration, but none which opposed our great principle of "Holiness to the Lord." Originally a few weeks marked the period of permissive residency, then the season, afterward the year. First the ten days of camp meeting for public service, then their extension daily for months. At the first, Divine Services only, then, the representation of various causes in the interests of religion, morality and patriotism. Still others in lectures and scenic representations deemed appropriate to a population covering these months of residence, and upon such lines as were considered proper in their church homes elsewhere. At the first, the holiness of business extended only to the



sale of lots with the essential improvements for a camp, then to the oversight of streets and the multifarious other needs growing out of so large a population. In the absence of President FitzGerald he has followed, with his approval, these same lines, restricting its overstepping in any presentations



Tent Life in the Grove.



made before the people. It is possible that restriction has not gone sufficiently far. But it has seemed better that the backward steps should be taken slowly rather than by undue precipitancy risk the forcing further forward by a reaction.

It has been his constant endeavor to keep in touch with the different committees to whom is assigned the consideration of our various interests, and conform his action as far as possible to their recommendations.

In the expenditure of money not specially authorized, he has been careful to consult such officers as were available, and in no case to exceed the limit assigned for such occasions by the purchasing committee.

In matters where his proposed action would be assisted by the judgment of the Executive Committee he has conferred with them by letter, avoiding the inconvenience to them of special calls, except where their confirmation was necessary.

The enforcement of our ordinances has required a large degree of thoughtful consideration. It would be unwise to permit them to lie unenforced, and equally unwise to enforce them until all means of persuasion and reason had been exhausted. The Vice-President has had to stand between the two extremes. Sometimes censured by both sides, but so far as he knows, the exercise of a moderate, though firm, policy has given us the best results. The Law has been the last resort in any case.

#### BOARD OF TRADE.

I have believed it to be in accordance with our best interests to act in harmony with the Board of Trade, and afford it such assistance as was possible in carrying out its purposes. Its range of action is naturally confined to secular matters, and so far its action has been in harmony with the policy of the Association. Through the very large distribution of

its literature and varied public exercises it has no doubt greatly increased public interest in Ocean Grove.

#### LITERATURE.

A large amount of literature of the highest character has been sent out in booklets, pamphlets and circulars through our own office at a comparatively small minimum of cost.



Bathing.

#### COLLECTIONS.

The collections taken in connection with the various causes represented here, have not met their legitimate expenses. Those contributed during the camp meeting alone averaging its cost.

It has not appeared so in the reports because no account has been taken of light, police service and the multitude of

expenses involved in keeping the Auditorium open. It is a large and wholesome attraction to keep it open for the people, and the outcome may in other respects counterbalance the loss, yet some system ought to prevail by which the expenses should be met in connection with all objects for which it is used, either in lowering the expenses or increasing the receipts.

#### BATHING.

The bathing establishments of Ross and Lillagore have maintained their high reputation and been useful agencies in sustaining our restrictions.

The dedication by the Rosses of an entire building for a sun-parlor has been highly appreciated by the large numbers who have enjoyed it during the season.

The policy of declining to erect buildings upon our sea front is still advised as it enables us to present the only unobstructed front along the entire coast.

#### FIRE ESCAPES.

The hotels of Ocean Grove with the exception of a very few who did not receive their notices, have been equipped with fire escapes in each room demanded by the law of the State. These few exceptions have given written guarantees to place them in their rooms before occupying them again. This gives to people who come to Ocean Grove a safety in case of fire over all places not similarly equipped.

#### BANKS.

The establishment of Branch Banks in the Grove has not only been an accommodation to its people, but a source of profit to themselves. The law forbidding National Banks to establish branches has compelled the First National of

Asbury Park to retire from us, but it is hoped that some arrangement will be made by the department which will permit its return. The Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank, a State institution, has been able, notwithstanding, to meet the needs of convenience to our people.

#### PRINTING.

The cost of printing has been much larger than ordinarily. While it has been of great value, yet a more central system of responsibility would no doubt make a considerable reduction.

#### BUSINESS.

There was a notable improvement in the business of the place arising from the earlier coming and later staying of the people. This was perceptible both in the stores and hotels. These latter places, at a very considerable expense, met the requests of the Board of Trade, opening their houses in June and keeping them open till October. Should the same policy be pursued another year the numbers who will be here in both the early and later portions of the season will undoubtedly be increased.

#### OBITUARY.

Mrs. Anna Mary Myers, wife of S. M. Myers, a member of Ocean Grove Association, deceased January 13, 1899.

Sister Myers was converted at a Methodist meeting at the early age of fourteen, and had passed sixty-one years of uninterrupted service of the Lord and enjoyment of His religion. Methodism was not popular in that locality, and her relatives opposed her, but with the same quiet firmness which distinguished her after life she held fast the profession of her faith. In the years of early womanhood she united the heart which had been given to Christ to the husband of her choice, who, largely

by her influence, gave himself to the same Saviour, and thenceforth walked by the same rule and minded the same things, so that his wife, his Lord and himself were one. Speaking of her he said: "She has been my stay all my life. I could always turn to her for counsel or support, and she never failed me. I don't know what I shall do without her."

The Myers mansion had for all the years of her married life been the "preachers' home," so that her acquaintance with



Wesley Lake, Looking Towards the Auditorium.

them was extensive. Brother Myers was affiliated with the conference work of the church in different forms, and had been honored by it with an election to the General Conference, which largely increased that fellowship, so that it was only natural that several of the former pastors and conference associates should be present at the funeral.

The service was under the direction of Dr. Shaffer, the pastor, whose gentle, loving tenderness soothed greatly the



agony of the hour which finally separated all that was left of her from their midst, and whose words were as ointment poured upon their wounds. Rev. Dr. Ridgeway, a pastor in the city, made an opening prayer of touching sympathy. Dr. Gall read not only the words but meaning, of Solomon's description of the wife who is of the Lord. Dr. Gordon, in the same manner, gave Paul's words on the resurrection. Then tender interludes of music, with favorite hymns of Sister Myers, after which the courtesy of Dr. Shaffer gave the first address to the representative of Ocean Grove, who described her as embodying the three great characteristics needed at Ocean Grove's religious resort—in solidity of Christian character, ornamented with the gospel's meek and quiet spirit, and illustrating these virtues in the creation of a home in which her husband should praise her in the gates where he sat as an elder, and where her children should rise up and call her blessed.

Suitable resolutions were passed by the Association at their meeting in May, 1899.

Prof. John B. Sweeney, whose memorial was announced at the semi-annual meeting, and who was practically the founder of the Ocean Grove Choir in its larger constitution, and who demonstrated the practicability of its music with the voices of the congregation, deceased at his home in Chester, Pennsylvania.

The Vice-President attended and spoke at his funeral as a representative of Ocean Grove. Professor Sweeney set to music the great hymn of Dr. Stokes, "Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit," which both for the words and music is sung by millions of people over all the land.

#### COL. JAMES S. YARD.

It is a pleasure to report that while his health is not fully recovered, and while he has been, and still is, a great sufferer,

yet so much vigor has returned to him as to enable him to perform many of the editorial duties to which his life has been given in the past.

The health of our beloved brother, Hon. H. W. Murphy, has continued much better than we could have supposed. Notwithstanding the paralysis which has affected some parts of his body he was enabled to pass the summer and part of the fall at Ocean Grove. He realizes himself as at peace with God and awaits his exchange with serene trust in the love of his Redeemer. He expresses frequently his warm affection for the members of the Ocean Grove Association.

Rev. T. M. Dickey was for several weeks in so critical a condition that his physician entertained but slender hope of his recovery. His brethren held him to Divine protection in loving prayer and he was restored to us.

The wife of our Associate, Rev. B. M. Adams, has been for a large part of the year so great a sufferer as to claim her husband's loving care so continually as to make it his imperative duty to remain with her rather than to be at his place in our camp-meeting. We regretted his absence, but felt he was on God's line of loving sacrifice.

Reverend Brother George Hughes has been called to pass through the deepest of deep waters in the decease of a beloved daughter, Mrs Erlanger, wife of a missionary and a missionary herself, in India. The intelligent labor of her past promised a future of more than ordinary value to that great cause, when she was taken ill and called away from her husband, children, parents and work. Our brother and his companion are stricken with a grief beyond expression, yet are sustained, sorrowful for themselves, yet rejoice in her translation.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

When it became certain that Rev. Mr. Yatman could not fill his engagement for the leadership of the Young People's Meeting, Rev. Dr. Lowrie, who had large experience in similar management, was unanimously selected by the Devotional Committee to fill his place. His personal magnetism soon drew all the young hearts to him as to a father. His conception of the Floral Day in tastefulness and religious value was beyond adverse criticism. His bringing together the old and young people in both Tabernacle and Temple with their

souvenir-memorial, both deserved and received the highest appreciation. His duties at Camp Tabor demanded for a few



The Young People's Temple.

days his presence there, during which Dr. Ballard visited and preached for him. On the next morning a sudden attack of "angina-pectoris" prostrated him and in the evening he was in Heaven. His dead lay in the same cemetery with those of Dr. Ballard and an engagement existed that in a short time an afternoon should be passed there in company. The engagement was met, one living and one dead.

A "memorium" was held under the direction of the Devotional Committee in the Temple where he had so often officiated, in which such fitting tribute was paid to his memory as love and knowledge dictated. Despite the change of leaders

and the death of Doctor Lowrie there was no diminution in interest or success as compared with former years, and the great work of leading the young people into the personality of salvation and devotion to a life of religion went steadily forward under Rev. Messrs. Mead Tulner, Doherty, Berry, Schell, Morse and others.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

In the entertainments of the season there has been a specialty of care that none should be permitted whose representation would be deemed inappropriate in the churches from which the people came. This vigilance extended to subject matter, costume, recitation, music, exclusion of scenery, and all other accessories to public presentations.

Among these was a lecture by Hon. J. P. Dolliver, on "Public Virtue a Question of Politics," which took a wide range through moral education and training in order to the accomplishment of political virtue, and which left a good as well as intelligent impression.

Dr. Halleron, of Newark, exhibited biograph views of Cuban scenery, with illustrations of the atrocities which led to the Cuban wars, whose realism made the scenes they represented intensely impressive.

The American biograph of moving pictures was given in the Auditorium for two evenings. The pictures were pure in their suggestions, and were valuable illustrations of the topographical and military features of the incidents and places represented.

#### LECTURES.

Herr Gustavus Kohn illustrated in his own history the belief and customs of the Judaism of to-day as it stands related to that of Apostolic days, and also the position of Jewish Christianity, both then and now. The lecturer made the point that holiness of life and doctrine belonged as much to one dispensation and class as to another.

In the Chautauqua Assembly Professor Ford lectured on Oratory. Professor Crump upon Scenes and Incidents of thrilling interest, illustrated by moving pictures. Professor Clymer upon subjects cognate to Sunday-school work, and Dr. George T. Lemon painted a magnificent word picture of our naval victories.

#### GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT.

One of the best lectures ever delivered on its line in Ocean Grove was that given by Governor Roosevelt, of New York, on "Practical Politics and Decent Politics." Through the earnest efforts of Dean Price, the Colonel of the Rough Riders was induced to leave the pressure of official duties and deliver the lecture here. The people from all adjacent towns crowded the Auditorium both outside and in, to hear the question of pure politics discussed by a man whose conduct in civil life had its reputation for purity and in the war as one of its most gallant heroes. Among other points the lecturer discussed the political economy involved in lifting the Philippines to the level of civilization through their connection with us, and urged careful thoughtfulness, with the courage and activity of honesty. He pressed the holding of every public official to the severest accountability for the slightest malfeasance. He advised a refraining from the usual wholesale abuse of men who hold the dignity of office. He urged the breaking up of rings, even if the party suffered temporary defeat in consequence. Politics should be managed as we manage business, putting conscience and religion into them. In illustrating his points he paid a high compliment to early Methodism which had always taken the initiative in the purification of politics.

#### PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

The visit of President McKinley to Ocean Grove was one of the incidents which will long live in the memory of the people



who massed at the Auditorium on August 25 to receive and welcome him. No President of the United States had been upon its platform since August 25th, fifteen years ago, when President Grant closed his appearance in public at this place. Dean Price had, as in the case of Governor Roosevelt, been largely instrumental in arranging that his promised visit to the Grove should not fail by any inadvertance, and after many delays, rendered necessary by the cares of State and the illness of his beloved wife, President McKinley, as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, came to the Camp Meeting at Ocean Grove. The occasion demanded his recognition as the Nation's Chief Executive, which, after prayer by Dr. Lanahan, of Baltimore, and Scripture reading by Dr. Thomas, of Philadelphia, was accorded by Bishop FitzGerald, in the following words

“It is my privilege and honor in behalf of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also in behalf of the thousands that are gathered in this city by the sea, to welcome to these grounds and to this Auditorium, his Excellency, William McKinley, the President of the United States of America. And so, Mr. President, I give you greeting, cordial and heartfelt, in the name of the Association, and in the name of the multitude here assembled, the Church which we represent and of which we form a part, which has at all times, and in many ways, shown its loyalty to the Government, of which you are the distinguished head. We march under the flag that floats now directly above us, ‘The Star Spangled Banner,’ and we also march under the banner of the Cross. Between these two banners there is no conflict. They float harmoniously together, wherever the hosts of Methodists move. Both of them stand for righteousness, justice, humanity and freedom. We regard the defence of the one the same as the defence of the other, and we consider the advancement of the one to be the advancement of the other. We call upon our children to enlist under the banner of the Cross, and



Ocean Pathway from the Beach.

prove themselves to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and we also teach our boys, as you, Mr. President, and the Nation have well learned, to respond very promptly whenever a call comes from you to bear the starry banner to any part of our own land, or to any part of the world. To-day, on the other side of the globe, our sons and brothers stand for this flag, which is an emblem of liberty, and we who are here seek to lift higher and still higher that banner which is an emblem of 'Peace on earth and good will to men.' It is a joy to us, Mr. President, to know that, while as the chief ruler of our country, you are the chief standard bearer, that you also have delight in marching with the forces of the Lord, under the banner of the Cross; that banner that we believe is to achieve victory to the ends of the earth, and that it is to signalize that 'The kingdoms of this world will belong to our Lord and to His Christ,' and, not only as the Chief Magistrate of our beloved land, but as a brother beloved, we welcome you.'

At the conclusion of the Bishop's address the President arose and was greeted with the usual salute, ten thousand handkerchiefs fluttering in the air, while the great throng arose from their seats and stood motionless until the President advanced to the front of the platform. He then said :

"Ladies and gentlemen: I have no words with which to express my appreciation of your warm and generous welcome. I have come to pay my respects to the Ocean Grove Association, and to thank it for the magnificent work it has done for us, and we want it to do for all people and all lands, which, by the fortune of war, have come within our jurisdiction. That flag does not mean one thing in the United States and another thing in Puerto Rico and the Philippines. There has been doubt expressed in some quarters as to the purpose of the Government respecting the Philippines. I can see no harm in stating it in this presence—peace first, then with charity for all, establish a government of law and order, protecting life and property, and

occupation for the well being of the people in which they will participate under the Stars and Stripes. Now, I have said more than I intended to. I only want to express, in conclusion, the pleasure it has given me to look into the faces of this great assembly of Methodists, and to receive your most gracious and splendid welcome."



A View of Ocean Grove, From Asbury Park.

### THE SANITARY REPORT.

*To the President and members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association :—*

Of all sciences, sanitary science is the youngest, and yet in importance and necessity, it occupies the forerank. While the discoveries of other sciences are invaluable and may be indispensable, yet of what avail are they in the midst of pestilential disease and death? Truly, then their value is very greatly decimated. That science which discovers the "ways and means" by which disease is prevented, epidemics checked and healthful existence made possible under modern conditions, is of all others, the most invaluable, and to be cherished and established, and that one is preëminently the science of sanitation. The con-

sensus of opinion is that mankind live longer in this age ; not because the Scripture term of life has been extended, but because of practical obedience to the requirements of advanced scientific sanitation, as evidenced in the needed facilities and arrangements for healthfulness in our homes and surroundings ; and yet, notwithstanding the great work which has been done in this department, there is a widespread and amazing ignorance of practical hygiene. This obtains not only among the lowly and uneducated, but it is found in the higher walks of life. What is needed is not so much the knowledge of curing disease, but rather to prevent its occurrence. The people ought to be taught the elementary truths and principles of scientific sanitation, and that the same belongs to and ought to obtain in the home, thus instructing the children in hygienic knowledge and its practical application. In this matter we find a large field for work in our midst. Though there has been much improvement and advancement on these lines in Ocean Grove, yet there is constant necessity for the inculcation of the principles and rules of healthful sanitation. We, your agents in this all important work, are alive to this necessity, and sensibly feel the great responsibility devolving upon us in the trust committed to us.

Since the semi-annual meeting, the Board of Health has held six sessions, at which all matters appertaining to the healthfulness of Ocean Grove were duly considered, and measures regarding and embracing the same, have been faithfully attended to by the sanitary officer and his assistants. It is astonishing, and a matter of profound thankfulness, that we had so little sickness in our midst during the past summer, especially when we consider the great multitudes of people present, the greater part of whom were crowded within small and contracted space, and who disregarded the rules of health. We must attribute this absence of much and grave sickness to the sanitary condition of the town. For while disease may be brought within our precincts, yet finding no conditions favorable for its development and growth,



under restrictive sanitary measures, it naturally soon dies out. There have been recently several cases of contagious diseases, but their prompt and complete isolation, and the rigid and strict quarantine of the premises, confined them to the affected locality, thus preventing their spreading.

We are still endeavoring to have all premises of Ocean Grove connected with our water and sewer systems. The progress in this department is very satisfactory and encouraging so far as we can embrace the situation. During the last year there have been 17 new connections, making a total of 1,323 connections with the water system, and 13 new connections with the sewer system, making a total of 1177 connections. In the connections with the Ocean Grove water system as above stated, there were 107 in West Grove. Hereafter all connections therewith will cease as that locality has passed into the hands of a water company. I am glad to report the all-sufficiency of our ocean sewer outlet. There were no complaints relative to it during the past summer. It continues to meet all the requirements for the proper and necessary disposal of all sewerage.

During the work of the adjustment of water meters to the premises of the town, the discovery was made that some of the material used in the plumbing was of a very inferior quality and of exceedingly poor workmanship. This not only caused a waste of water but produced an unsanitary condition of the homes, and was pernicious to the health of the occupants. This is a matter of very grave importance, and deserving of immediate and diligent attention. This state of things can best, and I think only, be remedied and controlled by the intelligent and thorough inspection of all new plumbing when placed in new or other buildings, and followed with periodic inspection and testing of all plumbing wherever it obtains. This ought to be done by a regular and skillful plumber. As to the best way of meeting the expense of this great necessity, I submit to your consideration. What an absolute need there is in the popular education

in sanitary safety, and what a woeful ignorance there is in the elementary principles thereof. The family should be brought to realize that the sanitary safety of the home depends more upon the plumbing, embracing pipes, traps and drains, connecting the same with the sewer system, than upon all outside appliances. Many persons are ignorant of the fact that sewer gas can be, and is, often created in poor and defective house drains, and is as detrimental to health as the commonly designated sewer gas. Therefore I repeat most earnestly the importance and necessity of the employment of a thoroughly qualified and competent plumbing inspector.

J. H. ALDAY, M. D..

*Sanitary Officer.*

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Your Trustees would respectfully submit the following report :

Overdraft, May 1, 1898, - - -	\$6266.47
Bonds and Interest paid July 1, 1898	<u>5750.00</u>
	\$14,016.47
Received from lots sold and interest to date	<u>514.58</u>
Overdraft, Oct. 1, 1898 - - - -	\$13,501.89
Balance in Spring Garden Bank - - -	3,697.88
Balance Bonds outstanding - - - -	20,000.00

H. W. MURPHY } Trustees.  
J. M. ALDAY }

#### ANNIVERSARIES.

The December festival to which all the people were invited to meet in fellowship with such members of the Association as might be present was observed and contributed largely to a genial feeling between them.

The anniversary exercises of the establishment of Ocean Grove were held in Thompson Park in the twilight of July

31st, on the spot made sacred by the first religious worship. Dr. Wallace told how our aborigines had started one evening through the woods to the Beach to see the moon rise from the ocean, when a part of them decided to remain on this spot for a prayer meeting, when Dr. Stokes opened the Bible and read, "In the beginning God!" and fell on his knees asking Divine blessing upon the organization just effected.

Tree Planting Day was observed with the usual ceremonies. Trees were planted in memory of Rev. R. J. Andrews, J. R. Sweeney, George Brewer, Richard Ellicott and Mary Gill. The Governor of the State wrote his appreciation of our establishment of such a day in harmony with the appointment of the State.

July 4th was celebrated enthusiastically. The successful termination of the war with Spain had cheered the people and the prospect of evangelizing the islands of the sea had awakened Christian gratitude. The last two national anniversaries had been educational and legal and it seemed fitting that the present should be military.

Col. W. H. Skirm was selected as presiding officer, who, after a few appropriate remarks introduced Samuel Patterson, Esq., of Asbury Park, as the reader of the Declaration of Independence, and Corporal Tanner of national fame as the orator. The oration delivered by a man who had lost both his feet in the battles fought for his country, and taking in the war in the Philippines with its prospective issues for civilization and Christianity was one of the most attractive specimens of popular discourse ever delivered here.

The Carnival repeated the beauty and pleasure of previous years in its presentation for this one. Wesley Lake was lined with elegantly decorated boats which advanced in procession after the manner of naval squadrons, and attracted

appreciative attention from the crowding thousands who occupied its banks as spectators.

The National Sabbath Observance Society connected its Sabbath with the Sunday School Assembly. Dr. I. W. Hathaway, Secretary of the Society, delivered a sermon and address illustrative of its great aims and issues and impressed strongly upon the people the need of maintaining a Sabbath if we would maintain our civilization.

Memorial Day was observed with appropriate exercises, on its usual date, July 30th. Tender and touching eulogies were delivered on Rev. R. J. Andrews, Prof. J. R. Sweeney, Mrs. Mary Myers, and others.

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Mrs. ANNA MARY MYERS,	REV. ROBT. J. ANDREWS,	PROF. JOHN R. SWENEY,
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WE KNOW THERE ARE BEAUTIFUL HOMES, WE KNOW OF THESE BEAUTIFUL THINGS,  
 AND PALACES SO GRAND, THESE AND A THOUSAND MORE,  
 WHICH ALL THE GOOD SHALL OCCUPY, AND THEY SHALL ALL BE OURS AT LAST.  
 IN GODS OWN BLESSED LAND. WHEN EARTHLY TOILS ARE O'ER.

L.H.S.



St. Paul's Church held its silver anniversary from September 10th to 17th inclusive. It was made a twentieth century offering and between three and four thousand dollars were raised by which all its indebtedness was cancelled and the church inspired for another quarter of a century of active labor.

The Epworth Leagues of the district met in the Temple on August 17th. Some changes had been found necessary after the preparation of the programme, and notices covering the changes had failed to be conveyed. This created some confusion in the arrangements which rendered its meeting far less effective than it would otherwise have been and which the plans of the League justly contemplated, and over which they felt as justly disappointed.

The National Temperance Publication Society celebrated its nineteenth annual meeting at the Grove from July 27 to 30, inclusive, with Joshua Bailey, Esq., as its presiding officer. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Dunn upon the uses of the canteen in the army, by Hon. Mr. Ritter upon the legal aspects of the temperance issues, and other prominent gentlemen upon various aspects of the cause, concluding with a ringing speech from Mrs. Emma Boole.

The quartette of ministereal evangelists Reverends Baker, Hanniwalt, Stocking and Wills accepted our invitation and were with us again in the ten days of the encampment. They were abundant in efficient labor in every department of our work, in all of which departments many souls realized their teaching as a large assistance in their ascents to higher spiritual realizations.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. General Fiske, held its anniversary, as in the past, with no diminution of interest. The reports presented were greatly encouraging and showed an increased prospect of success in the future. The work done in sustaining gospel preaching on the frontiers with personal and



Deaconess work in towns and villages of our own land cannot be too highly commended.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. Rev. Dr. E. H. Stokes, occupied August 12 and 13. The papers and addresses were full of popular intelligence and met appreciative responses from the people. Rev. Dr. Goucher of the Woman's College in Baltimore preached the annual sermon presenting a vivid picture of missionary needs and successes in India.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union occupied July 25 and 26, Mrs. Emma Bowne presiding. The papers, speeches, addresses, solos and other productions evidenced that the Union was keeping pace with the advances in medicine, physiology, science, morals and religion, as the temperance work develops new aspects of the cause and new possibilities of activity.

The Woman's Encouragement Meeting, instituted by Dr. Stokes, held a successful anniversary under the superintendency of Mrs. Kennard Chandler, with the assistance of Mrs. Eaton, of Baltimore. The meeting carried out its name and was a blessing to many women who were struggling to do their life duty under adverse circumstances.

The Willing Workers of the Farraday Institute held their annual reception at the Jackson House and it was an occasion of pleasure to all who were privileged to attend it.

The Elim Association has not lessened its zeal in the prosecution of its benevolent work. Not only has it been able to receive many ministers and their families who were unable to pay full rates in other houses, but, in some special cases to entirely support them for a few weeks of recuperation.

Their Lawn Party was this year held in Thompson Park and netted their labors with one hundred dollars. The Association is heartily commended to friends of Ocean Grove as worthy of their benevolence.



Bancroft Rest Home, Ocean Grove.

The Rest Home for the Deaconesses gave the annual opportunities for rest to those over-taxed women who labor in that capacity. Such rest is essential to a continuance of labor, and the Bancroft Rest Home at Ocean Grove is one of God's special providences for those elect ladies in the prosecution of their work. God has few laborers in the gospel vineyard more worthy of high appreciation than these devoted women.

The Children's Meeting is reported by Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis as giving nearly a hundred children intelligently answering to the requirements demanded for admission to our churches. Certificates entitling them to admission to probationary membership were issued to them, in the confident belief that they will adorn their profession by a godly life and well ordered conversation.

Lizzie Smith's Meeting was never more effective in the sanctification of believers than in the past season. The sympathetic tenderness arising from her necessary absence from the meeting, at the death and funeral of her husband, added interest to the meeting as it was carried on through Mrs. Lida Kenney and other helpers.

#### BRIDGES.

The following petition was presented to the Association for consideration at the annual meeting on Thursday:

To the Honorable, The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Ocean Grove, N. J.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, property owners and residents of Ocean Grove, recognizing the urgent need for drive bridges across Wesley and Fletcher Lakes near the Ocean, where they would be of the greatest use, not only for the convenience of permanent residents but also for the pleasure and accommodation of summer visitors, but more particularly in order to save the heavy expense entailed upon

our business men whose territory extends into the adjoining towns, would most respectfully petition your honorable body to erect, or permit to be erected, drive bridges across said Wesley and Fletcher Lakes, the said structures to be erected with the distinct understanding that they are to be used for wagon traffic only six days in the week, and that your Association shall have absolute control to close them and prevent such wagon traffic on the Sabbath day.

After a full consideration the following adverse resolution was adopted :

“We have received and read with great interest the petition presented at this annual meeting in behalf of residents and property holders in Ocean Grove, for the construction of driveways across Wesley and Fletcher Lakes, and after most careful deliberation, covering nearly two sessions of our annual meeting, we are still unanimously of the opinion, that such a departure as the one suggested would eventuate in the breaking down of the great and holy Sabbath which has been one of the chief glories of Ocean Grove ever since the day of its founding. Therefore, with sincere regard for the petitioners we feel obliged to say that a sense of duty to the trust reposed in us forbids our granting the petition, and the Secretary is instructed to inform the petitioners of this action.”

#### EMPLOYEES.

We are glad to record once more our approval of the employees of the Association. The supervision has been strict by the Chief of Police, the Superintendent and committees, and only suitable persons have been retained in service.

The Cashier and Book-keeper, Mr. Harold B. Ayers, having tendered his resignation in order to occupy an important position in New York, the following resolution was passed by the Finance Committee and adopted by the Association :

RESOLVED, That in reluctantly accepting the resignation of Mr. H. B. Ayers as Cashier and Book-keeper of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, we desire to express our high appreciation of the thorough ability and honesty with which for eleven years he has administered the affairs of his department.

We would add to this appreciation that in all outside matters affecting the Grove we have found him intelligently faithful to its interests in the influence which a high religious character and reputation gave him.

Having attained the highest position possible to him with us, while we express our regret at the severance of relations which have never known a suspicion or a jar, we cordially extend to him our prayerful wish that his worth may be as highly valued in the position for which he leaves us as it has been in the years he has served us.

In view of the fact that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be in session at the usual time of the semi-annual meeting in May, 1900, and that President FitzGerald and several of the members of the Association will necessarily be at the General Conference, it was unanimously determined to change the time of the semi-annual meeting to Thursday, April 17, 1900, so as to secure the attendance here of all the members of the Association.

#### REPORTERS.

This special service this year has been exceptionally good both in the local journals and those of the towns and cities of the Union. Their representatives have deported themselves in the amenities of cultivated society and their articles while brilliant, have accorded with the facts as they existed, as well as with the dignity of the place they represented.

In addition to the regular corps, the Associated Press gave to the Grove the courtesy of one of the best upon their staff



in the person of Mr. C. F. Phillips, for which is tendered the special appreciation of the Association.

Hon. Wm. H. Skirm, T. J. Preston, J. L. Hays, John E. Andrus, and J. H. Alday were appointed a committee to consider the question of establishing a trolley line within the bounds of the Association, which might connect with some line outside in such a way as might be esteemed in accordance with the protection of Ocean Grove.

#### REPORT OF USHERS AND COLLECTORS

of money received, counted and deposited during the season of 1899, from June 25th to September 24th, 1899:

Number of collections in Auditorium	- - -	85
Amount Collected	- - - - -	\$6160.93
Collections in Young People's Temple	- - -	30
Amount Collected	- - - - -	790.18
Holiness Meetings, taken daily and reported weekly		173.80
Bible Class	- - - - -	10
Amount Collected	- - - - -	191.56
Intermediate and Infant Class	- - - - -	10
Amount Collected	- - - - -	105.52
Helping Hand Meetings collected, during camp		19.87
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		\$7441.86

About forty collectors accepted duty in the Auditorium, whose perfect, quiet discipline made it possible to wait upon the whole of the vast congregation inside an average of five minutes.

To these generous men who sacrificed so much of personal enjoyment in order to aid the ushers and collectors in their work, the grateful appreciation of the Association is due for the willing aid given by them to the committee.

It is also a more than ordinary pleasure to report that in all this perplexing and embarrassing work no unkindly



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word has ever passed, and that so far as we know not one of these faithful helpers has been called away by death and it is our prayerful trust that we may be permitted to unite with them again in the labor devolving upon the season of the Twentieth century.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. DICKEY, *Chairman.*

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee would respectfully report as follows:

The cost of men employed and their wages compared with actual needs have been carefully examined and approved.

The financial statements, vouchers and bank accounts of the



A Corner of the Ross Pavilion.

cashier have been examined monthly during the past year and found correct.

We have been careful that authorized improvements shall not exceed the estimates appropriated. A proper regard for this requirement has been observed by all committees.

The stores have paid a fair rental. The office on the side of the book store building remains unoccupied. The former tenant declined to pay the rent required by the committee and no other tenant has yet been secured.

The Book Store dwelling has been furnished and will probably be rented next year at a price to bring us a fair percentage on the investment.

The committee recommend that all receipts, of whatever character, shall pass through the office, except such cases as shall be made special by the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.

The committee proceeded against Mrs. Catharine Boate for unpaid rent for bakery under Ladomus store. She defaulted in all agreements and subjected us to the necessity of her ejection. While this was pending we obtained a mortgage upon which we subsequently collected sixty per cent. of our claim.

The Bertholl case, in the matter of trespass upon our grounds, has been decided in our favor. But inasmuch as the case was conducted by the Real Estate Committee, it would be more appropriate to listen to a full report from that committee.

Another case decided in our favor by the Chancellor was that of Mrs. Catharine Boate, who determined to rent her premises on Pilgrim Pathway to a Chinese laundryman, against the protest of the Association. The decision affirms the binding power of our lot leases against subletting any premises without our written consent.

A review of the financial statement shows several things of a gratifying nature. The reduction of our net indebtedness this year and last is foremost.

All figures here quoted are taken from the face of the statements. An allowance in our favor of \$2,000, as far as comparisons with last year are concerned, should be made in all these figures, for since the new Auditorium was built there has been carried against that building a note of \$2,000, which has never entered into the financial statements of the Association, but which was this year taken into the regular accounts, charged in our loan account and appears in the totals reported in this statement, thus showing on the face a result of \$2,000 against us more than has appeared heretofore.

The net decrease this year is \$14,836.67; last year, \$4,919.06.

In addition to this net decrease it will be observed that the water plant has been improved \$15,779.18. This is for meters put on, and for new mains and other important work, and includes only such figures as properly enter into the fiscal year ending October 1, 1899. There is an account of about \$3,000 still due which concludes the contract for laying the mains, but this amount properly enters into the accounts of 1900.

The sale of the West Grove water interests should be credited—amount - - - \$12,000 00

And we have a net advance in the water plant of	\$3,779 18
In electric light matters, buildings, tents, real estate, laying of concrete walks, graveling of streets, we have improved conditions approximating, after reasonable allowance, - - - - -	5,000 00
Total improvement of conditions, - - -	\$8,779 18
Add to this the net decrease above shown, - -	14,836 67

And we have total improvement, - - - \$23,615 65  
Last year the total improvement was \$13,724 98.

It should be borne in mind, that while improved conditions are thus set forth, none of the departments of work has been



neglected, but repairs well maintained in all, and the expense thereof paid.

The total of bonds and notes outstanding is reduced \$4,450.

JAMES L. HAYES, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

##### *To the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association :*

This committee have earnestly endeavored to give the real estate, highways and other matters intrusted to our care the best consideration in our power.

Repairs to our buildings have been made under our immediate supervision in a judicious and economical manner.

No extensive improvements have been made upon the streets excepting such as necessity demanded, for which the gravel was kept on hand. Several blocks have been graveled on the lines laid down by the Association, but the applications to gravel the streets in the above manner are not as numerous as we desire. Ocean Pathway has been laid with the MacAdam plan of macadamizing with broken stone, with the view of ascertaining the cost and economy of this type of pavement. The success of this plan is a matter of doubt on account of the greatly increased cost of broken stone over gravel for general adoption. This type of pavement is decidedly superior to gravel on account of its freedom from mud in damp weather, and its cleanly, nice looking condition at all times, also for its great durability. We may find when we become better acquainted with its merits, that although much more expensive to install, it may yet prove our most economical pavement.

The roof of the Young People's Temple had become so old and leaky that further repairs were useless. A new cypress shingle roof was put on under the oversight of the chairman of the committee, and is now we trust in good shape for many years. The Tabernacle roof is in a very bad condition, and has been

repaired until our ingenuity has been exhausted, and will be given a new roof before next season.

In consequence of the law prohibiting National banks from having branches, the First National of Asbury Park has removed its branch from the Association building. Its former quarters here are now occupied by the Ocean Grove Board of Trade at its expense.

The Johnson property, which upon legal proceedings is tentatively placed in our possession, is still occupied by Mr. John-



Wesley Lake Looking Towards the Beach.

son. He has paid small sums at intervals in the hope of being able to hold it. Thus far the Association has not been the loser by waiting.

The portion of the stable grounds burned over by fire a year ago has been cleared of the debris but is still unoccupied, as the condition of brick stables as a prerequisite before permits will be issued for new buildings has been made an essential on this property.

Our concession of a twenty-foot roadway on our lands

adjoining those of the freight station on the west, has been met with similar concessions by Mr. Bradley and Messrs. Winsor and Appleby. The arrangement is so far completed. The railway superintendent has notified us of his readiness to perfect their part of the agreement, but the consummation has been delayed regarding the adjustment of the expenses.

New water mains have been laid which will be reported by the Electric Light and Water Committee.

The regulation which permits but one house on a lot has been faithfully observed this year, and where the rule has been violated in the past, promises of compliance with this regulation have been made as subsequent changes shall be made.

The west end of Wesley Lake and also the shores bordering on our grounds are shoaling up again, and in consequence it will be necessary to excavate about two feet again at an early date in order to maintain the lake in a proper sanitary condition. The clearing of weeds from the shoal places where they grow rapidly in the summer months has incurred considerable expense. A visitor to the Grove during the summer stated he had been successful in having a lake cleared of similar weeds by the introduction of German Carpfish. This party stated this weed was eaten by the fish. The weeds appear to grow only in the shoal places, and are very unsightly. Deepening these shoals will no doubt remedy the evil to a great extent if not entirely.

The conditional approval of the erection of a sun parlor at the foot of Main avenue, made by the Real Estate Committee, and accepted by the Association, has not been acted on by the officers. There was so large a diversity of opinion, both upon the construction of the parlor, and of the style and manner of its erection, that it was deemed wisest to wait for future instructions.

There have been no special injuries to the ocean front from tide or storm since the last report. The jetties so far have served the purpose of protecting our beach from being washed further away.



An Avenue of Tents.

SPENCER T. BROWN



The grounds at the head of Fletcher Lake have been used as a play ground for the boys of the Grove. It would no doubt add to the comfort of the boys, and prevent a large degree of annoyance to the people if the place were put in such a condition as is usual for places designed for such purposes.

The gravelling three years since of Main avenue, under the direction of the committee, has fulfilled the pledge of lasting for three years except for incidental repairs from natural causes. It will be necessary soon to take some action again as to the best means of continuing its attractiveness as one of the most beautiful driveways in this region. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. PRESTON, *Chairman.*

#### PURCHASING COMMITTEE.

The Purchasing Committee report that through the special efforts of their chairman, T. J. Preston, very considerable reductions have been made to the Grove in the cost of purchases made for it during the year. The thanks of the Association are due Mr. Preston for his assiduous and untiring activity in this department.

#### POLICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Police Committee submits as its annual report that it has faithfully superintended the good order of the Grove through the chief and members of the police force.

It is a matter of grateful surprise, that so many thousands of strangers within our grounds during the summer—many of whom are not in sympathy with our institutions, moral or religious—were kept with so slight infractions of our rules. Some arrests have been necessary for intoxicated people who have strayed within our bounds, with an occasional case of disorderly conduct. It has required a close surveillance over the beach to prevent disorders, especially of carelessness of posture and apparel, and the prevention of bicycle riding and fishing on the



Sabbath day, but there has been no relaxation of our rules in these regards. On the occasions of the visits of Governor Roosevelt and President McKinley the immense crowds were cared for without disturbance.

Our permanent police force includes four men, two on night and two on day duty. This force was enlarged with the increase of visitors, until from July 4th to September 11th, eleven men were on duty. These were gradually reduced until October 1st, when the regular number remained.

It is a pleasure to commend the faithfulness and good judgment of the men who have acted in that capacity for us.

#### ICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Through the personal efforts of Mr. Preston our ice was procured at lower rates and in better quality than could reasonably have been expected from the uncertainties of the season. We were able so to store it that comparatively little was lost, and the season was commenced with full quantities on hand. Three licenses were taken out by others but the amount sold by them has not seemed to lessen the amount sold by us. We have had an experienced and popular collector and solicitor, which no doubt has aided us in these results. As nearly as can be estimated it has fully paid all expenses. While in some respects it would be better for the Association to dispose of the business, yet by occupying its present position it can ensure to the people more reasonable rates with purer ice than if it were left to outside combinations.

#### REPORT OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER COMMITTEE.

Your committee have given their best efforts to secure an efficient and economical administration of this department. We have been confronted with many serious mechanical problems, in some of which we have been compelled to call in friendly outside expert talent to aid us in their solution. One of the problems

that occurred this year was the most efficient distribution through Ocean Grove, and proper dimensions of the new water mains. This matter alone required weeks of research and study, together with many conferences with prominent water engineers before the matter was decided.

The great waste of water which has occurred in former years has been greatly curtailed by a more effective system of inspection and to a greater extent of the introduction of water meters. After a careful study of the philosophy of lifting water by air pressure we were led to make some experiments with a new plan of admitting the air pressure to the wells. As a result we are now enabled to pump thirty per cent. more water per hour than with the old method which is considered the best hitherto devised.

We are happy to state our coal consumption has greatly decreased. It is about twenty-eight per cent. less than last year.

Owing to a change in chief engineers this summer the data from which we calculate the amount of water pumped is not at hand. This we regret. However, we can say in December, 1898, it required four hours' pumping per day to maintain our supply. This year one and one-half hours per day is all that is required. This is the result of "stopping the leaks," together with the improved method of lifting the water.

The important improvement in the water plant this year has been laying new water mains and adding twenty-five new, modern type, anti-freezing hydrants (for fire purposes). Plans of this work are on file at the office of the Association, giving the location of hydrants, valves and pipes and all details.

Inasmuch as we now have an abundant water supply, large water mains well distributed through the streets of Ocean Grove, an unusually large number of thoroughly effective modern fire hydrants, a very vigilant and efficient fire department well equipped with the best apparatus, we should be accorded a substantial reduction of fire insurance premiums by our underwriters.



Wesley Lake, Looking East from Emory Street Bridge.

The electric light department has been well managed by Mr. Walter Franklin and his assistant, who displayed their best skill and efforts this season and have given us an efficient and most excellent electric light service this year at a minimum cost.

During July, August and part of September the lights were run all night. This, of course, added many hours per day to the toil of our electrician and engineer, which they cheerfully performed without a word of complaint. All of our apparatus is in prime condition.

In conclusion the committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of the skill and energy of our new chief engineer, Mr. H. J. Scott, and Mr. Franklin, our chief electrician, and their faithful and industrious assistants.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted by the Electric Light and Water Committee.

#### RAILROADS AND POSTOFFICE.

The Railways have given us a good degree of high class service. No casualties involving life or limb have occurred at our station. The passenger business of last winter was larger than any previous, while the freight business was larger still as compared with the passenger traffic. The same proportionate increase was observable during the last summer. Too much praise cannot be awarded the companies and their employees for the intelligent care by which, under a good providence accidents have been prevented at our station.

The postoffice arrangement under Mr. Hamilton retains the confidence of the entire community. His early postoffice and telegraphic experience in the work gives him a competency for it which few men possess, and it is a pleasure to state that a prominent postoffice official said to the writer that he found the Ocean Grove postoffice one of the most perfectly arranged of any in the State.





Signaling.



## AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee, through a sub-committee of their number, have examined and audited the accounts monthly as they have appeared from the bills, checks, receipts and bank accounts of the Association. They have found these accounts to correspond in each monthly examination, and also in the general aggregate at the close of the financial year.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from municipal sources, assessments and licenses, - - - - -	\$ 14,565 53
Received from general Association sources and sale of West Grove water, - - - - -	92,676 68
Received from sale of lots (applied by trustees to payment of bonds and interest, - - - - -	2,373 52
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Total Receipts, - - - - -	\$109,615 73
Balance cash October 1, 1898, - - - - -	1,092 27
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	\$110,708 00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for municipal purposes, police, parks, streets, garbage, lighting, Board of Health, ocean front, sprinkling, etc., - - - - -	\$23,881 90
Paid for general expenses and improvements, - - - - -	77,310 20
Paid for bonds redeemed and interest on principal, - - - - -	8,440 00
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Total disbursements, - - - - -	\$109,632 10
Balance cash, October 1, 1899, - - - - -	1,075 90
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	\$110,708 00







