



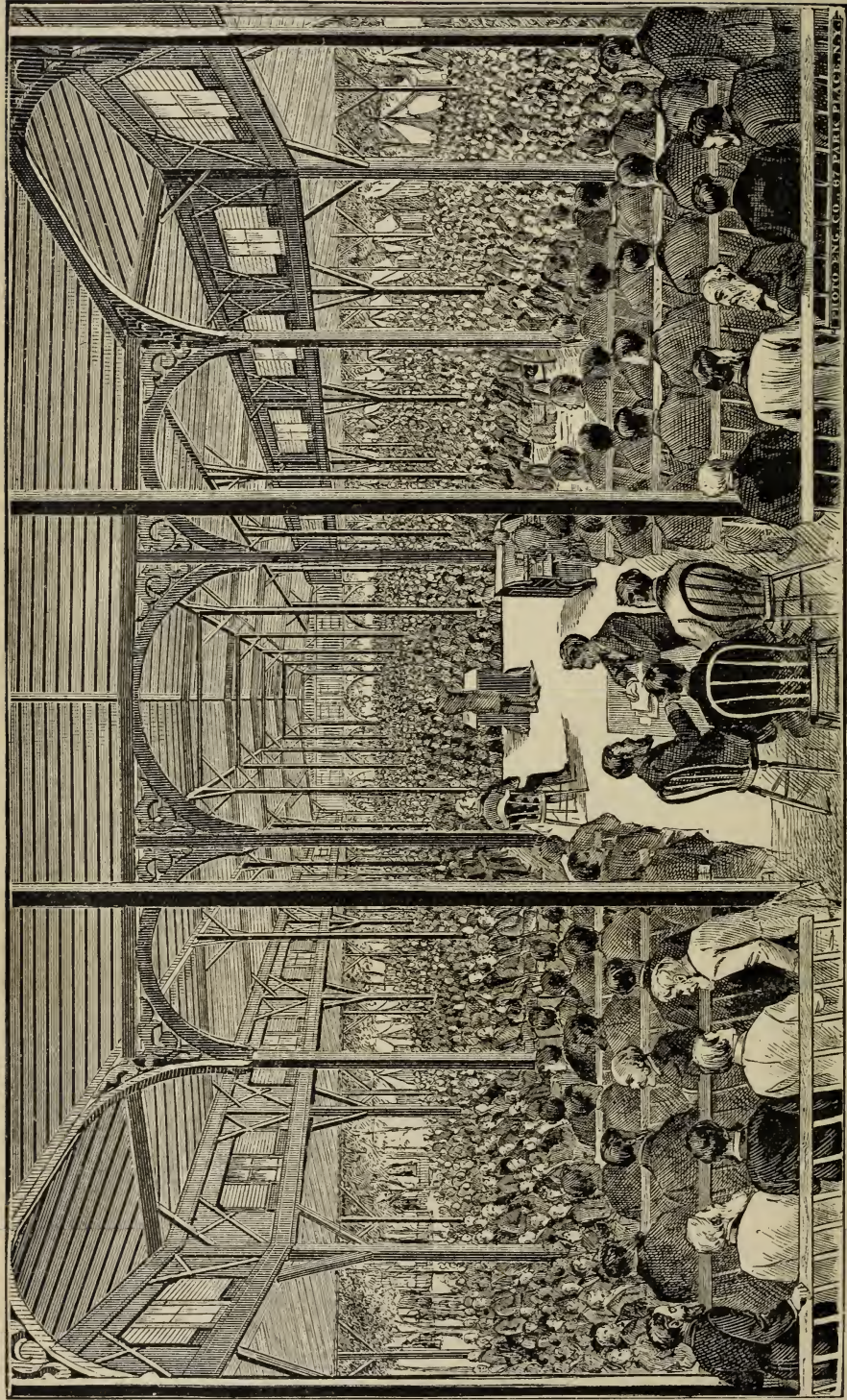
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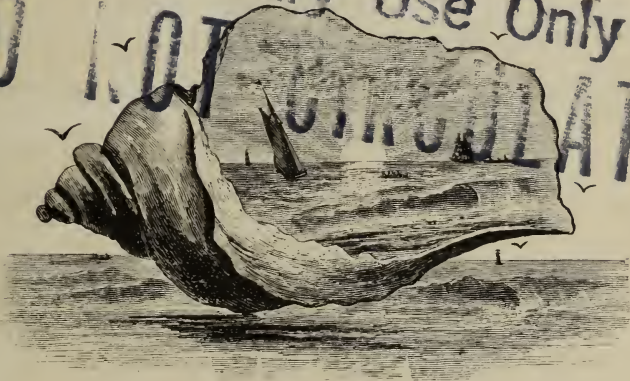
OF THE

Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association

OF THE

METHODIST-EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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A shell! A simple shell,
In whose mysterious cell,
Soft sounds are heard, low murmurs of the sea,
The broad sea reaches seen,
The sun with burnished sheen,
And tall ships o'er the deep sail silently.

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WHITE-WINGED SHIPS.

Far away as the eyes can see,
Faint, white-winged ships sail silently;
I sit and watch and wait to see
What white-winged ships will bring to me.

As hour by hour the billows flow,
So hour by hour the white wings grow,—
Grow, as I watch and wait to see
What white-winged ships will bring to me.

Fleet winds sweep through the sunlit sky,
White wings bound o'er the billows high,—
Bound, as I sit and wait to see
What white-winged ships will bring to me.

Fruits from many a sunny isle,
Spices from where the tropics smile;
Thus, as I watch and wait to see,
The white-winged ships bring good to me.

So I wait, on the shores of Time,
Returns from Love's delicious clime,
And, as I watch and wait to see,
Hope, white-winged Hope, brings bliss to me.

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To the Members of the Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I come before you at this time, with my Eleventh Annual Report. The discharge of this duty, while it involves thought, and much careful preparation, is always accompanied with joy. This will not seem strange, when it is remembered that each year crowns us with new, varied and multiplied mercies. The year just closed is not an exception to this rule. Rather, as it is the first, in the second decade of our organic life, it stands out prominently before us.

Last year we reached the crown in the range of foot-hills which lie at the base of the Mountain of our history. This year we commence the rise of the first of the out-lying summits that gather around the loftiest altitudes of our highest hopes.

Already the atmosphere is purer and the sky brighter, while the unfolding visions of usefulness are wider and more sublime. We shall not expect however, that the remaining reaches of the ascent will be toilless, or free from the tempests common to mountain heights. If faithful, however, we shall, like the mountains, stand strong, and God who kisses their rugged summits with His joyous sunlight, will smile upon our souls, and admit us to His home and heaven at last. Let us take courage, "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper," is only one of a thousand divine utterances that strengthen and give us hope.

To us, as members of the Association, personally, God has been good. None have died. This, considering the age to which most of us have come, is noticeable, and that in eleven years, only four out of twenty-six should have been called away, awakens emotions of profoundest gratitude to God. With few exceptions, the health of all has been good, and their work in the Master's vineyard uninterrupted. The exceptional cases, have had our deepest sympathies and most earnest prayers.

Two of our number are in foreign lands, and therefore absent from our meeting to-day.

Three years ago, one, Rev. Wm. B. Osborn, left us as a missionary to India, and we have been glad to learn from time to time of his health, and usefulness in that far off land.

In June last, another, Rev. J. S. Inskip, and wife, with others, started on an evangelistic tour around the world. We have heard with pleasure through private letters, as well as the public press, of their great success in England, and as they leave that country to-morrow, October 13th, for India, we shall pray that like, and still increasing results in leading souls to Christ, may follow their labors to the end.



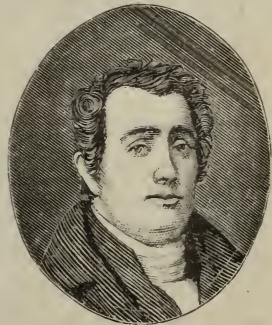
With these general remarks, we proceed to review the work of the year, and as we do so, shall find increasing cause for praise that we have not labored in vain.

Work of the Association for the Year.

As the years revolve, and a vast amount of rudamental work is done, we have encouraged ourselves with the thought, that our labor would annually grow less, and the need of funds diminish. The reverse of this is true. Each year our work enlarges, and the improvements taking a higher, more permanent and refined character, the demand for means to keep abreast with these improvements is also enlarged.

In the first years of our history, rude pathways, a few tents, and a rough structure without sides, and boards for a roof, a plank table, unplanned boards for seats, and straw for carpet, was our only eating saloon, and it was all well. Now, we have first-class hotels, and everything must correspond. This will account for the increase of our work from year to year, as the public and private improvements must correspond.

Immediately after the Annual Meeting last year, our operations recommenced, Capt. L. Rainear taking charge of the working forces. The first in order was the work on the Streets and Avenues. The following received heavy coats of clay—Spray View Avenue, from Beach to Ocean; Atlantic, from Central to Ocean; Surf, from Beach to Ocean; Bath, from Central to Ocean; Pitman, from Central to Ocean; Heck, from Central to Ocean; Heck, from Pilgrim Pathway to Whitefield; Embury, from Central to Ocean; Embury, from Pilgrim Pathway to Delaware; Abbott, from Central to Ocean; Abbott, from Pilgrim Pathway to Lawrence; Pilgrim Pathway, from Pitman to Wesley Lake; New York, from Main to Broadway; New Jersey, from Main to Broadway; Delaware, from Main to Broadway; Whitefield, from Embury to Asbury; Lawrence, from Asbury to Broadway; Mt. Hermon, from Delaware to Lawrence; Mt. Tabor, from Whitefield to Benson; Ocean Pathway, North from Central to Beach; Ocean Pathway, South, from Central, nearly to Ocean; Beach, from Broadway to Wesley Lake; making a total distance of about three and three quarter miles, averaging 25 feet in width, and from 4 to 6 inches in depth. To do this, required 12,000 two-horse loads of clay, brought opposite our gates by Rail from Farmingdale, and about 4,000 two-horse loads of gravel, taken from our own grounds. The total cost of both when spread in place upon the



REV. C. PITMAN, D. D.

streets, is nearly \$4,000. There are still on hand, however, held for mending broken places, and the value should be deducted from this cost, about 55 car-loads of clay, worth about \$300.

As this work has transformed the Avenues named, from heavy sands, to hard, solid roads, it has been of incalculable value to the place, and has given universal satisfaction. A further immediate necessity is, for Cookman, Clark, Franklin, Stockton, and Avenues eastward, and New York and Pennsylvania Avenues, and Pilgrim Pathway, from Broadway to Fletcher Lake, to be finished in the same way. This necessity arises from the fact that no progress can be made in the sale of property in these localities until this work is done.

Vault Cleaning.

This department of labor, occupies the attention of our men in winter, and as the cottages are already numerous, and steadily increasing, it will continue to be a work, disagreeable in character, and involving considerable time. A work, however, that must be done, and for which the property owners are called upon to pay.

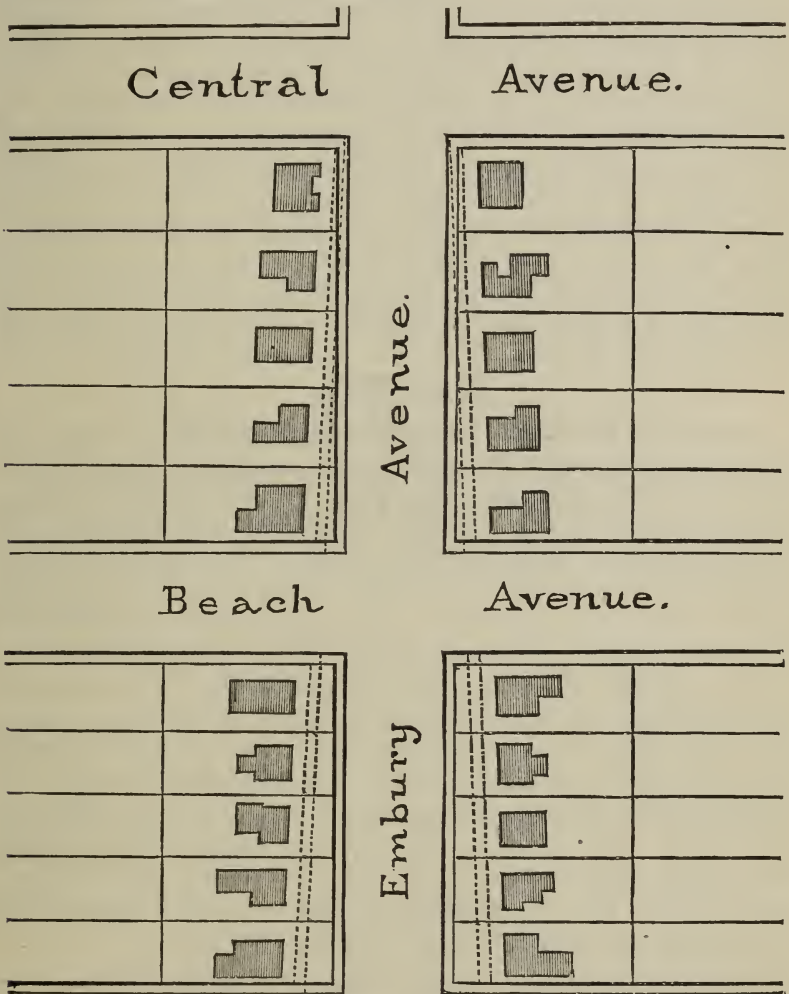
Flaring Avenues.

The next work of importance was removing the fences in the centre of the Avenues, as they widen out from Central Avenue to the Sea, grading them up, claying and graveling the middle, preparatory to the property owners on either side availing themselves of a proposition of the Association to extend their front yards out to the line of a curb to be set, leaving the drive-way 40 feet wide, and the balance to be enclosed by the cottagers, and used by them for ornamentation and pleasure.

The making of this change, however, is subject to the vote or approval of three-fourths of the lot holders bordering on the same.

It is surprising, that while a very considerable number have given the matter their hearty approval, and are very anxious for the change proposed, yet up to the present time, no one Avenue has a sufficient number of approvals to allow the work to proceed. Pitman Avenue is within three votes, and when any one is done, and the people see the marked improvement that will be made in the general appearance, and the increased value it will give to their property, we are quite sure, all will feel anxious to have their part accomplished also.

The following diagram will give some idea of the change proposed. The dotted or broken lines show the present sidewalks, and the full square lines where they will be removed :



By this plan all the lot holders, excepting those on the immediate corner of Central Avenue, gain a number of feet, those nearest the ocean the largest ; while all gain in having a beautiful roadway to the sea. Those farthest west gain the least land, yet they also gain in having the least cost in improving their grounds, while they get in the stone curbing and plank sidewalks a full compensation for all the charge which the Association makes, besides the great improvement to the whole neighborhood.

Dam at Wesley Lake.

Another important work was the reconstruction of the dam at Wesley Lake. This was commenced early last Autumn, but owing to unfavorable weather and other causes beyond control, was not completed until May, this year. The entire length of the dam as it stretches across the Lake, is 175 feet, all of which had to be repaired, and 35 feet made new.

The flume as it runs to the Sea, is 234 feet long, by 12 feet wide, and 6 feet high in the clear, and is sufficient to carry away any amount of surplus water ever likely to fall. In this structure there were 175 oak pilings used, and driven from 16 to 20 feet deep, making 3,150 feet of driving. The whole work is substantially done, and has stood the strain of the Summer rains, and Autumn storms without the slightest injury. The entire cost is \$1,930, one-half of which is borne by Mr. Bradley on behalf of Asbury Park.

Plank Walk.

In immediate connection with this, as Mr. Ross was rearranging his bathing houses, enlarging and improving his pavilions, it became important for us to make some better provisions for the multitudes thronging the beach, in the line of foot ways. The old six-foot walk was not only insufficient, but was fast going to decay. It was, therefore, wisely resolved to lay a new walk from Wesley to Fletcher Lake. The whole length of the walk is 3257 feet. There was used in its construction 105,000 feet of white pine plank. These plank are 2 inches thick and 16 feet long, nailed or spiked on to 2284 puncheons from 6 to 10 feet long, and driven from 3 to 6 feet in the sand. There are also 23,752 feet of 3x6 timbers, 2850 Georgia pine pickets, 2200 feet one inch boards for lining west front, 25 kegs of nails and spikes, and the whole cost, including labor, is \$3250, being within a fraction of one dollar per running foot. Parts of the old walk have been used to connect with the new, at right angles, stretching across the heavy sands to the east side of Ocean Avenue. The whole has been one of the marked improvements of the season, and has given to all the highest satisfaction.

Bulk-head, foot of Wesley Lake.

In reconstructing the dam at the foot of Wesley Lake, it became necessary to do something to protect our south shore from the swell and rush of the descending waters. In order to this, a bulk-head was constructed at the north end of Ocean Avenue, so that now the bank is not only protected, but steps being built running down to the edge of the descending waters, the conveniences for entering boats and landing from them are greatly increased.

Widening Wesley Lake.

It will be remembered, too, that two or three hundred yards up the Lake, west from the dam, on the Ocean Grove side, there was a point of land jutting out northward, which required boats coming down to pass over near the Asbury Park side, making the channel narrow, and oftentimes difficult to pass and re-pass. This, at an expense of \$186, has been partly removed, and the channel thus widened and deepened. Still further work, to about the same extent and cost, needs to be done there, and as every load of dirt taken out not only improves the navigation of the Lake, but helps to fill up unsightly depressions along the bank, there are double reasons why the work should go forward to completion. When this is done, and the Lake front sodded down to the dam, as all feel it ought to be, we shall have a picture of beauty not often equaled, and never, perhaps, excelled.

Work at the Head of the Lake.

At the head of Wesley Lake, two or three hundred loads of mud were taken out during last winter, and thrown upon the bank, thus by so much deepening the channel, while the mud so removed has been used for filling and soiling lots, yielding in return as much or more than the cost of taking out.

Short Avenues running to Wesley Lake.

The balance of the avenues running from Asbury Avenue to Wesley Lake not sodded last year, have been completed this, and portions of the front bank between Wesley Place and Pilgrim Pathway have also been sodded, making a total of about 24,000 square feet of sod laid this year, at a cost of about \$360.

Fletcher Lake.

On Fletcher Lake the work has not gone forward as anticipated. Some of the reasons are briefly these: Because of other pressing matters this could not be reached last autumn until it was too late to venture to draw off the water, lest we might lose the ice crop. Waiting until the winter was over, in hope of securing ice, it became too late to do it in the spring for fear of health results in exposing too much new earth to the hot suns of summer.

A commencement was made, however, and something accomplished in April and May last, in connection with grading Stockton and Franklin

Avenues, amounting to 141 days of labor, besides 53 days with two horse teams, and 18 days with carts, at a cost of \$345. Considerable change and improvement was thereby wrought along the north and western shore of the Lake, and grading up the low grounds, on parts of which, new and handsome lots will be laid out and soon brought into the market. Everything is in readiness now, however, and the work has been re-commenced in the last few days, and nothing seems to be in the way of its completion, as far up at least as the Ice House, and the grading of all the Avenues south of Broadway, east of Pennsylvania Avenue.



Condition of Wesley and Fletcher Lakes.

The new dam and flume at the foot of Wesley Lake have so worked, as that the water has been under perfect control the entire season. It has not only been kept full, but the gates were twice lifted high enough to allow a volume of water 4 feet deep and 12 feet wide to pass out from the the bottom, running for an hour and a half each time, thus removing the dead water from beneath, and leaving the whole in good condition.

There have been placed along the shore on our side, 285 turned cedar posts, ten feet apart, nicely painted, for tying boats. These make not only a uniform and much improved appearance over those of various sorts formerly used, but obviate many little annoyances among children and others, as to where boats belonged. The whole number of boats on Wesley Lake this year, has been 547. The boats on Fletcher Lake numbered 112. Several of these are large sail-boats, the number of row-boats on this Lake being so much smaller than on Wesley Lake, that they do not interfere with each other. Both these Lakes are, and must continue to be an ever increasing charm to our place, and the greatest care should be used to keep them pure and healthful.

Parks.

Our parks need more improvements. More attention should be given each year to the ornamentation of our public grounds. This will enthuse individuals to do the same. There is no reason why Ocean Grove should not be one of the most beautiful places to be found. In the beginning there were many natural obstructions in our way. These have largely been removed, and now, in all directions, both public and private grounds should literally blossom as the rose. Everywhere let there be an earnest emulation in the esthetical.

During the past winter a considerable amount of compost was placed upon Thompson and Ocean Pathway Parks, but there are other reserved plots needing time and money spent on them to bring them into proper condition. It always pays to beautify.

Sewerage.

Another important work of the season, has been the construction of a sewer along McClintock Street, from New York Avenue to the sea. The length of this sewer is 1700 feet. Depth at the head, 6 feet 10 inches; at the Ocean, 10 feet 10 inches; fall, 4 feet in 1700. Size of main pipe, 12 inches; taps, 6 to 10 inches. The vault is made of two-inch white pine plank, 32 feet long, 16 feet wide, and 6 feet deep. Cost of the whole, \$1705, just one dollar per lineal foot.

The connections with it at present are: The public commodes in the tenting grounds; Trenton House, Howland House, Arlington, Neptune, and Atlantic. Quite a number of others desired to connect, but the lateness of the season did not allow time to lay the additional pipe. These will attach next year. There is left on hand 554 feet of pipe, worth about \$100.

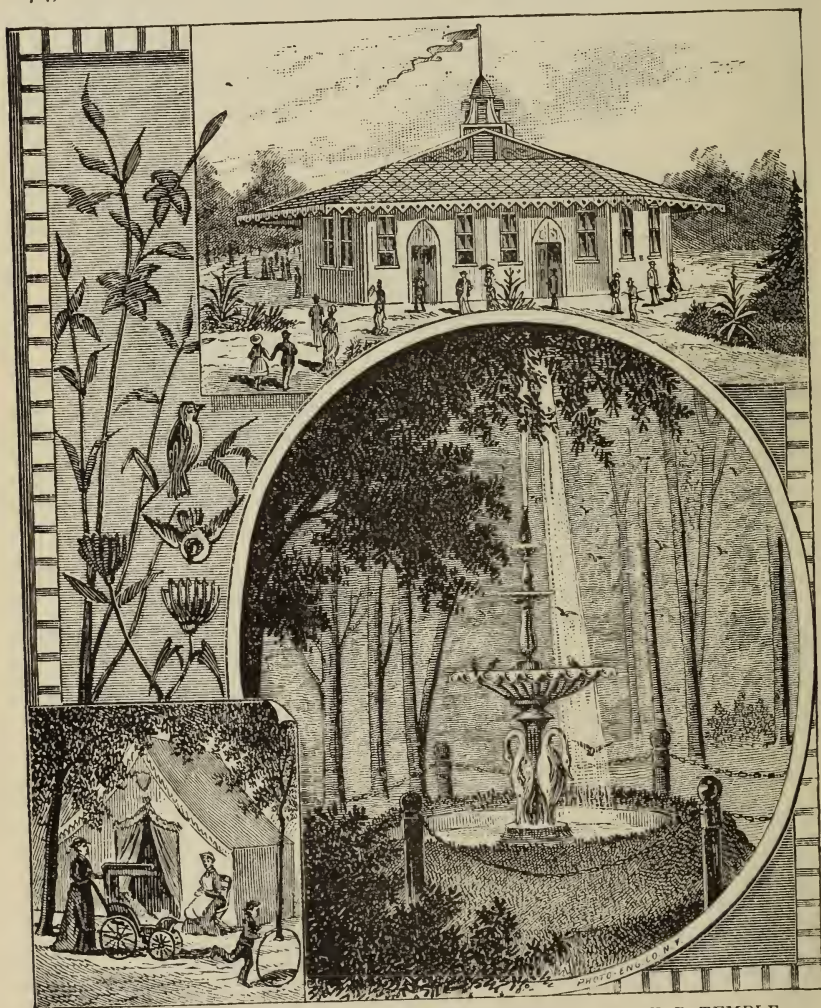
The vault was opened three times during the season at low water, and as near midnight as the tide would allow. This was so satisfactorily done that upon the closest inspection the first mornings after the emptying, that no traces whatever of unpleasantness could be found.

As a whole, the first season of the sewer experiment has worked well. The experiences, however, of this first season, have taught us some things, by which we shall be enabled to make it more satisfactory for the year to come.

Auditorium.

Another leading improvement for the year 1880 was the enlargement and improvement of the Auditorium. The history of this place of worship is interesting. Its present location was fixed in 1870 by Rev. W.

B. Osborn, and the President of the Association. Then a covered platform was erected with a cupola, which contained a small but sweet-toned bell. Inch and a half white pine plank, planed on one side, without backs, were used for seats. These served for four years. In 1874, one hundred and fifty park settees were bought of New Jersey



TENT-LIFE.

FOUNTAIN, 1880.

Y. P. TEMPLE.

Conference Camp-Meeting Association at Pitman Grove, N. J. Immediately in front of the stand the shade was poor—worse than anywhere else. Efforts were made to improve it. Tent flies were spread, bowers were used, and to improve it still further, the planting of vines was urged.

But all in vain. In 1875 a substantial frame, 75x100 feet, was erected, and this, covered with green pine bowers, was beautiful, and had there been no rains, would have been all sufficient. It served in this way for two camp-meetings, and then, in 1876, was roofed. Thus it continued until this year, when the enlargement as it now stands was wrought. The size as now completed is 136 feet long, by 146 feet broad. The main centre posts are 24 feet high. The side wings 18 feet high. It covers nearly half an acre. Its sitting capacity, on the ground settees, by actual count, for adults, is 3400. Platform and camp chairs, adults, 800. Total, 4200. But when all the spaces are full, as was the case on most of the Sabbaths last summer, 6000 or more were within the hearing of the word. The whole cost of the improvement is about \$4400. Previous cost, about \$3400. Total cost as it now stands, \$7800. No work of the year has been more valuable than this, and was the work to be done over, we could hardly make it better. While it greets the eye pleasantly, its acoustic properties are better than before, and we have yet to hear a real adverse criticism on it. 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. At present we have seating capacity as follows :

Auditorium,	6000
Tabernacle,	1000
Young People's Temple,	330
St. Paul's M. E. Church on Turnpike,	500
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Total,	7830

As a further solution of the question of room it will be found practicable, I think, to erect another building, larger even than the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle, on the plot north of Ocean Pathway, opposite the Young People's Temple. An additional building is already greatly needed, as apart from the simple matter of accommodating the crowds of Sabbath, we want more places, to enable us to multiply meetings of different kinds, to be held at the same hour. As it now is, we are often compelled to omit meetings for want of separate places to hold them. I think it would be well if this building could be erected before another season.

As the religious thought is the central and leading one at Ocean Grove, it must always have our largest, wisest and most careful consideration. It is the Christly and churchly character of Ocean Grove that makes it. This, like the Tabernacle in the Israelitish camp, is what gives it character

and secures the blessing of God. Therefore, neither time, attention or money must be withheld from the place or places used for public worship that they may be as to character and extent all that the times demand.

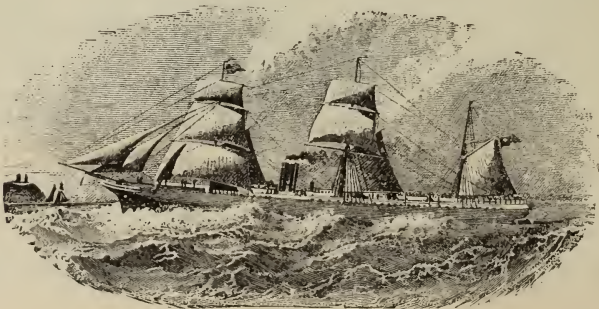
Association Office.

The Association Office has been improved by the erection of a Ladies' Reception Room on the east side, which has been largely used and highly appreciated. Some little enlargements, of a temporary character, have also been made in the Post-Office department, to enable them to get through the business of another year. The cost of these additions is about \$350. But the whole arrangement at this central corner is still very unsatisfactory and far behind our other improvements. The crowds which throng this place at mail times, the business of the bakeries, and other places along Pilgrim Pathway, with the narrow side-walks, create a condition of things which call for reconstruction and reform in tones which should no longer go unheeded by us. An order, imperative in its character, should be issued at this meeting for the immediate widening of the east side walks of Pilgrim Pathway from Main Avenue to the Auditorium. The continuation of the present condition of things for another year would be a reproach which we ought not to bear.

We have erected a new building on Olin Street, next to McCabe's meat store, at a cost of about \$700, paid for in lots, which has been used as a vegetable market, and was well rented for the summer.

Curbing,

There have been 1,660 feet of curbing repaired during the year. As much more needs to be done. The continued use of hemlock or wood of any kind for this purpose ought to be abandoned, as at best it is only temporary, and always unsatisfactory. Stone, we are glad to see, is being used by many, and will, we hope, at no distant day, be adopted by all.





Tenting Grounds.

The love of tent life does not diminish, and the demand for these frail structures increases every year. It is much easier, however, to supply the demand for tents, than it is in all instances to find suitable locations for them. Considerable change has taken place in this respect during the past summer, and still further changes will have to be made as time rolls on. The plot of ground east of the Tabernacle, excepting three tents, was vacated this Summer. And now, since the enlargement of the Auditorium, these come so near the congregation, that they too, must pass away. The plot of ground in which the fountain stands as a centre, being vacated, from necessity, for the public good, must now be improved and made attractive.

The tents formerly along the front of Wesley Lake, from Central Avenue to the Ocean, were also removed this year, and located satisfactorily, mainly south of Broadway.

The whole tent question is one that requires a vigilant eye and great care to adjust, so that those occupying them shall be satisfied, and those near not be afflicted. The habit that has prevailed to some extent, of building large houses for boarders, without any sleeping arrangements for their help, and their quartering them in tents outside, is a grave mistake, and unless speedily ended, will result in great and increasing evil.

All our tents were occupied this season, and eight new ones were bought. Forty-seven new flies for tents were also purchased. The number of tents erected and in use during the past season, including several hundred which were private property, was about seven hundred.

Commodos.

Two new public commodos have been erected this year. One east of the Trenton House, connected with the sewer, for the use of persons occupying tents, and one on Park Square, also, for the use of the same class of persons.

In giving you this running account of the character and extent of our more prominent public improvements, there is of necessity, the omission of thousands of details which daily and hourly fill in between these greater works, of which no record can be kept, and, if there was, it would be of such wearisome length, that your patience would be exhausted by the mere recital. You must therefore content yourselves with these brief statements, and rest assured that the time of our men is well employed, as the results of their labor everywhere reveal.

Private Improvements.

The private improvements of the year have generally been satisfactory, while some are costly and very beautiful. As there is a desire to erect the largest possible buildings on our small lots—lots which were never designed to be so occupied—great care has to be exercised by the office, to prevent our lessees from over-running the limits which the law allows. The erection of such large houses and sometimes two on a single lot, are evils which sooner or later will react on the owners themselves. It is a question whether the rule allowing the occupancy of two-thirds of the ground for building purposes, has not been so interpreted and pressed, that a reconstruction will have to be made for the relief of all. Where such large houses must be built, there should invariably be secured, more lots than one. The largest houses built this year are, "The Lake Shore House," Broadway, near the Sea; "Olive," on Heck Avenue; "Ocean View," at the north-west corner of Broadway and Central; and "The Webb," corner of Webb and Central. Four. The Arlington, Spray View, Ocean, Clarendon, Ellwood, Star Cottage, and Main Ave. Houses, have all made extensive additions, not only enlarging their capacity, but greatly improving their appearance. The total number of Cottages last year, was 608; this year it is 655; increase 47. Total number of boarding houses last year, 39; this year 43; increase 4. Total number of cottages



and boarding houses, 698. Twenty-nine cottages were enlarged and improved during the year. Some of these alterations are equivalent to new buildings. At present, there are 15 new buildings in course of erection, and 7 undergoing enlargement and improvement. In addition to the buildings enumerated above, there are 3 Bakeries, 4 Ice Cream saloons, 3 Barbers shops, 1 Book store, 3 Restaurants, 2 Grocery and General Provision stores, 2 Drug Stores, 3 Vegetable stands, 1 Fish Market, 2 Meat Markets, 2 Photograph Galleries, 1 Dry Goods and Gentlemen's Furnishing store, 2 Fancy stores, 1 Shoe store, 2 Bazaars. 2 Confectioners, 1 Camera Obscura, 22 Stables, 1 Straw House, and 170 feet of sheds for horses.

Bathing Houses.

A very marked change has taken place not only along the Sea front in the construction of the new plank walk, but at each of the bathing places also. Mr. Ross has added to his 380 bathing houses of last year, 180 more, giving him now a total of 560. He has also constructed a pavilion, with a South frontage or wing, 25 by 96 feet, two stories high; an Ocean frontage, 25 x 106, one story high; and a North frontage, 25 x 80 feet, one story high. The centre of the whole is floored but not

roofed. The sitting capacity of the whole is from 1800 to 2000. It is a splendid improvement, and its only mistake, which will no doubt be remedied another year, is that the whole was not two stories high, instead of a part being but one.

Mr. Lillagore has added to his 275 rooms of last year, 55 more, giving him a total this year, of 330. He is also making arrangements for other important and attractive improvements for another year.

It is a matter of continued thankfulness to Almighty God, that of all the multiplied thousands bathing at these grounds during the summer months, that another season has passed without fatal accident.

Considerable improvement, too, has been made in the manner in which bathers go through our streets, and less complaints have been made this year upon this point. Let the reform go on, until persons shall refuse to go through these Avenues. in such attire as they would blush to appear in, on their streets at home.

Fire Department.

With grateful hearts we record another year of exemption from the ravages of fire. We do not on this account, however, fail to feel the importance of continued preparations to meet the great destroyer.

In order to this, we have a well organized company of 40 good men, with Capt. L. Rainear as Chief, which has in charge, as last year, a good four-wheel truck, four ladders, fire hooks, buckets, axes, and all the adjuncts of such an arrangement: four small fire extinguishers, and a large size four-wheel chemical engine. These, together with the old line suction engine, which in case of fire near the cisterns, could be used with good effect, constitute our present fire equipments. In addition to these, the two water wagons, used for sprinkling streets, were kept filled each night during the season, to be used for filling the engine, in case of necessity. Still further, if a fire should occur in the business neighborhood of the Grove, in Summer, water can be thrown into the tank by the steam engine of Day Bros., which could be used as necessity might demand.

It is a great satisfaction for us to know, that while there has been no call for the services of our firemen on our own immediate grounds, yet when the fire at Barber and Hendrickson's Lumber yard, near the depot, at Asbury Park, and at the Steam Saw Mill of Wm. Allen, on the turn-pike near our gates, occurred, our Company was the first in service at both, and to it, is to be attributed the fact that the flames were held in check, and a wide-spread conflagration prevented.

The Company greatly needs, in order to its continued effectiveness, an addition of 20 good water buckets, and a uniform Hat, Cap and Belt for

each man. The cost would not be heavy, and we hope an order may be given for the purchase of the same.

Water Wagons.

We have two good Water Wagons for sprinkling our streets. We have often wondered that more effective and satisfactory work was not done by them. This year I requested the Chief of Police to examine closely into the workings of these wagons. He reports that in July, 37 hours were lost in waiting for water—in August, 87 hours—in September, 9 hours—123 in all, or 3 hours over 12 days of 10 hours each. In July, the wagons were drawn off 3 times for want of water, in August, twice. These facts are stated not as the fault of any one, but to show the embarrassments in the way of our water supply, and to further add, that even this insufficient quantity costs \$125 for the season. Would it not be well, therefore, to take into consideration, the purchase of a small Steam Engine of our own, which could supply our wagons, fountain, commodes and possibly some of the larger houses, sufficient to pay the expense of running! I submit the whole question to your careful judgment.



THE ARLINGTON.

Sanitary Condition.

In addition to our formally organized Board of Health, with its code of regulations legally adopted, and capable of being enforced by law, we have a gentlemanly officer, whose only business is to look after the Sanitary condition of the place. He goes on duty July 1st. of each year and remains until September 1st. or longer if the circumstances demand.

He reports—vaults cleaned, 206; imperfect vaults repaired, 8; cess-pools put in order, 5; new ones constructed, 13; heaps of neglected rubbish removed, 31; improper emptying of slops stopped, 9; offences removed, 3; dumping grounds inspected 13 times; neglected garbage removed, 38; vaults disinfected, 49. These details are cited to show the care taken to remove every thing offensive. If our Summer citizens, occupying cottages, tents or other places, would all be equally careful, there would be no complaints.

The following is a record of the deaths at Ocean Grove, for the season of 1880. May 8, Carrie Howland, daughter of C. L. Howland, aged 21; Consumption. July 2, Oliver Wainwright, son of George and Rebecca Wainwright, aged 5 months; Cholera Infantum. July 13, Milton Hurlock, son of H. and S. Hurlock, aged 5 months; Cholera Infantum. August 7, Eva B. Large, daughter of C. B. and M. Large, aged 7 months; Summer Complaint. August 9, Francis Holden, (colored) aged 2 years; Inflammation of the Brain. August 13, Jennie Harrow, daughter of J. T. and E. Harrow, aged 19; Cholera Morbus. August 21, Stephen Post, Jr., son of Samuel C. Post, aged 5 days; Cholera Infantum. August 24, Abraham D. Cooper, of New York, aged 64; Heart Disease. Eight in all. Five of whom were infants, one of Consumption, one of Heart Disease, and one of Cholera Morbus. While we deeply sympathize with the surviving friends of these departed ones, we greatly rejoice that so few of the vast thousands congregating here, have been called to die among us, and we continue to believe that with ordinary care as to diet and exercise, the people who visit us, as a rule, may return better in health, and, if they avail themselves of spiritual opportunities, greatly refreshed in soul. We continue to warn our people, however, against undue exposures, and also as to who they employ as physicians. There are always upon our own immediate grounds, or in easy call, both Summer and Winter, men of established reputation and skill in their profession. Let none others be employed.



Assessments.

The amount of Assessments upon each lot was fixed by the Semi-Annual Meeting this year at five dollars, the same as last. There are few claims against our property holders at Ocean Grove, more cheerfully met than this. The exceptions to this rule are so few as not to be worth the



WESLEY LAKE.

THE SEA.

SYLVANDALE COTTAGE.

mention. This is as it should be. We all pay very much larger sums assessed by the county upon the improvements made upon our lots, for which we get no returns whatever, while we show what is done with every

dollar thus collected. That the reasonableness of our assessments may appear more fully, we insert from year to year, the following items of expense, the benefits of which all enjoy, and for which they pay in no other way :

Cost of lighting Auditorium, Tabernacle and Temple with Gas, and 260 Oil Lamps on the Avenues, with 34,768 aggregated lightings for the year	\$1,340 20
Cost of Removing Garbage.	525 00
“ Sprinkling streets, with cost of Steam Pumping	275 00
“ Policing (1,295 days)	2,596 00
“ Sanitary Officer.	148 00
Total	<u>\$4,884 00</u>
Received on assessments this year	\$5,332 66
Surplus this year over above expenses	448 66
Deficiency for four previous years	874 97
Total Deficiency for five years.	426 31

I had hoped, that in view of the increased amount received on assessments this year, the past deficiencies on the above line of expenses would have been entirely wiped out. There is a good reduction, however, and another year will entirely expunge it.

Police.

Surprise is often expressed that we are enabled to maintain such perfect order among such multitudes as throng this place. There are several causes for this result. As a rule, the people coming here, are the law abiding class. There is nothing to draw the others. The openly profane and wicked do not care to be surrounded with the scenes and circumstances of religious worship, or to come in constant contact with religious people. Then too, the stimulants to misrule and violence are not at hand, and outnumbered by better people, they hide away under a sense of their own inferiority, or depart to more congenial climes. Still, persons of the baser sort sometimes intrude upon us, and others of the better type, accustomed for years to resorts of a different grade from this, and ignorant of our peculiar character, often assay to do those things which we do not approve. Hence the police are necessary. This necessity would exist if nothing arose through the entire season to require their aid. They must be on hand to do, should necessity arise. Often, too, the necessity does not arise because the police exist. The peaceful citizen of the Grove, in cottages or tents, has no idea of the thousand petty annoy-

ances from which they are spared, by the faithfulness of the police. The following statement, furnished by J. C. Patteson, Chief, reveals this fact.

Number of arrests	31
" Criminal Warrants issued	4
" Search Warrants.	5
Number sent to County Jail	4
" Pack Pedlars put off the ground.	8
" " prevented from entering	9
" Other kind of pedlars prevented entering.	59
" Rag-pickers put off	43
" Persons stopped with improper bathing clothes	91
" Brought out of the water with improper clothes	17
" Shows on the Beach prevented	2
" Umbrella-menders put off the ground	3
" Organ-grinders put off, and prevented entering	12
" Target-shooting on Beach stopped.	5
" Intoxicated persons put off the ground	8
" " Prevented entering.	37
" Tramps put off	17
" " prevented entering.	31
" Scissors-grinders put off	3
" " prevented entering	8
" Improper persons put off.	18
" Brass Bands prevented entering.	1
" Improper bill distributors put off	7
" Noisy straw riding parties prevented entering	5
" Lost children returned to parents	27
" Complaints of all kinds attended to	307
" Hacks stopped without license	9
" Grocers "	3
" Oyster and Fish pedlars stopped without license.	4
" Beer pedlars put off.	2
" Religious frauds put off	2
" Disorderly crowds dispersed	12
" Beggars put off the ground	4
" Hack drivers arrested	1
" Complaints of Hack drivers attended to	7
" Persons prevented from public bathing on the Sabbath	23
" Persons stopped for fast driving.	10
" Arrested for fast driving	3
" Dogs arrested	26
" " Destroyed	10
" " Redeemed	16

It is a great satisfaction to know, that while all this business is being attended to, the skill of our police justice is such, that very few, almost none outside of the parties concerned, know of any thing going on. It is a special satisfaction, too, that the large Boarding Houses or

Hotels, have been conducted the past season, on lines more in harmony with the views of the Association. Bands of Music have been wholly excluded, and parlor entertainments have been fewer and less objectionable. We steadily believe, that the people who are to support these large houses, coming here for quiet and rest, are by the performances of bands of music, and noisy parlor entertainments, driven from, rather than drawn unto them. Why then, should any house go to this needless expense and so defeat, rather than secure their object. We are glad to know they are seeing it in this light.

By the attention of our police, and the vast preponderance of thoughtful people, who visit us, the order for the past season, both on the Sabbath and week days, on land, lakes, and at the sea, have been such as to elicit commendations on every hand. But while we thank God, and take courage at this, we are nevertheless, deeply and sometimes even painfully convinced, that our hands must not slack, but rather increased vigilance must be given every year to our police regulations, lest sin, in some of its



vile forms, while we worship God in the great congregations, insidiously invade us at some unguarded point. And, of all the dangers that arise, notwithstanding law, the strong Christian, and public sentiment which prevails, the God-denounced, and heaven-cursed rum traffic, bold as a lion among its friends, and sly and silent as a serpent where it must be,

uninterruptedly seeks by some means to invade us here. Not publicly, or seen upon the surface, but under the cover of some other traffic, or specious plea of necessity. Let every man's eye be like the eagle's to detect, and every man's face as flint, and every man's voice terrible thunder against this foe, which leads to ruin here, and eternal hell hereafter.

Hacks, Omnibuses, &c.

The whole license question underwent revision at our Semi-Annual Meeting in May last, and the most careful consideration was given to every point. As the State has to revise and change its statutes, it is not surprising that we should have to do the same. From the beginning, we have had but one aim in the government of this place—namely—the greatest good to the greatest number. We have carefully watched the workings of the license regulations among the various branches of trade, and such modifications can be made from time to time, as the public good demands.

The number of persons licensed, and business pursued by each is shown in the following statement:

Number of Hacks licensed	75
“ Stages “	16
“ Baggage Wagons	19
“ Hucksters	35
“ Butter and Eggs	1
“ Fish Pedlars	10
“ Oyster Pedlars	2
“ Groceries	7
“ Bakers.	1
“ Butchers.	8
“ Confectioners.	1
“ Boats licensed by O. G. on Wesley and Fletcher Lakes.	104
Total	279

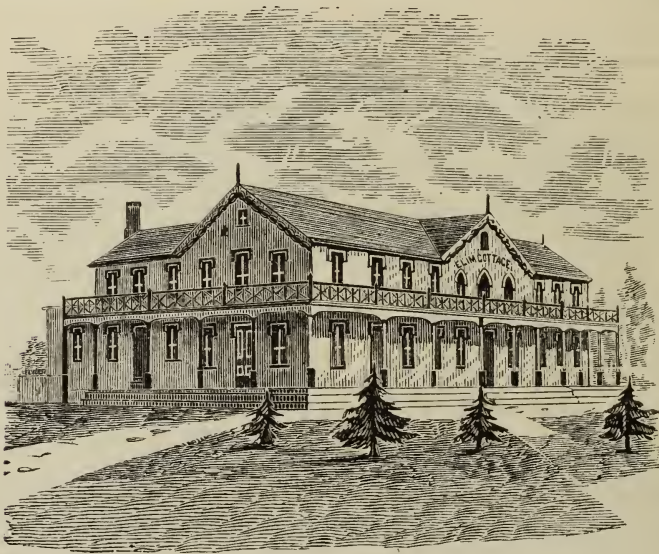
Strangers will not understand, however, that all the multitudes crowding this place are dependent upon the above for their supplies. Besides these, there are several large stores, Butchers, Bakeries, Fish, Oyster and Vegetable Markets, to which are to be added the farmers of the country for 20 miles back, who bringing their own produce pay no license at all. With these there is not only no scarcity, but sufficient competition to make the prices fair for all.

Railroads.

The business of the Central Rail Road running to this place, has largely increased this year. It is quite difficult to obtain information as to its exact transactions, and yet it is ascertained, that during the months

of June, July and August, there were 400,000 arrivals at our depot. There were during the same time, 65 excursions, and on one day, 9,000 persons came by the regular and excursion trains. The highest number of arriving and departing trains in any one day, was 81. Fourteen men were employed at the depot, who handled 50,000 pieces of baggage, and the Central and Dodd's Express, 10,000 more. The freight business also, has been larger than any previous year. It is a matter of great satisfaction, and argues well for the management, that with all these crowds, in the midst of the rush of simultaneously arriving and departing trains, no accident has happened, or the slightest injury to life or limb.

The question of Sunday trains has not been mooted this year. The correspondence of last Summer, between Mr. Reckless and ourselves, published in last year's report, has given relief to many thousand people, and we rest on the definite pledges contained in that correspondence, that no Sunday trains will ever be allowed to disturb the sacred quiet of the Holy Sabbath here.



Elim Cottage.

As for several years past, this quiet and unostentatious place, has been open for the rest of weary ministers for another season. It does a good work. But for the opening of its hospitable doors, many who now afford a period of repose by the Sea, would be deprived of the enjoyment. With new parlor carpet, newly painted wood work, new paper upon the walls, the kind donation of the Secretary; new matting and new clock,

presented by Miss Reneker, and the loan of an organ by Rev. A. Wallace, Elim has had new attractions and new cheer. Over one hundred of the messengers of Jesus have been entertained there during the Summer months. Of these, sixty-six were Methodist, five Lutherans, seven Presbyterians, four Congregationalists, one Methodist Protestant, two Reformed Episcopal, seven Baptist, one Dutch Reformed, and one Evangelist. There have also been a few table boarders, and most of them have been satisfied and grateful for the accommodations furnished.

Let the officers and managers of the Ladies' Elim Aid Society of Ocean Grove, go forward in their well conceived and executed work, for, if a cup of cold water simply given in the name of a disciple, shall not lose its reward, how great shall their reward be, when the Master comes and takes an account of what they have done. If those who read this notice, feel that they can aid in this good work, all donations for such a purpose will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, President, and Mrs. Joseph H. Thornley, Treasurer, both of Philada., or any of the Managers of the Elim Home.

Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Orphanage.

The Association granted to this new charity, of which, Mrs. Bishop Simpson is the President, two of its largest size tents, in which fifty children with their matron and her helpers were accommodated for seventeen weeks, and we are glad to know, that the health of the whole family was perfect during the entire time. They were visited by many of our people, and numerous donations in money and supplies were received, and they left with many pleasant memories of their Summer by the Sea.

Cemetery.

The Cemetery question has been before us several times. Something should be done at once. Several interments have already been made along side of the Church, all of them subject to removal, and additional applications continue to be made. It is always unpleasant to refuse, yet every added burial increases the difficulty of removal. Grounds should be laid out at once, and the removals made as pledged when the burials took place. Do not allow this subject to be longer deferred.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

The corner-stone of this edifice, designed as a place of worship for the members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this and the surrounding neighborhoods, was laid, July 31st, 1875, by Bishop Scott, and dedicated by the now ascended Bishop Janes, on Tuesday, Aug. 1st,

1876. Its history was one of usual prosperity, until last Spring, when it was thought advisable for such members as resided in Asbury Park, to form a separate organization there. By this arrangement, considerably over 100 members were transferred from St. Paul's to the new Society. In view of this depletion, it was thought best by the authorities of the Church, to ask the Bishop presiding at the New Jersey Conference, last Spring, to appoint the President of this Association, as Pastor of St. Paul's. This was done, and the Society has continued to increase, until, it is hoped that by the ensuing Conference, the number lost will be



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largely made up. Very soon after Conference, the question of moving the Church to a more central location for the population of the Grove was mooted, and strongly favored. The Association, at the request of the Trustees of St. Paul's, consented to the arrangement. But, as time has passed, and the whole question has been more thoroughly studied, while there are many reasons for the removal, yet as those against it seem equally numerous and strong, the Trustees wisely hesitated to proceed at present, preferring to await the convictions and unfoldings of advancing time.

Ocean Grove Publications.

According to custom, in November last, as ordered by the Association, 2,000 copies of the President's Tenth Annual Report were printed under the general title of "Ten Years by the Sea," at a cost of \$125. This number of the report is finely illustrated, and completed the history of our first decade in this enterprise. As this was the case, and surplus copies of all the preceding reports had been preserved, it was ordered that as many volumes as could be made complete, should be substantially bound, some of which might be sold, and others kept in our archives for reference and future use. Accordingly, 125 copies were made perfect, and part bound in cloth, and part in half morocco. They make a nice volume of 330 pages, with maps and illustrations, and will be especially valuable as the years roll on.

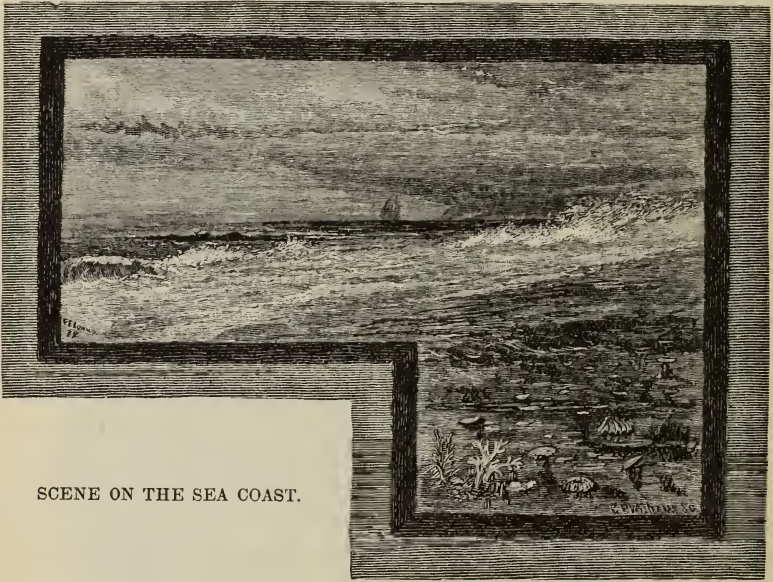
In May last, we published No. 11 of our *Ocean Grove Annual*, for gratuitous distribution. It was printed on first-class delicately tinted paper, many of the illustrations were new, the matter either original or selected with care, gave information on all points which persons at a distance might be supposed to want, and altogether was pronounced the finest number we had ever issued. Those were eagerly sought, and sent by our visitors to their friends at home.

The *Ocean Grove Record* continues to be published weekly, by Rev. A. Wallace, a member of this association, as his own private enterprise, with a patronage, far too small, and yet I am glad to know, steadily increasing. It deserves well of all the friends of Ocean Grove, and with a little effort its subscription list might be greatly increased, the paper enlarged, and its usefulness multiplied many times. It should be the connecting link between this place and thousands of families who were here this summer, during these coming winter months. A real friend of Ocean Grove can hardly do without it.

At the earnest request of Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., of the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, London, who visited us this summer, a number of our electrotypes were granted him, to be used to illustrate a series of articles on Ocean Grove, which he proposed to write, and publish in his own paper on his return home. So that soon, if not already, our little city by the sea will be illustrated in a London newspaper.

Many kind and complimentary things continue to be said by newspaper correspondents through our own land. Others, of course, still complain. The chief subject of complaint, in such articles as we have seen, is the oft-repeated matter of drainage. These writers seem to think it is a question we have never thought of, and that they, in their wisdom, having made discoveries as to its importance, proceed in high-

toned reprimand to call our attention to it, and feel they have done their work by filling their letters with bitter paragraphs, founded upon misconception, and destitute of any intelligent views of the real situation. Such, and other attacks and misrepresentations, will, doubtless, continue to be made. But, let us be patient. They cannot do us any real harm. These tissues of misrepresentation which men attempt to weave around us, are like cobwebs around the limbs of an infant giant. We shall continue to outgrow them. One falsehood after another, falls off of itself. We have but to live on, and our living and doing right will be more than scores of volumes of written refutation.



SCENE ON THE SEA COAST.

Post Office.

One of the most important things at a place like this, where everybody is away from home, and where everybody is expecting every day to hear from home, is the post office. As I have stated in my reports for several years past, I now repeat, our post office is not what it should be. The building itself is nearly, if not quite, the first erected on the grounds. It is old, unsightly, inconvenient and too small. It ought to be thoroughly remodeled, or, what would be better, torn down, removed, and built elsewhere. Pilgrim Pathway is the great thoroughfare to the auditorium, for all south of Main Avenue, and so narrow are the side walks, that with the crowds almost constantly at the post office, persons going or returning

from service, are pressed into the streets in order to pass. Better accommodations are greatly needed. This will appear more fully when we note the amount of business transacted in the postal and telegraph departments, both of which are in the same small building, and almost the whole of this crowded into four months of the year.

Number of letters sent from this Office this year	113,324
Value of Stamps cancelled this year	\$4,205 12
Number of Registered letters sent this year	328
" " Received	549
Number of money orders paid, 1517; amounting to.	\$29,809 34
" " issued, 990; " 	\$22,566 80
" Postal cards sold.	48,500
" Newspaper wraps sold.	4,075
" Stamped Envelopes "	6,375

Telegrams.

Number of Telegrams sent from this place this year.	5,453
" " Received " " 	5,076

Receipts and Expenditures.

Received from all sources for the year ending Oct. 1st, 1880, including cash balance of Oct. 1st, 1879,	\$57,220.25
Expenditures, including payments on Bonds, Mortgages, Lands, Improvements, &c.,	47,115.74
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Cash balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1880,	\$10,104.51

Assets.

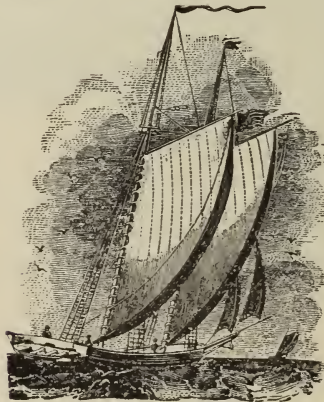
Inventory, including Association's Buildings, Tools, Tents, &c., &c.,	\$49,398.00
Mortgages and Book Account,	24,748.75
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Total assets,	\$74,146.75

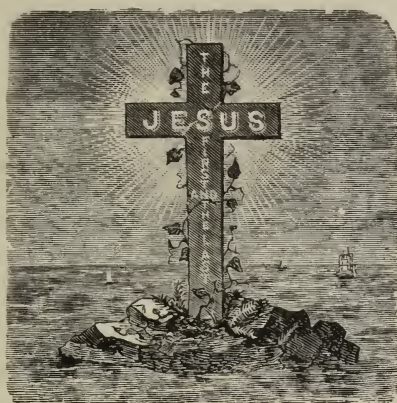
Liabilities.

Of all descriptions,	\$25,675.00
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Excess in favor of the Association, not estimating the value of unsold lands, \$48,471.75	
If to this is added cash in hand Oct. 1st, 1880,	10,104.51
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The total excess will be,	\$58,576.26
Increase over last year,	\$13,461.19

The large balance in the Treasury Oct. 1st, will soon be exhausted in extensive improvements already ordered, some of which are now in hand.

I have thus made a general statement of the year just closed. Taken as a whole, there is great cause for gratitude. The disquietude and unrest which existed in some quarters, with a better understanding of facts, have largely subsided, and when all the truth is grasped, will wholly disappear. There has been as our receipts show, a healthy activity in the sale of property, and public improvements which have kept pace with, and sometimes gone in advance of our means, are universally approved. We have passed through the first year of our second decade without accident, or special sickness, with the favor of men and the smile of God. To Him be glory, both now and forever. Amen.





Sin, like a sea sweeps o'er us,
 And bears all hope away ;
 When lo ! the cross before us,
 Appears, the light of day.
 The Cross, O holy Saviour,
 True penitance imparts ;
 While faith procures Thy favor
 And raptures thrill our hearts.

Religious Achievements.

We have now passed through the arid desert of our work, and we come to the seventy palm trees, and the twelve wells of water. That was the almost interminable wilderness,—this the promised land, the Christly paths, and the Zion atmosphere. That was the legal,—this the gospel and the songs of God. How our hearts leap as we come up to and cross this Jordan of division and find ourselves once more in the home land of spiritual privilege and blessing. This is Ocean Grove's legitimate sphere—the Gospel of God her emphatic work. To this end was she born, and for this she has been reared and grown in strength. All else is simply tributary,—means to an end. If we make avenues, lay walks, construct dams, or build houses, it is simply that these things may give greater efficiency to God's blessed cause. We are all of us Christian men, half of us Christian ministers ! It would not pay *us* to spend all our time and energies to build a town—but it will pay, in connection therewith, to exert ourselves to the last degree to save souls. Let us do this, first, last, always, whether men frown or smile. To this let us ever hold this God-given and consecrated place, and to this all Christian people say amen.

Since our last annual meeting services have been held in the Young People's Temple, in addition to the regular worship at the church, every Sabbath afternoon, and, excepting a few weeks of protracted meeting, one service during the week also. So that in a sense, it may be said, the camp meeting does not close.

The first service in the Tabernacle this spring, was on Sabbath evening, May 30th, the occasion being the Robert Raikes Memorial Jubilee; and then, on the 6th, 13th, and 20th of June, the morning services were at the Church, and in the evening at the Tabernacle.

On Sabbath, June 27th, the Church was closed and all the services transferred to the Grove.

Auditorium Rededication.

The 4th of July, which this year came on Sabbath, opened beautifully. At half-past ten, to the surprise of all, the auditorium, though enlarged to nearly double its former capacity, was filled, and Bishop Hurst, who had been elevated, only a few weeks before, to the high office, 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 rededication, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the ministers, to between four and five hundred communicants, and though protracted, was a blessed service.

Summer Sabbath School.

The Summer Sabbath School, which for several years past has been a centre of so much and ever increasing interest, opened this year, on Sabbath afternoon, July 4th, at 2 P. M. Joseph H. Thornley, Esq., of Philadelphia, who has acted as Superintendent from the beginning, was promptly in his place, assisted by G. W. Evans, Superintendent of St. Paul's, Ocean Grove, and others. Dr. Hanlon's Bible-class occupied the Tabernacle, the middle division the auditorium, and the infant department in charge of Mrs. Adams, in the Young People's Temple. The International Lesson Leaves were used as usual, and for ten consecutive Sabbaths the work of teaching the gathered thousands went nobly on.

The Bible-class of Dr. Hanlon was each Sabbath attended by at least a thousand persons, all interested in discussing the great points involved in the lesson of the day; and light was often thrown upon subjects which hitherto were dark, and strength was gathered by those who hitherto had been weak. On the platform at the auditorium, Dr. Wythe had a large Bible-class full of interest, and all through the vast range of seats, class

after class was well instructed by experienced teachers. The little children in the temple were greatly interested in the instructions of Mrs. Adams, while multitudes looked in silence on the sacred scenes.

There were 880 present at the opening service on July 4th, and the number continued to increase until the camp-meeting Sabbath, when there were 3,300 present. The summer school closed September 5th, with an attendance of 593. The total number in attendance during these ten Sabbaths was 19,091, an average of 1,919 each Sabbath.

Whatever else Ocean Grove may do, she has reason to be thankful that so much time and attention are given to the Sabbath-school work; and we are sure the future will reveal the fact that influences are started here which will culminate in unending blessedness in the world to come.

National Anniversary.

As the "Fourth of July" occurred this year on Sabbath, the celebration of the national anniversary of American Independence took place on Monday, the 5th. The day was ushered in by the ringing of bells at sunrise, and at 9.30 A. M. the children of Ocean Grove met the McKnight Rifle Company, under command of Capt. Rainear, at Woodlawn Park, who together marched down Maine Avenue to the beach, where a new piece of statuary, called "Jennie and Joe," was unveiled, and Miss Jennie Kenney recited an appropriate poem. All then proceeded to the Auditorium, where a large congregation was assembled ready to engage in the exercises of the day.

The singing was conducted by a choir under the direction of W. Dey, Esq. Rev. J. T. Tucker led in prayer, and Geo. Cookman, Esq., of Philadelphia, read the Declaration of Independence. The oration delivered by Rev. G. K. Morris, A. M., of the New Jersey Conference, was lofty in sentiment, patriotic in spirit, and happy in its influence upon the minds of all.

In the evening a public reception was tendered, at the Arlington, to Bishops Hurst and Harris, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Wilson, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and to Dr. Fowler, just elected Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All were anticipating the event with pleasure, but just before the hour, a storm of wind and rain, accompanied with thunder and lightning, came on, so severe in character and protracted in duration, that few besides the inmates of the house were able to attend. Otherwise, the day passed pleasantly, and the exercises were a success.

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's meeting commenced this year, in the Tabernacle, on Sabbath morning, July 4th, and continued without interruption until Monday morning, September 6th, a period of over two months. The labors of these two earnest evangelists in these numerous services, resulted in a vast amount of good. Their long and varied experience in the deep things of God, enables them to give such counsels and directions to the perplexed and tempted, as generally lead to Christian assurance and full salvation. Long before the great body of Christian workers come, and for weeks after most of them depart, this devout couple go steadily on in their work, reading and expounding God's holy word, exhorting, comforting, encouraging and helping every one within their reach, and in these protracted toils find not only their highest reward, but also their sweetest rest.

Women's Christian Temperance Union.

This meeting commenced on Wednesday evening, July 14th, in charge of Mrs. Anne Wittenmyer. She was aided in her important work by distinguished women from various parts of the land. Mrs. Lathrop, of Michigan, Mrs. Youmans, of Canada, Mrs. Dr. Reiley, of Georgetown, D. C., and others, rendered such service as will not be forgotten. This meeting, high-toned and spiritual throughout, which left lasting impressions for good on all, closed on Sabbath night with a sermon of great strength and beauty by Mrs. Lathrop, from the words of St. Paul: "It is God that worketh in us, both to will and to do of his own good pleasure."

The temperance question, which is an important part of the gospel, needs to be constantly presented to the people, and none, we are persuaded, are more successful in its advocacy than these God-anointed women, who seem providentially raised and divinely endued for this specific work.

Jubilee of Sacred Song.

In order to give variety and interest to the protracted services of the season at Ocean Grove, it was arranged this year for a Jubilee of Sacred Song, to commence July 21st, and continue four days. The first day was in charge of Professor W. Dey, the leader of St. Paul's choir, Ocean Grove, who called to his aid such musical talent as came within his reach at home. They performed their work so well, that they received the hearty thanks of all. Professor Sweeny had charge of the remaining days, and the services throughout were of such a character as left the impression on all that it was blessed to dwell in the realm of song.



SURF MEETING, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

Anniversary Day.

July 31st was the eleventh anniversary of the first religious service held at Ocean Grove. How simple was that scene! A plain tent, a few rude seats, three or four candles, twenty-two persons, and all is told. Yet this little service, so blessed in its character, constitutes the fountain of vast results, and the basal thought of our anniversary day. For years, this day has been looked forward to with pleasure, and is always hailed with joy. All our flags were unfurled, and the platform tastefully decorated by our janitor, W. H. Stokes.

The services commenced at the auditorium at 10.30 A. M. Rev. Joseph H. James, formerly of New Jersey, but now of the Providence Conference, led in prayer, and Bishop Thomas Bowman preached from 1 Peter 3: 18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." The sermon, so tender in tone, and encouraging and helpful in its spirit and teachings, was listened to with great pleasure and profit by a large congregation.

At 2.30 P. M., the young people's exercises commenced. These consisted of singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, recitations and addresses, by Ira W. Wood, of Trenton, N. J., Miss Jennie Kenney, of Philadelphia, Paul Woolston, of Ocean Grove, Miss Hattie B. and Miss Marie L. Hale, both of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Carrie McGuire, of Trenton, N. J. When these exercises, which greatly interested the people, were through, the audience proceeded to the newly-erected fountain opposite the Bishop Janes' Memorial Tabernacle, where Dr. Alday read Rev. A. E. Ballard's "Apostrophe to Water," after which the President said, "This fountain is dedicated to the friends of temperance, and to the perpetual use of pure cold water." Then, at a signal, a crank was turned, and the sparkling water greeted the people for the first time in a joyous flow. Everybody seemed delighted, while the flowing stream, the pool below, the green mound, with shells, ferns and water lilies, have continued to all a perpetual joy.

In the evening, the anniversary prayer-meeting was held. It was an occasion of great spiritual interest. God was present, His people rejoiced with great joy, and the day closed in triumph.

Memorial Service.

This was held on Monday evening, Aug. 2d. Every year the ranks of our friends are invaded, and our loved ones glide into eternal life. Though gone from our human vision, faith beholds them still, and love enshrines them in holiest memories. It seems right and proper that some time and somewhere, like the unfolding flowers exhaling fragrance, these memories should unfold and find expression. To this end, the Memorial Services were held. The occasion was not funereal, but simply memorial. For no *one* in particular, but for all whose loved ones had departed, that they might cherish anew their virtues, and joyfully anticipate the eternal re-unions which shall take place in the sweet by-and-by. The whole service was so full of tender, tearful, inspiring and holy influence, that it continued hour after hour, and was difficult to close at all. Each felt

"One by one the bonds are severed,
Binding hearts together here:
One by one new ties are added,
To that land that knows no fear."

And as we continued to sing

"One by one the Saviour calls us,
In His perfect bliss to share."

All resolved

"For that call we would be ready,
So that none be missing there."

Five Days of Bible Reading.

The devout mind never wearies of the Word of God. Like David, "His delight is in the law of the Lord." It is not surprising, therefore, that an announcement of a series of Bible readings for this year, similar to that of last, should be hailed with joy. They began on Tuesday Evening, August 3, and having the untiring devotional energy of our beloved Brother B. M. Adams, and the high-toned spirituality, and clear critical acumen of Dr. Steele, of Boston, the whole course was a marked success. Perhaps no services to which we could devote a corresponding number of days, could better fit us for the solemn and responsible work of the Camp Meeting, than do these.

Woman's National Christian Temperance Union.

This Meeting, held under the direction of Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the Union, commenced on Monday evening, August 9th, and closed on Tuesday evening, August 10th. It was brief, but lofty in its moral, intellectual and religious tone, from first to last. The address of Miss Willard, on Monday evening, and that of Mrs. E. Foster, of Clinton, Iowa, on Tuesday night, were like towering mountain peaks, rising gratefully and grandly above the clouds, into the matchless blue of heaven, until all eyes were charmed, and every heart thrilled with strange delight. Taking the two Temperance Meetings of the season together, including the sermon of our Vice-President, Rev. A. E. Ballard, preached the evening before Miss Willard's meeting commenced, and the cause was never more ably presented upon these grounds. And this cause must have giant advocates, for there is no evil so wide-spread, —there is no cause so blighting—there is no practice so interwoven into all the ramifications of human society—and there is no appetite so difficult to check and destroy. May God help these women, and make them a thousand times mightier and more numerous than they are, until this hell-born traffic shall be driven back to its native hell.

Education Day.

It has come to be an order that the cause of Education is to be recognized here, and Pennington Seminary has its annual re-union. This year, the whole of August 12th was given to this object. Rev. Dr. Harmon, of Dickinson College, preached in the morning. In the afternoon, Miss Fannie Chattle, of Long Branch, N. J., delivered an original poem, and Rev. D. H. Shock, of the New Jersey Conference, the Alumni address. In the evening, the Alumni Supper was given at the Arlington, with speeches, music, &c., and a day of special interest and joy was closed.

Women's Foreign Missionary Council,

Commenced on Friday morning, August 13th. A large number of the friends of this Society gathered, including several returned Missionaries, Mrs. Rev. J. L. Gracy, from India, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin, from China, Mrs. Pruyn, from Japan, Mrs. Butler, her daughter Julia, and Miss Clara Mulliner, from Mexico, and Babu Ram Chandra Bose, a native of India. The exercises increased in interest at every session, and culminated in great power at the Love Feast on Saturday night. On Sabbath morning, August 15, Rev. Charles H. Fowler, D. D., the newly elected Missionary Secretary, preached in the interests of this Society. It was a great sermon and left a profound impression. At its close, a basket collection was taken, amounting to \$400.23. In the afternoon, Ram Chandra Bose, gave the address, and such was the interest to hear, that the Auditorium was again thronged, and the giving was resumed. The spirit of liberality broke out again on Monday morning, in the Young People's Temple, and for several days, the contributions rolled in from unexpected quarters, and in unexpected ways, until they amounted to \$1,065, the largest sum by far, ever realized by this Society.

The Annual Camp Meeting.

The Camp Meeting this year opened on Monday evening, August 16th. As the time for the commencement of this last and greatest of all the meetings of the season approaches, no one, unless immediately involved, can realize the sense of vast responsibility, and, if possible, the still greater solicitude experienced for its success. The thronging multitudes, the great expectations, the stupendous consequences of failure or success, consequences which reach through time and involve the awards and retributions of the eternal world, all of which when combined, are enough to overwhelm and, unless divinely upborn, to crush the heart. It has come to be a deep-seated and abiding conviction with us, that after all that has been done here in toil and treasure, that if souls are not reached, brought to the feet of Jesus, pardoned, renewed, fully saved and brought in living contact with eternal Godhead by scores and thousands, this place is a gigantic failure. Under the pressure of these convictions, five thousand copies of a brief address setting forth these things, were printed and circulated among our people, and a meeting for Christian workers called for Monday afternoon, in the Tabernacle. That meeting was largely attended, and the difficulties in the way of success considered. The result was, we were driven to our knees to implore the help of God. The undergirdings of power were felt, and we separated with the conviction

that help would come. In the evening, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, and over one thousand persons communed. On Tuesday, all the appliances of our Camp Meeting were set in motion. The Consecration Meeting, led by Bro. Andrews, at 6 A. M.; Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meeting, at 8.30; Louis and Cassie Smith's Meeting, in a tent, at the same hour; Young People's Meeting, in the Temple, at 9; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's, in the Tabernacle, at 1.30 P. M.; Children's Meeting, in the Temple, at 2 P. M., led by Cassie Smith, Mrs. Adams, and others; the Twilight Meeting, in the Tabernacle, at 6.30 P. M., led by Bro. Adams. These all continued from day to day, with widening and increasing interest, and were often the scenes of wonderful power and victories.

The sermons, too, which were commenced on Tuesday morning by Bishop Harris, were 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 degradation to which sin had plunged the human spirit, and then rising to the sublimest altitudes, carrying the guilty to the very throne, and pleading in Jesus' name till pardon was secured. Sometimes the vast congregations under these sermons, were as joyous as the sunlit and sparkling sea, and sometimes moved like the ocean when the tempest sweeps. And if it be still true, "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required," what vast returns must be made by us, if the harvest shall be at all commensurate with this richest of all seed sowings during these ten matchless days.

This great meeting reached its conclusion on Thursday morning, August 26th. The people were called together for the final service at 9 A. M. Thirteen children were solemnly dedicated to God, in holy baptism, and the sacrament administered by seventy-five ministers to over sixteen hundred people. During the sacramental service one table was filled with children, a number of whom were the fruits of their little meetings in the Temple, and others the results of the labors of former years. No language can picture the effect produced upon the congregation by the coming of the little ones, in this open and solemn manner, to Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not." When the service was at an end, the ministers, as usual, proceeded to walk around the auditorium square, followed by the congregation with triumphant songs. Multitudes look on this scene in mute and strange surprise. It produces the impression that there is something in religion unearthly and divine, and many on whom sermons and prayers seem lost, are deeply moved.

Reassembling at the stand, the parting hand was taken, and great throngs of men and women, whose hearts thrilled with unutterable gratitude, surged by, sobbing the adieus they could not speak. The whole was like the sound of many waters—a swirl of glory, as when the full tides rush in from the great wide sea, filling every bay, creek, and crevice, and then roll up and break in surplus splendor on the wave-washed shore.

Then, for a moment the songs and hallelujahs hushed, amid the wrapt silence, such as sometimes comes upon the soul, the bell tolled three times, and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, for the season of 1880, was declared at an end, and Bishop Harris said: “May the peace of God that passeth all understanding keep your minds and hearts 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 remain with you all, now, henceforth, and forever. Amen.”

Recapitulation.

I have thus enumerated the meetings of the season. A brief recapitulation and, as far as can be, a summary of results, is all that now remains. A careful record kept by a competent person of all the services of the season, reveals the following facts: Sermons preached, 83; addresses, 54; Prayer, Experience and Holiness Meetings, 213; Women’s Temperance Prayer Meetings, 14; Family worship at the Auditorium, 33; Young People’s Meetings, 56; Children’s Meetings, 18; Bible Readings, 19; Consecration Meetings, 20; Sabbath-school Sessions, 10; Twilight Meetings, 9; Surf Meetings, 10; Communion Services, 3; Temperance Workers’ Addresses, etc., 46; Conference Meetings, 3; Helping-hand Meetings, 7; Evangelistic Services, 3; Young Ladies’ Meetings, 3; Memorial Services, 1; Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Jubilee of Sacred Song, 8; Boys’ Meetings, 3; Temperance Love Feasts, 2; Overflow Meetings, 4; Addresses of Welcome, 3; Love Feasts, 4; Missionary Meetings, 7; Fourth of July Celebrations, 1; making a total of 639, added to which were innumerable services in cottages, tents, and hotels, of which no record could be kept. Who but omnipotence, can tell the outflow of such agencies? “From the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him. Lo! the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number the fourth part of Israel?”

In view of its far-reaching results, the men who visited us, Bishops and other high officials, leading ministers, great men and women of God, both of our own and other denominations, of our own and other lands,

and the blessedness of their work among us, we look upon the past summer as a mountain of transfigured glory. The rising and onflowing tides of meetings in their vast sweep of influence, as the rise and swell of waters, till like a sea they covered all.

Who will forget the love-feast of the Camp-meeting Sabbath, or the vast multitudes, until Auditorium, Tabernacle, Temple, and the pavilions at the sea were all full, and song and prayer, and God's blessed Word at the same hour filled them all, or the more than three thousand at the Sabbath-school, or the ten or twelve thousand at the Surf Meeting, or the sermons of the morning, afternoon and evening of that eventful day. Who did not hear through all the air, among the trees, and in the utterances of the billows as they broke on the shore, a loud voice saying, "Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before God day and night." And then, as we discovered as a part of the results, that between 150 and 200 had been converted, at least 500 sanctified, and many thousands quickened in their religious life, and these gone forth through all the land to quicken other lives, we sung anew the "Song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are Thy ways, thou King of Saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name, for Thou only art Holy, for all nations shall come and worship before Thee, for Thy judgments are made manifest."

And now, anew, and as never before, we commit you, and this great enterprise to God. It has grown to vast proportions, and our responsibilities are great. May we have at all times, the help we need in its direction. The results of this year are enough to enthuse us all. Let us be humble, let us be true, and whatever discouragements come, let us never question.

"Workman of God, O lose not heart,
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle-field,
Thou shalt know where to strike.

Thrice blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell,
That God is on the field, when He
Is most invisible.

Blest too, is he who can divine
Where real right doth lie,
And dares to take the side that seems
Wrong to man's blind-fold eye."

So, convinced that we are right, let us go forward with unfaltering steps.

For right is right, since God is God,
And right, the day must win ;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

And may the peace of God, abide with you, and the strength of God, be yours forever. As always, so now,

Yours in the work of Jesus, until death,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, *October 12th*, 1880.

In Memoriam.

ALFRED COOKMAN.
RULIF V. LAWRENCE.
GEORGE FRANKLIN.
JOHN H. STOCKTON.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Beautiful Lots.—We are often asked, "Have you any more lots to sell?" It may be a matter of surprise to most, when we say that we have, by actual count, *three hundred and fifty-nine lots yet unsold*, many of which are *equal to any upon our grounds*, and *all* of which lie in what we call the old grounds, between Wesley Lake, on the north, and Clark Avenue, which is but two avenues south of Broadway. Some of these are on Wesley Lake, some near the sea, and over fifty lie between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, only two minutes' walk from the post-office, and but three or four from the auditorium. These lots will be sold at reasonable prices, and in view of the large and expensive improvements being made, and consequent need of money, at such liberal discounts for cash as make it *an object to purchase now*.

Additional lots on the new ground south of Clark Avenue, will be on the market soon.

Sanitary.—The healthfulness of the locality needs no better evidence than the utterly careless manner in which the people violate the ordinary rules of hygiene and moderation. They apparel themselves with little or no regard to the health rules which they deem essential at home, and eat, drink and sleep in about the same way.

Still, there is little or no sickness here; and there must be a wonderful sanitary power in the woods and waves to induce the uninterrupted health which usually reigns at this place. The water, which is of the purest character, is obtained by means of tube pumps, driven twenty or thirty feet through the clay and gravel, and is inexhaustible.

Protection to Health.—Do not in any case allow the vaults of your water closets to remain in a leaky condition. Your own, as well as your neighbor's safety, requires that you give special attention in this direction. For the promotion of the comfort and health of your family, use disinfectants daily. Carbolic acid, copperas, chloride of lime, and dry muck, are all effectual. Those who prefer the dry muck can obtain the same of Capt. Lewis Rainear, tent master, on the grounds. Do not fail to use one or the other of these articles.

Restrictions.—The restrictions adopted by the Ocean Grove Association are simply designed for mutual protection. Those who violate a rule for what may seem to their advantage to-day, may have a similar rule violated to-morrow by others which will prove to their great disadvantage. Adherence to the old gospel precept, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," is all we ask in regard to our regulations here.

Lot Owners.—Owners of lots at Ocean Grove are particularly requested to inform the Secretary whenever a sale is effected, and direct a transfer of the lot on the books of the Association; and the attention of lot owners is particularly called to the following resolution passed by the Executive Committee: *Resolved*, That no transfer of a lot be approved by the President, except on proper receipt of assurance that all dues thereon are paid.

Register.—All visitors are earnestly requested to call at the office and register their names in a large book provided for the purpose. Telegrams are often sent to persons who are strangers upon the grounds, and we have no possible clue to them, unless it be through the register at the office.

Important.—All persons proposing to erect cottages or other buildings at Ocean Grove, are required to consult the Association in regard to dividing lines, plan of buildings, etc.



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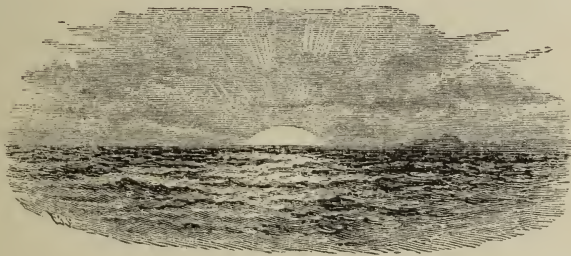
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OF THE

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Up from the solemn sea,
Lo! the bright sun! and as his beams unfold,
Sky, clouds, and sea, are all baptized with gold!
The splendor widens—more than all can hold!
So are God's gifts to me,
And this sun-glory on the sea and sky,
Is but o'erflowings of His throne on high.

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To the Members of the Association :

DEAR BRETHREN:—I again greet you in the name of the Lord. For the twelfth time on these annual occasions it is my privilege to come before you with words of encouragement and cheer. This is well. In a work like ours, different from all others of which I have any knowledge, if there were nothing but the dry details of hard facts and figures, without the inspirations which gave birth to this enterprise, we should soon grow weary and despond. Each year, however, while it brings new responsibilities and labors, brings us also higher joys. This work is a living fact, and it is one of the attributes of life, to grow. The acorn is a little thing, but it contains in embryo, the navies of the world.

This work grows. Already its roots have struck deep, and under its wide spread branches weary multitudes find rest. Here is our joy and inspiration. Misunderstood by the narrow and superficial, it is not surprising if we are sometimes misjudged and censured. But, undismayed, let us go forward. The world, not understanding its Saviour, scorned and crucified him. We must not expect to be above our Lord. The year, however, has been full of interest, and the causes for gratitude are many. Death has not invaded the ranks of our members, and with few and slight exceptions the health of all has been good.

This is the more noticeable, from the fact that each year brings us steadily nearer the period when infirmities may be expected, and death not an unlooked-for event in our ranks. Thus far, however, we have been marvellously kept. This has seemed to us a kindly, special Providence, in view of the fact that it gives time to the original projectors of this unique enterprise so to organize upon its peculiar foundation principles, that when other and new hands take the direction of its affairs it shall be found that its permanance in its peculiarities shall be beyond peradventure. Another cause of gratitude is the singular harmony which, from the beginning, has prevailed in our councils. There have often been honest differences on some minor lines of policy, but never, in all our history, has a question arisen or a word been expressed, which, by any possibility, could be construed into the slightest divergence of thought or feeling in reference to our great fundamental principles, or the turning aside from our all-absorbing object—the Salvation of men. This, in view of the



opportunities which have offered, the inducements which have been presented, and the influences brought to bear upon the individual members of this Association, I regard as remarkable, and speaks volumes for the high moral and religious integrity which underlies every member's conscience, and up to this time has kept you incorrupt. So may it be to the end of each one of us, and in the Association to the end of time.

It is further a matter of profound joy that our dear brother, Rev. J. S. Inskip, with his wife—who, more than a year ago, left us for an evangelistic tour around the globe—have fulfilled their mission and returned to us in health. We especially rejoice in the great success which everywhere crowned their efforts, and feel that in some sense we, as an Association, are interested in, identified with, and sharers of the blessed work which they accomplished. We here, and now—the first time we have had opportunity since their return—welcome them back to their place among us.

Another of our number, Rev. Wm. B. Osborn, still remains in the foreign field. We rejoice to learn through brother Inskip, and from other sources, of his continued zeal and usefulness in his work, and when the providence of God shall indicate the time of his return, shall greet him with a brother's love. I state another fact. At an adjourned annual meeting held in May last, John R. Vankirk, of New Brunswick, N. J., and James S. Yard, of Freehold, N. J., were duly elected members of this Association, and now appear for the first time to take their places and assume their responsibilities in our deliberations and work. We embrace the present opportunity officially to welcome them among us, and, extending to them the right hand of fellowship, pray that we may all be to each other a mutual benediction and help.

Having stated these things, we now call your attention to the work of the year, and—as we proceed with our record, which will be in detail, and necessarily somewhat protracted—we shall find other and varied causes for thanksgiving to Almighty God.

The Work of the Association for the Year Just Closed.

This has been varied and heavy. At the annual meeting last year it was ordered that the Executive Committee cause to be erected at the earliest day practicable, a suitable building having accommodations for Association, Postal, and other purposes necessary for the public. At the next meeting of the committee, November 3, it was further ordered that plans, specifications, and estimates for a brick building, three stories high, 65 x 65, with basement, be procured. At a subsequent meeting, November 26, three plans were submitted, carefully considered, and that of Mr. Buck, of Brooklyn, N. Y., selected—provided the building, as sketched by him, could be built for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. After mature deliberation, D. H. Brown, Esq., our worthy treasurer, gave it as his opinion that, with great care, the structure could be erected for the sum named, and consented to give the entire work his personal supervision. With confidence in his judgment as a practical builder, the Board of Administration was ordered to proceed. Consequently, early in December the Association office was removed to Olin street, near Central, and the cellar for the new building dug. Then the cold weather came, and the work was retarded. Meanwhile, however, all the wood work was being prepared in Brooklyn, under brother Brown's immediate oversight. In February the Post Office was removed next to the Association office, on Olin street, and by the 4th of March the heavy cement foundations for the new building were laid, under the direction of Capt. Rainear. The masons commenced their work about the 10th

of March. On the 24th of March the corner-stone was laid by the president, several members of the Association taking part. The whole was so far completed that the Association occupied its business room on the first floor early in July, and on the 1st day of August, being our twelfth anniversary day, all being completed, it was dedicated, with appropriate religious services, to the work for which it was intended. It is now before you to speak for itself. It is a noble building, and the whole, as it now stands, with clock, bell, eight-horse-power engine, well, cresting, furniture, gas fixtures, plumbing, Post Office fixtures, together with the new brick tent house on Bath Ave., 22 x 30 feet, two stories high (none of which were included in the original estimate), at a cost—notwithstanding a considerable advance in the price of material after the first calculation—of a little over \$22,000.



CATCHING BLUE FISH.

The whole credit of this structure, which has given so much satisfaction to the public, belongs to the Treasurer, who gave months of undivided time to the work, and has thereby laid us under heavy obligations to him, which the Association must, at a proper time, devise ways and means to cancel.

Streets Graded, Clayed, and Gravelled.

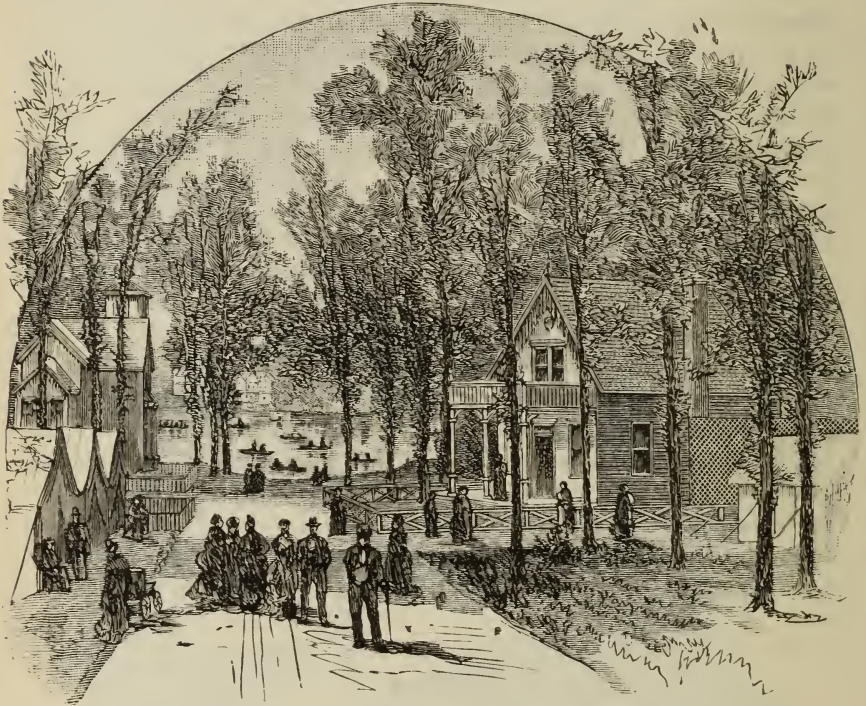
While this building was going on, in which our own men largely assisted, others of them, under Capt. Rainear, were engaged in adjusting the avenues and other parts of the ground. Fletcher Avenue, 80 feet wide, which runs along the north side of Fletcher Lake, has been clayed and gravelled as far west as the ice house, a distance of 500 yards; Stockton Avenue, from Fletcher to Pennsylvania, 260 yards; Cookman Avenue, from Fletcher to Pennsylvania, 260 yards; New York, from Broadway to Fletcher, 330 yards,—making a total of 2000 yards, or one and one-eighth of a mile. McClintock Avenue, down which the sewer was run a year ago, has been regraded, clayed, and gravelled; Pitman Avenue has been regraded, repaired, and put in good condition from Central to Ocean Avenues, and the same is true concerning Surf Avenue for the same distance. Our Avenues are now in excellent condition; but, in consequence of the heavy wear upon them, especially for four months of the year, require constant attention to keep them so. Other grading, claying, and gravelling will need to be done on the avenues south of Broadway and west of Pennsylvania, before that portion of our grounds can be brought into suitable condition, and the prospect of a railroad depot at no distant day, at the head of Fletcher Lake, by the Central or Pennsylvania Rail Road, or both, will require that this should be done soon.

Curbing.

In the beginning of our work here everything was looked upon as an experiment, the outcome of which was doubtful and uncertain. As a consequence, everything was projected on a cheap and limited scale. This was seen in the character of the curbing on our streets. Hemlock lumber was universally used, and, at the first, thought to be all that we would need. Time, however, soon dispelled this dream, and now, as permanence takes the place of the transient, and our original curbing having mostly gone to decay, a different material is demanded. I am most happy to say that stone is now being largely used, and I earnestly hope that the last foot of lumber for this purpose has been put down, and that henceforth stone will everywhere be used. It is vastly cheaper in the end, and the only thing that will give any satisfaction.

The following avenues have been curbed with stone: Embury Avenue, from Central to Ocean, 1400 feet; Pitman Avenue, from Central to Ocean, 1400 feet; Surf Avenue, from Central to Ocean, 1400 feet;

Beach Avenue, from McClintock to Pitman, 207 feet ; brother Inskip's lots on Ocean Pathway, Beach and McClintock Avenues, 310 feet. Total, 6,397 feet. The above work has been done by the Association for private



PIONEER COTTAGE—ASBURY AVENUE NEAR WESLEY PLACE.

Built June, 1870, by H. Y. LAZEAR, Esq., then of Warsaw, N. Y., now of Chicago, Ill.
The first house in Ocean Grove.

parties, these private parties paying the expense. The Association, at its own expense, has curbed streets and avenues where it owns the ground, as follows:—Maine Avenue, from Central up to Pilgrim pathway, round Pilgrim pathway to Olin, and down Olin to Central, both sides ; along Pilgrim pathway to Mt. Carmel, east side only, and down Pitman to Central. The entire block between Embury and Webb, from Pilgrim pathway to Central has been likewise curbed with stone. Total number of feet laid by the Association, 2,390. Stone flagging has also been laid around the new building, and along Pilgrim pathway to Pitman Avenue, a total of 4,300 square feet. The question may arise, Has not the Association, at its own expense, curbed in front of private property along Maine Avenue, Olin Street, &c. The answer is, No, for while there are private stores

and individual enterprises along these lines, yet the ground on which these buildings stand belongs to the Association, and the privilege of occupancy is simply leased from year to year. Therefore, as the ground is ours, it is ours to do the curbing. It is almost needless to say that nothing has been done during the year that gives so much the appearance of stability and permanence as this flagging and curbing, and I cannot too earnestly urge the Association to extend its operations on this line as fast as funds will allow, and also to ask all private property holders to follow their example.

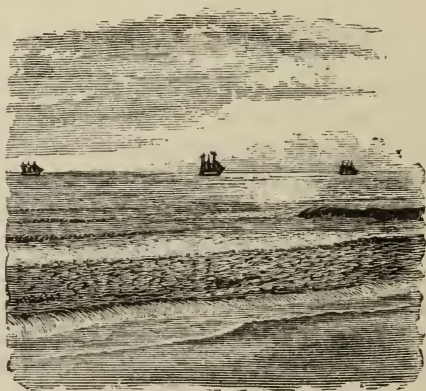
Vault Cleaning.

This is an unpleasant, but most important work. It receives the attention of our men in the winter season, and is well attended to. It is no uncommon thing, however, after the work has been fully done, that the melting snows and heavy rains of the early spring, partly or wholly fill the vaults with water, and so when the cottagers come, and are called upon to settle their bills declare they are charged for work not done. This difficulty could all be obviated, if in the construction of the vault, greater care was taken to have the rim of the vault, higher than the surface of the earth, so that when the water fell, entrance would be impossible. The whole question is an important one, and the utmost amiability is needed on the part of all in order to its harmonious adjustment. The odorless excavator continues to work well, but needs constant care and attention to keep it in repair, so that when it is most needed, it shall not be found in such condition as to be useless.

The Flaring Avenues.

Finally, our friends owning property on the avenues flaring towards the sea, have, many of them fallen in with the proposition of the Association, made two years ago, to meet the expense and extend their front-yards, and side-walks front to a straight line, leaving the roadway thirty feet wide. Pitman avenue was the first to fall in line. The improvement, both to the street itself, as well as to the comfort, convenience and general appearance of the private property, is beyond the power of words to describe. Instead of the wild roadway, lying waste and desolate, the yards being extended, and 22,000 square feet of sod laid, interspersed with flowers; the whole has the appearance of a garden which the Lord has blessed. I am happy to say further, that Bath, Surf and Embury avenues, are nearly finished, on the same lines so far as the curbing is concerned, and the necessary number of approvals for all the other avenues are nearly secured; so that by another summer, we hope

for the sake of the general appearance of the place, and the greater advantages which the property holders will secure, to be able to report the whole complete. It may be a matter of general interest to know, that the largest expense to any of the lot holders on the lines of improvement already done, for curbing, grading, filling and sodding, for a lot of 60 feet front, was \$80, and the smallest \$15. While the properties are all advanced in real value, many hundreds of dollars. While on this subject, there is another locality to which I wish to call attention. It is that lying on the immediate ocean front, between the building line on the east of Ocean Avenue, and the west line of the plank-walk on the beach. You will remember that this is a desolate waste of glaring sand, 154 feet wide at Lillagore's, and 145 feet wide at Ross's, being an average width of $149\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with nothing to relieve the eye. The whole avenue is in a worse condition, than almost any other, and will have to be repaired. Might it not be admissible, if property owners will sufficiently aid in the expense, to extend the front-yards, say 15 feet towards the sea, give a side-walk 10 feet wide, then allowing 80 feet for roadway, would still leave 54 feet on the east side of the avenue to the plank walk to beautify with grass and flowers. The following is an approximation of the cost. For curbing, \$1400; clay, \$850; filling in, \$800; sodding 22,000 square feet, \$600. Total \$3650, to be divided among 28 lot holders. Such an arrangement would remove one of the most offensive features of our ground, and be a public blessing to the unnumbered thousands who for three months of the year, have their pleasure walks by day and night along the sea.



Still another item on this line. The roadways and sidewalks on the north and south sides of Ocean Pathway are too narrow. I would recommend—the property owners concurring to bear the expense—that the front-yards be so extended as to take in 12 feet; the sidewalks be made

12 feet; the roadways widened to 30 feet; the pathway in the center widened from 20 feet, its present width, to 40 feet. This arrangement would still leave in the Parks at Central Avenue 35 feet on either side of the walk, and 68 feet on either side at the sea, thus bringing these Parks in sufficient compass to cultivate and beautify. An approximated estimate of cost is—For curbing, \$1100; clay, \$250; filling in, \$800; hauling clay and incidentals, \$500; moving clay on roadways, \$500. Total, \$3,050, to be divided between 44 lot owners. Some such plan would make this portion of our grounds unequalled in beauty by any watering place in the land. Maine Avenue, also, needs to be adjusted as the other flaring avenues. I commend these things to your careful consideration.

Plank Walks.

The new, sixteen-foot wide plank walk placed on our front a year ago remained in place during all our winter storms, and was injured only slightly, costing but \$8.50 to repair. To this walk have been added 200 feet in length, 8 feet wide, to connect with the two fans at the new pavilion, foot of Olin street, at a cost of \$108. This walk and the seats upon its eastern edge is one of our best, as it was one of our most needed improvements, and is a source of more real benefit and pleasure than almost anything we have done. Since its construction, the plea for taking positions on the sand, which, however innocent they may be in themselves, are often of questionable propriety, is done away, as there are on these seats, and those furnished by the five pavilions on the beach, ample room for all who wish to enjoy an evening by the sea. I think, too, the time has now arrived when, in view of these ample sitting provisions, the practice of lying on the beach at night, having often the appearance of evil, though none may be intended, should be *prohibited*. I commend this to your careful thought.

Wesley and Fletcher Lakes.

These lakes, as in former years, greatly interest all classes of our people. With proper care and attention they may long continue sources of unmingled pleasure. The upper part of Fletcher Lake was much improved last autumn by digging out a vast amount of muck, thus opening navigation for small boats some distance beyond the ice house, and giving a smoother and better appearance to the whole. The work would have been extended somewhat farther up, but the severe cold weather coming on, operations had to cease. The muck taken out amounted to many hundred loads, and in time will become an excellent fertilizer, pay-

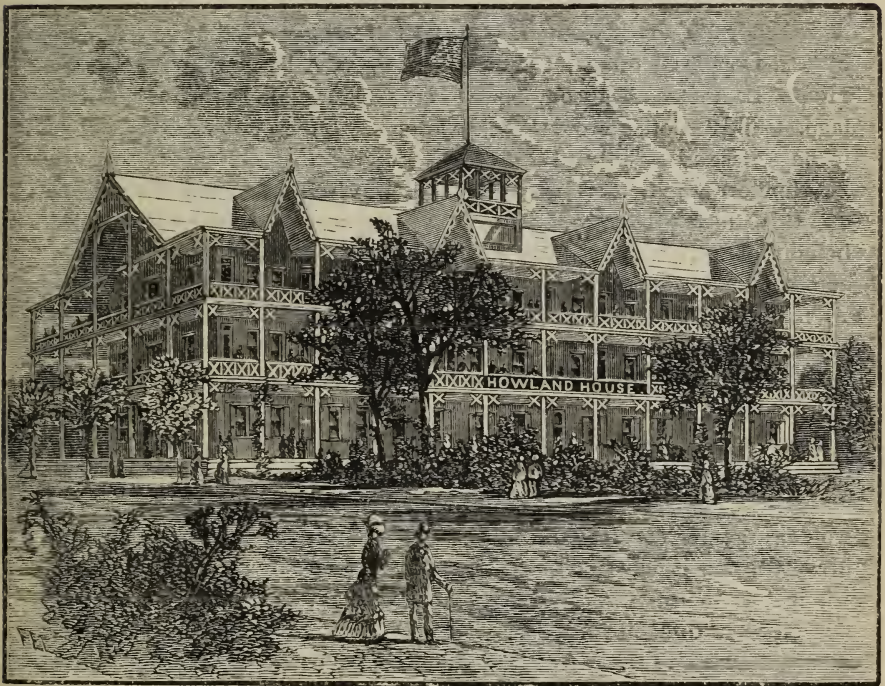
ing a considerable portion of the cost of excavation. Below the ice house, too, considerable work has been done. Fletcher Avenue, along the northern boundary of the Lake, has been graded, clayed, and gravelled; the bottom of the lake deepened, a bank thrown up, a walk constructed, willow trees planted along the northern side from the ice house down to Beach Avenue, the park ploughed, harrowed, grass sown, and trees planted. True, all has not been done that needs to be in this locality, but a commencement has been made which, it is hoped, may prove satisfactory to all. The whole number of boats on Fletcher Lake this year was 136, twenty of which were licensed to carry passengers.

Wesley Lake has retained its former popularity, and remained in good condition. The water has been partly, though not wholly, drawn off four times since the summer commenced, which, being done after heavy rains, has thereby been almost entirely changed this number of times. There have been 478 boats upon it this summer, seventy-eight of which were licensed by Ocean Grove to carry passengers, and probably about the same number by Asbury Park. So many being crowded together, and licensed to do the same kind of business in so small a space, and all of them managed by minors, and many of these small boys, required considerable police vigilance to keep them in order. The complaints, however, have been few, and the general condition of affairs good. The dams at the foot of both lakes are at length secure. The past winter, though one of unusual severity in the way of storms, did not injure them. This has been a matter of great satisfaction to the public, as well as relief to us.

Parks.

Our parks are not yet the things of beauty which they may be, and which the advanced improvements of other parts of our grounds demand. It is in reach of easy possibility to make these places points of great attraction. Thompson Park, Greenleaf Park, Woodlawn Park and others, all need money and labor. Thompson Park, as it is the resort of a large number of excursionists, particularly, needs additional seats and other ornamentations and improvements. We must have some place for this large class of persons. They come in increasing numbers every year. They gather around the auditorium with lunch baskets and bundles. When our officers send them away there must be a place to send them. Thompson Park seems to be the only relief. This will do, but it needs an annual expenditure of time and means to make it what it ought to be. Woodlawn Park, on Main avenue, in a most public part of our grounds, is wild and neglected. It needs improvement, if for no

other reason than that the first impressions of visitors might be pleasant. It is now, wholly monopolized, for the entire season by croquet players. Whatever may be your views as to the propriety of allowing a continuance of its use for this purpose, there should be I think, no question, as to the importance of some arrangement for its adornment. Greenleaf Park also needs attention. The parks along Ocean Pathway, I have spoken of elsewhere. And while we urge the Association to give attention to these public grounds, we also urge the owners of private lots to adorn and beautify them all within their power.



HOWLAND HOUSE—NEAR THE AUDITORIUM.

Sewerage.

It is surprising, how often and how persistently, we continue to be misrepresented on this question. Intelligent Christian gentlemen, who I am sure can have no motive for, and do not intend to injure us, through want of information, or inattention to the facts if known, continue to proclaim to the world, that we have no sewerage of any kind. This is to be regretted, because it is contrary to the truth, and

also because to many minds, sewerage is a full relief for all sanitary difficulties, and its absence, in their judgment, is sure to be followed by sickness of different kinds. Neither of these positions are true. Be this as it may, however, the work of *sewering our grounds steadily goes on*, and I most earnestly urge that it may continue to be pushed forward, with the utmost vigor, until all our houses shall have all the relief that sewerage can give. Already, the following properties, have regular underground sewerage connections: The Trenton House, Howland House, Public commodes on the Camp Ground, New Association Building, the Ellwood, Matlack's Bakery, Taylor's Bakery, Wayman Cottage, Clarendon, Day Bros. Ice Cream Saloon, Osborn House, Arlington, Neptune House, Douglas Cottage, Chandler's Cottage, Atlantic House, Sheldon House, La Pierre, Madison, Spray View, Seaside House, Hoffman Cottage, Childs' Cottage and Ross's Cottage. Other connections will be made as fast as possible.

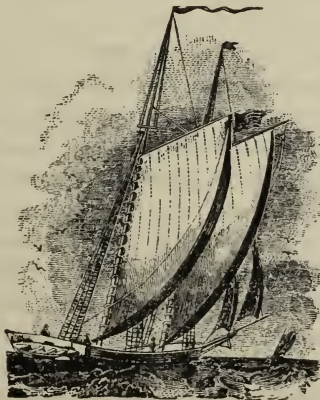
Nineteen hundred and forty feet of sewer have been laid this season, and this added to the 17 hundred feet laid last year, and the 932 feet bought of Mr. Sheldon this spring, gives us a total of 4572 feet of complete underground sewerage, with 12 inches main pipe, and taps 6 to 10 inches. These sewers which empty into large tanks along the sea front, were emptied the past season at midnight, during the months of June four times, July seven times, August twelve times and September four times. These emptyings are made at low tide, so that when the rise comes on all traces of them are immediately washed out, and when the morning comes nothing is known of what has taken place. An additional sewer is needed immediately, at about Heck avenue, and I would urge its construction before the avenue is finally graded and graveled, that it may not be disturbed afterwards by the digging. The whole question of sewerage, in all its phases, which is everywhere, in all our cities a difficult one, has from the beginning of our enterprise received our constant and careful attention, and there will be no relaxation at this point, until all shall be accomplished which the necessities of the case shall demand. Meanwhile, we ask our friends to forbear unkind criticism, and do the utmost in their power to aid us in our sanitary work.

Removing Buildings.

Ocean Grove has had a rapid growth. We adjust matters one year in such ways as we think may be final, but in a short time we encroach upon ourselves, and further changes become a necessity. This, true from the beginning, has been especially so this year. Since the erection of the Young People's Temple, three years ago, the old Tent House, corner

of McClintock and Pilgrim pathway, was out of place, and this year was torn down, and the bricks worked in the foundation of the Association Building. The Association Office, Post Office, and Ladies' Waiting Room, were all removed to the north side of Olin street, east of Wainright and Errickson's store, to give place to the new building on the corner of Main and Pilgrim pathway. Then, in the widening of Pilgrim pathway, the Association purchased Mr. Matlack's property, corner of Olin and Pilgrim pathway, and the old Association Building was again removed, to that place where it now stands, and in connection with the old buildings there as now remodeled, makes a very nice improvement. The little building which stood on Pitman avenue, in the rear of Taylor's bakery and used last year as a shoe store, and the barber's shop which stood on Pilgrim pathway, have both been removed to the south side of Olin street, near the Lawrence House, where they now stand, and have been well rented this year. All the buildings on Pilgrim pathway, east side, between Olin street and Pitman avenue, have been moved back 16 feet; the side walk is now 16 feet wide, and the roadway was widened 3 feet—the whole improvement adding greatly to the appearance as well as the convenience of that hitherto crowded locality.

An adjustment of our stabling grounds grew to be a necessity. Our scattered barns were therefore moved to suitable points, and a high, tight board fence erected in connection with them. This plan brings our barns and stables all together, which, with the fence, gives us large stabling grounds securely enclosed, with ample room for our six horses, wagons, sleds, and various other implements needed in our work. The whole is a great improvement in the appearance, and has been much needed for several years.





Tenting Accommodations.

The demand for tents does not diminish. This is contrary to the expectations of most. It was supposed that as the place improved, and cottage and hotel accommodations advanced, this want would grow less. The contrary is true. This season, although we had purchased fifteen new tents, the demand was greater than our ability to supply.

The whole tent question, however, is one that must be dealt with carefully, or otherwise loss, discomfort and discredit will be realized. Tents are perishable, especially in the heavy winds and storms, so common by the sea. Our tenting grounds steadily grow less, and demands for greater conveniences in tent life increase. Careful sanitary and police regulations must be maintained, otherwise constant complaints and dissatisfaction will arise. Thus far, however, our success in tent life regulations has been all we could hope for, and the demand for tents and tent sites for next year is larger than that of any previous year. Still, I should advise caution in relation to a large increase of tent accommodations.

Considerable advance has been made in the permanency of tenting improvements around the auditorium grounds. Picket fencing inclosing tents on Mt. Carmel way and Pilgrim pathway, giving greater security

and beauty to these canvas homes has been built, amounting to 687 feet, at a cost of \$274.80, and additional permanent tent floors amounting to 73, have been built, giving a total at the present time of 126, at an average cost of \$10.50 each ; of this number, 26 have frames, so that in the erection of the tent, nothing is needed but the ridge pole and the stretching of the canvas, which requires but a few minutes when the work of erection, which formerly consumed much time, is complete. The erection of these permanent tent floors is not only a saving of time, when in the rush and hurry of the season time is important, but a saving of money also, as much lumber was lost in the yearly putting down and taking up. The long cedar poles used by the masons for scaffolding at the new building, after having done their work there, were changed into tent poles, and thus made to do further and more permanent duty in holding up the summer homes of our visitors by the sea.

Commodes.

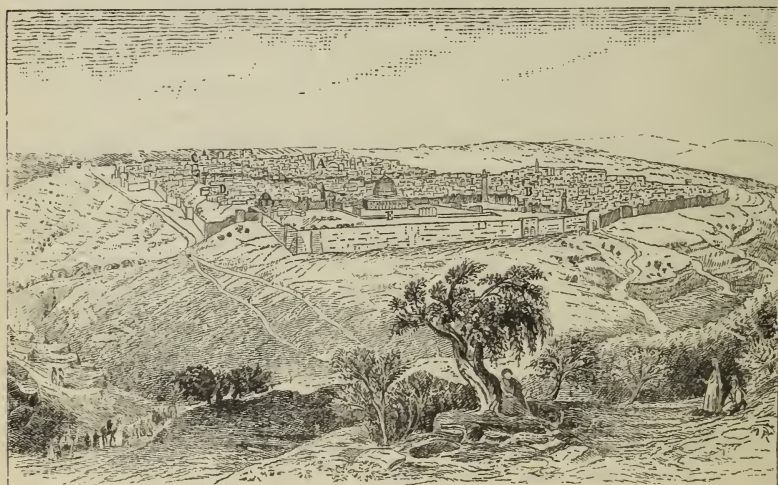
The increase of our population demands a yearly increase of our public commodos. Five new ones have been built this year. One near the corner of Pilgrim pathway and Franklin avenue, 7 by 10, shingle roof, cost \$40. One near the corner of Central and Franklin, 7 by 9, shingle roof, cost \$34. One near the corner of Pilgrim pathway and Franklin, 4 by 8, \$18. One on Cookman between Pilgrim pathway and New York avenue, 4 by 8, cost \$18. One on the business square, for use of stores, Butchers and Bakers, 8 by 16, cost \$55. Total cost of commodos built this year \$165. All of the above, excepting the last named, were erected for the accommodation of those occupying tent, in the southern part of our grounds.

Pavilion.

A new pavilion for public convenience and comfort, grew to be a necessity at the foot of Olin street, on the beach. Hence the present structure, 16 by 26 feet with a ventilator, was erected at a cost of \$197.79, and has served a good purpose.

The improved condition of things between the Tabernacle and Young People's Temple, rendered the old pump arrangements near by unsightly, and the present beautiful octagon structure, with 10 feet squares and 10 feet posts, was erected over the first pump driven upon these grounds, June, 1870, at a cost of \$92.75. This well, since the erection of this pavilion over it, we have called, "Beersheba," the well of the covenant or

oath, because at the beginning, when we drove this well, we covenanted together to keep these grounds for God. Hundreds of thousands have drank of its delicious waters since it was driven, and we trust it will continue to furnish its cooling draught to the thirsty lips of hundreds of thousands more to the end of time.



Model of Jerusalem.

This beautiful, and according to the united testimony of all oriental travelers who have seen it, singularly correct and perfect structure, is the free gift to the Association, of Rev. W. W. Wythe, M.D., a member of the Erie Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now a resident of Ocean Grove. The origination of this model of Modern Jerusalem, and the working out the thought into this unique form, are due to his genius and skill. It cost a vast amount of careful thought, and historical research, besides a money outlay of perhaps not less than \$2500. It is a free gift to us; he, in addition to the gift superintending its erection in its present location, on the plot of ground north of Ocean pathway, between Central and Pilgrim pathway; we simply paying the cost of its removal and construction, which amounted to \$169.08. Nearly one half of this amount has been returned to the Association from the sale of little descriptive pamphlets, also prepared by Dr. Wythe, and perhaps, by another year, the whole cost of its construction can be refunded by this means alone; while the thing itself, has been a source of unmingled, refined and elevated pleasure to many thousands. Even the gay and thoughtless have seemed to be respectful and reverent in the

presence of that which brought so vividly before their minds the Holy City of God. I think, the Association should, in some appropriate way, express its appreciation of this noble gift, and the obligations we feel to the generous donor. I leave the whole matter with you, to act as your best judgment may dictate.

Trees.

Trees, like men, decline and die. This is true at Ocean Grove. The trees of native growth are, many of them, merely sprouts from the cuttings of former years, and hence are not reliable for the ordinary length of tree life. The Pines particularly, steadily decline as cultivation advances. Therefore, in order to keep, and advance the beauty of our place, tree planting becomes a necessity. For several years past, the Association has acted on this principle, and has planted trees. In addition to the many hundreds set out in previous years, we have this year added the following: 160 North Carolina poplars, 150 Willows, 24 Evergreens and one weeping-willow, to replace one that had died; a total of 335 this year. The willows were mostly planted along the north side of Fletcher Lake. A continuation of this work, both by the Association and by private citizens, is, in my opinion so important, that it should come to be part of the regular business of the place. For the encouragement of this work, I would, with your approval, designate, and set apart the second Wednesday of April, of each year, as an annual festival at Ocean Grove, to be called, TREE PLANTING DAY, and that the Association, by its example of setting out trees upon public property each year on that day, encourage all holders of private property to do the same on their own grounds. May this new festival of *Tree Planting*, be inaugurated next year not only with joyfulness but by the addition of many thousand trees to our city by the sea. I would have a little circular sent to each property holder, inviting them to meet us on that day, and add to the appearance and value of their grounds, by planting trees. It might be for the convenience of all, if the Association, in procuring trees for its own use, should procure enough to supply private parties, charging simply beyond the first cost, enough to pay the expense of handling. Carolina poplars and the ordinary maple thrive the best upon these grounds.

Flowers.

The floral decorations of this place continue to increase. This will probably be true through the coming years. We commenced with our anniversary vases, which filled with flowers, are not only objects of admiration but esthetical educators, to many thousands every year.

Added to these, are our Ocean pathway parks, and this year the grounds around the fountain, between the Tabernacle and Young People's Temple, which in the past have been occupied with tents. The changed condition of things there, by introduction of grass plots, and mounds of flowers, has not only been a sanitary improvement, but an ornamentation, that has elicited expressions of approval from many lips. For several years, we have bought all our flowers at considerable expense. Last year, in order to save some of our plants, we constructed a rude hot house, at an expense of a few dollars, and finding the arrangement was one of economy, we have this year caused to be erected, on Lawrence avenue, next to the home of Mr. Frederick Ingersoll, who has the charge of this department, a substantial brick building 12 by 60 feet, 6 feet to the eaves, with a good furnace, the first 25 feet of the heating flue being brick, and the balance running round the entire building, of eight inch Terra Cotta pipe, with all the necessary appliances for a first-class hot-house, where we have already housed all our plants, and are prepared to propagate them indefinitely for future use. The total cost of the building, with all its equipments complete, is \$344. With this arrangement, we think we can raise all the flowers we need for our own use, and sell enough in a short time, to pay the expense of building.

New Tent House, &c.

When the new Association building was projected, and during its erection, the thought was to use the upper part thereof as a tent house; but, upon further reflection, it was found to be too far from other matters pertaining to tent work, which were mainly in and around the store house on Bath Avenue, and also that Capt. Rainear needed an office, convenient of access, where persons could call on tent business. It was, therefore, thought advisable, in view of the above facts, and also because we had a surplus of bricks on hand from the Association building nearly sufficient for the purpose, to erect a tent house and office for Capt. Rainear next to the store house on Bath Avenue, at the south end of Thompson Park. This was done, as already stated, and is 22 x 30 feet, two stories high. The front room is used as an office, and is the headquarters of our working force, and also where hundreds of persons, many of them ladies, call for all kinds of information, direction, and outfit for their tent life by the sea. The back room, downstairs, and the entire second story are used for storing tents. It has served an admirable purpose during the past summer, and will last for many years to come. I am not able to state the exact cost of this building, from the fact that in

the material and work it so blends with the main building as to be difficult to draw a line sufficiently clear to separate the two. The value of the tent house is about \$1500.

The flagstaff, which for several years stood at the foot of Main Avenue, was taken down last summer, repaired, and placed at the corner of Main Avenue and Pilgrim pathway, to supersede the old, unsightly and dangerous one that had previously stood there.

Two new flumes have been built across Broadway to take the flow of water from Central and Beach Avenues. There are several other avenues needing similar arrangements, as in times of heavy rains the fall of water is so great as that the streets are flooded and the crossing difficult.

In adjusting ourselves to our changed condition in connection with our new building, it has been found necessary to employ a janitor to take general charge of the building, run the engine, and have the care of the clock. But in the winter, as all these things would not occupy his time, we have, therefore, in addition, assigned to him the repair of tents, which is a considerable item with us, with such other things as he may be called upon to do. That he may be the more fully prepared for this work, we have finished a room in the third story of the new building, 25 x 38, with 15 feet ceiling, which room will enclose the water-tank, to prevent freezing in winter. This room will cost, to finish, about \$200, and will be the janitor's work shop.

The things thus enumerated, with the regular and daily routine work of the Association, including the whole tent work of the summer, has occupied the time and attention of our men during the year. Most of the improvements have been marked and prominent, and have received general commendations. I now call attention to the

Private Improvements of the Year.

There is still a heavy pressure on the part of private property owners to build large houses on small lots. Sometimes this pressure is so strong that to prevent it leads to such positive measures as make the impression that our rules are arbitrary. But this is not the case. An arbitrary law does not exist upon our books. They are simply and mutually protective. If our friends who build will constantly keep before them the golden rule, "Do unto others as ye would others should do unto you," there would be no trouble. For want of this, cases sometimes arise difficult to adjust.

The largest houses built this year are as follows, and in the order in which they stand: La Pierre, Throne House, Madison, Metropolitan, Perry House, Irvington, Ocean Queen, Ocean Front, and American.

Extensive additions have been made to the Olive House, The National, Spray View, and Taylor's Bakery. The total number of cottages last year was 655; this year, 722. Increase, 67. Total number of boarding houses last year, 43; this year, 51. Increase, 8. Total number of cottages and boarding houses, 773.

A large number of cottages have been enlarged and greatly improved since last year, and this is likely to continue until the small, frail structures of the early days are all remodelled or removed.



EVANS' COTTAGE.

Residence of G. W. EVANS, Esq., Secretary of O. G. C. M. A., Lake Ave., near Wesley Place.

The following are the business places now upon the grounds, and are in addition to the buildings above enumerated: The Association building, containing Association office, Post Office, telegraph office, express office, &c.; 3 bakeries, 6 ice cream saloons, 3 barbers' shops, 1 book store, 2 vegetable stands, 4 restaurants, 2 grocery and general provision

stores, 2 drug stores, 1 fish market, 2 photograph galleries, 1 dry goods and furnishing store, 1 fancy store, 3 bazaars, 2 confectioneries, 1 camera obscura, 27 stables, barns, straw house, and a large amount of shed room for horses and carriages. The business of these places is generally carried on in harmony with Association regulations, and where any violations are known, attention is immediately called to the same, and corrected.

Bathing Houses.

Mr. Ross has built forty new bathing houses this year, making his total number 600, which, with other improvements, have cost about \$1200. Mr. Lillagore has added to his bathing accommodations ninety-five houses, making his total 425. He has also built an extension to his pavilion, 50 x 165 feet, at a total cost of about \$2,500, and has greatly improved his property.

The number of persons bathing this year has been largely in advance of previous years, and it is a matter of continued thankfulness that, among these multiplied thousands in the regular act of sea-bathing, we are yet without a fatal accident. Many persons are imprudent, and the wonder is that we escape from year to year. But, while we express our gratitude for these exemptions, we exhort our friends who enjoy this luxury to the greatest vigilance and care.

The propriety of bathing attire is one that requires constant oversight. It is astonishing that persons, who are high-toned in their sensibilities at home, so often lose all sense of shame abroad, and improperly expose their persons without a blush. During the past summer considerably over two hundred persons were spoken to about their improper bathing suits, and all, with few exceptions, cheerfully complied with the officer's request either to change their apparel or retire. But there ought to be a sufficient moral sense to restrain intelligent people without an officer's suggestions. Where there is not, however, we must enforce obedience to rule.

Water Wagons.

The water supply for sprinkling streets had become with us a serious question. For two years past our source had been from a tank in the rear of Day Bros' ice cream saloon, filled by a pump connected with their engine. This, however, was found to be insufficient, and new arrangements must be made. When the new building was completed, it was decided to dig a well in the cellar, nine feet in diameter, which we succeeded in getting thirteen feet deep, when the water became so abun-

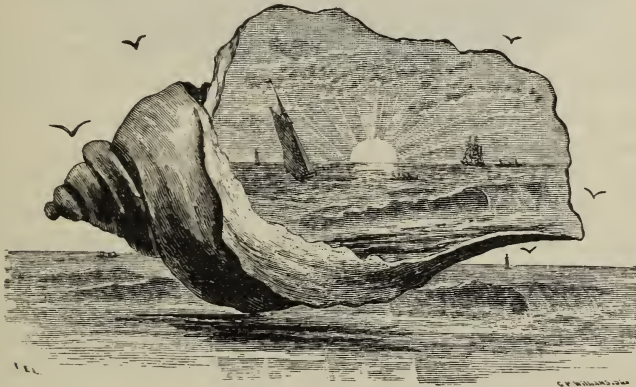
dant that we had to stop. This done, a No. 5 Challenge, double-acting pump was procured at a cost of \$180, and a Sherill-Roper hot air, eight-horse power engine bought, at a cost,—erected, complete, and ready for work,—of \$1099, and set in motion. This engine consumes 100 lbs. of coal per day, and lifts 15,000 gallons of water up to the third story, a distance of sixty feet, in eight hours. The well has five and a-half feet of water in the morning, but four hours' pumping reduces it to eight inches. Three hours' rest of the engine brings back four feet of water, which is a fair afternoon's supply for the summer work. A new tank was built in the third story of the building, of two-inch pine plank, 8x8 and 6 feet 6 inches deep, lined with copper zinc. The capacity of this tank is 2,700 gallons. Connecting with the tank are two two-inch iron pipes, one running up Mt. Hermon way to Delaware, and one down Olin to Central Avenue, at each of which places there are faucets and hose for filling the water wagons for sprinkling the streets. A pipe was also laid along Pilgrim pathway to the auditorium, through which water is obtained for the fountain, sprinkling grass and flowers, and also for the gas tubs, in making gas. Since the 15th of July, when the engine commenced its work, it has supplied the water wagons with over 500,000 gallons of water, besides the supply of the gas tubs, fountain, and a sufficient quantity to keep the grass and flowers at Centennial and Fountain Parks alive during the severe drought of summer. The well, however, needs to be sunk at least three feet deeper, that it may be beyond all possibility of failure, however low the streams may fall.

Our first year's experience with this new arrangement, has been highly satisfactory, and enabled us to keep most of our more public high-ways pretty well watered. There is a demand, however, for additional sprinkling to our streets, especially during such dry weather as we have had this summer. But I am persuaded, that all this work should be done at the private expense of those who are benefited thereby; and not by the Association, unless, indeed the Association does the work, and collects the expenses of those served by it, in the same way that other service is paid for.

Fire Department.

We are enabled, through the continued mercy of a kind providence to record another year of exemption from fires. Each autumn, when the people are making arrangements for winter heating, our police make an examination of every dwelling occupied, to see that all possible safety may be secured. This examination meets the hearty approval of our people, who, I am persuaded do all in their power to reach the end

desired. This added to a sober and intelligent population, together with careful oversight of our night police, under the blessing of Him, without whose keeping, the watchman waketh but in vain, we have thus far, through all our history, been preserved from serious conflagration. Our fire department has been supplied with hats, belts and buckets, as was your order at last annual meeting, and have furnished themselves with uniform red flannel shirts, so that on parade or duty they make a good appearance. They hold regular monthly meetings, and are I think, in good working condition. I think it would be an admirable arrangement, if good hose attachments were made to the pipes in the Association building, so that in case of fire, at or near it, a reasonable prospect of its extinguishment might be had. The company, though not called upon thus far to do any considerable work upon our own grounds, has done noble service to our neighbors, in protecting them from fire. It is a matter of congratulation to us all, that in case of fire among us, the Asbury Park Steam Fire Engine Company, stands ready to help us, as ours with all their apparatus, are ready to do the same for them. So that either place, in case of fire has the benefit of both companies with all their fire equipments.



Sanitary Situation.

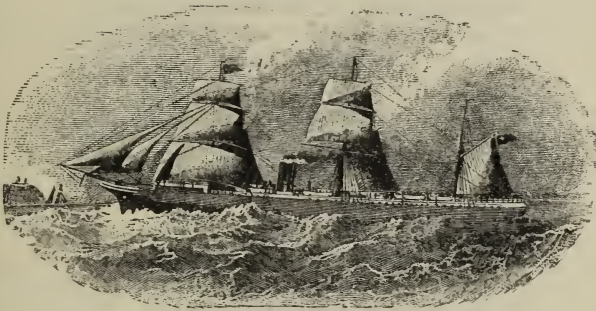
Every year, as our population increases, our sanitary condition, demands and receives additional attention. Our Board of Health, has been diligent during the past summer in watching, with careful eyes, this whole question. At an early day, an intelligent officer, was detailed to visit every tent cottage and boarding house, to see that everything was right in this direction. Many things in connection with pumps, cess-pools and privy vaults, are always found where so many people

assemble, that need attention and correction, and in every case the correction is immediately made. Many times through the summer, I have personally inquired of the Sanitary officer, and of intelligent physicians, members of the Board of Health and others, "Is our Sanitary condition safe?" In every case the reply was, "Yes, we doubt, if any place in all the land, is so carefully watched and guarded, or in a better, if as good condition as this." True, we have had sickness and death, but these occur everywhere, and in a ratio, according to population, vastly greater than here. The following will show, the names, ages and diseases of those who have died among us during the season. By a careful reading, it will be seen that one half of these were very young children, most of them less than one year old, brought here sick, with the last faint hope that the sea air might save them, and several of the adults came also in feeble health. June 8th, Wm. S. Gray, New Bedford, Mass., 23 years old, Inflammation of the Bowels; June 27th, Prof. Tuttle, Baltimore, Md., Nervous Prostration; June 29th, Scott Stewart, Philadelphia, aged 79, Paralysis; July 4th, Ernest, son of Edmund and Mary Thompson, aged 14 months, Inflammation of the Brain; July 10th, Mrs. Herbert F. Seip, aged 42, Malaria; July 10, Anna, daughter of Thad. and Georgianna Johnson, aged 10 months, Cholera Infantum; July 19th, Willie, son of M. and A. Beach, aged 4 months, Summer Complaint; July 19th, Minor, son of Minor and Kate Purdy, aged 3 months, Cholera Infantum; July 23d, Eveline, daughter of Edward and Julia Daniels, St. Joseph's, Mo., aged 7 months, Cholera Infantum; July 30, Russell, son of L. H. and M. Clogg, Chicago, aged 10 months, Cholera Infantum; Aug. 20th, Amelia W., wife of M. V. Dunning, Pittsburgh, aged 38, Complication of Diseases; Aug. 10th, Stanley L., son of J. M. and M. Coin, Orange, N. J., aged 4 months, Whooping Cough; Aug. 18th, Janett, daughter of John and Josephine Tingley, Orange, N. J., aged 8 months, Cholera Infantum; Aug. 22d, Mary, daughter of Rev. Dr. Francis and Mary Hodgson, Phila., aged 34, Congestion of the Brain; Aug. 28th, Dollie, daughter of Edward and Mary Patton, aged 6 years, Congestion of the Brain. Fifteen in all.

On the 6th of August, Frank, son of Edward and Rebecca Van Volkenburg, of Brooklyn, N. Y., aged ten years, was drowned at the foot of Fletcher Lake. The physicians, of whom there were several in attendance, endeavored with others for two or three hours, to restore vitality, gave it as their unanimous opinion that the lad, having been in the water at Shark River four and a-half hours in the morning, then walking up in the heat of the day, and going into the lake at noon, without dinner,—sank,—and, unable to help himself, died from exhaustion. Be this as it may, it is a sad case, and another warning to our people, young and old,

not to remain in the waters of the lakes, rivers, or sea too long. If I were asked what is too long? I would answer, all over one half hour is an injury rather than a help, and many feeble persons ought not to remain in half that time.

The garbage question is becoming with us, as in all cities and populous localities, an important and serious one. The large cities are troubled on this line—are we! What shall we do with the garbage? Hitherto it has been hauled out a mile or more, daily, and fed to swine; but this has its objections and difficulties. It will come to this, as in some other places—that we shall have to burn or bury it. I commend this to your wisdom to determine.



Police.

We are still profoundly thankful that we have been enabled to pass through another season with so few complaints. Order at this place is the normal condition. We must expect, however, that with the constantly increasing thousands which throng this place, some—unaccustomed to decorum at home—absent from all restraints, will hardly observe it here. And yet, so great is the preponderance of those who love and observe order, that we have comparatively little trouble. With few exceptions, those who visit us have simply to know what we require, in order to a ready and cheerful obedience. This, I think, is to be accounted for in the fact that our restrictions and regulations, so often criticized by those who know nothing about them, require *nothing but what is right*. And, so long as persons coming here elect to do right, they do not know that a restriction on their liberty exists. True, we place our ban on the sale and use of all intoxicants as beverages, dancing, card-playing, and kindred amusements, and all these things are pronounced by the enlightened evangelical Christian Church everywhere to be contrary to

the Word of God, and therefore wrong. As conscientious and honest Christian men and ministers of God's gospel, we must not, cannot, and will not allow them upon our grounds. These prohibitions may give offence to some, but we cannot help it. We must be true to ourselves, and to Him whose we are.

Our Chief of Police, J. C. Patterson, Esq., as for several years past, gives me the following synopsis as the year's police work :

Number of arrests	37
“ Warrants of various kinds issued	12
“ Pedlars put off the ground and prevented from entering	152
“ Rag-pickers driven off	84
“ Improper shows on the beach prevented	3
“ Organ grinders put off and prevented entering	11
“ Intoxicated persons put off and prevented entering	46
“ “ arrested and punished	3
“ Tramps put off and prevented entering	30
“ Noisy straw riders put off and prevented entering	10
“ Lost children restored to parents	41
“ Complaints of all kinds attended to	277
“ Hacks stopped without license	13
“ Baggage wagons stopped without license	2
“ Oyster and fish pedlars stopped without license	5
“ Beer pedlars put off	4
“ Disorderly crowds on the beach dispersed	7
“ Hack drivers arrested	1
“ Fined for fast driving	1
“ Complaints for fast driving attended to	13
“ Persons stopped for fast driving	23
“ Arrested for fast driving	3
“ Dogs arrested	4
“ Redeemed	4

Most, if not all, these things take place in the height of the season, and while such multitudes are here, that they are unseen and unknown, to all but a small circle, sometimes by almost none, save the police and the parties immediately concerned. Our policy always has been to have all corrections made with the least possible display, and without noise.

Business Licenses.

Modifications in our license schedule have to be made from year to year. Some alterations were made last year, and some may have to be made next. In all these changes, however, the end sought is the greatest good to the greatest number. That there should be a license system is

clear. It enable us to regulate business better, and affords some revenue to aid in keeping up the roadways over which these business people travel in the transactions of their affairs. This is the more important, for while we greatly aid the county and staté by the taxes collected from this place, we have yet to receive the first cent from these sources to aid us in any part of our work.

The following is a statement of the number of persons licensed during the past season, and the business pursued by each.

Number of stages and omnibuses licensed	79
“ Baggage wagons	16
“ Hucksters	44
“ Dealers in butter and eggs	3
“ Fish pedlars and oyster dealers	15
“ Groceries	7
“ Butchers	10
“ Confectioners	2
“ Ice dealers	1
“ Dealers in hams and sausages	1
“ Boats licensed by O. G. on Wesley & Fletcher Lakes	98
Total	276

In addition to the above, are the stores, butchers, bakers, fish, oysters, and vegetable markets inside of our grounds, together with the farmers for twenty miles around, who pay no license. There is therefore an ample supply of all kinds of fresh country produce at fair prices to vender and consumer.

Assessments.

I wish all statements in my annual report to be made with the utmost care and accuracy. Keeping this in mind, I say thoughtfully, that I doubt, if in all the land, there is another place where the people receive so much attention at so little cost. We light the public streets and avenues the year round; we police these grounds summer and winter; we remove the garbage from the doors of the producers; we take sanitary supervision of the whole place; we keep the highways in order; we place plank footways where walking would be almost an impossibility without them; we provide public pavilions and seats for the accommodation of the masses; we sprinkle many of our most public highways during the dry and dusty days of summer; we provide parks, and fountains, and lakes, and flowers, and do a thousand other nameless things, for which during a few of the years last past our citizens have been asked to pay

yearly the *small sum of five dollars per lot*. A sum not sufficient to do half the work enumerated. I ask careful attention to the following statement:

Cost of lighting Auditorium, Tabernacle, and Young People's Temple with gas, 10,000 aggregated lightings; and 296 oil lamps on the avenues, with 35,877 aggregated lightings	\$1,480 00
Cost of removing garbage	575 00
Cost of sprinkling streets	302 68
Cost of policing, two for the year, 730 days	1,314 00
Cost of policing from June to October, the special men employed making an aggregate of 854 days	1,708 00
Cost of sanitary officer, 84 days	168 00
Total.	<u>\$5,547 68</u>

Received on assessments this year	\$5,253 83
Deficient this year on the above expenses	\$293 85
Deficiency in five previous years	\$426 31
Total deficiency for six years	\$720 16

It will thus be clearly seen that the people, as such, do not pay in the amount they are annually taxed for these few items, the benefits of which they all receive. It will be seen, too, that the expenses on the several items enumerated are as low as they reasonably can be. It may be said by our people that they pay other taxes for their property besides the Association assessments. That is true; but the Ocean Grove Association, or the grounds we occupy, have never yet received anything from that fund. We mention these points, not by way of complaint, but simply that the case may stand in its true light, and that property owners may understand the whole question.

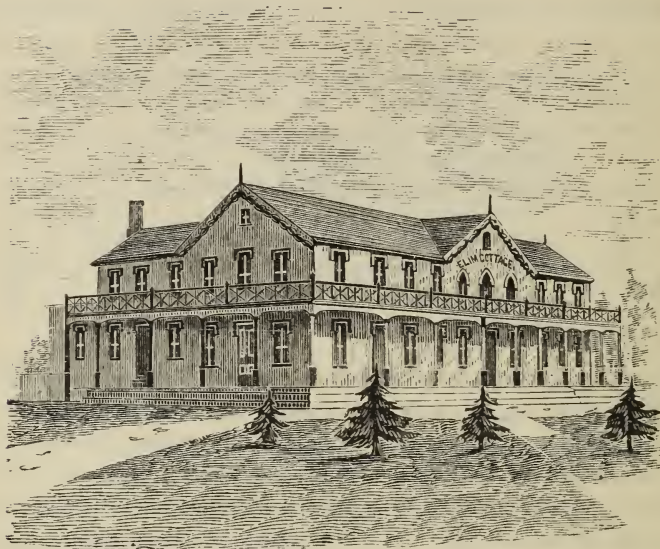
Rail Roads.

The multitudes coming to this place do not diminish. The Rail Roads have been taxed this year to their full working capacity. I think it is not too much to say that, in view of the vast amount of business done, the interests of the public have been served with eminent fidelity and skill. This will be seen by a moment's consideration of the following state-

ment, which I am persuaded is below, rather than in excess of the facts.

Number of persons arriving at the depot during the months of June, July, August and September of this year, from 450,000 to 500,000	
Number of excursionists arriving in one day, (highest)	4,800
“ Excursion trains during the season	98
“ Trains passing and repassing in one day	92
“ Pieces of baggage handled in one day	1,350
“ Pieces handled during the season, not including ex- press baggage, or package express	55,000
Number of men employed at the depot	18
“ Employed by express companies.	31

That this great business should be transacted, and the company come to the close of the season with but a single accident, and that to one of their own employees, John Imley, a flag-man, at Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, who was struck and killed by a passing engine, argues an amount of administrative ability, which the people should appreciate, and is worthy of the highest commendation. For this great crowd of people, however, relief must be had. While the past season mercifully passed without accident, a continuation of a similar condition of things for the future would not only prolong and multiply the probabilities of danger, but be an increasing exposure and discomfort to the public. The Rail Road authorities, fully awake to these points of difficulty, are with earnest solicitude seeking an intelligent solution of the whole question. These things are said, mainly, on behalf of the New Jersey Central Rail Road Company, as no other directly reaches our place. It has come to be a settled point, however, that the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company will have a line in operation to this place before next year. An application will probably come before this meeting for a grant of ground for a depot, at or near the head of Fletcher Lake. While it might not be our choice, if left to elect upon this subject, to have another road come to our grounds, yet—the Pennsylvania Company having the undoubted right, and being highly honourable in all their dealings—it behoves us to pursue, not only a conciliatory, but the most liberal policy toward both corporations that the circumstances connected with us will allow. With these words we dismiss the question, to await the further developments of time, with the single admonition that, whatever be your action in reference to privileges to any Rail Road, or other corporations or companies, never fail to guard with the utmost solicitude and rigidity the sacredness and sanctity of the holy Sabbath, or make any grant that will compromise this question.



Elim Cottage.

This modest and unassuming institution has had another prosperous year. The matron, Mrs. Badeau, has done well, and given entire satisfaction, both to the guests and to the ladies having charge. A large number of the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ have been entertained here who, but for this or some kindred institution, could not have enjoyed their summer seaside rest. There have been, in all, 141 guests during the season. Of these, 72 were Methodists, 24 Presbyterians, 10 Lutherans, 7 Baptists, 5 Episcopalians, 4 Methodist Protestants, 4 Reformed Episcopalians, 2 Reformed Catholics, 1 United Brethren. There was from New York, 51; New Jersey, 34; Pennsylvania, 32; Maryland, 8; Conn., 4; Dakota, 4; Del., 3; Ohio, 2; New Hampshire, 1; Texas, 1; England, 1. But, while from so many and remote localities, and representing so many branches of the Christian Church, they all dwelt together in delightful harmony, and persons looking on from without would have supposed they were all of one creed, and might have come from the same state or city. "Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Elim Association is worthy of the continued confidence of the public, and I hope it will receive all the aid it needs. Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, President, and Mrs. Joseph H. Thornley, Treasurer, both of Philadelphia, or any of the managers, will thankfully receive donations to aid them in their work.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

The regular Church organization at this place, known as St. Paul's, has had a good year. Its membership has increased, so that the depletion caused by the organization of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Asbury Park, has been nearly, if not quite, made up. The situation of this Church, however, is peculiar. It is compelled by the circumstances surrounding it to suspend services for nearly four months of the year, during which time the people worship at the auditorium with the summer multitudes. Of course, its financial interests suffer during this period of almost total absorption, and while its members are so largely occupied in caring for those who become their guests. It needs, therefore, the kindly consideration of the Association, which consideration, I am glad to believe, will be as cheerfully awarded in the future as it has been in the past.

Since the withdrawal of the Asbury Park part of St. Paul's Church, the location of the church edifice does not meet the wants of our Ocean Grove population. Fully nine-tenths of its congregation come from the Grove, and a large proportion of these nine-tenths far down in the Grove and on the beach. For these to walk out to our gates, is a long and severely cold journey in mid-winter. Last winter, in order to obviate this difficulty in part, we held prayer meetings in the upper part of the engine house. But this, being small, was generally overcrowded. I should like to know of the Association if it would be willing—should the Church think best—for us to occupy, until otherwise ordered, the large hall room in the second story of the new building, for such moral and religious purposes as the winter population might demand. I feel quite sure that such a grant would prove advantageous to all, rather than detrimental to any of the interests of the Association.

Cemetery.

For several years past I have thought it my duty to call your attention to the absolute necessity for suitable grounds for a burial place within convenient distance of our gates.

I am now most happy to state that this long felt want has been supplied. Willisford Dey, of Ocean Grove, and Edward M. Fielder, of Asbury Park, have purchased 35 acres of ground, a beautiful knoll, 109 feet above the sea, one and one fourth of a mile from Ocean Grove, which they have had handsomely laid out with walks, drives and nearly 2000 lots, adorned with evergreens and shrubbery. These lots are of convenient

size, and at such moderate cost as come within the reach of all. To these elevated grounds, they have given the appropriate name of MOUNT PROSPECT CEMETERY, as the view extends as far as the eye can reach seaward; northward to Long Branch; south to Manasquan and west to Freehold. Dedicated to its present use on the 25th of June last, it has already 20 interments, and a number of its lots are sold. I commend these grounds to the attention of our people, and I am glad to know that the bodies temporarily buried near St. Paul's Church, are being removed, and that no farther cause for interments there will exist.



Ocean Grove Literature.

By the direction of the last annual meeting, in view of the increased demand, 3000 copies, of the Eleventh Annual Report of the President, instead of the 2000 of previous years, were ordered published. This direction was complied with, and a neat pamphlet, of 50 pages, handsomely illustrated, under the general title of "Conquests by the Sea," at a cost, including illustrative cuts, of \$245.03, is the result. A copy of this document is carefully directed and mailed to each lot holder, and if any fail to receive it, the omission must be from our want of the correct address, or defective arrangements at the home Post Office. Besides, there have been distributed, to persons not lot holders, perhaps one thousand more, leaving still on hand, for future use and binding

about 500 copies. The aim is to make the report as much in detail as possible, and as far as it goes correct, so that each annual issue, shall be a full history of its current year.

We also published, in May last, 5000 copies of No. 12, of our *Ocean Grove Annual*, for gratuitous distribution. While we aim to make this paper a vehicle for such information as may be desired by persons at a distance, we labor to make it attractive in appearance also. In this with the Printer's aid, we so far succeeded, as that the paper is eagerly sought, and widely circulated. The last number contains on the last page our newly revised map, and is an important feature. Its publication supplies a felt want, and while we do not admit advertisements, in our annual report or annual paper, the report and paper are both our better advertisers for these omissions.

The *Ocean Grove Record*, published weekly, by Rev. A. Wallace, D.D., on his own responsibility, and of which he is editor, has been during the past year, more than ever acceptable to our people. Its patronage, though increasing, is yet below its real needs and merits. It too, is one of our best advertisers, and the Association can well afford to continue, and I should think, increase its present very limited aid. Its editor is a hard worked man, and needs the moral and financial support of a vastly increased multitude of friends.

I would mention also, as a matter of interest in this connection, that the Canada Methodist Magazine, Rev. W. H. Withrow, M. A., editor, the official organ of the Canada Wesleyan Methodist Church, sought copies of our electrotype cuts, and published in the April number of their Periodical, a highly appreciative 14 page illustrated article, and in the March number a 12 page article, in both which we are spoken of in the kindest terms, and long desired information was thereby disseminated through the realm of Canada. I am glad to add, too, that during the summer, its distinguished and talented editor, not only visited and preached for us here, but since his return has written and published many pleasant things about our place. The leading secular papers of the great cities, give prominence to our proceedings during the summer months, generally with an amount of fairness corresponding with the clearness of their knowledge, but sometimes with such extravagant perversions, as must be accounted for, either upon the ground of maliciousness, or such willful ignorance as in public journalists is without excuse. To the truthful and complimentary we extend thanks, while to the untruthful and censorious we say their own falsehoods are their best refutation.

Our Denominational press generally does us justice, but often, for want of knowledge which their correspondents might easily gain, do us

harm. Taking the *Press* as a whole, it greatly helps our cause, and we must be content with such adverse criticism as may arise, endeavoring always, so to do, that upon the most rigid examination, the adverse criticisms shall not only be disproved, but the truth evolved by the examination shall place us higher than before.

Post Office.

At last we have a Post Office adapted to our wants, second to none, and superior to most within our state. The Post Master, Rev. H. B. Beegle, with his clerks and helpers, took possession of these new quarters, on Monday morning, August 1st, 1881. The first letter delivered from the new office, was to the President of this Association and reads as follows :

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

OCEAN GROVE, MONMOUTH CO. N. J. }
5 o'clock, A. M., August 1, 1881. }

Dear Brother:—In two hours the Post Office will open to the public for business in the large, elegant, and well appointed room in that part of the new Association Building assigned for its use. It is becoming that to *you*, as the President of the Association which has provided these quarters at its own cost, should be delivered the first letter from the new office.

In making this transfer and arranging for business I have been forcibly reminded of the change wrought in the past ten years. The office was established in 1871, and was opened in the small dwelling on Main avenue, near the gates owned by Charles Rogers, and after a few weeks removed to the building in which it has since been kept, and which at that time stood where now stands the "Janes Memorial Tabernacle."

The first letters mailed after the office was established was on the 30th day of June, 1871, and the marked contrast between that time and the present will best be expressed when you are informed that the office now receives and distributes, and mails and sends out, more letters in *one day*, than were received and distributed, and mailed and sent out during June, July, August and September (*the whole season*) of 1871. *What of the next ten years?*

J. C. Patterson, Chief of Police; Capt. Rainear, Geo. Kellogg, F. Tantum, and others, together with the assistants in the office, have been very kind in assisting to transfer office fixtures and materials to the new building and aiding to begin business in the new room.

Very truly yours,

H. B. BEEGLE, P. M.

The first telegram sent from the new office was this:

To U. S. GRANT, Elberon, N. J.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 30, 1881.

Can you be with us on Monday at our anniversary?

E. H. STOKES.

The following reply was received:

To REV. E. H. STOKES, Ocean Grove, N. J.

ELBERON, N. J.

I am obliged to go to New York on Monday. Beg pardon for not having informed you yesterday.

U. S. GRANT.

The new room thus occupied for postal and telegraphic purposes, is on the first floor of our Main Building, and is $35\frac{1}{2}$ by $61\frac{3}{4}$ feet, with iron columns supporting a ceiling 13 feet high. The fixtures are of the most modern and approved styles, with 770 call, and 120 lock boxes of the latest pattern. There are also three general deliveries, four call deliveries, one newspaper delivery, one stamp and postal money-order window, five boxes for depositing letters for mailing, and one telegraph window. Inside of the Post Office enclosure, is the mailing-room for making up and distributing mails, Post Master's private room, waiting room, and telegraph office, with all other appliances needed in a first-class office, the whole of which is lighted with gas. The work which encloses the Post Office, is of the Elizabethan style of architecture, built of white ash, California red wood, white pine, chestnut and other woods, with large square windows at the top for ventilation, working with pulleys. The whole presents an appearance of beauty rarely equaled, and has been much admired. It is the design and workmanship, of Anderson and Hagerman of Asbury Park, and cost the very low sum of \$850, not including the 120 lock boxes, which cost \$318.30. The whole expense of post office arrangements, including lock boxes, gas fixtures and all complete, is over \$1200, which in addition to the room in which the office is located is furnished wholly at the expense of the Association without remuneration from the general government in any way or form. Added to this is the general fact, that outside of all the provisions we have made for postal accommodations the Post Office has been an expense to us from the beginning, and the Post Master's salary, notwithstanding the business has steadily increased from year to year, is so small, that he is compelled to take an outside business in order to live. These things ought not so to be, and we have so represented to the authorities at Washington, but, until the Commissions on Stamps canceled, amount to \$250 for each of the four quarters of the year consecutively, the government at Washington tells us there is no help. In other words, before any office, can have its Post Master appointed by the President, with a salary according to the amount of work done, the commissions on stamps canceled, must amount to \$1000 a year, and be so divided as to make each quarter pay \$250. If one quarter falls \$5 below \$250, and the next quarter runs up in its commissions to \$2000 beyond, the chain is broken, and all over the \$250, has to be paid over to the government. Although the government demands the excess when it runs *over* the \$250, yet it never makes up deficiencies when the business falls below \$250. Take the following statement:

The business of the Ocean Grove post office for the quarter ending September 30th, 1881, was as follows:

For stamps and postals sold	\$3,246 49
Box Rent	103 25
Total	<u>\$3,349 74</u>
Post Master's salary for quarter	\$250
Special clerk hire allowed for the year	400
	<u>\$ 650 00</u>
Amount turned over to Government in one quarter	\$2,699 74

Two things will be noted in this connection, that of the above amount of \$2,699.74 paid over to the Government last quarter \$103.25 was from the rent of lock boxes, which lock boxes we ourselves bought and paid for, costing us, as before stated, \$318.30; also that the \$400 allowed for extra clerk hire, failed to meet the bill by \$156, which sum the Post Master paid out of his own pocket, leaving him for his three months' heavy work, and heavier responsibility, the sum of \$94.

Take another statement.

Commission on stamps cancelled, for quarter ending September 30, 1881	\$1,338 59
Rent for lock boxes.	103 25
Total commission for the quarter	<u>\$1,441 84</u>
Post Master's salary—for the same quarter	250 00
Commission turned over to the Government	\$1,191 84
Or if we take the whole clerk hire for the year out of this,	400 00
It still leaves for the Government	<u>\$ 791 84</u>

While the Post Master gets \$94 for his services, we, furnishing a room, the rent of which would be worth \$800 and the fixtures costing over \$1,200, get NOTHING. These things are wrongs, and we have confidence that when the Government is fully awake to these wrongs, they will be corrected.

The following is the statement of the postal business for the year:

Number of letters sent out	135,234
Value of stamps cancelled	\$5,221 62
Number of Registered letters sent out	589
" " " Received	644
" Money orders issued 678, amount	\$8,533 02
" " " Paid 1126, amount	\$22,627 01
Postal cards sold	25,000
Newspaper wraps sold.	5,000
Stamped envelopes sold	8,000

Telegrams.

Telegrams sent out this year	7681
“ Received this year	7048
Telegraph money orders sent out, amount	\$35 00
“ “ “ Received, amount	\$681 06

Clock and Bell.

The new four-faced clock in the centre tower of our new building, of the Ansonia Company's manufacture, with its 1200 pound bell from the Troy foundry, cost complete, in working order, and warranted for one year, \$864.30. Of this sum \$92 was contributed by citizens, through Capt. Rainear and officer Tantum. For this voluntary offering, the friends have our thanks. The clock has been running since 12 noon, July 4th, 1881, and thus far gives perfect satisfaction.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Received from all sources for the year ending October 1, 1881, including balance on hand October 1, 1880	\$78,453 69
Expenditures, including payments on Land, Build- ings, Improvements, etc.	\$73,345 99
Balance on October 1, 1881	5,107 70
	<hr/> \$78,453 69

Assets.

Inventory, including Association's buildings, tools, tents, etc.,	\$84,240 00
Mortgages and book accounts	34,581 20
Total assets	<hr/> \$118,821 20

Liabilities.

Of all descriptions	\$42,450 00
Total excess in favor of Association, not estimating value of unsold lands	<hr/> \$76,371 20
Total assets of year 1881	\$118,821 20
Total assets of year 1880	74,146 75
Increase, 1881	<hr/> \$44,674 45
Liabilities of year 1881	\$42,450 00
Liabilities of year 1880	25,675 00
Increase, 1881	<hr/> \$16,775 00
Increase of assets for 1881 over 1880	\$44,674 45
Increase of liabilities for 1881 over 1880.	16,775 00
Increase of assets in favor of Association, 1881	<hr/> \$27,899 45

It will justly give you some uneasiness to find that we have an increase of liabilities over last year, amounting to \$16,775.00. Your relief, however, is in the added fact that we have \$44,674.45 increase of assets over last year, or, as you see, if we deduct the \$16,775.00 increased liabilities, we have still an increase of assets amounting to \$27,899.45, while in these added assets we make no account of the cost of sewerage and other improvements, in which are items bringing us considerable annual income, or of the value of newly purchased lands, already partly paid for.

In this connection, it will be a matter of public interest for you to know that we have recently purchased, at public sale, a plot of ground south of Fletcher Lake, near the sea, containing between seven and eight acres, running down into the centre of the Lake, at a cost of \$9,325.00.* This last purchase gives us—with a very small exception, amounting to only two or three hundred feet—the entire body and both shores of this beautiful sheet of water. But, though all this is so, I most earnestly urge that the business of the Association be so ordered next year that at least one-half of this indebtedness shall be sunk.

I have thus enumerated the prominent features of our work for the current year. Of course, in interests so vast as these committed to our hands, there are thousands of details that cannot be named, and you can only know them by being on the ground from day to day, and witnessing them for yourselves. I am able to say, however, that our men have been well employed, and have done their work well. The year has been one of satisfactory financial success. But when I say satisfactory financial success, it is not to the members of this Association what is generally understood by such a term. Whatever the amount of income, there never has been, and there never can be, any *dividends to its members*. All the income from all sources goes to improve the place, so that a year of satisfactory financial success means a year of success to every property holder, and the members of the Association are benefited only as any other lot holders are, by the advanced condition of public improvements, which in general add to private values.

It is well to add, too, that but two of the members of the Association, the President and Secretary, whose whole time is absorbed by the duties assigned them here, receive compensation, and that compensation, while there is no complaint as to its amount, is much less than is paid by other corporations where there is equal care and responsibility.

It is a matter of gratitude, therefore, that the business of the year has been so conducted, though there may be a few thousands of dollars

* Since the rendering of this Report, the whole of this amount has been paid.

greater liability, yet our real assets are all greatly increased. For the peace which exists, and the general approval of our work thus far given, I am profoundly thankful, and trust our efforts to do good and glorify God may continue in the future, as in the past, to receive the divine blessing, with which we are always safe and always happy.



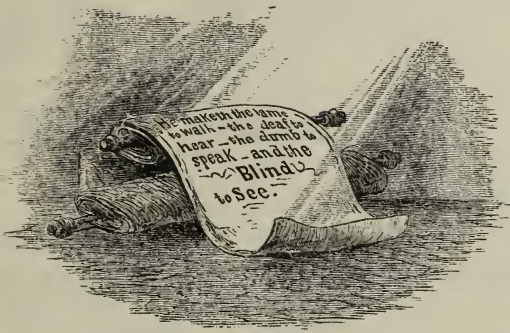
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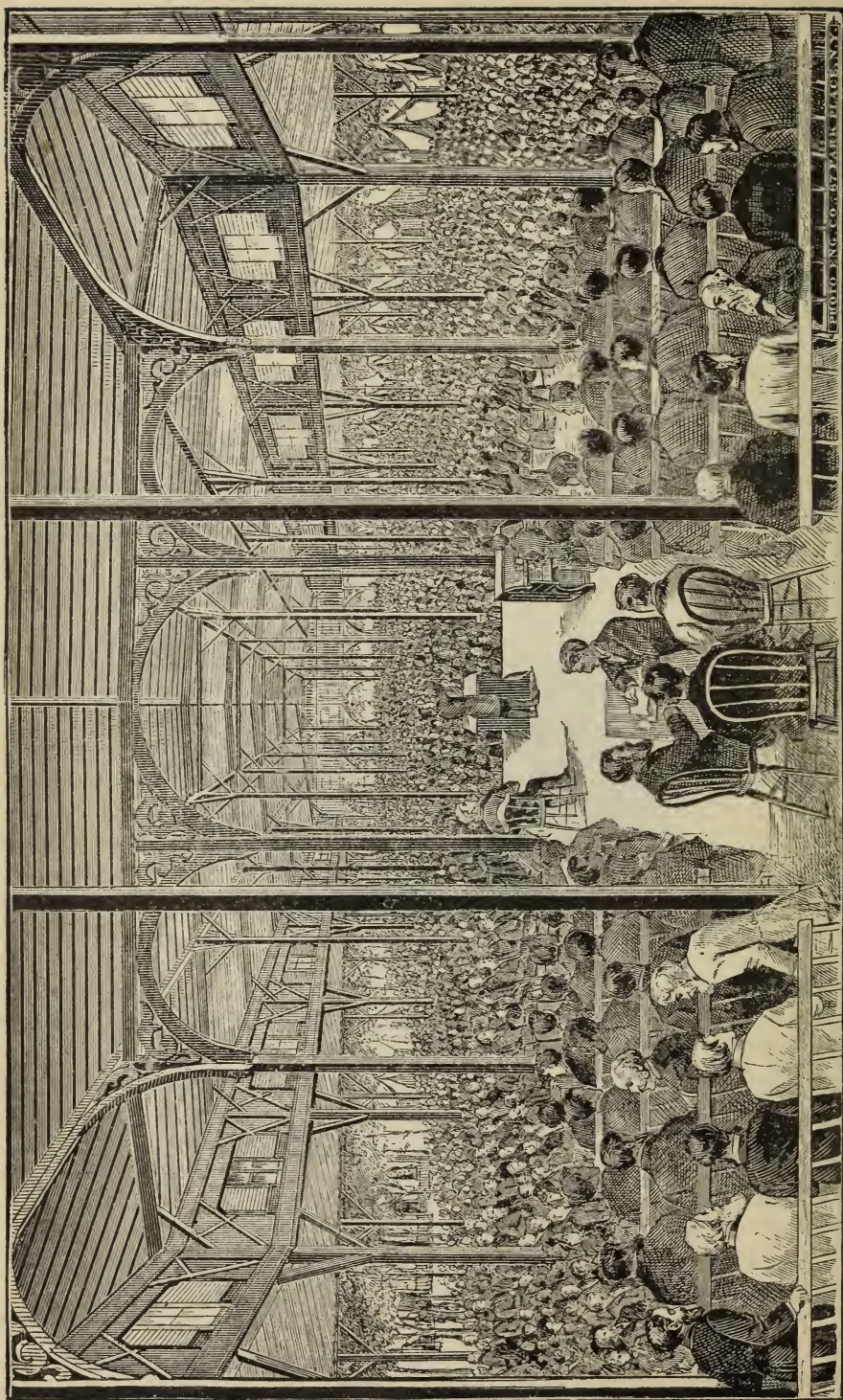
ALFRED COOKMAN.
RULIF V. LAWRENCE.
GEORGE FRANKLIN.
JOHN H. STOCKTON.

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.

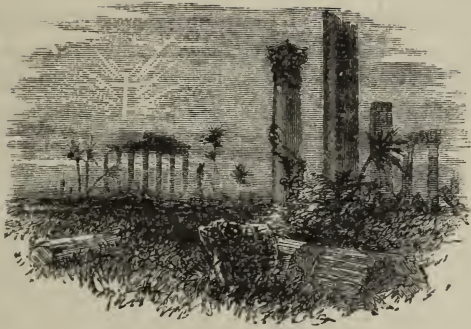
RELIGIOUS WORK.

1881.





Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats 4200 adults. When all the standing room is occupied about 6000 people hear.



“ In the cross of Christ I glory,
 Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story,
 Gathers o'er its head sublime.
When the woes of life o'ertake me,
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
 Lo! it glows with peace and joy.”

Spiritual Efforts.

Thus we have passed through the wilderness of our secular affairs, and now “come to Mount Sion, unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel,” —to the higher, sublimer, and more enduring, because spiritual, work of this Association, which means the salvation of the human soul. This, I must repeat every time, is the central thought at Ocean Grove. We did not start to build a city, but we did start to save men. All other things here are incidental—this is primal. We have built a city it is true; but all this externalism is only as the scaffolding to a great temple. What we most of all desire is that we shall be instrumental in building up, of lively stones, a spiritual house, where there shall be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ; to have laid in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious, so that he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded, and—unless

there shall be, as a result of all this outward work, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that shall show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvellous light—*all other things are vain*. God save us from the bitter and eternal reproach of giving undue attention to the external and perishable, while the spiritual fails to receive the attention which the eternity of its duration demands.

First Week in the Tabernacle.

Our religious services in the Tabernacle commenced this year on Sabbath, June 26, with an excellent sermon from Rev. J. B. McCullough, of Philadelphia. The week following was filled up with a variety of exercises, including on Thursday night, June 30th, a large and enthusiastic reception of Rev. J. S. Inskip and wife, on their return from their evangelistic tour around the globe. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and highly appreciated by those in whose honour it was given.

The day following, Friday, July 1st, was Women's Christian Temperance day, and the exercises were well attended. Saturday, July 2nd, was a day never to be blotted from the annals of the American nation, when the beloved and honored President of the United States,

James A. Garfield,

was brutally assaulted by the hands of an assassin.

As the tidings were flashed across the electric wires, the first feelings were those of doubt. But as soon as it settled into a conviction of truth consternation filled the public mind. Every heart was sad, and every countenance betokened grief. On Sabbath morning, in the nine o'clock meeting, all hearts were importunate in prayer. At frequent intervals through the services of the day, telegrams brought flickerings of hope or tidings of despair. On Monday morning, July 4th, an impromptu prayer meeting was held in the Tabernacle at 8.30, which was one great heart throb of agonizing petition that God would spare our beloved President. Such pleadings with the infinite were scarcely ever heard, and such determined holding on to the eternal for help rarely ever known. And so the people of God continued for 80 days during which time, besides the prayers in the regular services, there were seven special prayer meetings at this place, in his behalf, from a half hour, to two hours in length, in which all forms were lost, and the hearts of hundreds poured out in one great volume of simple, pathetic, unstudied, resistless, sublime crying, "God spare our President." The agony became so

intense at times, that all other things were absorbed, and the great welded heart of all present, felt, desired and knew but one thing, "God spare our President." Sometimes in these agonies, faith climbed the steep and jagged mountains of difficulty, until, though with bleeding feet and bleeding hands, it stood on the summits of assured victory, yet, from these high positions, submission led us again, down in the lowly vale, where on the 19th of September, 1881, at Elberon, but four miles from us, our noble chieftain bowed his head in death. Three memorial services were held here in his honor; one on Tuesday evening, September 20th; one on Sabbath morning September 25th, in which Asbury Park united with us; and one on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the hour of the President's interment at Cleveland, Ohio, while our bells tolled solemnly, their requiem for the dead. In all these services, there was a large attendance, deep feeling and an unshaken confidence in God. Garfield was great, and greatly beloved by the nation, because he was good, and the millions of prayers offered in his behalf, have blest the nation as nothing else could.

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meeting.

These faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ commenced their meetings this year, in the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle, on Sabbath morning, July 3d, at 9 o'clock. True, in view of the condition of our President, little else than praying for him could be done, still, it was their commencement day. They continued their services every morning, until Sabbath, September 18th, a period of over two and a half months, without interruption. The patient and persevering toils of these dear servants of God, are worthy of the highest appreciation, and the good accomplished no mind can estimate, or lips express. Their exercises, though less demonstrative than some, from that very fact, reach and help many that could be reached and blessed in no other way. May God continue to bless these devoted laborers in his vineyard, who under God, have been the means of blessing so many others.

The Summer Sabbath School.

The auditorium was opened for divine service this year, on Sabbath morning, July 3d, with a sermon from Rev. J. S. Inskip, the first preached by him since his return from his evangelistic trip around the globe. There was a vast audience, and much interest throughout the service.

In the afternoon, the Summer Sabbath School was opened by Joseph H. Thornley, Esq., aided by an efficient board of helpers. The Bible

class in the Tabernacle, led by Rev. Dr. Alday, the infant department in the Temple, under the direction of Bro. Evans, and the main division in the Auditorium, under the Superintendent. The attendance on the first day, was 705, which gradually rose like the arching of a great rainbow, to 2780, then gracefully descended on September 11th, to 550, when it closed. The total number in attendance during the summer was 14,905, which was 4183 less than the aggregate last year, owing to the fact that there were two or three rainy Sabbaths during the season, which interfered somewhat with the attendance. The work of our Sabbath School continues to be marked and worthy of your continued encouragement and support.

National Anniversary.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Whitecar, of Millville, N. J., had for some time previous been engaged to deliver the oration on the 4th of July. Such, however, was the distress of the public mind over the President's assassination, that for some time during the morning it was thought it would be impossible to organize for the service. This feeling intensified during the prayer meeting in the Tabernacle, and many felt they would rather remain to pray than have the oration proceed. Finally, a relieving telegram came, and the congregation slowly and sadly gathered. The oration was eloquent, and under ordinary circumstances would have been hailed with great applause.

Precisely at twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, July 4th, 1881, the new clock on the central tower of the Association building—just one hundred and five years, to an hour, after the old state house bell at Philadelphia proclaimed liberty to the captives—struck the hour for the first time, and, while in the act of so doing, the new flagstaff in front—having just been raised—gracefully unfurled to the breeze the glorious stripes and stars, and the congregation, just dismissed from the oration at the auditorium, sung the grand old doxology as they gathered round. The whole day passed sadly and quietly, the usual display of fire-works on the beach omitted for want of heart.

Church and Sunday School Congress.

This was a new service with us. The exercises, which commenced on Monday, July 18th, and closed on Thursday, July 28th, were, intellectually and spiritually, of a high order. The lectures and addresses of Drs. Strong, Fowler, Dorchester, Baldwin, Kynett, Crafts, Hunt, Free-

man, Mrs. Skidmore, Chandler, and others, were towers of strength, abounding in the great facts of Church history, pure in diction, graceful in elocution, and stored away in the chambers of the mind, will be a joy forever.

The temperance cause was grandly sustained, and the admirable address of George W. Baine, Esq., of Kentucky, with its noble sentiment, its magnificent descriptions, its chaste and elegant language, its spontaneous humour, its pure and pointed anecdotes,—all wonderfully brilliant and marvellously eloquent,—will never be forgotten. The announcement of the return of this distinguished gentleman to these grounds would be the signal for a vast ovation.

Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, A. M., conductor of the Sunday School department, proved himself a master-workman, and won from all the highest praise. The daily issuing of a little paper, called the *Children's Hour*, printed in our new building from a stencil, made with a pulsating pen, and distributed gratuitously to the children, was a matter of great interest to the congress, nearly enough of which were sold to adult friends to pay for their production.

The concert, with which the congress closed on Thursday evening, July 28th, under the direction of Professor Sweeney, was like waves of melody filling the air with delicious sounds.

The whole congress was a grand success with one exception, the services were so numerous and the subjects presented, vast and varied, required so much attention, and intellectual effort to grasp and hold, that sometimes, the people, wearied with that effort, failed to attend, and the day congregations, especially, suffered.

In the light of this experience, if another congress is ever held, the meetings should be fewer.

Young Men's Day.

For two or three years, the young men of the Methodist Churches in the city of Newark, N. J., have visited us in large numbers on a given day, holding a service in our auditorium, in the afternoon. The exercises this year were full of interest, and the singing of Prof. Day, of Newark, aided by 40 or 50 young men, was a marked feature of the occasion. These young men, so long as they bring such speakers, and sing such songs will always be welcome.

Ocean Grove Anniversary Day.

This year, the 31st of July, came on the Sabbath. Twelve years ago, we held our first simple service, in a tent, with twenty in attendance.

On our last anniversary, there were 6000 present. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Naylor, pastor of the Madison avenue Methodist Church, in Baltimore. His text was, "Lord, to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life." The sermon abounded in fine points, and showed clearly, that the religion of Jesus, was the only and all sufficient means of meeting human wants. If we turn away from Christ, to whom, in God's name shall we go? Philosophies and systems, promulgated by earth's wisest teachers, fail to satisfy. If we turn away from Christ where shall we go? In conclusion, amid the breathless silence which prevailed, he asked: "Why have I selected this text to-day? It is your Ocean Grove Anniversary. A few years ago, these godly men, who have reared an enterprise which is the admiration of the whole country, built on these three great principles: faith in God, hope in the future and adherence to divine revelation! We see some of the fruits, and while we rejoice in them, we also unite in the prayer, that Ocean Grove may still prosper in disseminating saving and satisfying truth." The sermon ended, and amid the hush of the vast audience, you could almost hear the rustlings of angelic wings, and the audible voice of God, "Well done good and faithful servant."

The Anniversary exercises were continued on Monday, August 12th, at 2 P. M., at the auditorium, the young people taking part. Addresses and recitations were delivered by A. G. Kynett, of Asbury Park; Blanche Woolsten, Ocean Grove; Jennie Kenney, Philadelphia; Rev. J. A. Jones, Long Branch; Wilberforce Cookman, Philadelphia; Mrs. C. F. Woodbury, Philadelphia; Paul Woolsten, Ocean Grove, and Sadie Pierce, Hightstown, N. J.; Willie Dunbar gave music on the mouth organ. The audience then marched to the new building, corner of Main and Pilgrim pathway, in the large hall, in the second story of which, the dedicatory exercises took place. After singing, prayer was offered by Dr. Alday, the first letter from the new Post Office read, and also the first telegram sent out from the new telegraph office. The Report of the Treasurer, showing the cost of the building with all its appurtenances, was presented, after which the doxology was sung.

Dr. Wythe then gave an interesting address; then the President proceeded to say: "Whereas we have for a number of years last past unfolded some object on our anniversary day which we have styled our anniversary monument, we now present this building as our 'Twelfth Anniversary Mémorial,' and while we feel assured it has the smile of God, we trust it has your approval also. We therefore dedicate this building to Almighty God, to be used for His glory, in the transaction of all business whether secular or religious, for upon all things connected with us we desire to have written 'Holiness unto the Lord;' and we also dedicate

it to such directly religious uses as may be called for and from time to time appointed, such as the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and such other exercises as may not be inconsistent with the doctrines, discipline, or usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

In the evening the anniversary prayer meeting was held. A number of prayers was offered, and short addresses given. Dr. Jewett, of Jacksonville, Ill., of his own prompting, said: "I have travelled nearly over the known world, but have never seen a spot like Ocean Grove." "Brethren," he continued, "yours is a sacred trust, a high responsibility. The eyes of the whole continent are on you. In your amazing success lies one of your chief dangers. For the sake of God, humanity, temperance and truth, hold steadily to your principles."

Then, with our heads bowed and our faces in the dust, praying for help, the twelfth anniversary closed, and our purposes, if possible, were stronger than ever, to be true to the work committed to our charge.

Women's National Christian Temperance Union.

Miss Francis E. Willard, with a number of efficient helpers was again promptly in her place, to preside at the "Women's National Christian Temperance Union," which commenced this year on Tuesday, August 2, and closed on Wednesday evening, August 3. The ladies in attendance acquitted themselves nobly, and the closing address of Miss Willard on Thursday evening, thrilled many thousands of hearts, moving them to better purposes and holier lives. The meeting met the highest expectations of all, and its leaders were enthusiastically invited to return next year, which invitation they cheerfully accepted.

In this acceptance I rejoice, for the desolating and wide spread curse they seek to destroy, is rampant, defiant, brazen, fiendish, an incarnate devil, an infernal hell, so vile that suitable words have never yet been used by men to describe it; and it may be that from woman, who for long and weary years has been the patient yet sometimes its frantic sufferer, is to come, born of her awful sorrow, the tears, the pathos and the pleadings which shall move a too listless church and sleeping world to duty.

Bible Readings.

These commenced this year, on Friday morning, August 5th, and continued until Wednesday evening, August 10th. Among the many and varied services held at Ocean Grove during the season, none I am

sure, are more acceptable, or better adapted to prepare us for the services of the great camp meeting. This year, as usual, they were full of interest. Bro. Adams never did better, and as he read and discoursed to us of the "Ten Commandments," "The methods of successful prayer," "Work for God," "The thorn in the flesh," and "Heaven," all hearts were warmed, thrilled, and lifted Godward. Mrs. Bottome occupied the afternoon in the Tabernacle, and read of the "Four Nothings," "Preciousness of Bible Texts," "Redeeming the Time," etc. Her readings, too, were all largely attended, and the interest increased with each additional scene. So that after the people had fed on the rich truth of the divine word, for six consecutive days, they seemed at the close more eager to hear than ever.

Pennington Seminary Day.

Thursday, August 11th, was set apart for the reunion of the officers and alumni of Pennington Seminary. The day was one of delightful interest. Rev. B. C. Lippincott, pastor of the First M. E. Church, Asbury Park, gave an excellent sermon in the morning on the extension of Christ's Kingdom. In the afternoon, Prof. Little, of Dickinson College, spoke on the subject of education generally, and at 7 P. M., there was a reunion of the alumni in the Tabernacle. Short addresses were made by Gen. Rusling, J. Y. Dobbins, Prof. Lippincott, Dr. McCaully, and others. In the evening Dr. Hanlon preached an able sermon, from "Thou shalt guide me by thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory."

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, August 12th, though observed this year only for the second time, was looked forward to with deep interest. Though we bury our dead, we not forget them. They lie in the chambers of our memory like the reflected heavens on the bosom of the unruffled lake. Nothing shall mar or destroy them. Bro. Adams had read of heaven the day before, and this afternoon Dr. Alday discoursed sweetly of our recognition of friends there. When evening came the Tabernacle was crowded, standing room and all. Dr. Ritterhouse led in prayer, and Prof. Sweeney never sang better. Every word of prayer, testimony or song through a lengthened service was subdued by a tenderness and pathos, which told how every heart was touched. Tears flowed like summer rain; tears, not of sadness, but full of the joy which shall thrill us when we meet beyond the river. Touching references were made to Rev. Elbert Osborn, Rev. W. H. Bangs, Rev. Samuel Vansant, Rev.

Geo. F. Brown, Rev. J. S. Phelps, and many others who had died during the year. Dr. Hepworth arose, and with his great, manly face bathed with tears, spoke of his sainted father, and brother Thornley referred to brother John Horton, who, during life, was so deeply interested in Ocean Grove, having through great sufferings and mighty grace become more than conqueror, and now rests with God. All hearts, softened, were blended together in tearful hope, and all sung at the close—

“How sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain—
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again.”

Women's Foreign Missionary Day.

Saturday, August 13th, and Sabbath, August 14th, were devoted to the Women's Foreign Mission cause. This work has a warm place in the hearts of our people, and increases year by year. The Saturday meetings were addressed by Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Dr. Butler, Mrs. Dr. Hibbard, and Mrs. Chandler. At night a missionary love feast was held, and on Sabbath morning Bishop Andrews preached to a vast congregation on the text, “He saved others, Himself He cannot save,” his theme being victorious suffering and unselfish love, prompting us to labor for the salvation of the lost. At the close of the sermon a basket collection was taken amounting to \$330, and a beautiful hymn, written for the occasion by Mrs. Knowles, was sung by the choir. At the afternoon service, addressed by Mrs. Inskip, Mrs. President Garfield was made a life patron, and Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Chandler life members of the Ocean Grove Society. The whole proceeds of the anniversary amounted to the noble sum of \$884.41, which we hope may be exceeded each year until the millennium shall be ushered in.

Annual Camp Meeting.

This like the Passover among the Jews is the great Annual feast to which all the tribes of Israel repair. All the other services of the season do not give us the anxiety of this. If the others are not a high success, no one is especially affected, but if the camp-meeting is not a grand triumph, the people mourn. We do not wonder at this. Most of the people who come here, understand this is a religious place, and come on that account. It does not matter whether they are profoundly spiritual or not, they want others to be so, and though they take no active part in

the meetings want them to be successful. This is well, and I trust it will always be so. But, there are many who from higher motives, feel a deeper interest, while those who stand near the heart of this great work, are often overborne with its responsibility and care. Each day of the season, is like the ascent of a mountain, until at the camp-meeting, we reach our Carmel summit, where, like Elijah, we enter into an intense struggle, and are satisfied, only when God by fire consumes our sacrifice and gives us victory. This year, more than ever, a larger number felt the burden, and the great heart-cry of multitudes was, "God give us victory! The first day of the meeting, Tuesday, August 16th, was spent in prayer. Hour after hour, from 9 A. M., to 7 P. M., without a moment's interruption, the people plead with God for the Baptism of fire. Again and again, the fiery baptism fell. We began in the Tabernacle, then, after an hour or two, so large was the attendance, we repaired to the auditorium. All hearts were aflame, and faith climbed to sublimest altitudes, so that when we came to the evening communion services, and fourteen hundred people who had pledged themselves anew to the divine service around the sacramental altar, in response to the question, "How many are ready for the great business of soul saving, and who will go, as desired, to any part of the work?" multitudes arose and by so doing, said, "Here am I, send me."

On Wednesday morning, strengthened by the previous all-day prayer service, the regular work of the camp-meeting commenced. Brother Andrews was in his consecration meeting at 5.45 A. M. At 6.45 family devotions were held for 15 minutes daily, the yoke fellows held daily meetings in their tent on Ocean pathway, Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's at 8.30, and the Young People's Meetings at 9 A. M. Mrs. Lizzie Smith, held the meetings in the Tabernacle at 1.30 P. M. Children's Meeting at 2 P. M., under the care of Brother Thornley, aided by earnest Christian women, the twilight meeting led by Brother Adams, were the regular meetings held outside of those at the stand. Never were these side meetings more successful. God was in them every time, and in some instances the people moved by divine power, swayed before the Lord, like forests bowed by the passing tempest.

The sermons commencing on Wednesday morning, by Bishop Foster, and continuing three times a day until Thursday night of the following week, were colossal, towering, majestic and sublime. The love feast on Sabbath morning was a tidal wave of glory, in which all felt the power, and bowed before the majesty of a present God. When the time for public services came, Dr. G. Lansing Taylor held the multitudes, spell-bound at the auditorium, by his wonderful sermon, on "Ye are the light of the world," the Tabernacle was also full, where Brother

Inskip preached, and the Temple was full where Brother Ballard conducted services, while at Ross's Pavilion on the beach, Dr. Munhall, of Indiana, preached the word of life, where many arose for prayer and one at least was saved.

Throughout the ten days, the meetings were wonderful visitations of God, and those who could pass through such a period of matchless power, and still resist the claims of truth, must, in the day of God, be without excuse.

We reached the conclusion of these blessed services, on Friday morning, August 26th. We met for the final exercises, at 9 A. M. The first act, was the solemn dedication of 13 children to God, in holy Baptism, after which, the Holy Communion was administered, by seventy ministers to nearly 1800 people. During the progress of this service, which was pervaded by the special manifestations of divine glory, there was a hushed awe, as 40 or 50 little ones, part of the fruits of the meetings among the children, came and knelt at the altar, to receive the emblems of a Saviour's dying love. The multitudes in attendance, were so affected by this scene, that there were few eyes not wet with tears. When the communion closed, as is our custom, the ministers followed by as many of the vast congregation, as could join, proceeded to march around the auditorium, with songs of triumphant joy. Simple as is this service and fanatical as it may seem to some, coming as it does after so many heart appeals to a better life, it impresses the gay and thoughtless as few things do. Looking on they often stand aghast, or bathed in tears, bow down to weep. I have no doubt, that many who resist all sermons, vow in these closing services to live for God.

After this comes the hands shaking, and the final farewell. What scene can be compared to this. Men, women, and children, filled with exalted joy, or bathed in tears of silent gratitude, grip the hand, and with choked utterance exclaim: "God bless you, good bye, may we meet in heaven." If there was no other heaven, and no higher reward, these tears and prayers and blessed benedictions, would be high compensation for all our toil. But, added to these, over all and on all like dew and sunlight on the mountains, fall the blessing of our Father, God.

And now, as the surging multitudes and the exultant songs cease for a moment, the minister's hands are lifted, and there comes a hush like that which falls upon the soul at twilight; the solemn bell tolls three times, and "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for the year 1881 was pronounced closed with the prayer that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, might keep each heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recapitulation.

Having passed through this brief enumeration of meetings for the season, all that remains for me now, in order to close this already extended report, is a simple recapitulation and summary of results as far as results can be summarized. We find upon examination that there have been held the following services since our work of the season commenced: Sermons Preached, 66; Sabbath-School Sessions, 11; Prayer Meetings, 37; Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meetings, 72; Prayer Meetings for President, 7; Memorial Series for Dead President, 3; Memorial Services for Departed Friends, 2; Baptisms, 19; Surf Meetings, 12; Twilight Meetings, 16; Young People's Meetings, 46; Fourth of July Oration, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Missionary Love Feast, 1; Missionary Addresses, 9; Addresses on different subjects, 27; Temperance Addresses, 72; Children's Temperance Meetings, 7; Women's Temperance Prayer Meetings, 9; Bible Readings, 9; Children's Meetings, 9; Children's Hour Services, 10; Church and Sunday-School Congress Addresses, 19; Lectures, 17; Conference and Teacher's Meetings, 9; Normal Class Meetings, 9; Lectures with Stereopticon Illustrations, 3; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 10; Yoke Fellows' Meetings, 36; Camp Meeting Love Feast, 1; Lectures on Jerusalem, 6; Concert 1; Anniversary Day with Young People's Exercises, 1; Evangelistic Services, 2; Elm Cottage Meeting, 1; Consecration Meetings, 10; Reception, 1; six hundred in all.

You will naturally ask me the result of all these meetings. I wish I could give them so as to satisfy you or myself. Figures are the poorest and most inexpressive things in such connections. It is like an attempt to estimate the value of summer rain in times of drought, or the glory of the sunlight as it kisses into fragrant and joyous being ten million flowers. Who can estimate the value of one soul saved, reclaimed, sanctified or helped. Yet it is our blessed privilege to know that over 200 were reclaimed, more than 300 converted, nearly 300 sanctified, and 2000 especially aided in their religious life. These are simply the numbers reported. I can give no approximate idea of the things not reported—the wide-spread diffusion of light—the heat which generates the new life—the photographing of divine pictures upon the mind—the electrotyping of holy influences upon the soul—the lifting of the spirit out of its doubt and darkness—the placing of the feet upon the highways of holiness—the moral natures thrilled with hopes of immortality, until unnumbered hearts glow with holy love, and multitudes of illuminated faces reflect the light of heaven. These are some of the unseen but felt influences of uncounted good set in motion by these great meetings, which widen like the wideness of the sea, and present a view to the mind,

compared with which earthly pageants, processions, triumphal arches, the tramp of returning heroes, the glow of human glory, are all tame and transient; and we shall behold nothing grander until we pass Sirius, pass the Pleiades, pass Orion, and through other universes of unimaginable splendor, where heaven bursts upon our vision, and angels, archangels, cherubim, and seraphim shall gather around us, and our own spirits awed, subdued and overwhelmed with the widening glory shall exclaim with the immortal throng, "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God for ever and ever," and God himself shall say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

Thus, brethren, I have endeavored to give you, as best I could, temporally and spiritually, the doings of the year just closed. And now, under the inspiration of their recital, let us gird ourselves anew to duty, and go forth in our Master's name, to gain new victories for Him. Meanwhile, I commend you, your families, our Ocean Grove friends, and all the friends of God, together with this great and ever increasing work to the care of Him whose we are, and whom we serve. Let us not falter.

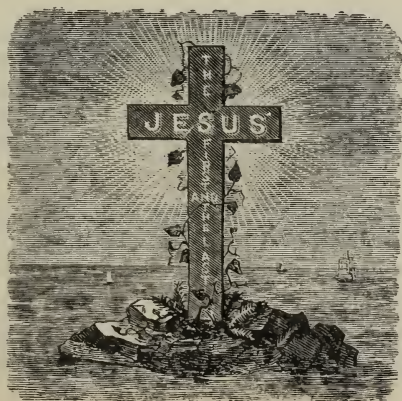
"Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,
 The day must dawn, and darksome night be past,
 All journeys end in welcome to the weary,
 And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.
 Angels sing on! your faithful watches keeping,
 Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above,
 Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping
 And life's long shadows break in cloudless love."

Until then, yours in the love and work of Jesus,

E. H. STOKES,

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., *Oct. 10th, 1881.*

President.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Beautiful Lots.—We are often asked, "Have you any more lots to sell?" It may be a matter of surprise to most, when we say that we have many hundreds, some of which are *equal to any upon our grounds*. Some of these are on Wesley Lake, some near the sea, and some lie between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, only two minutes' walk from the post-office, and but three or four from the auditorium. These lots will be sold at reasonable prices.

There are also large numbers of lots on the new ground south of Clark Avenue along Fletcher Lake.

Sanitary.—The healthfulness of the locality needs no better evidence than the utterly careless manner in which the people violate the ordinary rules of hygiene and moderation. They apparel themselves with little or no regard to the health rules which they deem essential at home, and eat, drink and sleep in about the same way.

Still, there is little or no sickness here; and there must be a wonderful sanitary power in the woods and waves to induce the uninterrupted health which usually reigns at this place. The water, which is of the purest character, is obtained by means of tube pumps, driven twenty or thirty feet through the clay and gravel, and is inexhaustible.

Protection to Health.—Do not in any case allow the vaults of your water closets to remain in a leaky condition. Your own, as well as your neighbor's safety, requires that you give special attention in this direction. For the promotion of the comfort and health of your family, use disinfectants daily. Carbolic acid, copperas, chloride of lime, and dry muck, are all effectual. Those who prefer the dry muck can obtain the same of Capt. Lewis Rainear, tent master, on the grounds. Do not fail to use one or the other of these articles.

Restrictions.—The restrictions adopted by the Ocean Grove Association are simply designed for mutual protection. Those who violate a rule for what may seem to their advantage to-day, may have a similar rule violated to-morrow by others which will prove to their great disadvantage. Adherence to the old gospel precept, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," is all we ask in regard to our regulations here.

Lot Owners.—Owners of lots at Ocean Grove are particularly requested to inform the Secretary whenever a sale is effected, and direct a transfer of the lot on the books of the Association; and the attention of lot owners is particularly called to the following resolution passed by the Executive Committee: *Resolved*, That no transfer of a lot be approved by the President, except on proper receipt of assurance that all dues thereon are paid.

Register.—All visitors are earnestly requested to call at the office and register their names in a large book provided for the purpose. Telegrams are often sent to persons who are strangers upon the grounds, and we have no possible clue to them, unless it be through the register at the office.

Important.—All persons proposing to erect cottages or other buildings at Ocean Grove, are required to consult the Association in regard to dividing lines, plan of buildings, etc.

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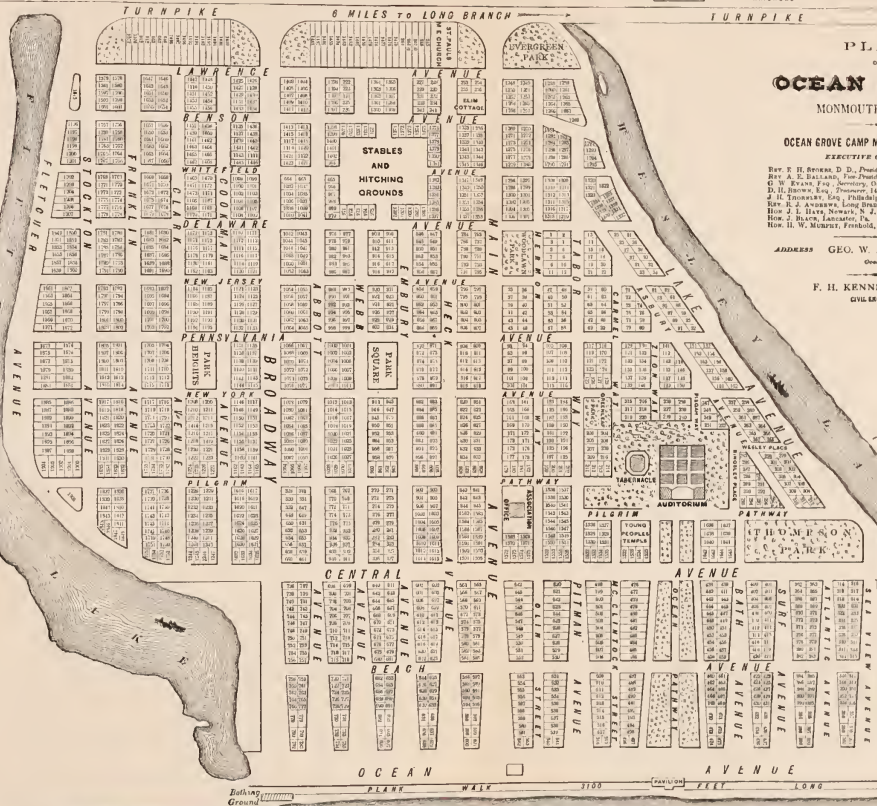
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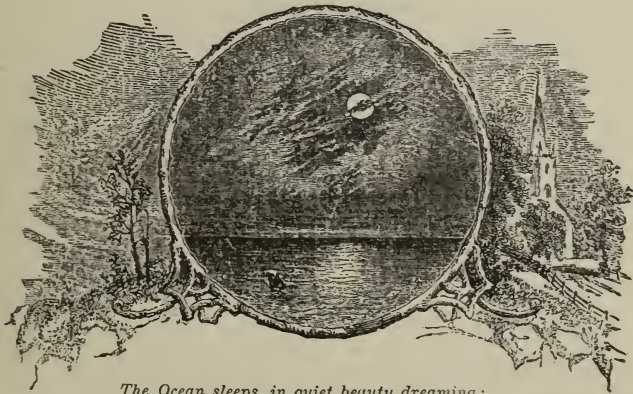
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*The Ocean sleeps, in quiet beauty dreaming;
Its bosom heaves with tempest wrath no more;
The queenly moon through gauzy robes is gleaming,
While the low billows murmur on the shore,
And the deep calm, reflecting worlds supernal
Crowns peerless peace, whose reign shall be eternal.*

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OCEAN GROVE CAMP-MEETING ASSOCIATION
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To the Members of the Association :

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the providence of God I stand before you, as your President, on the occasion of this thirteenth annual gathering, with my Thirteenth Annual Report.

That so many of us should have been spared so long, and allowed so many years in the work which seems to have been divinely allotted us, calls for continued expressions of devout gratitude to Almighty God; while, at the same time, it is proper for us to humble ourselves under a sense of our own unworthiness, and, thankful for all past blessings, seeking wisdom from above, re-consecrate ourselves to Him and His holy cause.

It gives me great pleasure to state, too, that while the lives of all have been spared another year, with one exception, the health of most has been good. Our senior member, the venerable Thomas T. Tasker, Esq., has been long and seriously ill, but has so far recovered as to be with us to-day, and we have good hope that many years may yet be added to his valuable life. With those whose families have been and still are afflicted we deeply sympathize.

One of our number, Rev. William B. Osborn, is still abroad, and another, Rev. I. Simmons, just returned from a European tour, for whose safe arrival we give thanks to God, is cordially welcomed among us again this day.

But, while all these things are so, I am saddened with the fact that three of our most valuable men, who have been employés of this Association for a number of years—John Stricklin, Charles Brand and Tenbroeck Thompson—have, during the past year, closed up their labors, and are numbered with the dead. They were all true to their trusts, and have their reward. Their faithfulness merits this public mention.

The year has been one of advancement. Not all, in all respects, that we could have desired, but all that time and means would allow, It has had, too, its share of trials. These we must expect. No matter what our work, or where performed, there will be enough of antagonisms to remind us that we are in a sinful world, and to impress us with a sense of our own insufficiency and need of divine help.



In the adjustments of private ends to the public good, all administrators have their difficulties. This, it is possible, will always be so. Nevertheless, as persons professing godliness, it should be our aim to serve each other. The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, as such, is, in its organization, as free from selfish aims as human organizations are likely to be. Its object is, without seeking its own aggrandizement in any way, to secure the greatest good to the greatest number. If, in any instance, there has been a failure in this direction, it has been from the fact that walking, as we were compelled, in an untrodden path, we had not the clear light which comes from experience, and, as soon as errors were discerned, we retraced our steps and corrected the mistake. These statements are made to the public in the fullest confidence of their truthfulness, and on these grounds we ask our people to coöperate with us, especially in their plans to improve their property; and to consider that whatever gratifies a simply private wish to-day might interfere with some public good to-morrow, which would much more than over-balance any per-

sonal interests which could be gained. Our people and the Association should be a unit on this question, and before any advanced movement in the way of building is made, the fullest consultation should be had. For want of this, there have sometimes been inharmonious actions, which have caused us grief. Still, it should be said that among so many it is marvelous that these differences have been so few. Our object in calling attention to this matter now is, in the hope that hereafter, by mutual understandings, there may be none. This done, I think the movements of the machinery of this enterprise will be as nearly frictionless as human institutions ever are. But, while these things involve trials, which depress, we have more than corresponding triumphs, which elate; so that we come to understand Paul, when he said: "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelation, there was given unto me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

I now call attention to

THE SECULAR WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR.

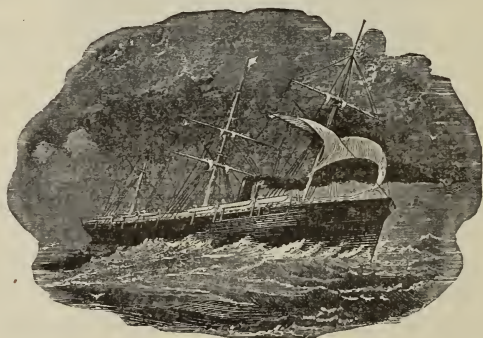
This, as usual, has been large. So large, indeed, that those members of this Association not regularly or frequently upon the grounds, though it be declared to them in writing, have no just conception of it.

We mention, in a brief line or two, that which requires a vast outlay of money, and a large number of men weeks and months to do. The first work of importance after the annual meeting, a year ago, was the extension of Fletcher Lake westward. This, as you are aware, commenced the year before, but because of the severity of the weather had to be abandoned. In the second attack, last Autumn and Winter, the lake was extended a distance of 465 feet towards the turnpike, the excavation being 168 feet wide. In connection with this excavation, the work of grading the whole southwestern part of the grounds took place. That whole section has, therefore, so changed in appearance since our last annual meeting, that from a region of desolation it has come to a condition suitable for building and other ornamentation.

STREETS CLAYED AND GRAVELED.

Avenues, which a year ago were unopened, are now hard and beautiful roadways. Clark, Franklin and Stockton Avenues have each been graded 900 feet, from Central Avenue west to turnpike;

Lawrence Avenue, 720 feet south, to Fletcher Lake; Benson Avenue, 730 feet, from Clark Avenue to the lake; Whitefield Avenue, 540 feet, from Clark to the lake; Delaware Avenue, 550 feet, from Clark to the lake; New Jersey Avenue, 560 feet south; Fletcher Avenue, from ice-house to Delaware Avenue, west, 420 feet; Spray View, from Beach to Ocean, 735 feet; Sea View, from Beach to Ocean, 735 feet; Atlantic Avenue, from Central to Ocean, 1,380 feet; Bath Avenue, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; Webb, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; Abbott, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; making a total of 13,750 feet, or about one-third of a mile, besides many places on the various avenues repaired and improved. To do this work, 197 car-loads of clay were brought from Farmingdale, at a cost of \$2.25 per load, the New Jersey Central Railroad generously granting us trackage over their road, from Sea Girt to Ocean Grove, free of cost. Each car-load of clay makes 17 two-horse wagon-loads, so that there were 3,349 wagon-loads of clay used; and 6 wagon-loads of gravel to a car-load of clay, making 1,192 loads of gravel taken from our own grounds, a grand total of 4,541 loads of material used in this work.



Since the accomplishment of the above work, our avenues are mostly in good condition; but with the amount of travel over these roads during the Summer months, they will need constant attention and yearly repairs.

CURBING.

The work of stone curbing, I am happy to say, goes steadily on. Very little lumber is now being used for this purpose. Stone is not only every way more satisfactory, but, in the end, vastly cheaper. Some of the sidewalks have never yet been curbed. This should be done, not only for the general appearance, but for utility. Without

this, the sidewalks cannot be kept in repair, or the water run off in heavy rains. An ordinance should be passed requiring this to be done. The following work in the way of curbing has been accomplished by our men, in carrying out the general plan of widening the front yards on the flaring avenues, the expense of which the property owners meet: Spray View Avenue, from Beach to Ocean, 735 feet; Sea View, from Beach to Ocean, 735 feet; Atlantic, from Central to Ocean, 1,380 feet; Bath, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; Heck, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; Webb, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet; Abbott, from Central to Ocean, 1,470 feet.

There have also been twenty-six corners curbed with stone, at our own expense, namely, on Benson, Whitefield, Delaware and New Jersey Avenues, next to Fletcher Lake. It seemed necessary to do this, in order to preserve the sidewalks and street lines on these new parts of our grounds. In addition to all the above, there have been put down by us for private parties, in different localities, over 2,000 feet of stone curbing, which, in cost and general appearance, gives fullest satisfaction. The total amount of stone curbing put down this year is 11,246 feet. There is now remaining on hand, in good condition, 4,150 running feet of curbing, which can be put down by our men for private parties at lower rates than property owners can do it for themselves, and more in harmony with our general plans.

Early last Spring there was bought about 50,000 feet of wrecked ship timber, mostly oak, solid and heavy, averaging from six to eight inches square, and some larger, 22,000 feet of which have been used to excellent advantage. Among these were 72 ship knees, 16 feet long, making 1,152 feet, used at the corners for curbing, which, for such purposes, are better even than stone, as there is no danger of breaking by heavy driving. Twenty-four footways, 36 feet long, making a total of 864 feet, have been laid, which are a great convenience in crossing the streets in wet weather. The balance of this valuable material, amounting to about 28,000 feet, is still on hand and ready for future use.

AVENUES FLARING TO THE SEA.

The work of improvement on these avenues is nearly complete, and is of such character and importance as to secure not only universal approval, but greatly enhances the value of the property thus improved. Main Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Ocean Pathway also need similar arrangements, and the property owners are ready, and some of them very anxious, to have the work pushed forward at

once. The advantage to be derived by Ocean Avenue and Ocean Pathway are beyond all calculation to the properties themselves, while the general effect will be of the most gratifying character. I hope measures will be adopted to complete this work before the opening of another season. A plan is herewith submitted:

PLANK WALKS.

These have some advantages, and, while new, do well. Hemlock boards are generally used for such purposes, and their soundness, especially while laying upon the ground, exposed to all kinds of weather, is of short duration. As soon as they begin to decay, their



decline is rapid, and they become unsightly and dangerous. During the last season our men were compelled to examine them almost daily, and after all the care and expense bestowed upon them, accidents occurred, some of which were quite serious in their character. The Broadway, Mount Tabor Way, and Wesley Lake walks should be thoroughly overhauled, and, as soon as convenient, removed. Clay and gravel are much to be preferred to hemlock boards, but I hope the day is near when property owners will generally adopt stone flagging in preference to either. The ocean front walk, being con-

structed of two-inch white pine planks, is of a much more lasting character, and endures the exposure to the weather well. In view of our increasing crowds, however, although it is now 16 feet wide, it will be a question for the near future as to its extension to 32 feet in width.

WESLEY LAKE.

Every year the interest in this delightful little sheet of water increases. Too much care can not be bestowed upon it, in order to increase and perpetuate its healthfulness and beauty. Its head should be well guarded, and its feet protected. In connection with Mr. Bradley, nothing in reasonable reach should be left undone to secure it a place of safety and pleasure forever. I emphasize this point, and hope, before another season, such radical measures will be taken as will place it beyond the possibility of any question in the minds of the most fastidious. Considerable attention has been given to its upper parts this year. This should be continued. There has also been a continuation of the terrace on the southern bank of Wesley Lake, from Pilgrim Pathway to Beach Avenue. This important improvement involved the digging out the Lake at the base of the terrace, grading up the bank, the use of 240 loads of muck and soil, and 10,340 square yards of sods. Where the lots were sold, this improvement was paid for by those who owned them, and the advantages to their grounds is vastly more than the expense incurred. Where the lots were not sold the expense was borne by the Association.

There have been 462 boats on the Lake the past Summer, 64 of which were licensed by us. Considering the number, the order has been excellent. The dam at the foot of the Lake has worked well, but the outer, or sea end of the flume, needs repairs. The water has been drawn off from the bottom three times during the season. This, with the frequent rains, has kept it in good condition. There is some cause of complaint that the waters of Wesley Lake are sometimes drawn off without a mutual understanding with the joint ownership. A little consideration at this point would be satisfactory. The boats, as a rule, especially the licensed ones, are comfortable, nicely cushioned and ornamented. On a dark night, when two or three hundred of them are out on the water, darting from point to point, each bearing from one to five lighted Chinese lanterns, the scene is enchanting in the extreme, and, travelers declare, outdoes Venice in its highest glory. The statements made in the presentation of the Grand Jury

to the Monmouth County Courts, concerning this Lake, are without the slightest shadow of foundation, either with regard to Ocean Grove or Asbury Park, and both places demand the fullest investigation.

FLETCHER LAKE.

I have already spoken of the extension of its western end. This has been a great improvement. It now runs up to Delaware Avenue, and needs still to be extended three blocks westward, to Lawrence, where it will properly terminate in a bay, widening out towards both shores, so that boats can turn, pass and re-pass without inconvenience. The importance of doing this immediately is two-fold. *First*, the dirt which will be thrown out of the excavation is needed to grade up Fletcher Avenue, from Delaware to the turnpike; and *secondly*, Fletcher Avenue needs to be graded up, so as to make a solid roadway for the removal of the ice-house to a location west of the turnpike. If added motives were needed to do this work at once, these would be found in the facts that the opening of the Lake, the grading of Fletcher Avenue out to the turnpike, and the removing of the ice-house, would vastly improve the appearance of our property in that section, while the added fact should be stated, that thus far the sale of muck from the bed of the lake has fully met the cost of excavation already made, and that yet to be taken out will meet the cost of the work still in contemplation there.



The number of boats on Fletcher Lake this year was 154. Eleven of these were licensed for carrying passengers. The order has been good, and the general character and appearance of the Lake improves from year to year.

VAULT CLEANING.

This unpleasant yet important work was so thoroughly attended to by our men during the past Winter that comparatively few complaints were made. During the progress of the season just past, over 1,000 barrels of deposits were removed for private parties, and 110 from our own vaults. This work, performed by our odorless excavator, in the day-time, in the heat of the season, is so little offensive that it is often accomplished without attracting attention. The expense of carting has been greater than usual, because of the greater distance to the dumping grounds. It is a great satisfaction, however, that while in the past considerable complaints have been made by those in the neighborhood of these grounds, this year, without the expense of a man to cover the deposits, which we have had in past years, there have been no complaints at all. I repeat the utterances of last year on this point, and state that the whole question is an unpleasant one, and needs great forbearance and care to conduct with any degree of satisfaction. Let employers and employés be as considerate as possible.

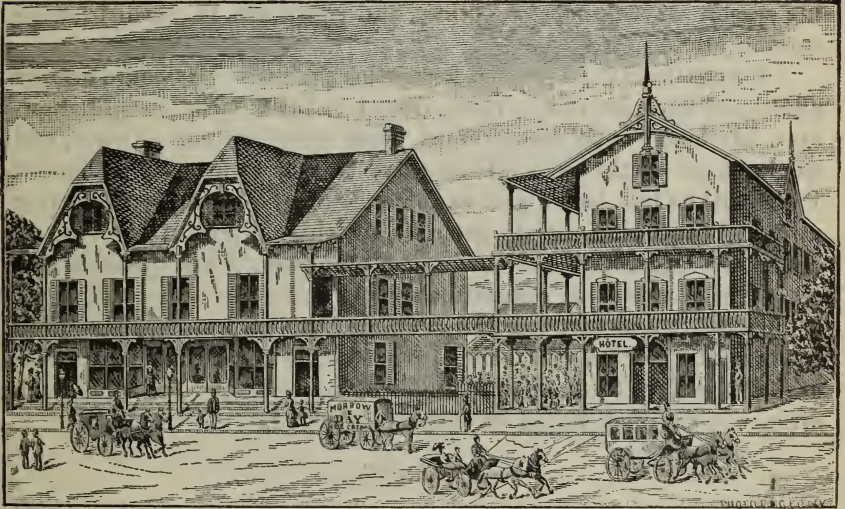
SEWERAGE.

It seems impossible to impress some minds on this point. There is a persistency in willful misrepresentation on the sewerage question, notwithstanding the abundance of opportunities to be informed. It is a sin and shame that writers for the public press should continue to propagate their vile misrepresentations. Such, indeed, are the efforts made to mislead the public mind upon this subject, that we are led to believe it is no longer ignorance, but malignancy. But, notwithstanding the continuation of these false statements, I am happy to say that the advancement in the line of sewerage has been greater this year than at any period of our history. The following properties, which include all our large buildings and a number of the smaller ones, have now regular underground sewerage: The Trenton House, Howland House, Public Commodes on the Camp Ground, Association Building, Matlack's bakery, Ellwood, Taylor's bakery, Wayman Cottage, Clarendon, Day Brothers' ice cream saloon, Osborn House, Arlington, Neptune House, Douglas Cottage, Chandler's Cottage, Atlantic House, Sheldon House, La Pierre, Madison, Spray View, Seaside House, Hoffman Cottage, Childs' Cottage, Ross' Cottage, Waverly Cottage, Hodson Cottage, Mrs. Ryer's Cottage, Surf Avenue House, Albertson House, Bancroft's Cottage, American House, Wil-

mington House, Flack's Cottage, Rusling's Cottage, Sturdivant Cottage, Mrs. Dr. Jones' Cottage, Jackson House, Dunham Cottage, Mrs. Nutt's Cottage, Mrs. Duff's Cottage, Olive Cottage, Germantown House, Murphy Cottage, Dobbins' Cottages, Sea View House, Thornley's Cottages, Prof. Corning's Cottage, Wilson Cottage, James' Cottage, Rules' Cottage, United States House, Dr. Tantum's Cottage, Sheridan House, Dotterer's Cottage, Rev. T. S. Wilson's Cottage, Kendrick's Cottage, Le Chevalier House, Wyckoff Cottage, W. C. Bakes' Cottage, D. H. Brown's Cottage, Ocean House, Morrow & Day's property, Mrs. Metz's Cottage, Hotel Grand, Dickey Cottage, Thorn Cottage, Waverly House, Drew Cottage, Dolton Cottage, Sayre Cottage, Bay Cottage, Marshall Cottage, Leak Cottage, Amherst Cottage, Jones' Cottage, James Black's Cottage; 78 in all. The whole amount of twelve-inch sewerage pipe now laid is 10,200 feet. Of this amount, 5,628 feet have been laid this year. To connect the above properties with the main lines has required about 5,000 feet of taps, from six to ten inches in diameter. Total, 15,200 feet. The mains flow into tanks along the beach. Everything in connection with these sewers has worked well during the season, with the exception that, in a few instances, the opening of these tanks in unfavorable winds has been offensive. To obviate this, a new method was adopted late in the season, which, we believe, is the solution of a long vexed question. This new method is the insertion of an iron pipe of sufficient capacity into these tanks, running out under ground on the beach into the sea, to a point considerably below low water mark, which will probably do away with the necessity of holding the deposits in the tanks altogether, by allowing a continual flow into the sea. This has been in use for a number of weeks at the foot of the Surf Avenue sewer, and works with entire satisfaction. The amount of the outflow, in comparison with the immensity of the ocean into which it passes, is so small that it is imperceptible, and is wholly absorbed. The plan for the future will, therefore, likely be to do away with the tanks altogether, and run lines of pipe along the ocean front, or Beach Avenue, to connect with each main line, of sufficient capacity to receive the whole flow of all the lines, and to have one general and constant outflow below low tide, which plan we now believe will meet all present and prospective demands, and relieve the whole question of all unpleasantness. In this matter, we beg our friends to consider that this whole sewer question is one that, from the beginning, has occupied the minds and thoughts of all the members of our Association, among which are some men as thoroughly experienced on questions of this kind as are to be found, and, we believe, fully

competent to meet and master it in all its forms. Meanwhile, it is worth remembering, that the whole sewer question is everywhere beset with difficulties and dangers. We have between 3,000 and 4,000 feet of sewer pipe still on hand, valued at about \$500.

In this connection, I submit to your careful consideration the question of the supply of water for sewerage purposes. Do not pass this by.



PARKS.

Our parks improve but slowly. One reason, perhaps, is that, with so many things which must be done, those things which can be deferred have to wait their time. Woodlawn, however, has been curbed, had trees set out, and otherwise improved. Thompson needs attention, and all, at the earliest opportunity, should receive an amount of labor which will make them centers of beauty and attraction. The improvements in the parks in front of the Arlington, and along the line northward to the auditorium, are themes of constant admiration.

TENTING ACCOMMODATIONS.

The multitudes who seek accommodations in tents, from year to year, increase rather than diminish. This year the demand was greater than the supply. During the season, 30 new tents and 51 new flies were purchased, at an expense of considerably over \$2,000. Including these new tents, we have now 325 tents fit for use, all of

which were erected the past Summer, and some of them were occupied successively, by several families, so that the number of families occupying tents is very far from being indicated by the number of tents erected. Besides these Association tents, there were about as many more private tents erected on the grounds.

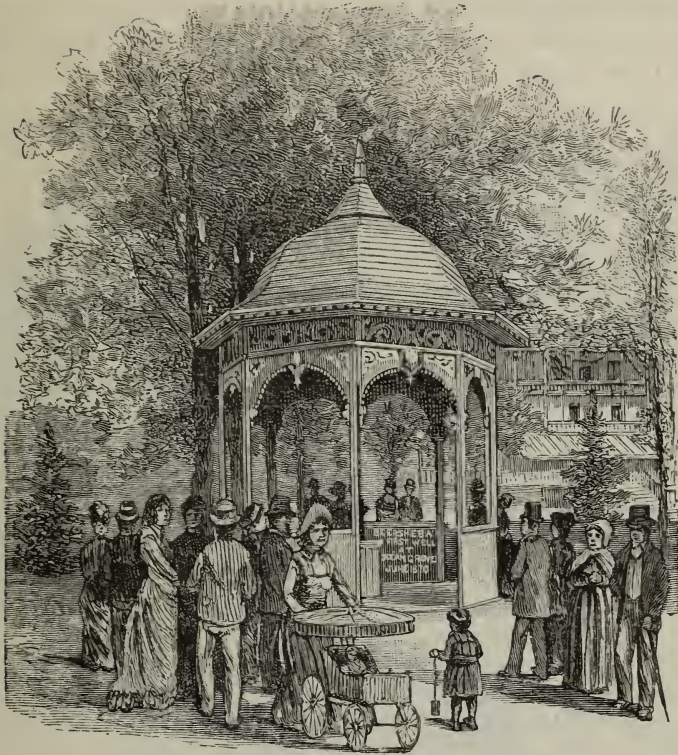
During the past Winter, our men constructed 85 new folding tables, for tent use, to take the place of old ones. 50 of these are 4 feet long; 20, 5 feet; 15, 6 feet long; all of which were rented through the season at remunerative prices, and more will be needed for the coming year.

We continue to be pressed for tenting grounds. We could occupy additional acres for this purpose, if we had them. No question, however, has ever yet so embarrassed us as to be beyond solution, and we have no doubt we shall so solve this as to meet all demands. Plans will be laid before you, at this meeting, for permanently fitting up and beautifying certain grounds, for this purpose. Our tent receipts are larger this year than last, by nearly, if not quite, \$1,000, which is a matter of congratulation. I trust the time will never come when these tent accommodations will be less, as they afford opportunities for whole families to spend their vacation by the sea, at rates within their means, and from which, but for some such arrangements, they would be entirely debarred.

PAVILIONS.

Two new pavilions, 16 x 26 feet, with ventilators, costing about \$250 each, have been erected this year, one at the foot of Surf Avenue, and the other at the foot of Abbott Avenue. They are convenient and ornamental structures, and, with those previously erected along the sea, are likely to be sufficient in that locality. More than are absolutely needed should not be erected, as they obstruct the view, and are, on that account, objectionable. We have seven pavilions now, in all.





TREES.

Tree Planting Day, according to a recommendation in the last Annual Report, was inaugurated this year for the first time. It took place on the second Wednesday (12th) of April, and was an occasion of great interest. The day was beautiful, a large number of visitors were present, the flags were unfurled, and the whole place had the appearance of a gala day. Simple religious services were held, in which the divine blessing was asked upon all we did, and for the dews, rain and sunshine to come upon the trees we planted. The result was that our men set out, on public grounds, and for private parties, 300 North Carolina poplars, 300 silver maples, and 50 Norway spruce; total, 650 trees. In this connection, it is a matter of peculiar and touching interest to state that, at the suggestion of Mr. Bakes, of Ocean Grove, the venerable and greatly beloved Bishop Scott, who was then lying at his home, in great feebleness, sent us two small cedar trees, from his own farm, near Odessa, Delaware, to be planted in his name. They were received, and set just opposite

the Young People's Temple, near the large fountain, and have been watched over with tenderest care. It is a significant incident, that one of these lingered, in a declining state, until about the 13th of



CATCHING BLUE FISH.

July, the day on which our sainted Bishop passed over into immortality, when it became evident that its life, too, was extinct. The other is green, and flourishes, and we hope will long live to perpetuate the name and deeds of a holy man. Many others planted trees on private grounds, and some in the name and to the memory of

departed friends. The day closed with a delightful religious service, held in the Hall, at 7:30 P. M., in which a responsive service, called "Trees," was used for the first time. The day will be long remembered as one of peculiar pleasure, and its return is looked and waited for with special anticipations. There were 20 car, or 340 two-horse wagon-loads of the best soil, brought from Farmingdale, used in planting these trees, and I think the work, as a whole, was well done. For a week or two after the planting, where the owners, on whose property the trees were set, were absent, our men watered them about every other day.

What success has attended this planting? I have been particular on this point, because many think it difficult, if not impossible, to have much success in tree culture along the sea. As a refutation of this, we point with profoundest satisfaction to the noble line of maples gracing either side of Main Avenue, from Pilgrim Pathway to the turnpike, planted eight or nine years ago. It also gives me the greatest satisfaction to state, that of the 650 trees planted by us last Spring, there have been but 21 deaths—3 maples, 7 poplars and 11 Norways—none of which need have died had they received proper attention. It is clearly demonstrated, however, by the experience of the past season, in connection with former years, that maples and poplars thrive the best with us, and in Norways and other evergreens we are least successful. Poplars are the most rapid growers. Few things in the way of perpetuating the beauty of these grounds are more important than tree culture, and I hope that each year it may receive its full share of attention.

FLOWERS.

The culture of flowers, I am glad to say, is yearly receiving more general attention. Private families, in every direction through the grounds, and along our avenues, are beautifying their premises with these silent messengers of beauty. Last year, you will remember, we erected a hot-house, which has been well attended to by Mr. F. Ingersoll, one of our employés. For the room at his command, he has done well. The amount of flowers sold, including \$99 worth of stock used by ourselves, estimated at very low wholesale rates, was \$370. We have now in our house, stock in plants, valued at about \$60; in thumb, and other size pots, and tools necessary to carry on the work, valued at about \$120; total in house, \$180. It will be much more advantageous, however, to the Association, to erect another building, double the size of the present one, namely, 20 by 60 feet, thus giving

ample room to extend the business and meet the growing demand for flowers, which was not done this year. I hope this proposition will meet your approval.



FOUNTAINS.

We have now three fountains, all of them near the auditorium, which are things of beauty. Two of these have been added this year. One, "Jennie and Joe," which took the place of the Angel of Victory, broken at the foot of Main Avenue a couple of years ago, which, being repaired at a cost of \$30, was replaced there, and "Jennie and Joe" brought up, and placed near the auditorium as fountain statuary, for which they were originally designed, and for which they could not be used at the foot of Main Avenue, for want of water. The basin for them cost \$55. Another was unveiled on Anniversary day, called "Good Will," the image, basin, and fixtures of which cost \$125.50. These fountains not only beautify our grounds, but are sources of perpetual pleasure.

BUILDINGS ADJOINING AUDITORIUM.

Every year entails additional expense upon us to meet the constantly increasing dimensions of our work. For several years the janitor's work was correspondingly small, and his wants were met by a

tent near by. His work enlarged, and more room was needed. The minister's room, too, became too small and crowded. Added to these, was the fact that our gas arrangements were limited and defective. To meet all these deficiencies, it was resolved to erect a two-story building, 20 by 30 feet, which now adjoins the auditorium, in the rear of the platform, at a cost of \$850, exclusive of gas fixtures, plumbing, &c. This building has a cellar under the whole, containing ample room for all our gas arrangements and other conveniences. The janitor's office, also minister's room, are on the first, and two large sleeping-rooms on the second floor. The minister's room is neatly furnished, with carpet, chairs, table, gas chandelier, with large, well executed and truthful photographs of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as it existed at the close of the General Conference of 1880. The comfort, convenience and beauty of the whole arrangement is universally acknowledged and highly appreciated.

PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

The old book store, formerly owned by Rev. Dr. Wallace, was, by order of the Association, bought of him last Spring, and cost, with the improvements as they now appear, all of which were made by our men, \$2,190. The Feree & McKee store, on Main Avenue, was also, by direction, bought last Spring, at a cost, with alterations and repairs made by our men, \$1,050. These buildings have been well rented the past season; and, from the fact that we owned all the land east of the western line of the Howland House, except where the book store stood, the purchase of both was wise.

The Association has now ten buildings, which, in some sense, may be called stores, as follows: the building now occupied by Wainwright & Errickson for general merchandise, Vansant's drug store, McCullough's book store, Matlack's bakery, Ferguson's vegetable market, milk depot, barber shop, Goodheart's meat market, old Post Office building, and the store house on Main Avenue. None of them are pretentious, being built at an early period, and have mostly outlived their day. Matlack's bakery, Ferguson's vegetable stand, and the book store are the best. A new building, to take the place of the one occupied by Wainwright & Errickson, is a necessity. The present building is worn out, and is not worth repair. A new, plain, substantial and commodious brick building, adapted to present wants and in harmony with other improvements, should be erected in its stead, and ready for the next year's trade. A second

store for general merchandise is also needed. I hope you will give this subject your careful thought, and, having done so, will, I am sure, proceed at once. While on the question of improvements, would also say that the Tabernacle greatly needs raising and better ventilation, and the Young People's Temple enlarging.

JERUSALEM MODEL.

This has been a point of great interest and attraction all through the season. Sometimes persons linger for hours, with the descriptive pamphlet in hand, examining the sacred localities, and, as they pass out from the study, have a clearer conception of the Holy City than ever before. It is remarkable, too, that rudeness, loud talking, jesting, or anything in the slightest degree unseemly, is never seen or heard around it: even little children are thoughtful, while age looks on the scene of the Saviour's sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension with serious and reverent gaze. Among the many points of interest at Ocean Grove, the Jerusalem Model is not the least, and all the while does good. It was covered over at the close of the season last year to protect it from the Winter storms, and when opened this Spring was found to have suffered but little injury. A few dollars—not over \$20, perhaps—expended for cementing and painting, restored it to better condition than when enclosed last Fall. The net receipts for the sale of descriptive pamphlets, for the season, was \$100.

The points I have thus far touched cover a large amount of the general work of our men for the year, excepting the heavy labor involved in the tenting department for the season. This lasts for full two months, is toilsome, and requires great care and patience in its harmonious adjustment.

Having thus noticed the Association work, I call attention to the

PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR.

In the way of private improvements we have our embarrassments, no more the past year, however, than formerly. The trouble always is, a desire to build too large for the size of the lots. An immense building overshadowing a modest, little cottage, which a family of moderate means has built for a quiet Summer home, is, in the strongest sense of the word, objectionable, and is not in harmony with the original design of Ocean Grove. I think we are morally bound to do our utmost to protect the rights of private cottages, and to discourage the indiscriminate increase of mammoth hotels. The

largest houses built this year are the United States, Hotel Grand, St. Elmo, Kingsley House, Cookman House, The Brighton, Ocean Gem, Atlantic Queen, Highland Cottage, and the Le Chevalier greatly enlarged. Total number of cottages last year was 722; this year, 773; increase, 51. Number of boarding-houses last year, 51; this year, 69; increase, 18. Total number of boarding-houses and cottages, 842; increase in both, 69.

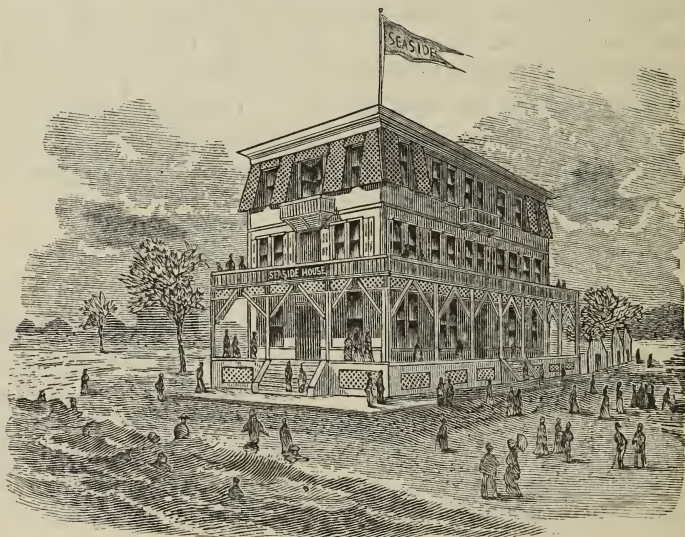
In addition to the above, many cottages have undergone large and important improvements; in many cases almost equal to new buildings. The small, cheap buildings, of the early days, are fast disappearing, and will soon be out of sight, and held only in the dim memories of the past.

The following are the business places in Ocean Grove proper: the Association Building, containing Association office, Post Office, telegraph office, express office, and office of the *Ocean Grove Record*; four bakeries, six ice cream saloons, four barber shops, one book store, one vegetable stand, three restaurants, one grocery and general provision and furniture store, one grocery and provision store, two drug stores, one fish market, one dry goods, notion and furnishing store, two fancy stores, three bazaars, seven confectionery stores, one camera obscura, twenty-nine private stables, two livery stables, besides our own barns and sheds.

BATHING HOUSES.

The Ross Bathing Houses and surroundings remain substantially the same as last year, with the exception of about \$500 expended in paint, and are in good condition. Mr. Lillagore, at foot of Fletcher Lake, has built 70 new bath houses during the year, constructed a bazaar, photograph gallery, refitted saloon, and so readjusted his entire surroundings as to give an improved appearance and greater convenience. There has been an immense amount of bathing during the Summer. Of course this amount is greatly augmented by excursionists, but a vast number of our regular Summer citizens enjoy this luxury daily. There is some just ground of complaint on the part of bathing house proprietors: that while they pay for the privilege of conducting this business, provide bathing lines, bathing masters, life boats and all things necessary for the security of life and the comfort of visitors, that many bathers, finding their own bathing suits, and, changing their clothes at home, do not hire bathing houses, and so enjoy all the benefits of these things, which cost thousands of dol-

lars, without paying anything to their support. But, while I call your attention to these complaints, and ask you in your wisdom what is best to be done, I wish to say, that the simple question of pay to the bathing house proprietors is not the point of greatest importance. The fact that boarding-house keepers build bathing houses on their own premises, and hold out inducements for their guests to use them, involves the revolting spectacle of persons parading through the streets, a half mile, more or less, to and from the bathing grounds, in such attire as is oftentimes indecent and disgusting. I know we have an ordinance against this practice, but our desire to be lenient in this matter, has, sometimes, restrained us in its exercise. On this question I think we should be lenient no longer, and enforce the law. I am very sure that such enforcement would shield us from much adverse but just criticism, and meet the hearty approval of most of our people.



FIRE DEPARTMENT.

I am most happy to record another year of exemption from fires upon our premises. In such continued exemptions from year to year, I think we should recognize the guiding and controlling hand of God. To Him be praise! Let us continue to be watchful on this line—do all we can—and trust.

I am happy to say, too, that our Fire Company, Washington No. 1, of Ocean Grove, has 30 members, all of whom are well equipped,

efficient and faithful. During the last year the Company has secured a charter, by which they are exempt from jury and military duty, and from State and county tax to the amount of \$5. While there have been no fires in Ocean Grove during the past year, the department has been called out by three alarms in Asbury Park. Altogether, the organization is doing well, and I commend it to your continued favor.

WATER WAGONS.

Our water wagons are an important institution. In a dry time their need is absolute. While they have done, during the Summer, better work than ever, yet it is clear, either that their number should be increased, or the capacity of those we have enlarged. I am, also, fully convinced, as I have been for years, that, as in all other places, the persons whose residences are benefited by the water from these wagons should pay their share of the expense. I think, too, our citizens are, many of them, ready to do this, rather than not enjoy the benefit in dry and dusty times. The well and engine in the cellar of the Association Building have given full satisfaction. Two water wagons have run 58 days each, drawing, during that time, about 1,250,000 gallons of water, all of which the well has supplied, besides an amount sufficient to run the three fountains near the auditorium, supplying the gas works, and for watering flowers in parks, giving a total of not much, if any, short of 2,000,000 gallons through the season. But, notwithstanding all this, to insure an unfailing supply, in all conditions of the springs, the well needs sinking at least three feet deeper.

ICE.

There was a complete failure of the ice crop with us last Winter. Not a pound was gathered from our water. This necessitated importation. There were, therefore, bought at White Haven, in February last, about 1,250 tons, which were brought here by rail. This, with the addition of about twenty tons bought towards the close of the season, supplied our Summer demands, and was all sold at fair profits. It is now likely that all our future supplies will have to be brought from a distance.

SANITARY STATUS.

There is nothing upon which there is a more persistent determination to misrepresent us, as I have intimated in my remarks on sewerage, than upon the general sanitary question. Few of the newspaper articles which I have seen treating on this subject are fair.

Some of them have a few passages of truth, but before they are through, these passages are neutralized by some over-reaching statements, wholly false. I do not think the writers, in the main, have any desire to represent us truly. The statements of their articles, conceived in a spirit hostile to our fundamental principles and the gospel we preach, are sensational in character, uttered in bitterness, and without an effort to take in the facts as they exist, are designed to do us harm. This, I believe, is true of four-fifths of the articles written on this question. But, notwithstanding all the false statements uttered by our foes, friends unsolicited come to the rescue, and truth is vindicated. Furthermore, I am glad to state to you that all the calumny thus far heaped upon us has only served to make us more solicituous that it never shall be true, and, as a result, there is no place within the range of my knowledge where the sanitary regulations are better, and our success, everywhere admitted, is the amazement of our foes and the satisfaction of our friends.

We have a careful record of the deaths for the Summer months. There have been 21 in all. Of these, seven were under one year old, 3 of which died of cholera infantum, 1 of convulsions, 1 of whooping cough, 1 of inflammation of the brain, and 1 of miasmus. There was one 10 years old, died of scarlet fever; one 21 years old, chronic inflammation; one 27 years old, consumption; one 24 years old, convulsions; one 38 years old, phthisis; one 40 years old, diabetes; one 40 years old, remittent fever; one 45 years old, diabetes; one 59 years old, hernia; one 59 years old, phthisis; one 59 years old, cancer of the stomach; one 66 years old, apoplexy; one 76 years old, paralysis; one 78 years old, dysentery and cancer.

Most of these came here feeble or absolutely sick, in the hope of restoration by the sea. Two of the number were our permanent aged citizens, who had for years been in declining health, at last, worn out, died in hope.

We sympathize with the friends of these departed loved ones, but disclaim that they died of diseases contracted here. That there should be so many deaths we deeply regret, but that there should be no more among all the multiplied thousands congregating here, many of them broken in health, and indifferent to proper care of themselves, is constant *matter of surprise*.

GARBAGE.

The garbage question has been managed this year with more success than formerly. It has been carried further away, and cost

more, but the complaints have been less and the advantages greater. The question, "What shall we do with the garbage?" has been answered this year by carrying it so far off as to be an offence to none.



POLICE.

The policemen's duties at Ocean Grove are varied, delicate, and often trying to the last degree. It requires experience, tact, adaptation, knowledge of human nature, gentlemanly deportment, self-control, mildness and decision. There are not many born policemen, and good ones are difficult to get. But, notwithstanding all, our policemen have done well this year. They have been fewer in number, were on duty less days, and this item of our expense will be less than in some other years. Nevertheless, the work was done, and good order maintained. This is gratifying, for, as we are a religious organization, in order to preserve our reputation as such there are many details of a minor character to be looked after, the omission of which would bring reproach. Dancing, card playing, the sale of tobacco and intoxicants, all of which, at most places, are not only recognized as harmless, but approved, we forbid, and our policemen must be diligent at every point to suppress. This, too, must be done unostentatiously, so as not to attract attention, and so delicately that the least offence shall be given. That they have not

been idle, the following statistics, collected by our Chief of Police, are submitted :

Number of arrests,	63
“ Warrants, different kinds,	21
“ Persons with improper suits prevented from bathing,	283
“ Disorderly persons put off the grounds,	43
“ Organ-grinders put off, or prevented entering	17
“ Lost children restored to parents,	57
“ Tramps put off, or prevented entering,	64
“ Disorderly groups dispersed,	11
“ Complaints of all kinds attended to,	350
“ Shows and showmen put off,	13
“ Prevented from bathing in lakes, because of danger, over,	400
“ Vehicles stopped, without license,	9
“ Beer pedlars prevented entering,	3
“ Intoxicated persons put off, or prevented entering,	38
“ Rag pickers put off,	13
“ Hack drivers arrested,	1
“ Noisy straw riders prevented entering,	6
“ Cases arbitrated and settled,	11
“ Pack pedlars put off and prevented entering,	118

It will be seen, by a comparison of the above report with those of previous years, that there is an increase in the figures connected with some of its items. This is to be accounted for, not because of any change in the moral status of our people, but the fact of the increasing multitudes which gather here brings an increasing mixed class of persons, who, in some way, serve them, or, in idleness, are drawn where the multitudes are, in the hope that something will turn, or that they can turn something, to their advantage. These have to be looked after, and these are the persons who swell our police reports. In this connection, I will state that the liquor business has required close watching the past year. There is a persistent effort to bring this vile traffic as near our borders as possible. All kinds of expedients are used to deceive its victims and evade the law. Efforts have been made, in the last few months, to expose and break up these dens of vice. In these efforts our Secretary, Geo. W. Evans, has been prominent and successful. Three prosecutions have been had, and two convictions gained. This is cause for gratitude, and Brother Evans, who has done this work at personal sacrifice, has our thanks, and we hereby pledge him our support.

BUSINESS LICENSES.

It seems necessary to state some things over and over. Most of those called upon to pay license for the transaction of their business at Ocean Grove, do it freely; others demur. They forget, however, that all this business, by which they gain their livelihood, has been made for them at a vast expenditure by others. They forget, too, that of all the taxes paid on the property of this place, and by the Association to the county and State, not one cent is received in return to make and repair our roads. There must, therefore, be some source of revenue to aid in this work. Hence, the license system. I give you, herewith, a statement of the number of persons licensed, and the business in which they engaged:

Hacks,	93
Omnibusses,	13
Baggage Wagons,	15
Butchers,	7
Oysters and Fish,	1
Fish,	9
Groceries, ,	7
Oysters,	1
Hucksters,	26
Butter and Eggs,	3
Boats,	75
Total,	<u>250</u>

These licenses, while they afford us a little revenue, do not any more than yield enough to keep our roadways in repair. The provision dealers licensed, together with our stores, vegetable markets, and the farmers for a large district of country around, afford us an abundance of provisions, and at reasonable rates.

ASSESSMENTS.

I think it important, each year, to be specific in my statements concerning certain items of expense, the advantages of which the whole public enjoy, and for which property owners are asked to pay, yearly, the sum of \$5 per lot. It is because of the payment of this annual assessment that I desire to be thus specific. This is the only way in which property owners contribute directly to the expenses of the place, and it is right and proper they should know how the revenue from that source corresponds with certain lines of public

costs incurred especially for their benefit. The following items we have been accustomed to report :

Cost of lighting Auditorium, Tabernacle, and Young People's Temple with gas, 10,500 aggregated lightings; and 308 oil lamps on the streets, with 37,900 aggregated lightings,	\$1,481 00
Cost of removing garbage, ,	1,000 00
Cost of sprinkling streets,	325 00
Cost of two policemen for the year,	730 00
Cost of special policemen, Summer,	2,368 00
Total,	<u>\$5,904 00</u>
Received from assessments this year,	\$5,330 13
Deficiency this year on above expenses,	573 87
Deficiency for six previous years,	720 16
Total deficiency for seven years,	1,294 03

I recite these facts to show that we are careful custodians of the public funds committed to our trust. Whatever income the Association has from other sources, besides these assessments, is in the course of regular business, for which the people receive, as in other commercial transactions, the just value of every dollar, and in other organizations the profits on these receipts are declared as dividends, and divided, *pro rata*, among its stockholders. But in this Association, all receipts, from all sources, every year, and for all time, go back on the grounds, and are exhausted in improvements for the public good—a point which all persons owning or proposing to own property in this place, would do well to consider.

STORMS.

It is often matter of grateful mention, that during all the years of our settlement here we have been almost entirely exempt from injury by the elements. This year, however, though faring vastly better than many other coast and inland places, yet the protracted September storm cut our beach from Surf Avenue to Ross' bathing grounds as never before. An immense amount of sand and solid earth was washed out, completely undermining the plank walk for a hundred yards or more, and, but for the timely intervention of our men, portions of it would have gone out to sea. The cut is so great that, without aid in the way of jetties, or something of the kind, it is feared will not make up. The beach at that point, now sixteen

feet below the surface of the walk, is still washing, and the planks are sustained by stanchions only.

I ask your attention to this point.

RAILROADS.

I said, last year, under this head, the multitudes coming to this place do not diminish. To-day, with the experience of the season just added to the past, I am compelled to say that the multitudes coming have continued to increase. The past year has been the fullest since the railroad opened. This, the following figures, obtained from a source entirely reliable, will show :

Number of persons arriving at depot during June, July, August and September,	560,000
Highest number of people arriving in one day,	5,000
Number of excursions during season,	106
Trains passing and repassing in one day,	97
Pieces of baggage handled in one day,	2,010
Handled during season, not including express baggage or package express,	68,750
Men employed at railroad depot,	27
Men employed by express company,	42

While it is a matter of very great regret with the railroad authorities, and with us all, that there have been some fatal accidents along the line of the Central Railroad this year, yet it is a cause of profound gratitude, and argues great care and skill, that, with all these vast multitudes getting on and off at our depot, there have been no injuries to life or limb there. In my report last year, I stated that an application would likely come before you from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the grant of a plot of ground for a depot, at or near the head of Fletcher Lake. This application came in due form, and, after mature deliberation, the ground lying between the railroad and turnpike, fronting 572 feet on both, was granted for said purpose, for the nominal sum of \$1, said depot to be erected within one year from the date of the lease, otherwise the property should revert to the Association. This lease was duly signed, sealed and delivered on the 16th day of November, 1881. Up to this date no steps have been taken on the part of said company to fulfill its part of the contract. I call attention to this subject, and leave it in your hands. I am still jealous of the whole railroad question, and most earnestly urge that your vigilance in protecting the Sabbath from all encroachments

therefrom may never cease. The fact that the whole structure of society is based at the present day on railroad and telegraphic communication, and even good men become so familiar with these things as sometimes to lose their sensitiveness upon them, requires that this diligence on our part should be redoubled. Whatever others may do, let us be true to ourselves, and so legislate as to keep the Sabbath holy.

ELIM COTTAGE.

In the weary march of life, Elim Cottage still proves to many a delicious rest. I am glad it is so. This would be a howling wilderness were there not some such places, where the palm trees shade and the pure waters flow. Elim Cottage is such to many. During the past Summer there have been 147 guests entertained; 57 of these were ministers: 40 Methodists, 4 Presbyterians, 2 Dutch Reformed, 3 Congregationalists, 1 Reformed Catholic, 1 Lutheran, 1 Moravian, 1 Menonite, and 4 Episcopalians. Among the persons entertained, 54 were from Pennsylvania, 51 from New York; New Jersey, 32; Delaware, 1; West Virginia, 1; Connecticut, 3; Massachusetts, 2; Denmark, 1; Oregon, 1.

Mrs. Badeau, the matron, continues popular, and has given full satisfaction to all. This institution, modest in its pretensions, yet good and useful in its sphere, is worthy, and, I trust, will continue to receive the favor of the public. There will be laid before you, at this meeting, certain requests from the ladies having charge, which, so far as they may not conflict with other interests, I hope will be granted. Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, President, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Treasurer, of Ocean Grove, or any in the management, will be glad to receive donations to aid them in their work.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

This society, with its edifice on the turnpike, near the Main Avenue entrance gates, has had a brief, varied, but interesting history. Soon after the inception of the Ocean Grove enterprise, the necessity for regular church services all the year became apparent. Rev. H. B. Beegle, then Superintendent and Post-master, preached at New Branch and Logantown in 1871. Ocean Grove Church was organized in 1872, Rev. H. B. Beegle, Pastor, Rev. A. E. Ballard, Presiding Elder. Meetings were held first in Grove Cottage, now Elim; afterwards in Park Hall, Asbury Park. In 1875, under the pastorate of Rev. L. Larew, the population of this place and Asbury Park had so

increased that a church edifice was needed. The present location was decided on, and on the 31st day of July, 1875, that being the sixth anniversary of the first meeting held on these grounds, the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Scott, the Association donating the ground and \$1,000 towards the erection of the building. On Sabbath, 28th of May, 1876, Rev. W. T. Abbott, Pastor, the President of Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, preached the first sermon in the new house, from Ex. xv. 21, and on Tuesday, the 1st of August of the same year,



OCEAN GROVE DISTRICT SCHOOL, LATE ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Bishop James preached on behalf of the new church at the auditorium, from the text, "He loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue," and took up a collection. In the afternoon the financial effort was continued at the church, and Bishop James performed the dedicatory service, assisted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. B. Graw, D. D., and others. This was the last church edifice dedicated by our beloved Bishop James, and on Sabbath, November 2d, 1879, Rev. W. S. Barnart, Pastor, Bishop Scott, then on a brief visit to his friend,

Mr. Bakes, preached the last sermon of his long and useful life within its walls, on the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost." In the Spring of 1880, such members of St. Paul's Church as resided in Asbury Park were organized, by Rev. S. Vansant, Presiding Elder, into a separate charge, under the name and title of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Asbury Park. This arrangement, wise and good as it was in itself, deprived St. Paul's Church of one-half of its members, and leaving a debt of \$4,000 on a church which cost but \$8,000 in all. Thus weakened, the President of Ocean Grove had the pastorate of an almost disheartened church added to his other labors. Under the blessing of God, however, both churches prospered, and each is now stronger than the one before divided. But the location of the building, thought to be just right at first, was now wrong, for the people sustaining it almost exclusively lived down in the Grove.

A Public School, in addition to the one in Asbury Park, was needed in our bounds. The site occupied by the church, of all others, seemed to be the best adapted for this purpose. In this there seemed to be a gleam of hope for paying the church debt and changing its location. A suggestion was made to the School Trustees, that possibly the church might be bought. They entertained the proposition and offered \$8,000 for it. The Trustees of St. Paul's agreed to sell; the Quarterly Conference unanimously approved, and Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop gave their full assent, so that St. Paul's Church will now become the property of School District No. 90½. This leaves the Society without a house, but instead of having interest to pay on \$4,000, they can pay their debt, and, for the time, invest and receive interest on \$4,000, until a proper site can be selected for a new building. By the kindness of the Association, the Society, meanwhile, can worship in the Tabernacle and Association Hall. Though by this arrangement the Society suffers some inconvenience, there is no doubt that, in the end, every interest will be advanced.

I, therefore, bespeak for this church, temporarily in this peculiar position, your sympathies and prayers.

This change in church affairs, however, produces another condition of things, which we cannot ignore, and must consider. The establishment of Ocean Grove is not, and cannot be, an isolated fact. Other places have sprung up, and other populations gathered. These populations are respectable, but, generally, people of very moderate means, mechanics and helpers of other kinds, which we cannot do without. On our immediate borders are West Grove and Neptune City. By the removal of the church edifice they are left spiritually

unprovided for. At West Grove we have been, and are still, holding a Tent Meeting, with the aid of Rev. W. C. Stockton, with good results. These people must have help. Apart from our religious duty as Christians, it is the interest of this Association, in every way, to help them. Please do not allow this subject to pass without giving it your serious attention and your best advice.

PARK HEIGHTS SEMINARY.

It gives me pleasure to state that Miss Emily A. Rice, for several years a Summer resident of Ocean Grove, and an educator of high standing, has purchased the lots and spacious buildings of Capt. W. H. Perry, fronting on Clark, Cookman and New York Avenues, and opened Sept. 27th, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Boarding and Day School, for Young Ladies and Children, with flattering prospects. There will be taught in this School, English, French, Latin, German, Italian, Music and Painting. We look upon this institution as a valuable acquisition to our place, and the character of its Principal and instructors argues its success.

OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

There is a vast amount of printing concerning Ocean Grove. The work here suggests a multitude of thoughts to many minds, and writing and printing follow. Three thousand copies of the Twelfth Annual Report of the President of Ocean Grove were printed last November, by order of the Association, under the title "Achievements by the Sea," and have been largely distributed, free of cost. It is a neat pamphlet of 62 pages, with 20 illustrations, besides the map and pictorial cover. It has been eagerly sought, and I think highly appreciated. We also published, last May, 5,000 copies of the 13th number of our annual paper, containing 63 articles and 14 illustrations, besides the large map of grounds on last page. This, too, was well circulated gratuitously, and meets a want which nothing else can.

The *Ocean Grove Record*, published weekly, by Rev. Dr. Wallace, steadily grows in favor and usefulness. Its circulation increases, but not as rapidly as it should. Every lot holder in Ocean Grove is financially benefited by this paper, as there is no other medium by which their property becomes so well and favorably known. Its religious and literary character alone, are sufficient to give it success, and if we add to these the financial benefit it is to all, none should

hesitate to send on their names, as the small subscription price would be their cheapest method of advertising.

Mrs. H. B. Beegle has also published a neat little pamphlet, called "Ocean Grove as it Was, and Is." Mrs. Beegle was one of the pioneer ladies on these grounds, and she writes from knowledge. It contains pleasant reminiscences of the past, and truthful statements of the present, which will live in history.

Fowler & Evans have, for two years past, published a Guide and Directory of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. The volume for 1881 contained about 100 pages, and that for 1882, 136 pages. These books are nicely gotten up, and, as far as they go, are good.

There are, also, sea side guide books, magazine and newspaper articles almost without number. Many of these, especially those written from a religious stand-point, are truthful, interesting, and do good. The best that can be said of the others, is, that they are so monstrously false that nobody, excepting those in sympathy with the false, believes them, and so, contrary to the wishes of the writers, react, and, in the end, help those they designed to hurt.

To the many writers, in all parts of the land, *who, knowing our place and work*, have made truthful, not to say complimentary and eulogistic statements, concerning us, we return thanks. The others we pass in silence.

THE TOWER CLOCK.

This clock, of the Ansonia Company's manufacture, has passed three months over the first year of its history. A statement of its movements during this period may be of interest and future value.

It commenced its work on the 4th day of July, 1881, at 12 o'clock, noon.

August 25th,	It was set forward 4	minutes, and regulated.
September 8th,	" " " " 3	" " "
September 25th,	" " " " 1	" " "
October 24th,	" " " " 4	" " "
November 4th,	" " " " 3	" " "
December 3d,	" " " " 3½	" " "
December 31st,	" " " back 3	" " "
January 28th,	" " " " 3	" " "
March 13th,	" " " forward 2	" " "

From the last date to the present time it has run without change, and, from the time of its starting, now 15 months and 6 days, has required nothing but oiling and winding. This is a history full of satisfaction to us and to the public, as it must be also to its makers.

POST OFFICE.

The postal work connected with this place has had a history. This history is of interest, from the fact that since its commencement it has been of large expense to us. During the past year, however, or, with the quarter ending June 30th, 1882, it was found that the commissions on stamps cancelled, during each successive four quarters of the year, had amounted to \$250 per quarter, being an aggregate of \$1,000 a year. The office thereby meeting the requirements of the law, President Arthur nominated, and the Senate of the United States confirmed, the appointment of Rev. H. B. Beegle, Post Master of Ocean Grove, with a salary of \$1,600 per year, commencing July 1st, 1882. There has been, in the last few days, an additional allowance granted by the Government, for clerk hire, which, during the Summer months, is large, so that this office is now fairly remunerative. All this being done, we feel assured that the time is not distant when all causes of grievance on our part will be removed. Up to this time, however, we are called upon to do what, to us, seems most unseemly, namely, to furnish a room for the transaction of Government business, the rent of which is worth \$800; to supply the fixtures of said room, which fixtures cost us \$1,200; and lock boxes, the rent of which is all turned over to the Government, which cost us \$318.30; a total value of \$2,318.30, for which, up to this date, we have *received nothing!* We believe the Government will yet awake to this injustice, and pay us, not only for the present, but arrearages also.

The following is a statement of the postal business for the year :

Number of letters sent out.	156,509
Value of stamps cancelled,	\$5,459.13
Number of registered letters sent out,	699
“ “ “ received,	784
“ Money orders issued 870, amount,	\$13,890.12
“ “ “ paid 1,191, amount,	\$24,068.03
Postal cards sold,	57,000
Newspaper wraps sold,	6,000
Stamped envelopes sold,	9,000

TELEGRAMS.

Messages sent,	7,879
“ received,	8,454
Telegraphic money orders sent, value,	\$95.50
“ “ “ received,	\$1,674.00

The Western Union Telegraph Company pays the Association, for office room, \$250 per annum. The amount of telegraphic business done on their lines for the Association, from October 1st, 1881, to August 31st, 1882, a period of eleven months, was \$151.10, leaving a balance due the Association, at the last named date, of \$78.06, which they are ready to pay on demand.

TELEPHONES.

These have been introduced among us during the past year. The Telephone Company run their wires on a three-years lease, across Wesley Lake, nearly opposite Central Avenue. They have but three poles on this side, mainly on Central Avenue, leading up to the Western Union telegraph poles, near Bath Avenue, to which they attach, and on these complete their circuit through the Grove. For the privilege of entering and conducting business upon our grounds, they grant us the use of three of their instruments—one at the main office, one at the Auditorium, and one at the Tent House. These did excellent service through the Summer, and the amount of time saved by them was incalculable. There were 22 of these instruments used in the Grove this season.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from all sources for the year ending October 1st, 1882, including loans, discounts and cash on hand October 1st, 1881,	\$97,648.70
Disbursements, including payments on land, loans, notes, buildings, improvements, etc.,	\$83,430.24
Balance on hand October 1st, 1882,	14,218.46
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	\$97,648.70

ASSETS.

Inventory, including Association's buildings, tools, tents, sewers, etc.,	\$103,140.00
Mortgages, book account, and cash on hand,	49,106.67
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Total assets,	\$152,246.67

LIABILITIES.

Of all descriptions,	\$56,450.00
Total excess in favor of Association, not including the value of unsold lands,	95,796.67
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	\$152,246.67

By an examination of last year's report, it will be found that we expressed the hope that our business might be so ordered this year that at least one-half of our indebtedness at that time, namely, \$42,450, might be sunk. You may, therefore, be surprised, perhaps, to find, instead of this being the case, we have seemingly an increased indebtedness of \$13,746.67, or a total indebtedness this year of \$56,450. You will please take notice, however, that our assets are advanced over last year, \$19,425.47. To which, if we add \$7,400 paid on lands, our wish is considerably more than met.

Since the last annual meeting there have been two meetings of the Association—one semi-annual, in May, and one special, in August. There have also been held nine meetings of the Executive Committee, and the Board of Administration has met as often as needed, sometimes twice or thrice a week.

All departments of our work have been well looked after, and those in positions of responsibility, whether in the Executive Committee, Board of Administration, or out doors, leading the men in the execution of orders, have, with all employed, discharged their duties in a way to merit your approval, and have my hearty thanks.

Where all have done well, it would seem invidious in me to make distinctions; nevertheless, it is but just to say that some, in performing their work, have taxed their physical energies to the last extreme, and had it been personal instead of public business in which they were engaged, would have sought relief in a temporary abatement of toil, or by calling additional numbers to their aid.

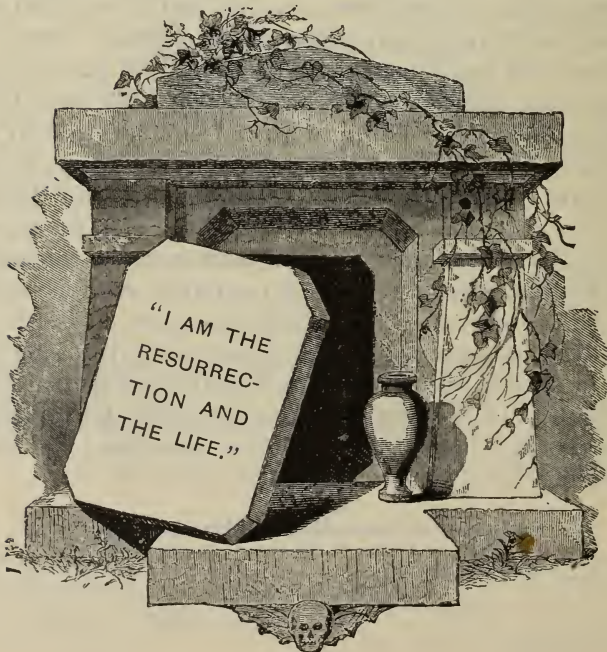
In concluding this part of my report, I am happy to say that, while we have a gratifying financial showing, such as I think should gladden all our hearts, it gives me additional pleasure to state that our extended and ever-increasing business is yearly transacted with lessening friction, and, on the part of the public, with increasing confidence and satisfaction. This I attribute, first, to the blessing of Almighty God, without which all human enterprises languish, and, secondly, to the fact that there exists with this Association a supreme desire to be true to its foundational and fundamental principles, and to Him to whom it has consecrated these acres along the sea. That all these things are thus, let us devoutly

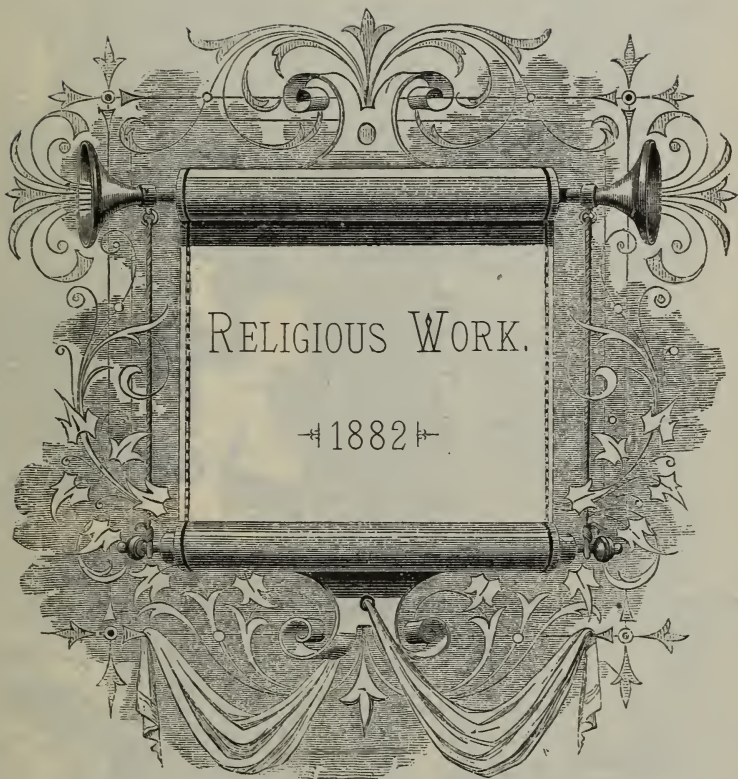
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”

In Memoriam.

ALFRED COOKMAN,
RULIF V. LAWRENCE,
GEORGE FRANKLIN,
JOHN H. STOCKTON.

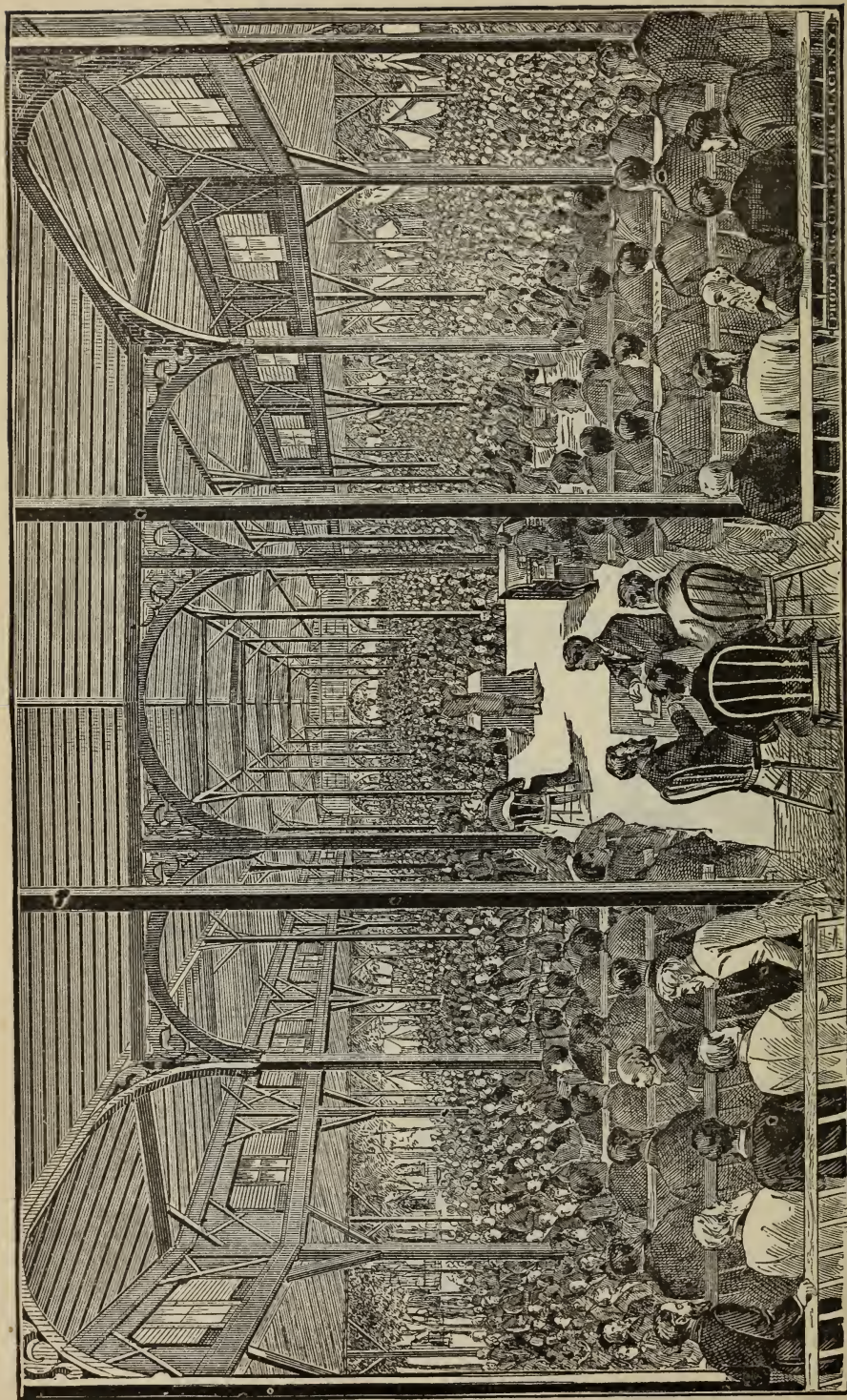
They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
Here many a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



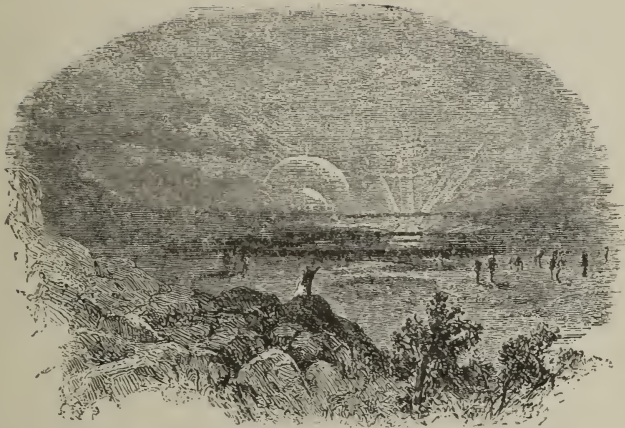


RELIGIOUS WORK.

1882



Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136x146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats 4,200 adults. When all the standing room is occupied about 6,000 people hear.



Oh, the glory, highest glory !
 Glory of creation's King ;
Oh, the story, sweetest story,
 Such as angels cannot sing.
Song of songs, redemption, heaven,
 Gladness fills the earth and air,
Bliss of God to man is given,
 Measured here, unmeasured there.

THE SPIRITUAL DEPARTMENT.

I breathe freer as I rise from the almost interminable details of these secular things; I do not wish to be understood, however, as underrating the secular. As bones are necessary to support the flesh, and as food is essential to support the life, so religious things cannot rest on the baseless fabric of a dream, but must have the secular around and in them. What we desire here is, not to have the secular so interpenetrate religion as that religion shall become secular, but to have religion so interpenetrate the secular as that the secular shall become religious.

This, I believe, is possible, and this the Bible contemplates: "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar." "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, do all to the glory of God."

I look upon this enterprise as an effort to show to the world, not only the spirituality and purity of our holy religion, but to reveal the fact that secular things can be made to conform to religion, and a refutation of the idea that all religious things must conform to the secular. If this cannot be done here, I do not see how it can be done anywhere; and if it cannot be done anywhere, then the world is stronger than religion, and Christianity a failure. But Christianity is not a failure, and here, if nowhere else, the world must conform to God.

In this effort we are, and will be, persecuted by the world and its godless press; but be not dismayed, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf." "If we suffer we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us."

I therefore say, as stated in the beginning, that I breathe freer as I rise into God's divine atmosphere. While my feet rests upon the secular, my brow is bathed with holy sunlight. While we construct sewers and build roadways, the one draws off the impurities of sin, while the other leads up the ascending slopes, which culminate in immortality. In this spiritual department we rise to altitudes where, though Moses and Elias, the representatives of the human, may be around us, God often so reveals himself that we "see no man, save Jesus only." It is to lift the minds and hearts of the immense and ever-increasing multitudes assembling here up to these sublime visions and realizations of faith and hope, and love and joy, that this place was organized; and I say, here and now, when it fails in this, its mission will be ended. It was not to build a city that we settled here, but to lead the people to a "City which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." If a city is built, that is but an incident, I might almost say an accident, while the real, central, circumferential, foundational and crowning object is the *Lord*, without whom they labor in vain that build, and, "except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." To lift the people Godward, to make them better, to qualify them for heaven by leading holy lives, is our lofty aim. All other things are circumstantial, simply scaffolding to a temple which shall be eternal. Men of God, I beseech you, let us be true to this, and by the most solemn utterances, and with the most solemn emphasis, commit these holy obligations to our successors, on forever. Nothing else is worth our time; nothing else should command our talents. With these words, which

I utter for you and for all who may read the pages of this Report, I proceed to review our Summer religious work.

Before I enter upon a narrative of this, however, let me refer to an outside fact or two, so intimately interwoven with our history here, that to omit them would leave our statements incomplete. I refer to our all-the-year work at Ocean Grove. As you may know, last year, after our visitors left, there were remaining with us a population of over nine hundred souls. St. Paul's Church was always unfavorably situated for Winter work. The people were at the center, while the church was on the circumference. The erection of the new Association Building left a large hall on the second floor, the use of which you kindly granted for religious work. It was a wise thing to do. In this hall we held week night and Sabbath afternoon services up to June. A Home Camp Meeting was held also, which occupied two of the Winter months, and was crowned with such wonderful manifestations of God, that more than sixty persons professed conversion, and many more were quickened to a better life. Some of the best work of the season was done in these meetings, and for a class of persons who, because of their peculiar circumstances, could not be reached or helped by the Summer services. If these are saved, then this building has its crowning glory.

TABERNACLE OPENING.

The Bishop James Memorial Tabernacle was opened for religious worship this year, on Sabbath, June 18th. Sabbath, June 25th, which was the Sabbath prior to the election in Iowa on the Prohibition Constitutional Amendment, was the Pastor's last sermon before the full opening of the Summer work, and the sermon was on question of Prohibition. Text, Matt. iii., 10, "And now, also, the ax is laid at the root of the trees." In the evening a meeting was held in sympathy with Iowa in her struggle. It was a meeting of great interest. On Tuesday following, Iowa's election day, the "Womens' Christian Temperance Union" held a prayer meeting on the same line, in the Young People's Temple, and then, on Friday, July 7th, when it became a fact, no longer to be doubted, that Iowa had triumphed with 30,000 majority for Prohibition, a jubilee meeting was held in the Auditorium to rejoice over that success. Bishop Wilson, Judge Ransom, Dr. Kynett, B. C. Lippincott, and A. E. Ballard, spoke with power.

DR. AND MRS. PALMER'S MEETINGS.

These commenced this year in the Tabernacle, on Sabbath morning, July 2d, at 9 o'clock, and continued until Sabbath morning, September 17th, a period of only two weeks short of three months. This is a long time for the same persons to hold daily meetings at the same place. Yet these devoted servants of the Lord Jesus Christ did this, not only without complaining of weariness, but with such cheerfulness of spirit as indicated that it was their chief joy to do their Master's work.

Although this is the fourth consecutive season of Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's work at this place, never was their services so wide-spread and profound in their influence, and never before so highly appreciated. No human estimate will ever be made of their value. Eternity alone can reveal this, and Eternity alone repay the debt of gratitude which we and thousands feel for the benefits derived from God, through them. May He, whom we all serve, still keep these, His cherished ones, for many years to do His work.

AUDITORIUM OPENING.

The Auditorium was opened for religious services on Sabbath July 2d, at 10:30 A.M. A large audience was present, and, as for several years, Rev. Dr. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached; text, Luke xxiv., 46-7. It was a sermon of great strength and appropriateness, showing the unity of Gospel truth and the exalted position of Jesus Christ, as the only Saviour, and an earnest exhortation to that repentance for which the Gospel provides, and without which none can be saved. The Sacrament in the afternoon, administered by many ministers, to a large number of communicants, and an excellent sermon in the evening, by Rev. C. H. Harding, of Philadelphia, closed the day, which was full of inspiration and hopeful indications for the Summer work.

SUMMER SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Summer Sabbath School opened, as in former years, the first Sabbath in July. Brother Thornley, who, from the beginning, had been in his place as its head, was this year detained by illness in his family. Brother Geo. W. Evans, Superintendent of St. Paul's Sabbath School, took his place. Dr. Hanlon was in the Tabernacle with

his Bible Class, and Mrs. Somers had the infant department in the Young People's Temple. There had been a general impression in the community that there were fewer people in the Grove than at the corresponding date last year. But the congregation of the morning, and attendance at the opening session of the School in the afternoon changed this opinion. Last year the School numbered at the opening 705, this year, 800. From this good beginning the numbers steadily increased, until, on Camp-Meeting Sabbath, August 20th, they reached the noble army of 3,529, equal to three and a half full regiments, all enlisted in the blessed work of God. Many of the young people sought and found the Saviour on that wonderful day.

From this crowning summit of numbers, the descent began, steadily declining, until Sept. 10th, when it closed, with an attendance of 577, and St. Paul's School commenced its work on the following Sabbath. The total attendance of the Summer school, for the eleven Sabbaths, was 18,708, an average of a fraction over 1,700 for each Sabbath, which was 3,863 in advance of last year. It will thus appear that our Sabbath School services, attended by such large numbers of persons, is among the most important features of our work here. The Bible Class of Dr. Hanlon calls forth increasing numbers from year to year, and truth, many-sided, turned and placed in every possible position, by minds of all grades of strength and culture, reflecting light, like the turning of a sharp-cut diamond to the sun's rays, which, in the dull routine of unquestioned thought, we did not dream was there.

Altogether, the Sabbath School at Ocean Grove, is a felt power for good. I commend it to your fostering care.

NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

The 4th of July at Ocean Grove, opened magnificently. At sunrise the bells rung jubilantly and a national salute was fired. At 10:30 A. M., a large concourse assembled at the auditorium for the special services of the day. The choir, led by Willisford Dey, Esq., did nobly. Rev. T. S. Thomas, of Maryland, offered prayer, and Mrs. Robert H. Vansant, of Ocean Grove, read the Declaration of Independence with marked elocutionary grace, effect and power.

The oration of Rev. J. B. Brady, pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, N. J., was massive in strength, and, towering to sublimest altitude, glowed with the glory of one of the grandest countries on the globe. The day closed pleasantly, and without accident, though in the midst of a heavy storm.

SURF MEETINGS.

These commenced on Sabbath evening, July 9th, and continued each Sabbath evening, until Sept. 17th. To those who enjoy these meetings for the first time, life-long impressions are made. The ocean, the over-arching sky, the extended beach, the uncounted multitudes, the songs, prayers, and burning words, are never forgotten, and an Ocean Grove Surf Meeting has made foot-prints which girt the globe.

BISHOP SCOTT.

While the people, in teeming thousands, were directing their steps toward this Mecca of religious thought and action, Bishop Scott, the senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, passed up, on the 13th day of July, to the center and source of all religious glory—the New Jerusalem in Heaven. From the fact of his high position in the church, and that he preached the last sermon of his long and useful life in the church at this place, on Nov. 2d, 1879, it seems fitting that this notice should be made in this report. A memorial service was held for him in the Tabernacle, on Thursday evening, July 14th, which was full of tender interest. Two of the members of this Association, Dr. Wallace and myself, attended his funeral at Union Church, near Odessa, Delaware, on Monday, July 17th, 1882.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

The Young People's meeting opened on Sabbath morning, July 16th, at 9 o'clock. They were largely attended from the beginning, and pervaded by a deep and constantly increasing religious interest. The Camp Meeting week was the culmination of their power, when a number of young people were happily converted. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Ella C. Brooks, of Baltimore, and to our young Brother, Wilberforce Cookman, on whom, though assisted by many others, their care and responsibility chiefly rested; and grateful to all who aided in and contributed to their success, we pray for the blessing of God to rest upon them.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The meetings of this Society commenced on Wednesday morning, July 19th, Hon. Wm. E. Dodge presiding. They continued five days. The services were all well sustained, and the interest grew

until the last. Some of the addresses were thrilling beyond description, and swayed the vast audiences as tempests sway the forests. Sometimes, in listening to one, it would seem as if nothing could be said to equal, much less to excel it. But, soon another, and still another came, each with towering thoughts and words, enthused by those who had just preceded them, like waves of the sea, irresistibly impelled onward by those behind them, until each was mightier than the last, and while all were grand, the great occasion was left for the last, on Sabbath evening, when Geo. W. Baine, Esq., of Kentucky, who, like a vast Niagara of thoughts, words, imagery and eloquence, swept everything down, and, so far as that vast audience of 6,000 people was concerned, left no ground for opposition to stand on, and there was no opposition to stand, had there been ground for its feet to occupy. It was colossal, overmastering, sublime. Mrs. Foster, too, fresh with her laurels from Iowa, was an element of power. The whole meeting was a grand success.

CHRIST IN ART.

The human mind can endure to a certain extent, and then must find relief. This relief is not in coming down from lofty thoughts and themes to the low and groveling, but in a change from one class of good things to another. Hence, on Tuesday evening, July 25th, Prof. Corning, a Summer resident of Ocean Grove, gave a magnificent stereoptican exhibition, accompanied with a thoroughly digested and eloquent lecture on "Christ in Art." It was instructive and beautiful in itself, and afforded the needed relief.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

On Wednesday evening, July 26th, Anthony Comstock, the philanthropist, gave a lecture to a large congregation, on "Impure Literature," to suppress which has engaged his whole time for a number of years. He had the fullest sympathy of his great audience, and good was done.

OCEAN GROVE ANNIVERSARY.

How time flies. Already thirteen years have passed since our first little prayer meeting of twenty persons, held on the margin of Wesley Lake. Sabbath, July 30th, opened with a cloudless sky. A great multitude from all parts of the country gathered to hear our beloved and now Senior Bishop Simpson. His text was Colossians I., 28: "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every

man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." For an hour this vast concourse of people listened with almost breathless interest to the gracious words which fell from his lips, and, when the sermon ended, lingered with tenderest interest around this holy man and this sacred place. Monday, July 31st, was the anniversary proper. At 2:30 P. M. the congregation assembled at the Auditorium for the young people's exercises. Rev. E. Hewitt, P. E., offered prayer, and Clara Cramer, Leon B. Tantum, Maud Miller, Alida Patterson, Bell Clark, Florence Cramer, Florence Elliott, Mamie Lippincott, Lizzie McPherson, Blanche Woolston, Laura Jackson, Schaffer Bakes and Paul Woolston gave excellent recitations. At the close of these exercises, a new fountain, with a little boy in bronze, named "Good Will," at the northeast of the Auditorium, was unveiled, and as the jet of water instantly arose in sparkling spray, the children hailed it with delighted applause. At 6:45 a half-hour's prayer meeting was held at the point of Thompson Park, just at its junction with Pilgrim Pathway and Sea View Avenue, where, thirteen years ago, our first little meeting was held. It was a delightfully fervent meeting. Several of those who, thirteen years ago, participated in the first meeting engaged in this. The anniversary prayer meeting was held in the Auditorium, at 7:45 P. M. The songs and prayers were earnest, enthusiastic and intense. Scores of testimonies of the good received at Ocean Grove were given, and additional scores wanted to speak. Rev. J. Brads, of Baltimore, said: "For nine years I have rejoiced in your songs, and shared in the benedictions of Ocean Grove. This community is, to my mind, a model of the coming millenium."

The following telegram was received and read :

July 31st, 1882.

REV. E. H. STOKES, D.D. :

Greetings from Chautauqua to Ocean Grove, on this thirteenth anniversary. May Ocean Grove and Chautauqua unite in a ministry of instruction and inspiration. May true culture and true religion spread over the earth.

LEWIS MILLER,
J. H. VINCENT.

The following reply was immediately forwarded :

LEWIS MILLER, ESQ., AND REV. J. H. VINCENT, D.D. :

Ocean Grove returns the salutation. We unite in your wish. May the bonds between us be closer and stronger. We are workers together with God.

E. H. STOKES.

The interest was intense, and at a late hour the meeting closed.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

This convened on Wednesday, August 2d. A number of distinguished ladies were present, and gave addresses. Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, and Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Canada, by thrilling addresses connected with the on-moving cause of temperance, held the people hour after hour, intensifying their interest, and, by infusing their own enthusiasm into other minds, sent the people home to work for humanity and God.

BIBLE READINGS.

Four days were given to this service. The interest in this direction does not diminish, but increases. It should be so. If the Bible goes, all goes. The more we know of it, the better. So I think good people are feeling everywhere.

Rev. E. Stubbs, Pastor of Wharton Street Church, Philadelphia, read grandly. Indeed, some of his presentations of truth were wide sweeps of outreaching and profound thought, now so deep, and then so lofty, that the wings of the imagination wearied in an attempt to follow him, while at other times his utterances were so clear and strong, and impregnable, that the Word of God seemed like the eternal mountains, *immovable*. Rev. Dr. Guard, Pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, preached on Sabbath morning of these readings, August 6th. His text was Ephesians, iii., 7-11. He was listened to by a vast audience, not only with profound attention, but with wrapt astonishment. His presentations of truth were marvelous exhibitions of human eloquence, quickened beautified, and elevated by the Divine Spirit, until they became, great mountain summits of sublime thought, towering to such altitudes as few ever ascend, and seldom, if ever, by him reached before. Speaking of the remarkable riches of Christ, the whole diminution of God seemed within his grasp, and as he called the various orders of beings on earth and in heaven, each were made to see that they were far, far below their Lord and Master, and bringing their learning, or crowns and honors at his feet, bowed at the central thought of the universe, the Cross on Calvary, and worship Him who hung thereon. It was thought by many to be the greatest effort of his life. It certainly was his last great masterly sermon, for in just ten weeks from that day, like a great comet going out in the light of the sun, he swept on, until he was lost to the gaze of man, in the greater light of the City of God.

The Readings of Mrs. Bottome, of New York, on the afternoons of each of these four days, in the Tabernacle, especially to ladies, were so full of plain, practical, common sense, adapted to every-day life, with its trials and conflicts, that every one attending them felt the up-lift of Divine Power, and were blest.

THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Met on Tuesday morning, the 8th of August. This assembly was organized and carried to success by Rev. Dr. Hartzell, late of New Orleans. In arranging for this work, nearly every portion of our widely-extended country was reached, and men of national fame were on our platform, pleading for the diffusion of knowledge among the down-trodden and oppressed. Rev. Bishop Cox, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Hon. John Eaton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.; Dr. H. R. Waite, Special Educational and Religious Statistician, U. S. Census; Gen. Rusling, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. Dr. L. R. Fiske, of Michigan; Capt. Pratt, Principal of Indian Training School, Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. Sheldon Jackson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Rocky Mountains, Alaska; Hon. B. Peters, editor of *Daily Times*, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. M. E. Strieby, D.D., New York, of the Congregational Church; Hon. J. M. Gregory, LL.D., Illinois, of the Baptist Church; Rev. R. H. Allen, D.D., Pennsylvania, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D.D., Louisiana, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. Butz, President of Drew Theological Seminary, and Hon. H. W. Blair, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire, were among the speakers, which, together, formed a galaxy of orators, divines, statesmen and statisticians not often found upon a single platform, all actuated by one grand, all-comprehensive desire, to make education the glory and defence of the nation. The meeting was so successful that, on invitation, it was unanimously resolved to hold a similar meeting at this place next year.

PENNINGTON SEMINARY DAY.

This was Thursday, August 10th. It commenced with a sermon from Bishop Simpson, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Dr. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, N. Y., gave the Alumni address, at 3 P. M. An Alumni Experience and Praise Meeting was held at 7:45, and a general re-union and banquet, at the Arlington, at 9 P. M. The services were largely attended, and of unusual interest.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This is the tenderest service of all the year. The absent are not forgotten. Old loves and sacred memories revive. We live over the past, and, arm-in-arm with our cherished, roam through the green bowers of memory, and, plucking sweet flowers, weave crowns of forget-me-nots, for immortal brows. The Tabernacle was crowded, not with sad hearts and gloomy faces, but with those whose countenances indicated the brightest hopes and the fondest love, while every song and prayer and utterance throbbed with the jubilant expectation that we should meet again. Bishop Scott, so lately ascended, and many others who had filled their places in the church militant and in the home circle, called to the better inheritance, were embalmed in grateful recollections. The sweetest hymns were sung, and, over and over again, verses of the new piece,—

“One by one, our loved ones slowly
 Pass beyond the bounds of time,
 One by one, among the holy,
 Sing the victor's song sublime.

“One by one, one by one,
 We shall soon, yes, soon be there;
 One by one, yes, one by one,
 We shall endless glory share.”

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This anniversary commenced on Saturday morning, August 12th. It was a gathering of large-souled, intelligent, devoted and elect ladies, whose hearts, aflame with the love of God, throbbed to communicate its blessings to the great sisterhood of the world. Mrs. Gov. Wright, Mrs. Dr. Butler, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Mrs. Bottome, Mrs. Dr. Baldwin, formed a part of this distinguished group. Their addresses, prayers, exhortations and testimonies at the Love Feast on Saturday night were full of pathos and power for those in heathen lands. Chaplain McCabe preached to a vast congregation on Sabbath morning, in the interests of this Society, after which a basket collection was taken, amounting to \$566.66. In the afternoon Mrs. Dr. Baldwin, for many years a missionary in China, addressed the meeting. The venerable mother of ex-President Grant, who was present, was made a life manager by the payment of \$100, and Chaplain McCabe, Gen. Grant, Mrs. Bishop

Simpson, and Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, the President of this Society, were made life members by the payment of \$20 each. The aggregate of the whole day, including about \$60 from the Young People's Meeting, and the value of a gold watch presented, was the noble sum of \$1,343.50, against \$884.41 last year. So may this good cause always advance.

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

This is the meeting of all the meetings at Ocean Grove. I am glad to say to you that, after the passage of thirteen years, its interest rises and intensifies. More people are more deeply in earnest every year for its success. The heart-cry, in every direction, from scores and hundreds, for weeks before it comes, is, "God bless the coming Camp-Meeting." This great soul-yearn must continue and increase. This takes hold of omnipotence, and secures the sympathy of heaven. I am more in earnest about this aid of the unseen than the seen. Oh, my brethren, if left to ourselves with this growing city by the sea, what shall we do? If God leaves us we shall be but a rope of sand. But God will not leave us if we are true to Him. To have His help we must be like Him—holy. We *must be*, not simply may be, or ought to be, we *absolutely must be*, or, after all our great success here, fail at last. Human qualifications are good, but purity is *better*. Human qualifications have their place, but do not, of themselves, attach us to God. When the soul is pure there is a natural and necessary inflow of God. The soul full of God is full of power. If we succeed here we must be pure, and continue to be pure. Then hell will be defeated, and heaven will triumph. This is why there is such anxiety about our Camp-Meeting each year. This is why, on Tuesday, August 15th, the commencement day of our Camp-Meeting, for ten consecutive hours, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening, we prayed for God's blessing to rest upon us. Nothing else would do, and this was why the blessing came. "Holiness" is our motto; let us hold to this if the world falls.

In the evening, after this all-day prayer meeting, a thousand persons gathered around the altar, and, in the holy Sacrament of the Holy Supper, pledged themselves anew to the divine service.

On Wednesday the hosts of God seemed ready for marching orders, and "Forward!" rung out along the lines. At 5:45 A. M., the consecration meeting commenced in the Tabernacle, with Brother Andrews at its head. At 6:45 A. M., in the Auditorium, each day, family prayers were held. The Yoke-Fellows had meetings every

day, in the tent on Ocean Pathway. Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's meetings had their place, each morning at 9 o'clock. The Young People's meetings were also held in the Temple, at the same hour. Mrs. Lizzie Smith had her meetings at 1:30 P. M., in the Tabernacle. At 2 P. M., the Children's meeting was held, in charge of Brother Thornley. At 6:30 the Vesper services were held, led by Dr. Hanlon and Prof. Sweney.

All these meetings, besides the regular services at the Auditorium, were held each day during the Camp-Meeting, and were all and always owned of God. In addition to these, ministers' and mothers' meetings were held as often as circumstances justified. The first sermon of the meeting was on Wednesday morning, August 16th, by Bishop Andrews, from the text Mark xi., 22: "Have faith in God." It was singularly appropriate, and delivered with great power. It seemed like the granite base of a majestic mountain, whose summit, towering to skies, was to be crowned with eternal sunlight. And so the sermons came, day after day, rising higher and higher, until, at last, on Thursday night, August 24th, when Rev. Henry Saunders carried us up the Mount of Transfiguration, where, lost to all, we saw Jesus only, and exclaimed, in the fullness of our hearts, "It is good to be here." The Love Feast, on Sabbath morning, excelled in power, when it seemed as if the cloud of God, filled with a weight of glory, rested on the congregation. At 10 o'clock on that day the multitude was vast. The Tabernacle, Temple, and tent on the Pathway, were all thrown open for public service, and all were full, while a large congregation met for worship at Ross' Pavilion. Though all these were full, yet the Auditorium was crowded to excess, and many stood. It was a day of the right arm of the Majesty on High, never to be blotted from the mind. Besides all the other meetings held, there were seven sermons preached that day.

At 9 o'clock, on Friday morning, August 26th, we gathered for the closing services. This is always an occasion of subdued and tender interest. Over all there seemed to be a sacred hush, a low, rippling murmur, like the rustle of angel wings. High expectation sits on every brow, and throbs of unspoken joy bound, like billows of blessedness, through the soul. It was a matchless morning. The cloudless sky, the bracing atmosphere and holy influences, made it a scene kindred to heaven. Fifteen precious children were consecrated to God, in Holy Baptism. Eighty-eight Ministers of the Lord Jesus distributed the bread and wine, emblems of the Saviour's sufferings

and death, to 1,800 Communicants. Midway in this holy service, Bros. Thornley and Evans, preceded by Prof. Sweney, singing—

“ Little children, little children
Who love the Redeemer,”

led down the middle aisle fifty of the precious lambs of the flock, who had been converted during the Camp-Meeting, all of whom knelt together at the altar and received the token of the Saviour's love, while a wave of sacred silence rolled over the congregation, as hundreds were affected to tears, and all were awed and moved by the blessedness of the scene.

At the close of this service the President addressed a few words to the multitude, which seemed to be held by an unseen power, returning thanks for the coöperation of all, and declaring our full and positive determination to hold this place to its original principles, and never, so help us God, to yield to the encroachments of the world. The enthusiasm with which these words were approved by all present, was a high inspiration for us to go forward in our work.

Then, as had been our custom for years, we marched around our grounds with exultant songs, while every heart was full—ministers, men, women and little children weeping out the joy they could not speak.

Returning to the stand, the multitude still surged and sung, like the sound of many waters. Then, as quiet was at last restored, with closed eyes and uplifted faces, as all stood before the Lord, the bell tolling after the pronounciation of each name in the Holy Trinity, the President said: “In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting for the year 1882 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. Amen.”

RECAPITULATION.

I have thus enumerated the meetings held. It remains to aggregate them, in order to show the amount of labor done. There have been during the season—Sermons, 59; Prayer and Experience Meetings, 58; Women's Temperance Meetings, 12; Temperance Addresses, 62; Temperance Devotional Meetings, 2; Consecration Meetings, 11; Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meetings, 75; Miscellaneous Addresses, 161; Young People's Meetings, 52; Family Devotions, 42; Surf Meetings,

12; Children's Meetings, 15; Vesper Services, 8; Helping Hand Meetings, 17; Mothers' Meetings, 6; Bible Readings, 11; Ministers' Meetings, 2; Recitations, 5; Sabbath School Services, 11; Communion Services, 3; Stereopticon Exhibition, Christ in Art, 1; Children's Day, 1; Women's Foreign Missionary Anniversary, 1; Memorial Service, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary, 1; Love Feasts, 2—*six hundred and thirty-four in all.*

In view of such statements, the church and the world will ask, What did you do? The question is right and proper, but who can answer? Who can give the value of the golden sunlight, or estimate the influence of the falling dew or Summer rain? Who can say into what crevice or cranny the divine seed falls, as it is scattered broadcast so long, and among so many thousand immortal souls? There are no human calculations on lines like these. Everywhere we hear of benefits and blessings received. There is no State or Territory in the Union, perhaps, that has not been reached, while the influence has leaped the barriers of national lines, and gone out into other lands. There has always been, too, a large volume of testimony of good received by members of communions other than our own. This year, however, the testimony in this direction is larger than ever before. I proceed to give you a few figures of results, but beg to remind you that the great summing up, and the final harvest, is left for the eternal day. Number professing conversion, as far as we have record, 187; Sanctified, 255; Number of persons professing to have received special help, from 1,500 to 2,000.

Here I rest the record until God shall make His own revelations. What these revelations will be I do not know. But, if it be still true, that the Divine Word shall not return unto its source void of results, what a harvest there will be by and by. The prospect has its inspirations, and these inspirations are needed. You and I are often discouraged in our work. Things are said and influences are brought to bear against us which sadden and depress. But our work goes on. God is not asleep—His spirit falls, the seed has life, it germinates, takes root, unfolds, expands, rises, towers; has foliage, buds, blossoms, and eternal fruitage. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Let us, therefore, not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

“Sown in the darkness, or sown in the light ;
 Sown in our weakness, or sown in our might ;
 Gathered in time or eternity,
 Sure, yes, sure, will the harvest be.”

Here, with my faith and yours, fired with the blessedness of present, and the prospect of future and eternal results, I close this long report. But, long as it is, I have scarcely told you the half, or hundredth part. But I reserve the rest to recite in the day that has no ending. That day will come soon.

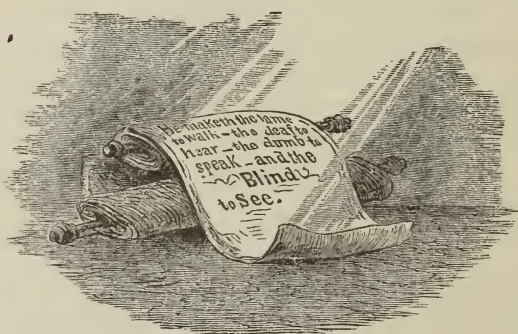
“Have you heard the song from the golden land ?
 Have you heard the glad new song ?
 Let us bind our sheaves with a willing hand,
 For the time will not be long.

“The Lord of the harvest will soon appear,
 His smile, His voice, we shall see and hear.
 The Lord of the harvest will soon appear,
 And gather His reapers home.”

Until then, God bless you all. Amen.

E. H. STOKES,
President.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., October 10th, 1882.





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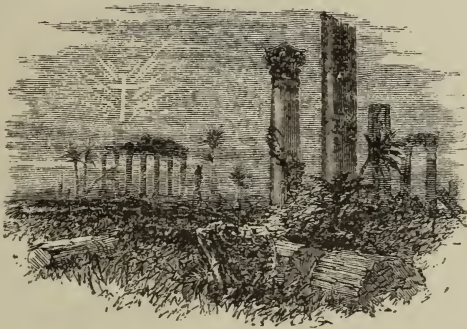
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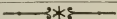


Everything on earth I cherish,
To my heart however dear,
Soon in my embrace will perish
Human friendship, hope and fear.
But the cross of Christ in splendor
Rising o'er the world's decay,
Conquers death; and friendships tender
Reunites in blissful day.—E. H. S.

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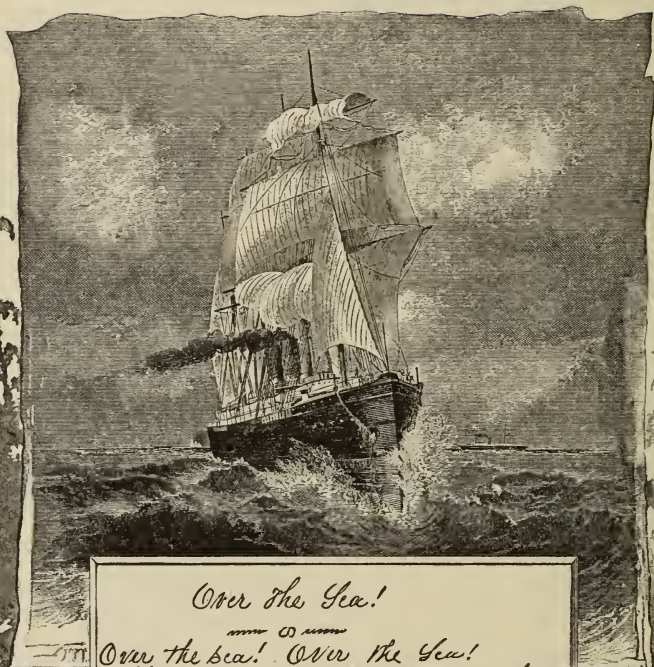
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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.



Over the Sea!

*Over the sea! Over the sea!
Plunging and dashing, wild and free;
Free as the white gulls' breezy flight,
Bound for the lands beyond our sight.*

*Over the sea! Over the sea!
Faith rides the waves triumphantly,
And hope sings through the rush and roar,
Bounding on for the unseen shore
Ocean Grove, N. J. 1883. C. H. F.*

FOURTEENTH 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 :—Another year is added to our history. True, it has been a year of toil and anxiety, but as toil is a part of our earthly allotment, and anxiety the natural outgrowth of a desire for success, we do not complain. But, more than this, there has been interblended with the toil and care, so much to encourage and gratify, that labor is now forgotten and anxiety, overshadowed by the gladness which crowns our well-meant efforts, seems to have been simply a spur to urge us on to higher achievements. This day, then, the time of our annual gathering and greeting, is the lofty crown in the mountain of the year. The ascent, often without a path, or even a blazed oak or pine to show us the way, and in many things, out in an unexplored wilderness, often misrepresented, has required patience and strength such as God alone, in answer to fervent prayer can give, yet, persevering, we have gained the summit, and a clearer sky, with an inspiring outlook greets our vision. On this broad plateau, the reward of faith and toil, let us sit down, and, wiping the perspiration from our brows, while the sweet air breathes blessings on us, gather hope and strength for another year's advance.

A careful review of the work achieved, will I am sure, inspire this hope, and impart this strength. The evidences had in the past, that God was

with us, have not decreased in number or diminished in magnitude. Rather they have increased in definiteness, and widened in extent. This is not surprising, for God is always abreast with the demand. Several times, during the year, our way has been dark, environed with difficulties, and seemingly impassable. But, when God, through duty said, with the voice of authority not to be resisted, "Go Forward," He never failed to open the sea, however wide, deep, dark or stormy.

It is a matter, too, of profound congratulation, that in the forward movements of the year, not one of our number has fallen. There are no graves in the pathways of our toil. As we were a year ago, so are we to day. Each, a year older, it is true, but none the less strong, and each, I trust, wiser to do for God.

One of our number, Joseph H. Thornley, Esq., now in Europe, has been called to mourn the loss of his excellent, and long invalid wife, in whose tent, July 31st, 1869, the first little meeting was held upon these grounds; who after living a devoted Christian life, for many years, ascended, a few weeks after our last annual meeting, to be forever with her Lord. She leaves a trail of light, in which, we walking, hope to meet her in the skies at last.

The other members of the Association with their families, I rejoice to say, have mostly been in health, and without interruption, able to discharge their duties well. That these things continue thus, from year to year, should not be overlooked, or lightly esteemed, while our hearts, duly impressed with their importance, should be continually uplifted to God, the giver of all good, in joyful songs of praise.

While these things are so, I am fully persuaded also, that in the presentation and unfoldings of our work, there will come before us, other, and varied causes for profoundest gratitude.

I now proceed, as best I may be able, to present to your view, in detail,

THE SECULAR WORK OF THE YEAR.

This has been varied, important, oftentimes perplexing, and withal, involving a large outlay of money. The importance of much of our work, grew out of the fact, that through continued, and as it would seem, studied misrepresentation of our sanitary arrangements,—a prejudice as wide-spread as it was false, existed against us, to remove which required our most intelligent toil. To meet the expenses of such labor demanded funds largely in advance of current receipts. Much of our labor, too, was on the line of experiment, as we had no examples to follow, and like all our other work here, we had to pioneer. Sometimes our faith and

patience have been taxed to the last degree, until at last success has crowned our toil.

After the Annual Meeting last year, the first work was to finish the excavation of Fletcher Lake. This work, commenced three years ago, and looked upon as one of considerable magnitude and large expense, has, at last, after frequent interruptions, been accomplished. The whole distance excavated, is 321 yards, or nearly one-fifth of a mile, extending west to the east side of Lawrence Avenue, the average width, is 35 yards, and depth, $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. In the whole work, there have been taken out 17,000 cubic yards of earth, largely muck, which cost to remove, about \$3200.

The muck thus taken out, increasing in value with age, is a good fertilizer, and has been used on all the door yards on the flaring Avenues, also on Ocean Avenue, and many private lots, for which the Association has received pay. A large amount has also been used on public grounds for their improvement, and yet we have on hand 4450 cubic yards, valued at \$2225; and 1000 cubic yards of muck compost, valued at \$1000. When this work was first contemplated, the expense involved, delayed its commencement for some time, but, from the above it will be seen, that in addition to the advantages of having the Lake opened so near the turnpike, the value of the muck taken out, will more than pay the expense of the entire work, by from \$500 to \$1000; and is another illustration of the manner in which God often delivers us from our fears.

AVENUES RE-ARRANGED AND IMPROVED.

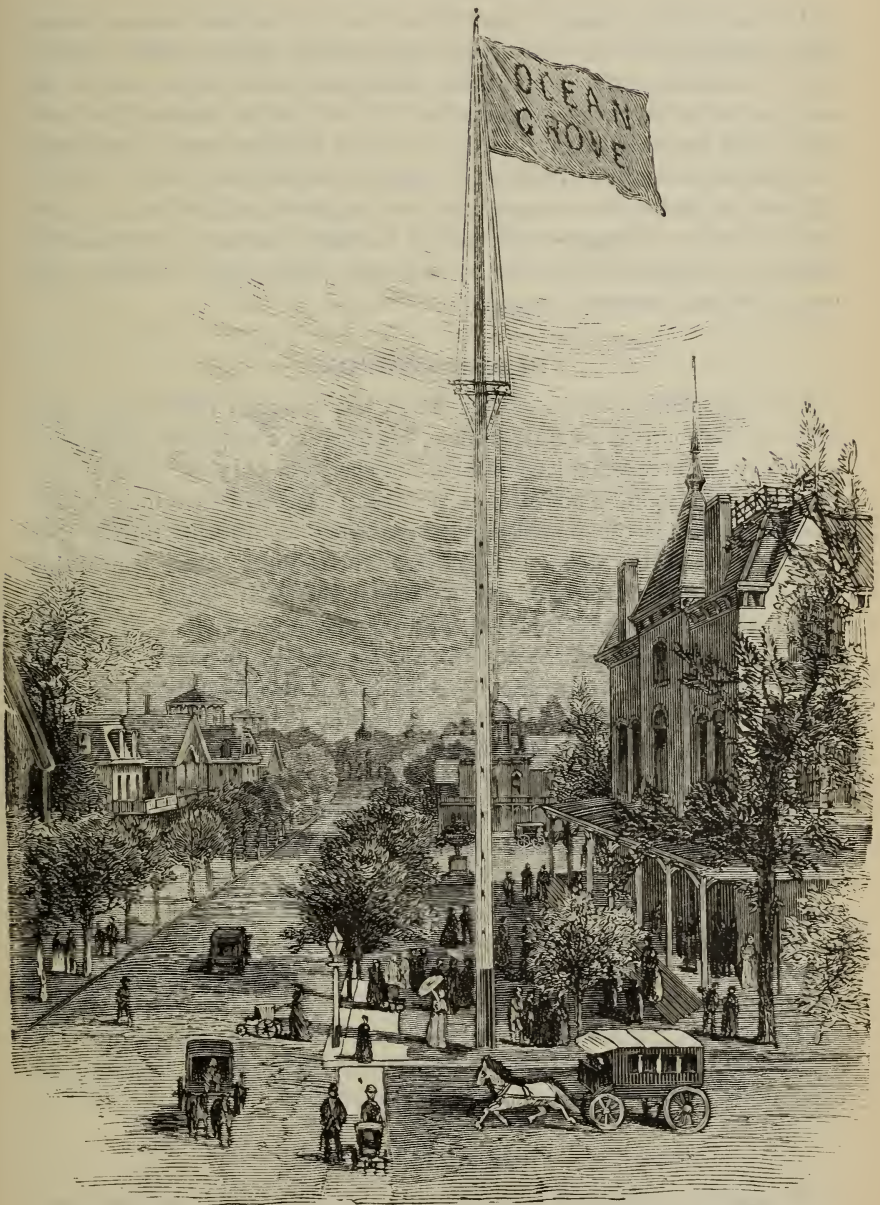
We have 21 miles of avenues in Ocean Grove. These, hastily laid out and arranged in the beginning, have at great labor and cost been brought to their present condition. Those only who remember the sand drifts, the accumulations of all the preceding ages, can appreciate this cost and toil. Each year, however, there have to be improvements, and in some instances, re-adjustments. During the past year Ocean and Main Avenues, and the north side of Broadway east of Central, have undergone this re-adjustment. The side-walks on Ocean Avenue, from lake to lake, have been extended, so that there is now a frontage between the building line and curb of 25 feet. These plots have all been sodded, the fronts curbed with stone, and the road-way widened from 40 to 80 feet, curbed on the east side with oak ship timber and thoroughly re-clayed eight inches deep from lake to lake, requiring 7820 two-horse loads of clay, which cost, when spread upon the ground, \$2346.

Main Avenue, which flared from Central to the sea, has had its curb lines straightened on both sides, and its plots in front of the dwellings

extended at Ocean Avenue 35 feet, narrowing up to Central. The same is true of the north side of Broadway, from Central to the sea. These improvements have met with universal approbation, and have added greatly to the value of private property and to the general appearance of our City by the Sea. The expense of this work has been met by those whose property has been improved. Main Avenue has also been covered with shells from the gate to New York Avenue, and re-clayed from New York Avenue to the sea. This year we hope to shell it from New York Avenue down. When this is done, this great thoroughfare, will be one of the finest on the coast. Other avenues have received needful attention in the way of repairs, and most are now in good condition. So great, however, is the amount of travel on these avenues, for three months of the year, that the wear and tear is very great, and the funds received for hack and other licenses requiring the use of roads, will wholly be required to keep them in repairs for years to come.

CURBING.

There are few things which give us greater satisfaction than the progress made in the removal of the old, decayed hemlock plank used for curbing, and the supply of their place by stone. Property owners cannot do a better thing, in the way of improving the value and general appearance of their homes, than to push forward this important work. The amount of stone curbing done this year by the Association for private parties is, Ocean Avenue, west side, from lake to lake; Main Avenue, both sides, from Central to Ocean; Broadway, north side, from Central to Ocean, with other isolated lots, making a total of nearly 6500 feet. Besides this, property owners have employed other parties to do their work, so that probably the whole amount of curbing done this year will amount to 7000 or 8000 feet. Added to this, the Association has curbed, on its own account, with ship timber, (in durability next to stone) Ocean Avenue, east side, from lake to lake—a distance of 3200 feet; Benson Avenue, from Mount Hermon Way to Wesley Lake—200 feet. There have also been 36 corners curbed with old ship knees, which for this purpose are equal, if not superior, to stone. There has also been a considerable amount of stone flagging laid by private parties during the year, greatly improving their properties thereby, and adding to the comfort of the general public. I greatly hope that nothing will occur to retard in any way this spirit of improvement, as good walks and roads are among the most important features of a pleasant and thriving town.



PILGRIM PATHWAY AND MAIN AVENUE, LOOKING TOWARDS THE AUDITORIUM.

SLUICE WAYS.

The heavy rains which frequently visit us during the summer, make large demands upon our sluice ways for carrying off our surplus surface water. Sometimes they are entirely inadequate for the work, and so cut and tear our streets to find an outlet. To aid in this matter, two new sluice ways have been constructed, at the foot of Main Avenue, emptying into the sea, and one at Broadway, flowing into Fletcher Lake. Several old ones at the street crossings, have been repaired, and the whole question of surface drainage needs to be carefully watched and guarded, otherwise, damage will be done by an hour's dashing rain that will cost much time and money to repair.

PLANK WALKS.

The wide plank walk on the sea front, was thought, three years ago, to be beyond our wants, and by some, regarded as a needless expenditure of money. Three years have shown, however, not only the error of this view, but very soon, if not at once, another 16 feet will have to be added to make room for the increasing crowds which continually throng that popular promenade. Some damage was done to the northern end of this walk, by the severe storms of the late winter and early spring. Some of the lost planks had to be replaced, and 103 new piles driven. Mr. Ross, aided in the repairs, and the cost to the Association amounted to about \$100. The plank walks along Wesley Lake, Broadway, Mt. Carmel Way and other places, have needed constant oversight and care, to keep them in a condition safe to walk on. For two whole months, they required just half the time of one man, and about \$2.00 worth of material per day, a total of \$16.50 per week, to keep them so as to prevent accidents. The cause of this, is, that the string pieces, being thoroughly decayed, do not hold the nails, so that at any time, persons stepping on one side of the walk, may cause the other end of the plank to spring up, tripping others or throwing themselves, possibly to the injury of both. This is a condition of things causing constant anxiety and must be remedied, either by the entire removal or complete renewal of the whole. I understand there is a movement on the part of property owners, fronting Wesley Lake, to join the Association in meeting the expense, if a stone flagging shall be put down there.

SEWERAGE.

The sewerage question has been greatly agitated during the past year. Studied misrepresentations have been made, and all possible expedients, without the slightest regard to truth, resorted to, for the purpose of preju-

licing the public mind. Persons who knew absolutely nothing about our efforts and expenditures to meet the sanitary necessities which were upon us have written with an air of learning, and periodicals with high sounding titles, have published articles, which should cause the cheek of truth to blush with shame. Parties, too, who have been interested, in other lines, and places, have not been slow to aid in the circulation of such statements, while a wide spread acceptance of these false views, have been reluctantly yielded to on the part, even of those, who from the beginning, have been our sympathizers and friends. For awhile, in the midst of these surges of opposition, there was on the part of some of us, almost a temptation to yield to discouragement. But, knowing that we were right, and that God and truth were on our side, we held on, and pursued our work. Much time, patience, study and prayer were devoted to the questions of completing in the best possible ways, our system of sewerage commenced about *three years ago*. The plan of running the sewage into tanks and letting it out periodically into the sea, had many objections and was only partially successful. Another must be devised. It was proposed to run a sluice-way, 4 or 500 feet into the sea, and instead of holding the sewage in tanks to ferment and become still more offensive, let the flow be constant. It was a bold project, but the demand was imperative. We had no example before us, and had to pioneer the work. Our worthy treasurer, D. H. Brown, Esq., was sanguine, and with confidence in his judgment and experience, all sustained him. There were many obstacles to be overcome. It was a new work—the sea was often tempestuous,—time, toil and money were to be expended, with the constantly recurring question, “Will it prove successful.” We went to our task in faith. One hundred and seventy-five oak piles were driven, beginning a few feet east of the plank walk, and extending far out below low water mark, and after five months of interrupted toil, and the expenditure of \$2,356.50 in material and labor, with probably \$400 worth of lumber left, the trunk was laid, and on the 29th day of June, 1883, the sewage flow commenced. The result is so triumphantly satisfactory, that Dr. E. M. Hunt, the Secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Health, after a very careful examination of its work, pronounced it not only satisfactory, but the most complete that could be made. With this arrangement for the sewage, the work of laying the main lines, has gone on successfully, as follows: Embury avenue, from New York to the Ocean; Webb, from Central to Beach; Beach from Embury to Surf; Surf from Beach avenue to Ocean; Atlantic, from Beach to Ocean; Mt. Carmel Way from New York to Delaware avenue. Total 4850 feet, which added to the 10,000 feet previously laid, gives us a total of 15,050 feet of 12 inch mains. Besides these, are 3,500 feet of lateral lines laid this

year, which added to the 5,000 feet laid last year, give us a total of connecting lines, 4 to 6 inch pipe, of 8,500 feet, which added to the mains, give us a grand total of 23,550 feet, or *four miles and a half* of sewer pipe in good working order, connecting with all the large, and with many of the smaller houses in our bounds. We greatly desire that the friends of Ocean Grove, and all present and prospective property holders will impress their minds with these important facts, and so be able, intelligently to confront those who ignorantly write and publish, that up to this time, there has been no attempt made in the line of sewerage at this place.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

The sanitary conditions of this place, always good, were, owing largely to our more perfect sewerage system, never better than the past season. The Ocean Grove Board of Health, organized in accordance with the state law, has, with its properly appointed officers, health inspector, &c., held regular meetings, receiving reports from every part of the ground; and giving prompt and careful attention, to any and all complaints, however grave or trivial. The streets have been kept clean, the tenting grounds carefully raked over daily, all offensive matter carefully and immediately removed, garbage carried away, cesspools watched, water-closets emptied, and contents carried to such distances, and so covered that all complaints from surrounding neighborhoods have been effectually silenced. I am glad to state, too, that an offensive condition of things which has for several years, caused much complaint, in the rear of the tents near the Trenton House, has been effectually removed, and the water-closet arrangements there, have been so adjusted, as to give perfect satisfaction to those immediately concerned, greatly to the relief of the management of the Grove. It also affords me great pleasure to state that through the kindness of Dr. E. M. Hunt, Secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Health, we are favored with the following, in advance of publication.

Extract from Report of the N. J. State Board of Health, 1883.

"The sanitary prospects for Ocean Grove have been greatly improved the last year. The new driven well is shown by chemical analysis to provide a pure and wholesome water, and indicates that at other points in the Grove a similar supply is likely to be secured as may be needed. The system of sewerage has been entirely remodeled. It is based on the principle of the immediate and constant removal of all soiled liquids. Thus it is intended to avoid all cesspool storage. The continuation of pipes far out into the sea is said entirely to have prevented any return of the diluted liquids to the shore. The flushing of the pipes is easily secured and plans of upper air ventilation are being applied." * * * * "The Board of Health has been re-organized and seems to appreciate that the sanitary care of a health resort includes not only water supply and sewerage, but various other details which relate to sanitary police and personal health-care."

I have also the pleasure of laying before you the following:

Report of the Board of Health of Neptune Township, Monmouth County, N. J.

The Board of Health of Neptune Township, in making one of their sanitary inspections of the Township, on August 23d, 1883, visited and examined the sewerage and dumping grounds of Ocean Grove, with entirely satisfactory results. The closets are connected with the sewer by a trap at the bottom of the vault. From the vault is a pipe leading to a flue in the chimney, or to the top of the house, to carry off any offensive odor that might accumulate. The closets are entirely free from smell. The sewers have no vent except at the mouth of the main, which is 400 feet out in the ocean. The man-hole in the main east of the Board walk was opened, showing a lively flow of liquid, and the Board was surprised at the little smell arising from the opening, as it was the only vent the whole sewer system then had. After a thorough inspection the Board pronounced the system a success. The dumping grounds were found in a satisfactory condition.

Signed, LEWIS RAINEAR, President,
 L. E. WATSON, Secretary,
 AMOS TILTON, } Inspectors,
 GEO. C. OMROD, }
 R. TEN BROECK STOUT, Attorney,
 Neptune Township Board of Health.

I have also conversed personally, particularly and freely with all the physicians practicing in the place, and, as I have had opportunity, with those in Asbury Park. These gentlemen, without a dissenting voice, declare that the sanitary conditions of Ocean Grove were never so good; some of them volunteering the remark that, after an experience covering several years among the various watering places of New Jersey, they are prepared to say that the sanitary conditions here are *superior to them all*. They also unite in the statement that there has been no sickness other than such as is part of the common lot, and this much more easily controlled than usual, while the complaints incident to childhood have been fewer and the death rate much smaller than other places of equal numbers. Testimony like this, from such high authority, gives us the greatest satisfaction, and while similar conditions exist should put to silence the ignorant statements of foolish people who, although never here, do not cease to declare that Ocean Grove is malarious and injurious to health; while, on the other hand, its general cleanliness, its pure dry air, bright sunlight, freedom from annoying insects, together with its mingled ozone of pines and sea, and its wholesome moral and religious atmosphere, make it a place where with ordinary care the physical and spiritual will both take on a higher type, and visitors can return to the struggles of life with all the undergirdings of added strength.

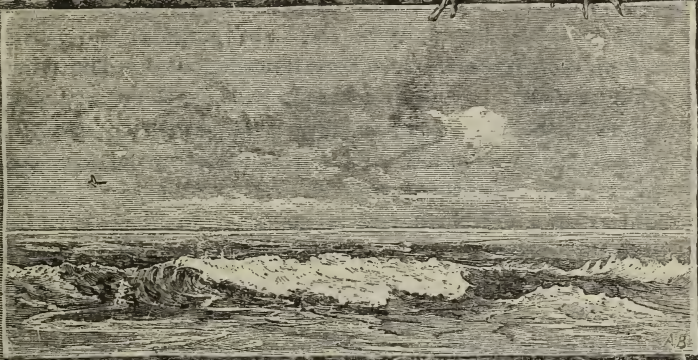
VAULT CLEANING.

The work of cleaning vaults, while among the most unpleasant is also among the most important of the year. To have it well done is always difficult. That there should sometimes be complaints is not surprising, indeed it is more surprising that there are so few. We always labor to have this work done in the best possible manner, and at the smallest cost. The winter removals were 3179 barrels, all taken to the muck deposits and made into compost. The summer removals, carried two miles from the place, were 649 barrels, against 1000 the year before—the decrease growing out of the extension of our sewer system. It is all important, both for comfort and safety, that all vaults be connected with sewers at the earliest day.

NEW BUILDINGS, Etc.

The need of additional buildings for business purposes was felt and strongly urged at our last annual meeting. To work out the best and most economical plan to meet this want was left to the Executive Committee. After full deliberation it was decided to erect a building, three stories high, 46 x 60, at the corner of Central Avenue and Olin Street, which was subsequently made into two stores, one 24 and the other 22 feet front. As their completion was a little late, but one was rented. Both, however, will, without doubt, be in demand for the coming year. The cost of the entire structure, built of the best material and in a substantial manner, the floors of Georgia pine and the first stories lined with the same material, is about \$3000, to which estimate is to be added, in order to know the full worth of the property, the value of the ground.

A very great advance has been made during the year in the line of tent improvements. The plot of ground lying between Central Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Pathway and Bath Avenue, so long the unsightly receptacle of old bunks and tent poles, has been transformed into a beautiful canvas village, called Bethany, because of its proximity to the Jerusalem Model; "Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about 15 furlongs off." This cluster consists of 24 tent cottages, all of which have frame attachments in the rear, (15 of them 13 x 18 feet and 9 of them 11 x 18 feet,) one story high, divided into two parts, dining room and kitchen; built of good material, shingle roof, four windows in each, double closets and brick chimneys, which with the floors in front for the canvas tents, (14 x 16 feet,) used as sitting and sleeping rooms, cost \$80 each; to which is to be added the cost of tents—all new—and the value of the furniture, consisting of stove and one suit of cottage furniture. The square court in the rear is well supplied with water, trees, and such



Bright the golden glow and glory,
 Soft the summer sea ;
 Sweet the old romantic story,
 Love's fond lullaby.
 Where the mellow murmurs meeting,
 Sink in holy calm,
 Lonely beach and billows greeting,
 Sing their summer psalm.

— E. H. S.

Ocean Grove, N. Y.

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conveniences as the place demands. This whole tent village is neatly enclosed with a picket fence, 750 feet, costing \$150. Inside, the ground is covered with sods fresh and green, with painted tubs, before each door, filled with earth for flowers. In addition to the facts that these tents were all well rented for the past summer and are also engaged for the summer to come, picturesque and beautiful in themselves, they give a new charm to the whole vicinity. I think it would be well to appropriate other plots south of Broadway to the same purpose, and permanently improve and beautify them in a corresponding way. The demand for comfortable and attractive tent accommodations, if not too costly, will not cease, and the revenue from them will always be needed by us. Seventy-five new portable tent tables were made by our men during the winter for summer use, valued at \$1.00 each, total \$75.

New fences, of a very plain and inexpensive character, have been constructed on the west side of the turnpike from our northern line south to where our line crosses the turnpike, near the ice house, 1000 feet, to protect the grounds at the head of Fletcher Lake, between the turnpike and railroad from being a public dumping ground, at a cost of only \$18. Also a new tight board fence, 26 feet long and 5 feet 6 inches high, between old post office and new stores, at a cost of \$18.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The year just closed, has constituted a marked era in the history of our fire department in this place. As the years have come and gone, each adding extensively to our building improvements, the need of more extensive and perfect fire apparatus, has been felt, not only by the Association, but on the part of the general public. Insurance companies, too, were either declining to take risks, or were so advancing their policy rates, as to make it burdensome to insure. It did not avail to say to these companies, that we have been in existence a dozen years or more, with but two slight fires, and with our moral community, were not likely to have them increased. They said, "you are liable to be burnt out at any time." This we knew, and determined to increase our means of defence. We therefore purchased, in December last, a first-class steam engine, two hose carriages and 1500 feet of hose, which have borne the test of 220 lbs. of steam. In addition to these, we have our large chemical engine, four small extinguishers, one hook and ladder truck, four ladders and 24 fire buckets, axes, &c., with a well-drilled and effectual company of 32 able bodied men, all of which give us facilities for extinguishing fires, equal to any, and superior to most places of corresponding size. The supply of water for the engine, is procured from

a plug in which culminate four wells, driven on the edge of Centennial Park, between the Arlington and book store. From this the hose extends to a radius of 1500 feet. Outside of this radius, the water supply is from the lakes on either side. This added supply of fire extinguishing machinery and implements, required added buildings for their protection. We therefore erected, on the south side of Olin Street, between Pilgrim Pathway and Central Avenue, a substantial building, 24 by 40 feet, two stories high, for this purpose. The members of the fire company, and other citizens, were so much interested in the completion of this house, that they contributed 32 days of voluntary labor. The second story is a beautiful room, handsomely furnished, designed for company purposes, the cost of which furniture, was met by donations from the company and friends of Ocean Grove. The entire cost of fire extinguishing implements, &c., including building, is fully \$5000. As the whole of these equipments are for the public benefit, it was thought just, that the public should bear its share of the expense. In order that this should be done, \$2.50 were added to the annual assessment of \$5.00 usually made, making the assessment for 1883 \$7.50, per lot. When the bills were presented, the advanced assessment created surprise with some, but when the explanations were given, with but few exceptions, the amount was cheerfully paid. This added sum, while it does not meet the entire cost, greatly relieves the Association of the heavy burden of expense which these new purchases have incurred.

I congratulate the Association and the public, upon the greatly improved condition of our whole fire department, and trust it will be a long while, before we shall need to extend it, or any part of the machinery now on hand be called into actual use to extinguish fire. Our theory has always been, do all we can then trust in God.

TREE PLANTING DAY.

Our second annual tree planting day, occurred this year, on Wednesday, April 11th. There were planted: Maples, 203, Poplars, 88. Total 291. Among the incidents of interest, was the planting in Centennial Park, opposite the Arlington, a tall, straight Maple, for, and in the name of each Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, constituting the Episcopal Board, as it existed at the close of the General Conference of 1880. Since this planting, the name of Centennial Park, has by common consent, been changed to Bishops' Grove. It affords me great pleasure to state, that of the 291 trees, planted last spring, only 3 or 4 have died, thus demonstrating what has always been doubtful, with some, that tree culture can be a success even along the New Jersey coast.

I call particular and special attention to these facts, in order to encourage all parties, both public and private, to persevere in the commendable work of planting trees—as few things costing so little, add so much beauty and comfort to our homes. I am all the more earnest about this because the native trees, are either dying, or have to give place to the building improvements constantly going on, and unless we plant, to replace the waste, a few years will greatly mar the beauty of our avenues and Grove. By comparing the number of trees planted this year with that of last, it will be seen that there is a considerable decrease. This



grows out of the fact, that many parties planting last year, did not need to plant this year. Still, there is much space yet to be occupied, and we hope each spring, there will be diligence in occupying that space. It is of the greatest importance, too, that the Association should use every effort, to cultivate the trees around the Auditorium, as there is a strong tendency to decay in that locality, and also to set out the largest size trees that will grow, so as to fill up the increasing vacancies there.

FLOWER CULTURE.

The period of the æsthetical has come to Ocean Grove. For a whole decade we had a hard struggle with the rugged and the unsightly. These have mostly yielded to persevering toil. Now comes the adornment. In this adornment, flowers are an important factor. The Association felt this keenly several years ago, and for its own convenience, and the con-

venience of private families, erected a hot house, and assigned its charge to one of our employees, who with his limited means of production, sold the first year, including \$99 worth of stock, estimated at very low rates, used by ourselves, \$370 worth of flowers. Last autumn, we erected another building, 20x60, double the size of the first, costing \$450. With this added facility, the sales have been this year, including \$163.19 worth of stock, estimated at the very lowest wholesale rates, used for our vases and upon our own grounds, nearly \$800; with stock, tools, pots, &c. on hand, valued at \$335, against \$180 last year. This, however, does not quite pay expenses, but with the increased experience in the work, and continually enlarging demand for flowers, we are quite sure the trade can be made to meet the outlay, and yield some profit. But, if it simply equals the expense it meets a demand, to which we cannot be indifferent, and to increase which is worthy of our continued effort.



FOUNTAINS.

Our fountains three in number, continue to work well, and are objects of beauty and attraction to thousands of children, as well as adults passing through our grounds. To these three, is now to be added a fourth, the Artesian well, of which I will speak in detail, further on.

PAVILIONS.

Our pavilions are nine. One at Jerusalem model, two in Thompson Park, one on Ocean Pathway, and five on the ocean front. They are all in good condition. The one at the foot of Main Avenue, on the ocean front has been repaired and painted, and the one at the foot of Ocean Pathway, has had the platform on its front repaired, and the whole repainted.

PARKS.

Little or nothing has been done during the past year in the way of beautifying parks. Indeed, so much was to be done in the way of the absolute, involving the expenditure of large sums of money, that such things as could be left, were left. Among these things were the parks. Still, I am not without hope, that in the near future we may be in condition greatly to improve these important parts of our grounds. Thompson Park, the resort of large numbers of transient visitors, needs such general improvements as will adapt it to purposes such as its location seems naturally to require. The thousands of excursionists must have a place of resort, and this place meets the demand. I commend the parks, as I have before, to your careful consideration.

ICE HOUSE.

By your order the ice house, 65 feet square, formerly located on the north margin of Fletcher Lake, at the terminus of Pennsylvania Avenue, a very heavy building, was moved 2350 feet to the east side of the Rail Road, south of the head of Fletcher Lake, its present site, by Messrs. E. B. & B. Rogers, of Allentown, N. J., whose contract price was \$500. The work was done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and as expeditiously as weather and other things allowed. At the conclusion, the firm represented that they had met with considerable losses in their work, for some of which they were not in any way responsible, and respectfully asked, not demanding, that if consistent with our views of right, there might be such addition made to their pay as we should deem just. The case was fully considered, and \$75 added to the contract price, making the total cost of moving \$575. The house was then placed upon a new brick and cement foundation, 3 feet deep, a new floor laid, and additional weather-boarding put on outside of the frame, in order more perfectly to protect the ice, and a better security from fire, at a cost of about \$200, which expense has already been more than met by decrease in the waste of ice. The ice house was then filled with 2000 tons of first-class ice, from High Bridge, Hunterdon Co., N. J., three-fourths of which only, owing to the cool weather of the summer, has been sold, leaving about 500 tons to be carried over until next year.



WESLEY LAKE, LOOKING TOWARDS THE SEA.

WATER WAGONS.

The question of water for sprinkling streets, supplying fountains, water closets, &c., at this place, grows in importance with each recurring year. The engine and well in the cellar under the Association building, has worked satisfactorily with the exception that the quantity of water was not sufficient. After running the engine four hours in the morning, the water would fall to 8 inches in depth, when pumping had to cease until 3 or 4 o'clock, P. M., waiting for a re-supply. To obviate this, the well

was sunk in October, 1882, 14 inches. Last June an effort was made to sink cement pipes still lower on one side of the well, in which to place the suction pipes, hoping thereby to strike a lower and better vein of water. In this effort the pipes were broken and other difficulties encountered. But in the various manipulations involved, a vein was struck $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet below the old bottom, which through all the summer work, and up to this time, has been more than the ability of the engine to exhaust, though running most of the time 14 hours per day, and the water has never fallen below 4 feet in depth. Though failing in our efforts to do what we desired, the result reached is fully all that we expected by the method proposed, and is exceedingly gratifying to us all. In carrying out our work for sprinkling the streets, a new tank was purchased and set up between Furgerson's market and McCabe's meat store, on Olin St., near Central, on stanchions 12 feet high, so as to obviate lifting the water 39 feet high into the tank, third story of the Association building, thus saving the time and labor of the engine by that much, and enabling us to run out to the street a 4 inch supply pipe instead of a 2 inch, as formerly used; so that we now fill the large new water wagon, holding 520 gallons, in $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, instead of taking 13 minutes to fill the smaller ones, by which much valuable time is saved, and one wagon this summer did more than two last summer. Two new wagons were built, of greater capacity, and with better arrangements for sprinkling. The largest, holding 520 gallons, cost \$26.50; the smaller, holding 360 gallons, cost \$24.60. The supply of water from this well has been, from the 12th of June up to and including the month of September, 3,242,000 gallons, distributed as follows: To the water wagons, daily, 28,000 gallons; to the fountains and closets on the camp ground, 9000 gallons daily, and 3000 gallons daily overflow, running directly into the sewer. There is still a greater demand for water wagons, especially in dry weather, and the time is not distant when all the avenues will have to be sprinkled, and the cottages along the lines pay for it, as in other places.

ARTESIAN WELL.

Prejudice is the outgrowth of ignorance, and each alike are difficult to remove from the human mind. With both these we have had to contend, in our work at Ocean Grove. Those who understood little or nothing of the conditions here, continued to declare, and many were ready to believe the declarations, that the water was rapidly becoming contaminated, and soon all would be so vitiated, as to be unfit for use, and asking with an air of triumphant satisfaction, "*What will you do then?*" While all this was, and is, as remote from the actual facts as well as could

be, we had nevertheless, to meet the question, as if all was sober truth. Besides this, water for fire and sewerage purposes, was greatly needed. To meet these requirements, an Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Water Company was organized two or three years ago, consisting of the best business men of both places. Numerous meetings were held, plans discussed, explorations made, money expended, and the result was, that after various efforts and delays, the company dissolved.

Some of us at Ocean Grove, held tenaciously to the thought, that the water supply was beneath our feet. In this faith, the matter was brought before our last Annual Meeting, and the project of sinking a test well, was favorably received, and referred to the Executive Committee with power. At the next Executive Committee Meeting, held December 5th, 1882; D. H. Brown, reported, that Mr. H. C. Safford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., would sink a well, six inches in diameter, 60 feet deep, just south of the ice house, for \$6.50 per foot. It was then decided to do the work at an expense not exceeding \$300. December 21st, it was decided to bore 100 feet if necessary. The weather continuing unfavorable, the work was not commenced until February, 1883. At our Executive Committee Meeting, March 7th, there being no signs of procuring water, at the depth of 100 feet, it was resolved to bore 50 feet deeper. At our meeting, April 11th, still boring through impervious blue clay, a letter was received from Professor Cook, State Geologist, accompanied with Geological Charts, urging us to proceed, with assurances, that we would find water at the depth of 250 feet. The order was given to bore 200 feet. At the session of the Semi-Annual Meeting, May 8th, 1883, the depth of 200 feet had been reached, and the same seemingly unending, stiff, almost rock-like, impenetrable blue clay continuing, the Board of Administration awaited further orders. Already \$1500 had been expended. To stop now, with the probability of being in the immediate vicinity of water, would be not only an actual loss of that amount, but a discouragement to all future efforts. It was therefore, resolved to go fifty feet further, and still on, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. When the Committee meet on the 16th of June, the depth of 275 feet had been reached, and still, stiff, blue clay. The prospects were not encouraging but there was a deep, and abiding conviction, that we were on the line of water.

The Board was therefore authorized to go 25 feet deeper—50, if found necessary,—indeed to go on until *water should be found*. At 285 feet, a thin stratum of sand and shells was reached, and a slight flow of water. It was like an oasis in the desert to the swollen feet, and blistered lips of weary travelers. All hearts were jubilant, and faith increased a hundred fold. The boring recommenced, and after passing about 7 feet through

the sand, without increase of water, the same kind of stiff, blue clay was again reached, which continued with but slight variations, involving toil, extending to weeks, and even months, expensive, and testing faith and patience, to the last extreme. Many said, "*You will never find water.*" And so, we sometimes, almost felt ourselves, but never quite losing courage, kept on, until at last, we adopted as a kind of watchword, "*Water or China.*" Finally, through the oak land soils,—through the pine land soils, through the upper marl bed, through the red sand bed,—



ARTESIAN WELL, NEAR THE HEAD OF FLETCHER LAKE, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

through the lower marl bed, at a depth of 400 feet, laminated sands, according to the Geological Survey of Prof. Cook, were reached, and we were in the water region. We thanked God, and took courage, but our troubles were not at an end. The flow of water was small, and the difficulties in the way of developing the well, were many. A 4 inch iron pipe, 400 feet long, was sunk to the bottom of the bore, and held there with cement. An inch and a half iron pipe, 400 feet long, was placed inside the 4 inch pipe, for the purpose of forcing water down by means of a steam engine, to wash out the sand, and form a cavity at the bot-

tom. The experiment was not at first successful. The small pipe met an obstruction, and would not go to the bottom, the machinery broke, the men became discouraged, almost demoralized. D. H. Brown, our Treasurer, was incessant in his efforts to devise, encourage, and help in the manipulations in all possible ways. Mr. Safford, brought all his large experience to bear to insure success. Nothing was left undone. A week passed without much progress. Messrs. Brown and Safford were in constant consultation. All were intensely interested. To fail now would be, not only failure to us, but a blight to all the efforts to secure water along the New Jersey coast. We were laboring for others as well as ourselves. Friday, August 10th, arrived. A last effort was to be made to sink the small pipe to the bottom. Mr. Brown and Mr. Safford tried all the morning, with but partial success, in the afternoon, the efforts to pass the obstructions, were continued. At 3 o'clock, something gave way 400 feet below, and in 3 minutes, the small iron pipe sunk 20 feet through the sand, below the bottom of the bore. "*What does that mean?*" was asked. "It means we have reached the sand bed;" said Mr. Safford. Immediately, the steamer threw down a stream of water from Fletcher Lake, with great force, and a wash of sand and water came up, a cart load or two, in 15 or 20 minutes. In half an hour the engine stopped, but the sand and water continued to flow of their *own pressure*. "*What does that mean?*" was excitedly asked. "*It means,*" said Mr. Safford, "*That we have struck water.*" The interest grew and intensified. We watched and wondered—wondered and watched—and as the water and sand continued to roll out, rising 420 feet to the surface, of their own force, grew almost delirious with joy. Hope had been so long deferred, and the heart had so often been almost sick, that the realization of our long cherished desire, seemed more like a dream than real. Our first promptings, were, to sing the doxology. Then we took a bucket and measured the flow. Again and again we measured, so as to be sure there was no mistake. Then we found a barrel, of 43 gallons, which was filled in just one minute. It was now 6 o'clock p. m., and the water had been flowing 3 full hours without abatement. We left it for the night. The news spread with great rapidity. Next morning the water was still flowing, and there were crowds to witness the scene, and offer their congratulations. Another measurement was had, and the flow was increased to a barrel in 50 seconds. Multitudes in coaches and on foot flocked to the scene all through the day, for days together, and the joy was general. By actual test, it was found that the water would rise in pipes, 28 feet above the surface of the ground. At 18 feet 9 inches above ground, the flow was one barrel of 43 gallons in 2 minutes 35 seconds, and at 16 feet 3 inches, in 1 minute 40 seconds. After a week or so, upon consultation, it was decided to lead the water of

the well, through iron pipes, 1000 feet across the turnpike, just north of the head of Fletcher Lake, inside of Ocean Grove proper, and form a fountain, so that all passers along the highway could see it, until such time as we shall determine how best to utilize the flow. This was done, and on Saturday morning Aug. 25th, the first waters of the fountain flashed in the sun, while the gathered multitude, sang with grateful hearts,

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,”

and thousands of people, as they pass along the highways, beholding the joyous flow of these crystal waters, feel a glad doxology in their hearts.

The following letter, from Mr. Safford is a part of the history of this well.

549 MONROE ST., BROOKLYN, September 12th, 1883.

DR. E. H. STOKES:

Dear Sir,—The fact that you have an ever-flowing fountain of pure “unexceptionable” water at Ocean Grove, is a theme so prolific that I find it necessary to place myself under restraint, lest I go beyond my province and treat the poetic side of the question rather than the practical.

However beautiful or profitable the natural fountain may be, it should take second place in our esteem to that other quality—*purity*. The flowing quality is beautiful. The purity is good. Here we have beauty and goodness combined. The flowing quality can be produced artificially, by the pump—purity cannot by any practicable means.

Without the fountain—the poetry—we are drawers of water—prosey; but without the purity we die. But we should not be proud of anything but that we have done our duty. It belonged to the great Architect to create the conditions that made the natural fountain possible, and the great Chemist said, “be thou pure.” We may be glad that we are made rulers of these elements, more than “ten cities,” because we did not keep our pound “laid up in a napkin.”

To the gentlemen of the Association, who by their intelligence, energy, and moral and material support, in the great enterprise, made success possible, is due, and I am sure is awarded, a meed of praise. That they should persevere, in spite of predictions of failure all along the coast, was splendid.

The material through which we passed to the consummation was:

Layers of Clay, marl, and marly sand,	38 feet.
Clay and marl,	64 “
Marly sand and lignite,	4 “
Marl or clay,	179 “
Sea shells,	7 “
Marl,	93 “
Marly sand,	12 “
Petrified marl,	1 “
Clay or marl,	6 “
Sand,	16 “

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I could dwell quite at length on the discouragements and discomfitures that attended the prosecution of the work, but I prefer rather to live in the fruition of the present. I bestow more thought on those who supported and encouraged me, than on those who discouraged and threw obstacles in my way. Very respectfully,

H. C. SAFFORD.

A quantity of the water of the well, in the best condition, was sent to New Brunswick, N. J., to be analyzed by Prof. Cook. The following letter shows the result of the analysis :

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., September 8th, 1883.

REV. DR. E. H. STOKES :

Dear Sir,—The water from the Artesian Well at Ocean Grove has been analyzed, for this survey, by Prof. F. A. Wilber. It contains of mineral matter, per gallon of 58.318 grains, only $8\frac{19}{100}$ grains. This mineral matter consists of

Chloride of Sodium (common salt),	0.706	grains.
Sulphate of Potash,	1.138	“
Sulphate of Lime,	1.728	“
Carbonate of Lime,	2.530	“
Carbonate of Magnesia,	0.976	“
Chloride of Magnesium,	0.029	“
Silica,	0.682	“
Sesqui-oxide of Iron and Alumina,	0.402	“
Total solids in one gallon of water,	8.191	“

It also contains $8\frac{489}{1000}$ cubic inches of carbonic acid per gallon. It is entirely free from organic matter. It is clear, bright and sparkling, and cannot but be wholesome. The source from whence the water comes, the taste of it, and its appearance are sufficient vouchers for its good qualities. The mineral matter is so small in quantity that the water will be classed as “soft,” so that it can be used for washing, and for all other purposes where such water is desirable.

Respectfully Yours,

GEO. H. COOK,

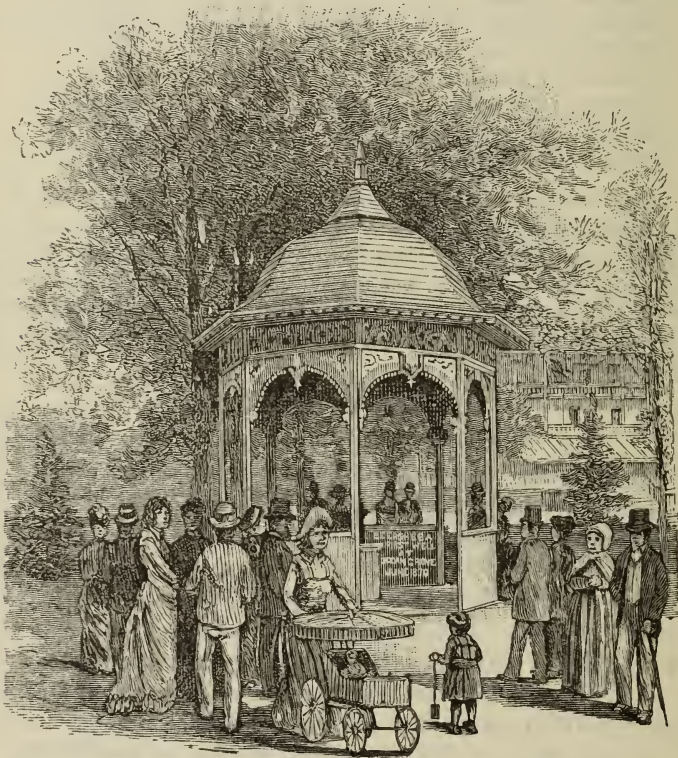
State Geologist.

You will naturally want to know the cost of this important work. It is as follows: Well, 420 feet deep, cost, including 420 feet of 4 inch iron pipe, \$3,107.09. One thousand feet of 4 inch iron pipe, leading to the fountain, material and work of basin, \$529.37. Total, \$3,636.46, a sum much larger than the work could be duplicated for with the knowledge we now possess. But, great as has been the cost, its value to us, as solving a great and grave problem, cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. The flow has continued without diminution, and up to this date, October 9th, 1883, has yielded 4,800,000 gallons of water. I congratulate the Association in having had the courage to pioneer this work, and the New Jersey coast and adjacent country, upon the success which has crowned the effort. I now leave the whole question with you to determine, in your wisdom, what further shall be done on this line.

OTHER WELLS.

While on the water question, I wish to mention the fact that we have on these grounds at least 800 tube wells, which draw water from a depth of from 20 to 30 feet. This water is pure, bright and sparkling, which

with our tight vaults, and constantly extending sewer system, with proper care, is in continually lessening danger of contamination. I have just had the best examination made of these wells that the circumstances would allow, and find of all this number about 20 complained of as being injured. Many of these, on drawing the tube, and driving in another part of the lot, find pure water. Many, too, do not go deep enough to find good water. But when everything else fails, we now have the present and prospective artesian wells to fall back upon.



BEERSHEBA WELL.

In connection with these many wells of such great value, I wish to mention one known among us as Beersheba, the first driven upon these grounds, June, 1870. Its waters are thought by many to be superior to any we have; my own convictions are, however, that there are many of equal excellence; yet being a public well, situated so near the Tabernacle and Auditorium, its value cannot be told, and unnumbered thousands, who slake their thirst with its waters, carry with them delicious memories

of its sweetness. A new and improved pump and other fixtures, by which four or five persons can drink at the same time, has been placed at this well this year, at a cost of \$21.30. May it long give forth its cooling streams, a blessing to all who drink. I add too, that of all the wells among us, I have never known one, summer or winter, to fail for want of a supply of water, so that with our 800 wells scattered over the ground, the well in the cellar of the Association building, which a steam engine cannot exhaust, and our artesian well, flowing its millions of gallons, I am free to say, no place has better water, or an abundance greater than is now at our command.

WESLEY AND FLETCHER LAKES.

Both these lakes continue centres of great attraction. On Wesley Lake, the order has been good. The total number of boats which floated upon its surface, the past summer, was 425. Of these 105 were licensed for carrying passengers, 65 by us and 40 by Asbury Park. Number of oars lost and restored to owners, by police, 85; number not found 8. The twilight and night views on this lake are unsurpassed in beauty.

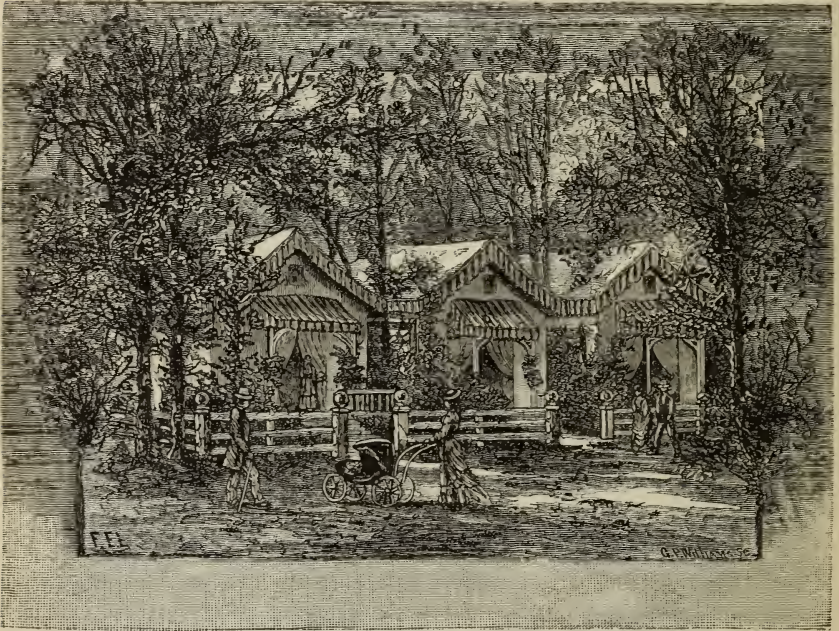
At Fletcher Lake, the order can and must be improved. There were 163 boats upon its waters the past season. Ten of which were licensed to carry passengers. A ferry has been established at the foot of Pilgrim Pathway, which does away with promiscuous Sabbath crossings to and from the meetings. Since the flow of the artesian well has been run into this lake, its waters are greatly improved.

GENERAL TENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

The whole tent arrangements at this place are very important, requiring much thought, careful administration, and involve extensive interests in the comfort and health of many families, as well as considerable revenue to us. These arrangements should therefore have a full share of our most intelligent consideration. I am happy to say in this connection, that each year we take advanced steps in the way of improvement and perfection in these lines, and greater satisfaction is expressed by those of our visitors who from year to year occupy these temporary canvas homes. Still, there is large room for important improvements, many of which can be made without involving heavy expense. During the past summer, there were erected on these grounds 203 private tents, of these 39 were put up by us, some of them on our own property, for which we received pay for labor and ground-rent. The balance 164 were put up by their owners, on private lots with which

we had nothing to do, and from which we receive no income. Some of these tents are old, dingy, presenting a forlorn appearance, and being poorly put up often with a slight wind blow down, to the great discomfort of those who occupy them. I wish some method could be adopted, by which this particular condition of things could be improved.

All of our own tents, including 30 new ones, 24 of which were used in the Bethany Village, were erected, which gave us 281 different parties occupying these homes, during the season. By the erection of frame buildings in the rear, setting posts, and laying permanent floors, the



TENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

cost of putting up, taking down and storing the tents, is reduced to a very small sum, though the wear and tear on the canvas is considerable every year. The past summer was favorable in this direction, except the damage done by the cyclone, on Monday afternoon, July 23d, but, even in that terrific blast, which lasted about 15 minutes, only one tent was blown down, one slightly injured, and six flies torn. Otherwise the damage was hardly worth the mention. As there are so many families, in all parts of the country, which depend upon us, and our tenting accommodations, for the comforts of their summer vacation, the importance of these improvements is worthy of our best consideration.

JERUSALEM MODEL.

This unique structure, continues to be a point of great attraction to old and young. Multitudes of people gather here day after day, and like hearing the story of the cross, always fresh and new, never weary of looking upon these sacred localities, or of listening to the recital of events the most momentous in the world's history, transacted on these holy grounds.

Miss Lyda M. Von Finkelstein, a lady of amiable qualities, extensive culture, born in Jerusalem, greatly interested and instructed our people, in a number of lectures, one from the platform, on "Domestic and city life in Jerusalem," and several others, given at the model, to large crowds of people, all listening with reverent delight, as she pointed out and explained the various localities of sacred interest. The Model kept nicely during the winter, and cost when opened in the spring, to repair and paint \$22.97. Twelve hundred new trees were made during the winter, by the janitor, at a cost of about \$24, and when set in place at the spring opening, greatly improved its general appearance. The net proceeds of the sale of descriptive catalogues, amounted this year to about \$90. Dr. Wythe the originator, proposes, with your approval, to construct a model, of the whole land of Palestine, on the plot, opposite the Jerusalem Model, between that and the Young People's Temple, at his own expense; we simply supplying labor, not exceeding \$100; provided he be allowed certain privileges in connection therewith, yet to be defined. I think such a work would add greatly to the interest and instruction of our people, and would advise, if proper arrangements can be made with him that such consent be given.

PURCHASE, SALE AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

The only purchase of buildings this year by the Association is the McCabe meat market house. This being for sale, and as the building with all its fixtures could be bought for \$1500, its purchase by us, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, seemed wise. It has been well rented for the year. Two small buildings next to this, east, one previously occupied as a barber's shop and the other as a milk depot, were sold, the barber shop for \$100 and the milk depot for \$75, and removed to make room for the new engine house. The lower story of the old engine house was fixed up at a few dollars' expense, and rented for the season. The old post office was repaired at small cost, and rented for a barber shop. The old store, occupied for several years by Wainright and Errickson, was refloored in May last with Georgia pine, which for the small cost of \$30 was a very great and much needed improvement to

the place. The Young People's Temple was originally built too small, and the embarrassment has increased upon us every year. This year the pressure of the crowds was too great to be longer resisted. How to enlarge had been a question every year, but nothing practicable seemed to be presented. This year, after the meetings commenced, it was found something must be done, and we hurriedly took out the rear, carrying it back 22 feet, closing up the sides and roofing it in, giving us an extension of 22 x 33 feet, and thus accommodating half as many more as the original building. The work temporarily done took about three days and cost about \$75, of which the young people, of their own volition, cheerfully contributed \$26. But, even after the enlargement, so popular and successful were these meetings that the crowds about the windows outside were as great as ever. I would therefore suggest that a permanent enlargement of this building be made, extending it as now, 22 feet east, and continuing it on a line with the northern and southern extremities, making the enlargement fully equal to the original size and the seating capacity of the whole double. This I think the times demand.

I have thus enumerated the prominent work of our men during the year now closed. To give fuller details of all would require a volume instead of the narrow limits of an annual report. I now call your attention to the following

NEEDED ENLARGEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The constant advancement of this place, which has become not only national in character, but world wide in its fame, requires constant attention and activity to keep abreast with growing demands. Among the many things which might be named, I mention now two, both important and imperative. First. The Tabernacle needs to be raised and better ventilated. A few hundred dollars spent on this structure, would greatly improve its appearance and increase its comfort.

The Auditorium, I need hardly inform you, 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 loose our hold upon them. The masses will not come an hour before the time of public service to secure a place. We very greatly need two or three thousand additional sittings. But for our very heavy outlays the past season, I should most earnestly urge the reconstruction of our whole Auditorium for next summer, so as to seat eight or ten thousand people. Possibly, however, with the construction of one hundred new settees, furnishing seats for one thousand

additional persons, for which room can be made under the present roof, we can get along one year more. But an entire reconstruction must soon be had, and that too, of a character adapted to our enlarged wants, and corresponding with the other improvements of the place.



LAKE PATHWAY.

THE PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS

Made upon our grounds during the past year. The number of new buildings erected during this period, do not equal that of former years. This, all things considered, is not, perhaps, just at this time, a matter of regret. It is never desirable to over-build, but simply to keep abreast of the demand. The erection of attractive private cottages, to be occupied by their owners, is always to be encouraged, and the more of this kind of buildings we have, the better. Building for speculative purposes, is not in harmony with our general plan, and is not best for us. It is a matter of congratulation, that there have been no more large hotels erected during the past year, and it is earnestly hoped no more will be, so long as those existing are equal to the demand. Let the modest little private cottages be everywhere multiplied, and the present hotel accommodations will be sufficient for several years to come.

Total number of cottages, last year, 773, this year, 809; increase, 36. Number of large boarding-houses last year, 69, this year, 69; increase, none. Total number of boarding-houses and cottages, 878, increase, 36. Besides the new buildings, ten cottages have made important additions, and the Sheldon house, besides many, and very great general improvements, has been enlarged to accommodate at least 200 additional guests. Two new private barns have been built on property of the Association, for which we receive an annual ground-rent.

The following are the business places in Ocean Grove proper: The Association buildings, containing Association Office; Post Office; Telegraph Office; Express Office; Banking Office; office of the Ocean Grove Record; four Bakeries; six Ice Cream Saloons; four Barber Shops; two Vegetable stands; three Restaurants; one Grocery and general Provision Store; two Drug Stores; one Fish and Oyster Market; one Dry Goods, Notion and Furnishing Store; two Ladies' Furnishing Stores; two Bazaars; seven Confectionery Stores; one Candy Manufactory; one Camera Obscura; thirty-three private stables; two Livery stables; two Meat Markets; three Photograph Galleries; two Bathing establishments; besides our own barns and sheds.

BATHING HOUSES.

Sea Bathing is a luxury for the million. It would be a matter of great regret, if in any way, its privileges or pleasures should be abridged. Such, however, is the extent to which it has broadened among us, and such the number who daily indulge therein, that it becomes a matter of constant solicitude, so to conduct it, that general enjoyment, and not injury, may be the result. I believe the proprietors of our bathing establishments, are using their best endeavors to protect their patrons in their daily baths. Both employ bathing masters having large experience, connected with the life saving stations along the coast, life lines are provided, and life boats always at hand, in case of need. Still, there is a large amount of recklessness on the part of those who bathe, too much time is spent in the water, and an undue indulgence on the beach in wet bathing clothes exposed to the heat of the mid-day sun--practices which sooner or later are sure to prove injurious. True, we have had no fatal accidents, for which we are profoundly grateful, yet many persons, remain in the water so long, that they have to be carried out in exhausted conditions, thus injuring themselves, and unnecessarily and even cruelly exciting their friends. A great reform in general bathing habits, would not only conduce to health, but greatly promote the comfort of all. During the year, Mr. Ross has erected 100 new bathing houses, put in 12 new bath tubs, repainted all the houses, and purchased 400 new bathing suits, at a

total cost of \$1,500. Mr. Lillagore has erected 115 new bathing houses, extended the Ocean Pavillion 24 feet, and repainted all at an expense of about \$1,100. Both properties are therefore in good condition, and proper working order. There are still great and grave complaints on the part of a large number of our best permanent citizens, and many transient visitors, of the indelicate attire, in which many persons parade our streets, to and from the bathing grounds. Ladies and gentlemen at home, they allow themselves not only to appear on our streets improperly clad, but seem to delight to display their persons in such attire, that if at home, would either exclude them from respectable society, or cause the cheeks to burn with shame. I have called attention to this for several years, but the disgrace is still upon us, and I now believe the time has come, when we should henceforth prohibit all persons from passing through our streets in bathing suits of every kind. The good sense of our people, will, I am sure, sustain us in enforcing such a rule.

POLICE.

The policeman's duties at Ocean Grove are of so delicate, and yet important character, as always to give us solicitude and care. Much of the comfort and safety of visitors, and the reputation of this Association depends upon the faithfulness of the officers, and the manner in which they perform their work. There are a thousand details required here, which at other places give the policemen no concern. We often judge of our men, from our own standpoint and think they fail, while they, judging from their own, feel that they discharge their duties well. The number of men employed this year upon our police force, has been smaller than in the past. The largest force at any one time, was ten. Of these, three were employed all the year, one by day and two by night. The Lake policeman was on duty two months and 19 days; one on the sea front, two months and 11 days; one on the west front, from head of Wesley Lake to head of Fletcher Lake, one month and 11 days; one around the Auditorium at night, and through the tents in that vicinity, twenty-two nights; one around the Auditorium by day, on duty 15 days; one among the tents at night, south-western part of the grounds, on duty eight nights and the chief of police, Major J. C. Patterson, was on duty two months and 12 days. Complaints in two or three instances only, reached me concerning the manner in which they discharged their duties, and those referred to the chief, were carefully examined into and corrected. The police hours extend often from 7 A. M., to 11 or 12 o'clock at night. The chief's, often from 7 A. M., to 1 and 2 o'clock, A. M., the next morning, and some times all night. I have

a record of their work, so far as it could be recorded, before me. It is a long story of disorderly persons put off, or prevented entering our grounds; of lost children restored to parents; organ-grinders kept out; persons with improper bathing-suits, prevented bathing; tramps put off, and prevented coming in; disorderly crowds dispersed; small shows kept out; beer peddlers prevented coming in; intoxicated persons kept out; rag-pickers put off; noisy straw riders stopped; pack peddlers kept out; complaints of all kinds attended to; warrants issued; arrests made and cases arbitrated. The aggregate of these during the summer months, amounts to many hundreds, and yet all so done, as that few outside of the immediate circle concerned, know of anything improper going on. This is as it should be. The perfection of a policeman's work, is to discharge his duties with the least possible excitement, and to make it appear, that all is always right.

BUSINESS LICENSES.

It is always easy to see one side of questions, and that the one favoring ourselves. Selfishness is inherent in the human heart, and will be until substituted by the golden rule. Business men, aim to make by their business at Ocean Grove. This is right. No one should work for nothing. Our only plea is, that while we, as an Association, create the business and provide at great expense, facilities for its convenient transaction, all seeking to avail themselves of these business advantages, should bear their proper portion of the expense required to perpetuate them. Hence the license system.

The following is a statement of the number of licenses taken out, and the business for which they were taken :

Hacks, Carriages, etc.,	48
Omnibuses,	9
Baggage Wagons,	13
Butchers,	4
Hucksters,	17
Groceries,	7
Fish and Oysters,	9
Ham and Sausages,	1
Wood and Charcoal,	2
Boats on Wesley Lake,	65
Boats on Fletcher Lake,	10
Total,	185

The farmers who come in pay no license, and the sums obtained from those who do pay are not sufficient to keep up the wear and tear of the roads.

ASSESSMENTS.

All the leases given for lots sold upon these grounds specify that said lot or lots are liable to an annual assessment of not over 7 per centum on \$150, that is, \$10.50 per year. The assessments levied thus far in our history have been each year as follows :

1870-1,	none.
1872,	\$2 50
1873-4,	none.
1875,	2 50
1876,	3 00
1877,	3 00
1878,	3 00
1879,	5 00
1880,	5 00
1881,	5 00
1882,	5 00
1883,	7 50
Total,	<u>\$41 50</u>

Or an average for 13 years of \$3.11, being \$7.39 per annum, less than the agreement with our lot holders when the leases were given.

There were no assessments for four years, because, during these years, there was very little expense in the way of lighting, policing, and garbaging our grounds, and no expense for sprinkling streets. When these expenses increased, a small assessment with a slight advance from year to year was made until this year, when, for reasons fully detailed under the head of Fire Department in this report, there was an addition of \$2.50 upon each lot to meet these expenses.

The amount received on assessments from the beginning up to the present time is \$40,412.05, an amount falling below the actual cost of lighting, policing, sprinkling streets, and expense of fire department, as will be seen by the statement below, by \$4,300.63.

Cost of lighting Auditorium and Tabernacle with gas, 9,500 aggregated lightings, and 298 oil lamps on the streets, 30,500 aggregated lightings,	\$1,772 59	
Cost of removing garbage,	1200 00	
Cost of sprinkling streets,	400 00	
Cost of three policemen for the year,	2,190 00	
Cost of seven special policemen for the summer,	976 00	
Cost of Fire Department,	5,000 00	
Total,	<u>\$11,538 59</u>	
Received on assessments this year,	8,531 99	
Deficiency this year on the above expenses,	<u>3,006 60</u>	\$3,006 60
Deficiency for seven years previous,		<u>1,294 03</u>
Total deficiency for eight years,		\$4,300 63

But, notwithstanding this heavy deficiency, in view of the fact that the large item of expense in the fire department will not be of yearly occurrence and in order to relieve our lot holders as much as possible, I recommend that the assessments for the coming year be reduced to \$6.00 instead of \$7.50, as last year.

RAILROADS.

Railroads are a great convenience and may be a great blessing to a community or otherwise, depending wholly upon their management. The roads passing by our grounds are, in the main, well managed. But, while so many excellent things can be said of both the Pennsylvania and Central, (or, as the latter is now called, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad,) and of the intelligent gentlemen who conduct these great enterprises, I greatly regret that they have this year sanctioned the running of trains upon the Sabbath day. I regret this the more because Ocean Grove, which was fourteen years ago originated and organized strictly and severely on Sabbatic principles and was the inspiration which brought into active development scores of miles of the New Jersey coast, had all along the lines of its history assurances from railroad authorities that the desecration of the Holy Sabbath by the running of trains would not be allowed. True, the trains do not *now* stop at our depot, an exemption which we shall expect the railroad companies to continue with all the sacredness of the highest moral obligations that can be imposed upon honorable men; yet, at the same time, the bellowing of engines and the roar of rushing trains past our grounds during the otherwise solemn stillness of the sacred day of rest, is to us not only a great annoyance but a constant source of profound regret. We feel, too, that in view of the vast amount of business which has been drawn to the depot of this and the adjoining town of Asbury Park, to say nothing of the score of others adjacent, a business to which we call attention with emotions of great satisfaction and upon which we congratulate our railroad managers, that we have a right to speak upon this subject and that we ought to be respectfully heard.

The following, obtained from reliable sources, is a synopsis of the railroad transactions at the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park depot, for the season just closed:

Number of persons arriving at depot during the months of	
June, July, August and September,	600,000
The highest number of regular passengers arriving in one day,	2,500
Highest number of excursionists,	5,500
Highest total number of arrivals in one day,	8,000
Total number of excursions during the season,	112

Total number of trains passing in one day,	103
Pieces of baggage handled in one day,	2,150
Handled during the season—not including express baggage, or package express,	71,000
Number of railroad employees at and around depot,	26
Number of baggage and express men,	50

One day of the season, there were loaded on their respective trains, in a period of two hours, from 4.30 to 6.30 P. M., 5,500 persons, without accident, although eleven regular trains came and went during the same hours. It is a cause of the profoundest gratitude, too, that during all the season, in the midst of such great multitudes, no accident of any kind occurred. By comparing the above statement with the corresponding statement of last year, it will be found, that in all these items there is considerable advance, and if the railroad companies shall so conduct their business as to aid in maintaining the high moral and religious tone which these places now enjoy, I see no reason why the same ratio of increase may not continue from year to year. But if the railroads break down our Sabbaths, and so demoralize our populations, the travel of the order-loving will decrease, and the revenue correspondingly diminish. At the last annual meeting, I called your attention to the fact, that the plot of ground lying between the railroad and the turnpike, 572 feet on both, opposite the head of Fletcher Lake, had been granted to the Philadelphia and Long Branch Railroad Company, for the sum of \$1.00, for depot purposes, on condition, that the same should be improved and occupied in one year from its acceptance, otherwise the property to revert to the Association. The year expired Nov. 16, 1882, without such improvement, and the property came back to us. A new lease has been granted to the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company, for part of the same plot, dated May 5, 1883, for the same purpose, with the proviso, that if the said premises shall not be used by the lessees for the purposes for which they are demised, for one year continuously, and that, if at any time the Company shall allow its trains to stop nearer than Ocean Beach on the south, and Deal Beach on the north, on the Sabbath day, for landing or taking up passengers, they may remove their improvements, but the land shall revert to us.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

As stated in my last annual report, the building located at the head of Main Avenue, South side, facing the Turnpike, in which the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church worshiped, was sold to District No. 90½ for public school purposes. That transaction left the congregation with-

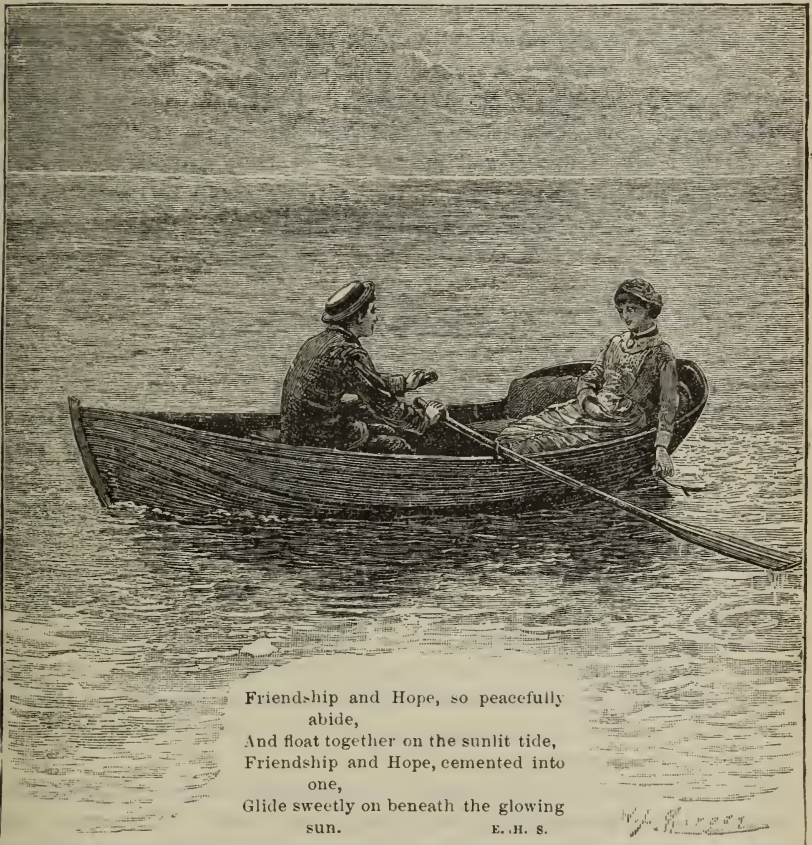
out a place of meeting. The large room on the second floor of the Association building, was therefore rented, and in that they have worshipped since. An application was made by the society, to the Association, for ground on which to erect a new Church edifice. The question was carefully and prayerfully examined, and then referred to the Executive Committee with power. The Executive Committee bestowed much time and thoughtful consideration upon the subject, and finally offered the plot of ground, occupied by the Young People's Temple to the Society, as the best thing it could do, as the site for their new building. After full and protracted deliberation, the official Board of the Church, unanimously accepted the proffer, and rested there. At the semi-annual meeting, held in May, some questions having been raised by some of the official members, and also by some of the members of the Association, as to whether that was the best place, the Association, by vote, asked the Church to reopen the case. This was done, and the Church again looking over the whole matter, reached the conclusion, that if the Association could grant the use of the plot of ground known as "Park Square," that being central, all present, and prospective wants of the Church, in their opinion, would be fully met. After this conclusion was reached, a special meeting of the Association was called for the 6th of June, when the whole question was again canvassed, and the plot was granted, with limitations and restrictions, on condition that the property holders fronting on the Park, should give their consent in writing for such occupancy. This consent was readily and cheerfully given, and a new church edifice is about to be erected thereon. I am also, happy to state, that a new chapel, 30x50 feet, has been built at West Grove, costing about \$700, and paid for, the Association making a donation of \$75. In this chapel, a large and flourishing Sabbath School has been gathered, and religious services are held with good results. Rev. W. W. Wythe, M. D., is the present pastor of St Paul's.

PARK HEIGHTS SEMINARY.

It affords me pleasure to state that the "Park Heights Seminary" has passed through the first year of its history, with great credit. High in its moral, religious, and literary tone, the presence of its principal, teachers, and pupils, added greatly to our Autumn, Winter, and Spring populations, and their songs helped greatly to enliven our religious services. Parents may safely entrust their children to the care of Miss Emily A. Rice, Principal, with assurances of their mental improvement, and I am glad to know that the prospects of her school are of an encouraging character.

ELIM COTTAGE.

This modest little organization and institution for doing good, is, I am glad to report, enjoying its usual prosperity. It has had 146 guests during the past season, and many of these, but for the moderate charges, \$4 to \$6 per week, made at this place, could not have enjoyed their usual sea-side rest. I am glad, too, that it is so Catholic in its character, that



all evangelical denominations are alike welcome. This year there were Methodists, 72; Baptists, 21; Presbyterians, 15; Episcopalians, 3; Reformed, 5; Friend, 1; and others, whose denominations were not given, 29; Total, 146. They were from the following states: New Jersey, 26; New York, 35; Pennsylvania, 33; Maryland, 11; Delaware, 2; Connecticut, 2; Louisiana, 2; Texas, 1; West Virginia, 4; Tennessee, 1; Total, 146.

The ladies of Elim Cottage Association greatly desiring to enlarge the building, but not having funds to do so, resolved to repair it to the amount of \$800. In doing this, as it stands across and obstructs Benson Avenue, it was deemed important that it should be moved west 30 feet, so as to let the avenue run through, which the Board of Administration thought should be done at the expense of the Association, and so ordering, it has been moved at a cost of about \$45.00, and by this removal six valuable lots are brought into salable condition.

I commend this institution to the benevolence of our people, and trust it will be kindly remembered in such ways as will enable them to continue their generous work. Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, of Philadelphia, President, and Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Ocean Grove, N. J., Treasurer, or any of the Lady Managers will be glad to receive donations to aid them in this enterprise. Mrs. Badeau, the matron, is still successful in her department, and very popular with her guests.

OCEAN GROVE LITERATURE.

Three thousand copies of the Thirteenth Annual Report of the President of Ocean Grove were printed last autumn, by order of the Association, under the title of "Attractions By the Sea." It is a pamphlet of 62 pages, with 20 illustrations, besides pictorial cover. It is sought with much interest, has been largely circulated free of cost, and is I think appreciated. We also published in May last as is our custom, 5000 of the 14th number of our annual paper, which contains 79 articles on a variety of subjects, such as inform and interest persons who are thinking of making this place a summer home. It also contains 15 illustrations, besides a large map of the Grove on the last page. This paper is also looked for with interest, as many depend upon it for certain lines of information, and as they obtain it gratuitously, send it to their friends abroad to our advantage.

There have also been published by us from time to time, Ocean Grove Beach Meeting Responsive Services, four pages each. Three new ones were added this year, viz.: Wisdom, Temperance and Re-union. We have now eleven in all. These greatly help in our services on the beach, and are prized by our people.

The *Ocean Grove Record* is still published weekly by Rev. Dr. Wallace. It steadily maintains its literary character, and is full of interest the year round. To those on the ground it makes its cheerful visits, telling them in pleasant words what they to some extent already know, and it keeps the absent informed even in minute details of what is going on, so that

when they return in the spring, they are almost as well informed as if they had been here all the year. All the friends of Ocean Grove need the Record, and the low price at which it is published places it in easy reach of all.

Mr. Wm. R. Evans, has for three years past published a Guide and Directory of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. The volume for the present year, containing 128 pages, is neatly printed and nicely bound. To be of any service this book has to be got out early in the season, and this being done before many of the cottages are occupied, fails to meet the general want. As far as it goes however, it is good.

As always, much has been written the past year concerning Ocean Grove. In the last autumn and during the winter, some of the vilest articles ever penned concerning us were published. The "*Popular Science Monthly*," a magazine of such high sounding title, that it would lead the uninitiated to conclude that nothing would be admitted into its dignified pages, that had not passed a thorough examination and was scientifically true, lent itself to the publication of an article to our injury which did not contain a single line of truth. This was republished in the "*Christian Advocate*," and a reply from us invited by its editor. The reply was made, showing the whole to be false, and *twice* published in the Advocate, with editorial notice and approval. I am now most happy to state, that having passed through the ordeal of another season, the whole tone of the public press, both secular and religious, has changed towards us. In an article closely printed, and nearly a column in length, the New York *Sun* says:

The remarkable success of this place as a summer resort is attributable in a great measure to the attraction of the camp-meeting, the remarkable beauty of the locality, and the firmness of the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association in enforcing the laws and regulations of their charter concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors and beverages, and the suppression of amusements of a character classed as immoral by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A highly favorable editorial appeared a few days after the above, in the same paper. The Tribune and Herald were also favorable. The secular press of Philadelphia has also changed its manner, and all over the land the same kindly spirit has been shown. The religious press, too, without reference to denominational lines, has spoken in our praise. Indeed, some things published by the other denominations have been so strongly eulogistic, that to repeat them here would savor of egotism, and crimson the cheek of modesty to its highest glow.

Rev. Dr. Buckley, Editor of the "*Christian Advocate*," has done us invaluable service, not only in the prompt publication of our reply to the

“*Popular Science Monthly*,” but in notes and items from time to time, and not the least, is a full column of editorial, printed on the first page of the *Advocate*, Sept. 6th, 1883, under the caption, “*Can there be a Christian Watering Place?*” for which he and all others who have written truthfully concerning us have our thanks. Having been stigmatized for the last fourteen years, as narrow, bigoted, methodistic, sabbatarian, fanatical, undemocratic, despotic, &c., we feel as if we had passed through the burning desert of unjust criticism, and for one season, at least, have reached an Elim rest.

TOWN CLOCK.

Our town clock has passed through the second year of its history. Its work has been not only satisfactory, but in view of its exposed condition, we regard it as triumphantly successful. By referring to the last annual report, it will be found that it run from March 13th, 1882, to Oct. 10th, 1882, the date of our last annual meeting, without change. Since then it has run as follows :

October 21st, 1882—Set forward . . .	3 minutes and 30 seconds
October 31st, 1882— “	55 “
November 14th, 1882— “	40 “
February 15th, 1883— “	30 “
April 2d, 1883—Set back	30 “

Since the last-mentioned date it has run up to this time, six months and seven days, without change, and is now correct. The clock is now two years and two months old, and has not required anything to be done to it except oiling and winding.

POST OFFICE.

The affairs of our post office are substantially as last year. There was a withdrawal on the part of the government of an allowance for special clerk hire, amounting to \$500, but by persistent effort \$350 of this amount was finally restored. The post master’s salary continues the same, but with the amount he has to pay out for special services during the crowds of the summer, is not remunerative.

The post master has also, at his own expense, of over \$300, put in an additional new section of postal boxes, the rent of which is turned over to the government, as are also the rents of that section of boxes put in by us. Indeed, we provide the room, rent free, for the government, and furnish the same ; and then, as if all this were not enough, they charge us postal box rent for boxes which belong to us, and use a room worth \$800

rent, for which they pay us *nothing!* The justice of this I fail to see, and do not understand why the government persists in such a course.

The following is a statement of the business of the year :

Letters sent,	172,159
Letters received (estimated),	190,000
Stamps sold,	\$6,000 00
Postals,	110,000
Wraps,	7,500
Stamped envelopes,	13,000
Money orders issued 847, amount,	\$12,297 53
Money orders paid, 1,236, amount,	24,134 64
Registered letters sent,	737
Registered letters received,	790

TELEGRAMS.

Messages sent,	6,053
Messages received,	6,697

This shows a considerable falling off in the telegraphic department from last year, and is attributable to the fact that during the busiest month of the season the telegraphic business was interrupted by the strike of the operatives for higher wages.

TELEPHONES.

The telephones on these grounds, 22 in number, are the same as last year. The convenience of these instruments in the transaction of our own business between the office, Auditorium, and Tent House, is beyond all estimate, and the same advantages are, I presume, experienced by all who use them.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received in the regular business during the year,	\$66,251 03
Disbursements, in buildings, improvements, &c., &c,	79,748 46
Cash on hand,	1,032 57

ASSETS.

Inventory, including Association buildings, tools, tents, sewers, &c. \$119,430 08	
Mortgages, book accounts and cash on hand	33,302 57
Total assets,	\$152,732 65

LIABILITIES.

Of all descriptions,	\$68,735 00
Total excess in favor of Association, not including the value of unsold lands,	\$83,997 65

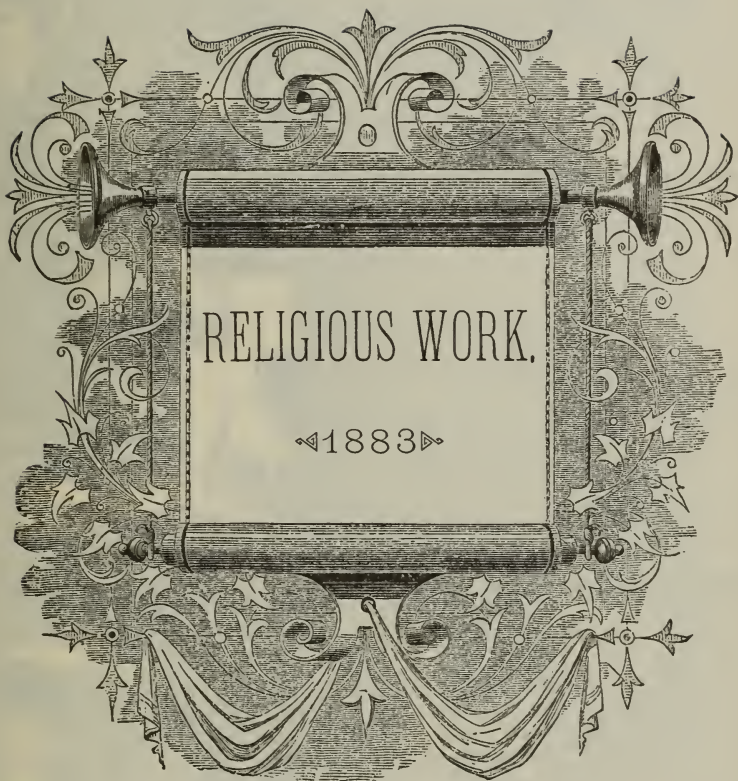
It will thus appear, that the indebtedness this year is greater than that of last. This grows out of two facts,—*first*, by the falling off of the sale of property, a fact applying alike to all other places as well; and *secondly*, to the extensive and costly improvements made. In these two facts, there are, however, very great relieving considerations, *first*, that we still own the property in a very much improved and more valuable condition; and *secondly*, we have more than the full value of all our increased indebtedness, in productive assets, yielding more than the interest on the investment, with the property, because of these improvements much more is likely to sell, as is evident already, in the increased demand for lots.

Since the last Annual Meeting in October, there have been, two Meetings of the Association, the Semi-Annual in May, and a Special Meeting in June. There have also been eleven Meetings of the Executive Committee, and, of the Board of Administration as often as required, some times twice or thrice a week, some times every day. In all these Meetings a vast amount of business is done, and large responsibilities assumed.

All departments of our work have been looked after, and while I should like to see some things improved, yet, others have been so well done, that taken as a whole, I do not know that we could have done better.

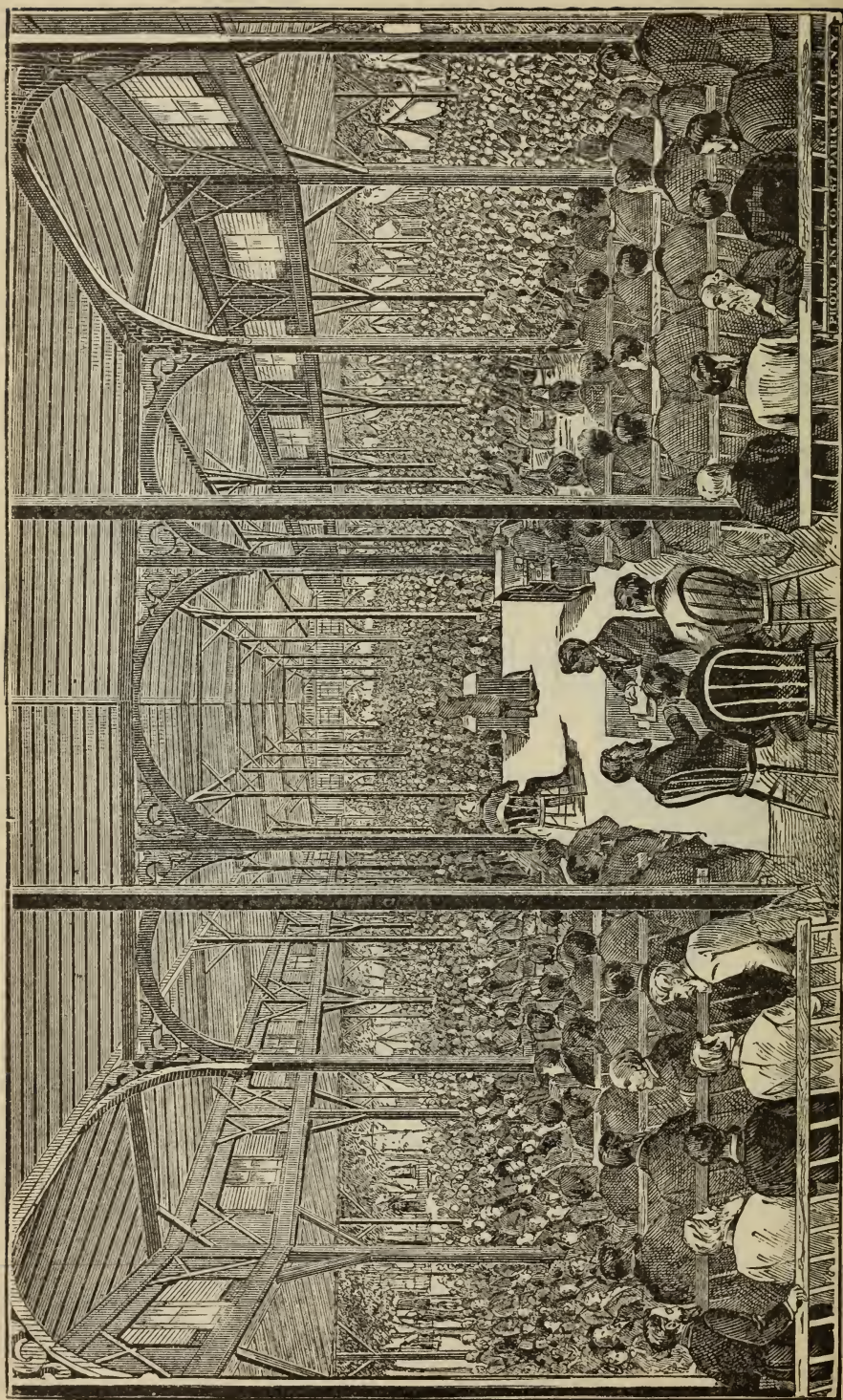
I congratulate the Association upon the advancements of the year, and I am quite sure, that in public estimation we never stood so well. Our Brethren, the Members of the Association, Executive Committee, Board of Administration and all of our men, have my hearty thanks, for all their heavy work and uniform kindness. God bless you all, and make you more and more, a continual blessing.





RELIGIOUS WORK.

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Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136x146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats 4,200 adults. When all the standing room is occupied about 6,000 people hear.



Christ, the Lord of life and glory,
Speaks, and all obey His voice,
Lame men walk, the deaf find hearing,
And the dumb in songs rejoice.
Blind men by the wayside begging,
Felt His touch and lo! they see:
Blest, divine, Emancipator,
Thou canst set the nations free!—E. H. S.

RELIGIOUS EFFORTS.

We have passed through the low lands, let us ascend the mountains. Do not misunderstand me. But for the low lands, there would be no mountains—low lands and mountains have an inseparable connection, and because of the contrast, each are more beautiful. From the deep and fertile valleys, we gaze enraptured at the sun-glowing summits, and from these great altitudes, look down into the transfigured vales. Each have their place, and in their place are grand. It is not well to continue always in the valleys, and we cannot stay forever upon the mountains. The interchange is good. We have dwelt a long while in the valleys and on the planes of business connected with this place. Business and religion should go hand in hand. Without this, business will grow base, and religion fanatical. Neither must be so here. Let us go up. Our business must go up with our religion, and our religion must come down into our business. Both must interblend. "What God hath joined, let not man put asunder." Nevertheless, divinity has His holy seclusions, where for the time, business takes off its shoes, and even religion treads softly. I lead you for a time, into this seclusion. Our communion shall be with God. It may be, He will unfold Himself, as He did to Peter, and James and John—when they, away from the world, upon the mount, exclaimed in wrapt astonishment, "It is good for us to be here."

This is why this place was built. Not to make a town, or a pleasure resort simply, but to have a place where God might reveal Himself, and delight to dwell; where all pleasures, should be types of, and lead to, the higher, broader, deeper and more enduring pleasures of the soul. When this fails to be the chief aim and end of this place, I say now, as I have often said before, I could not, as a minister of Christ, consent to devote to it my time and strength.

We started with, "*In the beginning God;*" and whatever motives may be presented in the future, or however strong the inducements for us to turn, in the slightest degree, from the rigid path of duty, let us remain as the rock in mid-sea, though continually assaulted by the billows, the only result is that the billows break and recoil, while the rock continues firm. If these should be my last official words to you, I would carve them deep upon your hearts and my own. Let us be true to God, and He will be true to us.

TABERNACLE OPENING.

The Bishop James Memorial Tabernacle, was opened this year, on Sabbath evening, May 20th, and for the balance of that month, and the whole of June, was used by the pastor and congregation of St. Paul's Church, together with such of the summer visitors as had arrived. The reason for this was, that St. Paul's had no church edifice other than the room in the second story of the Association building, and that would not hold the people after the cottagers commenced to come. They were, therefore, allowed to use the Tabernacle, until and including the last Sabbath in June, on the simple condition that they pay for lighting.

COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES IN AUDITORIUM.

The Auditorium opened this year, on Sabbath, July 1st. The day was auspicious. Bright, balmy, beautiful, life was a luxury, and every heart seemed aglow with gratitude.

Rev. Dr. John H. Vincent, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the speaker. It was his first visit to Ocean Grove, and his coming was greeted, early as it was in the season, with a congregation filling the great auditorium. His exposition of the text, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee," John 21: 17, enlisted the closest attention of all the multitude, impressing every mind, and thrilling every heart, so that at its close, with universal consent, the sermon was placed among the great discourses, so many of which have been delivered upon these grounds. In the evening, Rev. Dr. S. L. Bowman, Professor in the Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, preached from the text, "Having

loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." John 13: 1. The sermon was full of sweetness and spiritual power. This closed the first day of the season, and was thought by all to be among our best opening Sabbaths. Indeed, many said, if it might be regarded as an index day, the summer of 1883, would be our most successful.



DR. W. C. PALMER.

DR. AND MRS. PALMER'S MEETINGS.

These faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, were in their place, in the Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle, at 9 o'clock, July 1st, and at the tap of the bell, as on previous years, commenced their meeting. It was well attended, spirited, encouraging and helpful, giving assurances that the season just commenced, would be prosperous and fruitful. The Doctor, however, was not strong, and after attending up to the morning of July 3d, only three sessions, increasing feebleness compelled him to desist. His work was done. He lingered in his own quiet Christian home on Ocean Pathway, near the sea, soothed and comforted by the

tenderest ministries, both human and divine, until Friday afternoon, July 20th, when he seemed so well, that his family thought him beyond all danger, at which time he wrote a business letter, and requested his niece, Mrs. S. L. Bourne to take it to the post-office. He then laid down, when suddenly, and before his niece returned, a little after 5 o'clock, he said, "raise me higher." Mrs. Palmer said, "my precious darling is passing over." Then, feeling his own pulse, said, in a low tone, "not yet," and almost in the same breath, in a clear, strong voice, "I fear no evil, for thou art with me." After a moment's pause, he continued, "I have redeemed thee, thou art mine. When thou pass—," here his voice failed, and his spirit arose to join the glorified above. He was an earnest, faithful, conscientious, and successful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, both in this country and in Europe, where, with his devoted companions, through a long succession of years, he led thousands into the way of life, who will rise up in the eternal day, and call him blessed. How much we have and shall continue to miss him; we feel grateful, however, that seeing he must leave us, that his last days were spent at Ocean Grove.

From the commencement of Dr. Palmer's sickness to the close of the summer, Sept. 4, Bro. J. H. Thornley had charge of the meetings, assisted by Bro. H. Dixon, of Canada; and, as soon as she was able, though not until near the close of the season, Sister Palmer, bowed with grief yet full of zeal for her blessed Lord, appeared in her place to help on the cause. The meetings commenced well, continued excellent throughout, and God was glorified.

Mrs. Mary D. James, one of the most saintly and useful women in the Christian church, was constant in her attendance at Dr. Palmer's Meetings, and, from the beginning, one of the most efficient workers at Ocean Grove. After the death of Dr. Palmer, she was, if possible, still more earnest in the meetings which bore his name. Two or three weeks ago, she accepted an urgent invitation from her friend Mrs. Dr. Palmer, to spend some time at her home in N. Y. Wednesday night, Oct. 3d, was one of illness. Thursday morning, Oct. 4th, the physician was called. When he came, she occupied her chair. While he was present, and surrounded by her friends, a voice, unheard by other ears, seemed to call her. She looked up with a smile, and pleasantly replied, "*I am ready,*" her head slightly reclined, and the vital spark had fled. Yesterday, Oct. 8th, we laid her away in the quiet Mercer Cemetery, Trenton, N. J., to await the general resurrection. Another beautiful life has gone out from the earth, but her influence will live forever.

SUMMER SABBATH SCHOOL.

The summer Sabbath School, which opened this year on the afternoon of the first Sabbath in July, is one of the widening and ever-increasingly interesting institutions of Ocean Grove. Bro. Thornley was in his place on opening day, aided by Bro. Geo. W. Evans; Dr. Hanlon was at the head of his Bible class in the Tabernacle, and Mrs. Summers with the infant class in the Young People's Temple. There were in attendance at the first session, last year, 800 persons, this year 869. From the opening day the numbers steadily increased, until camp-meeting Sabbath, Aug. 26, when there were 3971 present as against 3529 last year. The whole school was turned into a prayer meeting on that day, and the altar was crowded with the young earnestly seeking, and many found the Saviour.

Immediately after camp-meeting the great multitudes began to decline, so that on Sabbath, Sept. 2, the school closed with an attendance of 1643. The summer school held ten sessions, one of which was so stormy that only 120 persons were in attendance; and yet, notwithstanding the reduction of the Sabbaths from eleven to ten, and considering the one which was stormy when the school was almost broken up, the total numbers in attendance this year were 19,361, against 18,708 last year—an excess of this year over last of 653—being an average of 1,936 for the ten Sabbaths. I am the more particular about these figures because the question was so often raised, "Are there as many people here this year as last?" But my greatest joy in all this is the fact that such large numbers from all parts of the land are brought directly under the power of divine truth, and that the summer recreations of our young people are where the Word of God is kept before them as at home.

Dr. Hanlon's Bible class continued to be thronged. Fully one thousand were in weekly attendance. Great interest was manifested in the lessons, and often for two hours or more the class was held as if by an unseen power. Sometimes it is thought there is too much latitude in some of the discussions to be profitable, yet, upon reflection, all will see, that if there is an occasional remark, which seems to lean towards error, there are so many whose hearts are right, and whose intellects are clear, that the weight of the class always settles down upon the solid rock of truth, and it may be better, perhaps, if an error lurks in the mind, concerning some point of doctrine, that the error, be brought out and corrected, rather than it should remain to germinate and bring forth death. Taken as a whole, I am greatly gratified with our Sabbath School work at Ocean Grove.

FOURTH OF JULY.

Our national anniversary was introduced with the joyful ringing of bells at sunrise, ushering in a grandly glorious day. At 10 A. M., the auditorium contained the largest congregation ever assembled there on the 4th of July. The choir, under the direction of Willisford Dey, Esq., did well. Prayer was offered by Rev. B. M. Adams, and the Declaration of Independence beautifully read by Miss Hinckle, of Decatur, Illinois. Rev. Dr. J. H. Vincent, who had preached here on the Sabbath previous, and delivered lectures on Monday and Tuesday evenings, to large and increasingly interested multitudes, was the orator of the day. It was thought by many that he would have great difficulty in meeting the high expectations which these several efforts had created. All desired that his last should be his best, but, as each occasion had excelled the past, some feared. But, always equal to every emergency, he proved himself master of the last situation, and as he delineated, amid frequent bursts of applause, the "Ideal Republic," showing our country's dangers and duties, until at the close, in an ovation of waving handkerchiefs and hearty congratulations, all declared it to be the best 4th of July oration they had ever heard.

SURF MEETINGS.

These commenced on Sabbath evening, July 1st, and continued until Sabbath evening, Sept. 9th, eleven in all. These gatherings by the Seaside are of great interest to strangers, of which there are always large numbers present, who witness them for the first time. I am often asked, "Do you think these meetings do any good?" I always, and unhesitatingly answer, "Yes." For if we did not hold these meetings, many would go to the Beach, simply for a walk. With our services of responsive Scripture Readings, songs, and addresses, we hold them under religious influence, and, I am quite sure, impressions are made on many minds which last through life. "We must sow beside all waters."

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF N. J.

This devoted band of Christian workers, met in their annual session, on Monday evening, July 9th, and continued with us until Tuesday evening, July 10th. Mrs. Downs, of Ocean Grove, President of the Union, was in the lead, assisted by a number of intelligent ladies, all of whose hearts were enthused with the holy desire to aid in the suppression of the inhuman trade of rum. It was an excellent meeting, and I am sure did much to strengthen the hearts of all.

NATIONAL DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF N. A.

This distinguished order met with us for the first time in their annual session, July 11-13. It was a representative body, and delegates from each State Grand Division were expected to be present. Eleven states were represented; also Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Quebec. Being a secret order, their business sessions were held in the hall in the second story of the Association building, and the evening gatherings, which were public, at the Auditorium. Addresses were delivered by distinguished advocates of the righteous cause of temperance, and General Neal Dow, of Maine, S. F. Carey, of Ohio, with many others, thrilled their audiences with their masterly thoughts; while elocutionists recited, and Edward Carswell cheered and instructed with his quaint addresses. It was a meeting of marked success, and left its lasting impressions for good.



SURF MEETING.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

These, from their commencement, five or six years ago, have been full of interest. As the young Cookman Brothers, who from the first rendered excellent service in this department, were, by reason of other duties,

unable to give their whole time this year, we were particularly fortunate in securing the services of Rev. C. H. Yatman, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Newark, N. J., under whose general direction, aided by other devoted young men, the meetings were a great success. Indeed, so large was the attendance, that we were compelled to take out the rear end of the temple, extending it 22 x 33 feet, and still it was too small. Over one hundred young people were converted within these walls, and consecrating their lives to God, went out to live and labor for Him. May the blessing of the Infinite attend and bless them in their work.

NEWARK YOUNG MEN'S DAY.

The young men of the Newark, N. J., Methodist churches, unite in an annual excursion to this place for their own pleasure, the profits of which they appropriate to the benefit of some of the struggling churches. This year, on Thursday, July 19th, they had a large attendance and an excellent public meeting, at the Auditorium, with addresses by Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Jersey City, and Rev. J. E. Price, of Elizabeth. Prof. Day, of Newark, aided by a choir of forty male voices, gave excellent music.

RE-UNION OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, &c.,

Was held at this place, July 22, 23 and 24. Such a meeting never convened here before. It was new to all our people, and enlisted their attention from the beginning to its close. It would be impossible to give any just conception of this meeting by the few lines into which this notice must be pressed. To see venerable men and women, who had passed through the ordeal of a great and bloody conflict, sitting peacefully together, with the smile of joy upon their faces, while their tongues were eloquent in the recital of deeds which had relieved the agonies of thousands of men, who gave their lives for their country; and how they were pointed, in the dying hour, to the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, while the speakers were the agents in bearing some kindly message and memento to the loved ones far away, was enough to melt the hardest heart; and while eyes overflowed with tears, every one was thrilled with deepest gratitude that their sons or brothers, fathers, husbands, or other friends, had thus been kindly cared for. To listen to such speeches as fell from the lips of Chidlaw, Mingins, Mrs. Wittenmyer, Geo. H. Stuart, Foster, James Grant, Dr. Hovey, Pearne, and General Fisk, with many others, and last of all the poem of George Lansing Taylor, were privileges so much beyond those ordinarily allotted to men, that words are too poor to express our thoughts. The whole

meeting was an enthusiastic success of such overwhelming character that an invitation for its return next year, and an acceptance of that invitation, was hailed with great delight.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

This society came to its annual meeting this year with a great sorrow in its heart. I refer to the death of its distinguished and highly esteemed President, the Hon. Wm. E. Dodge. At the front in every good work, statesman, philanthropist, Christian, he stood firmly a beacon light, in the



HON. WM. E. DODGE.

surrounding darkness:—or, piloting some newly launched craft through dangerous passes, organizing reforms, advocating temperance, by voice, vote, pen, example and money, he was everywhere a felt power, and a blessing to the world.

He was among the originators of a Railroad, and broke the ground for its commencement. Long afterwards the board of directors of that road proposed to drive their trains and traffic through the Lord's day. Mr. Dodge firmly said to his fellow-directors: "Then, gentlemen, put a flag on every locomotive and inscribe on it, 'We break God's law for a dividend;' but, as for me, I go out." He did go out, disposing of all his stock above par. Within a few years the road went into the hands of a receiver and the stock sunk to ten cents on the dollar. May we have more such men.

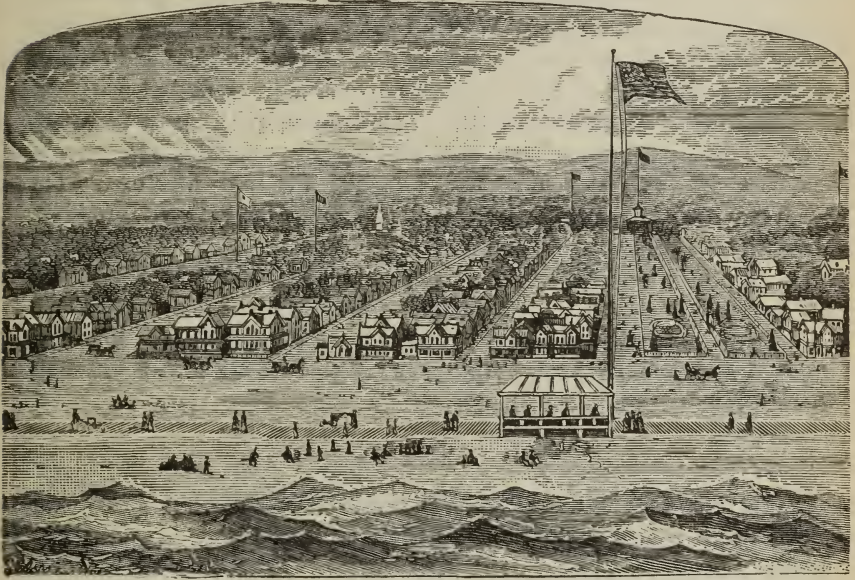
His successor is Mark Hopkins, D. D., of Connecticut. Under the controlling influence of such men, and the honorable gentleman associated with them, these meetings are always high toned and successful. This year was not an exception to the rule. The presence of the Silver Lake Glee Club added greatly to the general interest. All the speakers seemed to excel. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, and Rev. T. L. Poulson, D. D., of Virginia, thrilled their audiences with high enthusiasm; so, also, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, on Sabbath afternoon, and Geo. W. Bain, Esq., of Kentucky, whose magnificent lecture on a "Trip to the Golden Gate," was given on Friday night, and if possible, his still more masterly address, on Sabbath evening, although nearly, if not quite all present, had heard these speakers before, were efforts carrying their audiences to heights of intellectual rapture and convictions, never experienced before. They were all marvelous in beauty and massive in strength.

OCEAN GROVE ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary sermon was delivered this year, on Sabbath morning, July 29th, by Dr. James M. King, of New York City. It was a masterly discourse, delivered to a vast audience, from the beautiful passage, "A bruised reed will he not break, and smoking flax will he not quench, until he send forth judgment unto victory." At the close, he paid a most graceful and eloquent tribute to Ocean Grove, a part of which, only, I quote. Addressing the President, his last words were—

"Many of your sainted associates are this hour in glory. How far off or how near that may be I know not. It seems pretty near this morning. Bishop Scott, as pure as an angel, as simple as a child—one of the most modestly efficient of our chief pastors in all our history—preaching his last sermon to dying men, in this place; and Dr. Guard, who added great culture to great natural endowments, and consecrated both to the defense and exaltation of divine truth, are among the number who to-day celebrate this anniversary in another, not a foreign, but a native

country. A mighty host that no man can number, that have here found pardon or peace are now looking in the face of the Sun of Righteousness. And while we cannot in the flesh look upon the unveiled face of the Sun, the Morning Star has risen for us, and we will follow its leadings



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

until for us it arises to the zenith, and bursts forth to our glorified vision into the full noontide glory of the risen Sun of Righteousness.

“There is a Morning Star, my soul,
 There is a Morning Star;
 ’Twill soon be near and bright,
 Though now it seems so dim and far;
 And when Time’s stars have come and gone,
 And every mist of earth has flown,
 That better star shall rise
 On this world’s clouded skies
 To shine forever.”

The anniversary proper, was on Tuesday afternoon and evening, July 31st. The afternoon was devoted to exercises by the young people at the Auditorium. After prayer by Rev. C. H. Yatman, were solos, choruses, instrumental music or recitations by the following: Alida Patterson, Lizzie McPherson, Clinton Fogerty, Blanche Woolston, Miss Loos, Elphonzo Young, Rev. C. H. Yatman, Miss Annie Vankirk, Miss

Jennie Kenney, Chas. H. Rhoda and Laura Jackson. For the admirable programme, which was so well sustained throughout, with all the details necessary to its successful execution, we are indebted to Miss Emily A. Rice, the popular Principal of Park Heights' Seminary. At 6.30, P. M., the unveiling of the Anniversary Vase took place at the foot of Thompson Park, near Wesley Lake, on the spot where 14 years before, the first religious service was held at Ocean Grove. The objects of erecting the Vase at this point, were two-fold. First, to mark the spot where the first meeting was held, and secondly, to perpetuate the name of Mrs. Thornley, who had died during the year, and also to commemorate the fact that she arranged for said Meeting. The Vase has the following inscriptions: *South Side*—"SITE OF FIRST MEETING HELD AT OCEAN GROVE, TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 31ST, 1869." *East Side*—"FIRST MEETING AT OCEAN GROVE, HELD IN JOSEPH H. THORNLEY'S TENT, JULY 31ST, 1869." *North Side*—"MRS. JOSEPH H. THORNLEY, (DECEASED, 1882) ARRANGED FOR THE FIRST MEETING HELD AT OCEAN GROVE, JULY 31ST, 1869." *West Side*—"THE FIRST MEETING HELD AT OCEAN GROVE, JULY 31ST, 1869, NUMBERED 22 PERSONS."

After the unveiling, prayers were offered, songs were sung and addresses made, showing the progress of the 14 years past, and the Meeting closed amid general rejoicings and congratulations. At the Anniversary Prayer Meeting, in the evening, the Tabernacle was crowded. It was a Meeting of great spiritual interest, participated in by a large number of the members of the Association, all of whom were grateful to Almighty God for his great mercies, and also realizing in view of our constantly increasing dimensions, the vast responsibilities resting upon them. Those not members of the Association, were prompt in giving words of encouragement and good wishes for continued success. Mr. G. Chandler, an Episcopalian, bore testimony to the "purity and peace of Ocean Grove." Dr. King, "Greatly enjoyed the heritage of blessings that had been given." Rev. S. W. Thomas, "Had looked on the enterprise with distrust, for a time, but now saw nothing in its restrictions contrary to good morals and Bible precepts." Rev. Mr. Oliver, of South Carolina, "Having spent 12 happy days here, bid the brethren God-speed." In the midst of great enthusiasm the meeting closed.

SUPREME COUNCIL TEMPLARS OF HONOR.

This is a secret order, and being a delegated body, the attendance was not large. It met on Wednesday Aug. 1st. Its business sessions were held in the Hall of the Association building, and continued until Thursday

Its public sessions in the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, addressed by a number of speakers, were interesting and profitable.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This continues to be one of the sweetest meetings of the year. It was held this summer, on Thursday, Aug. 2d, in the evening. It is not a sad, but tenderly touching service. The glorified come so near that there seems but a thin veil between, and even that is sometimes so rent, that heaven and earth for a time are blended,—and, while we sung—

“Come let us join our friends above,
Who have obtained the prize,”

hundreds, judging from their tearful but sunlit faces, did

“On the eagle wings of love,
To joys celestial rise.”

Our departed live, and are not forgotten. We shall meet them soon—

“Meet ne'er to sever.”

HACKETTSTOWN COLLEGIATE DAY.

This was a great occasion! Principal, professors, and students, of which there were many present, were at their best. The lecture on “Great Deeds of Great Men,” by Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler, one of our Mission Secretaries, was towering, majestic, peerless. The evening entertainment at the Auditorium, well conceived, and well carried out in all its parts, was greatly enjoyed by an audience of probably not less than four thousand persons. There was a fine banquet at the Sheldon, as soon as the audience was dismissed.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

Dr. Vincent, on “Chatauqua Work,” July 2d and 3d; Dr. Munhall, of Indianapolis, Ind., on the “Great Cathedrals of Italy,” Monday evening, August 6th; Miss Lyda M. Von Finkelstein, on “Domestic and City Life in Jerusalem,” Wednesday evening, Aug. 8th; Rev. Joseph Hartswell, of Binghamton, N. Y., on the “Great Pyramids of Egypt,” Tuesday evening, Sept. 4th; Col. Fairman, on “Reminiscences of Jerusalem,” Tuesday evening, Sept. 11th, and on “Temperance,” Thursday evening, Sept. 13th, were all of them of such great interest to our people as to demand special mention and merit public thanks.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY.

This highly popular assembly convened this year, for the second time, at Ocean Grove, for its second annual session, Aug. 9, at 10 A. M. In this great assembly the whole country is represented. Editors, ministers, statesmen, and college professors, gather in council, and it is a matter of the highest interest to see, on one common platform, the different races, languages, and denominations, all united, and aiming at one practical result, the mental illumination and elevation of mankind. For four consecutive days themes of widespread and universal interest, with reference to "Education the Means of Man's Improvement;" "National Aid to Popular Education in Europe;" "Conditions and Prospects of National Aid to Common Schools;" "Special Work of the Negro in America;" "Color Line;" "Indian Problem;" "Mormonism;" "Bible and the Ballot;" "Righteousness the Safeguard of the Nation;" "Christian Education as a Factor in National Life;" "True Education the Development of the Soul," &c., &c. All these, discussed by men from sixteen different states—bishops, ministers, pastors, laymen, statesmen, teachers, generals—from six or seven different denominations, and several nationalities, all blended harmoniously together in a worthy cause, under one banner, was not only an impressive scene, but left its profound impressions. The programme, so admirably conceived and intelligently carried out, was the work of Rev. Dr. Hartzell, assistant corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.

This society held its anniversary on Monday, Aug. 13. Bishop Harris presided, and delivered an address. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Rust, W. H. Crossman, (colored) Professor of Languages in the Garfield University, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Fitzgerald, Rev. Mr. Crummell, (colored), Dr. Braden, Central Tennessee; Rev. J. A. Price, (colored), Dr. Edward Cook, South Carolina; Dr. Walden, Cincinnati; Dr. J. C. Hartzell, and others. The meeting closed with a high sense of public appreciation.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Was held Tuesday, Aug. 14, Bishop Harris presiding. Mrs. R. L. Rust, Cincinnati; Mrs. Dunton, South Carolina; Rev. J. H. Hargis, Jersey City; Mrs. L. B. Darnell, Florida; Mrs. A. Quinton, Philadelphia; Dr. E. Cook, Claflin University, South Carolina; Rev. Dr. Fowler, New York; Dr. A. J. Kynett, Philadelphia; and others, made excellent addresses, after which, with deep impressions of the magnitude of the work, at a late hour on Tuesday night, the audience was dismissed.

BIBLE READINGS.

These services, always interesting and profitable at this place, were never more so than the present year. The reader, Rev. G. D. Watson, D. D., of Newport, Ky., was a stranger at Ocean Grove. He had been heard of, but few knew him. He gave six readings, commencing on Wednesday morning and closing on Friday night. They were as follows: "The Doubles of the Bible;" "Religious Character, as presented in the first Psalm;" "The Four Symbols of the Holy Spirit;" "The Names and Work of Jesus, as found in fourteen nouns and verbs in the first chapter of John;" "The Arithmetic of Salvation;" "The Seven Overcomeths of Revelation."

The speaker, in the freshness, glow and impetuosity of his style, broke in upon us like Elijah from the mountains of Gilead. It is almost impossible to characterize his discourses. The whole Bible, in his hands, every book, chapter, verse and word seemed like a mountain full of horses and chariots of fire, full of light, full of love, full of heat, full of motion, full of splendor, shining, dazzling, glowing, burning, throwing out unearthly glory, ready to do the preacher's bidding, and as if delighting to serve Him came like willing troops and bowing before Him, each seemed almost imploringly to say, "*Here am I, use me!*" As he spake to us, the whole Bible had but one single aim—PURITY. God pure, Christ pure, Holy Spirit pure, angels pure, Christianity pure, Church pure; and the great and only design of Christ's coming into the world, the establishment of the Church, the ordination of the holy ministry, was that all human hearts, purified by the all-cleansing blood and robed with the white robes of eternal salvation, might walk the pure streets of the city of God, eternally pure and therefore eternally blest. These readings will never be forgotten, and the united sentiment, at the close, was that we had spent three days in the "Mount of Transfiguration, where we had seen no man save Jesus only."

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This continues to be an important service at Ocean Grove. The exercises commenced this year on Saturday morning, Aug. 18, and continued until Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 19. A large number of ladies, including Mrs. Bishop Harris, Mrs. Dr. E. H. Stokes, president of the Ocean Grove Auxiliary; Mrs. Dr. James Mudge, India; Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, Chicago; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Paterson, N. J.; Mrs. B. N. Chandler, Ocean Grove; Mrs. S. M. Stites, with her little children, Elsie and Freddie, China; Mrs. Layyah Barakat, a native of Syria; Mrs. Dr. Palmer, New York; Mrs. Rev. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Philadelphia; Mrs. Rev. I.

Simmons, Brooklyn ; Mrs. Dr. Kynett, and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Philadelphia ; all of whom took part in the meeting. The communications of Mrs. Barakat were of a most thrilling character, as were the addresses of the ladies directly from the foreign field. The Love Feast on Saturday night was of special interest.

The sermon of Rev. Dr. Vernon, pastor of Trinity Church, Philadelphia, on Sabbath morning, on Ezekiel's vision of the healing waters, showing the divine origin of the stream of salvation,—its life-restoring and universally curative properties, [Ezekiel 47: 1-5]; was comprehensive, commanding, masterly. The anniversary proper was in the afternoon, when Mrs. Willing, and Mrs. Barakat, each spoke grandly. Elsie and Freddie Stites appeared in Chinese costume, and sung in the Chinese tongue. The meeting was a great success, and the collection amounted to \$938.45.

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

This is the brilliant noon of our summer work. This must have more light, more heat, more power, more elevation, more grandeur, wider and more triumphant results than any one ; indeed, more than all the other meetings together. This is the Mount Hood, whose snow-capped summit of purity, flashing in the sunlight, towers far above all surroundings, arresting attention when scores of miles away. Hither the multitudes come with high expectations—"blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the waters." If the waters are not moved, it is a failure to them. Thousands, every year, come with these expectations, and the numbers continually increase. Hence, our solicitude always for the Camp Meeting. We may fail physically, financially, or in reputation, and recover, but, if we fail spiritually in our access to, and communion with God, and in Camp Meeting faith and fervor, darkness gathers over the soul, hell rejoices, and good men grieve. We have not yet failed, and we never shall, if true to God. Let us then, no matter what men think, say or do, hold on to Him with a grip mighty as omnipotence itself. Our Camp Meeting this year, commenced on Monday, August 20th. On that day we spent ten consecutive hours, at the Auditorium, in prayer. Why? That we might have God with us all through the meeting, for, without Him, we could not go up to battle. Our prayers were heard, and the power came. A scene of grandeur followed in the evening. Seventy ministers, embracing several different denominations, some of them but recently returned from foreign fields in China and Japan, two of the venerable bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Simpson and Harris, with several clerical members of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, were on the stand. Prof. Sweeney had a large

choir, full of the Songs of Redeeming Love, and the audience numbered several thousand. The President introduced the solemn service, and Bishop Harris consecrated the elements, which were first given to the ministers kneeling together at the altar, and then followed table after table, until 1332 had received the bread and wine, in remembrance of their crucified and risen Lord.

At 5.45, on Tuesday morning, the consecration meeting commenced in the Tabernacle, with Brother Andrews at its head. At 6.45 A. M., in the Auditorium, each day family prayers were held. The Yoke-Fellows had meetings every day, in the tent on Ocean Pathway. The Holiness meetings had their place, each morning, at 8.30 o'clock, A. M. The Young People's meetings were also held in the Temple, at the same hour. Mrs. Lizzie Smith had her meetings at 1.30 P. M., in the Tabernacle. At 2 P. M., the Children's meeting was held, in charge of Brother Thornley. At 6.30 the Vesper services were held, led by Rev. C. H. Yatman. All these were daily. At 10.30 A. M., of this day, our venerable and beloved senior Bishop Simpson, who had retraced his steps all the way from Colorado, to give the prestige of his presence at our sea-side Camp Meeting, preached the opening sermon, from the text, "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God," Eph. 3: 19. It was a sermon of great sweetness and sweep of spiritual power. Dr. Watson followed in the afternoon; when amid the flashings of divine truth, and the clash of spiritual armour, the warfare commenced, and it seemed as if in the midst of the contest, hell yielded, and the powers of darkness falling back, the hosts of the redeemed rushed forward, and shouting victory, victory was gained.

So, sermon after sermon came, day after day, until on Wednesday evening, Aug. 29th, they reached a matchless culmination, like some lofty peak, lost in a glow of glory, where, with our hearts burdened with blessedness, and our intellects, wearied with the vast and far-reaching thoughts, we could go no further.

Sabbath, too, was peerless. The Love Feast in the morning,—the sermon which followed at the Auditorium by Dr. Newman,—the services in the Tabernacle, Temple, Helping Hand Tent, and at Ross's and Lillagore's pavilions, six in number, all held at the same time—all crowded—all spiritual, blessed, heavenly,—the Sabbath School, in the afternoon, with scores of children seeking religion—the sermon afterward—the immense Surf Meeting, composed of many thousands—the meeting of Mrs. Smith held in the Tabernacle at the same time—the sermon and vast throngs at the Auditorium at night, altogether, made it a day of mighty tides and upheavals of enthusiastic blessedness, surrounded with

an atmosphere like heaven, while on, and over all, rested a canopy of glory like the effulgence which gathers around the Eternal Throne.

Including all the meetings held that day in Ocean Grove, there were probably not less than 20,000 persons who listened to the word of God.

On Thursday morning at nine o'clock, we assembled for the closing services. The occasion was solemn, yet joyfully triumphant. In so great an assemblage, many will never witness such a scene again. Before another Camp Meeting closes, some now present will be in the Eternal City. The exchange will be glorious to them, yet the thought subdues our hearts, and dims our eyes with tears. There is a holy hush. Bosoms heave with intense emotion. A new life has been commenced in many souls. These will receive the communion for the first time, while to others it will prove their last.*

Besides all this, there are gathered all ages, conditions, and denominations. There is no distinction of age, sex, or color. It is the Lord's table.

"One family, we dwell in Him."

There will be nothing nearer heaven, until we pass the boundary line and enter in. This is the type of that.

"Jesus said, 'Suffer the little children to come unto me.' Then twenty little ones were dedicated to God in Holy Baptism, after which, one hundred ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ distributed the elements to nearly 1600 communicants. Among the interesting features of these services is, that one table is filled with children, who have just found the Saviour. Bros. Thornley and Evans, who had labored with them, preceded by Prof. Sweeny, Singing—

'Precious Jewels,'

led them down the middle aisle, to the altar, fifty or more, where they knelt in silence, and received the sacred emblems of the Saviour's death. All hearts were moved, and tears filled many eyes, while angels looked on with wondering joy, and Jesus said, 'Of such is the kingdom of heaven.' "

The President then addressed the congregation, in a few words, returning thanks to ministers, people, choir and everybody who had helped on the blessed work, during the ten days past, exhorting all to increased activity and devotion in the Master's cause, and to the maintenance of the rules and regulations of Ocean Grove. Then, ministers and people, men, women and children, marched twice around the Audi-

*Two young ladies, daughters of Mr. Lewis D. Vail, of Germantown, Pa., members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, communed with us that morning, and that afternoon, at 5 o'clock, while bathing in the Atlantic Ocean, at Key East, were drowned.

torium, singing triumphant songs of joy, while the wondering multitudes looked on with subdued amazement, as to what these things should mean.

Returning to the stand, deep silence reigned. Then, with closed eyes, and hands and hearts uplifted, the President said, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," the bell striking after each name, "I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting for 1883 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. Amen."

RECAPITULATION.

These are the meetings held. In order to show the amount of work done, I will recapitulate, and give you the aggregate. There have been during the season: Sermons, 51; Prayer and Experience Meetings, 21; Women's Christian Temperance Meetings, 11; Miscellaneous Addresses, 479; Sabbath-school Sessions, 10; Surf Meetings, 11; Lectures, 11; Holiness Meetings, 53; Dr. and Mrs. Palmer's Meetings, 3; Orations, 3; National Education Assembly, 12; Freedman's Aid, 2; National Division Sons' of Temperance, 3; Recitations, 12; Family Devotions at Auditorium, 49; Young People's Meetings, 53; Young Men of Newark, 1; Love Feasts, 4; Re-union of Army Chaplains, 8; Original Poems, 3; National Temperance Society, 12; Templars of Honor, 2; Women's Home Missionary Society, 3; Bible Readings, 6; Vespers, 12; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, 4; Sacraments, 2; Consecrations, 10; Helping Hand, 21; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's, 13; Children's, 11; Fourth of July Celebration, 1; Girls' Meeting, 1; Boys' Meeting, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary, 1; Hackettstown Collegiate Institute, 1. Total, *nine hundred and one.*

In view of all these things, what has been done? This you always ask, and this all desire to know. But how can I unfold? "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." The work of grace is frequently of silent and often, for a time, an unseen work. "The Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire, a *still small voice.*" So, far down in the depths of the human spirit,

"God moves in a mysterious way,"

and, like the all-pervading rays of the sun, influences the germ which lies there until it buds and flowers out into beautiful and fruitful being. Just where the flowering and fruit-bearing takes place, whether in the crowded city or remote and sparser settlements, we may not always know. Still, God is good, and while He often requires us to go forth

weeping, bearing precious seed, yet for our encouragement frequently allows us to come again rejoicing, "bringing our sheaves with us."

Therefore we are permitted to report as part of our summer work: *Converted*—Young People's Temple, 105; Consecration meeting, 20; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's meeting, 30; Children's meeting, 100; Vespers, 10; Tabernacle, 20; Helping Hand tent, 28; Auditorium, 20; total, 333. *Sanctified*—Helping Hand tent, 42; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, 90; Tabernacle holiness meeting, 50; Consecration meeting, 100; Auditorium, 20; total, 302. *Quickened and Specially Helped*—Consecration meeting, 800; Helping Hand tent, 100; Tabernacle holiness meeting, 500; Young People's Temple, 300; Auditorium, 2,000; total, 3,700; grand total, 4,335.

What more? "It is impossible to say to how many thousands these summer services have carried consolation; from how many lonely hearts they have expelled the demon of despair; on what vast multitudes they have distilled the healing dew of divine assurance; through how many they have poured heroic fortitude, and floated foretastes of the pleasures that are forevermore."

What more? "I do not know. I only know that men and women come, all along, and at the close of the season, by the scores, and say, 'We are going home to-morrow, and want to tell you, that although we are not members of your church, yet your meetings have done us so much good.' Another, 'I am an Episcopalian, but I have enjoyed myself so much in your meetings.' 'I am a Baptist, says another, 'but your meetings have helped me so.' 'We are Presbyterians,' says another little group, 'but here, in this blessed place, we get so near heaven, that

' Names and sects and parties fall,
And Jesus Christ is all in all.'

Two prim, little ladies say 'and we are Friends, but these meetings are very precious to our souls.'" Thus the testimonials roll in, voluntary, informal, heart-gushing, and often tear-dewed, enough to fill pages if not a volume. For all which we thank God and take courage.

But, the full results are not yet. "The harvest is at the end of the world, and the reapers are the Angels." The record, however, must close. I rejoice that it closes on visions of beauty.

"Lo! the Morning Star appeareth,
O'er the world His beams are cast;
He, the Alpha and Omega,
He, the Great, the First and Last.
Clap your hands with exultation!
Sing aloud, rejoice with mirth,
Peace her silver wings hath folded;—
Lo! she comes to dwell on earth."

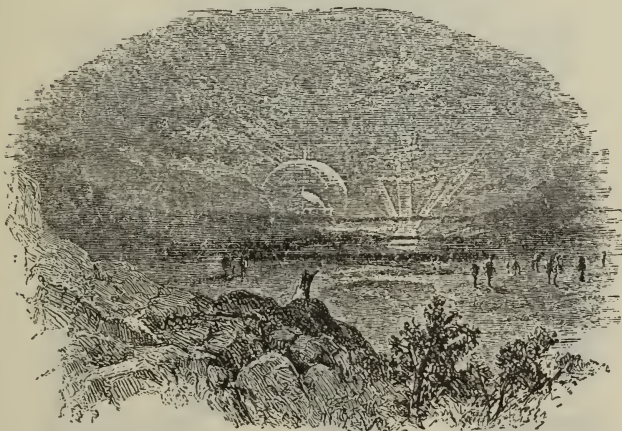
I greatly rejoice, too, that at the close, our hearts were cheered with *such* visions, We have had our toils, and sorrows, but there has been in all our work no sorrow without its corresponding joy, and no toil without its rest. Let us then, inspired by these visions, and the facts as spread before us in this report, which long as it is, gives but a surface view of our great and increasing interests, and in view of the widespread possibilities for doing good which our work presents, say to ourselves,

‘Be strong and do, O heart of mine,
Live not for self alone;
But find in blessing other lives
Completeness for thine own.’

May the blessing of God give you strength, and the indwellings of the Holy Ghost give you comfort. ‘The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.’”

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

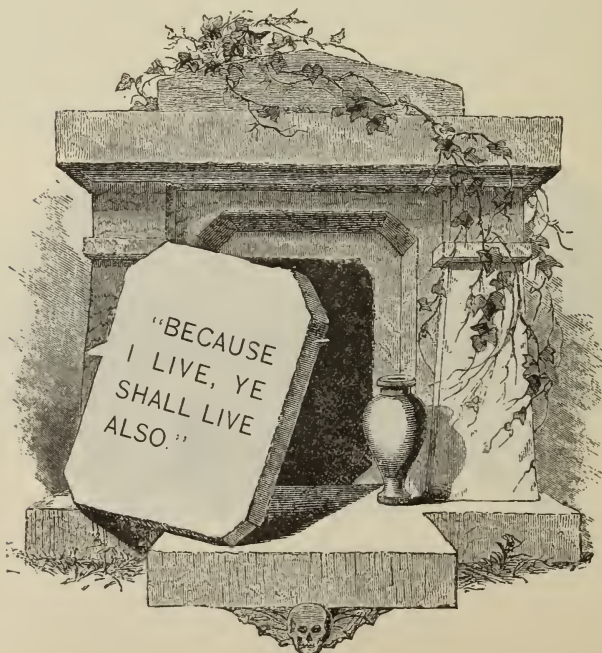
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Encouragements by the Sea.

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And the tempests fiercely roll,—
Side by side love fondly whispers
Words of courage to the soul.—E. H. S.

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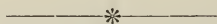
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

Dear Brethren :

In the providence of God we are met for our Annual Greeting. This is a real joy, an oasis amid the sand deserts of human toil, which refreshes with its rest, shade and cooling waters. But, alas, there are fringes of gloom on all earthly gladness. There is a vacant chair in our business hall. The cheery, bright, jubilant JOHN S. INSKIP, has gone out from us, to be forever with his Lord. It is a great loss to us, but a great gain to him. With us, from the inception of our enterprise, as one of our original members, though often absent by the press of other duties, he never lost his interest in our work, and declared that from this delightful spot, he hoped at last to step out, into the brighter beyond. It was a kind providence, therefore, which allowed him, although in great feebleness, to return to our midst, and from the cottage previously owned by himself, at the southeast corner of Ocean Pathway and Beach Avenue, to ascend to heaven. He was a man of profound convictions, deep and thorough in his experience of the higher forms of the religious life, and a leader in the advocacy of the great doctrine of Christian Holiness. He did not yield to obstacles, but by opposition, was nerved to almost superhuman effort. In all departments



REV. J. S. INSKIP.

of his work he was a success, and it is not a surprise, that his last utterances were those of victory. Let us labor to meet him in the better world. With this exception, I am not aware of any adverse providences visiting our brethren, or their families, during the year. For such mercies, we should be, and I trust are, profoundly thankful.

At our last Annual Meeting, you kindly granted me, as your president, leave of absence for six months, for the purpose of joining our friend and brother, Joseph H. Thornley, Esq., then in Ireland; that together, we might make the tour of Europe and the Holy Land. We met at Queens-town on Sabbath morning, Nov. 4th, 1883, and traveled through Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, finding for various reasons, that it was inexpedient to visit Palestine. We left Liverpool for New York, on the 5th of April, 1884, and arrived at Ocean Grove in safety, Wednesday morning, April 16th, having enjoyed a most delightful trip, being absent just ten days less than six months. For this opportunity of gratifying a life-long desire, I present to you my most profound and grateful acknowledgments, and trust your kindness may be rewarded in the eternal day. With these general remarks, I proceed to review

Our Secular Operations for the Year.

These, while they always involve a vast amount of details, have not been as extensive or costly as in some former years.

The avenues always require more or less attention. Main Avenue is a great thoroughfare, and must be kept in perfect order. During the last spring it received a heavy coating of oyster shells, from New York to Central Avenues, and has been in good condition through the season. The removal of Elim Cottage, thirty feet west, last autumn, enabled us to open, grade, clay and gravel Benson Avenue from Main to Webb; also, to clay and gravel Heck, Embury and Webb Avenues, from Lawrence to Benson, thus greatly improving the appearance, not only of the Elim Cottage building and grounds, but of the whole neighborhood. Avenues and side-walks, too numerous to mention, received slight repairs, and have thus, though the wear is very great, been kept in good condition. Outside the Main Avenue gates, the turnpike was in a bad condition, and had to be repaired by us.

Curbing.

This important branch of work still goes on, though not with as much rapidity as we could desire. During the year the Association has curbed forty additional corners, with old ship timber, which are good and substantial. The same material has been used for fifteen street crossings, making pleasant foot-ways in wet weather. Five hundred square feet of stone curbing has been set on Wesley Lake, from Pilgrim Pathway towards the sea, and is a great improvement to that locality.

About 4000 square feet of stone flagging, and 1500 feet of curbing, have been laid by private parties during the year. This work should go forward with increased vigor, until all is done.

Sluice Ways.

The heavy surface drainage, caused by frequent rain falls, requires constant attention to our sluice ways. At the Fletcher Lake end of Beach Avenue, and also at the foot of Pilgrim Pathway, on Fletcher Lake, new ones had to be built, while that at the foot of Main Avenue had to be repaired, and the one crossing Main Avenue at Pilgrim Pathway, has been enlarged and generally improved. The Flume at Lillagore's bathing grounds, foot of Fletcher Lake, has been repaired by putting in sheet piling, and new sheeting; also, three rows of piling from end of race to gates, requiring fifteen piles.

Plank Walks.

These, for a year or two do well, but after that are a constant source of anxiety and expense. As soon as the sleepers commence to decay, there is nothing for the nails to hold to, and the boards becoming loose are liable to trip pedestrians at every step. I am very clear in my judgment, that the walks on Broadway, and Mount Tabor Way, should be removed at once, and the property owners notified to put their walks in order. The walk on Wesley Lake, by the constant attention of the Chief of Police, and Lake policemen, has been kept in as good condition as the decayed state of the sleepers would allow, but we can scarcely hope to make it safe for another year. This condition of things will require your best judgment and prompt action.

The plank walk on the ocean front was laid of the best material, and yet, the constant and increasing travel so wears it, that the spikes have to be re-driven every year, and at no distant date will need to be thoroughly overhauled. The short board walks, from the east side of Ocean Avenue, across the sand, to the plank walk on the front, need constant attention, and after being gone over with the greatest care, are liable to be out of order the next day or hour. My judgment is they should all be removed, and replaced with gravel or something which will not decay.



REV. J. S. INSKIP'S COTTAGE,

Corner of Ocean Pathway and Beach Ave.

Sewerage.

The extension of our sewerage system continues from year to year. Since my last report, 1680 feet of 12 inch pipe have been laid through Beach and Abbott Avenues, Broadway and Pilgrim Pathway. Added to these, are 7420 feet of 10 inch pipe running through Mt. Hermon Way, Olin Street, Mt. Tabor Way, Bath, Atlantic and Asbury Avenues, which added to that of other years, make a total of this size pipe of 16,730 feet. During this year there have been laid 5520 feet of 6 inch pipe for connecting vaults with sewers, making a total of this size of 14,020 feet; giving a grand total of 38,170 feet, or *seven miles twelve hundred and ten feet*, an increase of nearly *three miles* over last year. The number of added connections with public and private houses during the past year is 92, making total connections 204.

All the public commodes in the Camp grounds, the Ladies' Cottage on Bath Avenue, and the Gentlemen's on the corner of Bath and Central Avenues, connect with the sewers. All these commodes, 42 in number, have patent valve closets with comfortable seats, flushed with water from tank in Association Building, using 15,000 gallons in twenty-four hours.

The sewers, have, in the main, worked well, and if those connected with them will give reasonable attention and care, there will be no cause of complaint. Last year, my report referred to the fact that we had run a sluice way for the sewage into the sea. It worked to admiration, and we thought all difficulties on that line solved. The trunk for this outflow was made of Georgia heart pine, and it was believed would last for many years. To our surprise, however, we found in the early winter, that over one hundred feet, of the shore end of this trunk, running down through the under-tow, was completely honey-combed by worms, and therefore useless. To repair this damage, and avoid a similar result, we connected the shore end of the trunk, with that part wholly under water and uninjured, by 192 feet of 13 inch galvanized boiler iron pipe. It took till June, working such times as weather and tides allowed, to complete this work. Again we thought ourselves secure. But, on Tuesday night, September 9th, the billows caught a piece of an old wreck, about 25 feet long, and dashing it furiously against our newly laid trunk, broke away 50 feet, or 4 sections of the iron pipe, and about 25 pilings. Most of the pilings and 3 sections of the pipe have been recovered. So that most of the expense of repairing will be in work. This, however, because of the difficulty of getting at it, will be considerable. The driving of piling outside, and on either side of the sewer outlet, might protect us from similar mishaps. But, in any event, as sewerage is one of our most important works, however numerous the difficulties in our way, we must persevere, until all our people have sewerage connections with their homes.



PILGRIM PATHWAY AND MAIN AVENUE, LOOKING TOWARDS THE AUDITORIUM.

Sanitary Conditions.

Nothing is more important. Cleanliness, comfort, health and even life itself depend upon it. The Association has its part, but, unless sustained and aided by every man, woman and child, is almost powerless to do all that should be done. Every vault, cess-pool, door yard, and corner of every house should be carefully guarded, not only for the general good, but for individual safety. But, as large communities are made up of all kinds of people, a competent health inspector is needed for the months of July and August, who shall give his whole time and attention to this one work; examining every house as often as may be required, and having special oversight of those whose business it is to remove garbage. The work of removing garbage is one upon which so much depends, that the person engaged to do it should be thoroughly responsible, and held rigidly to his work.

Vault Cleaning.

I am happy to say, that the work of cleaning vaults by means of the excavator, as the sewer system extends, grows less with every year.

The last winter removals were 3200 barrels, and those of the summer 450 barrels, against 649 the summer before, and 1000 barrels two years ago. I trust the sewer connections will so increase that the vault-cleaning will soon become a thing of the past, and only remain as an unpleasant memory.

Improvements.

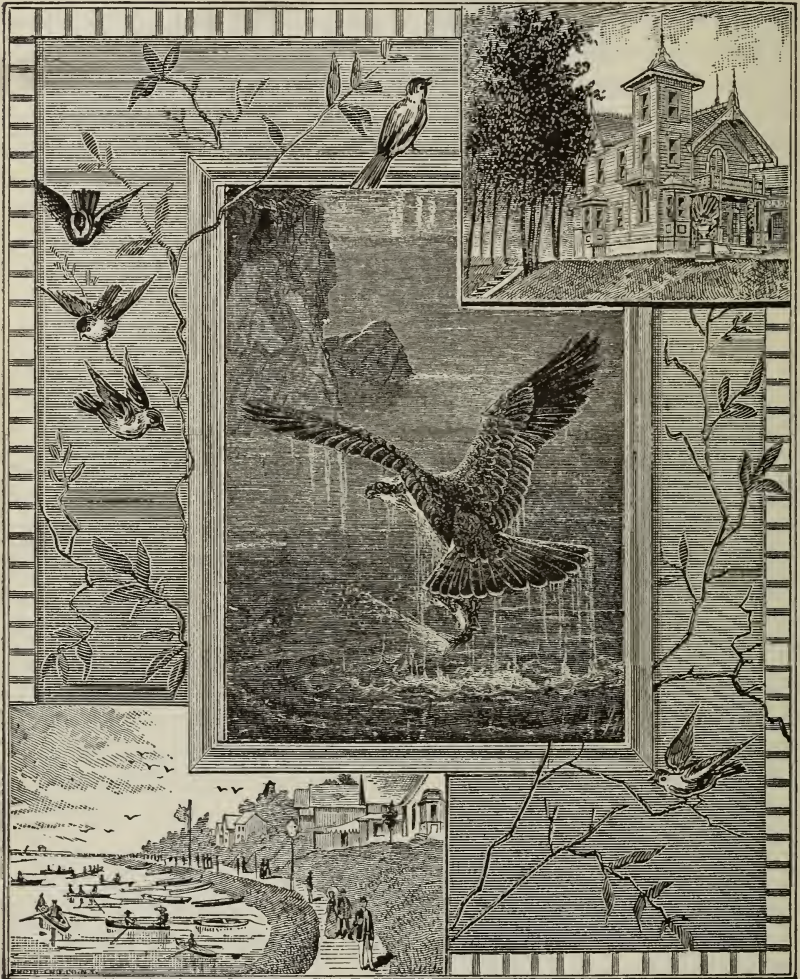
The improvements of the past year by the Association in the line of building have been few. A new porch was put up in front of the old engine house, and the building rented to Mr. Pridham. Also a new porch in front of the Ferguson Market. A plank walk laid from Wesley Lake, on Pilgrim Pathway, up to Auditorium grounds, 550 feet long and 6½ feet wide. 50 portable tent tables, were added to the 75 previously made, making 125 in all.

There are other improvements which need to be made. That which is important to be done at once, is the construction of a new fence from Wesley to Fletcher Lake, and a gateway at Stockton Avenue, in order properly to protect our grounds.

Fire Department.

I am glad to be able to report that our Fire Department, with all its apparatus, is in good condition. It gives me still greater pleasure to add, that with the exception of the burning of an unoccupied tent, we have had another year of exemption from fires. Our neighbors on the north side of the Lake have been less fortunate; but I am pleased to say, that

our company has been as anxious to aid them as if the fires had been upon our own grounds, an act I am sure which they will be as prompt to return should the devouring element at any time visit us. There have



WESLEY LAKE. SYLVANDALE COTTAGE.

been sunk in Wesley Lake, wells for suction pipe of steam engine, at the foot of Whitefield, New Jersey, New York and Beach Avenues; also, wells at foot of Beach Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway, in Fletcher Lake, thus insuring a supply of water for the engine when the Lakes are low. During the past year the company has had frequent drills, and seven new members have been added, making a total of 39 men.

A fire alarm has been attached to the clock bell in the tower, which connects with the engine house, so that an immediate and more effectual alarm can be given in case of fire. I am glad to know that our company did noble service at the two late fires in Asbury Park. It is the purpose of the company to inaugurate an honorary membership, by the payment of \$1.00 annually, for the creation of a fund to be expended in the employment of a special watch in times of special danger to the community from fire.

In addition to this, I would respectfully ask the purchase of a few dozens of the Hand Fire Grenades, to be placed within easy reach of the night police, at the Association building, Auditorium, stables, and at the engine house. It would also be a source of great protection, if private families would have a few of them in their cottages.

In conclusion on the fire question, I take pleasure in saying, that the parade, given on Wednesday evening Oct. 1st, by the united companies of this place, Asbury Park, and one from Rahway, N. J., was not only creditable to all concerned, but was highly imposing in appearance, and surprising in its magnitude and strength. I am sure it increased the confidence of all who witnessed it, in our ability to extinguish fire.

Tree-Planting Day.

This interesting festival occurred this year, on Friday, April 18th. The whole number of trees planted by the Association was 245, consisting of Maples, Poplars and Norway Spruce. Memorial trees were set for Rev. J. S. Inskip, Rev. J. A. Jones, Dr. W. C. Palmer, Mrs. Mary D. James and Miss Carrie Fling; all of whom had been prominent workers at Ocean Grove, and during the year passed to their eternal reward. There were planted, at the expense of private parties, 138 trees, all of which, together with those set out by the Association, seem to be doing well. I most earnestly urge that the work of tree-planting be continued from year to year, in order to replace those which are rapidly passing out by natural decay.

Flowers.

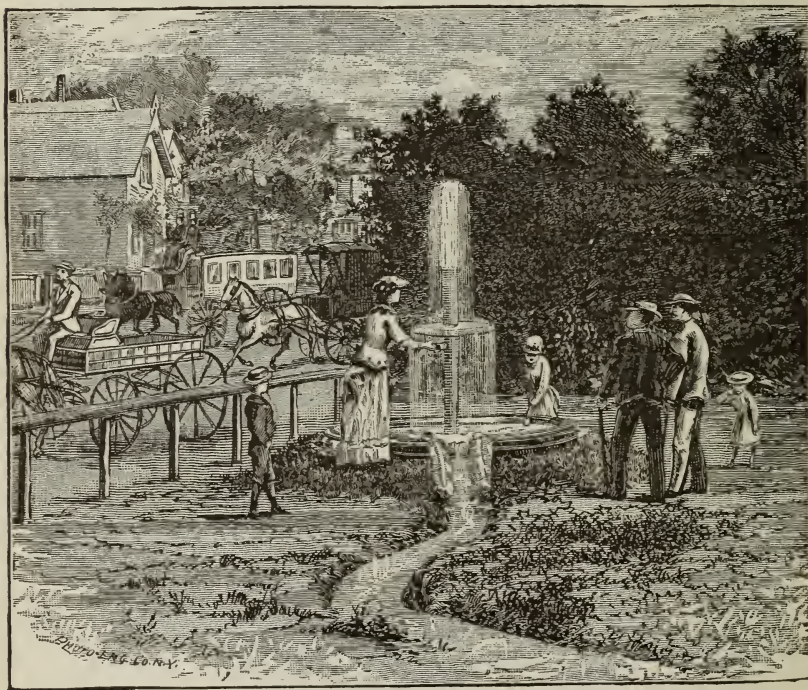
Our hot houses have done well. Not that they are as yet a source of profit, but if they barely pay, do a good work.

The cash sales during the summer amounted to,.....	\$499.21
Used by the Association, estimated at the very lowest wholesale prices,.....	206.00
Total,.....	<u>705.21</u>
Stock on hand. Flowers,.....	\$177.35
“ “ Soils, Tools, Pots, &c.....	185.00
Grand total,.....	<u>\$1067.56</u>

I recommend the continuance of these houses, with a well directed and constant aim to make them, at the earliest day possible, pay all expenses and yield a profit.

Artesian Well.

The Artesian well has been, through the year, a constant source of interest and admiration. The flow, which is spontaneous, has continued without diminution until the present, and there are no symptoms of failure for the time to come. This well, as is generally known, is located a few feet south of the ice house, near the railroad, a little south of the



head of Fletcher Lake. From thence, the water is led in 4 inch iron pipe, across the turnpike, to the head of Stockton Avenue, thence up Lawrence Avenue to Main 3100 feet; down Main to Pilgrim Pathway 1500 feet, in 6 inch pipe, where it supplies a fountain; thence down Main Avenue 1200 feet, to plank walk, 2 inch pipe supplying a fountain there: up Pilgrim Pathway to the Auditorium grounds 1000 feet, in 2 inch pipe, flushing water closets, and thence 830 feet, 1½ inch pipe, supplying three other ornamental fountains in Auditorium grounds.

The following public and private houses are also supplied with water from this well: The Sheldon, Atlantic, Day Bros., Morrow, Day & Co., United States, Dr. Stark's cottage, hot houses, D. H. Brown's cottage, Lawrence House, Dr. Alday's, Dr. Tantum's, G. W. Evans, L. Rainear's, Geo. Kellogg's, &c. There is also a large tank, corner of Main Avenue and Pilgrim Pathway, for the supply of water for horses. This has been an incalculable blessing to thousands of worn and thirsty animals during the summer past. Besides all this, there is a large overflow which runs into and helps to flush and keep the sewers pure. So that it will be seen, there is yet a considerable supply of unappropriated water, sufficient to meet the demands of many cottages and hotels. The water is pure, soft, and many claim medicinal. Its value is beyond all computation in dollars and cents.

Water Wagons.

There have been three water wagons in use during the summer, one of which holding 560 gallons was new. These three wagons, together with the large increase of patent valve closets, in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's commodes, necessitated an additional supply of water from our well in the cellar of Association building. Another pump, therefore, became a necessity, which being purchased, the engine works both with ease, raising 80 gallons per minute. These gave to the three water wagons, from June to September, 2,108,000 gallons; to the closets, 1,305,000, and to other purposes, including overflow, 45,000 gallons, making a total of 3,458,000 gallons. To do this, however, required the engine to run day and night, continuously for weeks together. Sometimes, in these long runs, one of the pumps had to be stopped, otherwise the well would dry. To avoid this, the well should be sunk still lower. The demand for more extended street sprinkling is wide-spread and imperative. This demand should be complied with, and the persons and properties benefited should pay the cost.

Ice.

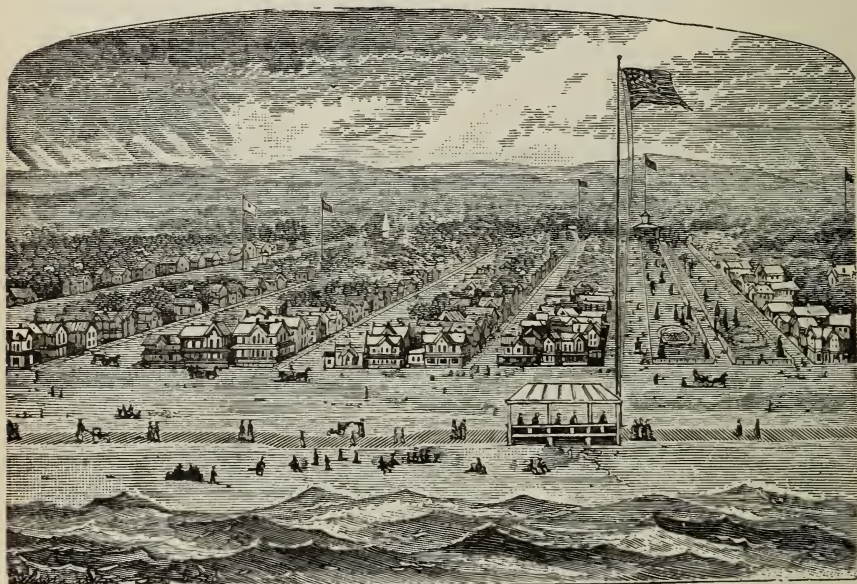
The expense of importing ice from so great a distance, takes largely from the profits of its sale, and but for the accommodation of our people would hardly be worth the time and attention which it requires. Still, it is a necessity, and we must meet the demand. The ice house will need partly new lining this year.

Parks.

Our parks are, or may be, things of beauty. Thompson Park, as I have said repeatedly, needs improvement, and a little money expended there, would be of great advantage. Evergreen Park, at the head of our

grounds, and where most of the pedestrians first enter, is in bad condition. I earnestly urge attention to these places, and hope the needed work may be ordered soon. A little work on all the parks would not only add to our general appearance, but be highly appreciated by the people at large.

A plan will be laid before you for the general reconstruction of Ocean Pathway, at the expense of property owners. This, if approved by you will make a very marked and beautiful improvement in that great central thoroughfare of our grounds. I hope it may be adopted.



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

Pavilions.

We have ten pavilions. Most of these are in fair condition. One in Thompson Park, and the large one at foot of Ocean Pathway, have had slight repairs, and others could be much improved by paint.

Lakes.

The number of boats on Wesley Lake during the summer was 392. Of these 8 were ferry boats, and of the whole, 62 were licensed by Ocean Grove, and nearly the same number by Asbury Park. During the summer, large numbers of boats and oars are lost, over one hundred of which were found, and returned to their owners by our lake police. For the future protection and purity of the waters of this lake, I would recom-

mend boring, in connection with Asbury Park, an Artesian well, at its head where waters should flow into it perpetually.

On Fletcher Lake, the number of boats was 149; 11 of which were sail boats, and 1 ferry boat. The number licensed, 5. The order generally, was good. In a few instances, strangers not understanding our rules, attempted to use boats on the Sabbath on Fletcher Lake, but, learning our regulations stopped at once. The waters of Fletcher Lake are without complaint.

Jerusalem Model.

This continues to be a centre of great attraction, and unflagging interest. During the summer Miss L. M. Von Finkelstein, and her brother, gave interesting lectures, pointing out places of special note, and intelligently explaining the whole, which drew large crowds of people. This model has to be enclosed every year to protect it from the storms. The cost of hauling lumber to and from; labor in putting up and taking down, and waste of material, is about \$40 per annum. Added to this the model itself is so broken and injured, by putting up and taking down the enclosure, that last spring the cost of repairs, oil painting and 1000 trees, was \$95.19; and the average annual cost of repairs is not less than \$30. I herewith present to you a plan for a permanent enclosure, such as will be ornamental in appearance, shielding it from injury by the winter storms, and at the same time protecting those who love to linger about it in summer from the blazing sun. The cost of such a structure will be about \$630. The net sales of the catalogues or keys, were this year \$80. By a permanent arrangement we save largely in annual cost of enclosure and repairs; have a sightly structure, protect the people from the sun, and get large interest on the outlay, in the sale of keys. I most earnestly recommend its erection if funds will allow.

Auditorium.

Owing to the leaky condition of the roof, the high or central part of the Auditorium had to be re-covered with felting, and the entire roof, including wings, tarred and covered with Johns fire-proof coating. It is now in good condition and may last for several years. In the beginning of the season, 60 new seats, some of them 20 feet long, having sittings for 700 additional people were added. So that we have now, including platform and camp chairs, accommodations for about 5000 people. This number, however, large as it is, should, if possible be doubled. Why should we not accommodate *ten thousand*? We must if we meet the demands rapidly coming upon us. Until we do something of this kind we shall not fulfill our mission. We call the people here, and they respond

to our call. Twenty thousand were here at one time this summer. We provide simply for one-fourth, and the others sit at their hotels or, are on the beach. Something must be done soon, or we lose the grandest opportunity of the age. Let architectural knowledge and experience be consulted, and galleries constructed, so that vast multitudes may gather, hear, and worship God. Of all the subjects which may come before you this year, I ask for this the wisest, most careful and thorough consideration, at the same time praying that you may be directed in the right way, and to the best ends.



Tents.

The demand for tents does not abate. The better class of tents, with permanent kitchens, and pleasant surroundings, as those in the new block, near Jerusalem Model, called Bethany, are all in demand, and numbers of these are already rented for the coming year.

The total number of tents erected on our grounds this year, including those owned by private parties, was 449. All of our tents, that were in proper condition, were rented. Some of them are so soiled or mutilated that persons decline to use them. The wear and tear on tents is constant, and sometimes very great. Not so much this year as usual,

but always considerable. New flies numbering 85, and 40 ornamental front awnings were purchased, at a cost of \$1300. No new tents were bought this year. It may be worth your while to consider carefully, whether we should not construct, perhaps back of Ross' bathing grounds, or at the corner of Main and Central Avenues, or both places, other blocks similar to Bethany for the coming year. I think there would be no question about their rental.

Tabernacle and Young People's Temple.

Both of these buildings were used every day, during the past season, and over-full at every service. We need more room. The young people's Temple must be enlarged. I do not now say how, but if authority should be given to the Executive, or a special committee, measures could be devised to relieve the case before another season. There must be relief or we suffer loss. Do not pass this matter by without decided action.

Private Improvements.

There is not the same inconsiderate rush in building as a few years back, but our growth, if slower, is more healthy. Last year, the number of cottages was 809; this year 831, increase 22. Added to these are 69 large boarding houses, or hotels, making a total of 899. Besides these, there have been a number of cottages greatly enlarged, improved and beautified; and the work still goes on.

Bathing Houses.

Mr. Ross has greatly improved his bathing house property during the year. He has put in new boiler, new hot bath rooms, hot bath tubs, new piling under floor of main pavilion, new sills, new flooring, new arrangement for drying clothes, new bathing poles, large numbers of new bathing suits, &c., &c.; at a cost of \$2450.00.

Mr. Lillagore has removed 250 bathing houses back, thus widening the ocean promenade; built 200 new bath houses, and improved his office, re-arranged the entire plan of bath houses, enlarged the pavilion and restaurant 12 x 120 feet, built a new drying room, put in 300 new bathing suits, the whole costing nearly \$3000. Both places are in good condition, experienced bathing masters are employed, and life-boats are at hand in case of need. I have for several years past, called attention to the improper attire in which persons parade our streets, to and from the bathing grounds. I do not see that the disgrace is in any degree abated. The whole thing subjects us to ridicule and the severest criticism.



BATHING DOLLY.

An ordinance should be passed prohibiting under penalty, the passing through our streets in any kind of bathing attire, unless entirely covered by a gossamer or cloak fully to the feet.

Police.

* The following has been the police force employed since my report last year: one day police for the year, two night policemen for nine months, and one for three months; one on Wesley Lake, day time, July and August, 2 months; one among the tents, south of Broadway, night, 2

months; one in among the Auditorium tents, Bethany tents, Thompson Park, &c., 1 month and 10 nights; one on the ocean front, 2 months and 3 days; one at the head of Main Avenue, gates, stables, day and part of night, 2 months and 4 days; one Broadway and Fletcher Lake, day, 1 month; one at Lillagore's and on part of ocean front, 16 days; one around Auditorium, during Camp Meeting, 10½ days; one about the Auditorium, and part of the time south of Main Avenue, 28 nights; Chief of Police, in charge of police, lamps, water wagons and plank walks, day and part of the night, 2 months and 15 days. The highest number employed at any one time was 13. Of these, three were employed for the year; five for a few days over 2 months, each; two for one month and a few days, each; the balance of the men, 3 in number, were employed, one, 3 days less than a month; one, a half month, and the last, one-third of a month.

Their duties were various and multiplied, and yet, I am happy to say, that notwithstanding the number of rag-pickers, pedlars, tramps, beggars, organ grinders, small shows and intoxicated persons that came on our grounds, they were promptly put off, and the order has been good. The complaints, arrests and all manner of cases requiring attention, were all so quietly adjusted and arranged, that the great public knew nothing of them, and universal peace prevailed. I would respectfully call your attention to the importance of constructing a lockup, with two apartments, to be located in the cellar of the northwest corner of the Association building, to be ready for use next year, if required.

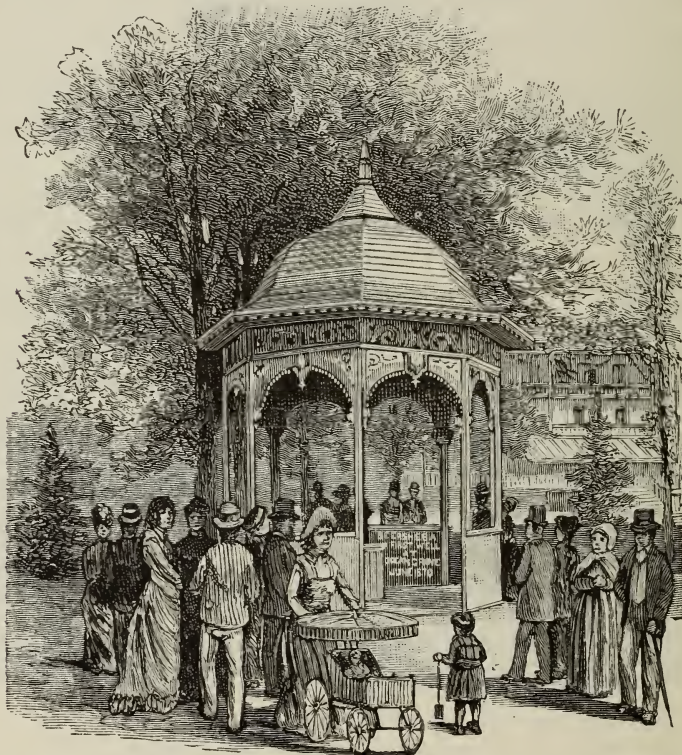
Business Licenses.

The following is a statement of the number of licenses taken out the past season, and the business for which they were taken :

Hacks, Carriages, &c.,.....	39
Omnibuses,.....	32
Baggage Wagons,.....	15
Butchers,.....	4
Hucksters,.....	14
Groceries,.....	6
Fish and Oysters,.....	11
Wood and Charcoal,.....	2
Boats licensed on Wesley Lake,.....	62
“ “ “ Fletcher Lake,.....	5
Total,.....	190

Farmers bringing their own produce, do not pay license. It will be seen by the above, that there are a large number of hacks and carriages for carrying pleasure parties, licensed upon our ground. For several

seasons past they have had their stand, where they wait to be hired, on the south side of Main Avenue, from below Morrow, Days & Co., and around the corner of Central Avenue, southward. The number has now so increased, as to make it offensive to the neighborhood, to have them continue. There must be a change. The question will arise, what shall be done? It is not easily answered. Perhaps the best solution is to distribute them through the town, in front of, or in the immediate vicinity of the large hotels, from which they derive much of their patronage; or



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to move slowly along the streets until employed. This, or some better plan must be adopted to avoid the congregating of so many together, and so relieving one particular spot of all the difficulty. I commend this to your careful thought.

Assessments.

The cost of lighting our streets, removing garbage and policing our grounds, is likely to advance from year to year. The fire department also must be kept in order. Then, as populations and public and private

improvements increase, there are items of expense which cannot be classified, all of which are for the public benefit; among which might be named, public highways, plank walks, parks, pavilions, public pumps, ornamentations, &c. To aid us in meeting these expenses we look to our assessments. Thus far, though they have not equalled our outlay, yet they have materially helped us. The following statement will show the cost of certain things for the public good, and for which the public pay only through the assessments levied upon their lots. The township and county tax paid upon the improvements upon their grounds, *do not come to us.*

Cost of lighting Auditorium and Tabernacle with gas, and 315 oil lamps for the year, on the streets,.....	\$1800 00
Cost of removing garbage,.....	1100 00
Cost of sprinkling streets,.....	500 00
Cost of policemen employed all the year,.....	1980 00
Cost of ten special policemen for the summer,.....	720 00
Cost of Fire Department,.....	600 00
Total,.....	\$6700 00
Received on assessments,.....	8860 50
Excess this year over the above expenses,.....	\$2160 50
Deficiency for eight years previous,.....	4300 63
Total deficiency for nine years,.....	\$2140 13

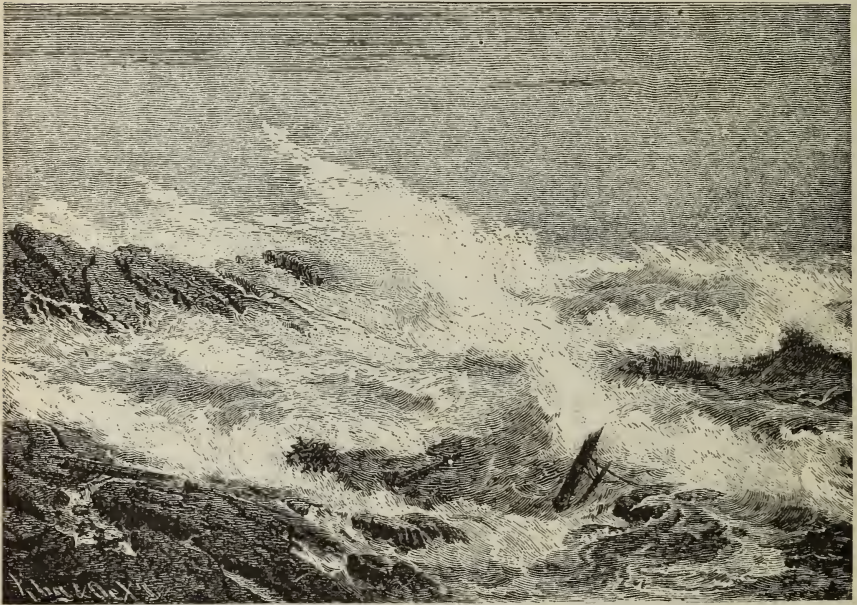
Showing a reduction of the deficiencies of previous years of \$2160.50. This is encouraging, and I hope we shall continue to do as well.

Railroads.

These are important factors in our modern civilization. Those touching at our depot, are well patronized, and I am glad to add, especially well managed. So far as I have been able to learn, there has been no loss of life or injury to limb during the season just closed, which, in view of the vast multitudes arriving and departing, is a marvelous record. The following, obtained from reliable sources, is a statement of the railroad business at the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park Station for the season closed:

Number of persons arriving during the months of June, July, August and up to September 15,.....	680,000
Highest number of regular passengers in one day,.....	3200
“ “ Excursionists,.....	5600
“ total in one day,.....	8800
“ number of persons arriving and departing from Station in one day,.....	14,300
Total number of excursions during the season,.....	135
Highest number of pieces of baggage handled in one day,	2280
Total number of pieces handled during the season,.....	76,000
Number of employees at Railroad Station,.....	24
“ “ Baggage and Express Offices,	60

It gives me pleasure to state, that the New York and Long Branch Railroad Company, to whom was granted the plot of ground at the head of Fletcher Lake, between the railroad and turnpike, have filled up the same, an average depth of three feet, which levels and gives it a smooth appearance. I also add, that plans and drawings have been made, commodious in character and beautiful in appearance, of a depot building to be erected thereon, one story high, and nearly or quite 200 feet long, with all accommodations needed. This was to have been built this year,



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but for important reasons has been delayed. It is the purpose of the Company, I am informed, to proceed with it in the early spring, so as to be ready for work at the opening of next season. This will greatly relieve the present depot, and prove a convenience to all.

In this connection, I would urge, as I should have done, even apart from the above, the importance of grading, claying and graveling all our avenues south of Broadway, and also the making and grading all the sidewalks of unsold lots. The wisdom of this you will all see, and it should be done at once.

The question has often been asked, "How many people do you have

here in summer?" Absolute accuracy, in a population so changeable as ours is not possible. We give the best answer we can.

We have 17 Hotels, average 130,.....	2210
“ “ 52 Boarding Houses, average 40,.....	2080
“ “ 830 Cottages, average 15,.....	12,450
“ “ 449 Tents, average, 7,.....	3143
Total,.....	19,883

During some parts of August, all were full. The number of persons



LOOKING FOR THEIR RETURN.

passing into Ocean Grove, through the Main Avenue gates, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, July 28th, was 1406. During the same hour, on Friday, August 22d, 2408. So that there are times, during the summer, when our population amounts to 20,000 or more.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

This organization is pursuing its work, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Westcott, the best it can, but suffers in all its interests for the want of a permanent and suitable place of worship. I greatly hope this question may soon be settled, and its increased usefulness and success assured.



Elim Cottage.

This quiet little retreat for aged and infirm ministers of the Gospel, never looked so well, and I am quite sure never did better than during the past season. The improvements have been tastefully and economically made, and best of all, are paid for. It was full all through the season, and applicants had to be turned away for want of room.

I am glad to know, that all denominations of Christians are alike welcome, as the following will show. There have been entertained this year, Methodist, 86; Presbyterians, 32; United Presbyterians, 4; Reformed Episcopal, 7; Protestant Episcopal, 3; Baptist, 11; Congregational, 9; Friends, 1; Lutheran, 2; Reformed, 8; Reformed Catholic, 1. Total, 164. There were from New York, 56; New Jersey, 47; Pennsylvania, 29; Delaware, 13; Maryland, 14; Iowa, 1; Wisconsin, 1;

Illinois, 2; Scotland, 1. Total, 164. We are glad, therefore, not only because Elim Cottage, like Ocean Grove is catholic in spirit, but like Ocean Grove also welcomes visitors from all parts of our own country and the world, with the same hearty greeting. I trust this modest and unpretentious little institution will continue to share the sympathies and benevolence of our people, so that our ladies may be able to continue their generous work.



IN A FOG.

Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, President, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Treasurer, of Ocean Grove, N. J., or any of the lady managers will be glad to receive donations for this cause. Mrs. Badeau, the matron, continues to give great satisfaction, and is increasingly popular with all.

Park Heights Seminary.

This interesting institution has just entered upon the third year of its existence among us, with encouraging prospects. As the cause of Christian education is so directly on the line of our work at this place, we hail with peculiar pleasure this efficient hand-maid, and having the fullest confidence in the eminent abilities of Miss Emily A. Rice, its experienced Principal, we cheerfully commend her to the patronage of our friends.

Ocean Grove Literature.

As has been our custom, three thousand copies of the Annual Report of the President of Ocean Grove, were printed last autumn, under the general title, of *Advancements By the Sea*. It is a pamphlet of 76 pages, the largest of any yet published, with 22 illustrations besides pictorial cover. It is perhaps the most attractive of any of its predecessors, is sent free of cost to all lot holders, and distributed gratuitously to such friends as call at our office, seeking information upon our place and work. We also published in May last, 5000 copies of our annual paper, folded, instead of the usual newspaper form. This also has 18 illustrations, besides a map of our grounds. It contains numerous items of interest, programme of meetings, tent rates, &c., &c. It gave great satisfaction, and the cost of its publication was fully met by advertisements.

The *Ocean Grove Record*, published weekly by Rev. Dr. Wallace, so increases in interest from year to year, that it has come to be almost a household necessity. A still larger patronage and circulation would enable its hard-worked proprietor and editor, to employ such help as would relieve him of many burdens merely manual, and give him time and strength to make it intellectually still more interesting than it is. I most heartily commend it to all the friends of Ocean Grove.

C. Vanhorn, Esq., successor to W. R. Evans, issued in the early summer, the Annual Directory for Ocean Grove and Asbury Park. It is a neat volume of 150 pages, and as far as it can be, is of real value, but as it is issued early in the season, cannot of course contain the names and residences of those who of necessity, come later in the year.

By a vote of the Association at its Semi-Annual Meeting in May, the President was requested to publish his European letters in form convenient for use. He had been repeatedly requested to do so, but in view of the multitude of such books, hesitated, until this vote decided him. The result is, a neat volume of 216 pages published at his own expense. It has had quite a large sale here during the summer, but as its circulation is confined almost wholly to personal friends, the proceeds of sales will do well if they meet the cost of publication.

It gives me great pleasure to add, that correspondents to the public press, so long carpingly and raspingly critical, have almost, if not entirely changed their style, and are as fulsome in their comments as any could wish. Our chief church organ, the New York *Christian Advocate*, has also been most generous in its allowance of space to those who wished to write concerning us. Foes have generally been silenced, and friends more than ever friendly. In view of all, we thank God and take courage.

Post-Office.

Post-office affairs are not materially changed. I regret to add, that with its present arrangements it is not remunerative. This will seem strange to the uninitiated, for by comparison with previous years, it will be found the business has considerably increased. The number of letters received and sent is larger, but, owing to the reduction in postage, the receipts are smaller. Thus there is an increase of labor while the pay is not advanced.



We still furnish the room for postal business, for which the government pays us nothing, and we also pay box rent for boxes which belong *to us*. A state of things so strange, that I am amazed at its injustice, and continue to wonder that it is not corrected.

The following is a statement of the business of the year :

Letters sent,.....	225,750
Letters received (estimated),.....	245,000
Stamps sold,.....	\$4500.00
Postals,.....	70,000
Wraps,.....	8000
Stamped envelopes,.....	15,000
Money orders issued, 724, amount,.....	\$15,418.19
Money orders paid, 1123, amount,.....	24,981.83
Registered letters sent,.....	813
Registered letters received,.....	860
Postal notes issued, 555, amount,.....	\$1140.16
Postal notes paid, 275, amount,.....	708.13

Telegrams.

Messages sent,.....	6533
Messages received,.....	8171

Which is a considerable advance on the business of last year.

Telephones.

The telephone connections in Ocean Grove number 22. These enable us to communicate with Asbury Park, Key East, Long Branch, Sea Bright, Red Bank, Freehold, Matawan, Rahway, Elizabeth, Newark, Plainfield, Jersey City, &c., and are a great convenience.

Town Clock.

Our town clock, is now over 3 years old. Thus far, it has stood the test of many severe storms, and on Sabbath, August 10th, the shock of an earthquake. Yet it has uniformly kept excellent time, with no other attention than simply winding up once a week, and occasional oiling. It gives universal satisfaction.

Receipts and Disbursements.

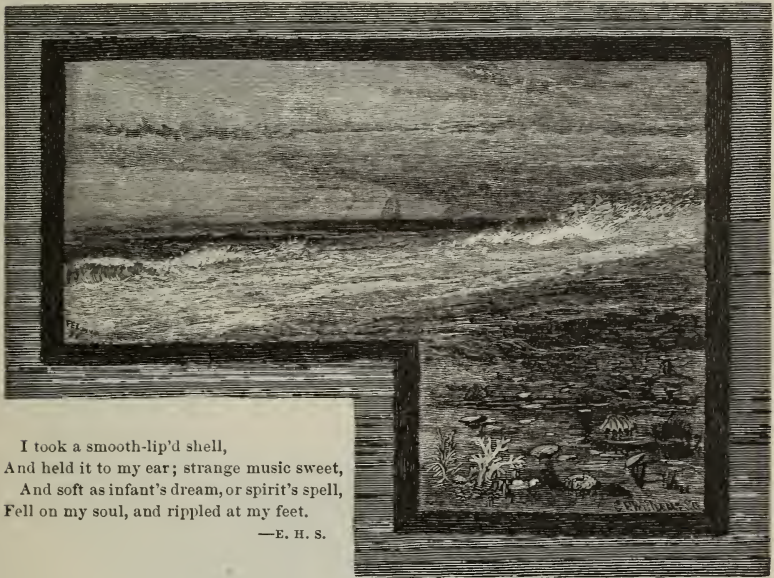
Receipts and Disbursements for fiscal year ending September 30th, 1884.
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October 1st, Cash on hand,.....	\$ 1,032.57	
Received from regular sources of income,.....	51,323.65	
" " Loans and discounts,.....	18,445.00	
		<u>\$70,801.22</u>
Paid current expenses for the year,.....	50,314.05	
" notes and loans,.....	10,145.00	
		<u>60,459.05</u>
Balance on hand,.....		<u>\$10,342.17</u>

Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.—Inventory, Association buildings, tents, tools, &c.,...	\$82,995.00	
Book accounts, mortgages, notes, &c.,.....	31,384.37	
Cash on hand,.....	10,342.17	
		<u>\$124,721.54</u>
LIABILITIES.—Mortgages, loans, &c.,.....	\$72,535.00	
Notes in Bank,.....	4,500.00	
		<u>\$77,035.00</u>
Total excess in favor of the Association, not including value of unsold lands,.....		<u>\$47,686.54</u>

By an examination and comparison of the amount of excess in favor of the Association in last year's report, it will be found that the above shows a shrinkage, or falling off, this year, of \$36,311.11. This grows out of the fact, that upon a careful estimate, it was thought by some, that our inventory rated too high. It was therefore reduced about \$36,000, making nearly the amount of shrinkage as shown by the figures. So that, while we have all the property enumerated in the inventory of last year, increased a number of thousands of dollars, by the laying of additional sewer and water pipe, together with the general work of the past,



I took a smooth-lip'd shell,
And held it to my ear; strange music sweet,
And soft as infant's dream, or spirit's spell,
Fell on my soul, and rippled at my feet.

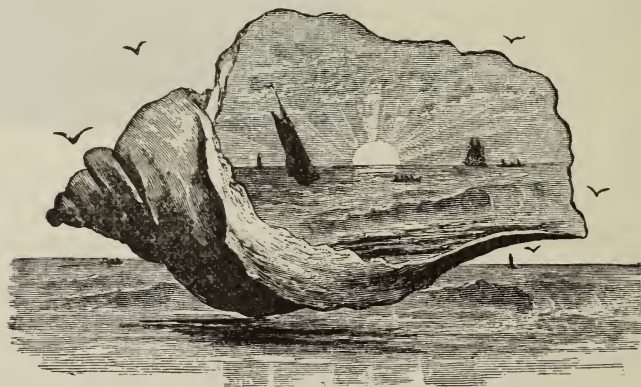
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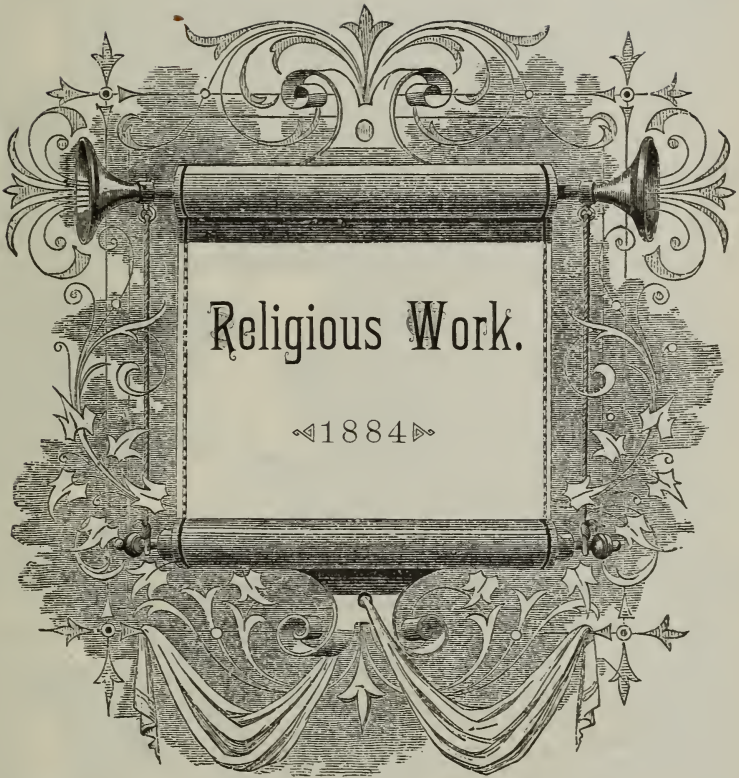
and more valuable to us than ever, we are better off, in fact, than we were last year, although the figures show the decrease named. It is further a matter of great interest to us all, that while last year our indebtedness was increased \$12,285.00; this year, notwithstanding our heavy outlays, in sewerage, water pipe expenses, and constructing sluice-ways into the sea, with the added fact that there have been only about \$6,400 received from the sale of lots; yet we find our receipts exceed our disbursements by \$2,042.17. This is encouraging, and I am glad to add that the class of improvements we are now making are of such character as to become at once remunerative. So that the outlook now is, that current receipts will meet current expenses, and the income from the sale of lots will be available to liquidate our debt. As

a whole, therefore, our financial prospects are, to me, more encouraging than for years past, and I am persuaded that the care and economy of former times, exercised in the future, will give us continual success.

While I say all this, I do not wish to make the impression that we are in a state of unimprovable perfection. Far from it. On the other hand, I see many things I heartily wish were otherwise, and hope to live to see them so. From some points of view, many changes might be profitably made, and would have been, before now, but for the consideration, that a too hasty removal of one embarrassment, often opens the way for the introduction of a greater. Hence we wait, pray, and hope to be safely led, by wisdom greater than our own. Altogether, there is great cause for encouragement, and congratulation. To the members of the Association, the officers, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all of our employees and workmen, I return thanks for the interest they have taken and the work they have performed.

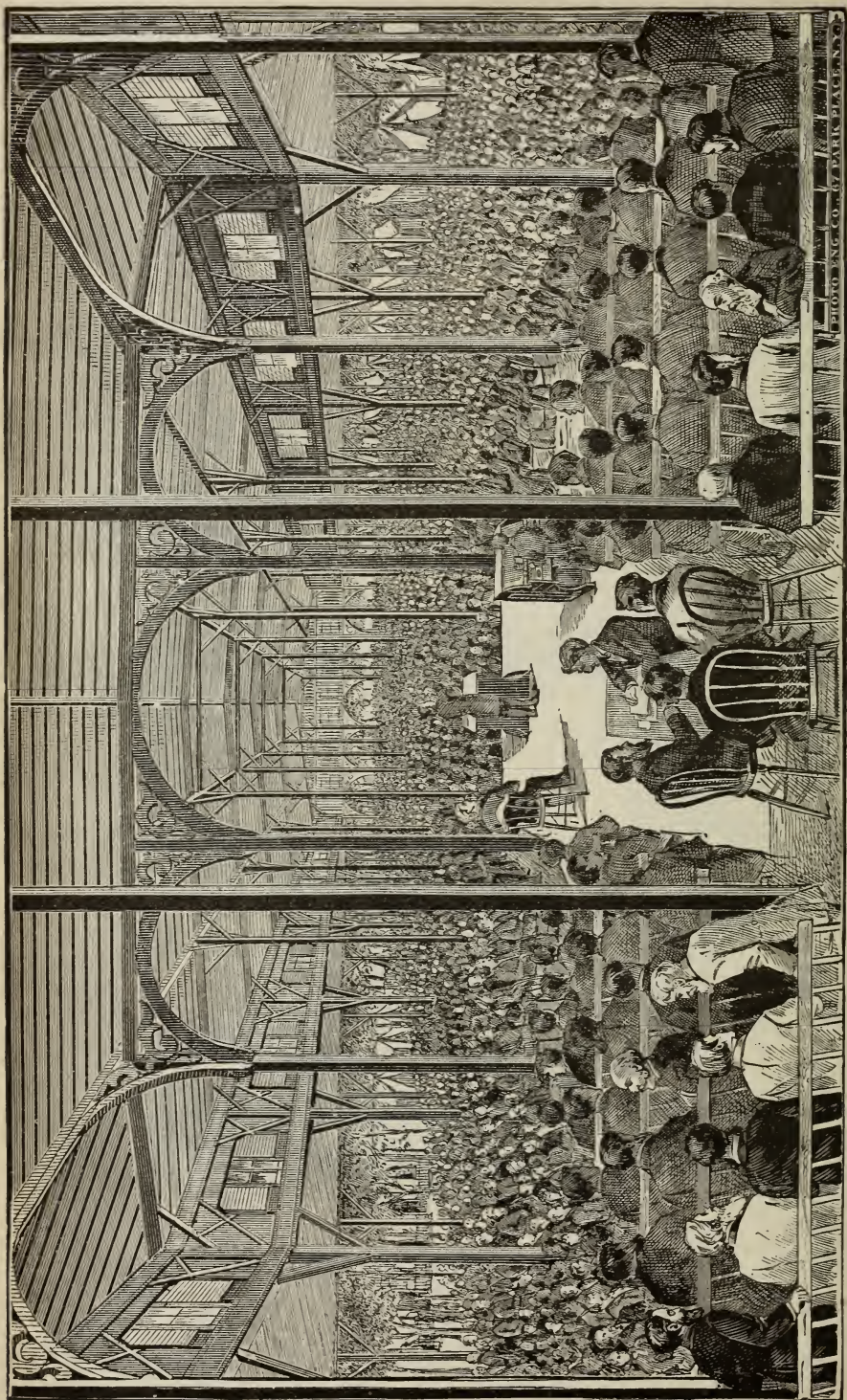
Since our last annual meeting, the Association met in its Semi-Annual meeting, in May, and there have been eleven meetings of the Executive Committee. In all these a vast amount of work has been planned, ordered and overlooked. I trust God's blessing has been on all, and that the divine blessing may rest upon you all.



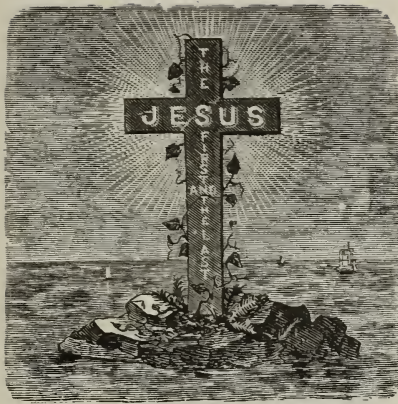


Religious Work.

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Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



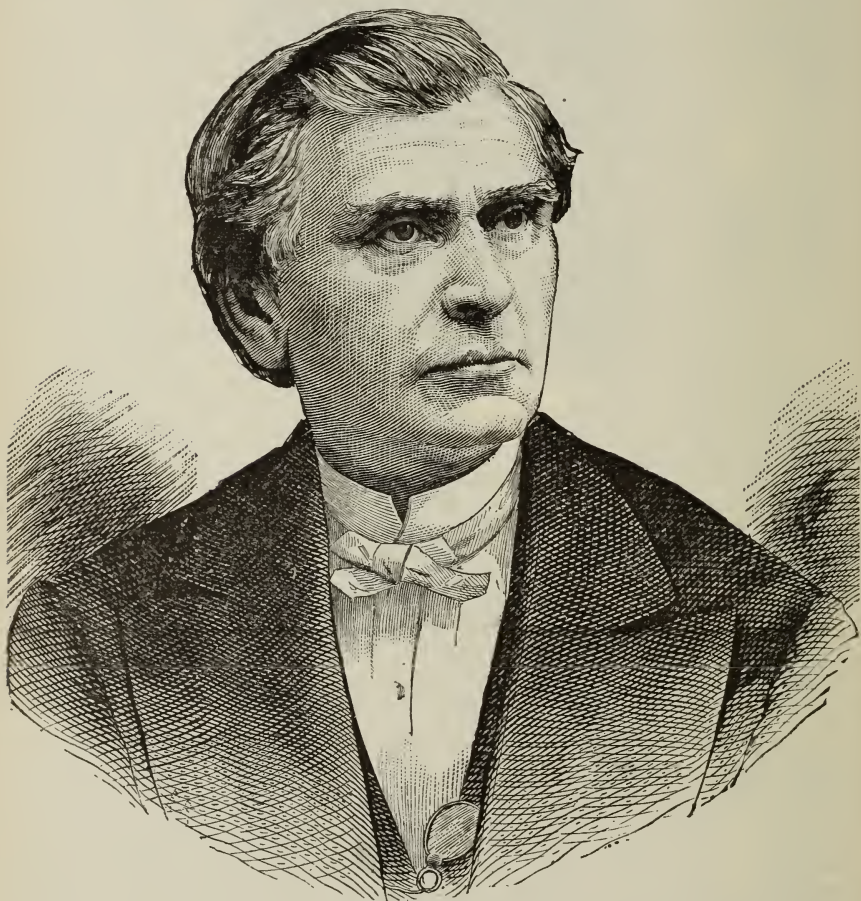
Salvation is the battle cry,
Thro' the blood of Jesus:
Salvation from sin's deepest dye,
Thro' the blood of Jesus:
Lift the crimson banner high,
All the hosts of sin defy,
Victory is always nigh,
Thro' the blood of Jesus.—E. H. S.

Religious Department.

Our religious labors were never, since our commencement, more satisfactory or successful than during the past season. From the opening to the close, God was eminently in our midst, and every service seemed to be specially owned of Him. This, in view of the fact, that the religious idea is primal and central here, is most encouraging. It is a new stimulus to us in all our secular toils, and brightens every discouraging hour. The responsibilities of the place are great, and the cares of its management many. If these were simply for the purpose of maintaining a resort for summer pleasure, or even worldly aggrandizement, we should weary, if not altogether fail. But, in all these, there is the loftiest inspirations. The salvation of immortal souls, was the inception, as it has been until now, the one great and all absorbing thought. When this end is reached, our hearts are glad. If we fail at this point, we count all failure. When therefore, we come to the close of the season, and

find there has been religious success, our hearts feel, and our lips sing, loud doxologies of praise.

I now come to the summing up. I trust as I proceed, you will see and feel with me, that these doxologies will not be out of place to-day.



BISHOP SIMPSON.

The Bishop Janes Memorial Tabernacle Opening.

The Tabernacle was opened on the first Sabbath of June, and occupied during the month by the pastor and congregation of St. Paul's Church, except on Sabbath, June 22d, when memorial services for the late lamented Bishop Simpson were held in that place. These services, in charge of the President of the Association, occupied the morning and

afternoon hours of worship, and were participated in by a large number of ministers; addresses being delivered by Rev. J. B. Westcott, Dr. Alday, Dr. Wallace, Dr. Stokes, who also read a poem in memory of the Bishop; Rev. G. C. Bancroft, Dr. Wythe, J. H. Thornley, Geo. Hughes, Geo. W. Evans and Mrs. Kennard Chandler. The intensest interest was manifested throughout both services, and the addresses measured up to the highest possible estimate of the character of the departed Bishop. From the beginning, he was the patron of Ocean Grove. There was nothing in the range of his power, he was not ready to do to promote its interest. He wrote, toiled, preached and prayed for its success. His last generous act, to help us, though worn and weary, was to come from Colorado, to preach the opening sermon of our Camp Meeting, one year ago. It was full of tenderness and love. He did not know, nor did we, that it was his last to us. Yet, had we all known, nothing could have been more fitting. "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." It was his parting benediction, and his last farewell. O how we miss him. Great, good, triumphant, ascended Bishop Simpson, may we meet thee in the Paradise of God.

Fourth of July.

As has been our custom from the beginning, we celebrated our National Anniversary at this place. It was a foggy and drizzly day, but not sufficient to extinguish patriotic fires. The bells were rung at sunrise, and at 10 o'clock, services at the auditorium commenced. The choir was under the direction of Prof. Dey, its old leader. Rev. I. Simmons of Brooklyn, offered prayer. The Declaration of Independence was read by Rev. J. H. Thornley. Hon. Chauncy Shaffer, of New York, delivered the oration. His theme, "God in History," presented with thrilling eloquence and patriotic fervor, was received with great favor, and frequent bursts of applause.

As the evening was stormy, and fireworks could not be displayed, a service was held in the Tabernacle, where the Shale blind sisters sung, Rev. S. Pancoast of Philadelphia, read an original patriotic poem, T. D. MacFarlain sung the Star Spangled Banner, and Gen. Wm. A. Pyle delivered an interesting and eloquent address. The whole day, spent without accident or mishap of any kind, was pleasurable to all.

Auditorium Opening.

This occurred, on Sabbath, July 6th. It is an event of great interest as it opens the season proper, and introduces a series of services which prove a savor of life unto life or of death unto death, to thousands of

immortal souls. Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett was the preacher. His theme, *Christ Crucified*, was a key-note, and fitting to lead in the great array of subjects to be presented through the coming months. God was in it, and its influence will not cease to be felt.

Dr. S. L. Bowman was the preacher for the evening. His text was John ix. 25. The story of the blind man. It was a suitable following of the morning sermon, and led the people to the Crucified as the healer of the souls of men. It was a day of religious power.

The Holiness Meeting.

Dr. Palmer, having ascended the year before, was not with us in his bodily presence. But, his widow, Mrs. W. C. Palmer, was in her place, and at the tap of the bell, Bro. Thornley, commenced the meeting. For the better accommodation of both, the young people were assigned to the Tabernacle, and the Holiness Meeting to the Young People's Temple. As the change was an experiment, it naturally had its anxieties. But God saw that the motive was pure, and overruled all for good. His presence was wonderfully in the first meeting, and for eleven successive weeks, without a single interruption, it grew in glory. Eternity alone will reveal the strength imparted and blessedness realized. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the leaders of these meetings, and to all who assisted them. May they find a rich reward in the world eternal.

Young People's Meetings.

In order to accommodate a larger number of persons, this meeting was assigned to the Tabernacle. It commenced on the morning of July 6th. Rev. C. H. Yatman, was in his place on time, aided by Rev. W. H. Geistweit, whose special work was song. The number in attendance, as well as the interest and unction of the meetings, increased from day to day, until Sabbath, September 7th, a period of nine weeks, when they closed. The success attending every service was marked and special. There was scarcely a day when souls were not saved, and some times these numbered twelve or fifteen at a single session. This was the case not only during the Camp Meeting, but before and after, as well. Not only so, but persons enlightened and influenced while at the meetings, yet refusing to accept Christ, returned to their homes and yielded to Him there. From a dozen points also, come the tidings of revival work, begun by those who were quickened here. Brothers Yatman and Geistweit have not only our thanks, but the thanks of many hundreds besides, for the work done here this summer.

Summer Sabbath School.

This was opened on Sabbath afternoon, July 6th; the infant department in the Young People's Temple, in charge of Miss Van Marter and Miss Mary A. Lathbury, both of whom proved to be most efficient workers; the intermediate department in the Auditorium with J. H. Thornley, Superintendent, at its head, and the Bible Class in the Tabernacle, with Dr. Hanlon as its leader. There were at the first session last year, 869 persons, this year 1210. The opening was the largest we have ever had, and all were encouraged. The numbers increased with each returning Sabbath, until Camp Meeting Sabbath, August 24th, when there were present 4404, against 3971 last year. As is the custom on the Camp Meeting Sabbath, the school was turned into a prayer meeting, the altar was crowded with children seeking religion, and while a number found the Saviour in the pardon of sin, had there been time the number would have been still greater. After the Camp Meeting the numbers always commence to decline, so that on Sabbath, September 7th, when it closed, there were present 954. The school held ten sessions, and the total attendance was 20,079, against 19,361 last year, an excess this year over last of 718. The average attendance each Sabbath during the season, was a fraction over 2000. I am careful to keep these numbers from year to year, as they show our progress, and they will be matters of interest for future reference.

Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class is a centre of great attraction. It is thronged every Sabbath of its continuance. The people are often held for two hours and a half in considering the word of God. Every form and phase of doctrine is touched, and no point is allowed to pass until accepted truth is reached.

Vast numbers are thus quickened in their thoughts, and I must believe, helped in their faith. Its omission would create a summer hiatus at Ocean Grove, which nothing could supply. May its leader, and members as they increase in Scriptural knowledge, also increase in power for good.

Women's Christian Temperance Union, of N. J.

This stirring convention of earnest Christian women of New Jersey, was held this year on the 9th and 10th of July. It commenced on Wednesday afternoon and closed on Thursday night. It was sprightly, thorough and devout all through. The women of New Jersey never did better, and bringing with them their accomplished sister, Mrs. M. J. Pierson from England, whose addresses were polished power, their whole convention possessed unusual interest, and its influence will live.

Young Men's Christian Association Day.

This convention, consisting of representatives from many of the Associations in the State of New Jersey, was held on Thursday July 17th. They had three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. Drake, Geistweit, Harris, Knowles, Yatman and Gwinnell, gave addresses. The various phases of the Young Men's work were fairly and fully discussed, and the meeting closed with new inspiration to do further and better work for God.



GEO. W. BAIN, Esq.

National Temperance Society.

This great society, which commenced its work this year on Wednesday, July 23d, is always welcome. Possessing, as it does, the prestige of a national name, and bringing to its platform men of national reputa-

tion, its discussions are always high-toned, broad and thorough. It never leaves a cause where it found it, but always moves it on to higher positions and more commanding influence. This was especially true this year. The addresses were cultured, impassioned, and like the currents of Niagara, resistless. Stearns, Steel, Poulson, Finch, Searls, Lawson, Price, Purdy and Mead, were all masters of their subjects. The sermon on legal Prohibition, by Dr. Vail of New York, on Sabbath morning, was fearless, timely, cultured, strong, while the addresses of Geo. W. Bain, of Kentucky, captivated all. The National Association is doing a great work in the temperance reform, and especially in its present efforts in the Southern States is worthy of the sympathy of all good men.

Memorial Day.

Wednesday, July 30th, was Memorial Day. Dr. Curry, editor of the *Methodist Quarterly Review*, occupied the morning hour, with a beautifully appropriate address, on the life and character of his friend, our late associate member, Rev. J. S. Inskip. The evening was taken up with brief, but tender and touching references to friends, who, during the year, had passed over into the sunny land of home and rest. Nothing can be more subduing, refining and elevating. Let us not forget the absent. Plant flowers where their bodies sleep. Forget their faults, if they had them and dwell upon their virtues. We shall meet them soon and enjoy them forever.

Ocean Grove Anniversary.

The Anniversary Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. D. Vail, of New York City, on Sabbath morning, July 27th. Referring to Ocean Grove, he said: "On an island in the midst of the great river of Egypt, they had built a metre, or measure, to indicate the rise of the water. When at the highest mark, prosperity was sure throughout the land. So he regarded Ocean Grove as a great *Nile-ometer*, pointing out the progress of vast religious enterprises all over the country. In the last fifteen years, how much it has done towards the dissemination of correct ideas and religious experiences. Here, men and women meet from every part of the globe, and from the influence of these Christian Associations go away with higher purposes to make the world purer and better."

The Anniversary proper, was held on Thursday, July 31st. The afternoon was devoted to the young people's services. After prayer by Rev. C. H. Woolston; Mrs. Rev. Wm. P. Corbit, daughters and son, sung quartettes, others solos, and all joined in general song. There was also instrumental music, songs, or recitations from the following: Fanny

Horton, Paul Woolston, Clinton Fogerty, Sumpter Beegle, Mabel Vaughn, Lizzie Beegle, Frank Knowles, Leon Tantum, Alida Patterson and Mollie Meeker. Master Ernest Osborne, son of Dr. E. S. Osborne, of India, greatly interested all, by his songs both in English and Hindoostanee, accompanying himself with the tambourine, and assisting his father with the cymbals. We have rarely, if ever had a more interesting young people's anniversary service. At the close it was stated, that while we had been accustomed on these occasions to unveil some anniversary monument, this year, we would take the *six Artesian fountains, already running*, for that monument. This announcement was hailed with applause.

At 7 P. M., the members of the Association met at Memorial Vase, Thompson Park, the spot where the first meeting was held 15 years ago, where songs were sung, prayers offered and brief addresses made; after which, all the company marched to the Tabernacle singing, we are "Marching to Zion." The prayer meeting which followed crowded the Tabernacle to its utmost, and devout earnestness prevailed. The testimonies were full of tender and grateful memories, of the good received and done at this place during the years of its history, with fervent expressions of earnest hope that it might always continue its restrictive policy, and career of usefulness. Thus closed one of our most interesting and satisfactory Anniversary Days.

Re-Union of Army Chaplains.

This enthusiastic re-union commenced on Friday morning, August 1st, and closed on Sabbath evening, August 3d. It was an intensely interesting occasion. George H. Stuart, Esq., the widely known and beloved President, and Rev. John O. Foster, the efficient Secretary, were present, full of exciting, yet tender memories. The exercises commenced at 10½ A. M., with a sermon of matchless beauty, and thrilling power, on *Broken Things*, by Rev. Dennis Osborne, D. D., of India. The great feature of the afternoon was the reception of the Grand Army of the Republic. Several posts of which under the command of Major John C. Patterson, of Ocean Grove, marched into the Auditorium with music and waving banners, while an audience of 5000 people, arose and welcomed them with cheers and waving handkerchiefs. Chaplain Proudfit made a gallant address, and the patriotic enthusiasm of this grand occasion rose to its loftiest heights, under the brilliant periods of an oration of Rev. A. J. Palmer, whose wit, pathos and overwhelming eloquence had a magnificent field, and never perhaps, was the speaker more successful in its occupancy. The ovation to General Grant on Saturday

afternoon, defies description. As he came upon the platform, leaning upon his crutches, supported by Geo. H. Stuart, and Rev. J. O. Foster, the vast audience arose, and with waving handkerchiefs, and enthusiastic cheers, gave him the warmest greetings of the heart. Then, after a loving address from George H. Stuart, and the eloquent tribute of Rev. A. J. Palmer, the General attempted to reply, but overwhelmed with emotion, his words faltered, and weeping, sat down in silence.

The reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bakes, corner of Pilgrim Pathway and Main Avenue, on Saturday night, was as richly enjoyed as it was appropriate and beautiful in all its appointments. The whole Sabbath was a benediction. Rev. Dr. J. Wheaton Smith, formerly of Beth Eden Baptist Church, Philadelphia, preached a touching and effective sermon, from James iv. 17. The addresses at the re-union surf meeting; the memorial service for Bishop Simpson; and the sermon of Dr. Stowe, of Chicago, were all of such a character as never to be forgotten. Then, all joining hands,

"Blest be the tie that binds,"

was sung with much tenderness, and amid the deepest feeling of brotherly kindness, the re-union closed.

Special Lectures.

There are so many persons here, at all times through the summer, that we find it necessary to occupy all the evenings with something entertaining and profitable, otherwise things objectionable might be resorted to, for passing away the time. Lectures are interesting and popular. The following, not included in addresses, partaking of the character of lectures, in connection with serial meetings, were given this summer :

Stereopticon Exhibition, with lecture by Prof. Corning, Wednesday evening, July 16th; *Lecture on Africa*, by Bishop Taylor, Monday evening, July 21st; *Lecture on John Calvin*, by Rev. Merrit Hulburd, Tuesday evening, July 22d; *Stereopticon Exhibition*, lecture by Prof. Corning, Tuesday evening, August 5th; *Lecture on Martin Luther*, by Rev. G. W. Miller, D. D., Wednesday evening, August 6th; *Lecture on Bedouin Life*, by Miss Von Finkelstein, Friday evening, August 8th; *Lecture on Rural Life in Palestine*, by Miss Von Finkelstein, Saturday evening, August 9th; *Five Lectures on Jerusalem*, at the Model, by Peter Von Finkelstein, who also aided his sister in her lectures on the 8th and 9th of August. *Lecture to Christian Workers*, by Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., Monday evening, September 8th; *Lecture on Ten Bible Evidences*, by Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., Tuesday evening, September 9th; *Lecture on the C. L. S. C.*, by Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, D. D., Thursday evening, September 11th, at which

time an Ocean Grove C. L. S. C. was formed, with the intention of making this a graduation centre, for those most convenient to it.

All the above were highly appreciated by large and attentive audiences, which always expressed their pleasure by a hearty vote of thanks.

National Convention of Methodist Episcopal Seminaries.

Representatives of a number of these institutions assembled at this place on Thursday, August 7th, and held meetings for business pertaining to their interests morning and afternoon in Association Hall, and in the evening a public meeting was held in the Tabernacle, at which there was a large attendance, and addresses were delivered by Dr. King, of Fort Edward; Prof. Blakeslee, of East Greenwich, R. I., and Dr. Whitney, of Hacketstown, N. J. The meeting was good and they resolved to come again next year.

Historical Day.

This was a new service at Ocean Grove. It was in the interests of the Historical Society of the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Intensely interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. R. J. Andrews, of Hightstown, N. J.; Rev. Dr. Atkinson, of Jersey City; Rev. Dr. Whitecar, of Camden, N. J.; Rev. A. Atwood, of Philadelphia and Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey. There was much interest in all the services and good was done.

Bible Readings.

Rev. Dr. Watson commenced his Bible Readings on Wednesday morning, August 13th, and continued, two each day, until Friday night. The Christian never wearies of the word of God. To him it is always fresh. Dr. Watson intensifies this interest. He selects his topic, then brings the whole Book to bear upon it, until a thousand passages flash with new light, and the whole hemisphere of truth is ablaze with glory. He enlightens, thrills, elevates, and the sincere cannot hear him without receiving help. Thousands will bless God to all eternity for the privilege of listening to his wonderful words, and benefited thereby, consecrate their lives anew to holy service.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

This society, which commenced its work on Saturday morning, August 16th, is always looked forward to with high anticipations, and never fails to awaken profound interest. This was especially so this year. Mrs. Dr. Stokes, the president, was aided in her work by Mrs. Bishop Harris,

Mrs. Dr. Butler and Mrs. Wm. B. Skidmore. The meetings on Saturday were participated in by Mrs. Bishop Harris, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Dr. Stokes, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Capt. Perry, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Boswell, Miss Von Finkelstein, Mrs. Dr. Osborne, of India; Dr. Osborne, Ernest Osborne, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Haggerty, Mrs. McKibben, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Sloat, Mrs. Skirm, Mrs. Dr. Lore, Rev. Bro. Gardener, of India, Miss Bancroft and others. The feeling was deep and the interest great all through.

On Sabbath morning the sky was bright, the air bland, and all hearts were in sympathy with the theme, *Salvation for a lost and ruined world*. The holiness and young people's meetings were given up to this subject. At 10.30, A. M., the auditorium was full to overflowing. Dr. Osborne, of India, was profoundly, Scripturally and indescribably eloquent throughout, from the words of Isaiah, *Beauty for Ashes*. He was like a commander walking the deck of the flag-ship, all heeding his commands, or Demosthenes addressing the multitudes, who were swayed like forests by the wind. Rarely have we seen a congregation so moved. When the collection was called for, nearly \$900 were placed in the baskets as they passed. In the afternoon the crowd was great, Mrs. Chandler and Dr. Osborne spoke, little Ernest sung, the tide of interest rose still higher, Dr. and Mrs. Osborne, with all their children, were made life members of the Society, and, in the midst of intense enthusiasm the meeting closed, with an aggregated amount in the collections of \$1614.09, which is largely in advance of any former year.

Annual Camp Meeting.

To this, all preparations point, and in it high expectations culminate. It is the magnet to which the needle of our thoughts turn the whole year round. It must never be secondary, but always primal. Like the sun, it must radiate light. Like a furnace, it must glow with heat. Like the rock, it must be unyielding. Like the mountain, it must tower. Like Sinai, it must blaze with law and like Calvary, it must beam with love. It must be a Moses to bring out of Egypt, and a Joshua to lead into the promised land. Like Jesus, the Camp Meeting must bring pardon, peace and blessedness to all. To do this requires our best faith, and our tireless works. It must have our most thorough plans, and noblest executions. The fire on this altar must never go out. Otherwise, gloom, darkness and despair will come, not only to us, but to many thousands more. The eyes of the world and Church are on us. Nay more, the eyes of angels and God Himself are on us also. We must meet the demands of all. Here

the people come in countless thousands. They expect high achievements and grand results. If expectations are not met, everything flags. The issues of a Camp Meeting are eternally glorious, or eternally terrible. It is a battle where Christ conquers or hell triumphs. Hence our solicitude.

The time appointed this year, was Tuesday, August 19th, to Friday, August 29th. The first day we spent ten consecutive hours in prayer. We needed the underguiding of Omnipotence, and knew no other way to get it. We asked of God. He heard and answered. At night, 1500 people renewed their consecration at the communion rail. On Wednesday morning, all the leaders were ready to commence their work. Consecration meeting at 5.45 A. M., Rev. R. J. Andrews; at 6.45 A. M., family prayers at the Auditorium; Helping Hand meeting, in tent on Ocean Pathway; Holiness and Young People's meeting at 9 A. M.; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's at 1.30 P. M.; Children's meeting at 2; Mother's meeting at 2; Twilight meeting at 6.30 P. M. All these were daily, with preaching at 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M.



REV. WM. TAYLOR, D. D., Bishop of Africa.

On Wednesday morning, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Taylor, D. D., Bishop of Africa, from Acts ix. 10, 11. His great stalwart form, his fearless independence, his profound consciousness of right, his rugged utterances of truth, wonderfully baptized by the Holy Ghost, secured for him ready access to the hearts of all, and his words fell like the blows of a Hercules. They were great bugle blasts of war, and from that hour the battle waged. Sin must be dethroned and Christ must reign. Every sermon that followed helped on to conquest. Sabbath the 24th, was a day of triumph. The Love Feast at 9 A. M., was a gust of glory. The sermon of Dr. Tiffany at 10.30, on the elevation of Christ,

was one of sweeping eloquence and drew all hearts to the Son of God. There were also meetings at the same hour in the Tabernacle, Temple, Tent and at Ross' and Lillagore's bathing grounds. Eight or ten thousand people listened to the Word of God that morning. In the afternoon, Sabbath School, Bible Class, Sermon of Rev. G. L. Taylor, D. D., wholly martial in its character,—everything turned in the line of immediate surrender to the Prince of Peace. The surf meeting was on Salvation, and the evening sermon, by Dr. Poulson, of Baltimore, like shrill trumpet peals, pierced even the leaden ears of death, and men awakening from their slumbers listened to the voice of God. Not less than 20,000 people heard the word of God upon these grounds that day.

On Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, we gathered for the final service. This is always touching, tender and solemn. The struggle over, the white-winged dove of peace hovers above all, and the quiet is blessed as the calm on Galilee. When shall we meet again? Never! Before next year, many will be gone. Even in the eternal day, and before the great white throne, some will be missing. In the stillness of this hour our minds are thoughtful, and our souls subdued. Our hearts are prepared for Holy Communion. It is the Lord's Table. His people are here. There is no distinction. All ages, sex, denominations, *welcome!* So it will be in heaven,

“Where the Saints of all ages in harmony meet.”

Twenty-eight of the lambs of the flock, were then dedicated to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in Holy baptism, after which, one hundred ministers administered the Holy Supper to nineteen hundred communicants. During this service, one table was filled with the children, precious jewels, who had found the Saviour during the progress of the meeting. At this sight, eyes filled with tears, hearts were touched, and all resolved to be truer, tenderer and better. What a holy hush! God is in the midst of His people. Let us adore.

The President then addressed a few parting words to the assembled thousands, thanking all who had helped in these ten days of holy effort to promote the Master's cause, and urging all to better lives. Then, after announcing the aggregated results of the meetings held, in the midst of breathless silence, said: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” the bell striking after each name, “I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for 1884, 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. Amen.” Then, as the morning was wet, and we could not march around the ground as usual, all were requested to shake hands, and bid each other an affectionate farewell. The scene which followed beggars all description, and

so amid tears, songs and exultant joy, the great congregation slowly and thoughtfully dispersed.

At the close of the meeting, the following telegrams were read :

Clifton House, Niagara Falls, August 29th, 1884.

TO REV. E. H. STOKES, D. D.

International Camp Meeting, Niagara Falls, to Ocean Grove Camp Meeting. Greeting: Grace, Mercy and Peace unto you all. Amen. Salvation fires burning brightly in sight of the great cataract. Hallelujah."

I. SIMMONS, WM. TAYLOR,
WM. B. OSBORN, GEO. HUGHES,
J. R. DANIELS.

Immediately, the wires flashed back the following reply :

Ocean Grove, N. J., August 29th, 1884.

TO THE INTERNATIONAL CAMP MEETING, NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA.

Ocean Grove greets you. May you prosper. Over four hundred souls converted here, and five thousand wonderfully blest. "Cry out and shout thou inhabitant of Sion, for great is the Holy One of Israel, in the midst of thee."

E. H. STOKES.

Recapitulation.

I have thus particularized our religious work for the summer months, but you do not get the full idea of its magnitude, unless I am still more definite, which I shall be, in the following summary: There have been during the season, Addresses, 574; Memorial Services, 7; Original Poems, 3; Young People's Meetings, 62; Holiness Meetings, 75; Sermons, 59; Sabbath School Sessions, including three divisions, primary, intermediate and Bible Class, 10; Surf Meetings, 10; Children's Meetings, 9; Bible Readings, 7; Special Experience Meetings, 19; Women's Temperance Union, 13; Love Feasts, 3; Service of Song, 3; Twilight Meetings, 11; Stereopticon Exhibitions, 2; Lectures, 11; National Temperance Convention Meetings, 14; New York Conference Temperance Meetings, 4; Chaplain Re-unions, 9; Family Devotions, 27; Young Men's Christian Association Meetings, 3; Elizabeth, N. J., Young People's Day, 1; National Convention Methodist Seminaries, 1; Methodist Episcopal Historical Day, 3; Fourth of July Celebration, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary, 1; Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Lord's Supper, 2; Consecration

Meetings, 11; Helping Hand, 14; Mrs. Smith's, 8; Mothers' Meetings, 7; Revival Meetings, immediately following the Camp Meetings, 5. Total number of Meetings, 419; add to these, all the Addresses, Sermons, &c., and we have a grand total of *nine hundred and ninety-four*, as the result of our summer services.

What have all these agencies accomplished? God alone can answer this question. Nothing less than Omniscience can look down into the human spirit—into all human spirits, and unfold what has been wrought therein. We see the surface only, eternity will reveal the rest.

We report the visible results as far as we have been able to glean them: *Converted*—Young People's Meeting, 206; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, 20; Consecration Meeting, 12; Helping Hand, 21; Children's Meeting, 100; Mother's Meeting, 4; Twilight Meeting, 13; Auditorium, 70. Total, 446. *Reclaimed*—Young People's Meeting, 40; Mrs. Smith's, 10; Consecration Meeting, 20; Helping Hand, 32; Mother's Meeting, 7; Twilight Meeting, 20. Total, 129. *Sanctified*—Young People's Meeting, 5; Holiness Meeting, 75; Helping Hand, 88; Mrs. Smith's, 75; Consecration, 50; Mother's Meeting, 23; Twilight Meeting, 2; Auditorium, 75. Total, 393. *Quickened and Specially Helped*—Young People's Meeting, 500; Mrs. Smith's, 450; Consecration Meeting, 500; Helping Hand, 105; Mother's Meeting, 57; Twilight Meeting, 250; Auditorium, 2000. Total, 4062. Grand total, 5030. But, grand as this total is, I am well assured, that it is only as the ripples produced by the wind passing over the surface of the waters, while the wonderful things which lie in the depths below, are hidden from our eyes. The influences which are set in motion by our summer meetings are wide-spread as the continent, and go even beyond the seas, while they are deep as the profoundest depths of the human spirit, and will be lasting as the soul itself.

Sometimes we get discouraged with the difficulties of our work. Steep, rough and jagged mountains rise to obstruct our path. We see no way round or over them, but before our Zerubbabel, mountains become plains, a way to success and even triumph is strangely opened, God smiles upon our work, we see the Salvation of multitudes, and while angels and the spirits of just men made perfect, rejoice, we too, transported with the blessed fact that men are saved, forget our toils, and strengthened by success joyfully go on to higher achievements still. This is our providential work. We must not falter.

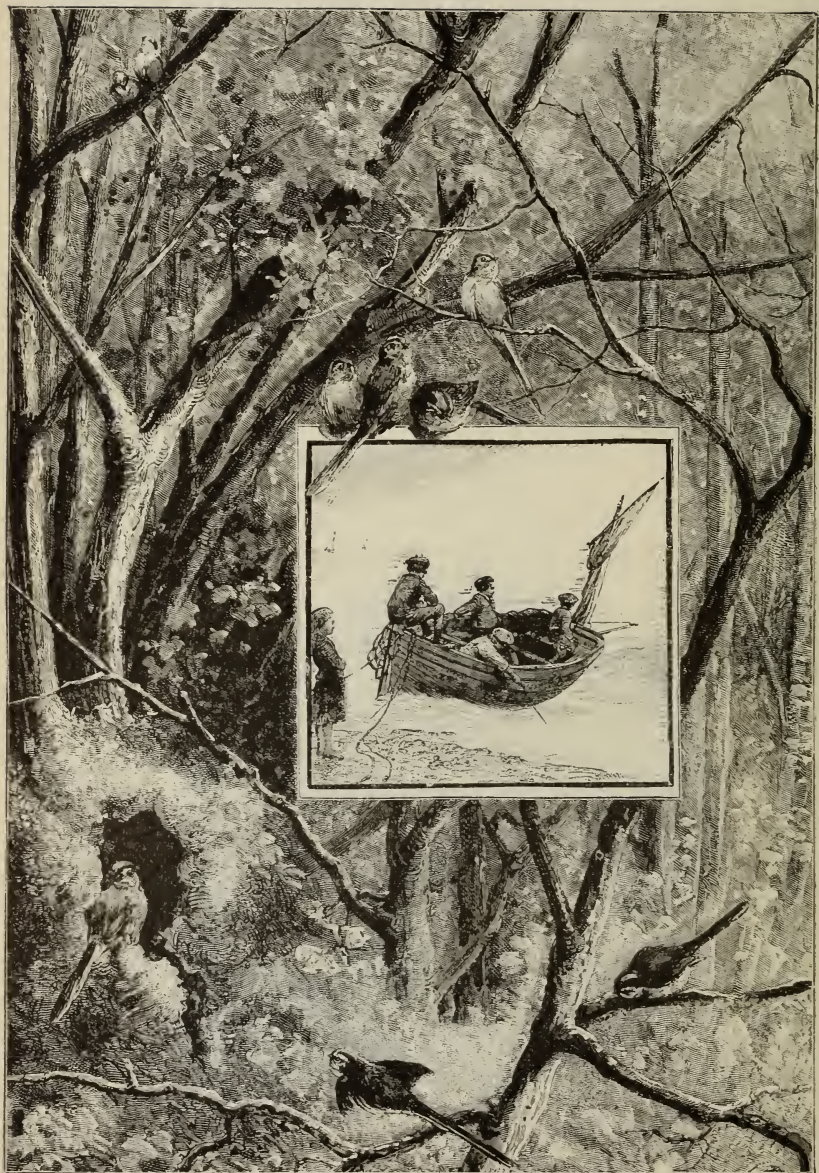
"Tis not enough to save our souls,
To shun eternal fires;
The thought of God will rouse the heart,
To more sublime desires."

There are no desires so sublime as those which lead to the Salvation of souls, and every soul saved intensifies the desire for greater numbers still. Our years lessen. The time for labor shortens. May our faith, and hope and love and joy increase. Labors also increase, but, if our souls are filled with faith and hope and love and joy, and the brighter, because divine visions of God, then, that labor will be rest, and even sorrow, blossoming out into holiest joy, will make the evening of our lives the most cheerful, blessed and useful of all our day. While Ocean Grove is our divine allotment, may it also be the scene of our highest spiritual achievements. Encouraged by the success of the past, we joyfully commit you to God for another year. Toil on, hope on, heaven is not far off, and rest will be eternal. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you all, and forever. Amen.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, OCT. 14TH, 1884.





GROVE AND SEA.

❖ Multitudes by the Sea. ❖

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OF THE


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Though all through the midnight sky,
Wailing tempests sweep:
Watched by the All Seeing Eye,
Hovering birds may sleep.—E. H. S.

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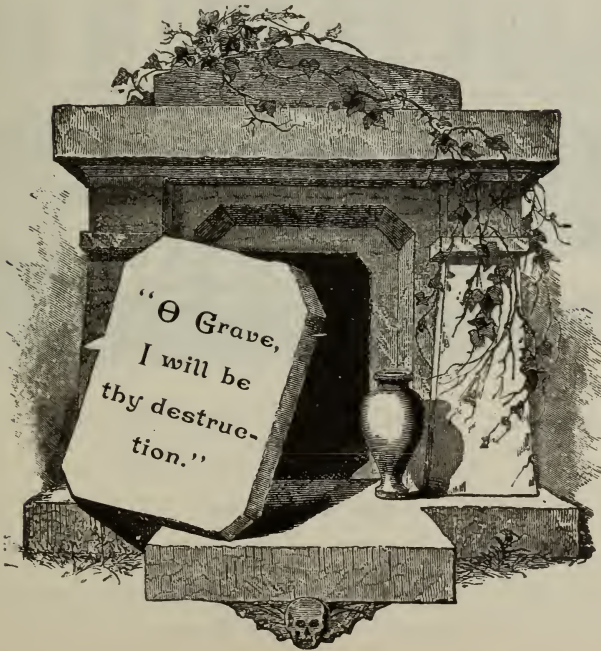
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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,
And prayed,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



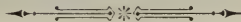


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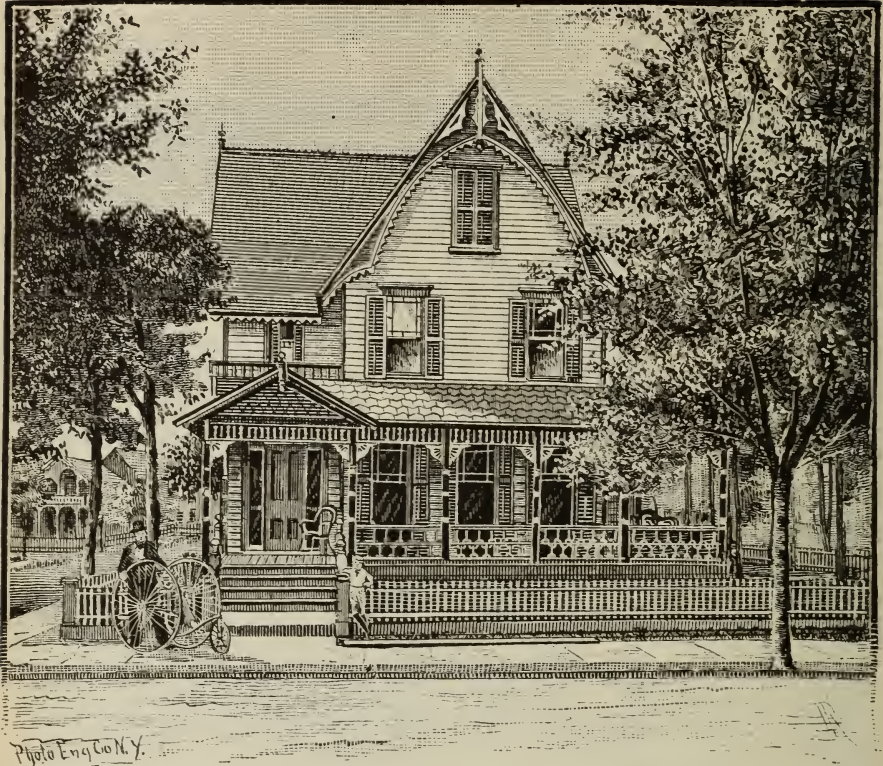


TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren:

Again I offer to you my Christian salutations, and greet you in the name of the Lord. After the cares and toils of another year, it is a real joy thus to grasp each other's hands. God has been good to us, in that the lives and health of all have been mercifully preserved, and the families of most have been untouched by death. In the instances where it has been otherwise, we extend our tenderest sympathies, and rejoice to know that in hours of darkness God has been a Sun and Shield. As the years roll on our work extends. In the beginning, an insignificant fountain, hidden away from the world's gaze; now, a broadened and deepening stream, rolling onward to the sea. Then, its cares and responsibilities were comparatively few and light. Now, they are numerous and heavy. But, the divine assurance is, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." This we have realized in the past, and believe we shall find equally true in the future. We are engaged in a work not our own, but for God, and therefore look to Him with confidence for help.

The aggressive movements of the past year have been extensive and costly. But the work, though heavy, was imperative and is permanent,



EVANS COTTAGE.

Residence of GEO. W. EVANS, Esq., S. E. corner Main and New Jersey Avenues.

while in some instances it has already proved remunerative, and in other cases will very soon. I proceed to enumerate the most important

Improvements of the Year.

Main Avenue, outside of the gates, and as far down as Whitefield Avenue, needed repairs, and 600 bushels of oyster shells were placed upon it, by which it is greatly improved. About 150 two-horse loads of clay were placed on other avenues, to fill up holes caused by storm-washes and wear.

Ocean Pathway has been thoroughly reconstructed. Five thousand four hundred and fifty-two cubic yards of earth were taken from the south side of the margin of Wesley Lake, and placed upon it to bring it up to a proper and regular grade. Ten feet were added to the side-walks, and 542 cubic yards of soil placed on the top, the whole flagged, curbed and

spaces on the side-walks, not covered with stone, sodded—the Parks in front sown with oats and grass-seeds, with flower mounds in the centres; concrete, or asphaltum walk, 20 feet wide, through the middle and at the ends on both sides of the crossing avenues—the whole at a cost of over \$4000, which expense has been met, excepting the concrete walks through the centre, by the lot-holders on the Pathway, whose property has been improved by the work vastly more than the outlay involved.

We have curbed Pilgrim Pathway with stone from Pitman Avenue, northward, 620 lineal feet, at our own expense.

Sluice Ways.

Our sluice ways, for surface drainage, need constant attention. Repairs have been made on these, at Broadway, Beach and Fletcher Avenues.

Sewerage.

The first great work in this connection was the construction of the iron pipe outlet to the sea, 300 feet beyond low-water mark, at a cost of \$3500, which we are assured will be permanent, and works to perfection.

We have added, during the year, 8170 feet of sewer pipe, including all sizes, and 104 new connections with seven mains, making a grand total of sewer connections 308; and of sewer pipes laid, *nine miles*, less 820 feet, all of which work well.

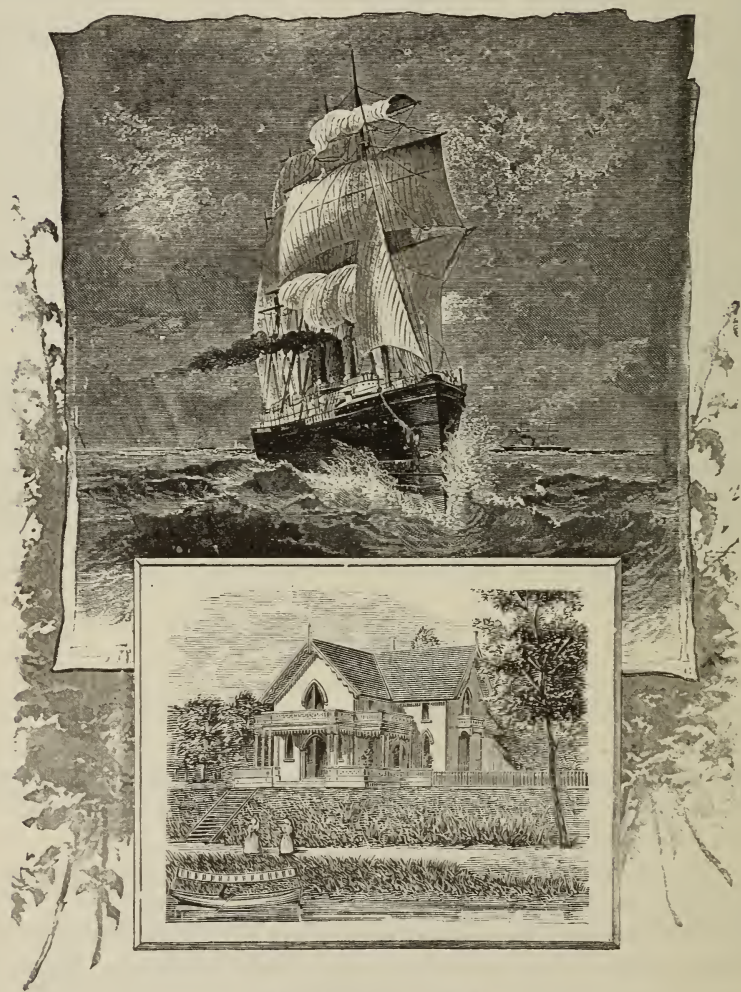
Buildings.

We have improved the Young People's Temple by adding more than double its former seating capacity, and re-seating it with chairs, whole cost, \$1320; all of which, excepting \$500 appropriated, by the Association, at its last annual meeting was raised and paid by the young people of Ocean Grove. The Auditorium has been repainted at a cost of about \$350, a much needed improvement.

A cover, in the form of a pavilion, has been placed over the Jerusalem Model, at a cost of \$650; also a concrete walk laid around it.

The Ice House has been relined, using about 10,000 feet of lumber, and two gables placed on the west side, costing about \$40 each, to enable us to get in a larger quantity of ice. The Pavilion at foot of Ocean Pathway has been repaired,—steps lengthened on each side, to enable persons to reach the beach. Repaired steps on Wesley Lake, and two new flights put in. Removed Board Walk from the bluff along Wesley Lake, from Beach Avenue to Ross's, and placed it below on the margin of the lake, and so repaired it that it is as good as new. Built bulk-head at Ross's 100 feet long, supported by oak piling 4 feet long. Built bulk-head of

oak on Wesley Lake, 600 feet long, from Pilgrim Pathway to Beach Avenue. Built bulk-head of oak at head of Wesley Lake, 378 feet long, piles 4 feet long, all greatly needed improvements.



COTTAGE BY THE SEA.

There has also been an addition to Quinn's Ice Cream Saloon, on Main Avenue, $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 30 feet, with other improvements, at a cost of \$165.

We have built 42 portable kitchen tables for tents, costing 80 cents each, total \$33.60. Also 42 kitchens, two rooms, with floors and frames in front for tents, with canvas coverings and flies, each having stove, and

one set of cottage furniture, all fenced in, with water, and closet accommodations, graded and sodded all round; cost complete, in round numbers, about \$10,000. All rented last season and mostly engaged for next.

Pridham's store has been repaired at a cost of \$25, and a new roof on Bakery at Olin and Pilgrim Pathway, at a cost of \$30. Furgerson's Market enlarged at a cost of \$125, with an advanced rental by him.

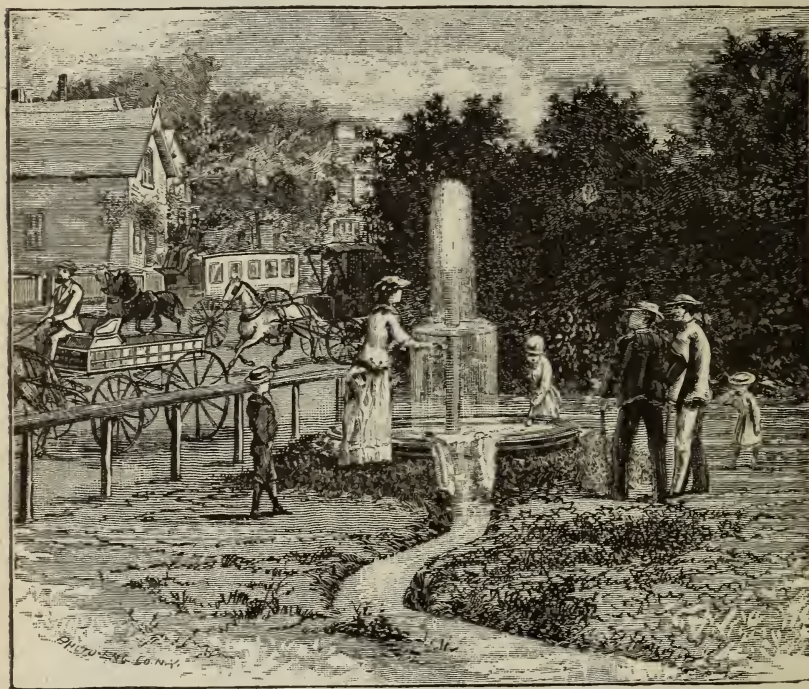
Iron Fence Along the Turnpike.

A new fence has been constructed along the Turnpike south of Broadway, to our line, south of Fletcher Lake, of cedar posts and gas pipe, 1568 feet; cost of material and work, \$284. The same is needed on the west side of the turnpike, from our north line to the Ice House. A corresponding fence, 204 feet, has been put up by us from Stout's to Watson's lines, along the turnpike, at the expense of the lot-holders there, making a total of substantial and uniform fence along the turnpike of 1772 feet.

Artesian Water.

We have at the present time, three Artesian Wells. One at the Ice House, the first sunk, which has been yielding an undiminished flow of 50 gallons per minute for more than two years; one at the south-east corner of Broadway and Central Avenue, costing \$617.00, flowing about 40 gallons per minute; and one on the south side of Broadway, about 100 feet east of Pennsylvania Avenue, costing \$611.00, flowing about 30 gallons per minute, making an aggregate spontaneous flow of 120 gallons per minute. We have also erected in Thompson Park a large iron tank or reservoir, 35 feet in diameter and 15 feet high, standing on a brick cemented foundation 6 feet high, total height 21 feet, holding 100,000 gallons, for the purpose of storing the nightly flow of water which otherwise would run to waste, for use on the following day. Total cost of tank and foundation, about \$2300. The water in this tank has risen by spontaneous flow to the height of nine feet, which, including the height of foundation, makes an actual rise of 15 feet, thus creating a head sufficient for supplying the steam engine in case of fire, or to supply any overdraft by consumers on the following day. The steam engine was applied to this tank a few days ago, and after drawing on it with a full head of steam for 20 minutes, was found by actual measurement to have lowered the volume of water only three-fourths of an inch. If, therefore, there should be eight or nine feet of water in the tank in case of fire, it would supply the engine for a sufficient length of time to extinguish any ordinary or even extraordinary conflagration.

In carrying out the construction of our water system we laid the first year 3100 feet of 4-inch pipe, 1,500 feet of 6-inch, 2200 feet of 2-inch, 830 feet of 1½-inch; total, first year, 7630 feet. This year, 4080 feet of 6-inch pipe, 2970 feet of 4-inch, 1260 feet of 1¾-inch, 1530 feet of 1¼-inch; total, past year, 10,140 feet. Grand total, in two years, 17,773 feet, or three miles and nearly one-half of water pipe of different sizes, all of which are



ARTESIAN WELL.

in good working condition. We have now 59 connections with our pipes or water system, 44 since our last annual meeting, and numerous others waiting to connect.

We have just finished boring a fourth artesian well at the head of Wesley Lake, jointly with Asbury Park, at a cost of a little over \$600. The object of this well is to improve the character of the waters of Wesley Lake, and the expense is met jointly by the Commissioners of Asbury Park and the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, from the proceeds of licenses for boats on said lake.



Tree Planting Day.

This is always an interesting occasion. It took place this year, Wednesday, April 15th, and though the day was stormy, was carried out with usual success. Two hundred and fifty trees were planted; 152 by and for the Association, and 98 by us for private parties. Among the interesting features of the day, was the setting out of four trees at the head of Ocean Pathway, on Pilgrim Pathway, between Young People's Temple and Jerusalem Model, by, for, and in the name of the Ocean Grove C. L. S. C., for Classes of 1885-6-7-8. Others were planted in the name and to the memory of departed friends. I earnestly commend this beautiful custom to the attention of our people. By planting and caring for the growth of a tree, we are doing a work for which posterity may well be thankful; while at the same time, the annual return of foliage will not only screen the passer-by from the scorching rays of the sun, but keep green our own memories also. While I plead for the annual planting of trees, to take the place of those which in the nature of things must die, I also plead for their proper care and attention after being planted. Children and even horses should be taught, and compelled to pay proper respect to one of the most beautiful departments of God's magnificent creation—the TREES!

Flowers.

Mr. Fred. Ingersoll, for several years past, our conscientious and faithful florist, having been compelled by varied infirmities to retire from our service, we have employed in his place, Mr. W. L. Vunck, who, young,

earnest and enthusiastic in his profession, has commenced preparations for next year's trade on an enlarged scale, and as we believe, with flattering prospects of greatly increased returns. This department of our beautiful work at this place has increased each year since its inauguration, and last year just about met expenses. Next year we hope for some remuneration.



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

Private Improvements.

The private improvements of the year have been considerable. These, running parallel to, and harmoniously with the public improvements, must, at no distant date, make this one of the most beautiful and healthful resorts on the Atlantic coast. In all these, the Association asks the sympathies and help of all our property-holders, to make the place all that could be desired. Hitherto, we have had but little cause of complaint in this direction, and we feel greatly encouraged by enlarged and still heartier manifestations of co-operation during the past year. Marked and very prominent instances of this are found in their willingness to unite in the improvement of Ocean Pathway, and the walk on the margin of Wesley Lake. If at any time there should seem to be an unwillingness on the part of the Association to grant all that private parties might desire in making their improvements, it is simply and alone for the sake of preserving principles, which if not adhered to in a single case, might

be pleaded as a precedent for doing that, which if generally allowed, would prove greatly to the detriment of all. The Association in its management has nothing *else in view but the public good.*

About 2000 lineal feet of stone curbing have been set, and 5500 square feet of flagging laid by private parties during the year. Concrete, or asphaltum walks have been laid by the owners—in front of the Jackson House, Captain Rainear's, Geo. Kellog's, Mr. Emory's, Dr. Wythe's, Mr. Lee's, Mrs. Rogers', Rev. A. Palmer's and Mr. Johnson's. The same has been done on both sides of Broadway from Central to Pilgrim Pathway, the owners of the property paying the cost for laying it in front of their own lots. These statements also apply, as already mentioned, to the walk on Wesley Lake. There are few things now more important for owners of private properties, both for their own comfort and the public good, each individual property owner being a part of the public, than to curb their lots with stone, and make permanent side-walks with stone flagging or concrete.

A number of private cottages have been greatly improved during the year; particularly Mr. C. C. Clayton's, Geo. W. Evans' and Rev. A. E. Ballard's, all on Main Avenue, greatly adding to the beauty of that already beautiful thoroughfare. Day Bros. have improved their property at a cost of about \$500, and the Bazar, next to Association office has had some additions made to it. Mr. Ross extended his bathing accommodations, and introduced incandescent lights. Mr. Lillagore improved his bath houses and restaurant accommodations at a cost of about \$1275.

The total number of cottages last year was 831; this year 848. Increase, 17. Total number of large boarding houses, last year, 69; this year, 70. Increase, 1. Total number of cottages and boarding houses, 935. The present prospect, is, that there will be a healthy growth of new cottages the coming year, and also, large and valuable improvements made to old ones.

The Fire Department.

It is with profound gratitude that we record our exemption from loss of property by fire throughout the year. There have been destructive fires among our neighbors in Asbury Park during the same period, at which, we are glad to say, our company rendered efficient aid. The cost of the department for fuel, repairs, &c., for the year has been \$203.30, borne by the Association, and the company has received \$85 from honorary members to assist them in other expenses. We are glad to know that our company keeps up its organization, and is most efficient in its work, and that the interest of the members is keenly alive to whatever will promote the public good. We gladly make this public acknowledgment of the

wisdom of their plans, and the energy with which they execute them. Their efficiency is such as to make it highly desirable to place in their hands the very best machinery with which to carry on their work. The cost of doing this might be more than saved at a single fire. I commend these facts to the best thoughts of the Association and the public; especially in view of the fact, that the present engine, because of wear, is not always



PIONEER COTTAGE—ASBURY AVENUE, NEAR WESLEY PLACE.

Built June, 1870, by H. Y. LAZEAR, Esq., then of Warsaw, N. Y., now of Chicago, Ill.

reliable, and must at no distant date, be thoroughly repaired, replaced or supplemented by a new one.

Water Wagons.

For the first time we have this year charged for sprinkling streets. Hitherto, we have bestowed this service on certain thoroughfares without cost to those who have been especially benefited. Some, thereby complained because they were not equally favored. This, together with the more important fact, that our expenses in other directions were so heavy that we could no longer perform the work without compensation, caused us to charge this year. The tax on each property holder was about the same as charged in all our towns and cities. The amount collected was

\$300; and the cost for the work, not including the supply of water, or wear and tear of wagons and harness, was \$309. The well in the Association cellar, which supplies the water for that purpose, has been deepened and yields a better supply.

Ice.

For several years past our ice, which is of the very best quality, has been imported from White Haven, Pa. The distance being so great, the expense of transportation is such that the profits, after deducting cost of delivery, are greatly reduced, and not to be relied upon as a large source of income with which to carry on our other work. Last year we laid in over 2000 tons, which, after serving our people during the season, leaves us with nearly 800 tons for next year's consumption.

The Ice House was newly lined this year, which with some other minor repairs places it in good condition.

Parks.

Our Parks very slowly, but gradually improve. A few hundred dollars spent upon them annually would in a few years bring them up to be what we all desire. Thompson Park is a great thoroughfare, and greatly needs to be placed in better condition. So it is with most of them. We greatly hope the time is not distant when funds will allow all to receive that attention which they require.

Pavilions.

Since the erection of the pavilion over the Jerusalem Model, we have eleven. They are generally in fair condition. The one at the foot of Ocean Pathway suffered somewhat during the winter by the storms and sea-wash, and had to be repaired. Otherwise they remain as they were.

The Lakes.

Wesley Lake was never in so good condition. The work done at the head, both on the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park sides, in the way of curbing with oak plank, greatly improved that part, and we have done the same from Beach Avenue down to Ross's bathing houses, which has greatly helped it there. Added to this is the concrete or asphaltum walk on our side, in place of the old plank foot-way, which was very unsafe to walk on. Then, too, what we believe will greatly improve its waters, is the constant pouring in of a stream from the Artesian well, which though not so large as we had hoped, will nevertheless thoroughly change its character.

The flume opened through the low grounds west of the railroad and back of West Asbury Park, may have been of some benefit, but is not what we expected.

Fletcher Lake remains substantially as last year. The order on both lakes, considering the great numbers using them, is good. Our Sabbath regulations are well observed on both. The number of boats on Wesley Lake, 373; ferry boats, 8. The number of boats on Fletcher Lake, 170; ferry boats, 2. Total number of boats on both lakes, 553.



Tents.

Our tent work and accommodations are important and expensive. Our improvements in this line, at the Bethany Block, near Jerusalem Model, and at the Bethesda Block, near Ross' bathing grounds, are permanent, if we may use this word in connection with structures in the nature of things so frail, and with care, will last for a number of years. To these and our other tents, which we urge may be made as permanent as possible, we must look for considerable income to carry on our work. The more permanent, convenient, and attractive we can make all our tents, the more popular they will be, and will add to, rather than detract from, the picturesqueness of our grounds. The whole number, including private tents, during the summer, was 535. Such is the demand for these canvas homes during the season, that those who contemplate their occupancy next year, will do well to send their orders early.

Jerusalem Model.

I have already informed you of the pavilion built over this, and of its cost. It has been a great convenience and comfort to those who wish to spend some time in studying the city, and also protects it from injury by rain and sun. Both innocent and instructive, it is one of the many attractions on our grounds. The profits on the sale of the little pamphlets which describe it will fully keep it in repair.

Police.

This is an important arm of our management. It moves quietly among us, but does its work. Without it, we should not have the order we enjoy. Our people generally are order-loving and quiet. This is why they come. But among so many, there will always be a few, who, from ignorance, or for amusement, if from no worse causes, will violate order to see the result. These must be watched, informed, reprov'd, sent off or arrested. To do this, men must be all over our grounds. Their largest work is to keep off improper persons, and to abate all manner of nuisances. The number employed during the past season was about the same as in past years. Their best commendation is, that general good order was maintained.

Business Licenses.

The following business licenses were granted during the year :

Produce Dealers,	27
Groceries,	6
Expressmen,	6
Baggage,	6
Stages,	27
Oysters and Clams,	2
Fish,	10
Hacks,	45
Butchers,	8
Coal and Wood,	4
Boats on Wesley Lake,	43
" Fletcher Lake,	6
Total,	<hr/> 190

Railroads.

The Pennsylvania, and also the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies, have conducted their business without interruption, safely, and to the public convenience and satisfaction during the year. It is no small commendation to say, that amongst all the vast multitudes arriving

at, or departing from this station during the summer months, no accident worthy of mention has occurred. For this we should be thankful. The following statement, obtained from reliable sources, will show the state of things at the Ocean Grove and Asbury Park Depot, during July, August and September, 1885:

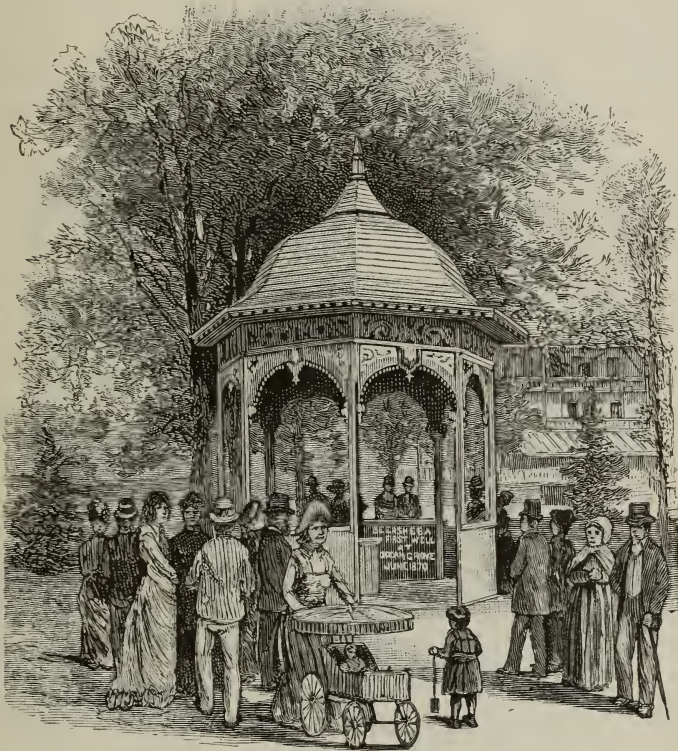
Largest number of Passenger Trains in one day,	104
Regular daily Excursion Trains during July, August and part of September,	65
Special Excursions during Season,	103
Special Excursionists, July, August and September,	33,841
Largest sale of Tickets in one day,	\$2,000.00
Ticket sales during the month of August,	\$29,400.00
Total pieces of Baggage checked during Season,	71,500
Highest number in one day,	2,227
Pieces of Baggage not checked, (Season),	4,000
Total number of persons employed at Railroad Station during July and August,	15
Number of persons arriving during July, August and September,	603,000

If upon comparison, it shall be found, that some of the figures given above fall somewhat below those of last year, it will be accounted for in the fact that last year, the business of June, July, August and September was given. This year June is left out, and July, August and in some items, part of September only, enumerated. In this connection it becomes my duty to state to you, that the lot of ground lying opposite the head of Fletcher Lake, between the turnpike and railroad, leased two years ago to the New York and Long Branch Railroad, for a term of ninety-nine years for one dollar per annum; on condition of their locating a depot thereon in one year from the date of said lease, and said condition not having been complied with, the property, by terms of said lease, reverts to the Association.

Elim Cottage.

It is a real joy to be able to report Elim Cottage a continued success. Not a success, however, in the way of money-making, for this was not the object of its establishment; and never has been its aim. It simply proposes, in an unostentatious way, to accommodate at the least possible expense, a class of persons who, but for some such place, could not enjoy their summer by the sea. This, Elim enables them to do, quietly, pleasantly and profitably. During the past year a number of valuable improvements have been made, not the least of which, is the introduction of Artesian water. There were 150 guests entertained during the season.

Of these, 64 were ministers, 20 the wives of ministers; 4 missionaries, 2 of them from Japan, and 10 students. Denominationally, there were Methodists, 127; Presbyterians, 9; Baptists, 5; Reformed, 5; Episcopalians, 3; United Presbyterian, 1. Total, 150. There were from New Jersey, 50; New York, 39; Pennsylvania, 38; Delaware, 6; Vermont, 2;



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Massachusetts, 2; Connecticut, 2; Maryland, 1; Japan, 6, and 4 whose localities were not given. Total, 150.

Although from so many different points, and so various in their Church relations, yet the most delightful harmony prevailed, and all were happy. It is simply a Christian family, each enjoying the fullest liberty, and all one in Christ. Mrs. Badeau is still the matron, and increases in popular favor every year.

During the past year, some of the most valuable contributors to the Elim Cottage Association have passed to their eternal reward. The ladies

in the management feel their loss heavily, and will be glad to enroll among their supporters, those who will take their places.

Mrs. Rev. A. Cookman, of Philadelphia, is still President, and Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, of Ocean Grove, Secretary, either of whom, or any of the Managers, will be glad to receive donations in its aid.



ORIGINAL ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
FACING TURNPIKE, NEAR THE GATES, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

For so young an organization this society has had quite a varying history, having occupied in the short period of twelve or thirteen years, at least four different places of worship. It gives me great pleasure, however, to be able to state, that at last they have entered what promises to be a permanent abode. A much more than ordinarily beautiful edifice has been erected on *Park Square*, between Embury and Webb, and New York and Pennsylvania Avenues, occupying the whole block, and probably sufficient to accommodate the society for many years to come. The cost, not estimating ground which was donated by the Association,



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

PARK SQUARE, OCEAN GROVE, N. J. ERECTED A. D. 1885.

including furniture and all its surroundings is not far if any, short of *seventeen thousand dollars*, and is considered cheap. The lecture-room was first opened for religious service, on the last Sabbath of May, 1885; the President of the Ocean Grove Association preaching the sermon from Isaiah xl. 30, 31. The audience room was first occupied by the congregation on the last Sabbath of June, 1885; Rev. James M. King, D. D.,

of New York city, preaching the dedicatory sermon from John i. 4. The amount contributed in cash and by subscription during the day, was about \$4400; leaving an indebtedness unprovided for, of only \$1600. The whole enterprise reflects great credit upon the architect, building com-



WESLEY LAKE.

THE SEA.

SYLVANDALE COTTAGE.

mittee, contractors, the society and friends generally; and while the church is much encouraged by this very desirable consummation, the field of usefulness for St. Paul's is thereby, greatly enlarged. The Rev. J. B. Westcott is still the pastor, and with the affections of his people is doing a good work.

Park Heights Seminary.

I should feel my report was sadly incomplete did I not mention with special favor this deserving institution. Nothing could be more congenial to our feelings and best judgment, than the permanence and success of such an interest in our midst. Religion and education go hand in hand. Other things being equal, they make the best Christians who are best educated, and those most highly educated are not thorough unless the heart as well as the intellect is reached.

Miss Rice's institution encircles both, and I take the greatest pleasure in commending her ability and faithfulness to our friends.



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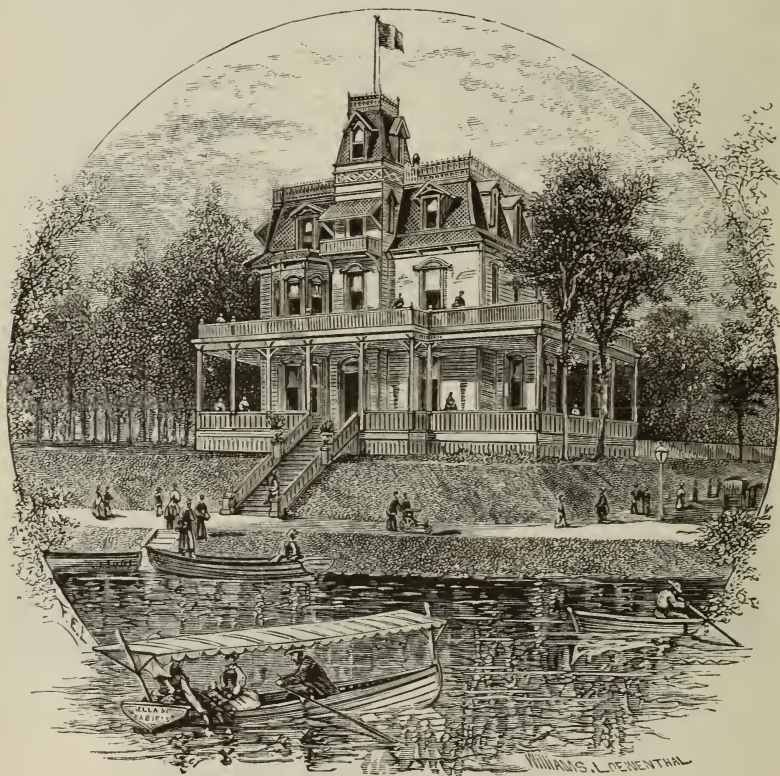
Ocean Grove Literature.

The press has its place close by the pulpit, and both are powers. We would not divorce them. We, however, are not a publishing institution, but simply use the press as an adjunct to our work. It has always been of value.

The *Ocean Grove Record*, while it is not in any official sense our organ, and while we have no pecuniary investments in it, but is in all respects the personal property of its editor, Rev. Dr. Wallace, who alone shares its financial profits or losses: nevertheless, we as an Association, feel a great interest in its success, and are always gratified with its prosperity. It is published weekly, and its Autumnal and Winter visits serve to keep

alive Summer memories of this place in hundreds of homes and thousands of hearts. It always deserved a better patronage than it has, and I trust the time is fast approaching when its circulation shall be equal to its merits. I commend it to our people.

The only permanent publication of the Association, as such, is the Annual Report of its President. This was issued last year under the



SANDERS COTTAGE—LAKE AVENUE NEAR WHITFIELD.

general title of "*Encouragements by the Sea*," in a neat pamphlet of 56 pages, with 27 illustrations, besides pictorial cover. The object is to make its matter readable, and its general appearance attractive, so that it may the more readily convey the facts of our work and history to our friends. It is sent yearly to each lot-holder, free of cost, and is generally appreciated.

There never was, perhaps, more published concerning Ocean Grove and its work than during the past season. Correspondents were unprecedentedly numerous, and generally fair. Some, pre-eminently eulogistic. Still,

there are always those whose mission is to criticize and condemn. For the first we are thankful; with the last we will be patient, and earnestly

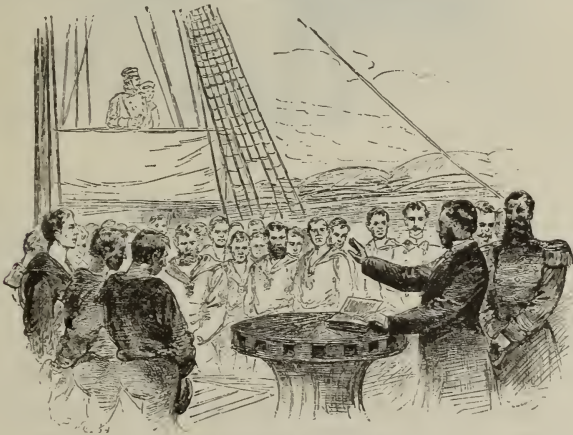


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endeavor to improve by all. To the religious and secular press we return our hearty thanks for their efficient help.

Post Office.

Since my last annual report, important changes have taken place in our Post Office department. Rev. H. B. Beegle, who, in June 1871,



SERVICE ON SHIPBOARD.

was appointed first postmaster of this place and continued in the position without interruption for a period of fourteen years, felt that for various reasons, especially weariness growing out of protracted service, that it

was important for him to resign the place, and accordingly about the first of April last, sent his resignation to the President of the United States, to take effect on the first day of June, 1885. For a while it was not exactly clear as to what we should do in the premises, until finally it was agreed to ask the appointment of George W. Evans, Esq., Secretary of the Ocean Grove Association, to take his place until other arrangements could be made. The President cheerfully granted our request and Bro. Evans, in addition to his work as Secretary, entered upon the postmastership of this place about the middle of June. The burdens of the summer, in the two offices, were safely passed through, and thus the situation remains to the present time. What you in your wisdom will think best to order for the future in this department, remains to be seen. One thing is sure, the burdens of the two offices, especially for the months of June, July, August, and September, are too great for one person. Then, too, the



SIGHTING LAND.

business in both offices increases from year to year, and the difficulties in the Post Office, growing out of the constantly changing character in our summer population, make the administration of postal affairs more and more embarrassing. But, in view of all things, it is a matter of surprise and congratulation that complaints are so few and unimportant.

We still as an Association, feel that the Government, which up to this time has granted us no remuneration whatever for the very superior accommodations which we provide, does us an injustice, and in addition to that injustice, demands, and has paid over to it, the rental received for lock boxes, which lock boxes were paid for by and actually belong to us. This has been the case from the beginning, and still continues: a state of things, as I have said before, so strange, that I am amazed at its con-

tinuance, and wonder that, after repeated mention, it should so long remain without correction.

The business of the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose poles and lines run through our grounds, continues to increase, and *telephones*, wherever used among us, prove to be a great convenience.

Town Clock.

The Town Clock, now over four years old, has thus far needed nothing done to it, but the ordinary oiling and winding, since its erection. As a time-keeper it is as near perfection as is attained, and gives much more than ordinary satisfaction.

I now call your attention to the following financial statement :

Receipts and Expenses.

For fiscal year ending September 30, 1885.

1884.			
October 1st,	Cash on hand,	\$10,342.17	
	Received from various sources,	53,556.20	
		<hr/>	\$63,898.37
	From Loan,	13,000.00	
	" Bank,	21,000.00	
		<hr/>	34,000.00
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			\$97,898.37
	Paid during the year, for Current Expenses, and Public Improvements,	74,306.94	
	" Loans,	5,850.00	
	" Bank,	17,500.00	
	Cash on hand October 1, 1885,	241.43	
		<hr/>	\$97,898.37
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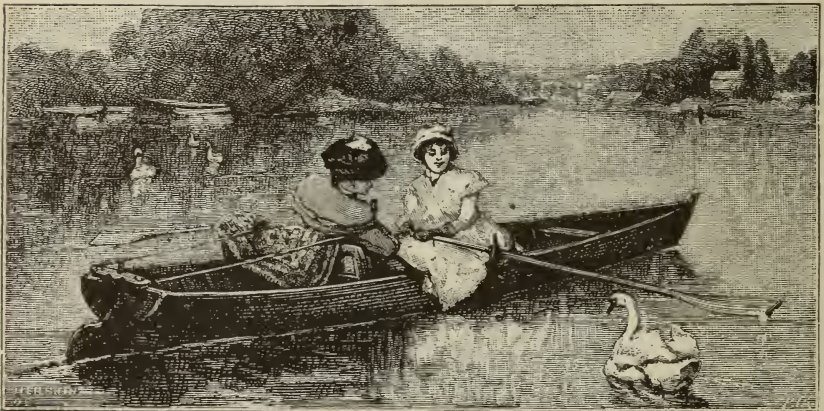
Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.—	Inventory, buildings, tents, tools, teams, etc., . .	\$94,295.50	
	Book accounts,	31,408.01	
	Cash,	241.43	
		<hr/>	\$125,944.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES,			87,685.00
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NET ASSETS—	not including Sewers, Artesian Wells, Water Mains and unsold land,		\$38,259.94
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Looking carefully over these figures, and if they are compared with those of last year's Report, it will be found that our real indebtedness is about \$20,000 greater than at the same date last year. This, however,

does not grow out of any increase of current expenses, or lessening of annual receipts. On the contrary, there is rather a decrease of current expenses and an increase of annual receipts, but is the result of large and extraordinary outlays, especially in the line of extending and completing our sewer and water systems. In this connection, I call your attention, by way of relief, in view of this increasing debt, to these facts, namely:

Expended for Sewer, Sea Outlet, and Sewer Pipe, .	\$6,594 94
Water Tank and Foundation,	2,300 00
Water Pipe and Connections,	4,736 72
Two Artesian Wells,	1,229 20
42 New Frame and Canvas Tents, with Furniture, including Grading, Curbing, and general improvement of Bethesda Block,	10,000 00
Total,	<u>\$24,860 86</u>



AFTER THE STORM.

An amount, as will be seen, in these few items alone, nearly \$5,000 above the increased indebtedness, all of which yielded the past summer a good interest on the investment, and will, in the good providence of God, continue to increase for many years to come.

Then there is to be added to this sum just given, the following expended in permanent improvements, namely:

Young People's Temple, enlargement,	\$1,300 00
Jerusalem Model Pavilion,	650 00
Concrete Walks,	<u>2,150 00</u>
Total,	\$4,100 00

which, although not immediately remunerative in the way of direct income, yet inasmuch as they make up the general improvements of the

place, are remunerative in other ways. These sums added to those just given of immediately remunerative property, viz.:—\$24,860.86, give a total of \$28,960.86, as showing the causes of our increased indebtedness of \$20,000. I do not speak of these things thus, however, as in any sense gratified with an increased indebtedness, but rather to rejoice at seeing that all the money expended was in ways absolutely demanded for the



DOWN'S COTTAGE.

Residence of IRA DOWNS, Esq., Lake Avenue near Wesley Place.

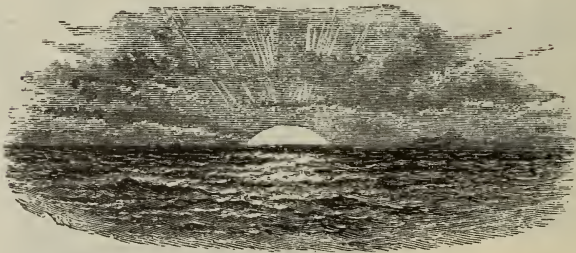
public good, that we have so much valuable and immediately remunerative property to show therefore.

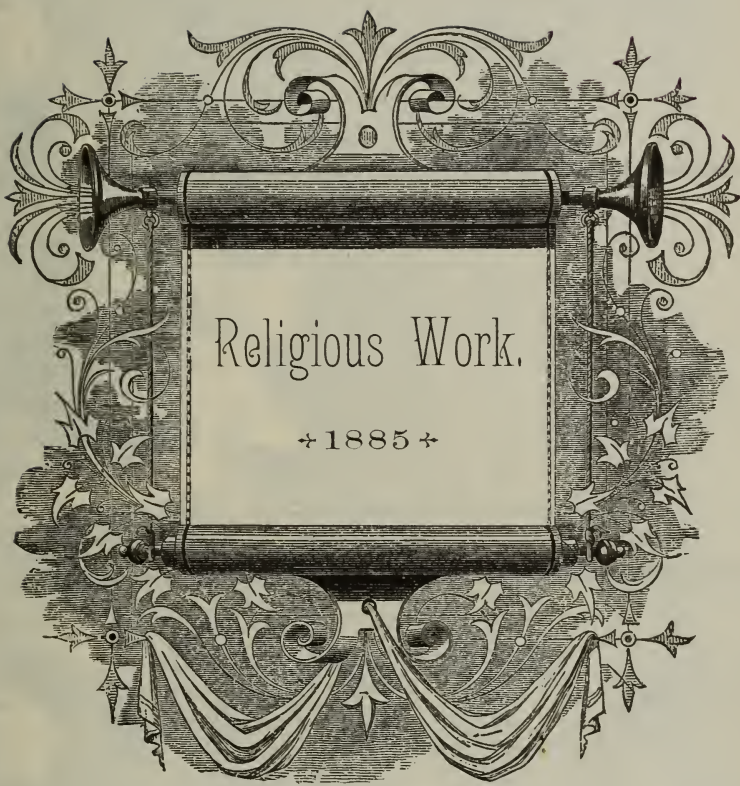
I have thus passed through that part of my report which refers to our temporal affairs, leaving out, however, the innumerable little details which go to make up, in the aggregate, so large a part of the work in a place which has reached the magnitude of this.

There have been held, since our last annual meeting, our usual semi-annual, in May, and eleven meetings of the Executive Committee.

All the members of the Executive Committee, nine in number, are, with rare exceptions, present at every meeting held. The matters of business coming before it are very numerous and oftentimes highly important; but careful attention is given to each item, and the wisest conclusions of which the Committee is capable govern in every case.

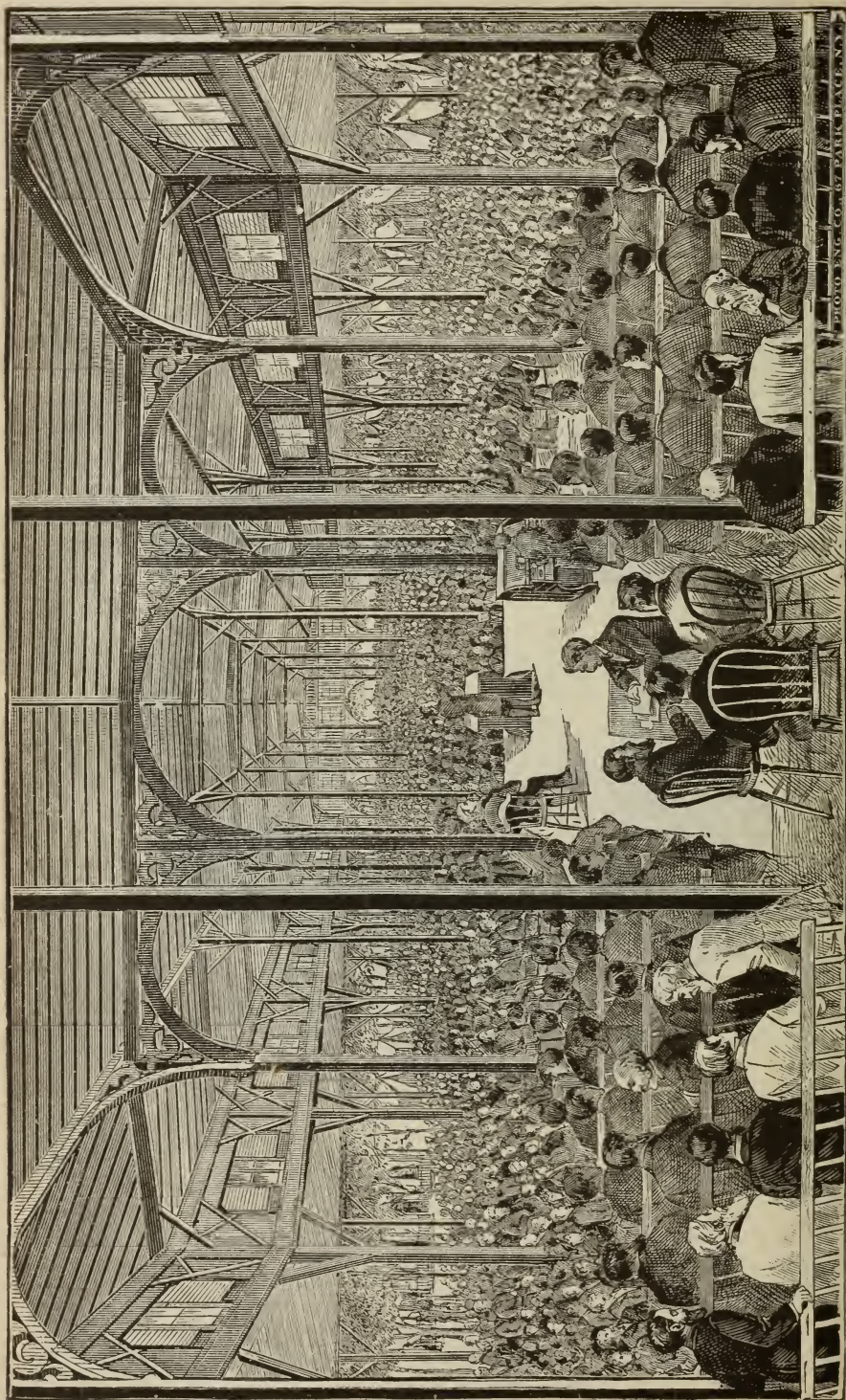
I am very grateful to the members of the Association, the officers, and to all the men in our employ, for wise counsels, varied, protracted, and oftentimes exhausting labors, which, at all times and under all circumstances, have been cheerfully rendered as unto the Lord. I trust that each, both here and in the final day, will receive such recognition as will more than compensate for all. I now call your attention to our religious work.



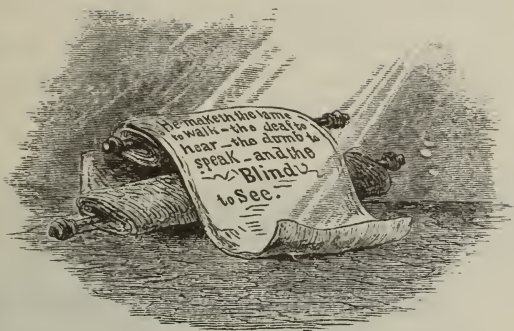


Religious Work.

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Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



Darkness and death o'er all the earth
Reigned with supreme control;
Throned in the heart and intellect,
Sin paralyzed the soul.
The gospel, blessed gospel, came,
And echoing through the gloom,
Death heard, graves burst, and blossoming
Hope garlanded the tomb.—E. H. S.

Religious Services.

The spiritual transcends the material; the immortal excels the mortal. The one perishes, the other endures. The first is of God, the last is of the earth. "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

That which will probably surprise us most in the world beyond, will be to look down, and see the almost superhuman efforts which are continually made to grip and hold the transient, and the weak and sickly endeavors put forth to secure the abiding. We shall then see with different eyes, and judge with different judgments. Everything will be reversed, and the things which are generally approved by the world, will then be condemned, and the things condemned will be approved. In the midst of this material world, is there a possibility of securing for the spiritual its proper position, or can religion be enthroned on earth? In the midst of the perishable, can we be brought properly to estimate the imperishable, and realize that unseen things are eternal? Is there any power by which eyes can be made to see as they should, or can the understanding comprehend aright? Can things be so reversed in time as that no reversion will be needed in heaven—that what we approve here will be approved there, and what we condemn

here, will be condemned there? These are great questions, and involve so much that the mind trembles with their magnitude, and but for the Gospel, would be crushed beneath their weight. But, great as they are they can be answered—have been answered—and will continue to be answered in the salvation of millions of immortal souls. To aid in this great work is *the* mission of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. There is no nobler aim. It is the highest summit of all ambitions. Everything else is as a single ray of light compared with the sun, or as an atom to the



SURF MEETING, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.

universe. This occupied the councils of heaven—it filled the heart, and absorbed the life of the infinite and eternal Christ. The salvation of souls is the *one thing* around which all time and all eternity gathers, the pivot on which all destinies turn. God has ordained that this great work shall be carried on by human agents. In His gracious providence we have been brought here, and directed to build a city, which shall be under our immediate control, so that this great work might be carried on without molestation. Have we done our work? I answer, Yes, to some extent. Would to God we had done more. For what has been done, I am pro-

foundly thankful, and hope in the future to see higher accomplishments still. The year just closed has been rich in spiritual results, the particulars of which I will give in brief detail.

Fourth of July.

The Auditorium was first opened this year for public services on Saturday, July 4th. The Auditorium bell rang at sunrise for five minutes, and at 10.30, A. M., the public services commenced. Prayer was offered by Bishop Harris; Mrs. Annie Randall Diehl read the Declaration of Independence, and Rev. Dr. T. L. Poulson, of Baltimore, delivered an oration, "on God in the History of Nations." It was deep, broad, fervent, eloquent, massive with rugged truths, graceful in oratory, and carried the audience to heights of enthusiasm which expressed itself in frequent bursts of prolonged applause. At the close of the oration, tender reference was made to the hero and statesman, General U. S. Grant, who was suffering with acute disease, at Mount McGregor, N. Y.; whereupon, on motion of M. E. Clarke, of Philadelphia, a committee consisting of E. H. Stokes, M. E. Clarke and Chas. Scott, was appointed to draft and send a telegram of sympathy to him. The following was immediately dispatched:

"Ocean Grove, July 4th, 1885, 12 o'clock, M.

"TO GENERAL, U. S. GRANT.

"The citizens of Ocean Grove, N. J., assembled on this Anniversary day, wish to express to General Grant and family, the assurance of their undying remembrance, deep sympathy and fervent prayers, with the hope that his life may yet be spared to the nation, and that at last he may rest with God.

E. H. STOKES,
M. E. CLARKE,
CHAS. SCOTT."

The whole service which was thrillingly interesting, was intensified by singing the old patriotic songs, by a select choir, under the leadership of our old and valued friend, Willisford Dey, Esq., of Ocean Grove.

The exercises closed with the Benediction by Bishop Andrews.

Early in the afternoon, the following was received:

"Mount McGregor, N. Y., July 4th, 1885.

"TO E. H. STOKES, C. SCOTT, M. E. CLARKE.

"Please return my thanks to the citizens of Ocean Grove.

U. S. GRANT."

In the evening there were fireworks along the beach, and the day closed without accident or unpleasantness of any kind.



BISHOP HARRIS.

Auditorium Opening.

This took place on Sabbath, July 5th, which was the first religious service. Bishop Harris was the preacher, who presented with tender earnestness, the important offices of the Holy Ghost in the salvation of men; John xvi. 7, and was a most fitting and appropriate introduction to the long series of meetings running through a period of just three months, in which vast multitudes were brought to the foot of the cross, or wonderfully helped in their journey towards the skies.

Rev. T. L. Poulson, D. D., of Baltimore, delivered an earnest and profitable sermon in the evening, on the one thing needful.

Holiness Meeting.

This divinely ordered and divinely favored meeting, true to time, commenced at 9 o'clock, July 5th; Mrs. Dr. Palmer and Brother Thornley were in their places, and continued therein with singular fidelity, until Sabbath morning, September 12th; making in the aggregate, 69 meetings, every one of which was marked by deep devotion, realizing faith, and soul refreshing views of Jesus and His Word. No one can tell the value of these meetings, how far they reach, or what good they do. Eternity alone will reveal this. The care and responsibility too, of conducting them so long, is very great. We are under lasting obligations to Mrs. Palmer and Brother Joseph H. Thornley, for their constancy and devotion to this work. Heaven alone can reward them fully.

Summer Sabbath School.

From the beginning, Brother Thornley has been the Superintendent of this department of our work. It opened this year on Sabbath afternoon, July 5th, at 2 o'clock; the primary in the Young People's Temple, with Miss Van Marter and Miss Lathbury as leaders; the Bible Class in the Tabernacle, with Dr. Hanlon at its head, as for nine years past; and the intermediate at the Auditorium, with J. H. Thornley in general charge. A rain set in about the time of gathering, and yet the attendance in all the departments aggregated 827.

Added to the three departments already named, we have had this year a new and most interesting feature in our Sabbath School work; namely, a Chinese class, of seven pupils, which has met in Association Hall every Sabbath morning. Brother W. E. Drake, of Newark, has had the general direction, aided by Miss Lathbury, Miss Van Marter, Mrs. De Vaughn, Mrs. Brigham, Mrs. Beede and others. Great interest has been manifested by these young Celestials, all of whom greatly enjoy singing our songs of Salvation, and some of them have already accepted Christ as a Saviour. All the departments have been full of interest. The highest number in attendance on any one day was 5256, and the aggregated number for the season, 23,272. The school closed on Sabbath, September 6th, with an attendance of 1570. Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class continues to attract large crowds; too large indeed, for the accommodation afforded, and some relief must be had for it before another year.

Young People's Meetings.

These commenced on Sabbath morning, July 5th. Inasmuch as the Temple had been enlarged to more than double its former capacity, there

was great surprise at finding nearly every chair occupied at the opening service.

Bros. Yatman and Geistweit were in their places and commenced their work. The divine blessing was with them from the beginning, and the tide of interest, arose, and the numbers attending increased with every session. Scarcely a meeting was held at which there were not conversions, and sometimes there were many at a single service. Oftentimes a hundred or two would hang around the doors and windows unable to gain admission. During the season 125 were numbered among the saved in these meetings alone, and some of them were of a thrillingly interesting character. They were closed on Sabbath morning, September 6th, having continued two months, and numbered 68 sessions in all.

Surf Meetings.

These meetings are continued from year to year, by a kind of necessity which it would now be difficult, if it were desirable, to set aside. I do not think, however, it is desirable to ignore this necessity. It is one of the many agencies for good in this place. And while everything connected with them is not always all that we could desire, still impressions are made for good, never to be effaced. There were eight of these meetings held during the summer on as many successive Sabbath evenings, and all were good.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, N. J.

This meeting was held this year in the Janes Memorial Tabernacle, July 8th and 9th, under the general direction of Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, President of the Union. It was one of the best of the series ever held in this place, and a grand success. This noble band of Christian women are always welcome here, and we trust and believe their earnest and Christly efforts will result in hastening the day when our nation shall be released from the bondage and curse of the liquor traffic, which now, like the locusts of Egypt, blights and appalls in every direction.

The A. M. E. Church Missionary Jubilee.

This was held on Thursday, July 16th, and was a new departure in our meetings at this place. It was a gathering of our African fellow citizens, from various parts of the land, on an excursion of pleasure to the sea-side, which their leaders wisely determined to utilize for the glory of God. At 2 P. M., by previous consent and arrangement, they gathered at the Auditorium. The platform was filled with speakers, and not less than

two hundred singers. Bishop Campbell preached a sermon of remarkable power, thrilling every heart and enthusing every mind. Bishop Cain sung—

“Over the ocean wave, far, far away,
There the poor heathen live, waiting for day;
Pity them, pity them, Christians at home,
Haste with the bread of life, hasten and come,”

with such weird and peculiar pathos, that all through the congregation eyes unused to weeping were moved to copious tears. All the speaking was by men of color, and of a high order. The meeting was one of the most intensely interesting of the many services held this year upon our grounds, and was highly enjoyed by our own people, who mingled largely with these colored brethren and sisters through the congregation. At the close, a voluntary contribution was made to their Missionary Society, amounting to \$116.00, and they were earnestly invited to return again next year.

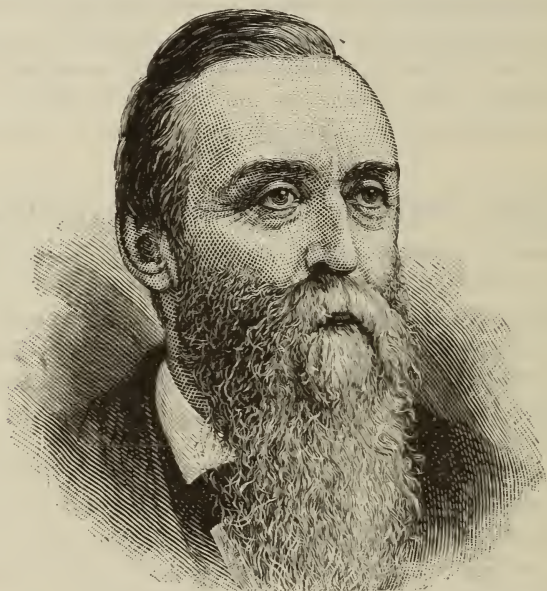
Young People's Christian Convention.

This was also a new service, and was held July 17th and 18th, Rev. C. H. Yatman and W. H. Geistweit in charge. The object of the convention was to quicken spiritual life and learn how successfully to work for Christ. There were three sessions each day. The themes, “The Work,” “The Workman,” “Common Sense,” “God's Word,” “Earnestness,” “One Talent,” “Who Can Work, and How,” were ably discussed by Rev. D. R. Lowrie, J. M. Holmes, C. H. Yatman, E. S. Ferry, T. C. Mayham, J. P. Dusenberry, W. H. Geistweit, and Chauncy Shaffer. The meeting was a gratifying success, showing how business methods and principles could be applied with power to Christian work, and brought into beautiful activity the younger members of our churches, on whom all future aggressive movements on Satan's kingdom so largely depend.

National Temperance Society

was held this year, July 22–26. As the time for this meeting approaches, we seem to hear the tramp of oncoming legions as in times of war. It is not, however, the broken tread of raw recruits, but the solid march of veteran men, accustomed to the clash of arms and the close, hand to hand struggle with a foe, hoary with age, strengthened with a voracious appetite, whose eyes flash fire, and whose regiments and battalions, hundreds of thousands strong, shake earth as they come to the mighty conflict. But the National Temperance Society is composed of men worthy not only of their national name, but bearers of the scars of many a well fought battle, have a national fame as well. The Silver Lake Glee Club, fresh from the

hills and lakes of western New York, led by Prof. G. W. Chambers, aided by Rev. C. H. Mead, P. T. Linn, and A. H. Lawrence, rendered the inspiring music, to which these veterans marched. And how they marched! Artillery, infantry, sword, musket, ball, shell, every implement of war thundering on, and flashing in the sun. J. N. Stearns, W. C. Steel, Clinton B. Fisk, J. C. Price, Edward Carswell, Dr. Everett, Dr. Purdy, O. P. Gifford, Gen. Henry Clay Smith, Joel Swartz, H. C. Mead, R. H. Travers, Mrs. Sallie Chapin, Mrs. Annie Randall Diehl, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Dr. George K. Morris, Dr. Kynett, and George H. Hicks, were all full



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to the musket's mouth, and blazed, and blasted, and cut and clashed, and shouted as they marched to victory. Col. George W. Bain, of Kentucky, capped the climax on Sabbath night, when, through rain and outside darkness, six thousand people gathered to hear, and stayed, enthused, to listen. Then, after an hour and a half, thrilled to the heart's deepest depths, amid thousands of waving handkerchiefs, tears, and high congratulations, the meeting closed in triumph.

The Ocean Grove Sabbath School Assembly.

This interesting department of our summer work commenced on July 28th, and continued until August 6th, with Rev. B. B. Loomis, of Albany, N. Y., superintendent of instruction; Prof. J. R. Sweney, musical director;

and Mrs. B. B. Loomis, teacher of boys' and girls' department. These were aided by a large number of most efficient Sabbath-school workers from various parts. Rev. Dr. Vincent gave his thrillingly interesting lecture on "That Boy's Sister," on Tuesday evening, and Wednesday being C. L. S. C. recognition day, delivered another address to the graduates and pupils generally, which delighted and instructed all for more than an hour. At the close of the address, a class composed of nearly fifty was called, who had passed their examination in the four years' C. L. S. C. work, and received their diplomas from the hands of Dr. Vincent. The whole course of normal instruction rendered by Prof. Loomis and his excellent wife was thorough, and the lectures given by the different gentlemen upon themes assigned them in the programme, together with the closing concert by Prof. Sweney, were all highly appreciated, and we are under lasting obligations to them all. The sermon, too, of Bishop Mallalieu, on the Sabbath, was most refreshing in its fervid experiences and intense appeals to preachers and people on the subject of revivals and earnest work for the salvation of souls. It was a model sermon, and in matter, manner and spirit worthy of being followed by all.

Women's Home Missionary Day.

A goodly number of workers and interested friends met at Ocean Grove on Thursday, August 6th, to welcome this young society of our Church, and to bid it God-speed in its gracious work.

Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, of Chicago; Mrs. Dr. Rust, of Cincinnati, and other prominent workers were present. Seven Conferences were represented, all but one, by Conference Secretaries, and the reports rendered of work already begun, were full of cheer. We heartily commend this new claimant upon our benevolence to the women of our Church.

Ocean Grove Memorial Day.

It was a noticeable coincidence, that the Ocean Grove Memorial Day, fixed upon at the making out of the summer programme, more than six months before, should occur August 7th, the very day previous to the interment of General Grant, August 8th, 1885. It was, therefore, deemed appropriate, in view of General Grant's frequent visits to this place, together with his interest in it; and that here his last effort to speak in public was made; also, that here he listened to a sermon preached August 27th, 1884, from Acts xxvi. 14-16, by his old friend and pastor, Dr. J. P. Newman, which was the last time he ever worshiped in a public congregation; that the whole morning of our memorial day, commencing at 10½ o'clock, should be given to him. Accordingly, the Auditorium bell, tolled every half-

minute, from 10 to 10.20, A. M. The hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," was then announced by Dr. Kynett; prayer, Dr. J. H. Alday; reading the 90th Psalm, Bishop Wilson; hymn, "Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee," Rev. C. W. Buoy; remarks, Dr. Stokes; hymn, "Farewell;" address, General Rusling; hymn, "Swing of conquest;" address, General C. B. Fisk; hymn, "When shall we meet again." Prayer and benediction, Rev. A. E. Ballard. The whole service was tender, touching, inspiring, and left a profound impression.



GEN. U. S. GRANT.

In order to preserve in this connection his last words uttered in public, I here insert his remarks, made at the chaplains' reunion at this place on Saturday, August 2d, 1884, after the address of welcome, by Rev. A. J. Palmer; they were as follows:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Under all circumstances it is a difficult matter for me to speak, and how much more difficult under the present circumstances. An hour ago I might have said something about the Sanitary and Christian Commissions. I witnessed the good done. They did a great deal by way

of consolation, writing letters to friends at home for the sick and wounded, and found where their dead were buried. I hope you all are having a good time here to-day. I appreciate . . .” Here the voice of the great General was hushed in sobs, and he sank into his chair weeping profusely.

In the evening, the tabernacle was full to overflowing, where a tenderly sympathetic service was held in memory of over fifty of the friends and visitors of Ocean Grove, who during the year, from various parts of the country, having finished their earthly course, had ascended to be with God.



GEN. GRANT'S RESTING PLACE—RIVERSIDE PARK, N. Y.

The Seamen's Meeting.

This took place on Monday and Tuesday, August 10th and 11th. It would seem as if there could be nothing more appropriate, here on the margin of the great wide sea, than to assign two days to the men of the brine. They heartily accepted the invitation and came to us, a half-score of them, fervid and eloquent, to tell us of the sailor's toils and triumphs, and his need of sympathy and help.

Rev. Dr. Jones, chaplain of the Sailor's Snug Harbor, New Brighton, N. Y.; Rev. S. S. Nickerson, of Boston; Rev. D. C. Smith, New York; Rev. C. C. Chichester, Captain Kittwood, St. Louis; Dr. Hall, of the Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. Mr. McFarland, of the Library work among sailors; C. A. Borilla, Sailor Missionary, and our own G. C. Bancroft, all gave

thrilling stories of life upon the ocean waves, and a "Salt water Love Feast" closed the feast of fat things on Tuesday evening, when all were invited to come again next year.

Bible Readings.

Rev. John Johns, of Brooklyn, N. Y., commenced his three days Bible Reading, on Wednesday morning, August 12th. The whole service from first to last, was like sitting down at a table filled with all manner of the richest and rarest food, strength imparting, heart inspiring, soul expanding; or wandering through gardens of spices, wherein grow fragrant flowers, and delicious fruits, interwoven with foliage of living green, swayed by summer breezes, while meandering streams murmur at our feet of love and heaven; or roaming through palaces studded with gems and precious stones, every one of which reflecting light, and every step in which light bursts from different angles, until all are ablaze with glory. The whole was a living joy, and will be a perpetual benediction.

Ocean Grove Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

This society, nearly as old as Ocean Grove itself, held its annual meeting this year, August 15th and 16th; is deeply imbedded in the hearts of the people here. It is always looked forward to with anticipations of interest, and that interest, however strong at the beginning, widens, deepens and intensifies to the close. It brings together a number of noted and devoted Christian workers; all of whom, however strong when they came, go from their work here girded for higher achievements still.

Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Kynett, Mrs. C. C. Brooks, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Rev. H. Jackson, of China Mission, her husband and children, with many others, aided Mrs. Dr. Stokes, the President of the Society, in her work during Saturday and Sabbath afternoon. The Love Feast on Saturday night, was an occasion of great interest. On Sabbath morning Dr. J. P. Newman brought forth his majestic sermon on the greatness of Woman's Mission; Psl. lxxviii. 11. The congregation was vast. The impression deep, and the collection good. In the afternoon the anniversary was continued, life patrons and members to the society made, subscriptions taken, and the work generally promoted. On Monday morning, the work was continued with the young people in their new and beautiful temple, at which time there was high inspiration, and they did nobly for God. The total receipts were \$829.49. To God be all the glory.



BISHOP ANDREWS.

Annual Camp Meeting.

Hither we have come at last. It is the summit of the year. The outlook is vast but the vision terrifies. It is a great host, almost like that which Moses saw, as he descended from the Mount of Communion, a great host, to be saved or lost. This place is the valley of decision, and these days the time when eternal destinies are to be decided. Who is sufficient for this work? How shall we reach and move these masses for God? Trumpet peals must pierce the air, lightnings burn and thunders crash;

while through all the way to Calvary must be clearly seen, and the melting tones of a Saviour's love be heard. Who, who is sufficient? The work is great, the mountains high, and human hearts are hard. We must come in a face to face, and hand to hand conflict. We must be firm as a rock, yet patient and gentle as lambs. This struggle is not for an hour or a day, but for ten long and toilsome days, the battle must be pushed, and blinding our eyes against defeat, and closing our ears to discouraging words, lead on and shout the victory, even before the walls of Jericho give any signs of falling. Hence, as we stand on the threshold of our Camp Meeting, we must go to God, we must bow at His feet. We must implore His help. We did so this year. We called a council. We sat at the feet of age and experience, seeking to know the way. God was with us. Help came. After the council of the aged, the young men went to the battle. Monday afternoon, Monday night, Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, they struggled in prayer, and drew near to God. Tuesday night we gathered at the Auditorium altar, an hundred ministers, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Presbyterian, Reformed, Lutheran, Congregationalists and Reformed Episcopal, while fifteen hundred of the followers of Jesus, comprising all the denominations, receiving the emblems of a Saviour's sufferings and death, entered into the luxury of a fellowship which knows no lines of demarcation, consecrating ourselves to the holy work of the next ten days. It was a time of divine solemnity, and awful grandeur.

On Wednesday, all were ready to commence the attack. Consecration meeting at 5:45 A. M.; family prayers at the auditorium 6:45 A. M.; helping-hand meeting in tent on Pilgrim Pathway, 9 A. M.; holiness and young people's meeting, at 9 A. M.; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's meeting, at 1:30 P. M.; children's meeting, at 2 P. M.; mothers' meeting, at 2 P. M.; twilight meeting, at 6:30 P. M.; with preaching at the auditorium at 10:30, 3 and 7:30 daily. At 10:30 A. M., on this day, our beloved Bishop Andrews came in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ, opening to us the Scriptures from the prayer of David—"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." He seemed to be endowed with special gifts and grace for the work before him, and the sermon left a profound impression. Thus inaugurated, the struggle went on from day to day, now on the mount of transfiguration, and then down at its base in direst conflict with lunatics, and those sore vexed with sin. God was with us. Sabbath came at last. The love feast was a cyclone of divine power, or like a millennium of glory, with Satan bound, and Christ reigning, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all. Billows of song rolled over the audience, and many hearts floated out and on upon the holy tides of joy.

At 10:30, the Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., of Philadelphia, with fervid force and eloquence presented to the vast assemblage, Christ the central figure of the universe, from the words of inspiration, "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb, as it had been slain."—(Rev. 5:6). For more than an hour, the theme widened, deepened, and towered, inflexible in strength, blazing with splendor, burning its way into many thousands of hearts, until at the close the great audience arose, as if drawn with bands of steel to this great central glory—Christ the Lord—exclaiming in triumphant song:

"Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all."

Nor was this all; so great were the crowds that meetings were held in the Tabernacle, Young People's Temple, St. Paul's Church, at Ross's and Lillagore's Pavilions, all of which were crowded, and God was glorified. During the afternoon and evening, the tide still rolled on with increasing force, and many souls were saved. And so the meetings continued, with earnest and direct preaching; the side meetings spiritual, with the deep and glowing experiences of the people of God; conversions were daily multiplied, and saints rejoiced in the widening glory.

On Friday morning, August 28th, we met for the closing service. This is a time when there is, all through the congregation,

"A sacred awe that dares not move,
And all the silent heaven of love."

Most feel that they are in the presence of God, and hearts which have passed through all untouched, are softened and subdued. Souls flow together. It is the communion of saints at the Supper of the Lord. Age, sex, denomination, nationality, make no difference. Whosoever will, may come. Sweet type of heaven. So we shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, at the Supper of the Lamb.

"There we shall meet, meet ne'er to sever."

On the heads of twenty-four of the dear lambs of the fold the pure baptismal waters were sprinkled and they were solemnly dedicated to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Then, one hundred and thirty-six ministers of the gospel received the Holy Communion, and assisted in its administration to 1,817 adults and 140 children—total receiving the Holy Sacrament, 2093. These 140 children, the partial results of labors performed in the children's meetings, bowed at one table and together received, many of them for the first time, the bread and wine, emblems of their Saviour's sufferings and death. At this sight, all are deeply

interested, and eyes unused to weeping, weep. "God is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before the Lord."

The time to close had come. A few parting words were spoken by the President, and thanks returned to all who had aided in the blessed work of God. A statement of the results, as far as they could be known, of the meetings was given. Then, the ministers leading, the great congregation encompassed the Auditorium twice, singing as they went. At this many look on, and feel as if the day of doom had come, while others, full of holy ecstasies, cry with rapture:

"Lift your heads, ye friends of Jesus,
Partners in His patience here;
Christ, to all believers precious,
Lord of Lords, will soon appear,
Mark the tokens.
Of His heavenly kingdom here."

Returning to their places, wave after wave of triumphant song rolled over the people like bounding billows of the sea.

Then, the President, with lifted hand and closed eyes, stood until there was stillness, like the silence of the sepulchre, and said: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,"—the bell striking after each name—"I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, for the year 1885, 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. Amen." Then, amid hand-shaking, sighs, and heartfelt tears, mingled with songs and wide-spread gladness, the people slowly retire, uttering many a sweet good-bye, and the fond hope of meeting again next year, or, if not, in our own blessed and eternal heaven at last.

Thus I have carried you, hurriedly, through another summer's religious work. All that now remains is a brief

Recapitulation.

There have been, Holiness Meetings, 67; Young People's Meetings, 60; Sermons, 70; Addresses, 305; Sabbath-school Sessions, 10; Surf Meetings, 8; Sunday-school Assembly Meetings, 56; National Temperance Publication Society, 13; Boys' Temperance Meeting, 1; Girls' Temperance Meeting, 1; Lectures, 10; Young People's Christian Conventions, 6; New Jersey Sabbath Union Services, 2; African M. E. Church Missionary Jubilee, 1; C. L. S. C. Recognition Services, 2; Woman's Home Missionary Society, 3; Fourth of July Celebration, 1; Woman's Christian Temperance

Union of N. J., 9; Young Men's Christian Association Meetings, 2; Stereopticon Exhibitions, 4; Microscopic Exhibition, 1; Grant Memorial Services, 1; Seamen's Meetings, 3; Dedicatory Services, Young People's Temple, 1; Ocean Grove Memorial Services, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Prayer, Praise, and Experience Meetings, 20; Family Devotions, at the Auditorium, 16; Evangelistic Services, 2; Ministers' Meetings, 4; Bible Readings, 6; Consecration Meetings, 11; Helping Hand, 13; Mothers' Meetings, 9; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 9; Workers' Conferences, 7; Elim Cottage Meeting, 1; Concert, 1; Camp Fire, 1; Twilight Meetings, 14; Teachers' Meetings, 4; Love Feasts, 4; Sacraments 2; Baptisms, 26; 434 meetings in all.

The results of these meetings, so far as they come to our knowledge are;

Conversions.—Auditorium, 25; Young People's Meetings, 101, to which 25 were added after the camp meeting closed, making 126; Helping Hand Meetings, 20; Children's Meetings, 142; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 100; Twilight Meetings, 19; Consecration Meetings, 12. Total, 444.

Reclaimed.—Auditorium, 2; Young People's Meetings, 75; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 50; Twilight Meetings, 10; Consecration Meetings, 15. Total, 152.

Sanctified.—Auditorium, 6; Holiness Meetings, 50; Helping Hand Meetings, 50; Mothers' Meetings, 2; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 150; Consecration Meetings, 100. Total, 358.

Specially Helped.—Auditorium, 2500; Holiness Meetings, 200; Young People's Meetings, 800; Helping Hand Meetings, 300; Mothers' Meetings, 200; Twilight Meetings, 300; Consecration, 600. Total, 4900. Grand total, 5854.

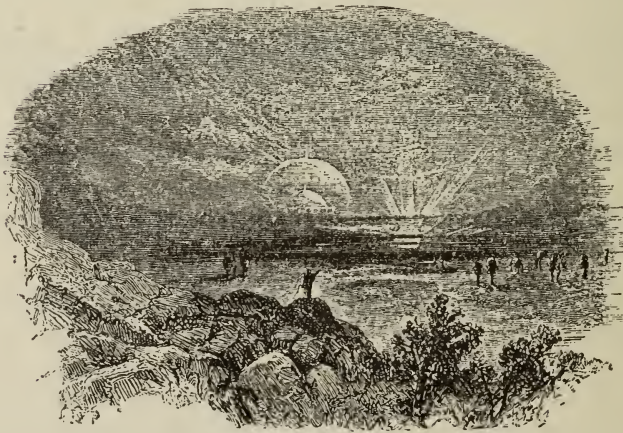
But, as I have often said, these are but a fractional part of what our meetings do. Out and away, far beyond what the eyes see, or the ears hear, these meetings tell. The sermons preached, the prayers offered, the songs sung, the testimonies given, and the thousands of sun-lit faces, out-beamings of the light and joy within, exert influences which are carried through our own and other continents, resulting in blessings to the end of time. And, not only so, but down through the unending cycles of immortality, fruit will continue to be gathered from seeds which were unconsciously planted here.

Then, let us take courage, for God is with us still. The past summer, spiritually, one of our best, if not the very best, should be excelled next year. This work is like ascending a mountain, whatever height we gain, other summits unfold which are higher still—and so on, forever.

The more we have, the more we want. This, because we are immortal, must ever be so. I am glad of it. I rejoice, too, in all material prosperity. But, material things perish, the spiritual endure. Therefore, in all spiritual prosperity, we rejoice the more, and for these things first, last, and always, labor most. So, in these things, though often weary, until our final discharge, let us labor on, assured, that if faithful to the end, our crowns will not be starless. Until then, I most devoutly commend you, and our work, to Him who hath said, "Lo, I am with you always, unto the end of the world." Amen.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, Oct. 13, 1885.





OCEAN FRONT.
AND FOOT OF WESLEY LAKE.

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No eye beholds me! In this solitude,
I stand alone. The sky, the sea, the air,
Seem vacant all; yet the enduring good—
God, the All Father, He is everywhere;
He sees, He knows—and though my friends have fled,—
Speaks to my soul, and I am comforted.—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.





PILGRIM PATHWAY AND MAIN AVENUE,
Looking toward the Auditorium.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren:

In the good providence of Almighty God, we are permitted to assemble in our Seventeenth Annual Meeting. That we do so with the loss of but five of our original members by death, and without any break in our ranks during the past year, is cause for profoundest congratulations. This is especially true, in view of the fact that most of those who commenced this enterprise, seventeen years ago, are no longer young men, and some are advanced beyond the period usually allotted to human life. That we continue, year after year to have their godly examples, wise counsels and efficient labors, cannot fail to be appreciated by all while we offer the fervent prayer, that we may long remain together to toil in the cause of God.

It is further a matter which deserves our grateful mention, that with two exceptions, the families of our members have been free from the invasions which are so often made by death. Rev. William B. Osborn has been severely stricken, in the loss of his son Elbert by drowning, in Long Island Sound, in February last, in connection with the disaster which befell the steamer Idlewild; and Rev. A. E. Ballard, our Vice-President,

in the departure, after 36 years of wedded life, of his long afflicted wife to the blessedness of the immortal in the land beyond.

Both these brethren have our profoundest sympathies, while our prayers go up, that these bereavements may be sanctified, and that at last, when the curtain of divine providence shall lift, we may see, as now because of the dimness of our mental vision we cannot, that our Heavenly Father doeth all things well. Meanwhile we walk in the quiet of an unfaltering faith, and trust wherein we can not see.



COTTAGE IN THE GROVE.

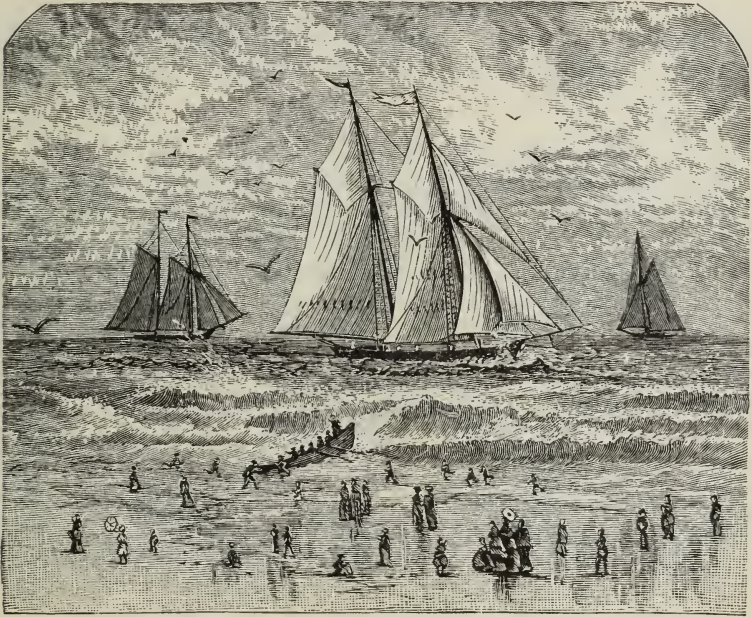
I now proceed to lay before you in as much detail as possible,

The Work of the Year Just Closed.

Like all its predecessors, it has been a year of anxiety and toil. It is not possible that it should be otherwise. Each year our work extends, and therefore, responsibilities increase. If these things were not so, it

would be an evidence of decline. Growth always imposes new obligations. Therefore, we accept each added care with joy, and while we pray for added strength to meet them, are thankful to Almighty God for the causes which lead thereto.

We come to the review of our work this year with feelings of increased satisfaction, because some questions which caused us great anxiety, have



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been met and favorably settled, while others are assuming better forms, so that the mists which rested on many things have rolled away, and a brighter sky cheers our onward course.

Grading.

The first important work of our men after the annual meeting last year, was, according to your order, the grading of roadways and sidewalks on Cookman Avenue, from Pennsylvania to Lawrence; Clark, from Pennsylvania to Lawrence; Franklin, from Pennsylvania to Delaware; Benson, from Broadway to Clark; Whitefield, from Broadway to Franklin; Delaware, from Broadway to Cookman; and New Jersey, from Broadway to Cookman. Twenty-five of the corners formed by these

avenues, were curbed with substantial ship timber, and, altogether, the improvement in these parts of our grounds is very great. The cost of the whole work was \$177.75. Also the grading of the plot of ground on the south side of Fletcher Lake, near the sea, consisting of about seven acres, belonging to this Association, which were covered with heavy sand-drifts, the removing of which, and placing the property in a very much more sightly and saleable condition, cost about \$800. Subsequently, a large plot was sold to James Kent, Esq., of Gloversville, N. Y., who built upon it a magnificent summer home. Adjoining this palatial residence, we have other large and desirable lots for building purposes.

Sewers.

Our sewer system is progressing rapidly, and works to our entire satisfaction. That portion on the north side of Main Avenue is so far advanced that if you adopt the recommendations of the Executive Committee at its last meeting, the entire work on that side will be complete before next summer's population comes. There have been laid during the year just closed the following:—

8 inch pipe,	1,019 feet.
10 " "	100 "
12 " "	320 "
Total,	1,439

Which, added to that laid during previous years, makes a grand total of 56,279 feet, or $10\frac{3}{4}$ miles, now in successful operation.

The total cost of sewer pipes, tanks, outlets to the sea, &c.,
from the beginning, is, as near as can now be estimated, . \$26,500.00

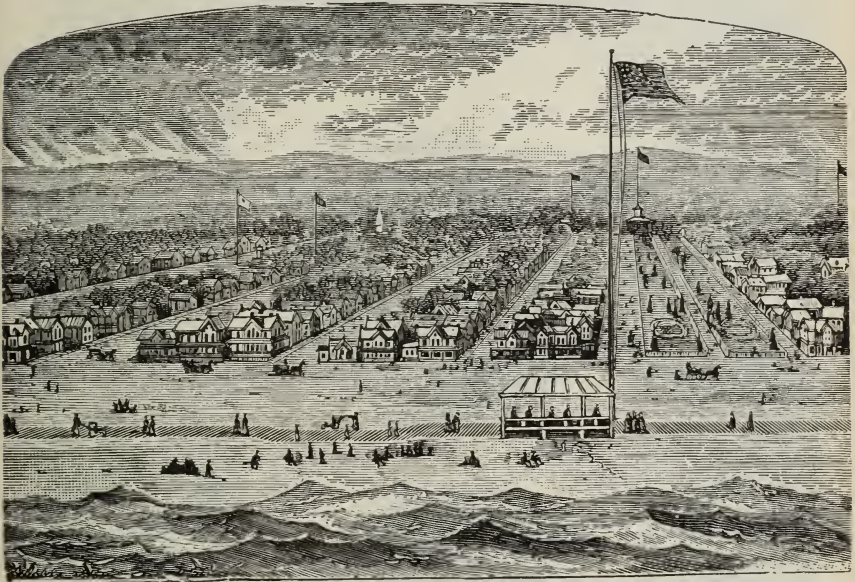
Total number of sewer connections made this year, . . 108
Whole number, 424

Total income for connecting with sewer, \$4,240.00
Total amount of sewer rentals for 1884, 874.00
" " " " 1885, 1,425.50
" " " " 1886, 2,072.55

The storm which came upon us on Nov. 27, 1885, committing such fearful havoc along our beach, broke the shore end of our sewer outlet to the sea, the repairing of which cost \$946.50. It ought to be stated, however, that in the beginning this end which broke was not as thorough in its construction as it should have been,—otherwise it is doubted whether, even with the severity of the storm, it would have been destroyed. In the

reconstruction the greatest care has been taken, and we trust the work, though the storms be great, will stand.

The same storm broke the sewer on the sea side of the plank walk, running from Heck to Webb Avenues, which are the sewer mains, requiring it to be taken up entirely and laid west of the plank walk, where we hope it is beyond danger; the removal costing \$114.00.



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

Sluice-Ways.

The sluice-ways for draining surface water; of which there are a number, have hard wear upon them and need constant attention. A general overhauling is needed, and some of them will have to be enlarged and rebuilt. Those on Main Avenue, at the Pilgrim Pathway crossings especially, are too small to carry the large body of water which flows down in times of heavy rain, and backing up, overflows the sidewalks.

Curbing.

The importance of curbing to the appearance and protection of sidewalks is very great. As fast as it can, the Association is doing this part of its work, and earnestly urges the owners of private properties to do the same. Curbing has been done this year on Pitman, Central, Webb, and

Abbott Avenues, 240 feet, at a cost of \$41.00. A substantial oak bulk-head has been placed on the south side of Fletcher Lake, from the east



STORM AND CALM.

side of our line, 924 feet west, greatly improving the appearance, and protecting the shore from the wash caused by the winter storms. The cost of this very important piece of work, including lumber and labor, was the

small sum of \$106.00. If a similar work could be done on both sides of the Lake, it would be of great advantage.

There are few things where so much can be done in improving the appearance and saleable condition of property at small cost as curbing.

Plank Walk.

The storm above noticed, destroyed, also, our plank walk, two pavilions, flag staff, and washed away a considerable portion of our beach. The scene, when all was over, was one of widespread desolation, and the reconstruction of our entire ocean front was involved. The disaster was so great, and the cost of reconstruction would be so heavy, that it was deemed wise to call a special meeting of the whole Association to consider the situation. This was done, and the meeting assembled on the 15th day of December, 1885. At this meeting it was finally, after prolonged discussion, resolved that the walk must be rebuilt, and that the property be assessed to meet the expense. Accordingly, as soon as arrangements could be made, the following circular was addressed to each person owning property within our bounds:

OCEAN GROVE, February 1, 1886.

DEAR FRIEND:

The storms of the present winter, at this place, have been unusually severe, and the destruction wrought upon Association property vastly more than that of all previous years combined. The entire plank walk and the pavilions on the ocean front have been swept away. Since the destruction, we are constantly met with the question, "What are you going to do?" In order to give an intelligent answer, a special meeting of the whole Association was called. Many hours were spent in viewing the damages and considering plans. The following conclusions were reached:

First. It will cost to rebuild about \$6000.

Second. Not to rebuild would be a great loss to all property holders.

Third. The original plank walk and all pavilions were built for the public benefit, *entirely at the cost of the Association*, but such have been our expenses for two or three years past, in extending water, sewer and other imperative accommodations that we have not the means to replace them now.

Fourth. As the walk and pavilions are for the public benefit, promoting the pleasure, increasing the value of property, and thereby advancing

the financial interests of all, the public, in our judgment, will be willing to bear the expense.

Fifth. It was therefore reluctantly, but unanimously resolved, to make a *special assessment* on all the lot holders, amounting in the aggregate to \$5000; which sum is to be devoted to this work alone, divided according to the value of property, and proximity to the Sea, viz.—On all property between Wesley and Fletcher Lakes, including Ocean Avenue, and the East side of Pilgrim Pathway, \$4.50 per lot; on all property between the West side of Pilgrim Pathway and East side of Pennsylvania Avenue inclusive, \$3.50 per lot; on all property from the West side of Pennsylvania Avenue to the East side of the Turnpike, inclusive, \$2.50 per lot.

This special assessment, if added to our regular annual assessment, will not, except on the property between Ocean Avenue and the East side of Pilgrim Pathway, equal the amount stated in our leases, which we are authorized to collect annually.

This full amount however, we have never called for, as the following statement will show. For four years we made *no assessment at all*. For four other years it was only \$2.50 per year. For three years it was \$3.00 per year. For four years it was \$5.00 per year. In 1883 it was \$7.50 but this increase was owing to heavy expenses incurred in the purchase of fire apparatus for the benefit of all.

Now we come to this special assessment, growing out of a visitation of Divine Providence, which we had no power to prevent, and is regretted by us more than it possibly can be by you.

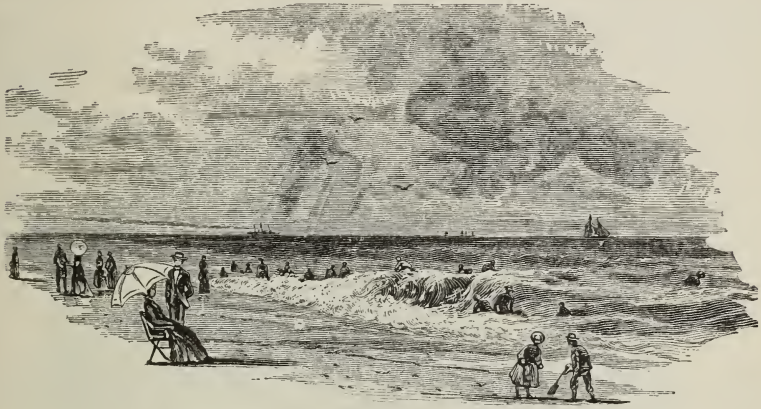
In view of all these facts, we send you the enclosed bill, the amount which falls upon your property, according to the above named division, which is the best our judgment could reach, and trust you will cheerfully and promptly respond, so that we may proceed with the rebuilding at the earliest day possible.

E. H. STOKES, *President*.

GEO. W. EVANS, *Secretary*.

Inasmuch as such a measure was a new departure in our history, the answers to these circulars were awaited with anxiety. They were not long in coming, and from first to last were of the most encouraging character. Many persons not only paid promptly and cheerfully, but offered to send double the amount if such should become a necessity. These timely replies greatly cheered us, and we went on with our work. Estimates for supplying the material and doing the work were asked for of mechanics and builders, and a number were sent in. When these were opened, they

were in such fragmentary forms as led us to the conclusion that we had best do the work ourselves. The following is an accurate statement of the



cost, and I am the more minute in its presentation, because of the fact that the money was contributed for this purpose alone:

1122 oak and chestnut piling, 12, 14 and 16 feet long .	\$1,520.62
Driving the same, \$1.50 each	1,683.00
Georgia pine string pieces, 22,826 feet	570.65
New plank, 25,248 feet	409.06
Spikes and nails	76.50
Grading down 22 inches of beach bluff, from Ocean Pathway to Camera Obscura	144.00
Carpenter work, labor, etc.	434.00
Clearing beach after work was done	41.00
Carting Mr. Case's machines for driving piling to and from depot	25.00
One half day's work surveying	5.00
Cost of new mast, 114 feet high, and its erection	81.00
Concreting around the pavilion	30.00
Carting string pieces from cars	30.00
Nine cross walks to connect with main walk	98.00
One new pavilion foot of Ocean Pathway	445.73
Reconstruction Surf and Webb Avenue pavilions	71.00
Total cost of walk, and work immediately connected	5,667.56

The entire work, except driving the piling, was done by our own men, in a prompt, workmanlike manner, and at less cost, as was found, by a careful comparison, after all was done, by \$600 than was estimated by the lowest bidder.

D. H. Brown, Esq., our Treasurer, and J. H. Thornley, Esq., one of the Executive Committee, drove the nails next to the last, and the President the last, at 11.40 A. M., June 18, 1885. The doxology was then sung, and refreshments and general congratulations followed.

The amount of special assessments to pay for this work was \$5,067.37. The amount received on special assessment account, \$3,804.12; due on the same, all of which will be paid, \$1,263.25; which leaves unprovided for in the total expenses, \$600.19.

The above detailed statement is made for the information of those who so kindly contributed to the work, to whom the Association now in its own name and on behalf of the public, hereby expresses its profoundest thanks.

Artesian Water.

The Artesian water question has had an interesting and important history during the past year. In August, 1885, the Asbury Park Water Commissioners, after having made a number of ineffectual attempts to procure Artesian water in sufficient quantities to meet their wants, upon the north side of Wesley Lake, commenced a series of borings on the west side of the Deal and Manasquan Turnpike, south of our Broadway gates, and but a few hundred feet from our main well, near the Ice House. At first the work was carried on so quietly, and without any consultation with us, or knowledge on our part of their purposes, that no notice was taken of it. A few days after our annual meeting one year ago, their operations were extended, and we learned that it was their intention to bore a number of wells in close proximity to each other, and to ours, so inaugurating an Artesian water system, sufficient for the supply of Asbury Park. As these facts became known, we felt there were reasonable apprehensions that the flow of our well might be interfered with by their plans, and, therefore, applied for an injunction to restrain said commissioners from prosecuting their work further until the law in the case could be ascertained. The injunction was granted, but the decision of the court was not in our favor. After the decision the work of boring, on their part, was continued with new vigor, until five wells were sunk, which gave an aggregated natural flow of about eighty gallons per minute. This condition of things reduced the pressure of our one well, and the spontaneous flow which, before the Asbury Park boring, was twenty-eight feet above the surface, was not now sufficient to fill our Thompson Park Tank, so as to reach the second floor of houses using the water. We were, therefore, compelled at once to take the small hot-air pump used for two or three years past at the well, in Association Cellar, and set it to work at our Ice-

House well, in order to get power to lift the water sufficiently high to serve our customers on their second floors.

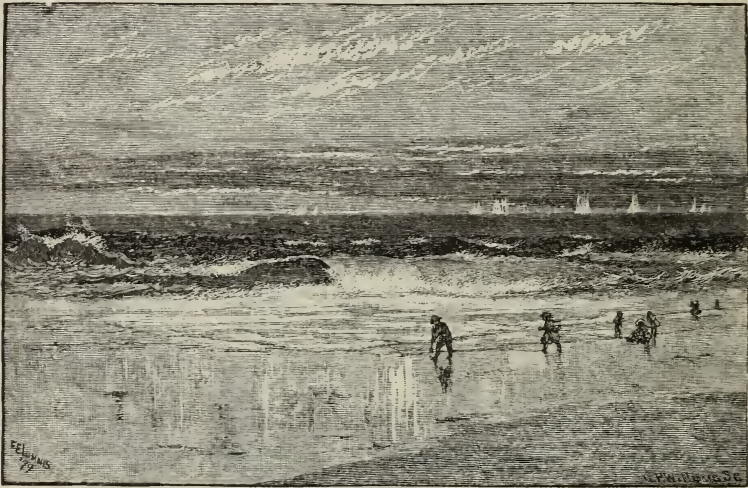
This small pump, lifting about sixty gallons per minute, met our wants, until the building of the Asbury Park pumping station, about three hundred yards from ours, and the erection of a pump there capable of lifting



ARTESIAN FOUNTAIN—NATURAL FLOW.

five hundred gallons per minute. This required us to build a brick Engine-House, put on a pump of the same power, and bore, immediately at the west of our original one, a new well, to meet the emergencies of the case. By these means, pumping night and day through the month of August, we have been able to supply the demands upon us, and trust, if nothing unforeseen shall befall us, to be able to continue so to do. Our

present status on the water question is as follows: We have four Artesian wells; two on Broadway, which, because of their location, are not used at present, and two at the pumping station, yielding jointly, with help of the pump, an average of 150 gallons per minute, 9000 gallons per hour, 108,000 gallons in 12 hours, 135,000 gallons in 15 hours, or a total of 216,000 gallons in 24 hours. This pump, if there is a full supply of water, and it is pushed to its full extent, is capable of lifting 955,000 gallons in 24 hours. We also own, jointly with Asbury Park, one-half of



HUNTING FOR SHELLS.

the Artesian well at the head of Wesley Lake, bored to improve the condition of the waters of that lake, especially in summer time.

There have been laid this year of all sizes of water-pipe, including connecting-pipes, 10,737 feet, which, added to that of other years, gives a grand total of 28,507 feet, or $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles. There are also seven fire-plugs properly located, for convenience in case of fire, in different parts of the ground. There have been 88 water connections made this year, which, added to those of other years, give a total of 147, and there is a widespread and very urgent demand for other connections where the pipes are not yet laid, which we hope soon to meet and satisfy.

The total cost of pipe, tank, boiler, pump, pumping-house, $4\frac{1}{2}$ wells, fire plugs, labor, etc., thus far is \$21,641. The total income for 147 connections made with the water system is \$520.00. Water rentals, 1885, \$243.00; 1886, \$1645.00; total, \$1888.00. A heavy additional outlay will be required this year in extending pipes, enlarging tank and probably

boring other wells. An application will come before you for supplying West Grove with Artesian water, which I hope you will, for many reasons, see your way to grant.

Fire Department.

The Washington Fire-Engine Company, of Ocean Grove, consists of a full corps of able-bodied, interested men, and is in good condition. The steam-engine, purchased in 1882, having reached a state where it was liable to explode at any time, an additional one, for the safety of the men, and the better protection of property, became a necessity. A fire district, taking in the whole of Ocean Grove and West Grove, was therefore formed according to law, commissioners elected, an assessment by regular and lawful vote of the citizens of the district ordered upon the property, and a new engine purchased at a cost of \$3500. On Monday, October 4th, 1886, the new engine having arrived, a parade of the fire-departments of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove was had. It was a fine display, and consisted as follows:

OCEAN GROVE: Washington Fire Company, No. 1.	46 men.
Chemical Engine	25 "
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Total	71 men.

The whole apparatus of Ocean Grove is two steam-engines, one large chemical engine, one hook-and-ladder carriage, with apparatus, and two hose-carriages, with 1500 feet of hose.

ASBURY PARK: Wesley Engine Company	35 men.
Neptune " "	46 "
A. R. Cook, Chemical	18 "
Independent Hook-and-Ladder	30 "
Three Hose-Carriages and 2500 feet of hose.	
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Total	129 men.

The combined departments of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, which for extinguishing fires are practically one, is as follows: 4 steam-engines, 2 chemical-engines, 2 hook-and-ladder companies, 5 hose-carriages and 4000 feet of hose; total men, 200; with ample material to increase them to any number desired.

The winter population of Ocean Grove and West Grove is, say, 1400; Asbury Park and West Park, 3600; total, 5000. We point with great satisfaction to these facts and figures, and ask, is there anywhere with a

population no larger, an equal supply of water, or superior fire equipments?

Add to all these things the fact that since our settlement here, in 1869, there have not been, so far as Ocean Grove is concerned, but two fires, one a small cheap cottage, set on fire, in 1872, by children playing with matches, and burned down, and the Association barn, burned down in 1874.

It should be noted also that our grounds are policed night and day the whole year round, and in times of special danger, as during the high winds of winter, a special watch is kept; likewise the total absence of all intoxicants, and the moral character of our community, all of which add to the safety of our place.

Having, therefore, in connection with these things, as we have shown, reached a position for the extinguishing of fires, equal to any and superior to most, we think our citizens have a right to demand of fire-insurance companies a reduction in the rates of insurance, or take such methods as will protect themselves.

Asphaltum or Concrete Walks.

The asphaltum or concrete walks were commenced upon our grounds in the spring of 1885, by M. H. Hunter, Esq., of Chicopee, Mass. The first laid was on Ocean Pathway, from the Auditorium to the Sea. It has now passed through all the changes of cold and heat for eighteen months, and is a grand success. Since then, large numbers of private cottages have adopted it, with corresponding satisfaction. There are now laid 33,400 square feet belonging to the Association, and 48,250 square feet have been placed upon private grounds. Every foot laid, not only increases the comfort and convenience of all, but enhances general values, and tends to the rise of property. We cannot too earnestly recommend this plan for the improvement and beautifying of our town, and trust the time is not distant when this method or flagging will be universally adopted.

Tree-Planting Day.

There were one hundred trees purchased and set out this year. The cost of trees, including transportation, \$45.00. The total receipts for the same, the Association finding soil and labor of setting out, \$93.00. Do not let the work of tree-planting cease among us. Trees die every year, and unless we plant to supply their places, we shall sooner or later be deprived of one of the greatest of summer blessings—shade. More attention needs to be given, also, to tree culture after they are set out. Proper

watering, pruning, shaping and enriching are all necessary to healthy tree development. Attention to these points will repay the labor and cost a thousand fold, through all the added years of life. Plant trees, and train them, not for yourselves only, but for the on-coming generations.

Hot-House and Flowers.

The running of this department during the past year, a trifle more than paid expenses, counting the flowers used upon our own grounds at the usual rates. For the coming year, we have leased the property to Mr. William Vunk, who had charge of the business last year. We believe him capable, and, with the skill and industry exhibited for us last year, we have no doubt he will make a success for himself. Needed repairs were made upon the buildings, when placed in his hands, amounting to \$54.00.

Buildings.

During the year the Association has caused to be erected, over the Artesian well at the Ice-House, a frame building, 18 x 24 feet, for the protection of the hot-air pump or engine, and to be used as an Artesian Pumping Station, at a cost of \$63.00.

Also a brick building, adjoining the above, 24 x 26 feet, with smoke-stack 50 feet high, slate roof, etc., for the new and larger pump and boiler, at a cost of \$900.00.

New Lockup.

A substantial brick lock-up, containing two 5 x 8 feet cells, with 12-inch partition walls laid in cement, with cement floors, iron doors and bedsteads, has been erected in the cellar of Association Building, at a cost, complete, of \$117.00. Though not very often used, it is, nevertheless, a necessity, as sometimes unruly people straggle through our gates, and need to be taken care of for a night, prior to sending them to the county jail.

Street Sprinkling.

One water wagon was run the whole season, from the latter part of June until the middle of October. Part of the season two were run.

The cost of the work was about \$175.00, and the amount received from the lot-holders benefited thereby, \$113.30. The whole street sprinkling question is unsatisfactory. The streets must needs be sprinkled. To do this costs money. Towards this expense some pay nothing; others pay

complainingly ; a few pay cheerfully and plead for the work to be done. If all would pay their portion, as they must do in the cities, the work could be well done, and all expenses met. Until this is done, the whole question will be vexed and unsettled.



"SWEET HOME."

Tents.

Many persons, who have no experience in this line, imagine that tent life by the sea would, especially in times of storm, have so many discomforts, as to more than overbalance all the enjoyments possible to be realized. That this is not the case, is found in the fact that large numbers tent from year to year, and prefer this to other modes of living during the summer months. "We live in houses at home," they say, "and this is a pleasant change." The Bethany and Bethesda Blocks, with their frame dining-rooms and kitchens in the rear, and ornamental canvas fronts, securely fastened, with flies to throw off the spray and dampness caused by heavy rains, are very popular.

The tent rentals this year are about \$500.00 in advance of last year. About two-thirds of our tent property is already rented for the coming



ORIGINAL TENT LIFE.

season, and those who desire the others will have to apply for them soon. The cost of repairing tents, making nine new flies and twenty-one awnings, including material for the same, is \$398.35.

Vault Cleaning.

This work, always unpleasant, grows less year by year, as sewer connections multiply. This year it involved 102 days' work for our men, and 34 days' work for teams. We could earnestly wish, and do most devoutly

hope, that sewer connections will so rapidly increase that the necessity for this kind of work will disappear for ever. Health, comfort, and every other consideration should prompt all at the earliest possible moment to connect with the general sewer system.



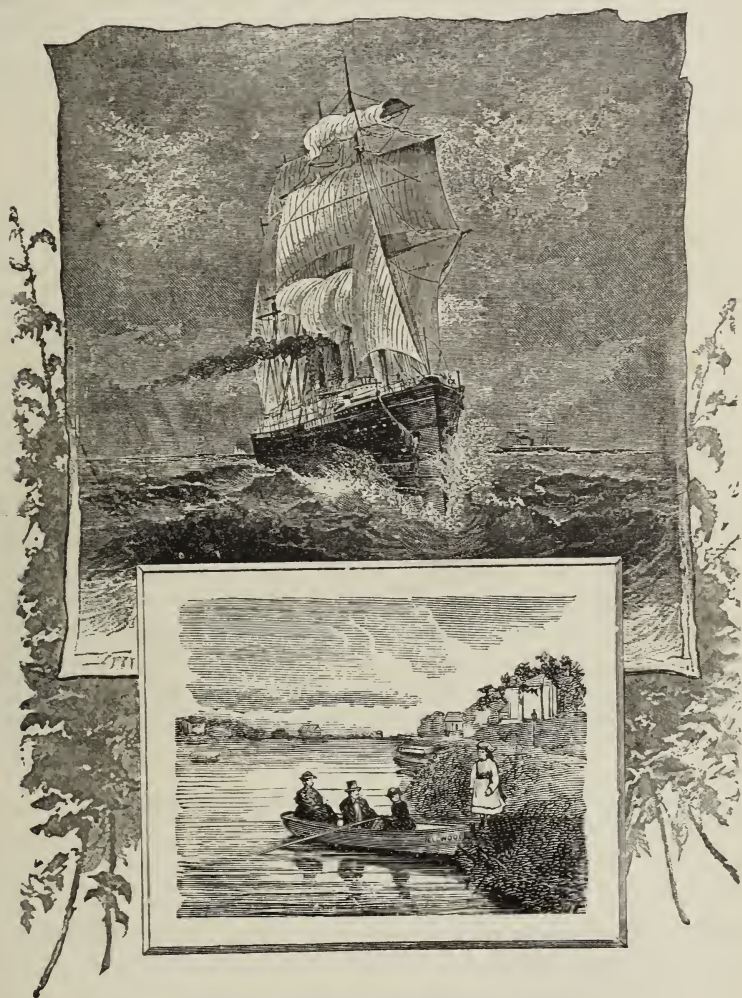
WESLEY LAKE.

Looking towards the Sea, before the Removal of Fairy Island.

The Lakes.

The waters of Wesley Lake have kept in good condition during the summer months. The two Artesian wells, one at the head of the Lake, owned jointly by Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, and the one near the

upper ferry, owned wholly by Asbury Park Water Commissioners, pouring their waters into it, have kept it sweet. The flume at the foot of the Lake,



EARLY BOATING ON WESLEY LAKE.

much injured by the storms, is now in course of repair, the expense to be shared equally by Ocean Grove and Asbury Park.

Fletcher Lake is also in good condition, but the storms and natural wear of the flume at the foot rendered repairs to the amount of \$36.00 a necessity. The south side of Fletcher Lake is greatly improved by the

buildings of Mr. Kent and the bulkhead of 924 feet, westward from our east line, at the small expense of \$106.00, has added hundreds of dollars to the values there. Both Lakes continue to be sources of innocent pleasure to thousands of men, women and children, who during the summer months, from early dawn till late at night, pass up and down, with merry laugh or cheerful song, forgetful of the toils of the past, and gaining new strength for those to come.

Jerusalem Model.

This continues a place of great interest to the many persons who visit us during the summer, and is an educator as well as source of pleasure. The number of explanatory keys sold this summer amounted to \$70.

Tabernacle Enlargement.

It has been known to you all that for several years past the BISHOP JANES MEMORIAL TABERNACLE has been too small to accommodate the crowds attending Dr. Hanlon's Bible class from Sabbath to Sabbath. "More room" has been the cry for several summers. Besides this, the poor ventilation of the building has been a source of much discomfort. But, notwithstanding all, the people would come and remain, as a rule, at least two hours, and sometimes longer, studying the word of God. It is not to be wondered, therefore, that a spontaneous movement for enlarged accommodations took place, entirely without our knowledge, on the Sabbath but one before the close of the season, as the following will show:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., Sept. 5, 1886.

Resolved, 1st. By the Ocean Grove Bible Class now assembled, that we most respectfully and very earnestly ask the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to provide for us by next season larger accommodations, with seating capacity for at least 2,000 persons.

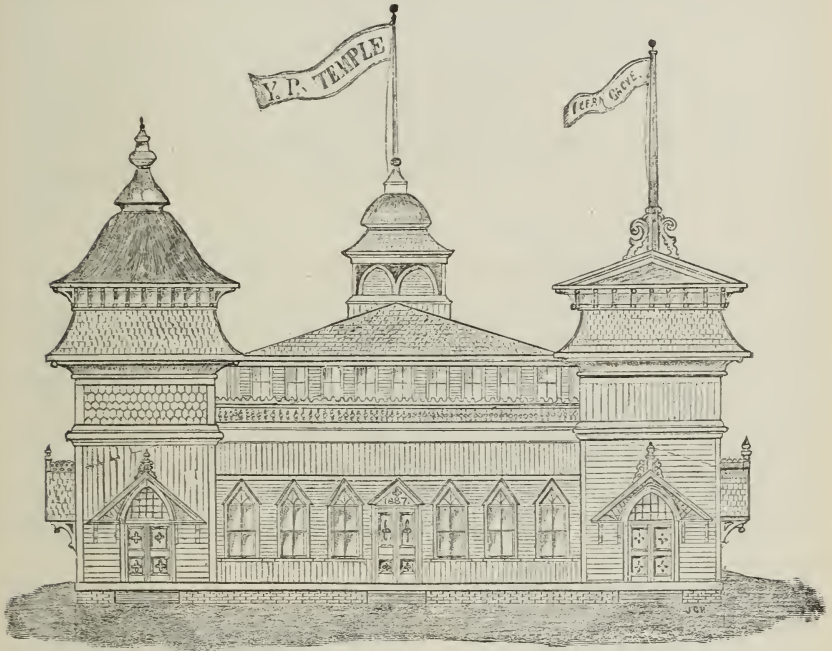
Resolved, 2d. That we will cheerfully contribute of our means to help pay for these accommodations.

Resolved, 3d. That we will take up a collection *now* for this purpose, and appoint a committee to continue the same.

Resolved, 4th. That we ask Dr. Stokes, President of the Association, to present this action to the Association at its next meeting, and to do what he can to have said accommodations finished by next season.

Resolved, 5th. That the following persons be the committee provided for in Resolution No. 3: Dr. E. H. Stokes and G. W. Evans, Ocean Grove;

Christopher Bailey and Dr. Kynett, of Philadelphia; D. N. Carroll, Baltimore; J. M. Phillips, N. Y.; J. E. Johnson, Brooklyn; Dr. Hanlon, Pennington, N. J.; E. L. Cobb, Camden, N. J.; A. K. Rowan, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. C. H. Yatman, Newark, N. J.; Dr. Stokes to be President, and G. W. Evans, Secretary and Treasurer of the committee.



PILGRIM PATHWAY FRONT.

PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S TEMPLE.

Size, 80 x 110. Seating Capacity, 2000.

To Dr. Stokes, President of the O. G. C. M. A.:

WHEREAS, We learn with pleasure of a plan to increase the accommodations for seating Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, and feeling the great need for such an enlarged building for the Young People's Meeting, and knowing such a place could be used for both gatherings without conflicting one with the other, we do most earnestly second the project, and promise our financial aid to secure the same.

Sept. 5th, 1886.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Per C. H. YATMAN, Leader.

The result of the efforts made on that day and the following Sabbath

was a subscription of nearly \$2,500. A considerable portion of this subscription has been already paid, and the balance will be in due time.

When the above Resolutions were laid before the Executive Committee for its action, and the statement made of what had been done, that body appointed a special committee to select site and procure plans for presentation to this meeting. After full examination, the committee could not see how the Tabernacle could be enlarged, for want of ground room. They then turned to the site of the Young People's Temple. There, and there only, is the needed space. One plan is to take the Temple down and erect a new building. This will cost about \$6,000, not including seats. Another is to enlarge the present Temple so as to seat 2,000 people. This can be done at a cost not much, if any, over \$3,500; with seats added, perhaps not far from \$4,000.

The following letters show the interest felt :

PENNINGTON, N. J., September 9, 1886.

Dear Dr. Stokes :

I have only three requests to make as to the enlarged quarters for the Bible-class.

First. That it shall seat at least two thousand people.

Second. That it shall be high and well ventilated.

Third. That there shall be a large platform to seat say fifty preachers or more.

I simply add that all the funds needed for the improvement will be had, only make it large, comfortable and pleasing to the eye. God bless you my dear brother and spare you many years to Ocean Grove which is so near to my heart.

Very truly yours,

THOS. HANLON.

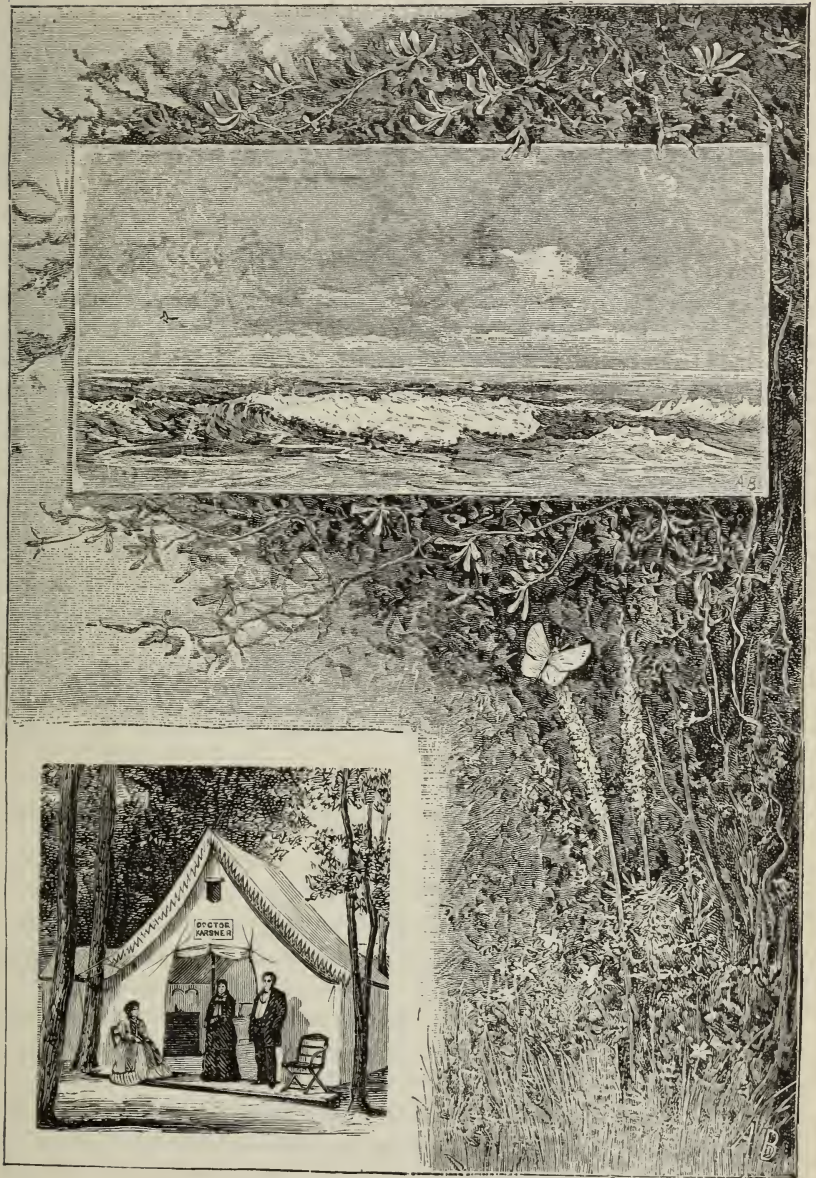
NEWARK, N. J., September, 1886.

Dear Dr. Stokes :

May I suggest, that if the New Temple is built, that it might be a good thing to take the present lot, cut the Temple in two once more, and widen out to seat two thousand, dig out so the seats can have amphitheatre pitch towards the platform, so that all can see and hear. It's only a suggestion, but I believe a good one.

C. H. YATMAN.

I commend this whole subject to your wisest and most prayerful consideration, believing you will be guided to the best conclusions.



TENT BY THE SEA.

Sounding-Board at Auditorium.

The difficulty of hearing in all parts of the Auditorium from the beginning, led finally, at the opening of the season just past, to the erection of a sounding-board over the head of the speaker. The great advantages resulting therefrom have been a surprise to many and increased satisfaction to all. The cost of its construction was \$54.43.

' Ocean Grove Drug Stores.

For several years there was but one drug store in Ocean Grove—that of Wm. C. Bakes, Esq., now deceased, and later that of R. H. Vansant, who subsequently sold out to W. H. Wythe, the present owner of the store on Pitman Avenue. From time to time unscrupulous persons have made their boasts that, notwithstanding Ocean Grove rules, they could at will, obtain at the drug stores, all the liquors they desired. To these assertions, knowing them to be untrue, we paid little or no attention. Similar declarations were openly made on the floor of the lower house of the New Jersey Legislature, at its last session, and reported in the public papers. Charges so grave coming from such a high source, we felt in duty bound to examine, and therefore immediately sent notes of inquiry to the proprietors of both stores.

The following are the replies :

RIO STATION, ALBEMARLE CO., VA.,
April 10, 1886.

Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., President,

Rev. A. E. Ballard, V. Prest., and Ocean Grove C. M. Association :

GENTLEMEN,—I am just in receipt of your note of the 6th, in which you state "That a statement appears in the New York *World* to-day, to the effect that a member of the New Jersey Legislature affirmed in open session that he has procured intoxicating liquors, daily, as desired at Ocean Grove during the last summer, from some druggist in this place." I regret that the condition of my health is such that I cannot come and meet this slander personally ; but my record for the past twelve years, as a druggist in Ocean Grove, and the rules I have always adhered to in the dispensing of liquors, will be a sufficient refutation to all who know me. In October of 1885, I had the pleasure to submit my annual report of the liquors dispensed in my store, as required by your ordinance of May, 1885. This report contained not only the kind of liquor, but the quantity, by what doctor prescribed, the name and residence of the patient ; and the total amount of cash received for all that was sold was not suffi-

cient to repay me for the Internal Revenue Tax paid the Government. Thus it will be seen that all the liquor I dispensed was a total loss, and I should have had more money if I had sold none at all. I am at a loss to know the motive for such a base slander.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM C. BAKES.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., April 8, 1886.

To Rev. Dr. Stokes, and Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association :

GENTLEMEN,—Replying to your communication of the 6th inst., I would say that, as far as I am concerned, the statement made in regard to the sale of liquor in Ocean Grove drug stores, is a deliberate and malicious falsehood. Since I have been connected with this store, I have not sold one drop of alcoholic liquors, except on the prescriptions of reputable physicians.

My instructions to my assistants are very rigid on this point, and any deviation from these instructions would be followed by instant dismissal from my employ.

Yours, respectfully,

W. H. WYTHE.

Subsequently, in a personal interview, the honorable gentleman of the Legislature said that he had been misreported; that the time referred to was several years ago, and the principal part of what he said referred to another place than Ocean Grove. I must be permitted to add, that so far as knowledge extends, our druggists have been conscientious in all their dealings with this vexed and troublesome liquor question. Any evidence of failure to do so will be looked after with the greatest care.

Police.

The duties of policemen at Ocean Grove are arduous, because many things, which at other places pass without attention are here required to be carefully watched and cared for. Pack-peddlers, organ-grinders, petty shows, tramps, drunken people and disorderly persons of all kinds have to be met at our gates and refused admission. This is one great reason why we have quiet in our midst. But to do all this requires constant vigilance and the utmost care. That we succeed so well is often matter of surprise. There were 11 arrests during the season: 2 for fast driving, 1 for drunkenness, 2 for improper bathing-suits, and fined, 2 drivers of beer-wagons, and 4 for being disorderly. The number taken out of the water with improper bathing-suits is very large, and the surprise is, that persons who account themselves respectable at home, attire themselves and appear

in public too vile for common decency to gaze upon without a blush. With all the attention the police can give, these things sometimes go undetected, and the very persons who run the gauntlet and escape arrest, are those who make their boast of the vulgarity of their course. All decent people should frown them from their presence with supreme disgust.

Business Licenses.

The following licenses were issued during the season:

Hacks and Carriages,	41
Stages and Omnibuses,	36
Baggage and Express Wagons,	15
Produce Dealers,	33
Grocers,	8
Oysters and Fish,	14
Butchers,	9
Hucksters,	1
Crackers and Hams,	4
Coal and Wood,	3
Oil,	2
Boats on Wesley Lake,	39
“ “ Fletcher Lake,	10
Total,	<u>215</u>
Last year,	190
Increase this year,	<u>25</u>

Private Improvements.

The following persons have greatly improved their buildings during the past year: T. W. Lillagore, J. R. Vankirk, Rev. Mr. Chew, J. H. Thornley, Rev. B. M. Adams, J. Fliteroft, Rev. Mr. Updyke, also Osborn House, Balmoral Cottage, Amherst Cottage, Miller Cottage, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Parsonage, Arlington Hotel, etc.

There have been 31 new cottages erected this year, in style, cost and general attractiveness much beyond those of previous years.

Total number of Cottages last year,	848
“ “ “ this year,	879
Increase,	31
Total number of Boarding Houses last year,	70
“ “ “ “ this year,	72
Increase,	2
Total of all kinds,	<u>1021</u>

Elim Cottage.

In the most quiet and unpretentious way this modest little institution continues its very important work, and I am glad to say, has had a prosperous and useful season. There have been entertained 157 guests, of



OUT ON THE OCEAN.

which 122 were Methodists, 8 Presbyterians, 5 Congregationalists, 5 Reformed, 5 Protestant Episcopalians, 10 Lutherans and 2 Baptists; and I am greatly pleased that no distinctions are made, and all alike are welcome. This is as it should be, and so I trust it will be forever.

Receipts for the year, including \$159.14 balance from last year,

\$1,483.00 ; paid for house expenses, \$1,404.05 ; balance, \$78.95. Contributions will be thankfully received by the President, Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, Philadelphia ; Mrs. George W. Evans, Treasurer, Ocean Grove, N. J., or any of the managers.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

This church has added to its regular work an out-lying post of interest and usefulness by the establishment of a much needed place of worship in Ocean Park. A beautiful Methodist Episcopal Chapel has been erected upon a lot donated by the Association, 100 x 100, the building costing about \$1900. A good Sabbath-school is open, and regular Sabbath services held, with the prospect of doing much good. West Grove, too, is in a healthy and growing condition. St. Paul's is in itself a strong society, and is doing well ; Rev. J. B. Westcott, Pastor.

Railroads.

The Railroad management during the year, both Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading, has been good. In the midst of all the multiplied thousands, no accident has occurred, and good order has been maintained.

The largest number of trains in one day,	113
Regular daily excursions (season),	74
Special excursions during season,	164
Special excursionists during season,	78,862
Number of excursion coaches,	1,647
Largest number of excursions in one day,	15
Cash receipts during August at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park	
Depot,	\$42,000
Total pieces of baggage during season,	81,000
Highest number of pieces of baggage in one day,	2,280
Number of pieces handled, not checked,	6,200
Persons employed at Passenger Depot,	15
" " Freight " 	9

The officials say it is the largest season by 30 per cent., which would make the number of persons arriving at depot during June, July, August, to middle of September, nearly one million.

Bathing Houses.

The storms of the past winter greatly damaged the buildings at the Bathing grounds of Joseph Ross and Theo. W. Lillagore, which involved the proprietors in heavy expenses. Mr. Ross, including new hot baths, over

\$4,500, and Mr. Lillagore, over \$5,200. But, as is always the case, both properties are much improved by the outlay, and the public are the gainers.

Ocean Grove Literature.

Every year the current literature of the country takes more notice of Ocean Grove. The secular and religious press give it a full share of attention, for which we are thankful, and the best magazines show it favor. Harper's *Young People* gave us a full-page illustration, which accompanied a very finely written article, well calculated to do us good. It was therefore a matter of considerable surprise, not to say deep regret, that a magazine of such lofty character as their *New Monthly* has always borne, should allow such an undeserved slur as is cast upon us in the title of their frontispiece illustration in the September number, and the still worse reflection thrown out in the same number by an ignorant or superficial observer in the closing sentence of a romance called "Our Pilgrimage." We can bear the false accusations of our foes, but to be spoken of reproachfully by friends, such as we have always regarded the Harpers, is a double grief.

In wide and beautiful contrast to this are the two new books, "Let it Alone and it Won't Hurt You," by Edward Carswell, Esq., of Canada, and "Emma's Triumph," written by Mrs. Rev. J. S. Collins, of the United Presbyterian Church. Both these books are intensely interesting stories, the first of which finishes its thrilling narrative at Ocean Grove, and the second has its principal scenes laid here, both written by persons who have long and thoroughly known us, and whose representations may therefore be relied on as entirely correct. As the writers of these books have been governed by principles of truth, which should govern all, we are sure the perusal of their pages will benefit those who read.

The Ocean Grove Record, of which Dr. Wallace is still editor and proprietor, holds on its way, and is prized by all who know it. If all the friends of Ocean Grove would stand by it in their subscriptions of \$1.50 per year, it would have a career of usefulness much wider than now, and benefit, and bless a much larger class of people. The reading of its sparkling pages brings Ocean Grove the year round to every home it enters. In addition to the regular weekly issues of the paper, Dr. Wallace published a beautiful pictorial eight page mid-summer annual, which was highly prized. *The Daily Spray*, published in Asbury Park, also issued at the close of the season, an illustrated eight page paper, containing a resumé of our entire summer work, giving special prominence to the sermons and services of the whole Camp Meeting. It was well gotten up,

and reflected great credit upon the editor and publishers, while, at the same time it was a prized convenience to many persons who eagerly sought it to send by mail to their distant friends.



ASSOCIATION, TELEGRAPH AND POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Erected, A. D. 1881.

Our only official publication for the year, has been the Annual Report of the President. This appeared in the month of December, under the title of "Multitudes By The Sea." It is a well gotten up pamphlet of

56 pages, and contains 33 illustrations, besides pictorial cover. The aim is to make it as far as practicable, a current history for the year, and to put it in such attractive form as shall lead to its more general perusal and preservation. We should be greatly pleased if all who receive it would thoroughly read and study its contents, as we are quite sure the more thoroughly we are understood, the more highly our objects and aims will be appreciated and defended. Our strongest friends are those who know us best. To all correspondents who speak well of us we are thankful, and with those who speak otherwise we will endeavor to be patient.

Post Office.

The Postmaster, Geo. W. Evans, Esq., makes the following report :

RECEIPTS.	
Postmaster's Salary,	\$ 1,700
Allowance for Clerk Hire,	500
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	\$2,200
EXPENSES.	
One Clerk, Annual,	\$500
One Clerk, "	300
" " Four Months,	200
" " Three "	120
" " Two "	80
Rent,	250
Light and Fuel,	75
Incidental,	75
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	\$1,600
Balance to Postmaster,	\$600
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Receipts in the Office for the Year.

For Sale of Stamps and Stationery, Including Box Rents, . . .	\$5,723.65
Entire Expense to the Government,	2,500.00
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Paid by Postmaster to the Government,	\$3,223.65

For the summer season, of one hundred days, there were sold by the Postmaster, over 160,000 stamps. During the same period over 300,000 pieces of mail matter were handled.

During the month of August it is impossible to conduct the business so as to afford anything like an acceptable service without the additional help of at least two clerks, which the amount of money granted to the office does not justify.

Telegraph Office.

Mr. Evans, under whose management the Telegraph business is conducted, reports as follows :

Entire Receipts,	\$1,383.38
Commission,	536.62

EXPENSES.

One Operator for the Year,	\$250	
Extra " Two Months,	100	
Delivery and Cost,	100	\$450.00
Balance to Manager,		\$86.62

Town Clock.

It gives us increased satisfaction every year to record the well-doing of our public clock. It is now over five years old, keeps excellent time, and



A STIFF BREEZE.

has not cost one cent for repairs since its erection. All that has been done, notwithstanding the usual settling of the building, and possible

slight vibrations of the tower in exceedingly high winds, is the regular weekly windings, and an occasional application of oil. I mention these things as matters of general interest, and also as a just tribute to the makers, the Ansonia Clock Manufacturing Co. of New York city.

I now beg leave to call your special and careful attention to the following—

Financial Statement.

Cash on hand, October 1, 1885,	\$ 241 43	
Rec'd from various sources during the year, . .	67,321 78	
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Rec'd from Banks,	\$ 4,500 00	
“ “ Loans,	7,602 59	
“ “ return of notes held by various persons, &c.,	80,000 00	
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Total receipts for the year,		\$159,665 80
Paid during the year for all expenses, includ- ing public improvements, sewer, and water extensions, etc., \$59,569 52		
Returned to creditors in Association Bonds, &c.,	81,787 59	
Paid notes in Bank,	12,500 00	
Loaned,	594 31	
Sinking Fund, for paying int'st on Bonds and \$5000 principal annually,	5,017 36	
Cash on hand,	197 02	
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Total,		\$159,665 80

Assets and Liabilities.

Inventory,	\$101,495 00
Book accounts,	27,762 65
Cash,	197 02
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Total,	\$129,454 67
Liabilities,	87,952 50
Net assets, not including Sewer, Artesian Wells, Water Mains, and unsold land,	\$ 41,502 17

This financial statement, though plain, needs to be carefully studied, in order to be fully understood and appreciated. At the first glance it will appear that the business of the year has been unusually heavy, amounting in the aggregate to the large sum of \$159,665.80. Upon further investigation, however, it will be found that \$80,000 of this sum consisted of notes of hand, signed by the President and Secretary, by order of the Association, and held by various individuals, for money loaned to us from

time to time, payable on demand, or in six or twelve months. These notes, at our request, were returned, the holders thereof gladly receiving, in their stead, Association Bonds, bearing interest at six per cent., per annum, payable semi-annually, viz., January 1st and July 1st, with \$5000 of the principal, to be paid on the first day of July, in each year. This will account for the seeming large increase in the amount of business, and while it leaves our indebtedness substantially as it was, yet by this arrangement our business becomes much more satisfactory and manageable.

As the statement comes to be thoroughly analyzed and compared with last year's balance sheet, it will show an increase of indebtedness this year of \$3,957.25. This increase, however, is seeming, rather than real. Last year, by an oversight, there was an omission of \$7,551.00, of our liabilities, from the financial statement, and this year our assets, by the sale of the Arlington property, shrink \$5,326.66. These two sums added, make \$12,877.66, all of which have had to be adjusted in this year's statement; yet, after all, the increase of indebtedness this year, as stated above, is only \$3,957.25 over last year, which, taken from the sum of \$12,877.66, shows really that our financial condition this year, notwithstanding large sums expended for improvements, is better than last by \$8,920.41.

The "*Sinking Fund*," which appears for the first time in our annual financial statement, is a special fund created for the purpose of paying the interest on the Bonds issued, and canceling annually of \$5000 of the principal. This fund receives its supplies from all the sales of lands in Ocean Grove proper, and placed in the hands of two trustees, viz., Jos. H. Thornley, Esq., of Ocean Grove, N. J., and Hon. Holmes W. Murphy, of Freehold, N. J., who sacredly hold the same for the purposes named. Should the amount received in any year from the sale of these lands be insufficient to meet the claims upon this fund, the balance is to be supplied by any moneys the Association has in hand.

Taken as a whole, therefore, our finances were never in better business form, and, as I think, in view of the fact that assured revenues increase from year to year, our future prospects were never more hopeful. Still, in order to meet all of our obligations promptly, there will be needed for years to come the exercise of wise economy and the careful husbanding of all our income.

During the year, the administration of our affairs has undergone some change. George W. Evans, Esq., who has served the Association so well for a long term of years, as our Secretary and Cashier, having been appointed by President Cleveland Postmaster at this place, found the duties of all the positions, especially for four or five months of the year, more than could well be borne by one man. He, therefore, at our semi-



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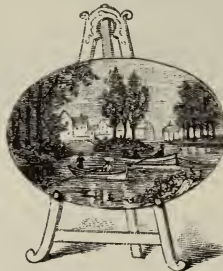
annual meeting in May, resigned his duties as Cashier, retaining, however, his position as Secretary to the Association, without salary. The vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of J. R. Vankirk, Esq., a member of the Association, who, up to this time, has discharged the duties of the office well.

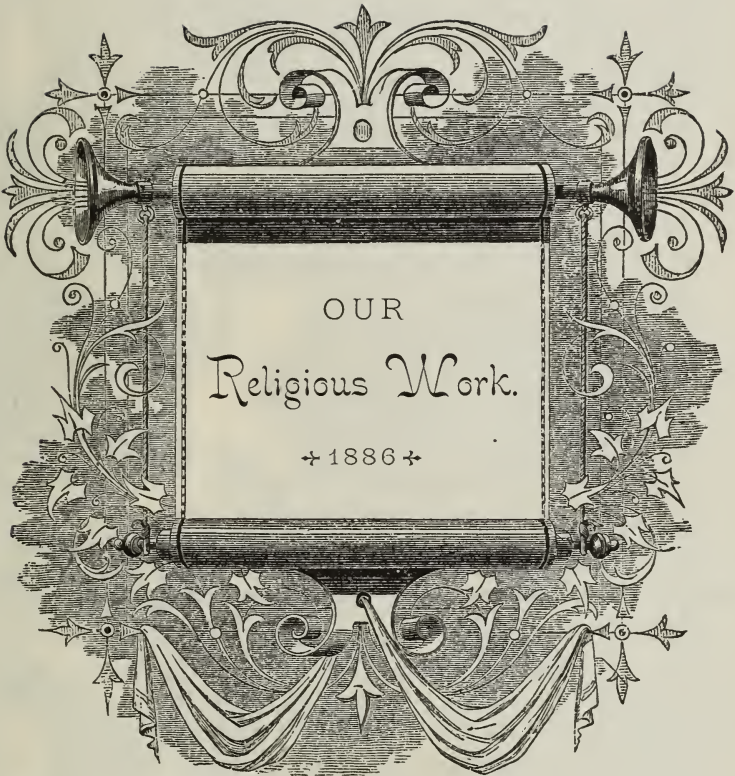
During the year there have been held twelve official meetings: one special meeting of the Association, December 15, 1885; one semi-annual

meeting, May 11, 1886, and ten Executive Committee meetings, equally distributed through the months as was most convenient, or necessity required. At these meetings, unless providentially hindered, the members are always present, and a vast amount of unpaid labor rendered. To all the members of the Association, who twice a year leave their homes and business to legislate in the interests of this place, I am under lasting obligations, for wise counsels, encouraging words, and unabated interest. To the Executive Committee, who are called together oftentimes at sacrifice of ease and financial interests, I am still more deeply indebted, and most of all to the officers who have to be consulted daily, and often many times a day, as to what is best, and how best to do that which is approved, I feel a sense of abiding gratitude which no words of mine can properly express. Also to the men in our employ, Captain Rainear and those associated with him, some of them from year to year, and others for shorter times, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the prompt and cheerful manner in which all their duties, many of them arduous and often rendered at unseemly hours, are performed. Upon all alike, from the least to the greatest, I pray that divinest benedictions may forever rest.

Let us, therefore, in view of all these things, take new courage, and press on in the great work to which God, in His providence, has evidently called us.

With these words I dismiss the consideration of our secular affairs for the year just closed, humbly beseeching Almighty God that, as in the past, He will graciously favor us with His approval unto the end.

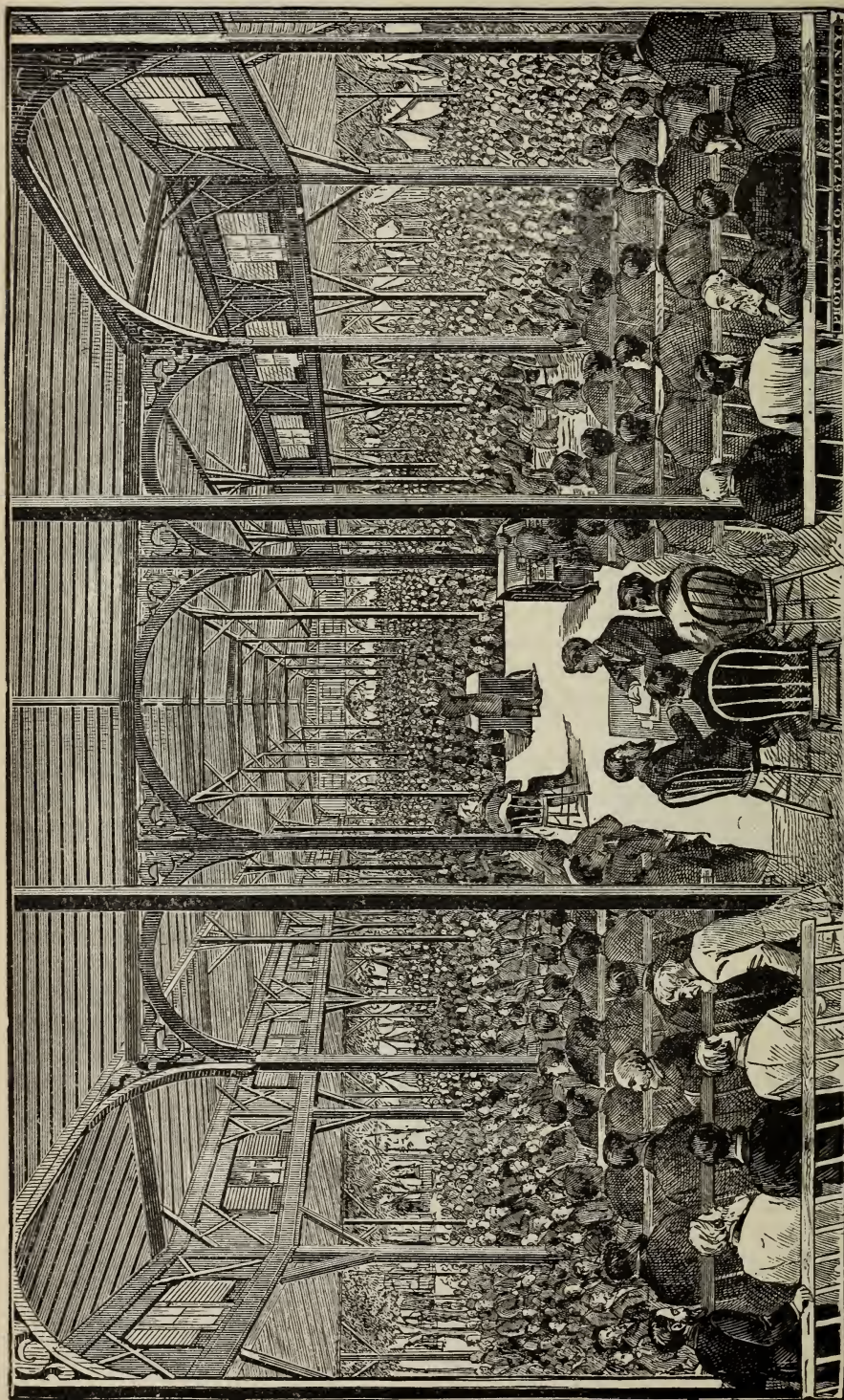




OUR

Religious Work.

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Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



Ah! do not turn away with thoughtless gaze,
From this sweet scene of gentleness and love;
In tender accents the fond father prays,
And softly fall rich blessings from above;
The prayer has touched the secret source of joy,
And bliss supreme is found in the divine employ.—E. H. S.

Our Religious Work.

Having passed through the preceding extended secularities, we now reach Ocean Grove's central idea, its religious work. Here, and here alone, we feel the warm pulsations of its inner heart, and grip its true character.

The material things, while important and necessary appendages, are nevertheless simply the scaffolding to the building, while the spiritual objects are the holy temple we have been and still are rearing, whose doors we aim to keep always open, and into whose exalted privileges we urgently invite mankind.

As we come to these sacred precincts, and contemplate the sanctity and magnitude of our work, we seem to hear a voice like that which came to the leader of ancient Israel: "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

The work of God is first; the town, which has been thrust upon us in order more effectually to carry on our work, a secondary thought,—simply the foundation stones of a pedestal, on which we elevate, not the goddess of liberty which is to enlighten the New York harbor simply, but the Light of LIGHTS,—the only true Light,—the Morning Star,—the Sun of Righteousness, full-orbed, in all His meridian splendor, whose ever

diffusing rays shall penetrate and interpenetrate the remotest extremities, warming, fructifying, life imparting, until dead humanity—the whole wide world—resurrected and illuminated, shall gather at the Redeemer's feet and worship Him, the first and the last,—the was, and is, and is to come,—the Almighty.

Do not chide me for repeating these things. I must repeat them. I do not know which repetition will be my last; and my deepest, highest, and most ardent desire is that my last utterances on these points shall leave the conviction so indelibly carved in the mind and memory that the oncoming ages shall not obliterate it,—that Ocean Grove's foundation, superstructure and cap-stone is the Religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, to maintain and advance which we bend all our energies and direct all our toils; and that we, as an Association of Christian men, whatever else we may or may not do, whatever we may or may not build, however we may or may not legislate, our great, constant and absorbing aim is, and shall be, to elevate Christ, to give Him the pre-eminence in every human heart, and that we will, as in the past, so continue to do at this place that, at the close of life, we may, as individuals and as an Association, feel that we have done what we could to bring all to the feet of Jesus, so that His great and blessed name might the sooner—

“Be high over all
In hell, or earth, or sky.”

I am about to unfold to you a brief synopsis of our summer work. On the pages of a vaster volume the fuller record lies—a volume which will not be opened until the last great day. What revelations then? I trust they may not be against us, but rather such as will elevate our joys and improve our condition in the world eternal.

After months of preparation, our summer series of meetings opened on Sabbath morning, July the 4th.

Holiness Meeting.

Exactly at the hour of nine, Mrs. Dr. Palmer and Bro. J. H. Thornley opened the Holiness Meeting in the Tabernacle, with a good attendance, and a very marked sense of the Divine presence, which continued not only with unabated, but ever-increasing, interest until Sabbath morning, Sept. 12th, making 69 services in all. During all these blessed days, what songs were sung—what prayers were offered—what exhortations and experiences given—what helps offered to many thousands of God's precious people? To these questions eternity alone can give the answers, and eternity alone will reveal the bliss. To the dear leaders, and all who so

wonderfully helped in song, prayer or otherwise, we can only render thanks, and pray that God will now and always crown them with His love.

Young People's Meeting.

At the same hour, Rev. C. H. Yatman, for several years the efficient leader of our Young People's Meeting, surrounded with a corps of most devoted helpers, commenced his meeting in the Young People's Temple,



REV. CHARLES H. YATMAN,
Leader of the Young Peoples' Meeting.

which continued, with increasing multitudes at every service, until Sept. 5th, having held 63 sessions, full of interest, spiritual life and power. The good accomplished no mind can estimate or tongue express. The counted number saved in this department of the work was 170—an average of nearly three for every service held. For the uncounted numbers helped and blessed we must wait until the final day. All who in any way aided in the meetings have our heartiest thanks.

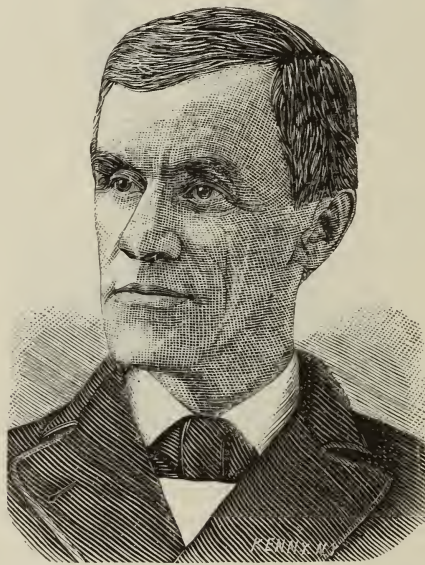
Chinese Sabbath School.

Also at the hour of nine, the Mongolian young men, the summer residents of Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, numbering some parts of the time seven or eight, were gathered in Association Hall, by Miss De

Vaughn, assisted by Misses Hughes and Irwin, and organized for their summer Sabbath School and Christian worship, continuing until the season's end. These services are very simple and undemonstrative, but highly appreciated by those for whose special benefit they were intended. The young ladies who conducted these exercises are worthy of all praise for their self-denying toil.

Summer Sabbath School.

At 2 P. M., the summer Sabbath School commenced. The old officers and leaders were in their places, and the count for the opening service



REV. THOS. HANLON, D. D.,
Leader of Bible Class.

was, Primary Department, led by Mrs. Skirm, 254 ; Intermediate, J. H. Thornley, 372 ; Bible Class, Dr. Hanlon, 400 ; total, 1026. The highest number on any one day, was Camp Meeting Sabbath, August 22d, when the total in all departments reached 5520. The closing exercises were held on Sabbath afternoon, September 12th, the attendance being 405 ; the aggregated number during the eleven sessions held, in all the departments, was 24,897. A vast amount of delightful labor is put forth in these Sabbath School exercises during these eleven weeks of summer vacation, and those who gave their time and labor will be rewarded, in the great harvest, which is the end of the world.

Auditorium Opening.

It was the date of the National Independence Day, the sky bright, the air bland, and the congregation vast. On the platform, a large number of ministers were gathered, and fifty well-trained singers, with their old leader, Willisford Dey, Esq., were in their places. The whole scene was inspiring, and when at exactly 10.30, A. M., the janitor's bell tapped, the signal to commence services, the whole audience arose and joined in singing

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,”

it seemed as if the divine one was with us at the very start.

The sermon by Rev. Robert M. Stratton, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y., was a masterly and eloquent elaboration of a sublime theme, founded on the words of inspiration, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.”—Rev. 21 : 1. The great audience sat delighted listening to the eloquent words, and like thirsty travelers drinking from living fountains were refreshed, strengthened, and satisfied.

Rev. Wm. P. Corbit, of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave one of his most earnest, thrilling, and enthusiastic sermons in the evening from the words, “Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory.”

Fourth of July Celebration, Monday, July 5th.

The Fourth of July coming this year on Sabbath, the civic celebration was postponed until the 5th. The day was ushered in by ringing of bells at 4.37, A. M. At 10.30, A. M., a large audience gathered at the Auditorium, when the choir rendered our grand old national songs with much enthusiasm. Prayer, by Rev. J. B. Westcott, pastor of St. Paul's. The Declaration of Independence was read with grand effect by Rev. I. Simmons, presiding elder of the Brooklyn District of the New York East Conference. The Star Spangled Banner was finely rendered by Miss Annie R. Vankirk, and the “Independence Bell,” recited in a masterly manner, by Prof. Ludlam.

The oration was delivered by Rev. Benjamin M. Adams, presiding elder of the New York District, of the New York East Conference, and a member of our Ocean Grove Association. His theme was the glory of the American Republic. From the first sentence to the last it was full of hope and inspiration, thrilling the audience, which showed its high appreciation by repeated outbursts of prolonged applause. I am prompted to

record a few of his last utterances. "Let us gird ourselves to save the holy fire of liberty from going out. Let us see that the incoming generations find our holy heritage unbroken. Let generations yet unborn feel the force of our lives, as we feel the force of lives that have preceded ours. So shall we help to make a better future for our glorious land. The best men are yet to come. Our land is the product of the gospel,



SURF MEETING.

and the greatest of men are to rise from the empire of freedom, as the tallest trees known on the planet rise on our territory, so the greatest men are yet to come forth from among us. The statesmen, the heroes, and prophets of the nations are to rise up in this western world, and a republican form of government is to be the herald of the millennium, when there shall be no king but Jesus, to whom be glory forever!"

At the close, the following announcement was made by the President: "Switzerland, our sister Republic, is celebrating to-day, with great demonstrations of national joy, her deliverance from Austrian rule, five hundred years ago." This was eloquently responded to by

Dr. M. J. Cramer, late Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul General to Switzerland.

Thos. McPherson, Jr., then sung "The Red, White and Blue," after which the congregation arose, and amid the demonstrations of patriotic enthusiasm and waving of handkerchiefs, resolutions of thanks were given to orators, singers, and all who had helped to make the occasion a success. Benediction by Rev. G. Hughes.

In the estimation of all, it was one of our very best Fourth of July celebrations. In the evening there were fireworks along the beach.

Surf Meeting.

The meetings at the Beach were inaugurated the same day, at 6 P. M. Five or six thousand people were in attendance. A new responsive reading, appropriate to the day, entitled "*Our National Sabbath*," was used, and addresses delivered by Rev. R. J. Andrews, Dr. Cramer, Rev. C. B. Lewis, H. C. Mead, Dr. Wallace and Chauncy Shaffer, Esq., of New York, who gave his fortieth 4th of July address, full of fire and mighty faith. During the season, there were 10 of these services held, each larger than the last, and all replete with special interest.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey.

This is now established as one of our regular annual meetings, which is looked forward to with interest, and is greatly enjoyed by all. This year was not an exception to the rule. It was held Wednesday and Thursday, July 7th and 8th. The sessions were presided over by the President, Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, of Ocean Grove, who was aided in the exercises by a number of intelligent, earnest and enthusiastic women, who, no matter what may be said or done, will never be satisfied until the traffic in intoxicants is prohibited by law, and this great national curse is throttled to the death. May they have wisdom and strength for all emergencies, and never weary until the work is done.

The Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

This interesting and profitable series of services commenced this year on the 10th of July, and continued until the 20th, under the general direction of Rev. B. B. Loomis, Superintendent of Instruction, with Rev. J. F. Clymer, Normal Instructor, Mrs. B. B. Loomis, Boys and Girls Department, and Professor J. R. Sweney, Musical Director. The various

exercises with the classes, sermon on Sabbath morning by Dr. Miller, of Brooklyn, and Sabbath evening by B. B. Loomis, the lectures and stereopticon illustrations by Prof. Marshall, Dr. Morris's Measure of a Man, Dr. Hanlon on the Evidences of Christianity, the Baccalaureate Sermon of Dr. Kynett, and all the other exercises, was of such a high order, as to make it difficult to discriminate and invidious to compare. The whole Assembly services were of a character to gird with new strength all who participated in them; qualifying each for wider and better work for God. The last day of the Assembly were C. L. S. C. graduation day, and a high success. The address of Dr. Vincent, the presentation of diplomas to fifty-seven members of the C. L. S. C. graduating class; also, the awarding of diplomas to eighteen First Normals, sixteen Second Normals, and two in the Children's Course; the reception to Dr. Vincent at the Arlington, and the camp-fire on the beach, were all of them such as will live in memory, and their return be hailed with joy.

The Missionary Jubilee of the African M. E. Church.

This was held on Thursday, July 22, commencing at 11 A. M., and continuing throughout the day and evening. It was the second visitation of these Sons of Ham, and, if possible, a greater success than their first, one year ago. Their speakers, Dr. Derrick, of N. Y., Dr. Handy, Washington City, Dr. Arnett, Ohio, Dr. Lee, Philadelphia, Dr. Jennifer, Boston, Dr. Townsend, Richmond, Ind., and Bishops Campbell and Wayman, all acquitted themselves with the greatest credit, their communications evincing a very high order of intellect, intensely interesting the large mixed audiences, and often thrilling them with their lofty eloquence. The singing, too, under the direction of Prof. Layton, Chorister of the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., greatly enthused our people as well as their own. Altogether, it was a most profitable occasion, greatly enjoyed by all, and when they come again will be most heartily welcomed.

The National Reform Convention.

This was a new interest among us. Its objects are declared to be "to maintain existing Christian features in the American Government, such as our Sabbath laws, the Christian law of marriage in opposition to polygamy and lax divorce, and the use of the Bible in our schools; to resist the encroachments of national atheism; to call the nation back to the God of our fathers; and, as a means to these ends, to secure such suitable religious acknowledgments in our State and National Constitutions as shall declare that this is a Christian nation, and shall place all

Christian laws, institutions and usages in our government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land."

Every one of these objects is of the noblest character, and with each of which we as an Association are in the fullest accord. The National Reform Convention was therefore most heartily welcomed on Wednesday, July 21st, and was addressed by Rev. Dr. McIlvaine, of Newark, N. J., Dr. White of New York, Rev. David McAllister, LL. D., Professor of Political Science in Geneva College, Mrs. M. A. Woodbridge, Ravenna, Ohio, Secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and others. The addresses were all of a high order and made a deep impression. Should this society favor us with another meeting, the objects being better understood, their attendance will be larger.

Ocean Grove Memorial Day.

This is the tenderest of all days of the year. The absent but not forgotten seem to mingle with us again, or pass, white-robed, crowned, triumphant, in holy review before our minds, while we, forgetting any little imperfections of their earthly life, cherish with fondest affection all that was true and good in them. How sweetly such an occasion lifts us heavenward, and bridges the chasm between the eternal world and this. Let us never forget those of our loved ones who have passed on before. Let us prepare to meet them where there are no partings. The service was full of holy affection and sacred tenderness, mingled with sweet songs and words luminous with immortal hope. In the rear of the platform was a large blackboard containing the names of friends of Ocean Grove, who from season to season had spent more or less time with us, who directly from our midst, during the past year, or far away, at their city or country homes, went up to dwell together in the presence of their King. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, from henceforth, saith the Spirit."

Women's Home Missionary Society.

This was the second time this young but vigorous Society held its anniversary here. Whatever promise of vitality and interest was awakened by the first meeting was more than realized in the second. The addresses of Mrs. Lucy Rider Myers, Principal of the Chicago Training School; Mrs. Dunton, of Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss J. M. Bancroft, Dr. J. M. King, of New York, and others, more than met the expectations of the most sanguine, while the presence of Mrs. Gen. Fisk and other distinguished ladies greatly added to the interest of the occasion. This great and good work has been inaugurated with the highest sanction of the Church, and

these ladies, with an enthusiasm worthy of the religion they profess, are banded together to secure success. May their highest expectations be more than met.

New Jersey Sabbath Union.

Tuesday, July 27th, was given to the New Jersey Sabbath Union for such services as might be judged best by its managers to promote the better observance and sanctity of the Sabbath day. Large audiences were in attendance, and interesting and impressive addresses were delivered by Rev. Drs. Mott, Van Horn, Hammil, and Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, and also by Rev. T. A. Fernley, G. S. Nice, J. S. Potts, Wm. Hance, and J. H. Knowles, the corresponding Secretary. To the help of these the laity came with force, and Hon. Geo. J. Ferris, of New Jersey, and D. S. Lindsay, Esq., of Philadelphia, gave thrilling addresses with awakening power.

The following, among other kindred resolutions, was passed with much enthusiasm :

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Railroad has adopted measures by which its employés upon freight trains are permitted to spend their Sabbaths with their families as far as possible; therefore

Resolved, That as friends of the workingman and of the Sabbath, in convention at Ocean Grove assembled, we do most respectfully urge all railroad trunk lines that they will make such arrangements as will secure the relief of the greatest number possible from Sunday labor, and reduce travel and freight on that day to its lowest possible minimum.

The National Temperance Society.

This great society of veteran men is always welcome. It is a matter of profoundest satisfaction, too, that amid the swirling surges of the agitated sea of public opinion, this Society and the solid men who compose it, stand in silent strength and, like ancient Gibraltar, hurls each threatening billow at its feet. Conscious of right, it sets its course, and veers not right or left, though tempests thwart its path. Such action secures, though long delayed, success at last. The coming of such men is the march of victors, and their going leaves the foe, if not slain, weaker than they found it. The accomplished Clinton B. Fisk; the gigantic Herrick Johnson; the ladylike, perspicuous and pathetic Mrs. McLaughlin; the neat Albert G. Lawson; the fiery Gov. Colquitt; the witty Edward Carswell; the massive Merritt Hurlburt; the clear, incisive, logical, elevating and inspiring George K. Morris; the fire-striking Steele; the earnest Finch; the always-ready Sterne; the superbly eloquent Bain,—how could the coming of such a host be otherwise than mighty? How their tread

shakes the earth! How sin trembles in their presence, and devils gnash their teeth! Long may they live to advocate the right, and long may the Silver Lake Glee Club, in full or in part, inspire all with the harmony of their songs. Sabbath, August 1st, was the last day of the meeting, and our Ocean Grove seventeenth anniversary day as well. Rev. H. A. Cleveland, D. D., pastor of Methodist Episcopal Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia, had been selected as the speaker. The audience was magnificent as to numbers, and receptive as to mood. After the preliminary services, the text, "It fell not for it was founded upon a rock," Matt. 7: 25, was announced. The speaker said, "The man who built upon the rock, built himself into the eternal truth of things. He who hears Christ's words and does them not, is like the foolish builder. He who does Christ's teachings and shapes his work by them is the man who built on the rock. He who does the will of God shall live forever. Not everything built in this world is permanent. Only the true, real and humane things abide. The eternal powers are arrayed against the false. History and all the laws of nature teach it. This Ocean Grove is a noble structure, but let it slip away from Christ, and her glory will depart and it will become the haunted place of social jackals. Christ is the Eternal Word, the reason and revelation of the Father. If we shape our lives according to Him, we build on eternal truths. Christ is Christianity. His word and Spirit is living consciousness. It is a series of living facts. Its principles are capable of universal adoption. Its virtues can be obtained by all peoples. It survives and flourishes with the advance of criticism and culture. It will not down. It is to-day the oldest and the youngest religion. The words of Jesus never pale and pass away. One imbued with His teachings becomes an eternal soul, and cannot be moved. Christ does not make His followers of rock, but gives them stability, and with that beauty and sweetness. Below the Christian soul is the rock of Christ. The Christian character is granite at the bottom and lily-work at the top. Look at the strong and beautiful souls of the poets, statesmen and reformers which built on the rock. They made the air in this country too pure for slavery to breathe in, and soon it will be too pure for the inebriate and polygamist. In conclusion, I give you a motto: Permanent life structure, with obedience to Christ." The whole sermon, of which the above is but a brief extract, was solid granite, wrought out in the most artistic forms and polished to the highest susceptibilities. It will live long in the memory and hearts of those who heard it. The last service of the series was held on Sabbath night, when Geo. W. Bain, Esq., thrilled and enthused an audience of six thousand people, who amid mingled tears of sorrow and triumphant joy arose to their feet, and with thousands of handkerchiefs waved him adieu. Then with the grand old doxology, the meeting closed.

The Women's Encouragement Meeting.

Four days were given to this new and interesting series of meetings. Mrs. Lucy Rider Myers, of Chicago; Mrs. Rev. Mary Sparks Wheeler, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Kennard Chandler, of Ocean Grove; and Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip, also of Ocean Grove, were the leaders, and nobly they led the large numbers in attendance in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. The tide rose higher with every service until the last day, when a tidal wave of salvation seemed to spread over all the congregations, and a number were counted among the saved. The whole meeting was a blessed success, and greatly, as was its object, promoted the revival spirit.

Bible Readings.

Rev. John Johns, of N. Y., again this year, as last, greatly delighted and profited his large audiences with his wonderfully unique expositions of the ever blessed word of God. Each exposition seemed fresher and more interesting than the last, and when the final one was ended, so graciously were the people moved and blest, that they would have been glad had the series extended to six days instead of closing with the third. So always the word of God will root and grow and bloom, and bear fruit in the Christian soul. The living Christian has a living Bible.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

This meeting, always interesting and successful, was held, this year, August 14th and 15th. Mrs. Dr. Stokes, the President, called the meeting to order on Saturday morning, at 10.30 o'clock, after which hymn 932—

"The morning cloud is breaking,
The darkness disappears,"

was sung, and Mrs. Skidmore offered prayer. The following persons participated in the course of the two days' meetings: Mrs. Dr. Stokes, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. S. M. Stiles, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. I. C. Davis, late missionary to Turkey, Miss Fanny Sparks, late missionary to India, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Dr. Cramer, Mrs. Dr. Lowrey, Mrs. Dr. J. T. Crane, Miss M. A. Easton, from India, Mrs. Corbit, Mrs. and Miss Simmons, Miss Swaney, from Mexico, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Clara Mulliner, late of Mexico, Bishop Hurst, Dr. Cramer, Rev. Mr. Buck, from India, Mr. Siper, of Japan, Dr. Hanlon, Dr. Bowman, Rev. G. Hughes, and many others. All the meetings were full of interest, and the sermon of Bishop Hurst, on Sabbath morning, from the text, "Lord, it is time for Thee to work," as also the address of Mrs. Davis, on Sabbath afternoon, greatly helped the cause. The entire collections, including that of the

Young People's Temple, amounted to \$1,062.23, while a new impetus was given in many hearts to the blessed work of God in foreign lands.

The Annual Camp Meeting.

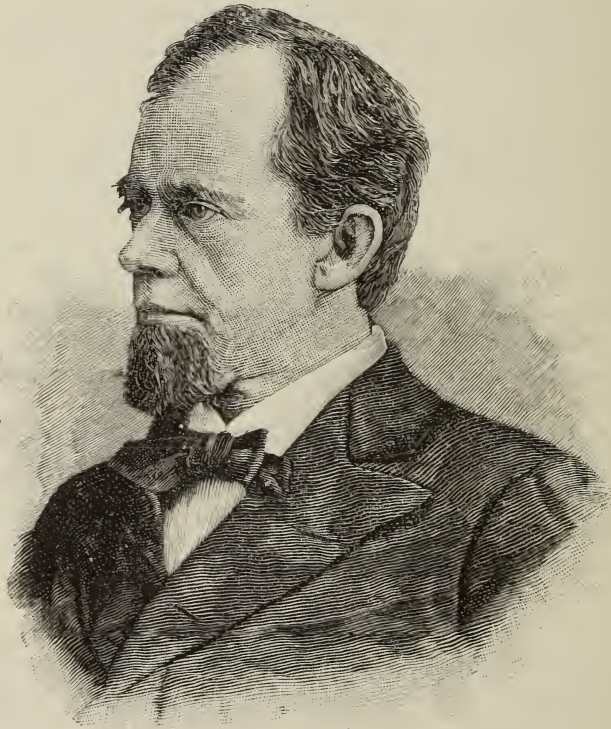
This, as all know, is the culmination of our summer religious work, and is always approached with great solicitude. To show somewhat the extent of this solicitude, I quote from the annual circular, which we seek to place in the hands of all a day or two before the meeting commences:

"PLEASE OBSERVE.—This is the great meeting of the year. To this all look forward with high anticipations. Eternal interests are involved. We especially ask you, by your presence, prayers, and efforts, to help make it a success. Come for your own benefit, and bring your friends. The great object is to do good. Give these ten days wholly to religious worship. Do not wait for the great preachers; all are great, as they preach the truth. Let not amusement, company, or any thing hinder."

"URGENT REQUESTS.—Please do not bathe during the hours of public worship. Avoid boating during the same time. Please do not arrange for pleasure excursions by sea or land during meeting hours. Please do not play croquet or any thing of the kind, either in the parks or on private grounds, during the meetings. Boarding-houses and hotels, please avoid all entertainments and exhibitions during the ten days of Camp Meeting. As far as your strength will allow, attend all the services. Pray publicly and privately for the Divine blessing upon every sermon and service. Do not criticise, but work. 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 and prayer aim at immediate results."

With these exhortations, fresh upon our minds and hearts, we commenced our Camp Meeting work this year, on Tuesday, August 17th. In the morning, from 10.30 to 11.30, a prayer meeting was held, to seek, specifically, the divine blessing upon our ten days' work. It was intensely earnest. Thirty-four prayers, with songs between, were offered, and the favor of God was found. In the afternoon, a Young People's Service, of song and exhortation, led by C. H. Yatman, assisted by A. G. Kynett, S. D. Gordon, E. A. Noble, J. P. Duffy, and Wm. Hamilton was held, the special point being the girding on the Christian armor. Young men, bright in intellect, and fervent in soul, pleading with all the intensity of their enthusiastic natures to put on the whole armor of God, and so be ready for the coming conflict. They did not plead in vain. Thousands seemed resolved to commence anew, and do for God. At night the Sacrament was administered. One hundred and six ministers were on the

platform, and fifteen hundred and six, of all ages, and varied tongues, and climes, without reference to denominational distinctions, the simple point being, were they marked with the blood of the Lamb, knelt together in silence, receiving the sacred emblems of the Saviour's death. To those who had never witnessed the scene before, all was so new, and awe-inspiring, that they felt like saying, this is the border land of heaven, while scores of bosoms heaved with sympathetic sobs, and multitudes were moved to tears of love and gratitude.



BISHOP HURST.

On Wednesday, the whole embattled host was ready for the fray. The Consecration Meeting, at 5.45 A. M., in the Tabernacle, led by Rev. R. J. Andrews; the Family Devotions, at Auditorium, 6.45 A. M., led by the President; the Helping-hand, in Tent, 8 A. M., led by Rev. Dr. Vanhorn, and J. R. Daniels; Holiness Meeting, at 9 A. M., in Tabernacle, led by Mrs. Dr. Palmer and J. H. Thornley; the Young People's Meeting, at 9 A. M., led by Rev. C. H. Yatman, in Temple; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, at 1.30 P. M., in Tabernacle; Mothers' Meeting, in Tent,

at 2 P. M., led by Mrs. Wheeler; Children's Meeting, in Temple, at 2 P. M., led by Mrs. Inskip and J. H. Thornley; the Twilight Meeting, at 6.30, P. M., led by Rev. C. H. Yatman, and preaching at the Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30, P. M., daily. At the tap of the bell, the whole machinery moves, like the great Corliss engine of Centennial fame, and the divine force is felt to the last extreme.

Bishop John F. Hurst, preached the opening sermon, from the words of Jesus, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."—John 8: 36. The text, was an inspiration. All who knew this freedom, felt an intense desire, that those who did not, might speedily come to its realization, and the sermon, full of point, pith, illustration, and holy unction, greatly inflamed this laudable desire. This was the key-note of the whole ten days' movement, and the Bishop's closing words wonderfully strengthened for the struggle: "Jesus is waiting now to give life and liberty. He is MIGHTY to save. They know this who have His peace in their souls. It is a joy to live, a song when dying, and the transit to brighter scenes on high. Ten thousand times ten thousand swell the chorus to Him whose power turned their bondage to liberty and their darkness into light." And so, from hour to hour, and from day to day, the battle waged. Men mighty in the Scriptures proclaimed the Word of God, and prayers and exhortations followed, until multitudes sang and said—

"I yield, I yield,
I can hold out no more."

When the Sabbath came, bright, calm, beautiful, thousands gathered in the Love Feast, and the testimonies rolling in like a great surging Niagara were such as would cause the white-robed hosts in heaven to clap their exultant hands for joy, while hell might tremble and turn pale with excessive rage. At 10.30 the masses were so great that overflow meetings were held at Ross' and Lillagore's Pavilions, Ocean Pathway Pavilion, Tabernacle, and Young People's Temple, while at the Auditorium every inch of space was occupied, and many stood. St. Paul's Church was also crowded.

Rev. J. E. Adams, formerly of New Jersey, and now of Rochester, N. Y., preached at the Auditorium, from Matt. 7: 7, 8, on Christian quest and conquest. It was massive in strength, beautifully symmetrical in finish, and irresistibly convincing to all. Rev. Wm. H. Boole, of N. Y., at 3, and J. Boyd Brady, of Jersey City, at 7.30 P. M., nobly sustained the grandeur of the day in sermons of marvelous power. The other services were all full of special interest, and the slain of the Lord were many. So the day passed, the battle waxing stronger and stronger unto the end.

On Friday morning, August 27th, we gathered for the close. A large number of Christian parents brought their children to the Auditorium

platform at 9 A.M. sharp, where they were dedicated to God in holy baptism, the President of the Association performing the solemn service. Then came the administration of the Lord's Supper again. Over one hundred ministers were present to assist, and nineteen hundred and twenty-three received the sacred emblems. What a scene! Childhood and hoary hairs were there. The new converts, with their fresh gushings of warm, pure love, and the ripe saint just ready to melt away into the gladness of eternal noon. How the tears fell and hearts swelling with unutterable emotions were ready to swoon away beneath the ineffable smile of God. Others, lost in holy meditation, forgetful of the present, thought only of the world beyond. It was a solemn hour. We should never all meet again—not, it was feared, even in the day eternal. The possibilities of eternal separation were almost too great to bear, and some, so impressed, then and there gave their hearts to God,—while most of the congregated thousands lifted their hands to say they would meet us in heaven. God grant it may be so. It was time to close. The results of the meetings, as far as they could be ascertained, were given. A few parting words were said. Then we marched twice around the Auditorium grounds, singing as we went. Men looked and wondered. Hearts were touched, tears flowed, resolves were made, and souls were saved.

We ascended the platform again. The multitudes were in silence. It seemed as if there was a white-winged host, just above us, large as the one below, and equally interested in the scene. Now song again, soft, subdued, and heaven-like.

Then, the President, lifted his hands, and with closed eyes, waited till all was quiet. Soon, such was the stillness, it seemed as if no one was present, then the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,"—the bell striking after each name—"I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting, for the year 1886, 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. Amen." Then, as if the gathering clouds of mercy could contain themselves no longer, burst with new blessings on every head and heart. Handshaking and farewell words were on every hand, while the people lingered or slowly passed away, with holy influences which will live forever.

Thus I have brought you through another season and its religious work. I now sum up, briefly, in the following

Recapitulation.

There have been during the season, Prayer and Experience Meetings, 17; Sermons, 84; Workers' and Teachers' Conferences, 5; Holiness Meetings, 69; Young People's, 63; Addresses, 469; Sabbath Schools, 11; Surf

Meetings, 10; Fourth of July Services, 1; Orations, 2; Women's Christian Temperance Union, 7; Bible Readings, 9; Love Feasts, 3; Lectures, 6; Song Services, 9; Praise Services, 3; Stereoscopic Exhibitions, 4; Boys and Girls' Meetings, 8; Normal Hour, 22; Ministers' Institute, 2; C. L. S. C. Round Table, 3; Temperance Conferences, 1; National Reform Convention Meetings, 3; A. M. E. Missionary Jubilee, 3; Memorial Service, 1; Woman's Home Missionary Society, 3; N. J. Sabbath Union, 3; National Temperance Society, 12; Ocean Grove Anniversary, 1; O. G. Anniversary Prayer Meeting, 1; Family Devotions, 30; Women's Encouragement, 9; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, 4; Consecration, 11; Twilight, 11; Men's Meetings, 2; Sacraments, 2; Helping Hand, 8; Mrs. Lizzie Smith Meetings, 13; Mothers', 8; Children's, 8. Total number of Meetings, 469.

One of the most natural things is to ask, "What are the results of these meetings?" My uniform reply is, "No human mind can grasp, or tongue reveal." Indeed, so inadequate are numbers to express the widespread and enduring influences exerted, that some have urged the disuse of figures altogether in the summing up. But the masses, especially the outside world, will not be satisfied unless we state explicitly that such-and-such things have been done.

In again yielding to this pressure, we feel as we have always felt, that the half is never told. We present the following summary, the best that can now be done:

Conversions.—Consecration meetings, 10; Holiness meetings, 20; Young People's meetings, 170; Children's meetings, 160; Mothers' meetings, 16; Mrs. Lizzie Smith meetings, 20; Helping Hand meetings, 6; Twilight meetings, 65; Auditorium and Overflow meetings, 61. Total, 528.

Reclaimed.—Consecration, 20; Young People's, 40; Mothers', 6; Mrs. Smith's, 25; Helping Hand, 12; Twilight, 25. Total, 128.

Sanctified.—Consecration, 100; Holiness, 100; Mothers', 43; Mrs. Smith's, 80; Helping Hand, 20; Auditorium and Overflow, 5. Total, 348.

Specially Helped.—Consecration, 600; Holiness, 500; Young People's, 750; Mothers', 125; Mrs. Smith's, 600; Helping Hand, 200; Twilight, 400; Auditorium and Overflow, 5000. Total, 8175. Grand Total, 9179.

In the estimation of all, the services were more largely attended, the religious influences broader and deeper, and the general results beyond those of any previous year. How much cause, therefore, for gratitude, and what holy inspirations to persevere in well-doing. I believe we are called of God to do this work, as Aaron was to his in the work of the Priesthood, and are therefore bound to its continuance until infirmities or death shall bring release. Soon God will say, it is enough, come up

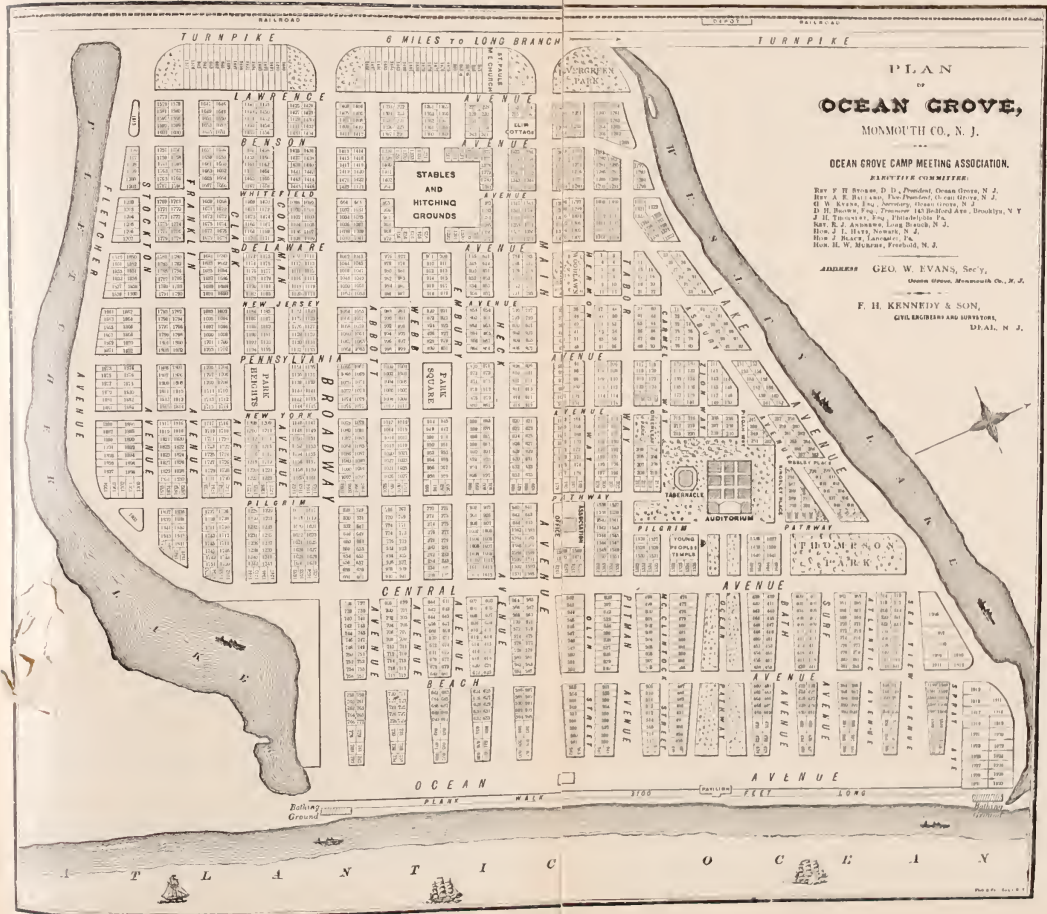
higher. Until then, my brethren, I am bound to you, if possible, with closer and holier ties than ever. Let us, then, toil on, with cheerful hearts and steady faith until the Master comes. And, until then, I again commit you, and your families, with all the ever-multiplying interests of this consecrated place, "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."

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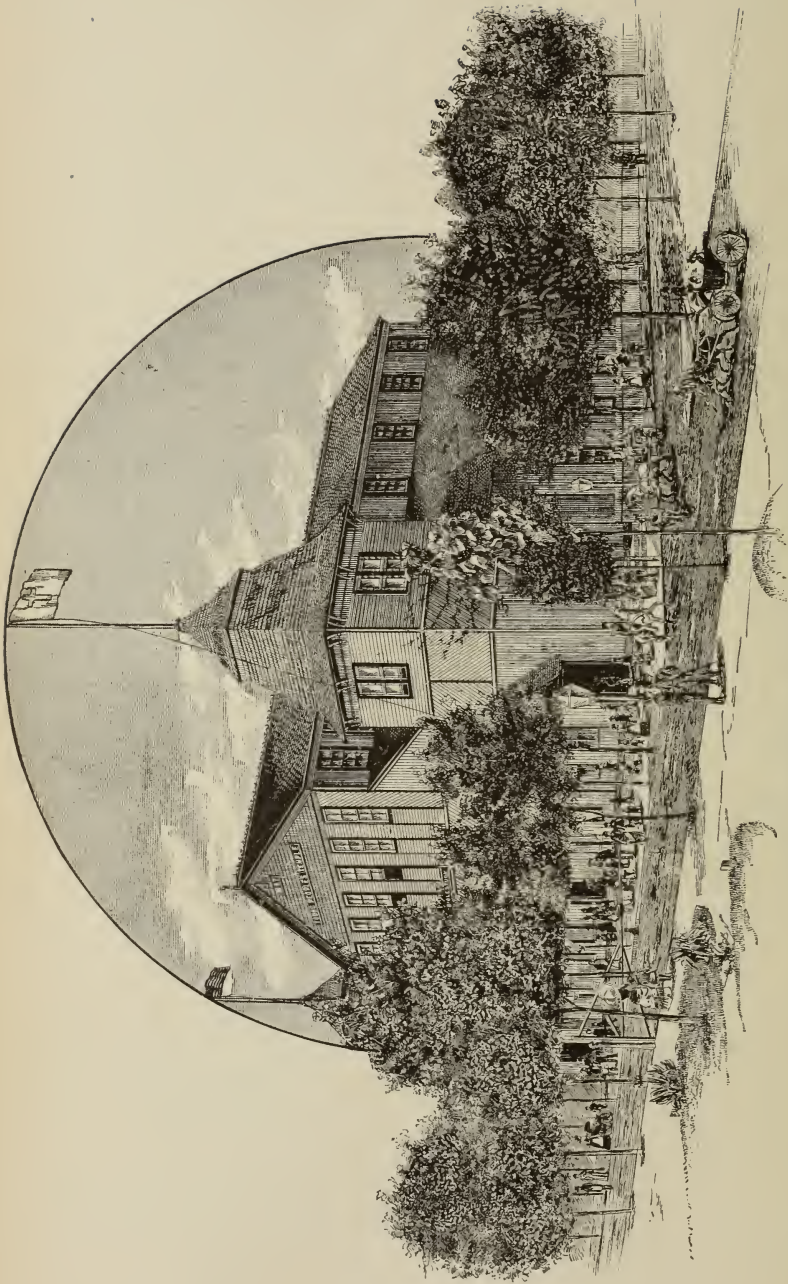
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The ceaseless billows, heart-beats of the sea;—
Where soft winds sigh, or tempests wail in woe,
Eternal all, or so they seem to be;
While generations quickly come and go,
With briefest sighs of love, or longer wails of woe.—E. H. S.

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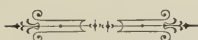
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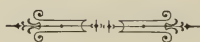


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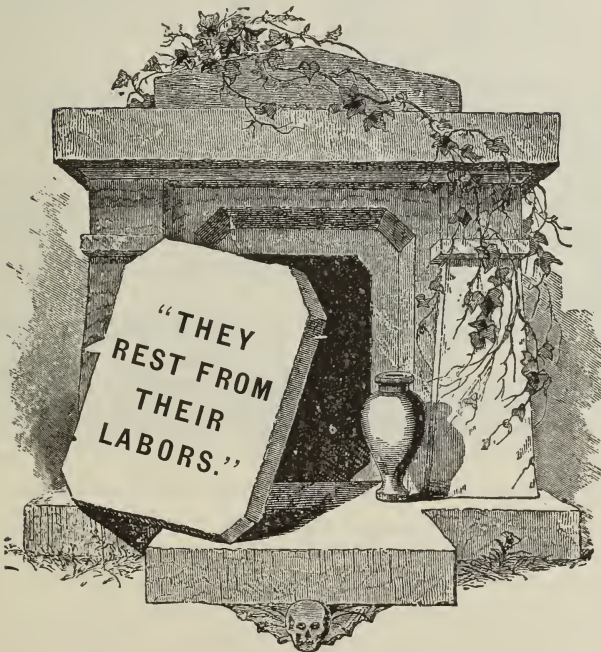
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They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,
And prayed,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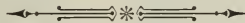
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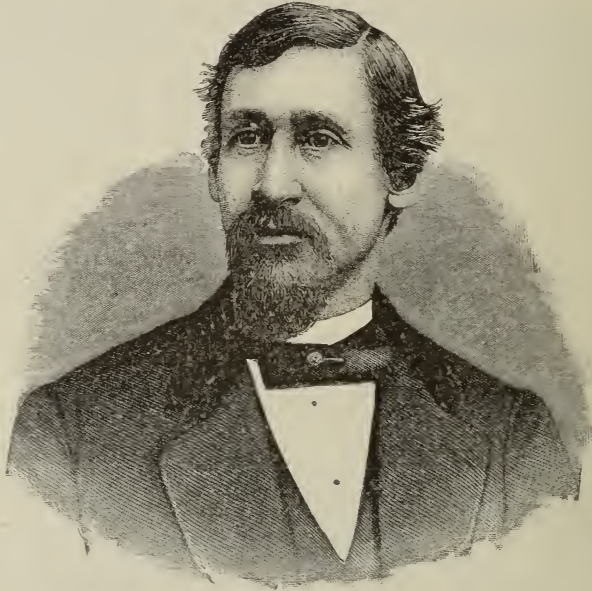


TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

Dear Brethren :

I am newly impressed with the great goodness of Almighty God, in continuing the lives of so many of us, so long. That so large a number, who started with this enterprise, nearly two decades ago, meet in this Eighteenth Annual Meeting, is the renewed expression of that goodness. Our gratitude, on this occasion, deeply seated in our hearts, finds expression in the moistened eye, the warm grip of the hand, and the fervent utterances of our lips. Praise is appropriate to us all. Still, there is an undertone of sadness in all this joy. At this very hour, one of our number, Joseph R. Tantum, M. D., lies at his late home in Wilmington, Del., in the sleep of death, having departed this life on Saturday last, October 8th, 1887, at 8 o'clock, A. M., aged fifty-two years. Although a member of this Association only six years, he had, by his warm, genial and sympathetic nature, and kindly deeds, endeared himself to all, so that his vacant seat, now draped in mourning, will be hard to fill, yet the white flowers which stand upon his desk, emblems of the purity of his heart and life, are expressive of our hope that we shall meet him in the better land. I regret to add, also, that death has, during the year, entered the family of our Brother, Joseph McPherson, Esq., of

Trenton, N. J., in the removal of his beloved wife, to that clime where they die no more. Both of these bereaved families have our sympathies and prayers.



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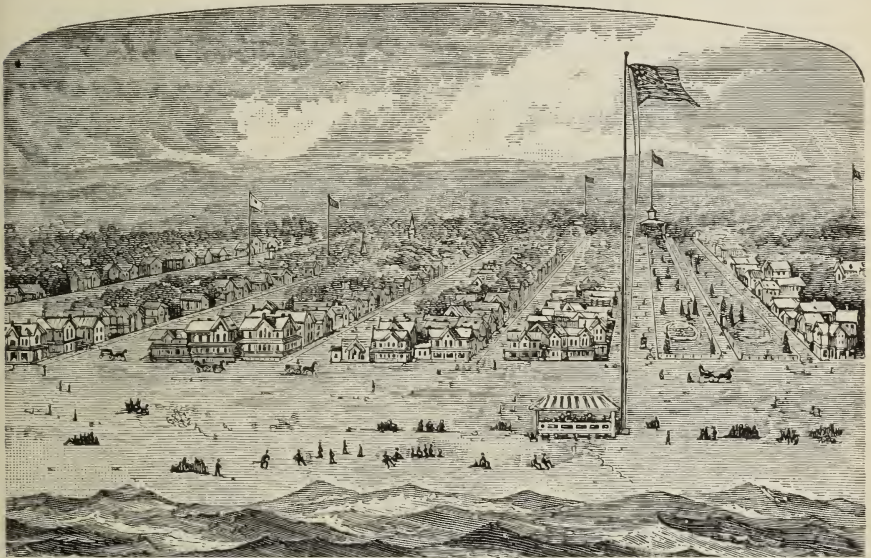
Having paused a moment to make this sad record, and to shed a tear with those who mourn, we gird ourselves for the work assigned us, and present to you, as briefly as we can, the doings of another year. I need hardly apprise you, that the work of the past twelve months, has been vast, varied, expensive and important.

Sluice-Ways.

The sluice-ways across the streets and outlets to the lakes, or ocean, are sources of constant anxiety, care and expense. This, to a considerable extent, grows out of the fact, that many property holders have either wholly neglected to curb their lots, or suffered them to go to decay, so that gutters cannot be kept open, and in heavy rain falls, the surface water rushes across, cuts the streets, carries away the sands, filling and overflowing the sluices beyond control. We greatly need an ordinance requiring sidewalks to be graded, curbing to be put down and kept

in repair, or, where it is not done, after due notice, authority given to the Association to do it at the owners' expense.

The sluice-way at the foot of Beach Avenue, across Broadway, has been rebuilt, at an expense of \$300; repairs on the same, caused by new cuttings, \$18.00; Main Avenue sluice repaired, \$8.00; Beach and Lake Avenue sluices repaired, \$12.00. A number of the other sluices, need to be thoroughly overhauled, and some of them entirely renewed.



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

Curbing.

Since our last annual meeting, our grounds south of Broadway have been greatly improved by grading and curbing. Lawrence, Benson, Whitefield, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Stockton, Franklin, Clark and Cookman Avenues, have been completely curbed with $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch plank, and the grading finished; cost of material and work, \$581.60. The whole work greatly improves that quarter of the town, and has materially promoted the sale of property in that direction. Curbing has been repaired on Ocean Avenue, next to Ross's, cost \$4.50; also, north side of Bethany Block, \$6.50. Total, \$592.60.

Sewers.

I am very glad to be able to state, that the work of sewerage the grounds has steadily progressed, and the year just closed has added to

those previously laid, 3909 feet of 10-inch mains, and 1954 feet 8-inch mains. Total this year, 5863; to which add, 5000 feet of connection pipe, and we have a total of sewer pipe now laid, of 12 miles. It gives me great pleasure to add, that the sewer system of Ocean Grove, is now all complete, north of Broadway, except three blocks on Benson Avenue, and three blocks on Lawrence Avenue.

Number of sewer connections last year,	432
“ “ “ this year,	532
Increase,	100

Total cost of sewer system, thus far, as nearly as can be determined,	\$28,668 00
Income from sewer connections, 1887,	1,020 00
“ “ rentals, this year,	2,141 75

As a rule, the sewers work well, and but little trouble has been experienced.



ON THE PLANK WALK, LOOKING NORTH.

Plank Walks.

It is a matter of general congratulation, that plank, or as more frequently called, board walks, have so nearly disappeared from our grounds. No more should ever be allowed. At best they are merely temporary, and when decay commences, are dangerous to walk on, and often cause serious accidents. To these statements there is but one

exception, viz: the plank walk along the ocean-front. Any other foot-way there, seems at present impracticable. Even this, with its exposure to the sea, rains, and summer sun, though heavy plank are used, requires constant watchfulness and repairs. The work in this line needed there has been done, and several cross-walks made, together with repairs along Wesley Lake from Ross's westward.

Artesian Water.

The artesian water question is always interesting. The status of the whole movement, up to that date, was carefully laid before you at our annual meeting, one year ago—for particulars of which I respectfully refer you to my last annual report. At the meeting of 1886, the sum of \$10,000 was voted by you to be borrowed and devoted to several important works, including sewer and water system extensions. But the pressure for water extensions, particularly, soon became so great, together with the facts that the price of pipe was rising, that more and better work could be done in cool weather, and the rush upon us for other work in May, June, July and August, was so great, that the Executive Committee was compelled, by the peculiarity of the situation, to go beyond the limits of your vote, and, as far as possible, meet the imperative demands.

The present situation in regard to artesian wells is as follows: We have, up to date, wells, $9\frac{1}{2}$. The cost of these wells, as will be seen, differs very widely. There are seven wells, all in the immediate vicinity of the pumping station, west of Turnpike, just south of head of Fletcher Lake; cost as follows:

Well No. 1, bored by Mr. Safford, 1883, about,	\$4,000 00
“ No. 2, bored by Mr. Safford, 1884,	1,200 00
“ Nos. 3 & 4 bored, by Mr. Safford, 1887, each \$500	1,000 00
“ No. 5, bored by J. Fliteroff, 1887,	147 00
“ No. 6, bored by J. Fliteroff, 1887,	163 00
“ No. 7, bored by Association, 1887,	145 00
Two wells on Broadway (not used), Mr. Safford, each \$600,	1,200 00
Well, head of Wesley Lake, \$600, half paid by us, and half by Asbury Park,	300 00
Cost of pipe for five wells, extra,	650 00
Cost of $9\frac{1}{2}$ wells and pipe in same,	\$8,805 50
Original cost of water tank, 15 feet above foundation,	1,798 38
Original cost of water tank, 15 feet additional,	1,297 75
Total cost of $9\frac{1}{2}$ wells and water tank,	\$11,901 63

We have laid during this year in mains, laterals, connection pipes, &c., all told, 22,042 feet, which, added to that previously laid, 28,507 feet,

make a grand total of a little over $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles of our water system. This includes the pipes laid in West Grove, into which the water was turned March 6th, 1887.

There are three 8-inch, four 6-inch, and thirty-five 4-inch water gates, a total of forty-two. There are twenty-seven fire-hydrants at appropriate places for convenience in case of fire.

The number of water connections, last year, were	147
The number of water connections, this year,	353
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Increase,	206
The amount of water pumped from October 1st, 1886, to	
October 1st, 1887, gallons,	47,205,000
Running expenses for same period :	
Coal, 147 tons,	\$772 00
Oil,	15 00
Engineer and helpers,	689 36
Incidentals,	10 00
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Total,	\$1,486 36
Total cost of water system thus far, including $9\frac{1}{2}$ wells,	
pumping station, tank, pump, boring machine, gate	
valves, hydrants, $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles water mains, laterals, &c.	\$43,453 48
Receipts from water connections this year,	\$ 642 00
Receipts from water rentals this year,	3,463 00
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Total,	\$4,105 00

It gives me great pleasure to state in this connection, that all the *mains* of the entire water system of the whole of Ocean Grove, are now complete, and all the pipes necessary to be laid hereafter, in order to give water to every family, are the laterals connecting with the mains.

Concrete Walks.

This style of work for sidewalks has now, for more than two years, been fully tested at this place. It is cheap, pleasant, and resists the action of all kinds of weather. During the time named above, the Association has expended several thousand dollars in its extension upon its own grounds, and every foot laid, increases not only the comfort, convenience, and attractiveness of the place, but adds by so much to the value of all the property. The small amount required to place it in front of every lot is nothing, compared to the advantages to be derived, and in case of sale, not only increases the value, but advances the amount which may be realized. I have no words too strong, with which to urge its still further adoption and extension, both by the Association and owners of

private properties. If all our sidewalks were thus completed, the general advancement would be beyond all calculation.

During the year, the Association has laid 38,769 square feet of this walk, as follows: all around the Association building; on three sides of



Young Peoples' Temple; along Fletcher Lake, from Lillagore's to west of Pilgrim Pathway;* across Evergreen Park, to head of Wesley Lake; across the triangle, along the Turnpike, front of Main Avenue gates;

* Since this report was rendered, this walk has been extended to head of Fletcher Lake, near the Turnpike.

along the south front of Olin Street from Central to Pilgrim Pathway; along Ocean Pathway, from Central to Young Peoples' Temple; along Central to McClintock Street; up McClintock Street to Temple; and sixty feet on Franklin Avenue, between Pennsylvania and New York Avenues. The cost, by contract, \$1,938.45. There has been laid, during the year, by private parties, 28,000 feet, costing, by contract, \$1,680.00.

It is quite sure, from present indications, that in consequence of the general satisfaction given, many others will, next year, cause this walk to be laid.

Avenues.

The wear upon our streets and avenues for at least four months of the year, is very great, and the rush of surface water, during heavy rain falls in summer, makes heavy cuts, therefore our highways require constant attention. This is particularly true at the present time. A general overhauling is needed, and considerable repairs made. This can be done through the fall and winter months, when our teams and men have less to do, and can be spared to do it. The Executive Committee should be clothed with power to perform this work to the best advantage.

Iron Fences.

For several years, the wash on the Ocean front, has been so great, that should persons fall from the plank walk to the beach below, great injury might be sustained. The liability to this, especially in case of little children, was very great. As a protection against this, an unsightly board breast work was used for some time. This year, substantial and ornamental iron posts and rails were set up, from Ross's to Surf Avenue, east side, 678 feet, and from Ross's to Atlantic Avenue, west side, 414 feet, at a cost of \$347.75. This gives a sense of security to the multitudes passing along this great thoroughfare, and meets with universal commendation.

There has also been built along the turnpike, to corner of L. E. Watson's stables, to close Sabbath outlet, substantial posts, with heavy iron rail, 90 feet, \$13.50. Total iron fences cost, \$361.25.

Tree Planting.

This pleasant and useful annual custom continues to attract attention. Its great importance is attested by the many hundreds of flourishing and beautiful trees, now found in almost all parts of these grounds, which, but for this festival, would have had no existence. Many other places, now barren, and unattractive, by the outlay of a very few dollars in this

direction, would soon become, not only pleasant, but beautiful. Cost of trees, purchased this year, \$27.00. Received for trees, soiling and setting out, \$67.00.

Parks.

Our Parks, particularly Thompson and Greenleaf, need walks repaired. A little money expended here, would not only improve the general appearance, but be a great convenience, in wet weather, to the public. I trust the day is not distant when all these things will be done.



WE ARE OUT ON THE OCEAN SAILING.

Hot House.

The hot house established and conducted by the Association several years ago, at the corner of Lawrence and Abbott Avenues, has done a good work. The planting of trees, and the cultivation of flowers do much, not only to adorn our homes, but to promote our pleasures, and should always be encouraged. The care of the details of this work, however, with all the other burdens on the Association, was too great, and Mr. William Vunk, who was in charge of the same last year, being willing to purchase, we sold buildings and lots to him for \$2500. He is active, enterprising, trustful, and we hope and believe he will do well.

Young People's Temple and Bible Study.

Every year, buildings multiply, all of which have to be cared for and kept in repair, while to meet increasing demands, new ones need constantly to be added. Whatever we do to meet the emergencies of to-day, to-morrow seems to find us still deficient. This is as it should be, for when we cease to grow, decline commences. Watching therefore, the indications of providence, and heeding the voice of God, we arise and build at the divine command.

The Young People's Temple has been thrice enlarged. At first its capacity was about 250—then 400 or 500. In either case, it was always overfull. The constant and earnest cry was, "more room." This was also the demand concerning the Tabernacle, by Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class. To meet the exigency in the latter case, the class of its own volition, inaugurated a movement to raise funds to enlarge the Tabernacle's capacity. Several persons gave large subscriptions. The Young People's Meeting joined in. The necessity was on us. In casting about as to what could be done, the final conclusion was, to erect on the site of the Young People's Temple, such accommodations as would meet both demands. Plans were drawn, by Major J. C. Patteson, our Chief of Police, for a building 80 x 110. These plans were approved, and the work accomplished under the direction of him who made the plans. Its seating capacity is 1500, and cost \$7500. It is ornamental in appearance, adapted to our wants and meets with universal commendation. It was dedicated, by the President of the Association, assisted by a number of its members, both clerical and lay, on our Eighteenth Anniversary, August 1, 1887; although first opened for divine service, July 3, 1887. There were over 100 services, by the Young People and the Bible Class, always full, and sometimes four or five hundred people standing. There was contributed towards the cost of erection by the Bible Class and Young People's Meeting, up to October 1, 1887, \$3,406.50. There is yet on subscription, accounted good, \$700. Dr. Hanlon and Mr. Yatman will renew collections for it next year.

Other Buildings.

Many of our buildings have been overhauled this year. The Tabernacle, always low, unsightly, and badly ventilated, has been improved, by cutting out the centre of the roof, and building up a large ventilator with windows all around, thus greatly improving the appearance, and relieving the room of vitiated air. It has also been repainted inside and out. The old tower, taken from the top, placed on Wesley Lake, foot of Pilgrim

Pathway, and fitted up for a waiting room. Tower from the former Young People's Temple, placed on Tabernacle. Total cost, about \$500.

The Association Stables repaired and improved; Ice House repaired and shutes re-built; Stores at Olin and Central, altered, counters put in, shelved, floors laid in cellar, etc.; counter and shelves in the Olin Street Bakery; Chinese Laundry repaired and an addition built; new floor in Barber's shop; new roof on Cleeton's shop; outside door in the third story of Association building, east side, for receiving goods, hoisted for storage; the rear end of Pridham's store moved back, enlarging the same 8x16 feet, the old stairway which was inside placed outside; the inside casings added to the windows of second and third stories of stores, Olin Street and Central Avenue. Total repairs, about \$550.



"SWEET HOME."

Tents.

Our Tent arrangements continue popular: the Bethany and Bethesda Blocks especially so. Indeed, the better the accommodations on this line, in any part of the grounds, the more readily the tents are taken, and when the people are well suited the tents are rented by the same parties from year to year. I am also glad to add, that most of the better class of

tents are rented by parties occupying them this year, for the year to come. As soon as funds will justify, I would strongly recommend that all the tents, with kitchens and floors, surrounding the Auditorium, be placed in corresponding order with those on Bethany and Bethesda Blocks. This would greatly improve appearances in this public place, increase accommodations and advance revenues.

There have been purchased during the year just closed :

4 New tents, and 55 flies,	\$1,082 25
1 Double Kitchen built,	140 00
1 Single " "	75 00
19 Lattice Kitchens, rear of Bethany tents,	299 25
New Flooring for tents,	306 45
Total,	<u>\$1,902 95</u>

The sanitary condition among the tents, I think, was never better, and the order good.

Street Sprinkling.

This gives us considerable trouble every year. Much of this trouble grows out of the fact that many of our citizens decline to pay for the service rendered them in this line. For several years we did this work at our own expense; this, however, could not be continued—there must be compensation, or we overloaded. We then made a charge; but the amount received did not meet expenses. This year we made a contract with Mr. L. E. Watson to do the work, he collecting, for his remuneration, pay from the parties served; while we loaned him our water-wagons free of cost, and furnished him the water for the service, a very heavy item, our only compensation being the watering in front of public property. As the season advanced, the draft upon our supply of water from the artesian wells became too heavy, and we had to make other arrangements, or Mr. Watson would have to stop sprinkling. To do this, would be a calamity which the public could not endure. To meet the dilemma, we took one of the steam fire-engines to Fletcher Lake, built a shed over it to protect it from sun and rain, employed an engineer, etc., the whole costing us, in *addition* to supplying water-wagons and water for the whole season, the sum of \$114.50. These, and kindred difficulties, will continue to exist until *all our people* are educated up to the point that the luxury of summer street sprinkling costs here as it does at home, and must, as there, be paid for by those who enjoy the benefit. Some better arrangements than those of the year just past, and less expensive to the Association, must be made for the year to come.

Wesley Lake.

The waters on this lake have been in good condition all summer. This has been promoted by frequent rains, and drawing the water down to a given point a number of times. The flume at the foot, damaged by the storms, and otherwise impaired, has been thoroughly and substantially reconstructed, at a cost of \$973.62. Half of this expense was borne by



FOOT OF WESLEY LAKE, LOOKING WEST.

Mr. Bradley and half by Ocean Grove Association. It is believed to be in such condition at this time as will last for many years.

The Lake was never more beautiful than at present, and is enjoyed by multiplied thousands every year. The question of bridges continues to exercise the public mind, a variety of opinions being entertained as to what is best; but up to this writing no decision has been reached. By continued looking unto Him who has guided us so well thus far, we shall, no doubt, be finally led to that which is best. Two carnivals have been held this summer, both beautiful displays, and witnessed with much pleasure by many thousands of people.

Fletcher Lake.

This, too, is in good condition, but a little attention and money expended will greatly improve it. It grows in popular favor every day. The concrete walk all along its northern bank will greatly increase this favor. Add to this the fact that large fine lots, running down to the concrete walk and so practically to the water's edge, are being laid out, and



FLETCHER LAKE, LOOKING EAST.

it will readily be seen that at no distant day Fletcher Lake will not only be filled with handsome residences, but be among the most attractive portions of our extended grounds. It will be a matter of interest to the public, too, to know that the whole of Fletcher Lake, together with the shores on either side, except a small portion on the south, belongs to Ocean Grove and is controlled by it. The order there, this summer, has been good.

Fire Department.

Ocean Grove has a Fire Department, of which the Association and the public generally may be justly proud. Well equipped, orderly, prompt, energetic, they are ready for any emergency. I am glad to say, however, that by the care of our citizens and the good providence of

God, thus far, their services have been but little required. But let us still be vigilant, for in such an hour as we think not the demand may come. Its strength is as follows :

Washington Fire Company No. 1,	48 men.
E. H. Stokes Hook and Ladder Company,	25 young men.

Both of these are in good working order ; the latter, however, greatly needing an engine house for themselves, the present house not being large enough to accommodate the apparatus pertaining to both companies. I commend this last item to your attention.

The equipments of the two companies are as follows :

Steam Fire Engines,	2
Chemical Engine,	1
Hook and Ladder Truck,	1
Rubber Fire Buckets,	30
Babcock Extinguishers,	4
Hose Carriages, with 1500 feet of hose, with coats, hats, belts, etc.,	2

Asbury Park Department has :

Steam Fire Engines,	2
Hook and Ladder Truck,	1
Large Chemical Engine,	1
Hose Carriages, with 2500 feet of hose,	3

I mention the Asbury Park Department to show the combined strength of the two, which for all practical purposes in case of fire on either side, are as one.

The Annual Parade of both Departments, September 1st, 1887, had 210 men in line, and made a fine appearance.

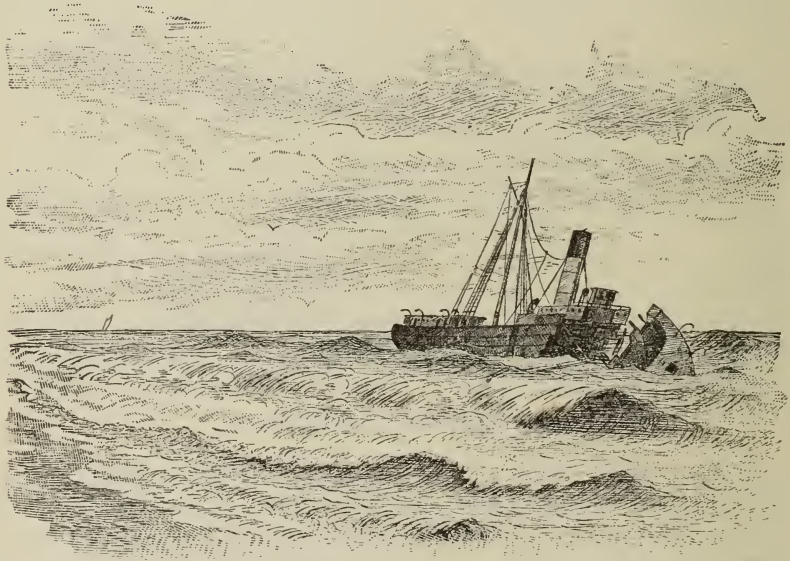
Electric Lights.

For a number of years the importance of increased light upon the beach has been a felt, and often expressed want. It was needed for the comfort and convenience of the vast multitudes which at night throng the plank walk, and especially as a police measure on the strand, between the walk and surf. Just what was best to do was long debated, until finally, early in the present season, it was decided to put up electric lights. The experiment, while there were some defects growing out of circumstances beyond control, was nevertheless successful, and the improvement and relief very great. There were twelve lights belonging to the Association along the beach, and the first illumination took place July 5th, 1887, and continued for seventy-eight nights, closing September 20th, 1887, costing \$715.87. There was also one on Bradley Beach, south of Lillagore's, paid for jointly by Ocean Grove Association and Mr. Bradley.

At the Auditorium there were five lights, which with the gas chandeliers, gave us good illumination. These commenced, four, August 19th, and one, August 25th. There were also two in Young People's Temple and Bible Study, commencing August 25th.

The following private persons or places had each one light: Jos. Ross, C. C. Clayton's store, Ladomus' store, Post Office, Association Office, Arlington, Atlantic, Dr. Starks, and Morrow, Day & Co. W. F. Day & Bro. had two lights in their ice cream saloon. At the close of the season, I think the feeling concerning the lights, both on the part of the Association and private parties, was that of satisfaction.

I may also state in this connection, that there is a great desire on the part of many of our citizens, for the introduction of gas for private houses, and a formal petition asking for the same will be presented at this meeting. I bespeak for this request your most favorable consideration.



WRECK OF THE ENGLISH STEAMER PLINY.

At Deal Beach, May 14th, 1882.

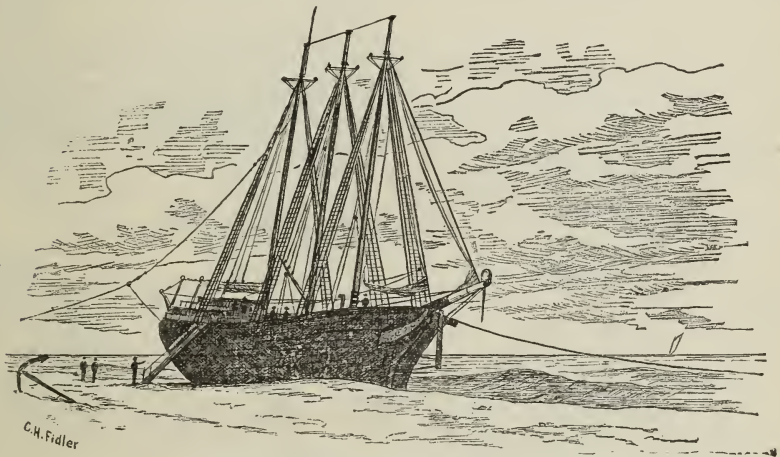
Jerusalem Model.

For years, this little structure has interested and instructed thousands of people, men, women and children. Nor does the interest wane as the years roll on. Morning, noon, and until the evening shadows, the people linger, wonder, and as they look upon this which represents the scenes where once walked the Son of God, almost adore. I am glad it is so.

Although made of ordinary earth and common lumber, yet assuming their present forms, seem sacred, and through the eye, the heart is so touched, that I have never heard beside it an irreverent word or seen an improper act. It will soon need, to prevent further decay, some little repairs. The sale of Keys during the summer amounted to \$64.00.

Police.

Every year, this arm of our service becomes more complete. Its objects are to prevent, rather than punish wrong. Still, it sometimes becomes important to punish in order to prevent. In either case, constant vigilance is necessary, and the vigilance during the summer months is needed early,



THE "MABEL THOMAS."
Stranded January 9th, 1883. South of Lillagore's.

late, and everywhere. The long experience of some of our men in this work, gives them thorough knowledge, and hence greater efficiency. In this connection it is my sad duty to refer to the loss, during the past year, of one of our most faithful and long trusted men, Officer John Fields, who died August 6th, 1887, after being in our service over eleven years. Quiet, patient, and always at his post, he was respected and honored to the last.

During the past year, the largest number of policemen on duty at any one time was eleven, distributed as follows: 3 all the year round, 2 at night and 1 through the day; Wesley Lake police, 2 months; Fletcher Lake, 21 days; on the turnpike front, 2 months and 13 days; on the ocean front, taking in plank walk, Ross's and Lillagore's, 2 months and 25 days; day police at Auditorium, 10 days; around the Auditorium

and through the tents, (special) 29 nights; among the tents south of Broadway, (night) 2 months; Chief of Police from July 23d to October.

In the discharge of their duties, arrests were made for fast driving, drunkenness, improper bathing attire, and other disorderly conduct. That which needs the utmost vigilance, and a steady and determined hand, is at the sea, to prevent persons from bringing disgrace and scandal, by the use of improper bathing clothes. It is a matter of surprise, that ordinary modesty should not be sufficient to prevent this, yet it is a still greater surprise, that when attention is called to it by the police, the offenders, to



AT ROSS' PAVILION, LOOKING SOUTH.

their shame be it spoken, often persist in doing as they please, and desist only by arrest and fine. Let every person, whose cheeks are not beyond the blush of modesty, frown all such persons out of respectable fellowship, and instead of seeming to favor the despicable practice by the slightest look or word, in the name of common decency, demand universal and immediate reform. Bicycle riders, too, who have large privileges, sometimes, forgetful of the rights of others, dash silently along through crowded thoroughfares, endangering the lives or limbs of those not on the constant out-look. Some persons act as if the world belonged to them, and outside of their narrow realm, no one has rights to be

respected. These must be dealt with according to law, and compelled to do right. The great increase of dogs, is a much regretted nuisance. The law which requires muzzling, is to a considerable extent observed, but too often in such slight ways, as to be an insufficient protection, should the dog incline to bite. Should the children of those who thus evade law, suffer because of such evasion, the sympathy would not be so strong as if they themselves had been law-abiding. During the last summer, twenty



CRABBING.

dogs, whose owners violated the ordinance concerning them, were destroyed by the police. And thus from year to year, the law must be increasingly enforced, not wilfully or wantonly, but steadily, and if need be, even sternly, for the public good. We express the hope, that all order-loving people, will, in all possible ways, aid, and in no case hinder, the police in carrying out our wholesome regulations, wisely adopted in the beginning, and will, if carefully carried out, make this place what all the good desire it to be, a moral and religious retreat, safe from the frivolities and sins of most of our modern watering-places.

Railroads.

The Railroads to this place have done good work this year.

The largest number of trains in one day,	114
Regular daily excursions for season,	76
Special excursions for season,	171
Number of excursion coaches for season,	1,793
Largest number of freight cars in one day,	403
Largest number of excursions in one day,	26
Cash receipts, August,	\$45,992
Largest number of pieces of baggage in one day,	2,614
Total pieces of baggage during season,	91,000
Persons employed at depot, Passenger Station,	10
“ “ “ “ Freight,	11
Adams Express, handled packages,	120,000

The officers say the largest season by at least 10 per cent; which would make the number of passengers arriving at depot, over 1,000,000, and yet, I am happy to say, that notwithstanding these vast multitudes, no accident of any account occurred.

Business Licenses.

The following business licenses have been taken out during the year:

Groceries,	8
Hucksters and Produce,	47
Express,	10
Carriages and Hacks,	48
Stages and Omnibuses,	28
Baggage Wagons,	8
Butchers,	9
Coal and Wood,	3
Ice Cream,	1
Oysters and Clams,	4
Fish,	10
Miscellaneous,	4
Boats, Wesley Lake,	59
“ Fletcher Lake,	7
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Total,	246
Last year,	215
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Increase this year,	31



RESIDENCE OF R. H. GERHARD, ESQ,
N. W. Corner Pennsylvania and Main Avenues.

Private Improvements.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to all interested in the material prosperity of this place, that most, if not all the improvements of the last few years, as well as those now in progress or prospect, are, in general character and style, far beyond those of the earlier days. This is natural. In the commencement, the whole place was an experiment, and there was a hesitancy to make large outlays. As the years passed, the experimental gave way to the positive; assurances increased, confidence grew, investments were made, the substantial took the place of the temporary, so that now, we have a city which hath foundations; and every additional structure adds to our permanence and strength. This is a source of gratifica-

tion, while the hope is cherished, and the prospect encourages the hope, that this state of things will continue. Many, during the year, have so enlarged and improved their early residence, that their original character is entirely lost, and imposing edifices appear in their stead, while George Anderson, architect, Mrs. Eliza Cooper, Joshua Peacock, Mrs. Morrell, Charles Rogers, D. H. Bowen, Mrs. Smith and others, have erected substantial dwellings, which can be used as permanent homes.

Mr. Joseph Ross, has improved his bathing houses, at a cost of \$2000; and Mr. Lillagore, has also expended about \$750 on his.

The number of Cottages this year,	906
“ “ “ last year,	879
Increase,	27
Number of Boarding Houses this year,	72
“ “ “ last year,	72
Increase,	0
Total of both kinds,	978

Buildings used as stores, &c., not included in the above.

Elim Cottage.

The interesting and important work of caring for the ministers or every denomination, with their families, and Christian workers in the Master's vineyard, is still carried on to the extent of their ability by the ladies of Elim Association. During the past season, 148 were entertained as follows: Methodists, 110; Baptists, 8; Reformed, 15; Episcopal, 4; United Brethren, 1; Congregational, 1; Presbyterian, 9. From Pennsylvania, 38; New York, 46; New Jersey, 47; Utah, 2; Connecticut, 1; Turkey, 1; Maryland, 2; Wisconsin, 1; Indiana, 1. Quite a number of friends have remembered the Association in donations of various articles, and the Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Evans, reports:

Cash received during 1887,	\$1,351 62
“ paid out “ “	1,259 24
Balance in Treasury,	\$92 38

Contributions in cash or goods, will be received by officers or managers with many thanks.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, has a resident membership of nearly 400, and is open for religious services all the year. It is doing a good work, and deserves well of all its friends. Rev. Henry Belting, beloved by all his people, is the present pastor.



ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, OCEAN GROVE.

Built 1885.

Ocean Grove Literature.

Each year, we have less reason to complain of the want of attention by the public press. Their notices are mainly respectful, sufficiently elaborate, often laudatory, and as nearly correct, as newspaper articles, gotten up by reporters, many of whom have little or no interest other than their pay, usually are.

We are thankful for each favorable line, and if criticisms are adverse, will endeavor to profit by them. All the papers in Asbury Park,

have dealt kindly with us the past year, and so far as I am aware, their notices have been alike honorable to both sides of the Lake. They have our thanks.

The Ocean Grove Record, Dr. Wallace, editor and proprietor, is known to you all. It not only holds its own, but, I think advances. I regard it as one of the needs of all persons owning property at Ocean Grove, as it keeps them informed, while absent during the winter, about our affairs, as



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nothing else can. Besides this it is a well edited and entertaining family paper, worth vastly more than its cost, \$1.50 per year.

Three thousand copies of the last Annual Report of the President, were published by your order in November last, with the general title, *BEATITUDES BY THE SEA*. It is an attractive pamphlet, of 66 pages, with 39 illustrations, besides map at the end and pictorial cover. It is a great satisfaction to know, that these annual reports, both as to appearance and matter, are so far acceptable, as that they are sought for through all parts of our own country, and many of them sent to foreign lands. To this extended circulation, I trust there will not only be no curtailment, but as far as may be, a still further expansion. There are facts in these

annual reports, which all interested in the place should know, and *know them as they are*. We have not only nothing to conceal, but court the largest and fullest investigation. Let all to whom these reports come, carefully read, and inwardly digest, so that as occasions may arise, they can explain, support, defend.

Town Clock.

The town clock is now six years old, was cleaned for the first time, August 29, 1887, at a cost of \$10, which is the first and only expense incurred since its erection. As a time keeper it gives perfect satisfaction, and its value to all is beyond computation.

Post Office.

The Postmaster, Geo. W. Evans, Esq., makes the following report :

RECEIPTS.	
Salary of Postmaster,	\$1,700
Allowance for Clerk Hire,	600
	\$2,300

EXPENSES.	
Assistant,	\$800
One Yearly Clerk,	350
One Clerk Four Months,	200
" Three " 	120
Two Clerks, One Month,	80
Rent,	250
Light, Fuel, Printing, etc.,	150
	\$1,950
For Postmaster,	\$350

Receipts of the Office.

For Stamps, Cards, Envelopes and Box Rents,	\$6,303 66
Cost to the Government for running the Office,	2,650 00
	\$3,653 66

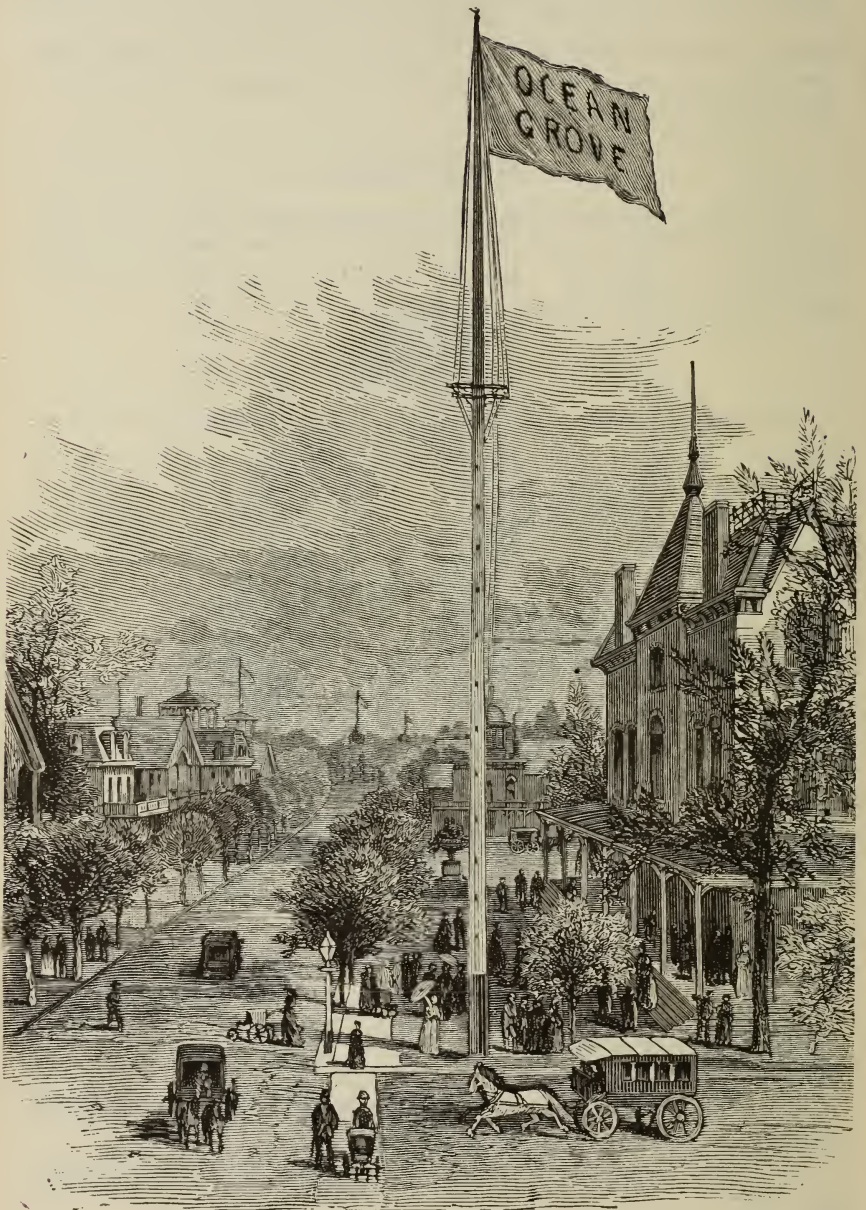
There have been over 500,000 pieces of mail matter handled in the office during the summer season.

There have been no formal complaints to the department during the year against the administration of the office.

A Postal International Money Order Office, has been established this year.

The business of the office has increased 20 per cent. during the two years of my incumbency.

GEO. W. EVANS, *Postmaster.*



PILGRIM PATHWAY AND MAIN AVENUE,
Looking toward the Auditorium.

Telegraph Office.

Mr. Evans, the Telegraph Office Manager, makes the following report

Entire Receipts of the Office for the year ending September	
30th, 1887,	\$1,573 18
Commission,	624 95

EXPENSES.

Paid Operator,	\$250	
" Extra Operator for Two Months,	100	
" for Delivery and Cost,	120	
		<u>\$470 00</u>
Balance to Manager,		154 95
		<u>\$624 95</u>

Financial Statement.

Cash on hand October 1st, 1886,	\$197 02
Received from regular sources,	\$61,949 24
" Sale of Lots,	12,631 60
" Temporary Loan,	19,400 00
" Trustees to pay Interest on Bonds,	4,800 00
" " Principal "	5,000 00
	<u>103,780 84</u>
Total,	\$103,977 86

DISBURSED.

Paid Current Expenses and Public Improvem'ts, \$80,567 02	
" Temporary Loan,	19,400 00
" Interest on Bonds,	4,800 00
" Principal "	5,000 00
	<u>\$109,767 02</u>
Treasurer Overdrawn,	\$ 5,789 16

ASSETS.

Inventory,	106,315 00
Book Accounts,	15,454 02
Due on Lots, (Special Account),	20,358 40
	<u>\$142,127 42</u>
Total Liabilities,	89,021 16
Net Assets,	<u>\$53,106 26</u>

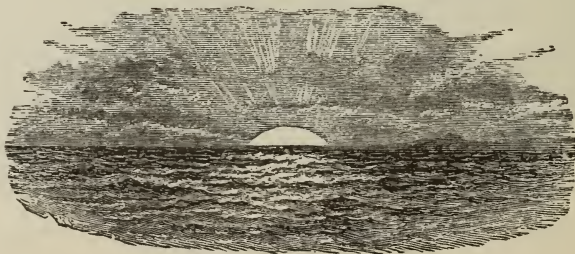
A single glance at this statement shows a temporary loan of \$19,400 canceled, the interest on the bonded indebtedness amounting to \$4,800, and \$5,000 of the principal paid. This is a matter for congratulation; but we regret to report the treasury over-drawn to the amount of \$5,789.16, with a long winter before us, during which the receipts of the office are very small. An offset, however, to the regret expressed is found in the fact that as a result of the financial year, we have increased values, chiefly in remunerative public improvements, amounting to \$40,858.18. These improvements, mainly sewer and water extensions, being great blessings to the people, largely bearing their own weight already and at no distant date to be sources of profit, are to be hailed with joy.

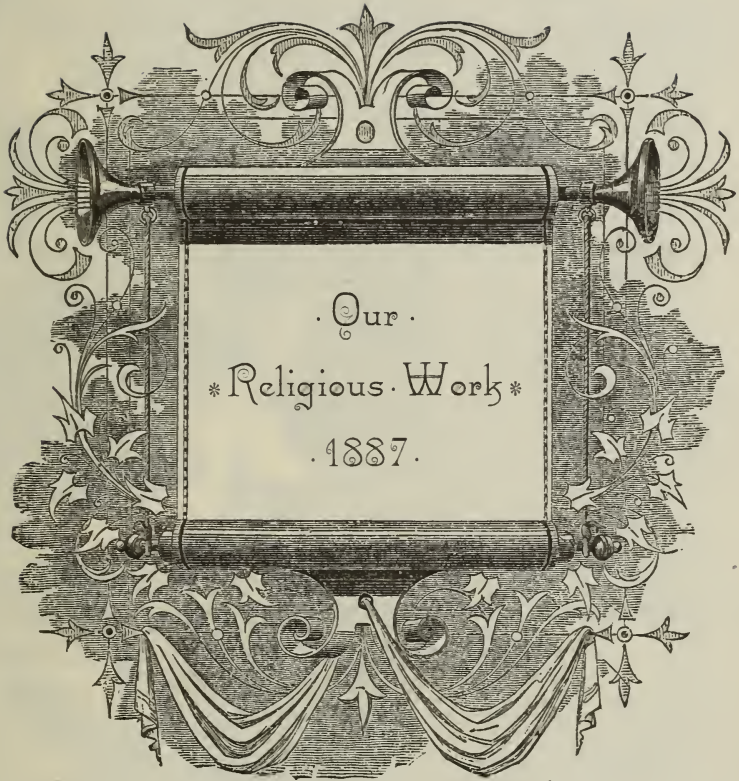
With these facts before us, my own convictions are, that the business affairs of the Association were never more hopeful or in better condition than at present.

The business meetings of the Association for the year have been: One Annual, one Semi-Annual, and six Executive Committee meetings. The reason for so few Executive meetings was, that during the summer months there was no absolute need of holding them, and no time on the part of the officers to attend to them if held.

I have thus laid before you the prominent and more important works of the year. Vast numbers of details are omitted for want of time to enumerate, the mere listening to which would exhaust your patience.

The review of the business year is hereby closed. We do not claim perfection for the manner in which all things have been done, but believe if we had the same things to go over, with no more light, we should hardly do better. The officers have all been faithful, and ready to aid me in all possible ways; the members of the Executive Committee, often at great personal sacrifices, have cheerfully responded to every call; and our employees, always at their posts, have been ready for any duty. All have my heartiest and sincerest thanks, and I crave the blessing of God upon them all.

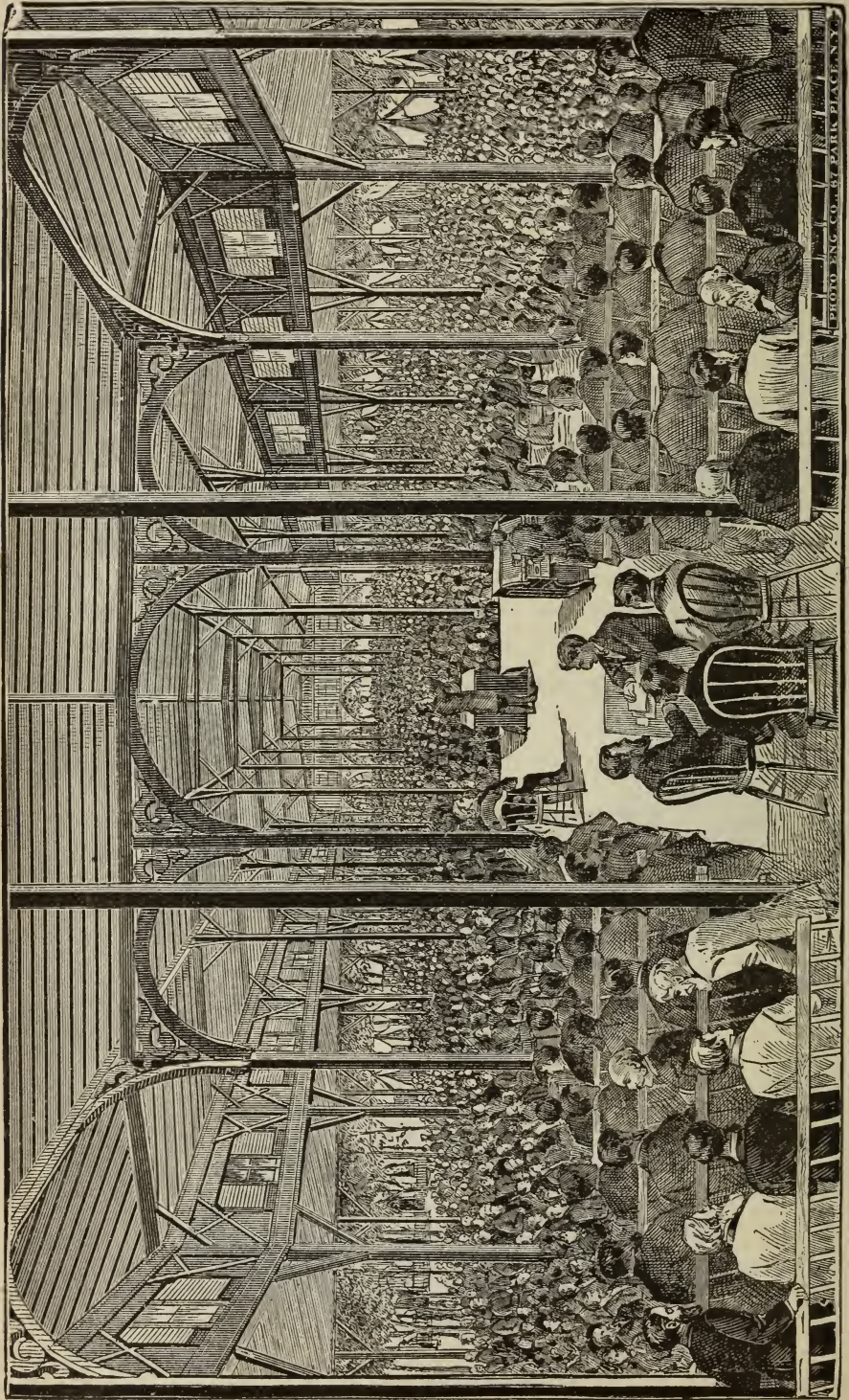




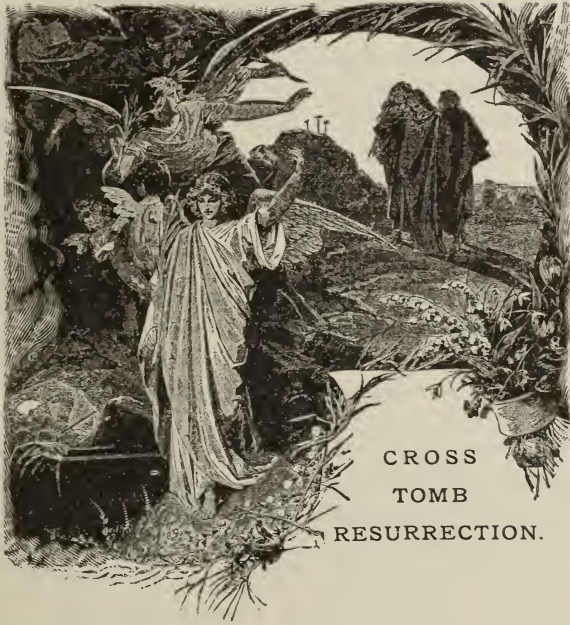
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Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



CROSS
TOMB
RESURRECTION.

The bloody Cross precedes the rocky tomb,
 The rocky tomb, the resurrection morn ;
 The golden light follows the midnight gloom,
 The smiles of God, the fiercest earthly scorn ;
 The Lord Christ suffered all His pathways, through,
 Courage, O Saint, He triumphed, so shall you.—E. H. S.

Spiritual Department.

In this world, the material and the spiritual cannot be separated. They go hand in hand, and must, until the end comes, when the material shall recede, and the spiritual, forever in the ascendant, be supreme. "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body ; howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; and afterward that which is spiritual." As far as may be, we aim to infuse the spiritual into the material, so that the material may bear the image of the spiritual. That these do now, and will, in this life, continue to antagonize each other, is evident, but we must keep the material under, lest the spiritual be cast away. The material should be simply the roots and trunk of the tree, while the spiritual supplied with the sap of God, blossoms out in the

beauty of a Christly likeness, and bears rich fruit unto eternal life. While the material and spiritual must grow together here, yet the spiritual encased in the material must conquer, or be conquered. Christ gives to us His word and Spirit, with which to oppose the encroachments of sin, and to triumph over the world: "To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." So we must overcome, or prove recreant to the high trusts committed unto us. To be recreant I am sure, is not in your hearts or mine. This being true, I ask you here and now, prayerfully to consider, and if it please you, in some way, approve that which I now submit, viz.:

"It is the fullest and firmest conviction of our hearts, that God has the right to rule, and to enact such laws as He in His wisdom sees will best promote the interests of all; that as Christian men, in harmony with Him, we best promote His glory, and secure, as a result, our own happiness, when by all that in us lies, we strive to observe these laws, and do His will; that being governed by these principles for the last eighteen years, in the management of this place, we are this day, more than ever assured, that in all our multiplied and varied perplexities we have been, not only divinely guided, but in all have secured the divine favor, as is shown in the general prosperity of the place, as well as the approval of vast multitudes of good people of every name, which we continually receive. This being true, I ask you, without the slightest thought of relaxing in any feature of our government, that we do here and now,—RE-AFFIRM, all our past moral and *religious regulations* and *restrictions*, emphasizing in the strongest possible manner that words can express, such as bear upon the *liquor traffic* and the *holy Sabbath*.

"That we re-instruct our officers and all entrusted with authority upon these grounds, urging and insisting upon a still greater vigilance, in detecting and bringing to proper rebuke and punishment, all tendencies to infringement upon, or disregard for existing laws, and that we call with renewed earnestness upon all Christian and order-loving people, who occasionally visit, or steadily abide with us, to aid in our Christly work of keeping this a holy place:

"And furthermore, that we again proclaim, as we often have before, that there are no rules, regulations or restrictions at this place, different from those which all evangelical bodies, in this and other lands, expect and require of their people, and as the purpose of all is, to make this place what the Lord designs the whole earth should be at His coming, we have great confidence, that all right-minded people, will, as they have in the past, steadily co-operate with us in this great work, so that they, and

we, may, at all times have, that which we most desire, the constant smile of God."*

These remarks properly prepare us for a review of our religious and spiritual work during the summer just closed. The whole of this work is specifically designed to infuse the spiritual into the material, and so make all things subject to the rule of Christ, "for He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

The whole evangelism of the summer is preceded by months of toil in the material arrangements, and plans for reformatory and spiritual conquests. There is therefore, no small solicitude in both departments before the actual work begins—struggles with God for success, of which the world knows nothing, and never will until the final day.

The opening of the spiritual exercises was assigned to Sabbath, July 3d.

Holiness Meeting.

At exactly nine o'clock A. M., Mrs. Dr. Palmer, and Rev. J. H. Thornley, commenced their meeting for the promotion of holiness. The attendance was good and the meeting blessed. No one could fail to feel grateful as they beheld the faithful leaders, spared of God, once more at their post and ready for work. These meetings, thus auspiciously commenced, continued every morning until Sabbath, September 11th, a period of more than two months, numbering sixty-nine meetings in all, the influence of which can never be known until the final day shall reveal it before an assembled world. To these devout and godly leaders, and all who assisted them, we render sincerest thanks.

Young People's Meetings.

The new Temple, capable of seating just 1500 people, was not completed until late on Saturday evening, July 2d, and therefore at nine o'clock on Sabbath morning, July 3d, everything was fresh, bright, and beautiful. As the seating capacity was so much greater than the former building, there was a good deal of anxiety as to what show the congregation would make in the present edifice. It was therefore a matter of grateful surprise to most to find nearly every seat taken before the service began. Promptly at nine, worship commenced. A more inspiring scene is not often witnessed. More than a thousand young people, with Rev. C. H. Yatman in the lead, full of joyous expectancy, arose and filled the noble

* This paper, presented by the President, after the report was rendered, was adopted, not only by a unanimous, but one of the most emphatic votes ever given by the Association, and a special request made that it be incorporated as a part of the annual report.

structure with jubilant notes of praise, until all the air was full of inspiration, and God was glorified. These meetings, sixty-three in all, many of them so crowded that hundreds had to stand, continued every morning until Sabbath, September 4th, and were blessed from the commencement to the close. Over 300 souls were converted, many reclaimed, vast multitudes specially helped, and all the people praised the Lord. There were also held in the Temple, under the lead of Bro. Yatman, nine twilight services, and of the training class thirty-four. All these meetings, considerably over one hundred, were signally owned of God, so that if nothing more should be accomplished in the new Temple, its erection has not been in vain.

Auditorium Opening.

This is always an event of interest, and is looked forward to with high expectations. At the tap of the janitor's bell, 10.30 A. M., July 3d, the great audience, led by Willisford Dey, the highly esteemed leader for so many years, arose and joined in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

It was an imposing scene, such as softened all hearts, and dimmed many eyes with tears. Dr. Kynett led in prayer. The sermon was by Dr. D. A. Goodsell, of the New York East Conference, editor-elect of *Zion's Herald*, Boston, Mass. His text was, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind."—John 9: 39. Under a forcible and eloquent exposition, the idea was established that man is born in a judgment hall, surrounded all his life by its continuous processes in the tests of character by which his worth is established or his career goes down in darkness and dishonor. This thought of the judgment of to-day was made luminous and impressive; and the opening service was an augury for good.

In the evening, the Rev. Wm. P. Corbit preached grandly, from the words, "Never man spake like this man."—John 7: 46. It was the opinion of those who had been accustomed to hearing him with frequency for many years, that he never seemed fresher, and the sermon was equal to those of his palmiest days. The whole day seemed to have the benedictions of God, and the people retired to their homes impressed that the season would be good.

Summer Sabbath School.

As for many years, Bro. J. H. Thornley, was at the head of the School on opening day, July 3d, at the Auditorium, with the Intermediate Division; while Dr. Hanlon, with the Bible Class, was in the new Temple and Bible Study; and Miss Van Marter and Miss Lathbury, with the

Primary Department, were in the Tabernacle. The attendance for the opening was very good, aggregating, in the three departments, 1493. The largest number attending the School on any one day, was Camp-meeting Sabbath, reaching on that occasion 5877. There were eleven sessions of the School, beginning with July 3d and including September 11th. The aggregated attendance for the summer, including the Primary, Intermediate, and Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, was 26,099. In these departments of instruction we have the largest hopes of ultimate and enduring good. Such seed-sowing must result in harvests of eternal blessedness.

Surf Meeting.

The Surf-meeting services opened on the Beach at 6 P. M. As it was the eve of our great national holiday, the responsive service used was entitled "Our National Sabbath." The speakers also indulged in patriotic allusions to the great event to be celebrated on the following day. There were ten of these meetings held during the summer, on as many Sabbath evenings, most of which were attended by uncounted thousands; and while many do not hear, yet the influence of seeing such vast multitudes engaged in religious worship by the great wide sea, remains for good on many minds during the whole of life.

Fourth of July.

The national holiday is always welcome at Ocean Grove. It is a joyous day of restful freedom, held by the restraints of right, which, wherever violated, brings distress, but here regarded brings only beauty and peace. No rum, no riot or wild confusion, no booming cannon or hissing fire-crackers, except along the beach, where there is no danger and no one is disturbed by the noise.

At sunrise the bell at the Auditorium announces the arrival of freedom's natal day. At 10 A. M. a large audience is gathered at the Auditorium, where an excellent choir, under the lead of Prof. Dey, sing the grand old patriotic songs, "Hail, Columbia," "Pilgrim Fathers," "Star Spangled Banner," assisted by Prof. Andre and his choir, who sing the beautiful and stirring national airs of Switzerland. Prayer by Rev. H. Belting, pastor of St. Paul's, Ocean Grove; Rev. D. C. Cobb, of West Grove M. E. Church, reciting with thrilling effect the Declaration of Independence, and Will, son of Dr. Johnson, the "American Flag." Rev. Geo. W. Miller, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the orator of the day. From the beginning to the close he held the delighted attention of his great audience, which, frequently enthused to the highest degree,

expressed itself in loud and prolonged applause. He spoke of our country, its greatness, its character, its cherished and exalted historic names, the problems with which we have to contend, as Communism, the liquor traffic, and public education. Concerning the liquor traffic, he said: "Restriction and limitation have so far failed, and legislation has been a miserable farce. Shall liquor be sold by one man or only one in twenty? Shall it be sold at night as well as by day? Shall it be sold by the glass or by the quart? Shall the seller be a man of good reputation, or this inestimable privilege be confined to the lepers of society? Shall the poor victims of the bar be permitted to go home in a zig-zag fashion, or must they go straight as a clothes line? And this is legislation! oh, my country! Thank God a change is coming over the land. We are now dealing with causes rather than effects; with the mill, rather than the grist. Let the American people curb the pest and nettle. They say that Prohibition is a miserable minority. Well, Noah was in the minority 120 years. An intelligent minority have some rights that a brutal and ignorant majority are bound to respect."

The great applause following these and kindred remarks showed how fully the audience endorsed them. The whole day closed without accident or distress of any kind.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of N. J.

This faithful band of earnest, enterprising, determined, persevering, and devoted Christian women led on by their efficient President, Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, of this place, find every year increasing favor at Ocean Grove. Their meeting was held this year on Thursday and Friday, July 7th and 8th, and was more than an ordinary success. Mrs. Downs was aided in the work of the meetings by Miss Julia Coleman, Miss Lois Smith, Mrs. A. B. Purnell, Mrs. Dr. Tomlinson, Mrs. Dr. Church, Mrs. Brenen, Miss Mary E. Campbell, Miss Julia Thomas, Miss Kittie P. Beedle, Mrs. A. C. White, Mrs. Anna M. Hummer, Mrs. E. T. Scott, Mrs. Mary E. Frome, Mrs. M. A. Belting, Mrs. E. M. Thatcher, Mrs. Dr. Turner, Mrs. Helen M. Crane, Mrs. N. F. White, Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, and Major E. T. Scott, all of whom acquitted themselves with great credit, and in the midst of much enthusiasm the meeting closed with new inspiration for another year.

African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee.

This service, owing to some little derangement of plans, which was to have been held morning and afternoon, did not commence until 3 P. M., on Thursday, July 21st. At that hour, a large audience was assembled,

and the exercises commenced, by Prof. J. C. Sampson. Addresses were delivered, by Prof. H. T. Johnson, of Williamsburg, N. Y., and Rev. J. W. E. Benson, Ph. D. There was also a recitation by Miss Tillie Herbert, entitled, "The Other Road." The services throughout were full of interest, and our colored friends left in the evening, much encouraged by the kindness and attention they had received.

Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

The Sunday School Assemblies held at this place for several years past under the leadership of Dr. Loomis, of Albany, have attained such high reputation that large expectations were awakened by the programme announced for the summer of 1887. But, however high these expectations, it is safe to say they were more than met. The exercises commenced on Saturday, July 9th, and continued not only with unabated but increasing interest to the close, on Wednesday evening, July 20th.

Dr. Loomis was ably assisted throughout by Mrs. Loomis and daughter, Prof. Sweney and wife, and Prof. Clymer; while a large array of talented gentlemen filled up the programme from day to day, among whom were found Rev. Dr. Hanlon, Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D., Dr. E. McChesney, Rev. D. H. Shock, A. M., C. E. Bolton, Esq., Rev. J. O. Wilson, Rev. I. Simmons, Bishop J. F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. R. Harcourt, D. D., of Jersey City. The sermons and lectures of these gentlemen were learned, popular, intensely interesting, instructive and sometimes thrillingly eloquent.

The closing day, Wednesday, July 20th, was C. L. S. C. Commencement Day. The weather was fine, and everything at the highest point of expectancy and joyous excitement. At 10 A. M. the march commenced, under the marshalship of Major Patterson, the graduates passing through the golden gates; at 10.45 the presentation of diplomas to graduates of Boys' and Girls' Classes; and at 11 A. M., the masterly commencement oration to the C. L. S. C. by Bishop Hurst. At 2.30 P. M. service of song. 3 P. M. C. L. S. C. recognition service, addresses and presentation of diplomas: 1st, C. L. S. C. Graduates' Class of 1887; 2d, Normal Class, first year; 3d, Normal Class, second year. 4.30 P. M. Annual Meeting Ocean Grove Assembly. 7.00 P. M., general reception of all graduates and their friends at the Arlington. 8.30 P. M. carnival of illuminated fleet on Wesley Lake. The number of graduates in Boys' and Girls' Classes, 49. Normal Class, first year, 16; second year, 11, and of the C. L. S. C. 90. Total graduates this year, 166.

The services throughout the day were full of interest, and during the afternoon the pleasure glowing upon the faces of 166 persons and their

friends, was distinctly visible as they came in front to receive their diplomas, the reward of their pleasant toil, in some cases, of several years; while the reception at the Arlington, though brief, was of a high social character, and enjoyable to the last. The carnival upon the lake in the evening, with which the Assembly closed, witnessed by probably 20,000 people, was one of those marvelous displays of singular, fascinating, fairy-like and indescribable beauty, such as the eye rarely sees and worth traveling many miles to witness, yet once beheld not likely ever to be forgotten. The whole Assembly, as to numbers, attainments, and general interest, was a high success.

Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

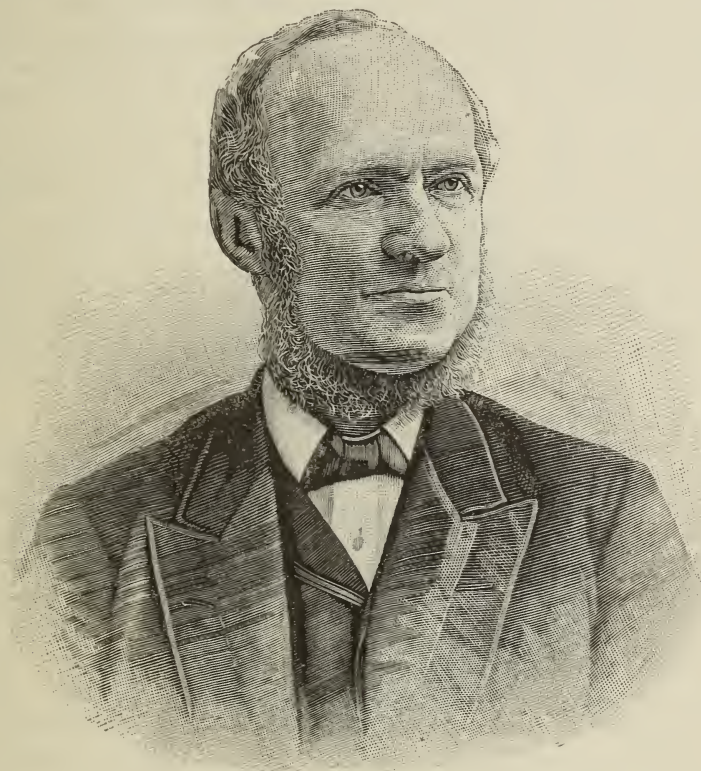
This is the youngest of the benevolences of the church, and is full of such enterprise as insures success. It convened on Friday, July 22d, at 10.30 A. M., Mrs. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, presiding. The ladies present and taking an active part, were Mrs. N. L. Carminade, Mrs. Rev. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. Rev. Henry Belting, Miss Van Marter, Miss Nettie Van Name, Mrs. Garrison, Miss Carrie Snyder, Mrs. H. A. Mathews, Missionary at Castle Garden, N. Y., and also, Mrs. Bishop Harris. The gentlemen who aided in the work, were Rev. W. H. Wardell, Prof. J. S. Hill, President of the Morristown, Tenn., Seminary and Normal Institute, and Rev. G. K. Morris, D. D., of Philadelphia. The latter gentleman, gave an able and interesting address in the evening, on Woman's Work, with special reference to her relations to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, were full of interest, and greatly helpful to the general work.

National Reform Association.

This organization, takes up, and deals fairly and squarely, with the great moral and religious questions, which are now claiming so large a share of public attention, each one of which involves the whole idea of our national Christianity, viz.: Shall the liquor traffic continue among us? Shall our government respect the Lord's Day, and guard it from desecration? Shall we regard the law of Christ as the basis of our legislation touching the family and related interests? Shall we retain the Bible, and unsectarian instruction in our public schools?

These, and kindred questions, were discussed with more than ordinary ability, at the meeting held by this Association, on these grounds, on Monday, July 25th, morning, afternoon and evening, Rev. S. Barnes, of

Philadelphia, presiding, by Rev. T. P. Stevenson, Rev. J. H. Leiper, Prof. A. Rittenhouse, D. D., Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. G. R. Crooks, D. D., Drew Theological Seminary; Mrs. Clara Hoffman, President of the Missouri W. C. T. U., and others. A series of very strong resolutions, commending the objects of the Association, were unanimously adopted.



JNO. N. STEARNS, Esq.,
Secretary National Temperance Society.

The National Temperance Society.

Was held, July 27-31. It is always a real joy to greet this noble band of tireless workers in the temperance cause. I greatly rejoice in the young people's organizations springing up in every direction; I am more than glad for the Women's Christian Temperance Unions all over this wide-spread country; may they increase a thousandfold, and all and always they must and shall have words of cheer. But these men are the

old guards, the legion of honor, who have stood in the fore front, bearing the brunt, and braving the blast, organizing victories out of most disheartening defeats, and like the valiant Israelites, under the command of Joshua, when the priests gave a long blast with rams' horns, and blew with the trumpets, shouted in triumph, even before the walls of the city fell. So they have continued unto this day, and so, too, before the long blast of their trumpets the walls of all opposition, shall surely fall at last.

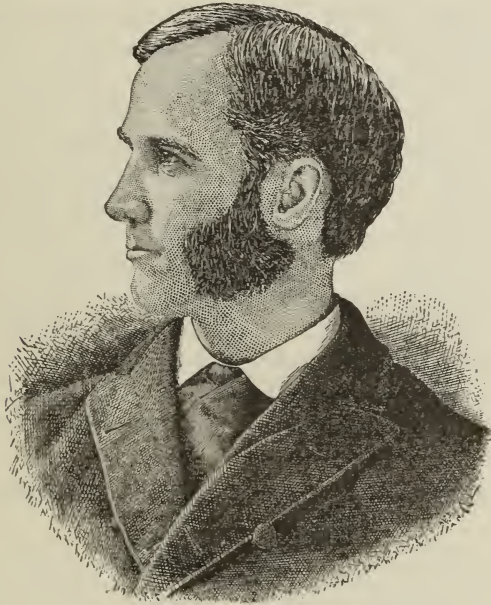
We hail these men, their loud long trumpet blasts inspire with courage for final conquest. Stearns, and Steel, and Carswell, and Pardington, and Hulburd, and Leech, and Poulson, and Price, and Lawson, and Morris, and Finch, and Hick, and Fisk, and Bain. All are thrice and always welcome. How they all argued, persuaded, convinced, enthused, and inspired the vast throngs which listened to their burning words, while Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins, thrilled all hearts with their delightful songs. But, alas, we did not know, and it was well we did not, when on Friday night, July 29th, that noble, and God-endowed young man, John B. Finch, Esq., Right Worthy Grand Templar, of the Order of Good Templars, stood up, before that great audience, to give his address, that it was the last time we should see his face or hear his voice. But so it was. His work was grand, and his rest is sweet.

Let us cherish a few of his last words: "Privilege and duty," he said, "go hand in hand. When our forefathers in the Revolution took the crown of the king from off his head, they put it on the shoulder of the voter. When a man stands and says I am a citizen of the United States, it means the duty of a citizen. The country is governed by public opinion. If governed by public opinion, how shall we get its expression? The Government provides a day for the expression of that opinion. What is that day called?—Election day. What is that expression?—The vote. What is a vote?—The honest and conscientious opinion. Who casts that vote?—The citizen, not the party man, but the *citizen!* A man's vote represents his conscience, and no man can express his opinion without investigation. But when he refuses to investigate and to vote, what shall we say of him? The man who lives in this country and refuses to vote, does not exercise his right as a citizen, and is a traitor. Let us then educate, agitate, and elucidate this temperance prohibition question until men shall see, vote, and accomplish the plans which shall exterminate the last vestige of evil, ensuing from the reign of King Alcohol."

Col. Geo. W. Bain, of Kentucky, spoke on Saturday night with matchless and over-mastering power.

Sabbath morning, July 31st, was the time set apart for commemorating the Eighteenth Anniversary of Ocean Grove. The minister selected, as last year, was Rev. H. A. Cleveland, D.D., of Philadelphia. His text,

“The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” Deut. 33: 27. He said, “Let evil triumph. Why should we meddle? Let us acquiesce in things as they are; so talk the unbelievers. The great soul of Jesus Christ was surest of God. Nature is not enough for us. There isn’t a swine-herd on earth whose husks can satisfy us. You can not regulate the world by hygiene or therapeutics. From such sources come no power against temptation and no impulse for moral reforms. Man now scorns nature’s limitations; so he questions and disregards her. But she grinds right along making no response to his moral yearnings



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and no candle lights his sepulchre. So the souls have longed for God as the hart for the water brooks. Our minds are feeble, the universe is too complicated, and we can never understand it all. If we wait until we can we must ever be weak and hopeless. The hazy generalities of unbelievers never comfort the minds of the distressed and sinful, but increase the darkness in their hearts. In God we have an adequate support. Take my text as a motto for another year. Atheism is mental, moral, and social paralysis. The great souls have been surest of God, and in His strength have performed exploits. Without Him we are unhappy from

excess of faculty; from fear of nature, and from fear of death. With Him we transcend our mysteries and evils and leap into sunshine and song." It was a sermon of great proportions, and profound impressions, though delivered and listened to under the pressure of overwhelming heat. Col. Bain's closing address in the evening, to a congregation filling all the space within hearing distance, crowned a day, and series of meetings, each seemingly greater than the last, with splendor like the setting sun, when everything is aglow with burnished gold.

New Jersey Sabbath Union.

The time set apart for this organization, was Tuesday, July 26th, and true to day and hour, many of the staunch friends of the God-given Sabbath, full of faith and zeal, met to labor for its divinely-required and continued sanctity. Dr. Mott, the President, was in his place, Rev. J. H. Knowles, the indefatigable secretary, was at his side, and around these noble officers, a band of heroic workers gathered, ready with pen, voice and personal influence to advance the cause. Earnest, eloquent and affective addresses were delivered by Dr. Mott, Rev. J. H. Knowles, Dr. Whitney, Hackettstown, N. J.; Rev. H. B. Waring, Dr. Carroll, Dr. Aikman, Geo. May Powell, Rev. T. A. Fernley, Philadelphia; Wm. Lippman, Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, Dr. W. F. Craffts and John Y. Foster, Editor of *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*. The whole day was full of blessed inspirations and a high success. The efforts of these men have our warmest sympathies, and a day is always open for them here.

Dedication of Young People's Temple and Bible Study.

This year the regular anniversary of the first meeting held at Ocean Grove, July 31, 1869, came on the Sabbath. As that day was by previous arrangement wholly filled with other services, the commemoration of the Eighteenth Anniversary was deferred until Monday, Aug. 1st. This gave full opportunity to make the day, distinctively anniversary. The regular meetings were held in the morning at the usual places, and at the regular time. At 6.45, P. M., a large company gathered around "Memorial Vase," at Thomson Park, for an hour's religious worship in the open air. This service, on the very spot where the first meeting was held, entirely memorial in its character, is always tender, thoughtful and refreshing. A larger number of the members of the Association than usual were present, and most of them, with many others, took part in song, prayer and encouraging words. When the hour closed, all, full of such gladness as the occasion always inspires, marched to the step of the

joyous music to the new Temple, now to be dedicated. It was the first time it had been opened for an evening service, and was all aglow with light. The view outside and in, was brilliant beyond description. From without the windows in their many colors were gorgeous, while within, more than a thousand young people, gave vivacity and brightness to the scene. As the Association, and the multitude entered the centre door, led on by Professor Sweney, all within arose and joined in singing :

“All hail the power of Jesus’ name.”

As the strains died away, into the softness of the gathering twilight, all felt it was the *House of God*.

Fifteen minutes were given to song; fifteen to prayer and fifteen to testimony, during which time, the cloud of blessings gathered, and divine benedictions fell on all. A short time was then given to soliciting funds to aid the building fund. Several hundred dollars were added to sums already given, or subscribed, making the total thus far, \$3,406.50, the whole cost being \$7,500. Then followed the dedication, the President, being aided in the service, by Rev. Dr. Hanlon, C. H. Yatman, Rev. Dr. Dunn, A. K. Street, W. C. Stockton, and all the members of the Association present. The regular disciplinary form of ritual printed in large type, was placed in the hands of all in the congregation and on the platform, and the responses being strong, clear and universal, the service was most impressive. At the conclusion, there were congratulations on every hand, that this Eighteenth Anniversary, had, of all the preceding, contributed the noblest monument, and the joy was general, that the young people, and Dr. Hanlon’s Bible Class had such ample accommodations for their work.

Ocean Grove Memorial Day.

Was held this year, on Tuesday, August 2d. This is the occasion which softens and subdues us all. Many of those with whom we have walked on earth, we shall walk with no more, until the fog breaks, and we rejoin them in the land immortal. This service always encourages the hope of that reunion. The present year, a list of sixty names were recorded of those who have left us, gathered mostly from the obituary department of the *Ocean Grove Record*, including aged saints, useful ministers, fathers and mothers revered in memory, and children giving special promise of a bright future, over and around all which our memories turn and affections linger. The songs we sing, the prayers we offer, and the words we speak on these occasions assuage our griefs, and cause our withered joys to rebloom with gladness. This is the object of the service, and we are well assured that this point is always reached.

Army and Navy Chaplains' Reunion.

This gathering, August 4-7th, as it always has been, was a sadly, joyous occasion:—sad, because it revives the terrible scenes of a most gigantic and fratricidal war; and joyous, because it recounts the benevolent and Christian activities of that war, on an extended scale of grandeur and magnificence, never equaled since the world began.

These chaplains, Christly heroes, from the north and south, are, for their own personal worth, and for their work's sake, always welcome. The chaplains' days, were well introduced by a lecture on Wednesday evening, August 3d, by Rev. Henry Wheeler, of Philadelphia, on the "Battle and Massacre of Wyoming," in which by the aid of diagrams, he depicted the horrors of that remote period of our history, in glowing words, and thereby revealed to many minds, scenes which, because not often referred to now, were all the more interesting and absorbing.

On the following morning, without bugle note or sound of drum, the chaplains' came. In the front of the platform, in bold, but graceful letters, suspended where all could read—these words greeted every eye:

"From Southland comes the peaceful gray,
From Northland comes the blue;
The blue and gray together meet,
In friendship firm and true."

Then came Rev. John O. Foster, Colonel Hardin and Bishop Fellows, of Chicago; Rev. Dr. Jones and Rev. Dr. Dickinson, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Safford, of Kingston, Pa.; Dr. Spencer, of Illinois; Rev. Geo. I. Mingins, of New York, who, during the war, raised \$1,000,000 to be distributed through the agency of the Christian Commission; Rev. W. M. Henry, of Philadelphia; Rev. H. Henderson, D. D., late of Kentucky, now of New York, a confederate brigadier-general on General Lee's staff, and late Exchange Commissioner, through whose hands the exchange of 48,000 prisoners passed; the always welcome, and ever eloquent, General Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey, and the sociable, witty and agreeable, Dr. Buckley, of New York. These, with many others, took active, earnest and most efficient part during the whole four days, and their words will not be forgotten. On Saturday afternoon, a number of the chaplains, ladies and visiting friends, paid an informal visit to Mrs. Gen. Grant, at Elberon, where songs were sung, prayers offered, brief impromptu addresses made, refreshments served, and great enjoyment was experienced by all.

On Sabbath morning, Bishop Bowman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached grandly to a vast congregation, from, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said it is more blessed to give than receive."—Acts 20 : 35.

In the evening, Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Chicago, delivered an able and spiritual sermon, from the words, "The other disciple whom Jesus loved."—John 20: 2. Thus closed a long to be remembered meeting, full of interest, the influence of which can be only good.

Woman's Encouragement Meetings.

These are a series of meetings lasting four days, conducted wholly by women, designed to encourage the timid, strengthen the weak, to lead on the stronger to higher achievements, and all to the grandest possibilities of the Christian life. The leaders were, Mrs. Rev. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Kenard Chandler, and Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip, assisted by Miss Grace Weiser, Mrs. E. C. Brooks, Miss Cassie Smith, and many others. This series of meetings commencing August 10th and continuing until August 13th, was exceedingly interesting, and resulted in many being wonderfully helped, backsliders reclaimed, sinners converted and believers wholly sanctified. The many talented and consecrated women of this place are among our most valuable assistants in carrying forward the work of God.

Dickinson College Day.

Tuesday, August 16th, was the time set apart for this time-honored institution, and was a most enjoyable occasion. A large number of the distinguished friends of education were present, including the president, faculty, and many of the alumni of old Dickinson, who were at the front to show their interest in and attachment for their alma mater. The address of Dr. Tiffany was matchless; Dr. Crooks' was a living flame of quenchless fire, kindled and fanned by true devotion to the institution to which he owed so much; Rev. George Elliott's a favorable and eloquent plea for classical education; and Bishop Bowman, a graduate of fifty years ago, added fuel to the rising enthusiasm by pleasant reminiscences. The reception at Sheldon's in the evening was a joyous festival,—a feast of reason and the flow of soul.

Bible Readings.

Three days, August 17th to 19th, were assigned to Bible Readings this year. The readers were, Dr. Hanlon, Mrs. Rev. J. H. Knowles, Dr. Munhall, and Rev. Geo. W. Mingins, D. D., the latter gentleman taking the place of Dr. Munhall, who was detained from one service by a railroad accident. The readers were all exceeding happy in the selection of their themes, and expositions evangelical, spiritual, luminous, and every way helpful. We cannot do too much to encourage in the regular, systematic and constant reading of the Word of God.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Ocean Grove Auxiliary of this Society, was held Saturday and Sabbath, August 20th and 21st. This occasion is always full of religious fervency and interest, and seldom, if ever, more so than this year. The cause, the company which such an occasion gathers, together with the anxiety to realize the largest financial results, all conspire to this: the cause, the conversion of the world; the company, gathered from almost every field; and the financial results, many hundreds of dollars.

The conspicuous strangers were Dr. and Mrs. Thoburn, Rev. H. F. Kastendeick and wife, and Miss Phebe Rowe, an Eurasian, all from India, who gave much interest to the meetings. The thrilling testimonies of the Saturday evening missionary love feast will not soon be forgotten, and the glowing sermon of Dr. Thoburn, on Sabbath morning, will live in memory, while the afternoon service, in which Miss Rowe took a leading part, was a culmination and out-burst of all the previous work. The financial results of the day, including that of the Young People's Meeting on Monday morning, amounted to \$1,429.93. To God be all the glory!



Annual Camp Meeting.

To this great annual feast we come again with toil and anxiety before us. All previous days, and weeks, and months have been preparation. Now the actual conflict begins. Multitudes who have been on the mount of communion, with their hearts aglow, and faces beaming with light, and love and joy, are now ready for the fray. Saved themselves, their blessedness is augmented by every additional soul brought from the bondage of sin, to the freedom of the Gospel. Anticipation, full of the

highest hope, stands on the summit of opportunity, and looking out upon the assembled thousands, with the grasp and grip of an unyielding faith, claims them all for Christ. In this divine expectancy, the believer finds his holiest joy,—the joy of the Lord, in the strength of which he labors on, and in this labor finds the sweetest rest.

In this spirit we came to Monday, August 22d. It was our commencement day. The usual meeting, was held in the morning, at 9 o'clock. At 10.30, a large congregation met at the Auditorium, to spend one hour *simply in prayer*. Between thirty-five and forty brief, earnest, direct, heartfelt prayers of faith, took hold of God. The blessing came, and the place was the vestibule of heaven. In the afternoon, from 3 to 4 o'clock, we met again. It was the *further preparation hour*. How the people wrestled and held on to God! But, great as was the struggle, the victory came. Every heart seemed confident that a marvelous triumph was just at hand. In this faith we looked for still more wonderful displays of divine majesty at the evening communion service. But God is not as man. At about 5 o'clock, the sky suddenly became overcast with gloom. Wind warred with wind and lightning played upon the brow of the storm. The people seemed to hear once more, the ringing command, "*To your tents, O Israel.*" As night fell, the prospect became gloomier, and the rain heavy, but at 7.30 o'clock, the electric globes flashed out their cheerful light, and with the Auditorium partly filled, the services commenced. Bishop Andrews, and nearly fifty other ministers assisted in the service, and although the outward conditions were against us, God greatly blessed, and the meeting was good throughout.

On Tuesday, August 23d, all the meetings, connected with the Camp Meeting commenced. Consecration Meeting, Tabernacle, 5.45 to 6.45 A. M., Bro. R. J. Andrews, leader; Family devotions, Auditorium, 6.45 to 7 A. M., President, leader; Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, 9 A. M., Mrs. Palmer and Bro. Thornley, leaders; Young People's Meeting, Temple, 9 A. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader; Public Services, Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M.; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1.30 P. M.; Mother's Meeting, Helping Hand Tent, Ocean Pathway, 2 P. M., Mrs. Wheeler, leader; Children's Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Inskip and Mr. Thornley, leaders; Workers' Training Class, Temple, 4.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader; Twilight Service, Temple, 6.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader. All these meetings were held daily, until the Camp Meeting closed, on Wednesday, August 31st.

The opening sermon, was preached on Tuesday morning, August 23d, at 10.30 o'clock, by Bishop E. G. Andrews, from the Text, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31. The whole sermon was clear, logical, scriptural, Methodistic, earnest, eloquent

with intense love for souls, and lifted all hearts to God. He said, "The faith that justifies is a human act. God gives the faculties, we must exercise them, and the Saviour helps in every step towards God. Break loose from all old practices and habits, and yield to the Divine Spirit now." "This faith," he continued, "is a very simple and intelligent thing. There are mysteries I grant. There are many things which the theologians do not know. How God lays His hands on us, and puts energy into our will I do not know, but falling from a precipice, I catch a rope and I am rescued. God is nigh to save. Trust Him and it is done." The whole sermon, was a grand start on the salvation line, and for ten blessed days, the ministers followed the path which the initial sermon so clearly marked.

Sabbath was a matchless day—the weather all that could be desired, and the throngs immense. The annual Love Feast was like the loftiest peak in a range of lofty mountains. Five or six thousand Christians, of every name and order all anxious to bear testimony to the goodness of their Lord, forming tides of Christly love, until, like the sea, they broke in billowy songs of living joy.

The sermons of Dr. B. B. Hamlin, of Everett, Pa.; Rev. J. Jackson Wray, Pastor of Whitefield Tabernacle, London, England; and of Rev. F. C. Iglehart, of Newark, N. J.; together with the overflow meetings, in Tabernacle, Temple, Helping Hand Tent, Ocean Pathway Pavilion, at Ross's and Lillagore's Bathing Grounds, with the services held at St. Paul's Church, all lifted the people far above the ordinary plains of life, quite to the mount of transfiguration, where for a time they seemed to see Jesus only. Thus the services swept on until Tuesday night, August 30th, when Dr. J. A. Price, of Baltimore, preached with great appropriateness, a very earnest sermon, from, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." God was in the service, and the ministers turning in to the after meeting, great good was done, and many saved.

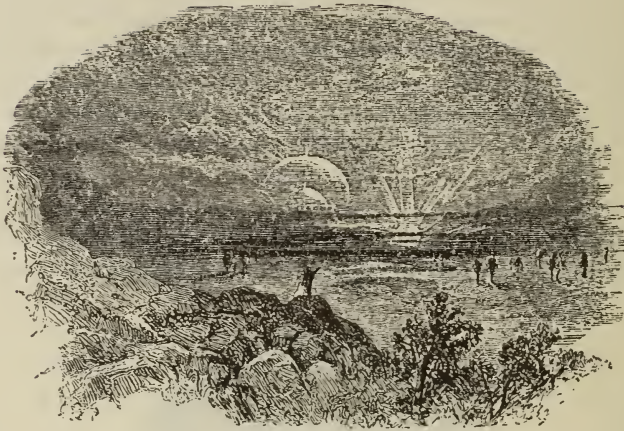
Wednesday, August 31st, was the closing day. At 9 A. M. sharp, 26 children, presented by their parents or guardians, received the holy ordinance of Christian baptism, at the close of which came the administration of the Lord's Supper. One hundred ministers of the different denominations of evangelical Christians assisted in the holy ordinance, and 2141 communed. The most touching scene during this closing communion service, is when fifty or more of the children, a part of those who have been converted during the meeting, march with songs down the middle aisle, following their leader to the altar, where they receive together the emblems of the Saviour's death. There are few hearts which remain untouched by such a scene, and few eyes not wet with holy tears.

Always at the close of such a communion there is a holy hush. The time, the place, the circumstances, the possibilities, the probabilities, the certainties that the company present will never all assemble again until the final day, make it a time when the thoughtless become thoughtful and the wicked wish that they were good. It was so now, and, as is often the case, several then and there gave their hearts to God. Of the vast multitudes present, none will ever forget the scene. A few parting words were spoken, and most, if not all, lifted their hands to say we would try to meet in heaven. The results of the meetings, as far as they could be gathered, were given, and then we marched twice around the Auditorium square, singing, "We are Marching to Zion." To many the scene was



new. How such look and wonder! Some weep and others shout for joy. We ascend the platform. The multitudes, silent as death, stand before the Lord. Now a song, soft as angels sing, floats over the vast host, like voices from the spirit world. It is good,—heaven-like, to be here. Then the President standing in the front, with hands uplifted until the last strain of subdued sound died away and the silence was unutterable, then the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,"—the bell, with a solemnity which touches every heart, striking after each name,—I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting, for the year 1887, 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. Amen."

Thus, my brethren, I have brought you, as best I could, in this department of my report, through the religious work of another year. I now, in conclusion, call your attention to the following brief



Recapitulation.

During the season just closed, there have been held: Prayer and Experience Meetings, 27; Sermons preached, 61; Holiness Meetings, 69; Young People's Meetings, 63; Sessions of the Summer Sabbath-school, 11; Aggregate number in attendance at School, including Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, 26,099; Surf Meetings, 10; Addresses, 180; Fourth of July Celebration, 1; Woman's Christian Temperance Union, 7; Praise Services, 15; Conference of Sunday-school Workers, 5; Re-unions, 2; Lectures, 10; Boys' and Girls' Meetings, 8; Workers and Training Classes, 34; Normal Hour, 20; Foreign Tours, 4; Stereopticon Exhibitions, 4; Elocution Classes, 5; C. L. S. C. Round Table, 2; Children's Temperance Meetings, 2; Concert, 1; Children Baptized, 26; Orations, 2; Carnivals, 2; A. M. E. C. Jubilee Day, 1; Ocean Grove Anniversary, 2; Ocean Grove Anniversary Prayer Meeting 1; Ocean Grove Memorial, 1; Woman's Home Missionary Society, 3; National Reform Association, 3; New Jersey Sabbath-school Union, 3; National Temperance Society Meetings, 13; Army and Navy Chaplains' Services, 8; Woman's Encouragement Meetings, 7; Inquiry Meetings, 4; Dickinson College Services, 2; Bible Readings, 6; Woman's Foreign Missionary Anniversary Meetings, 5; Consecration Meetings, 10; Twilight Meetings, 9; Sacraments, 2; Whole number communing, 2687; Family Devotions, 9; Helping Hand Meetings, 12; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings, 9; Mothers' Meetings, 7; Children's Meetings, 7; Elim Cottage Meetings, 1. Whole number of services during the season, 490.

What is the outcome of all these meetings, is a question, propounded over and over again. The persons who ask these questions, will, however, upon a moment's reflection, see the impossibility of giving a full and satisfactory answer. The influences are often, like those of the dew and sunshine, hidden for the time, and are not unfolded until the summer or autumn rains. Then, too, the seed is often carried far beyond the knowledge of the sower, and can not possibly be known until the final harvest, which is at the end of the world. A part, and we sometimes think, only a very small part, of what is done, comes to our knowledge, and this we report, as best we can, in the following summary :

Conversions.—Young People's meetings, 300; Children's meetings, 120; Mothers' meetings, 20; Mrs. Smith's meetings, 10; Helping Hand meetings, 25; Twilight meetings, 60; Training Class meetings, 7; Encouragement meetings, 15; Personal work, 55; Auditorium and Overflow meetings, 30. Total, 642.

Reclaimed.—Young People's meetings, 125; Mothers' meetings, 5; Mrs. Smith's meetings, 20; Twilight meetings, 40. Total, 140.

Sanctified.—Consecration meetings, 150; Mothers' meetings, 49; Mrs. Smith's meetings, 75; Encouragement meetings, 25; Auditorium and Overflow meetings, 50. Total, 349.

Specially Helped.—Consecration meetings, 800; Young People's meetings, 1000; Mothers' meetings, 140; Mrs. Smith's meetings, 200; Helping Hand meetings, 150; Twilight meetings, 600; Training Class meetings, 500; Auditorium and Overflow meetings, 5000. Total, 8390. Grand total, 9580.

It will be seen, that the above enumeration, makes no mention of the holiness meetings, which were held regularly, for sixty-nine mornings, the leaders declaring, that it was utterly impossible to give any intelligent account of the work accomplished during all these meetings. But it is safe to say, that the converted, reclaimed, and those who were helped in their religious life, in that meeting alone, numbered many hundreds, if not thousands. So that large as is the grand total given above, it is quite certain that it falls below, rather than going beyond the actual facts.

The summer just closed, is regarded, by all, I think, as the largest in attendance, and the best in results, of any since our work commenced. These facts fill us with joy and gladness, and inspire us with new courage to go forward in this service, till God shall release us with the *well done* which belongs to the faithful, and then, laying down the cross shall be

permitted to take up the crown, and with the approval of our Lord, wear it forever. Until then, my dear brethren, I commit you and the work assigned us, to the care of Him who hath said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

OCEAN GROVE, October 11, 1887.





Summering in the Tents.

Here and there in scores and scattered about singly are the Ocean Grove tents, teeming with life and bustle nearly all the day. Some of these nomadic dwellings are cosily ensconced under the foliage of the parks. Others lie clustered together at the junction of Wesley Lake and the sea. Still others may be found at odd points along Fletcher Lake, or on the avenues in the southern end of the Grove. The total number of tents is over 600. Of these 400 are owned and rented by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association and under the superintendence of Captain Rainear. The remainder, between two and three hundred, are, as a rule, the personal property of their inmates.

The tents of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association are grouped in blocks, having a regular system of numbering, water supply and access to the sewers. All necessities and conveniences are amply provided for by the Association, and the consequence has been a remarkable increase in the number of tenters. These tents are of two sizes. The largest consists of a 13 x 18 cottage with two rooms and a 14 x 16 tent in front. The tents are made of extra heavy mildew-proof duck, with a fly over each. This is an adequate protection from the rain and is a means

of ventilation. Each tent is enclosed with a fence and the front yard sodded. They are furnished with bed-room suits, spring mattresses, stoves, tables and chairs by the Association. Square apertures in the tent sides of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet are barred with ropes and meet the summer requirements of windows. The door, a "flap" in the front, is closed at night and in storms by being tightly laced and tied. A yard in the rear is used in common for washing and drying. It contains a pump, sink and closets, all connected with the sewers. The Association receives for these tents from \$75 to \$100 for the season.

The care and taste displayed by many tent people in keeping their surroundings clean, neat, and delightful is not surpassed by any cottager in the Grove or Park. A graceful awning shields every door. The awning supports are often concealed by climbing vines, honeysuckle, or ivy. The little yard in front is patiently striven with till it attains the verdure desired. Choice flowers in the early summer are brought from city hot-houses or purchased here, and tenderly cared for till they become acclimated to the salt air and used to the sandy soil.

The tents are usually in some shady place. They are then cool, inviting retreats, made perfectly charming with the flowers, vines and foliage. Early twilight's beauties are brightened when the passer-by observes in such lovely scenes women in white listlessly grouped about. Within the tents the same variety and sometimes lack of taste displayed by people everywhere are seen here as well. While one family is refined and exhibits its culture by attention to those little things that gratify the mind as well as the eye, often the next family is the reverse. Some have brought with them from the city, pianos, paintings, luxurious chairs, sofas, and bric-a-brac, and the rustic abode is made to correspond with the beautiful home in the city. Front is the parlor and sitting-room. Back of this a narrow passage way extends past the tiny bed-rooms with their immaculate couches to a combined kitchen and dining-room. Provisions are easily secured from the many wagons that pass and a little oil stove does all the cooking necessary.

The best feature of Ocean Grove tents is their picturesque beauty. This canvas subject has never been really well placed on canvas. The placid serenity and ennobling thoughts arising in one's inner spirit as he beholds the delightful tent scenes can never be forgotten. Seated about the door-ways in early evening, singing songs that very plainly tell of contentment and happiness within; others in cheerful conversation, with bright, wholesome children gamboling about, wandering happily among the groves or on the beach, are these good people living in plain and simple style, but leading very happy lives.—From the *Asbury Park Daily Press*, Aug. 20, 1887.

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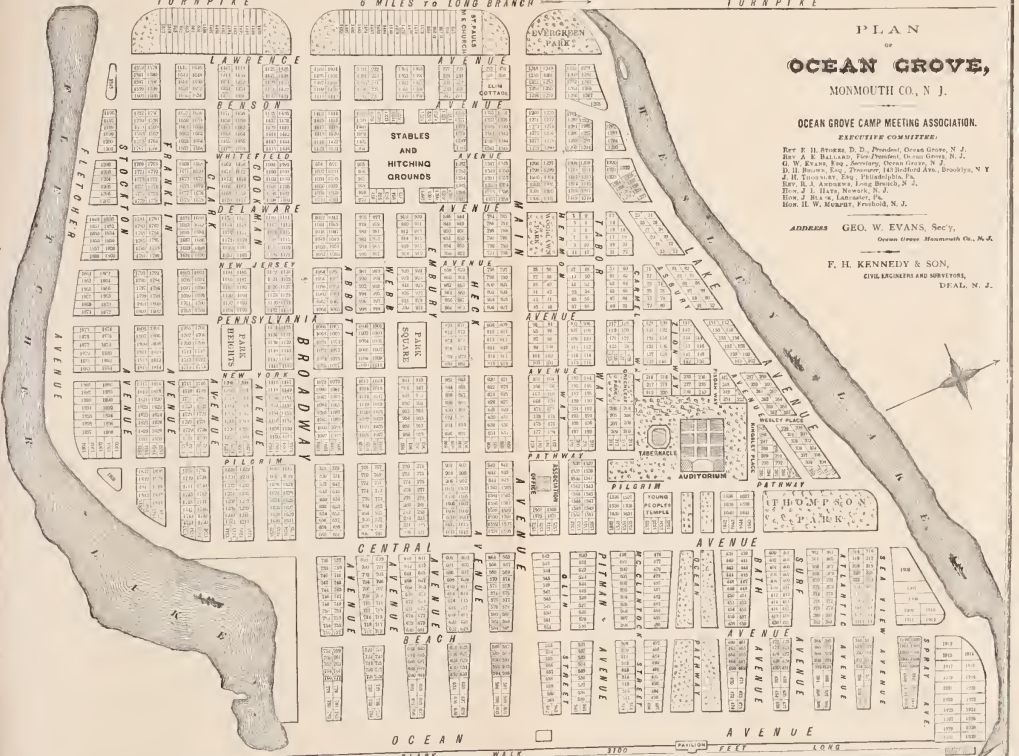
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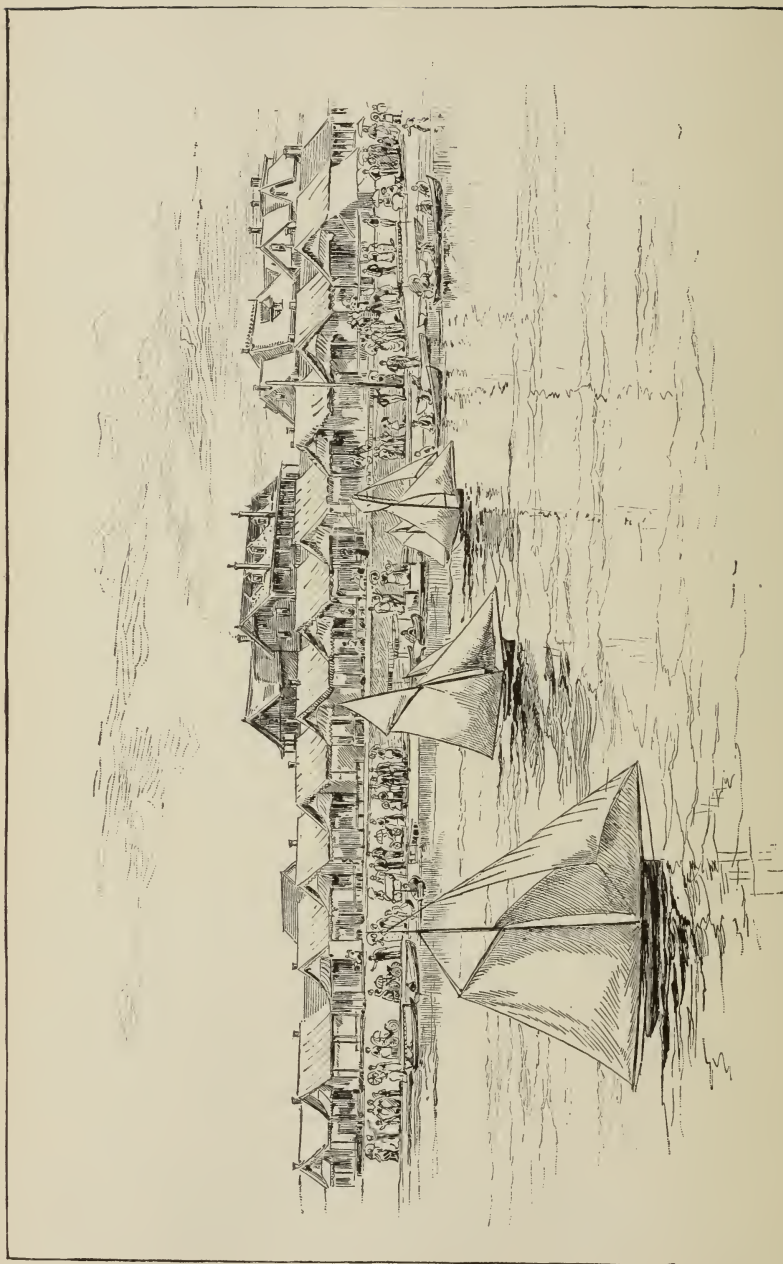
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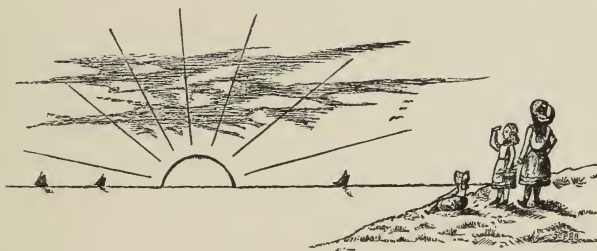
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Sunlight, O sunlight, there's gladness in thee,
The darkness retires, the world is aglow;
Song in the forests, and joy on the sea,
There's splendor above, and splendor below,
Hail the glad sunrise, unfollowed by night,
Hail the glad glow of Eternity's light.—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.





PILGRIM PATHWAY AND MAIN AVENUE.
LOOKING TOWARD THE AUDITORIUM.

NINETEENTH 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 :

The footfalls of receding time die in the distance, and the joyous welcomes of another annual meeting greet our ears. What a rapid panorama of changing joys and sorrows, is human life. How the years come and go. Spring flashes out in beauty, summer ripens and autumn, glowing with unequaled splendors, crowns the whole.

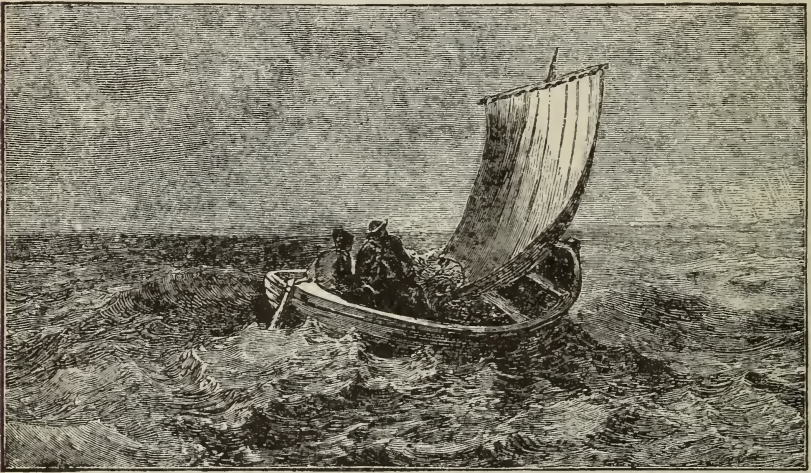
If our spring and summer work has been well performed, and our opportunities for good improved, life has no grander period than the closing up of matchless October. An annual meeting is very full of interest. We meet, not only in friendly relations, and the sweet amenities of social life; while gladness gleams from every eye, and words of cheer fall from every lip, yet, at the same time, as we look into each other's faces, and note the deeper and added traces which care and time have wrought, there is a gaze of silent sorrow, which, were it not relieved with the glowings of Christian hope, would be sad indeed. Instead, however, of being of this character, every step has new joy, in the blessed assurance of the fact, that we are "*a year's march nearer home.*"

But, it is not for indulgence in sentimentalism, even though it be Christian sentimentalism, that we have met together. We have sterner,

not to say, better work. It is to look over the past, note what has been done, and how done, or gathering inspiration from past successes, or it may be wisdom from past failures, plan for the future.

In the roll of the years, there is much that gives us care and grave anxiety, and at the same time, more that gives unspeakable joy. That which gives anxiety and care, will be revealed as these pages unfold, and that which gives to us our richest joy, will come to us in the higher department of our religious work.

One thing, however, should be noted at this time, and in this place, with special emphasis and gratitude. I refer to the merciful prolongation of



A FISHING CRUISE.

the lives and health of the members of this Association. Things which are to endure must have time to expand and solidify. The mushroom gains perfection in a night, and perishes as soon, while the oak requires a century to mature, and remains for ages. It seems as if God in His gracious providence is giving time for the work of this Association to expand and settle into enduring character, before the original members, who understand its aims as none others can, shall pass away. In this, we discover cause for profoundest thanks. If it please God, may the cause which produces this gratitude be long continued, and the longer continued the higher our thanks will rise.

But, while the warp of our Association fabric to-day is joy, the woof is sorrow. Not hopeless sorrow, however, but that which is all aglow with the rainbow hues of eternal gladness. Death, while it has not entered the ranks of our members directly, comes nevertheless to our very

threshold, in removing the wives of two of our honored brethren, from the realm of suffering to the climes of the glorified.

On the 21st day of August, 1888, Mrs. Amanda M. L. Adams, wife of Rev. Benjamin M. Adams, of the New York East Conference, one of our original members, entered into the rest of the glorified; and last evening, October 8th, 1888, at 8.45 o'clock, Mrs. Eliza Black, wife of Hon. James Black, of Lancaster, Pa., also one of our original members, who at the time, being engaged in the business of one of our Executive Meetings, was called out to witness her departure from this land, at Dr. Barr's Hygienic Institute, to the land of the holy on the other side. Both of these beloved brethren, with those of their bereaved families, have our warmest sympathies, and most earnest prayers, that they may be up-borne by Christian faith and hope, until they meet again upon immortal shores.

Therefore, in the tender grief, yet Christian gladness of this blessed hour, let us gird ourselves for our work, and with gratitude and prayer, review the past.

Thousands of every-day details are always omitted in these reports, and things which are more prominent and important only noted. But, while this is so; *all things* involving the receipt or expenditure of a single cent are carefully kept in the Association books.

With these introductory and general remarks, I proceed to call your attention to the SECULAR WORK of the year just closed.

Wesley Lake.

I call attention to this first, because the question of permanent bridges across this sheet of water was favorably reported, by a committee on the better observance of the Sabbath, at our annual meeting held October 11th, 1886, and by that body, after full consideration, postponed to the semi-annual meeting, May 1887, and again postponed to the annual meeting October, 1887, the Secretary being directed to give notice that it would be the order for the first day of the session. At that meeting, after a very animated and thorough discussion of the whole subject, the following resolutions passed, ayes 12, nays 10.

"*Resolved*, That we hereby instruct and direct the officers of The Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association to confer with James A. Bradley, Esq., and such other authorities of Asbury Park as may be necessary, in the view of having two foot bridges built at the points where now the ferries run across Wesley Lake, of such material and style of architecture as they in their united wisdom may agree upon, and under such regulations as shall be satisfactory to the authorities of both places and above all such as shall conserve the sacredness of the Lord's Day."

"Resolved 2d, To refer the question of the erection of bridges across Wesley Lake as to cost and character, to the Executive Committee, with power."

"Resolved 3d, That in the erection of said bridges, it shall be distinctly stipulated, in every and all contracts, that under no circumstances shall toll be required or taken on the Sabbath day."



PLAYING ON THE BEACH.

Two months and nine days after the above action, the following was received from James A. Bradley, Esq.:

ASBURY PARK, Dec. 19th, 1887.

REV. E. H. STOKES, *President Ocean Grove Association:*

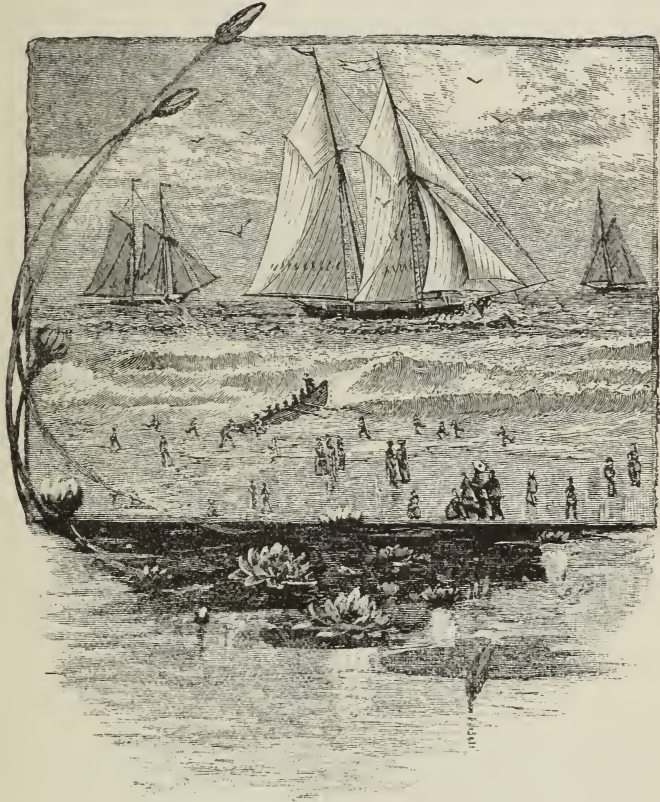
DEAR SIR,—Some weeks since I read in the *Ocean Grove Record* that the Association had discussed the subject of bridges over Wesley Lake. As I understood the report, some members urged it strongly while others objected. Since then I have talked with members of the Association, and while they are in favor of the bridges, they are in doubt as to the exact effect they will have in enabling the Grove people to maintain their peculiar, yet very proper, position as a religious institution, while at the same time it is a place of residence. I appreciate the position of those who wish to weigh the matter fully and carefully. I have heard many raise objections to Ocean Grove because of its closed gates on Sunday, but I cannot see how a religious body that conscientiously believes vehicle travel on Sunday is wrong, could do otherwise than close its gates on that day.

All persons now have access to the Grove on Sunday by way of the small gates on the turnpike, by the ferry boats of the lake, and the board walk of the beach.

The Sabbatharians who hold an annual meeting at Ocean Grove, I have no doubt, look upon the running of the ferries and taking toll therefor on Sundays as an inconsistency, and no doubt many members of the Association feel the same way, and yet

it cannot be expected that a number of men should work on the ferries all day Sundays and not receive pay therefor. I yield to no man in my respect for the religious convictions of the managers and visitors to Ocean Grove, and will do what I can as a neighbor to guard it from intrusion from the outside.

Ocean Grove has attracted to Monmouth county a vast number of people. Some come to enjoy the religious meetings, others from curiosity, and the result has been that many persons have purchased land and built houses at the Grove, while



many others have located in the vicinity where only the ordinary laws governing towns are in force. Lands that were wild and almost worthless twenty years ago are now assessed at millions. Indeed, in the little township of Neptune, including Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, having a frontage of only three miles on the sea, running westward about three miles, the property is assessed for over three millions of dollars. In 1867 the assessment of the same district did not amount to one hundred thousand dollars. From such small beginning has grown such mighty results.

The wonderful growth of the whole seacoast of Monmouth county is not all attributable to Ocean Grove, but its annual gatherings of the various conventions and reunions keeps it in a meritorious position as a power to add to the wealth of the State.

What the future of Ocean Grove will be I cannot tell, but I believe that as the old-fashioned camp-meeting has given place to the beautiful Auditorium of Ocean Grove, and the tent and unsanitary straw-strewn floor has given way to the handsome Temple for young people, so I believe the time will come when the above structures at Ocean Grove will be old-fashioned, and will give way to others of brick and stone, that will be known as the Auditorium, Young People's Temple, Sunday-school College, Hall of Christian Ethics, and interests that will be developed as religious and intellectual thought expand.

To guard the future of Ocean Grove is a sacred trust, and you will do well to move carefully, and in view of the foregoing facts to avoid what I have long dreaded—



the accidental sinking of a ferry-boat some night when they are so crowded; and to relieve you from all embarrassment, I make the following proposition in relation to the bridges over the lake.

As is generally known to the public the title to the Lake is in the Ocean Grove Association and myself, and in retaining title I am acting as custodian for the best interests of Asbury Park, and at the same time guarding the interests of our esteemed neighbor. To give time for reflection and to enable Ocean Grove to make such regulations as is necessary to protect its interests, I will agree to erect at my own expense two neat wooden bridges, one at Heck street and one at Emory street, seven feet wide, with a neat railing similar to that now surrounding the pavilion at the foot of Asbury avenue. These bridges to be free every Sunday in the year, and at all other times except from June 20th to September 20th of each year, when a one cent toll will be taken. The object of taking toll at that time being to pay for the

attendant on the bridges, keeping them in repair, paying special bridge policeman, paying interest on the cost and to meet the loss that will occur in removing the bridges when Ocean Grove and Asbury Park are prepared to erect an ornamental iron structure, under such regulations as may be mutually agreed upon by the two towns.

The bridges I propose to build to be subject to such rules and regulations as Ocean Grove may make. If the rules are not acceptable to me then the Ocean Grove Association may have the option of removing the bridges from their ground at any time by giving two weeks' notice.

As the Executive Committee will meet in a few days will you please accept my best wishes for your future prosperity and a happy new year to each member?

JAMES A. BRADLEY.

To the above the following reply was sent:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., January 31, 1888.

JAMES A. BRADLEY, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 19th of December, 1887, is at hand. We reciprocate the fraternal spirit therein expressed, but before proceeding further in the matter, my colleagues in the Association suggest that to protect us from any misunderstanding in the future, you should consent to the following rules and regulations in the building and management of the Wesley Lake Bridges. We have no doubt you are willing to concede to the following conditions and agreements.

Very truly yours,

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

CONDITIONS, ETC.

This agreement made the....., in the year of our Lord, 1888, between the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, body corporate of Neptune township, county of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, of the first part, and Mr. James A. Bradley, of the same place, party of the second part, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, The said parties are the owners in fee of the lake known as Wesley Lake, and of the bed soil thereof, in said township, each party aforesaid having title to the same to the middle thereof; and,

WHEREAS, It is thought advisable by the said parties that two foot bridges should be built over said lake to be used by pedestrians only, one of which shall extend from foot of Pilgrim Pathway, on the Ocean Grove side, to the foot of Heck Street, on the Asbury Park side, and the other shall extend from the foot of New Jersey Avenue, on the Ocean Grove side, and end at the foot of Emory Street, on the Asbury Park side;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements heretofore mentioned to be performed and kept by said parties respectively, this agreement witnesseth that they, the said parties, will build, erect and construct across Wesley Lake aforesaid, of the style and material, and according to plans and specifications hereto annexed, two bridges as aforesaid, at the places aforesaid, and that the expense of building, erecting, constructing and maintaining said bridges and the material thereof, shall be equally borne by said parties, and that said bridges when built shall be and remain private property, the ownership of which shall be jointly held by said parties, and that said bridges, when built, shall not be considered public

highways, or as dedicated to the public, neither shall the public acquire by use of the same or in any other manner an easement thereon or a right to use the same, except as may be permitted by said parties, and neither lapse of time nor continued use shall give to the public any right therein. On each end of each bridge there shall be placed a sign or placard, which shall contain the words, "This bridge is private property, and is not dedicated to the public."



THE CRUISE OF LIFE.

And the said parties mutually covenant that said bridges shall be used exclusively for foot passengers, and that no hand or push carts, wheelbarrows, or any other vehicle shall be permitted thereon—that no horse, or other animals shall be permitted thereon. That said bridges shall not be over seven feet wide, and shall be divided in the centre by rails or centre pieces, that no kind of merchandise, baggage or bundles shall be transmitted over said bridges, except such as can be conveniently carried in the hand. And the said parties further mutually covenant, that during the months of June, July, August and September in each year a toll or charge of not more than one cent for each foot passenger over said bridges may be charged and

collected from such passengers, under such rules and regulations and in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by said parties, the moneys so collected shall be in the custody of....., but shall belong equally to the parties hereto, and if not otherwise disposed of by them, shall annually be equally divided between them; and during the remaining months of each year, no toll or charge shall be levied, made or collected, from said foot passengers as aforesaid, except and provided always that no toll or charge for crossing said bridge or bridges shall ever be levied, charged, received or collected by said parties or their agents or assigns or legal representatives, on any Sunday during the continuance of said bridge or bridges.

And the said parties further mutually covenant that there shall be kept and maintained on both sides of said bridges, at the terminus thereof, on the Sabbath day, during the said months of June, July, August and September, a policeman at the equal expense of said parties hereto, respectively, whose duty it shall be to see that proper order is observed, and the regular and special policemen shall at any time see that no drunken or disorderly person or persons, are at any time allowed to pass over the same, and that no crowds or large assemblages of people are permitted to stand thereon, and that the provisions of this agreement and of any other agreement relating to said bridges, which may be made, by and between said parties, are duly carried out. And the said parties further mutually covenant that if it shall hereafter become necessary to repair, or rebuild the whole or any portion of said bridges, the expense of said repairing or rebuilding shall be borne equally by them, their legal representatives or assigns. And the said parties further mutually covenant that in case any of the provisions of this agreement or of any agreement, made or to be made, for the purpose of carrying out this agreement and making the same effectual are violated, either party may give notice to the other of said violation, and if the grievance or grievances complained of are not forthwith remedied, the said aggrieved party shall be at liberty to give to the other six months' notice of the termination of this agreement, and at the end of said time specified in said notice, may proceed to remove said bridge or bridges, the materials to be sold by the parties, and proceeds divided equally.

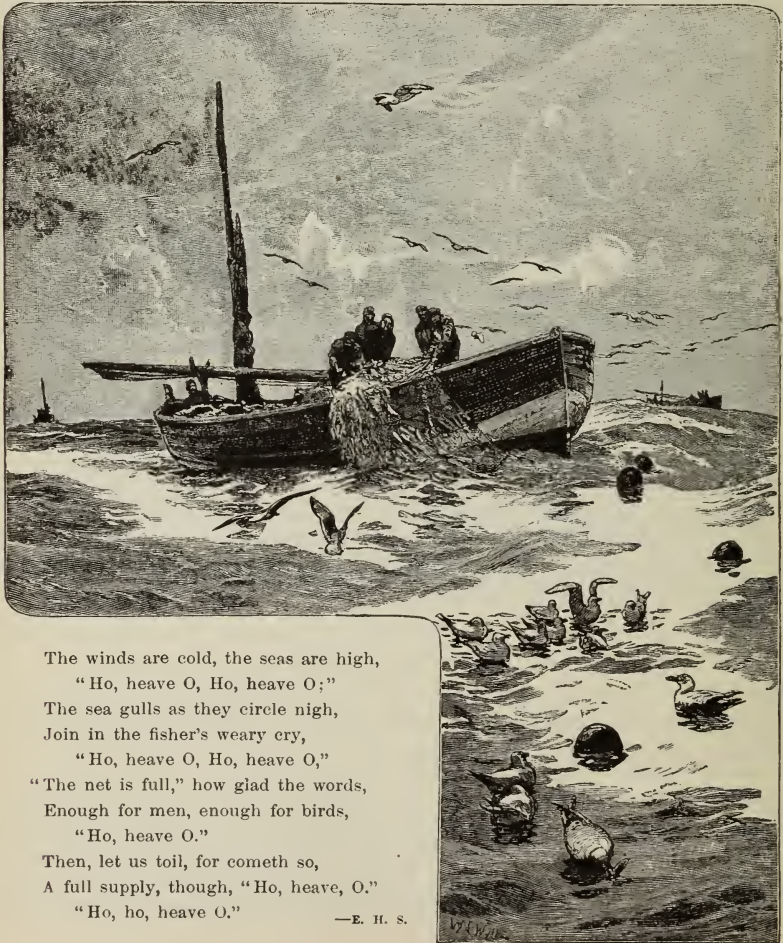
And it is further mutually agreed between said parties that if the Borough of Asbury Park shall violate the agreement made between said Association and said Borough, bearing even date herewith, that then in such case the said Association may discontinue and remove said bridge or bridges.

And it is further mutually covenanted and agreed between the said parties that this agreement shall bind the respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of said parties.

The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church agree to the foregoing conditions on one side of Wesley Lake, but before the agreement is formally ratified, the Ocean Grove Association respectfully ask of the Asbury Park Commissioners the adoption of the following agreement:

This agreement, made the 8th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1888, between the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, body corporate of Neptune township, in the county of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, party of the first part, and the Borough of Asbury Park of the same county and State, party of the second part, witnesseth that, whereas the said Associa-

tion and James A. Bradley have agreed to build two foot bridges across Wesley Lake as per agreement between them, dated May 8th, 1888, will more fully appear; now, therefore, the said parties hereto do mutually covenant and agree that there shall not be on the street or sidewalks within 500 feet of the terminus of said bridge or bridges on either side of the lake, any stands for carriages, stages, hacks, omnibuses, newspapers, books or segars, or for any business purposes whatever; neither shall any carriages, stages or other vehicles stand at either terminus of said bridges within said distance of 500 feet for the purpose of soliciting passengers or custom, neither shall the street cars land or receive passengers nearer to the terminus of said bridges than their present line of tracks on Cookman Avenue. Nor shall there be any crying or sale of newspapers, on Sunday at either terminus of said bridges nearer than 500 feet. This agreement to remain in force and binding upon said parties hereto so long as said bridges or any other bridges erected in place of the same shall continue across said lake.



The winds are cold, the seas are high,
 "Ho, heave O, Ho, heave O;"
 The sea gulls as they circle nigh,
 Join in the fisher's weary cry,
 "Ho, heave O, Ho, heave O,"
 "The net is full," how glad the words,
 Enough for men, enough for birds,
 "Ho, heave O."
 Then, let us toil, for cometh so,
 A full supply, though, "Ho, heave, O."
 "Ho, ho, heave O."

—E. H. S.

The agreement clause required action by the Borough Board, and for that reason Mr. Bradley brought it before them for action. The Commissioners regarded the terms as fair, with the exception of the 500-foot limit. A circle of 500 feet with its center at Emory Street Ferry would embrace all of Cookman Avenue from Gravatt's stove store to the junction of Bangs Avenue and extend back as far as the rear of Guerin's lot on Mattison Avenue. The same line from Heck Street Ferry would take in Cookman Avenue from Grand Avenue to Webb Street, so that nearly 1,700 feet of Cookman Avenue and 2,000 feet of Lake Avenue, besides portions of Mattison, Bangs, Summerfield, Munroe and Sewall Avenues, and Emory and Heck Streets, would be included in the prohibitory district. This was thought to be too much and the agreement was ratified upon condition that the words "one block" be substituted for "500 feet."

In compliance with the above request, the Asbury Park Commissioners promptly passed the following

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE APPROACHES TO WESLEY LAKE BRIDGES.

WHEREAS, The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church and James A. Bradley have agreed to build two foot bridges across Wesley Lake as stipulated in an agreement between them dated May 8, 1888; now, therefore,

Be it ordained by the Commissioners of the Borough of Asbury Park, That there shall not be on the streets or sidewalks within one block of the terminus of said bridges (as said blocks are now laid out on the maps of Asbury Park), any stands for carriages, stages, hacks, omnibuses, newspapers, books, segars, or for any business whatever, and that no carriages, stages or other vehicles shall stand within one block of the terminus of said bridges for the purpose of soliciting passengers or custom, and that there shall be no crying of or sale of newspapers on Sunday within one block of the terminus of said bridges.

And be it ordained, That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay to said Borough the sum of twenty-five dollars as a penalty for such violation.

And be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 4, 1888.

WM. G. McEWAN, *President*.

Attest: C. T. BAILEY, *Clerk*.

The preliminaries being thus satisfactorily arranged, a contract was entered into between James A. Bradley, the Ocean Grove Association and the Pittsburg Iron Bridge Company, to erect two iron bridges across Wesley Lake: one from the foot of Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove side, to the foot of Heck Street, on the Asbury Park side, and the other from the foot of New Jersey Avenue, on the Ocean Grove side, to the foot of Emory Street, on the Asbury Park side, at a cost of \$4,250.00 for the two. The party of the first part to build the four abutments for

said bridges at their own expense. This part of the agreement was completed on our part in June last, at a cost of \$433.95, and the material was on hand for immediately completing the whole work, so as to be open for use, according to contract, by July 1st. But by the time everything was in readiness the season had so far advanced that it was deemed unwise, by all the parties, to draw off the water sufficiently low to allow the work to proceed; hence its abandonment until October. To meet the embarrassment caused by this delay, it became necessary to remove the old bridges erected by the ferrymen for winter use and to construct two others (better, though temporary wooden bridges,) to serve until the permanent ones shall be completed.



A SPLENDID SURF.

The Pilgrim Pathway Bridge was opened for toll on Saturday, July 7, 1888, and toll collected, excepting on Sabbath, until Saturday night, September 29th, twelve weeks. The amount of toll received from this bridge was \$1,613.66; cost of collecting, \$296. The New Jersey Avenue Bridge was opened for toll Friday, July 13th, and continued, excepting on Sabbath, until Saturday night, September 29th, eleven weeks and one day. The amount of toll received at this bridge was \$1,066.98; cost of collecting toll at this bridge, \$272. Total amount received from both bridges, \$2,680.64; total amount for collecting from both bridges, \$568.

The cost of these temporary bridges cannot be determined until Mr. Bradley's return from Europe, and the materials composing them sold. The mature judgment of the people is, I think, that the use of the bridges in place of the old ferry-boat system, has not only greatly conserved the sanctity of the Sabbath, but prevented the former vexatious delays as well as promoting the general safety of travel. In the very near future, the

permanent iron bridges will be completed and still greater convenience and safety be secured.

The frequent rains of the past summer have kept the waters of this lake in good condition ; but radical changes should be made during the present fall, winter or early spring, so that the best sanitary condition possible may be established.

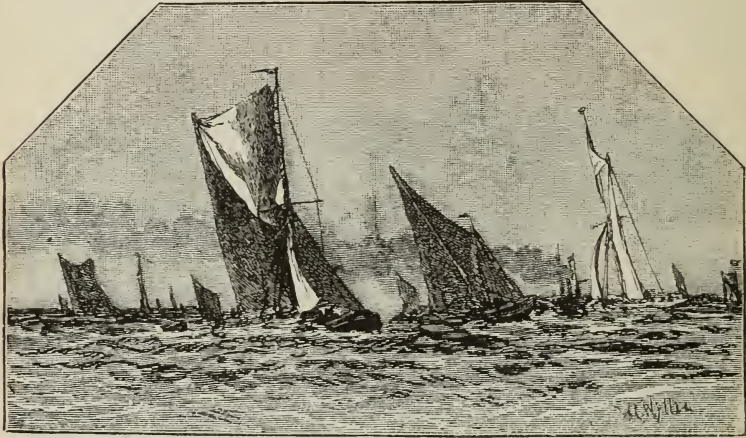


Fletcher Lake.

The winter bridge over this lake (at the south end of Pilgrim Pathway), with some improvements, was allowed by the Executive Committee to remain through the summer, so as to prevent the running of the ferry boat on the Sabbath. Mrs. Bickerton, to whom several years ago we gave the privilege of the ferry, has conducted things well and is to pay a small license for the privilege of collecting toll. The bridge is open and free on all Sabbaths of the year. The present bridge, which is only temporary, is four feet wide and 225 feet long. A bridge one block further west, would rest at both ends on our own property, conserve our interests and meet the public demands.

By permission, Mrs. Kent, who resides on property bought of this Association, south side of Fletcher Lake, has built a permanent foot bridge, a few yards west of Lillagore's, to connect with her property ; it is seven feet wide, ten feet high and 198 feet long, with pickets three feet high as

protection rails on the sides. The cost of this structure, probably \$275, was borne wholly by Mrs. Kent and her friends. The bridge is free at all times, a great convenience to the public, and will help to sell our property on that side. From this bridge there has been laid of oak boards with Georgia pine sleepers, a foot-way along the south side of Fletcher Lake to our westerly line, four feet wide and 430 feet long, at a cost of \$146, and is worth to our property in that vicinity many times its cost. The lake has been in good condition all the season.



A FULL WESTERLY, AFTER THE STORM.

Sluice Ways.

These require constant care and attention. A new one has been built at the foot of Beach Avenue for surface water into Wesley Lake, at a cost of \$75—the old one having thoroughly decayed. Also at Ocean Avenue, into Wesley Lake; cost, \$7. Repairs to that at Beach Avenue and Fletcher Lake, cost \$15. Total cost sluice ways, \$97.

Curbing.

Hemlock curbing has been laid on three sides of Thompson Park, also on Bath Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Asbury Avenues in small portions, together with repairs in different places. Total cost, about \$90.

There are many vacant lots owned by private parties, which, up to date, have never been curbed, or otherwise improved. These parties enjoy all the benefits of the increased value of their own property, because of adjoining improvements, but detract from other values because of neglect or refusal to improve their own. This is unneighborly, and the ordinance concerning curbing and side walks should be enforced at once.

Concrete Walks.

The Association has laid during the past year, 5,500 square feet of concrete walks, mainly on Olin Street, south side, from Matthews' fish market, to Central Avenue, and turning southward in that avenue to meet the Lawrence House property, on their north; also, on Main Avenue, north side, from Association building, to the Lawrence property on their west, cost \$387.37. Previously laid by the Association about 86,000 square feet, making a total of 92,000 square feet, varying in width from 4 to 20 feet, and 2½ miles in length.

Laid by private parties during the year, 58,367 square feet. Previously laid, 76,250. Total by private parties, 134,000 square feet; varying in width from 2½ to 9 feet. Total by private parties, of all widths, 4½ miles. Total of all widths, by Association and private parties combined, 6⅔ miles.

We have been greatly gratified with the increased interest felt in this matter by our citizens generally, and feel assured that every foot of this work done, not only increases by that much, the comfort and convenience of all concerned, but adds everywhere to real values. We heartily thank all our people for the work already accomplished, and trust it will go on with increasing vigor. The ordinance on this subject is here inserted to remind delinquents of their duty, but we greatly prefer our people should comply of their own volition, rather than we should force them to it by the law.

AN ORDINANCE OR BY-LAW IN RELATION TO SIDEWALKS:

1. Be it ordained by the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, That it shall be the duty of all owners of lots in front of which any sidewalk is now or may hereafter be constructed, to keep the said sidewalk and the curb along the same in proper repair and at the proper grade established, or to be established, by said Association, and safe for travel, and if any such sidewalk or curb shall be out of repair or not on the proper grade as aforesaid, or unsafe for travel, it shall be the duty of the said Association to notify the owner or owners of the lots in front of which said sidewalks or curb is situate, to repair or relay the same with either flagging, or concrete, and if said owner or owners shall refuse or neglect to repair or relay the same as aforesaid, within twenty days after being so notified, the said Association may repair or relay the same and collect the expense thereof from said owner by action at law, or may add the same to the annual assessment on said lot made against said owner, together with legal interest thereon.

Approved October 11, 1887.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

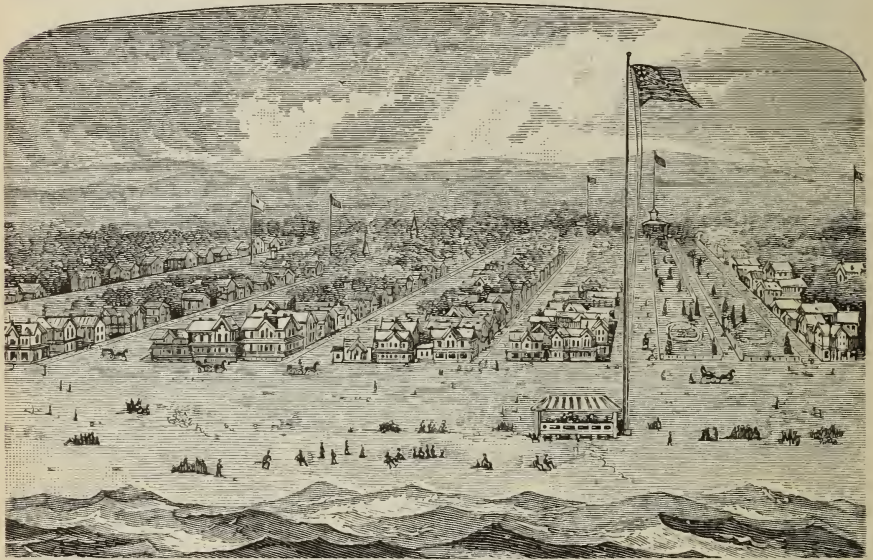
Attest: G. W. EVANS, *Secretary.*

Plank Walks.

The only plank walks remaining in Ocean Grove, belonging to the Association, are along Wesley Lake, from Beach Avenue to Ross's, ordered to be removed, a small portion on Pilgrim Pathway, in front of the tents, and on Central Avenue, from Main to Heck, both soon to be taken away, and that on the Ocean front from Ross's to Lillagore's, which

does not, because of the peculiarity of the situation, admit of any other kind of walk at present. Private sidewalks of plank, are yet found in a few places, unsightly and dangerous to all. Those which remain belonging to the Association, should be removed, excepting on the sea front, at once, and those belonging to private parties taken up at the earliest day.

The Ocean front walk, which has required some repairs this year, will require still more next.



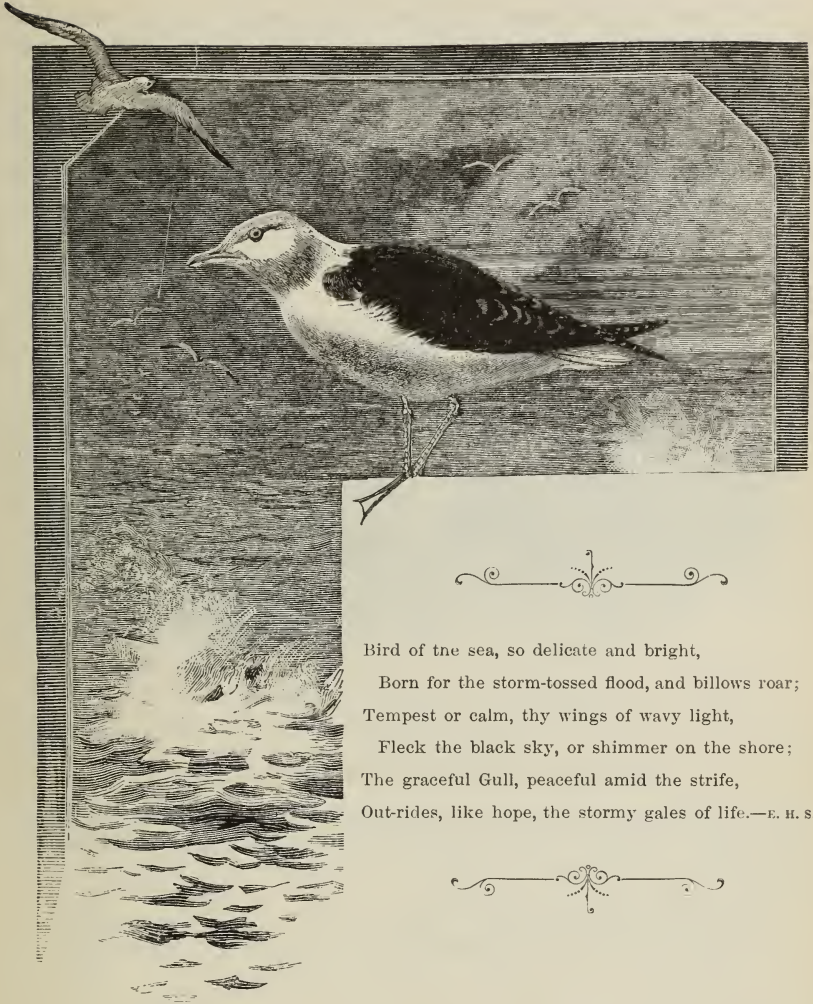
OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.


Sewers.

There has been no extension of our sewer system during the past year, but additions on Cookman, Clark and Franklin Avenues, must be made not later than the coming spring.


The whole extent of our sewer system is 12 miles, and has worked well during the last twelve months :

Number of sewer connections last year,	532
“ “ “ this year,	635
Increase,	103
Total cost of sewer system up to October 1st, 1888,	\$28,668 00
Income from sewer system from October 1st, 1887, to October 1st, 1888 :	
From connections,	\$1,090 00
“ rentals,	2,766 50
Total income, 1888,	\$3,856 50





Bird of the sea, so delicate and bright,
 Born for the storm-tossed flood, and billows roar;
 Tempest or calm, thy wings of wavy light,
 Fleck the black sky, or shimmer on the shore;
 The graceful Gull, peaceful amid the strife,
 Out-rides, like hope, the stormy gales of life.—E. H. S.



Artesian Water.

At the last annual meeting, we had $11\frac{1}{2}$ artesian wells. Since then, we have added 4 new ones, 425 feet deep, at a cost of \$250 each—\$1,000. We have now $15\frac{1}{2}$ wells, this number includes two on Broadway, not used. We pump from 13 wells, stretching in a line south-westwardly from the pumping station, 175 feet apart, from which were drawn from October 1, 1887, to October 1, 1888, 48,306,000 gallons of water.

We have laid this year 7,369 feet of pipe, and for tubing wells, have used 1,520 feet. The total cost of pipe, all kinds of material and labor, \$7,241.83.

Total cost of water system thus far, including 15½ wells, pumping station, boring machine, gate valves, hydrants, additional pump, (new) 10¾ miles of water mains, laterals, water tank, etc., etc., with 360 feet of



YOUNG PEOPLE'S TEMPLE AND BIBLE STUDY.

BUILT A. D. 1887. SEATING CAPACITY 1,500 CHAIRS, WITH STANDING ROOM, OFTEN OCCUPIED, FOR ABOUT 500. TOTAL 2,000.

4-inch pipe on hand; also three 8-inch, four 6-inch, and forty-one 4-inch water gates, making a total of 48; also 35 hydrants, placed at convenient distances in case of fire, is \$52,566.31.

The water connections last year were	353
The water connections this year were	523
Increase,	170
Receipts from water connections this year,	\$ 543 00
Receipts from water rentals,	5,279 30
Total, 1888,	\$5,822 30

The water question, has given us little or no trouble this year, and prospectively, is not likely to, unless it be from the heavy draft made upon us for sprinkling streets, for which we receive nothing, and is a drain upon our supply, which we cannot afford. If possible, some other plan for watering streets should be adopted.

Young People's Temple.

A sounding board, ornamental in appearance, and covering the entire platform, 22 x 46 feet, erected to improve the acoustic properties of the building, cost,	\$ 123 00
Iron rods, placed through the building to give it greater strength, cost,	127 00
Total,	<u>\$250 00</u>
Amount received, for Temple building fund, previous to last summer,	\$4,070 80
During summer of 1888,	231 88
Total,	<u>\$4,302 68</u>

In this building, during season just closed, over 100,000 persons were brought under direct religious influence, for over one hundred hours, and large numbers were wonderfully saved.

Tree Planting Day.

Let us continue to plant trees. They will bless somebody after we are gone. Number planted this year, sixty-three.

Cost of Trees, soil and labor,	\$51 00
Whole amount due from this source,	87.50

Association's Buildings Repaired.

Ferguson's store, enlarged and improved, with cellar,	\$145 00
McCabe's butcher shop, enlarged and improved,	325 00
Goodheart's, repaired	6 50
Tenbrook's market,	3 50
Chinese laundry,	15 00
E. H. Stokes hook and ladder house (new),	500 00
Total,	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

There are other buildings, some of which need extended repairs, and others to be entirely renewed. All must receive attention in due time.





HOME, SWEET HOME.

Tents.

Tent life continues popular, and we have applicants for them annually, which we cannot supply. The expense of men, teams, repairs, etc., of our tent work, last summer, was over \$3,000, and the summer wear and tear upon the canvas, especially in time of storms, is very great. Still, their continuance supplies a demand, and accommodates a large and highly respectable class of people, which but for such arrangements, might not be able to sojourn amongst us, and as the income from this source is considerable, their continuance is advised, with such annual improvements as funds will justify. All who intend to tent among us for the coming year should send their orders early.

Hot Houses.

The hot houses, formerly owned by the Association, and bought by Mr. William Vuuk, are doing well, and the owner is about to enlarge his buildings, to extend his business. We regard this interest as one of the agencies to increase the beauty of our grounds, and commend it to the favorable notice of the public.

Electric Light.

For several years the problem of better lights for our streets and buildings has occupied the protracted and gravest attention of this body. Many solutions have from time to time been mooted, but all, in the minds of most, had insuperable difficulties.

After the fullest consideration, therefore, and gathering all the information within our reach, it was finally, early in the year of 1888, resolved to adopt the Heisler Electric Light System, and we proceeded to erect the same. It was a new path for us to walk in, and many unexpected



A STIFF BREEZE.

difficulties and delays were experienced. To attempt to recite all these, none of which, however, were to be attributed to the manufacturer or his goods, would be neither proper or profitable. At last, I have the very great pleasure of stating to you that the plant is now complete, although at a cost much greater than originally intended, because of extending our lighting capacity to double the first plan, and is in satisfactory working order. Any defect, or defects, noticeable from time to time, is to be attributed more to want of experience in running the machinery than any imperfection of our works, and this want of experience is daily being overcome, so that by the time this report is in print, will scarcely be observed at all.

The works complete are as follows: Brick building, 22 x 49½ feet—slate roof—with coal bin for 70 tons of coal; one second-hand engine, (not used, but counted in the cost) one new Corliss engine, 200 horse-

power, the very best made, with 80 horse boiler, water heater and blower, all complete; one dynamo, 160 lamps, of 30 candle-power, capable of running 200; and one dynamo of 375 lamps, of 30 candle-power, capable of being increased to 400; possible total, 600 lamps of 30 candle-power each; 386 poles, with two coats of paint, and 22 miles of wire, with all the turn-off, cut-outs, etc., with every other apparatus pertaining to a first-class plant of the dimensions given.

Total cost, as it now stands in first-class running order, \$23,564.56.

As very few of the members of this Association have had opportunity to know anything of the extent, beauty and utility of these works, arrangements have been made to have you visit them this evening, that you may witness for yourselves the perfection of the whole.

The engine was first started August 3, 1888. The average time of running, up to September 7th was about 4½ hours per night, since then to the present date, about 6 hours per night.

We are now using about one ton of pea coal, for pumping artesian water and electric light purposes combined,—as one boiler serves both purposes,—every twenty-four hours. There are now four men employed in running artesian water pumps and electric light engine and dynamos: one engineer, one fireman, one electrician and one lineman.*

We are unable to give the exact running expenses at this date, owing to the fact that there are some matters connected with the lamps not yet fully adjusted, but soon will be. After that we can determine the cost of lamps to consumers, by the month or year. The number of lamps burning during August and part of September was, inside, including Auditorium, Tabernacle, Young People's Temple, and several private parties, 132; outside, 275. Total, 407. Many others wished light in their stores, hotels, etc., but we were not able to fix prices before the season closed. The lights are universally popular and have, excepting in a few instances at the first, caused us little or no trouble.

If the current running expenses can be reduced to an amount reasonably economical, which we can soon determine, we shall all have cause for perpetual congratulations that we have passed, even through some tribulations, out of the regions of glimmering kerosene to the fuller glory of the electric glow.

Ice.

We laid in last winter 1900 tons of ice, at a cost of nearly \$3,000. This, after paying the expense of delivery and allowing for the heavy natural shrinkage, leaves, for amount of money invested, the length of time it lies as inactive capital, and all the other risks involved, but a small margin of profits to the Association. Nevertheless, it is necessary for our people and the trade should have their undivided support.

* Reduced to two, November 1, 1888.



SEA WEED.

Fire Department.

It is with profound gratitude to the Divine Protector and the watchfulness of our citizens, that we are permitted to record another year of exemption from fire. Our fire companies keep up their organizations, are well equipped, efficient, and ready for action at a moment's notice.

The Washington, No. 1, has members, 48

E. H. Stokes Hook and Ladder Company, has members, 18

The equipments of the two companies are as follows :

Steam Fire Engines,	2
Chemical Engine,	1
Hook and Ladder Truck,	1
Rubber Fire Buckets,	30
Babcock Extinguishers,	4
Hose Carriages, with 1500 feet of hose, coats, hats, belts, etc., .	2

It requires considerable care and some sacrifice to keep all these things in proper condition for use at any time, and the persons composing these organizations should have all needed encouragement, both from the Association and the general public. May they always be ready for work and never have anything to do.

Street Sprinkling.

This has long been a vexed question, with little prospect of improvement. As formerly stated, this grows out of the fact that so many are unwilling to pay for the service rendered. Mr. L. E. Watson has done the work for the past two years, but for want of sufficient support and the difficulty in many instances of collecting what he does receive, causes him to decline a contract for another year.

Last summer the Association furnished for street sprinkling purposes 1,300,000 gallons of water, and wagons for carrying the same, for which no charge was made, receiving as compensation simply the watering in front of some public grounds. This is the situation. What shall be done? Tax the properties benefited, has been suggested. This, however, is a last resort, and should be avoided whenever possible. We have for years believed, and still cherish the hope, though faint, that our people will yet meet the moderate weekly claim made upon them in return for the enjoyment of a luxury so great.

Jerusalem Model.

This silent and unobtrusive object still attracts attention and is a source of constant interest and instruction. Keys sold during the summer, \$38.40. Some repairs and painting will be needed before the opening of the season of 1889.

Elim Cottage.

The number of persons entertained at this quiet retreat, during the summer of 1888, was one hundred and thirty-two. Their denominational affiliations were as follows: Methodists, 88; Episcopalians, 5; Presbyterians, 10; Lutherans, 4; Baptists, 7; Reformed, 12; Congregationalists, 6. From Pennsylvania, 37; New York, 38; New Jersey, 42; Missouri, 2; Canada, 4; Ohio, 2; Alabama, 2; Delaware, 3; Florida, 1; Bulgaria, 1.

The ladies of the Elim Association, together with their efficient matron, Mrs. Badeau, are worthy of all commendation, for the very satisfactory and successful manner in which they have conducted this interest for many years past, and we are quite sure, that among the joys that will

come in to gladden the evening of life, will be the fact that they have aided in a work so good as this.

Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, of Philadelphia, is still the President, and Mrs. G. W. Evans, of Ocean Grove, Treasurer; either of whom, or any of the managers, will be glad to receive donations.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

This organization is a living body of about 450 members, active and earnest in every good work. It has under its favoring and fostering care and influence, besides all the usual services of a regularly constituted Methodist Episcopal Church, a successful W. F. M. Society; W. H. M. Society; W. C. T. U.; Y. W. C. T. U.; and a Loyal Temperance Legion. It is one of the permanently established institutions of our town, and we most earnestly ask for it the continuation of the Divine blessing, and the favor of all the people. Rev. H. Belting, is still the efficient pastor.



OCEAN GROVE DISTRICT SCHOOL No. 90½.

Ocean Grove Public School.

The Ocean Grove Public School occupies the building on the turnpike, next to the Main Avenue gates, south, originally erected by the Trustees of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, and by them sold, with the approval of the Association, for public school purposes. The

building is heated by steam, well lighted and ventilated. It was opened as a school, November, 1882, with 150 pupils and 4 teachers. Its seating capacity is about 120 pupils. The total enrollment for the whole of last year, was 500. There are eight classes or grades in this school, viz.: 3 Primary, 3 Intermediate and 2 Grammar, with a teacher to each grade. One year is assigned to each grade. At the close of the Second Grammar grade, pupils are sent to the Asbury Park School building, where they spend an additional year in the Grammar, and four years in the High School department, before graduation. The Ocean Grove pupils have the full benefit of High School course, and each of the High School classes have a very fair representation from our side of the lake. The school is of a high order, all the studies incident to Primary, Intermediate and Grammar schools being taught, and the best and most progressive methods of teaching employed. James M. Ralston, A. M., has been from the beginning, and still remains, the efficient and popular Principal. Miss Lyda A. Doren, Vice-Principal.

Business Licenses.

The following business licenses were taken out this year:

Plumbers,	4
Ice dealers,	1
Hacks,	50
Carriages,	4
Stages,	27
Baggage,	8
Express,	11
Hucksters,	29
Vegetables,	2
Ice Cream,	1
Coal and Wood,	2
Coal,	2
Groceries,	6
Fish, Oysters and Clams,	15
Butter and Eggs,	1
Chickens,	1
Bakers,	4
Butchers,	12
Oil,	2
Milk,	13
Boats on Wesley Lake,	57
" " Fletcher Lake,	5
Total,	257
Last year,	246
Increase this year,	11

Private Improvements.

The past year, has witnessed many and marked improvements in Ocean Grove architecture. The houses are larger, more elaborate in style, with modern improvements and conveniences, besides being vastly more attractive in appearance, and greatly add to the general appearance of our town.

As the experimental period concerning the permanence of our place has passed, the wisdom of erecting better buildings will appear to all.

Mr. Ross has rebuilt 300 bath-rooms, also, erected a second story on the north end of his pavilion, built a new kitchen, raised a smoke stack, &c. Cost about \$1600.

Number of Cottages last year.	906
“ “ this year,	943
Increase,	37
Number of Boarding Houses last year,	72
“ “ “ this year,	74
Increase,	2
	1028
Total number,	

This does not include stores and places of business.

Police.

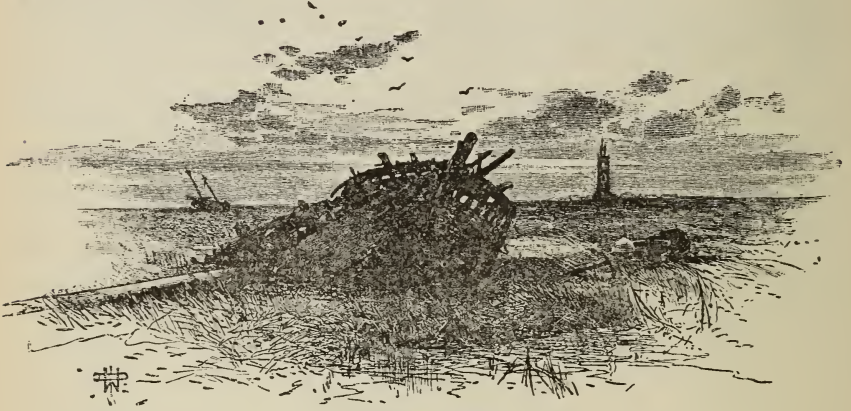
The largest number of police on duty at any one time during the season, including the chief, was thirteen.

During the entire year there are three: one by day, and two during the night. So that during the summer there were but ten extra men, some of whom were employed for a few days only, and others for a longer time.

Number of arrests made during the season,	23
Persons in the lock-up,	10
Number of persons brought out of the water in improper bathing clothes,	81
Number of pack peddlers turned out, or prevented entering the grounds,	250
Tramps,	over 100

Book peddlers, agents, beer wagons, different kinds of shows, bill distributors, cloth peddlers, intoxicated persons, straw riders, wandering musicians, etc., etc., aggregating many hundreds, turned out, or kept from entering the gates; also, unmuzzled dogs, killed and buried; lost children cared for; boys stopped playing cards; bicycles prevented from entering on Sabbath; boats stopped on the lake on Sabbath; beggars; persons taken out of the water exhausted; general complaints, etc. All these

things, and others, beyond our time to enumerate, come under the surveillance of the police, and are managed with as much care and propriety as the circumstances allow us to expect. The police have our thanks for all past faithfulness.



HIGH AND DRY.

So, human hopes lie blasted on the shore,
 So, human sorrow wails through tempests wild;
 Yet, even here, come pleadings o'er and o'er,
 Like a fond father calling for his child;
 Bowed spirit, cheer, though hopes in ruin lie,
 Up, God will bless, and help thee, to the sky.—E. H. S.

Railroads.

The Railroad officials report a satisfactory and successful season, fully equal, if not beyond last year.

The following statement shows the amount of work done :

Largest number of trains in one day,	137
Regular daily excursions for season,	82
Special excursions for season,	168
Number of excursion coaches used during season,	1,784
Number of freight cars (highest) in one day,	427
Number of excursions (highest) in one day,	28
Cash receipts in August, 1888,	\$47,760.00
Number of pieces of baggage (highest) handled in one day,	2,761
Total pieces of baggage during season,	93,760
Persons employed at passenger depot,	13
Persons employed at freight depot,	9
Two express companies, Adams and the United States, have had offices on our grounds, and have handled packages, about	150,000

This showing involves a vast amount of business, and over one million persons passing in and out, and yet, I am happy to be able to state that so excellent has been the management of these roads during the summer days, that no accident has marred the general joy.

Ocean Grove Literature.

Ocean Grove has passed into literature, and should it now or in the future cease to exist, could not be blotted therefrom. This is seen not only in the current newspapers of the day, but magazine, permanent volume, poetry and song, recognize its work, and every day are aiding to make it still more an established fact. For this we are thankful, and most cheerfully acknowledge that types contribute to immortality.

At one time the press, not understanding our aims, did all in its power to impede our progress. But, through the help of God, we kept on our quiet way, and now, as public sentiment has changed, pursues a different course.

While all this is duly accredited, we do, if possible, still more thankfully realize that God, by His good Spirit and counsel, enables us to persevere through good report and evil report alike, and now to declare, that whatever success we may have is due to Him. God first, then as a subordinate auxiliary we hail the press.

The *Ocean Grove Record*, though not in the absolute sense our official organ, as we have no positive financial control of its columns, is, nevertheless, so in us, and of us, that it cannot be otherwise than for us. It is for us, however, rather voluntarily than of compulsion. It is a good paper, is doing well, and is needed by all our people. Dr. Wallace, its editor and proprietor, will be thankful for the patronage of all our friends.

The last Annual Report of the President, "TRANSLATIONS BY THE SEA," was published by your order, last November. It is a beautifully illustrated pamphlet, of 64 pages, besides map and pictorial cover. Four thousand copies were printed, and one sent without cost to all our property owners, and such others as called for them, by all whom they seem to be appreciated, and I should be glad to know, that by all they are thoroughly read and studied.

Besides these, newspapers and magazines of all descriptions, in all the states and Canada, have teemed with reports of our work, and descriptive of our place. Most of these are eulogistic. Some however are otherwise, and unpleasant, not because they honestly and fairly criticise, but mainly because they misrepresent and strive to injure by false statements. But truth ultimately triumphs over all error, and we shall live so long as true to God. To all kindly writers we extend thanks,—the others we forgive.

Town Clock.

Our town clock, now in its eighth year, gives general satisfaction, and its hourly announcements of the time are regarded as among the familiar companionships of the place.



ASSOCIATION AND POST OFFICE BUILDING,—ERECTED A. D. 1881.
CORNER MAIN AVENUE AND PILGRIM PATHWAY.

Post Office.

The Postmaster, Geo. W. Evans, Esq., makes the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Salary of Postmaster,	\$1,700
Allowance for Clerk Hire,	600
Rent for Stand,	150—\$2,450

EXPENSES.

Assistant,	\$800
Clerk,	300
Rent,	250
Extra Clerk Hire,	600—\$1,950

For Postmaster, \$500

Telegraph Office.

Received commissions for the year ending September 30, 1888,	\$655 38
Paid Operators and delivery,	500 00
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Total to Manager,	\$155 38
Messages received,	9,152
“ sent,	7,947

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

From all regular sources,	\$ 57,443 50
“ Individual Loans,	17,700 00
“ Loans from Bank,	14,500 00
“ Sale of Lots,	12,102 00
“ Electric Light Bonds,	20,500 00
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Total,	\$122,245 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid overdraft of Treasurer, Oct. 1, 1887,	\$ 5,789 16
“ Current Expenses, and Public Improvements,	75,069 17
“ Individual Loans,	14,200 00
“ Bank Loans,	14,500 00
“ Riparian Rights,	1,000 00
“ Trustees of Sinking Fund,	11,650 86
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Total Disbursements,	\$122,209 19
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1888,	36 31

\$122,245 50

RESOURCES.

Inventory,	\$106,315 00
Book Accounts,	11,548 00
Due on Lots sold,	20,178 00
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Total Resources,	\$138,041 00

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities (total),	\$103,506 00
Assets over Liabilities,	\$34,535 00

TRUSTEES OF SINKING FUND.

Cash on hand, Oct. 1, 1887,	\$ 3,542 36
Received from Association, Oct. 1, 1887, to Oct. 1, 1888,	11,650 86
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	\$15,193 22
Paid one year interest on \$75,000 Bonds,	\$ 4,500 00
Paid on account of principal,	6,000 00
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	\$10,500 00
Cash in hand, Oct. 1, 1888,	4,693 22
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	\$15,193 22

Thus we have in the briefest and most compact form possible, an exact statement of our financial situation. A careful examination will show that we have net assets amounting to \$34,535. It should be borne in mind, however, that neither sewer, artesian water, electric light plants or unsold lots are in this estimate. The sewer, water and electric lights alone, in cash, amount to over \$100,000.

It is also gratifying to be able to state that the trustees of our sinking fund department are doing their work in the most satisfactory manner, paying their interest on the day it is due and taking up and cancelling \$5,000 of the bonds as they mature, July 1st, each year.

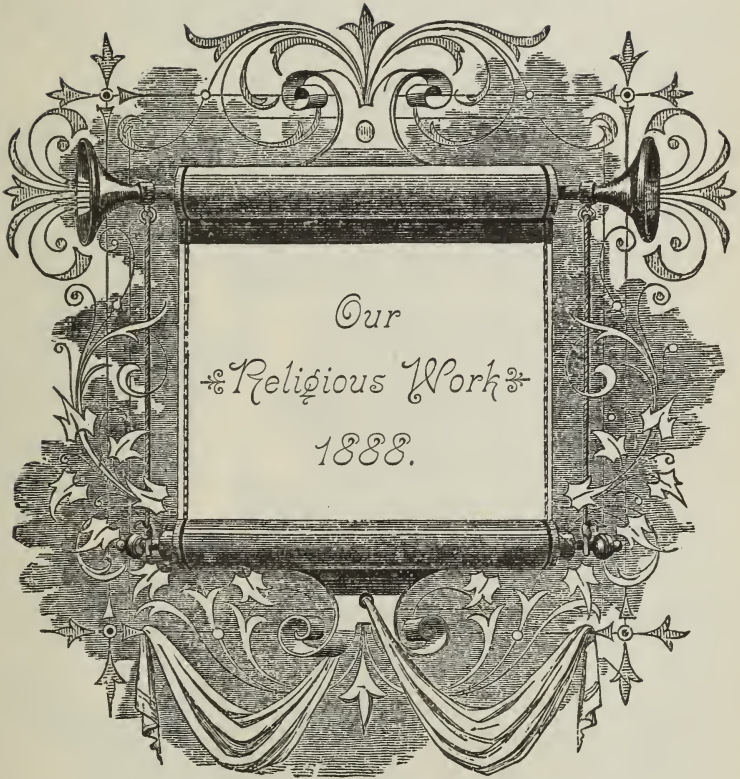
To the members of the Association, Executive Committee, and very largely to the officers—Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer—I am under the greatest personal obligations for prompt, cheerful and ever-ready aid, rendered often in cases of great perplexity and at much personal sacrifice. Without their efficient help it would have been impossible for me to have gotten through.

Our men, too, in the midst of our greatest perplexities, stood by us, sometimes in positions of personal danger and often at the sacrifice of physical comfort, unflinching and true; for all of which they have our highest respect and profoundest thanks.

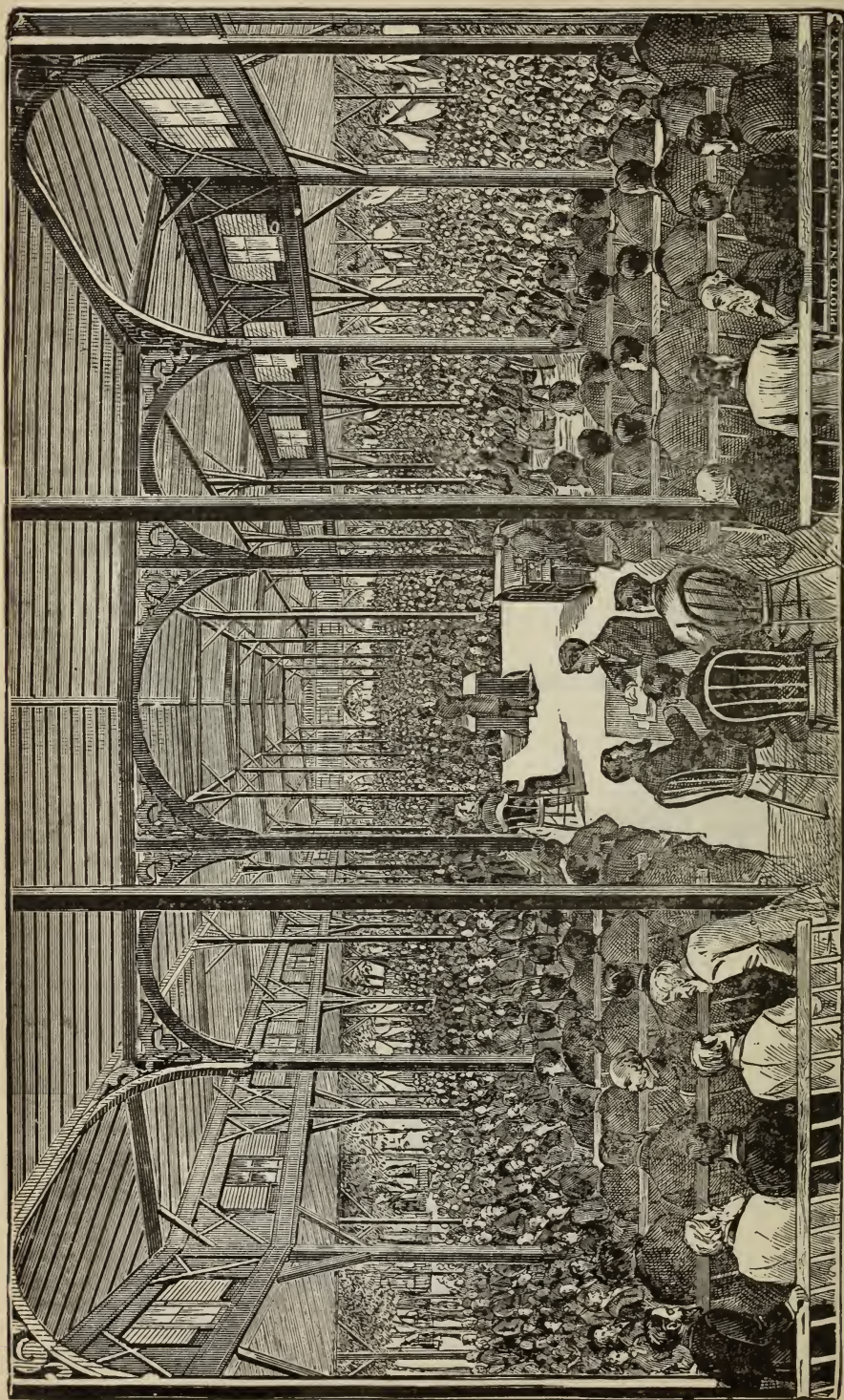
It has been a year of marked progress in the solid and substantial, and I am quite sure cannot be intelligently reviewed by any without gratitude to Him from whom comes all true success—*God alone*,—and to Him be all the glory. Amen.



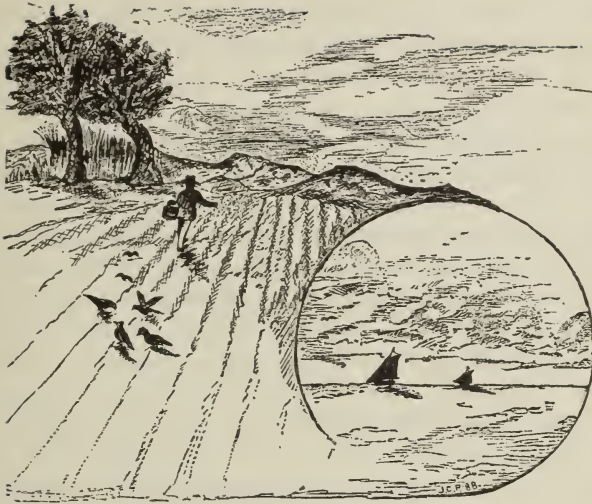
' PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.'



Our
Religious Work
1888.



Auditorium, 1880. Size, 136 x 146 feet. Covers nearly half an acre. Seats about 5,000 adults. When all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people hear.



And we shall sow the blessed seeds of life,
Though some may fall on hard and stony ground,—
Or by the sea, amid the swirl and strife
Of storm-tossed waters, still, it will be found,
In the last day, some fell in mellow soil,
Yielding an hundred-fold, O rich reward of toil.—E. H. S.

RELIGIOUS WORK.

Having labored through the secularities of the Association, we now come to that which gave rise to this whole movement—the spiritual work. This is always a pleasant, because congenial, transition. Among the causes, which produce constant gratitude, in the progress of our affairs, is the fact, that in all our wide-spread material prosperity—wider and much more costly than ever anticipated,—we find our spiritual interests do not decline. To a company of men which started out nineteen years ago, not in a financial scheme to improve their own condition, but singly and alone, to promote the work of God, this is a matter of the highest joy. It is also a source of great satisfaction, that, while in the management of this extended interest, various opportunities have opened, to enter which would have been to the personal aggrandizement of some, no undue advantage has been taken of these opportunities, and the moral and religious integrity of the Association remains. In the midst of so much secularization, as necessarily connects with the gathering of such multi-

tudes as assemble here during the summer months, the maintenance of a fervent, religious spirit requires watchfulness, care and much anxiety. This will explain to many not accustomed to go to the root of things, why we sometimes, in their view, seem over rigid in the observance of certain regulations. The tendency of a worldly spirit is to override, and the religious element must resist, or be overcome. Not to be cautious, therefore, and resist certain encroachments, would be to surrender this place, formally dedicated to the service of Almighty God, to the frivolities of sin, which would be a betrayal of our solemn trusts, as well as grief to the good, many of whom have invested their money here, and here sought a quiet retreat, free from the vices of the world, for the decline of life.

For these reasons it behooves us to keep this a decidedly religious place. But, this is not all. Our aims go much further—to permeate all who come here with an all-pervading religious presence; to reclaim the erring; to quicken the spiritual pulse; to lift up a standard for the highest attainments in divine grace, as well as to make aggressions on the ranks of sin, and so bring the unsaved to the foot of the cross. To accomplish these results, requires that something, the tendency of which shall be pure in character, and good in influence, be going on all the while, and that educational and reformatory measures be kept full of living interest, and the religious services held continually at *white heat*. Our methods for reaching such high and important ends, will be revealed in the account of our summer work, which I now proceed to unfold.

Opening of the Season.

This was assigned to Sabbath, July 1st. By sunset on Saturday all preparations were completed, and the oncoming of the opening services were looked to with joy. The day was propitious.

Holiness Meetings.

At precisely 9 A. M. the Auditorium bell gave its usual signal and the work commenced. Mrs. Palmer, Brother Thornley, Dr. Alday, and the President of the Association, with Mrs. Bruen the organist and leader of song, were in their places; the spirit of the meeting was especially blessed, God's Spirit rested upon the reading and exposition of the word, which became a message of encouragement and consolation to all present. Many helpful testimonies were borne, and souls were lifted into the sunlight of God's smile. These meetings, in their every morning recurrence, up to the 9th day of September, prove a great blessing to many hundreds of souls, which, but for these, might go unwatered and unfed. The

prayers of thousands will go up for the divine blessing to rest upon the patient and devoted leaders, down to the end of life. Rev. E. R. Young, of Canada, rendered most efficient help, during the three weeks of Brother Thornley's absence, and has, with all the others, our hearty thanks.

The Young People's Meetings.

The Temple was full at 9 o'clock, and Rev. Brother Yatman, who had just recovered from a severe and protracted illness, was promptly in his place, assisted by his old associate Rev. W. H. Gastweit, with Miss Ellis as pianist, and Miss Carrie Foster, organist. The first service was a success, and the meetings which continued every morning until Sabbath, September 2d, increased in number and interest, until the close. The Temple, which has 1500 sittings was always full, and generally the aisles, with all standing room occupied, while doorways were often crowded, and windows thronged. Great multitudes were brought under religious awakenings, and hundreds saved. The training classes too of Mr. Yatman, which met daily at 5 P. M., were instructive and popular.

Auditorium Opening.

At 10.30 A. M. the public services commenced at the Auditorium. Professor Willisford Dey, chorister, Mr. Whitesides, cornetist, Mr. W. S. Sulger, trombonist, and Dr. Thompson, organist.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

rolled from thousands of full hearts and joyful lips, until it seemed as if the heavens bent to hear.

"Blow ye the trumpet, blow,"

was the opening hymn, and especially appropriate. Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, preached the opening sermon, from the text, "Come now, and let us reason together."—Isaiah 1: 18. It was one of his many masterly efforts, and the whole of the first service of the season, impressed all hearts with the hope and belief, that a summer of unusual interest was just inaugurated.

The evening sermon, by Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was from Jeremiah 9: 23-24, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom," etc., and although the audience was greatly reduced because of the heavy rain, was full of eloquent pathos, which, together with his delightful songs, moved all hearts to a higher and better life.

Summer Sabbath School.

The summer Sabbath School opened July 1st, at 2 P. M. All the officers reported for duty promptly. Brother Thornley, at the Auditorium, had charge of the Intermediate Department. He was joined by G. W. Evans, leading the St. Paul's Sabbath School, of which he is Superintendent, to the places assigned them, where, when all things were in readiness, about 400 reported ready for work. Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class, met in the Young People's Temple. The usual leader being absent in Europe, Rev. Dr. J. H. Alday, rendered most efficient and satisfactory service, until Dr. Hanlon's return, July 29th. Dr. Alday was ably assisted by Dr. Kynett, Rev. W. H. Meeker, Dr. Munhall, Dr. Wallace, and many others. Mrs. Inskip had charge of the Infant Department, the first Sabbath, in the absence of Mrs. Terhune, of Brooklyn, with Mrs. Skim as assistant, and Miss Carrie Foster as organist. The whole number present, in all the departments, at the first service, was 1051; which number increased each Sabbath, unless the weather prevented, until August 25th, when there were 5645 in attendance. The school had 11 sessions, and closed Sabbath, September 9th, having had an aggregated attendance of 23,076 for the season. The benefits bestowed upon these many thousands will not be known until the final awards of the day eternal.

Surf Meetings.

The first Surf Meeting of the season, was held at 6 P. M., July 1st, it being but three days prior to the 4th of July; "*Our National Sabbath*," was the service used. Two thousand or more joined in the songs and responsive readings, and the speaking on the line of our National Independence commenced, when a sudden shower brought the exercises to a close. There were eleven of these meetings held, one each Sabbath evening, during the summer, all largely attended and full of devotional interest, in which we comply with the precept, "sowing beside all waters," and believe that good is done.

Fourth of July Celebration.

As from the beginning, Ocean Grove celebrated our national anniversary in an intelligent and enthusiastic manner. The day was beautiful, and the patriotic and social pleasures of the occasion were in special harmony therewith. At sunrise the Auditorium bell announced the glad intelligence that the 112th anniversary of American independence had arrived. Most of the cottages were tastefully decorated with bunting and the Association building and flag staffs unfolded their banners to the breeze.

At 10.30 A. M. the exercises commenced. Willisford Dey, Esq., was ably assisted by an efficient choir, singing with much spirit, "My Country, 'tis of Thee"; Rev. W. H. Wardell, of the New York East Conference, offered prayer, and Mrs. Hague sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Hon. James L. Hays, of Newark, N. J., read with fine elocutionary effect, the immortal Declaration of Independence, and at the close announced the names of the signers thereto. This had not generally been done, and gave much interest to the whole document. All the names were appropriately greeted, some of them with prolonged and enthusiastic applause. At this moment the Vredenburg Rifle Company, of Freehold, N. J., Capt. A. J. Buck, marshalled by their old commander, Major Patterson, stacked arms and filed in, receiving an enthusiastic salute, and took reserved seats in front. The "Star Spangled Banner" was grandly sung by Mrs. J. E. Burt, and the band played "Hail, Columbia."

The oration was by John Y. Foster, Esq., of Newark, N. J., editor of *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*. He summarized the forces which have contributed to form the history of this great nation, and then unfolded the perils which lie along its pathway. Against the saloon he hurled the most uncompromising opposition. Prohibition he declared to be the great question of the hour. It will not down until the liquor traffic is annihilated.

The afternoon passed in quietness and the evening, up to 10 o'clock, witnessed a ceaseless display of fireworks along the beach. There was no drunkenness, confusion or disorder of any kind, and the rational enjoyments of the day were all the greater from these facts.

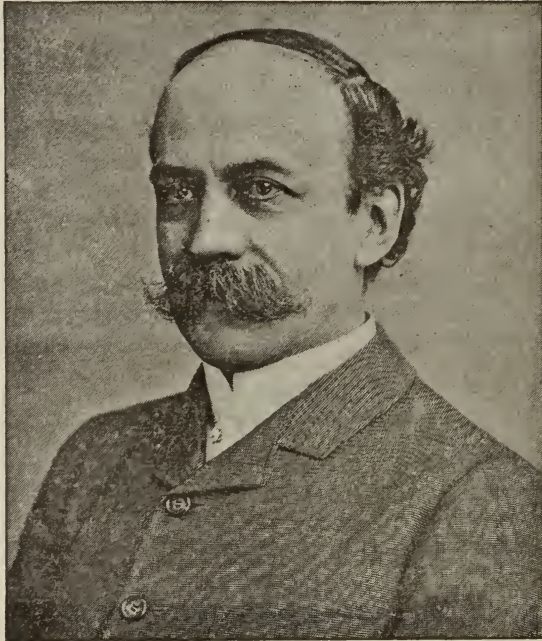
Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey.

The ladies composing this earnest, enthusiastic and Christian organization, with their friends and sympathizers, assembled in the Tabernacle, this year, on Tuesday morning, July 10th, and continued in session until Wednesday evening, July 11th, Mrs. Sarah J. C. Downs, President and presiding. The attendance was large, the spirit of the meetings inspirational, the themes discussed varied and important, the discussions and addresses high toned and convincing, and the whole of the services pervaded by a most thoroughly devotional tone and feeling to the close.

It is a matter of much interest to be able to state that Mrs. J. T. Ellis, Corresponding Secretary of the organization, with her interesting family, has taken up her residence at Ocean Grove and located the "White Ribbon" headquarters at her home, southwest corner of Beach and Ocean Pathways, where the friends of these Christian agencies can find not only a place of rest but the current literature of the Christly causes which they advocate.

Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

Each year this annual gathering increases in interest. This is not surprising, for each year increased experience not only increases the confidence of those in charge, but enlarges their views of the demands and enables them more intelligently and effectively to meet them. Thus the tide rises and the good widens and extends. This year the Assembly opened on Saturday, July 14th, and continued until Tuesday evening, July 24th.



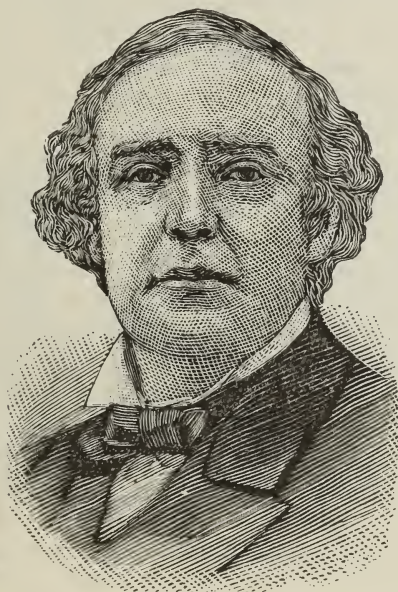
C. E. BOLTON, Esq.

The whole programme, with Rev. Dr. Loomis, Superintendent of Instruction, assisted by Mrs. Loomis, Rev. J. F. Clymer, A. M., Professor and Mrs. J. R. Sweeney, was varied, extensive and rich in all its details. Lectures were delivered by Rev. R. S. Pardington, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., C. E. Bolton, Esq., Rev. I. Simmons, New York, Rev. D. McGregor, D. D., Brooklyn, and Rev. E. R. Young, of Canada. All these were full of thrilling interest, and the three stereopticon exhibitions of Mr. Bolton called out immense congregations. The sermons of Dr. S. M. Vernon, of Philadelphia, Rev. J. F. Clymer, of Boston, Dr. Buttz, of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and Prof. C. J. Little, of Syracuse University, were matchless in their way,—argumentative, logical, eloquent, pathetic, evangelical, and greatly enjoyed by all.

The commencement oration of Prof. Little, before the graduating classes, was a climax of the true, the beautiful and the good, captivating all hearts and ending in round after round of well-earned applause.

In the afternoon diplomas were awarded to seventy-four Chatauqua graduates and to ninety-four of Mrs. Loomis' normal class—boys and girls from eight to fourteen years old.

The reception at the Arlington in the evening, was largely attended and the carnival on the lake exceedingly brilliant. Thus ended one of our best attended and most successfully conducted Sunday-school assemblies.



BISHOP J. P. NEWMAN, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Inter-denominational Bible Reading.

This new line of religious teaching—new at least by this name at Ocean Grove—commenced on Wednesday morning, July 25th, and continued until Tuesday afternoon, July 31st, with Dr. L. W. Munhall conductor. He was assisted by such able Bible expositors as Rev. W. W. Clark; Prof. Townsend, Boston University; Rev. Dr. Morrow, Philadelphia; Mrs. George C. Needham, Rev. George C. Needham, Rev. W. G. Moorehead, D. D., Dr. Eardman, Dr. Bowman, of De Pauw University; Judge T. C. Lowe, Cincinnati; Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, Missionary to China; Bishop J. P. Newman, who preached the 19th Ocean Grove anniversary sermon; Mr. Radcliff, of Scotland, and Dr. Dougan Clark, of

Indiana. These represented a number of the leading evangelical denominations, and the subjects were discussed from their own denominational platforms. It was distinctly understood that they should not be held to any given creed in their addresses but give their own views of Scriptural truths as they received them from the word of God. This led out of old grooves of expression, if not of thought, and came with freshness and interest to all.

The oftener such meetings are held the more we shall be impressed with the nearness in all essentials of the Christian beliefs and how few the real needs of denominational antagonisms. Professor and Mrs. Towner added much to the interest of the occasion by their delightfully spiritual songs; and Dr. Munhall received well-earned praise for the able and impartial manner in which he discharged all his duties in connection with the meetings.

African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee.

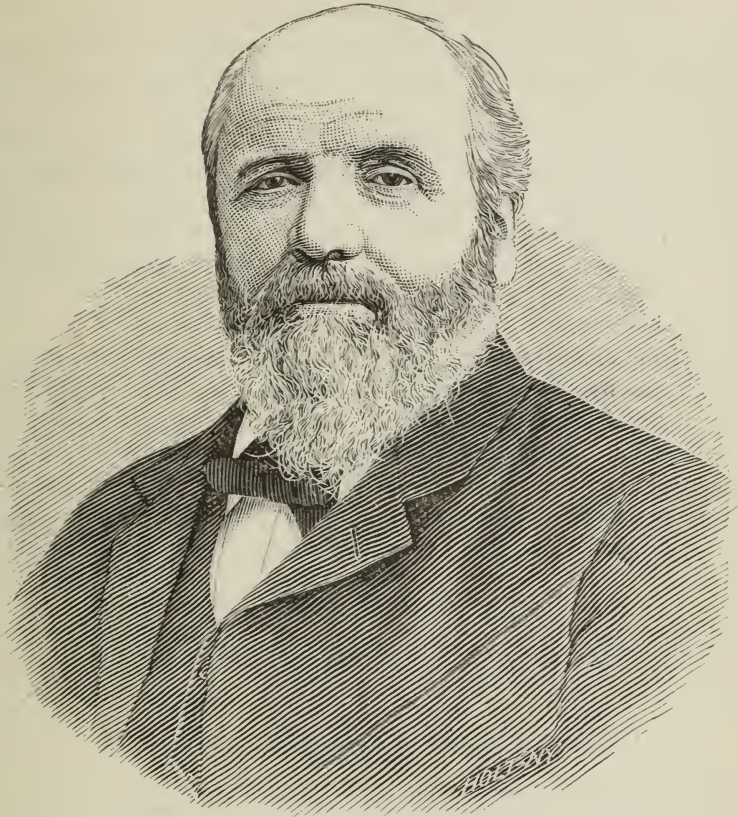
The annual visit of our colored friends is always looked forward to with interest. This year was no exception to the rule.

Their day was Wednesday, July 12th. At 10.30 A. M. the visitors not arriving, after the opening services, conducted by the President of this Association, Dr. E. M. Levy made a brief address. Dr. Becket, of Philadelphia, surprised everybody by the volume, tenderness and pathos of his songs. Bishop Campbell arriving gave an interesting address, as did also Rev. J. D. Norris and N. D. Temple, both of Philadelphia.

In the afternoon the services of the jubilee continued. A large audience of the white and colored people assembled, and Bishop Campbell, Bishop Turner, and others, addressed the meeting with great effect. The whole occasion was gratifying to all, and the results elevating and ennobling.

Anniversary Prayer Meeting.

This has become one of our Ocean Grove institutions. It commemorates the first religious service held on these grounds, in a small tent belonging to Rev. J. H. Thornley, near the foot of Pilgrim Pathway, on Wesley Lake, July 31, 1869. There were about twenty persons present at that meeting. It is always pleasant, on the return of this day, to gather on the same spot and, remembering the past, give thanks to Almighty God for all that has been wrought. Then, repairing to the Tabernacle, Temple, or Auditorium, by prayer, praise and testimony prolong the service. It is always a most profitable and delightful meeting, and this year was as the past.



GEN. CLINTON B. FISK.

National Temperance and Publication Society.

These veteran men of might, united for the promotion of one of the noblest and most Christ-like causes, convened on Wednesday, August 1st, and continued in session until Sabbath evening, August 5th. The work of this Society is not only noble and Christ-like, but one that should receive the heartiest sympathies, prayers and contributions of every philanthropist, patriot and Christian in the land. That it does not, would, but for the conviction that God is with it, be discouraging indeed. This being true, it does not allow discouragements, however great, to dishearten, and so, divinely sustained, goes forward. Month after month, year after year, decade after decade, and now, after the efforts of the fathers, for a century past, this society girds itself for the work, if need be, of the century to come. Not discouragements of any kind, or weariness, or want of funds,

but success is the theme upon which it dwells, and the end to which it looks, and for which it labors. Let it persevere, success in all its length and breadth, and depth, and height, though long delayed—*is sure to come at last!*

Such men as gather year after year, are hastening the auspicious day. Such men: Stearns, and Steel, and Fisk, and Poulson, and Corey, and Carswell, and Hicks, and Pogson, and Morris, and Bain, and Bryan, aided by Mrs. McLaughlin, and Miss Coleman, together with the Park sisters, of Boston, and Mrs. Alice J. Osborne, the matchless soprano, of Tremont Temple, are preparing for the foe, and taking advanced ground, as the years go by.

This array of talent never appeared to better advantage, or did more thorough execution than during the season closed. Oratory, eloquence, argument, facts, figures, pathos, wit, poetry and song, all conspired to form a current, which for the time, like the rapids of Niagara, swirled and dashed, bearing all before it, and but for the fact, that the foe seems to have many lives, would have plunged it into the resurrectionless depths of the gulf below. But, alas, alas! the enemy is still almost omnipotent, and

“We must fight if we would reign.”

The whole meeting, was in the judgment of all, a high success.

Ocean Grove Memorial Service.

This is always a sweetly solemn, and yet most delightful service. To re-link ourselves with the departed, to walk, at least in thought, with those we once so much loved, to strew upon their fresh made graves, the flowers of holy thought and memories to hold communion with the past, and to anticipate, with all the fondness of a deathless affection, the period when all shall be re-enjoyed on a vastly higher plane, is among the sacredly delicious pleasures of this world. Such are all our memorial services. We do not wish to forget the friends who have gone before.

The tablet this year, contained nearly seventy names, of those who had, for a greater or less number of years, been more or less familiar with us, and who had, during the year past, gone up from here, or from their distant homes, in various parts of the country, and who were claimed as worthy of a place among the records of our departed saints. Songs, prayers, tender words, the silent tear, the sigh of holy affection, and the beam of holy joy enwreathing the otherwise sad face, are the warp and woof of our memorial service, and the bowed heart, always lifted, goes home with exultant joy.

Hackettstown Institute.

This institution, under the Presidency of Rev. Geo. H. Whitney, D. D., held its Third Seaside Reunion, at this place, on Tuesday evening, August 7th. A very interesting programme had been prepared, by the Principal, and was most efficiently carried out by the students, to the great delight of a vast congregation. We have great reason to be gratified with the high grade of our literary institutions, and such entertainments, give persons, who have not been brought in immediate contact with them, a better idea of their worth.

The New Jersey Sabbath Union.

The Rev. Joseph H. Knowles, Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey Sabbath Union, and Editor of the "Pearl of Days," the efficient organ of the Union, has, since his appointment to his present position, been untiring in his efforts to promote the observance of the sanctity of the Sabbath. Among these efforts is this annual gathering of the friends of the Sabbath at this place. As the sanctity of the Sabbath is one of the many features of our place, we always find it a real pleasure to welcome this society as one of our able helpers. The incoming of such men as Dr. Mott, Dr. G. K. Morris, T. A. Fernley, Dr. Crafts, T. P. Stevenson, Col. Elliot F. Shepherd, proprietor and editor of the *New York Mail and Express*, and Rev. J. H. Knowles, is a benediction to any place, and bidding them a most hearty God speed, will always be glad to hold a day to be at their command.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

This organization, held its anniversary on Thursday, August 9th, Mrs. General Fisk, presiding. Mrs. Rev. C. F. Garrison, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Carrie Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lucy R. Myer, Mrs. J. T. Ellis, Mrs. K. Chandler, Misses Ellis and Haughey, Rev. Mr. Darnell and Dr. Kynett, participated in the meeting. The many sides of this great and growing work throughout our vast country, were ably presented, and much interest and enthusiasm were evinced through the morning, afternoon, and evening services.

The King's Daughters.

This is a new organization, set in operation in this country, by Mrs. Dr. Bottome, of New York, who borrowed it from Europe, Americanized it, furnished it with a simple ritual, and now numbers 20,000 enrolled members.

At the request of a few earnest friends in Ocean Grove, August 10th, was assigned to these ladies, and it proved one of the most interesting of the season. Mrs. J. H. Thornley, who had been active in the formation of the "Tens," presided at the opening session.

The names of circles as reported, were novel and suggestive: "No Gossip;" "Making Sunshine;" "Gentle Speech;" "Be Ready;" "Who-soever;" "Home Guards." The addresses were more than good, and all were enthusiastic for another meeting next year.

The National Reform Association.

A public Conference on the Christian principles of Civil Government, could not, if properly conducted be otherwise than important, especially when it is remembered, that questions of the Christian reformation of corrupt marriage, and divorce laws; the maintenance of the Bible in our public schools; the legal safeguards for our Christian institutions; the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath and the suppression of the liquor traffic, are among those to be carefully considered. This conference convened at this place, on Saturday, August 11th.

The Association is composed of some of the most eminent jurists, educators, ministers and editors of the country. Addresses were delivered by Rev. H. Wheeler, T. P. Stevenson, D. D.; A. Rittenhouse, D. D.; A. Wallace, D. D.; Mr. Carson, John Watson, Esq.; Miss Sheehan, Rev. Mr. Juttin, Dr. Herrick Johnson and Dr. Stokes. The discussions were able, eloquent and convincing. Among the resolutions passed, the two which follow, are all important.

Resolved, That the social and political evils which press to-day upon this nation, and which awakens the anxiety of all thoughtful patriots, have their roots in our national forgetfulness of God, and disobedience to His laws; and a return to the God of our fathers is the only cure.

Resolved, That the truth insisted on by the National Reform Association, viz.: that Almighty God is the source of power and authority in civil government, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Ruler of Nations, and that His revealed will is of supreme authority in civil affairs, are vital and saving truths for all nations.

Dickinson College Day.

To a large class of people a college day at Ocean Grove is always interesting. This is especially so in regard to grand old historic Dickinson. At 10.30 A. M., Tuesday, Aug. 14th, Professor C. F. Himes, acting President, was surrounded by Professors Rittenhouse, Harmon, Whiting, Super, Durell and Morgan, ex-Professors Hillman, Boswell, and William Trickett; with distinguished graduates of former, and many of later years were also present. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Hargis, of Germantown,

Pa.; Dr. Stokes gave words of welcome, and introduced Professor Himes, who called Rev. C. F. Deems, D. D., LL. D., to the chair. Dr. Deems, who was cotemporary with the matchless Durbin and the present Bishop Bowman, was entirely at home and happy among the sons of his old *Alma Mater*, and greatly delighted his audience with his cheery words. He was followed by Hon. C. B. Lore, of Delaware; Rev. J. Y. Dobbins, of Trenton; Prof. Tygert, of Vanderbilt University, and Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, all of whom were listened to with profound interest and attention.

The reunion of the Alumni in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Lippincott, of Woodbury, offered prayer, and Gen. H. G. King, of New York, presided. Intensely interesting addresses were made by ex-Prof. Hillman, Gen. Rusling, J. E. Price, Ph. D., of Scranton, Pa.; Dr. S. L. Bowman, Rev. J. I. Boswell, Dr. Hargis, and Dr. Davis, of Trenton. The reception in the evening at the Atlantic, was largely attended by the graduates and friends of Dickinson College and was an occasion of great intellectual and social pleasure.

Women's Encouragement Meeting.

This series of meetings, lasting three days, having for leaders Mrs. Rev. Henry Wheeler, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, and Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip, was held this year on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 15th, 16th and 17th. All the services were marked by the presence of the Master of Assemblies, and much good accomplished. There were two special features of the occasion which will be remembered, viz.: A sermon on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, from Psalm 68: 11—"The Lord gave the word, and great was the company of *women* that published it." She had a large audience of delighted hearers. The other event was, on Friday evening, the presence of that world-renowned singer, Ira D. Sankey. It was his first visit to Ocean Grove, and although unheralded his presence soon became known, and a large audience was present to greet him. He readily yielded to the request to sing that universal favorite, "The Ninety and Nine," and joined with heart and soul in all the revival services. The meeting closed with clear evidences of the divine favor, and all hearts were glad.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Anniversary.

This is always an occasion of more than usual interest. It was held this year, Saturday and Sabbath, August 18th and 19th. The Society convened in Janes' Tabernacle, at 10 30 A. M., Mrs. Dr. Stokes, President; Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Simmons, Miss

Thoburn and Miss Fanny Sparks, of India, were present and participated, during different parts of the day.

The love feast, on Saturday evening was a season of very great interest. Many returned missionaries were present, where thrilling testimonies followed each other in rapid succession, until all felt it was good to be there.

Rev. Dennis Osborne, D. D., of India, preached on Sabbath morning, from the text, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."—Psl. 110 : 3. It was a sermon which moved the hearts of the people, and a basket collection of \$587.04, followed. The afternoon meeting, at which Bishop William Taylor spoke; together with the contributions of the Young People's Meeting, and other services, amounted to \$1,551.59.

Bishop William Taylor, of Africa, preached at night to an immense congregation, from Rom. 2 : 14, 15. For a full hour his wonderful eloquence swept like a tempest over this sea of humanity, and when about to close, the people cried, "Go on," and it was nearly 10 o'clock, when the service ended. Bishop Taylor did not ask, or receive, during his several addresses, while here, a public collection, and yet the friends of his transit fund were anxious to give him aid.

On learning, therefore, that a gentleman present, would give a dollar, for each dollar contributed by others, \$2,500 were quietly raised, mostly in large sums, when Dr. Welch generously added \$2,500 more, making the sum-total \$5,000, to which, if we add the woman's collection, \$1,551.59, we have, during these marvelous days of privilege and power, for foreign missions, from Ocean Grove alone, the noble sum of \$6,551.59.

Annual Camp Meeting. •

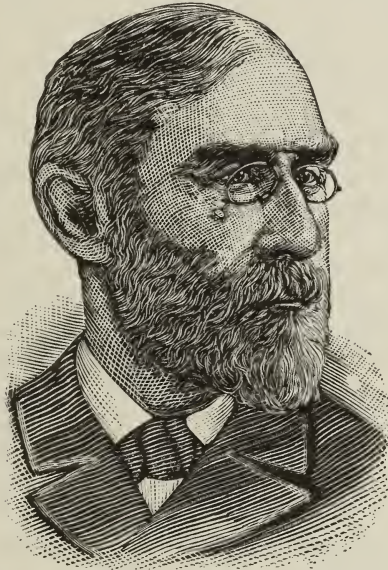
The forces of sin and salvation are now to come in more immediate contact. Both are strong! Which shall conquer? On the faces of those in command are traces of anxiety and care. It is not simply a question of who shall ascend the throne, or hold the reins of government; but, whether we shall succumb to the mastery of Satan, or, so triumph, that sin shall not have dominion, and finally, with our last foe beneath our feet, enter through the gates, into the city, palm-bearers, crowned, exultant, eternal victors, through the blood of the Lamb; or, slaves of our own folly, be banished, sin-doomed, from light and hope and God, forever. This is what a Camp Meeting at Ocean Grove means.

It is a conflict between the forces of heart-evil, and the power of grace—shall we rise by our opportunities into Christian purity, and be the means of saving others, or, for want of availing ourselves of helps within reach, narrow down and dwindle into everlasting unprofitableness? No wonder

there are traces of anxiety and care on the faces of those who have the charge. Eternal weal or woe, must be the outcome.

“Soldiers of Christ arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His eternal Son.”

All through the summer there have been sounds of the approaching struggle. Pickets have been on duty, skirmish lines out, and some hand



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to hand encounters and victories experienced. Now the forces concentrate, and from Monday, August 20th, to Thursday, August 30th, the battle waxes strong.

On Monday morning, August 20th, although the labors of the Sabbath had been protracted and exhaustive, the people, in large and increasing numbers, were in the Young People's and Holiness Meetings, and at 10.30 A. M. there was, at the Auditorium, an hour of intense pleading for special divine help, for the whole ten days meeting. In the afternoon, the pleadings were continued, and Bishop Taylor, at the close of the prayer hour, intensified the feeling by one of his most common-sense and every way practical talks. The help sought was found, and the start was good.

In the evening, the great host reconsecrated itself at the Sacramental Board. Ministers from all parts of the land were present, and between fifteen and sixteen hundred communed.

On Tuesday morning, the whole arrangements of Camp-meeting work were fully set in motion, viz. : Consecration Meeting, Tabernacle 5.45 to 6.45 A. M., Bro. R. J. Andrews, leader ; Family devotions, Auditorium, 6.45 to 7 A. M., President, leader ; Holiness Meeting, Tabernacle, 9 A. M., Mrs. Palmer and Bro. Thornley, leaders ; Young People's Meeting, Temple, 9 A. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader ; Public Services, Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M. ; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Temple, 1.30 P. M. ; Mother's Meeting, Helping Hand Tent, Ocean Pathway, 2 P. M., Mrs. Wheeler, leader ; Children's Meeting, Temple, Mrs. Inskip and Mr. Thornley, leaders ; Workers' Training Class, Temple, 4.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader ; Twilight Service, Temple, 6.30 P. M., Rev. C. H. Yatman, leader. All these meetings were held daily, until the Camp Meeting closed, on Thursday, August 30th.

At 10.30 A. M., in the midst of a heavy rain, the platform and Auditorium were well filled, to listen to a sermon from the recently elected Bishop Fitzgerald. Expectations were high, yet the feeling was devout. As soon as he took his place beside the desk, he had the sympathies and prayers of all. His text, "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you," increased the interest. "I see in these events," said the speaker, "parables of things which concern us all." The evidence of our consecration is our good works. One says, I have nothing to consecrate. What God wants is obedience. Give what little or much you have. Your insignificant sling and pebbles he can make more potent than the armor of Goliath, and the five small loaves and two fishes, equal to feeding five thousand. The blessing of God upon our poor qualities, will make them equal to the end He has in view.

Our place to-day is low at the feet of the Master, saying,

"Tho' late, I all forsake,
My friends, my all resign ;
Gracious Redeemer, take, O take,
And seal me ever thine."

This done, see what wonders God will do for us and for the Church at large."

The sermon was received with acclamations of profoundest satisfaction, and regarded on every hand as admirably adapted to move the people to higher attainments and holier activities.

Following this, sermons were preached by Rev. H. Belting, pastor of St. Paul's, Ocean Grove ; Rev. Jas. Moore, P. E. New Brunswick District, New Jersey Conference ; Rev. J. S. Chadwick, D. D., New York ; Rev. C.

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All this large array of ministers proved themselves master workmen, rightly dividing the word of truth, and some of the sermons were massive in intellect, towering with majestic conceptions, convincing in argument, aflame with eloquence, conquering unbelief, removing prejudices, moving the heart, leading to Christ, and swaying the vast congregations like tempest-swept forests or the waters of the great wide sea, while it was generally acknowledged that all the preaching was much beyond the average even of this highly favored place.

The Camp Meeting Sabbath, August 26th, was a day to be remembered.

The Annual Love Feast! How shall I tell you of this? Five thousand people! Most of them Christians; from every land, of every name and age and sect; all singing, and rejoicing, and testifying together, of the wonderful things of God. Sometimes five or six rising and speaking at once, while great tidal waves of salvation rolled from platform to the farthest verge of the congregation, then all singing,

"His yoke is easy, His burden is light,
I've found it so, I've found it so;
He leadeth me by day and by night,
Where living waters flow."

Many hundreds spoke during the fifty minutes allowed for this part of the service, and as many more would have done so had time permitted.

At 10.30 A. M., when Dr. Tiffany preached, there were people enough beyond crowding the Auditorium to fill the Tabernacle, where Miss Lizzie Boyd, of West Virginia, spoke; and Young People's Temple, where Dr. Lippincott preached; and at Ross's Pavilion, where Rev. R. J. Andrews, Rev. J. T. Tucker, and others, spoke; and at Lillagore's, where there were addresses by Rev. A. E. Ballard, Rev. H. M. Brown and Rev. W. C. Stockton. At all these services the power of God was present and the people were blessed.

At the Sabbath School, in the afternoon, there was present in all the departments, 5,645 persons. At 3 P. M. a vast audience greeted Dr. Cleveland at the Auditorium, who expounded the Gospel with thrilling interest and marvelous power. Thousands gathered at the Surf Meeting, where the theme was salvation, and the up-turned faces, a great sea of humanity, were aglow with the sentiment and shone with joyous light. In the evening, Dr. Kendig presented the grand old truths of salvation, and urged upon all immediate acceptance. It was a day of wonderful interest and great power, in which there was a great uplift in spiritual things and a start for a nobler and better life.



The closing day came. The early meetings were held as usual, and at 9 A. M. sharp, twenty-three of the precious lambs of the flock were dedicated to God in holy baptism. One of the most impressive and solemn services of the whole camp-meeting—indeed of the whole summer—is the closing sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This followed immediately after the sacrament of Infant Baptism. The large number of ministers of most of the Christian denominations, as they bow and together receive the emblems of a Saviour's dying love, touch the heart and gladden the soul, while seventeen hundred of the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, (including nearly or quite one hundred children,) of all the denominations, crowded to their places at the front, amid songs, and tears, and holy anticipations of the great reunion, the scene is overpoweringly sublime and reminds all beholders of the great gathering soon to take place in the eternal world.

As is usual at the close of this service, the marching around the Auditorium took place, ministers, cornetists, and songs, leading the van, until all were encompassed by the rejoicing and triumphant hosts. Returning to the platform, eyes are dim with tears, or faces wreathed in smiles of holy hope, turn heavenward,—so near seem the spirits of the glorified,—as if they saw or expected to see the forms of those they loved hovering o'er or mingling in the scenes which all felt were so nearly allied to heaven. Now every thing settles down into a holy hush. God is in the midst, and Christ and the Holy Ghost, angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, the spirits of just men made perfect, though invisible, all are here, and these make heaven.

We all arise, and standing, nothing stirs, not a sound is heard. The President lifts his hands and, after a pause in which silence is supreme, exclaims: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, (the bell striking after each name,) I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting for the year 1888 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. Amen."

So ends my report of the religious work of this place for another summer. It is a work of great magnitude, and gives me always the greatest joy.

In conclusion, I present to your minds, the following

Recapitulation.

During the season through which we have just passed, there have been held

Prayer and Experience Meetings,	12
Sermons,	55
Holiness Meetings,	68
Young People's Meetings,	64
Addresses,	458
Sabbath School Sessions (23076),	11
Surf Meetings,	11
4th of July Anniversary,	1
Orations,	2
Women's Christian Temperance Union (Sessions),	6
Special Devotional Meetings,	13
Recitations,	3
Meetings for Unconverted alone,	3
African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee,	2
C. L. S. C. Meetings,	4
Praise and Song Service,	15
Conference of Workers,	2

Lectures,	10
Boys' and Girls' Hour,	7
Normal Hour,	18
Stereoscopic Exhibitions,	3
Training Classes,	23
Ministers Institute,	3
Preachers' Meeting,	1
Concerts,	2
Children's Temperance Meetings,	2
Carnivals,	2
Reception,	1
Chautauqua Normal Union Graduates: First Year,	20
" " " " Second Year,	7
" " " " Boys' and Girls',	96
" " " " C. L. S. C. Graduates,	70
Inter-denominational Bible Readings,	17
Ocean Grove Anniversary Prayer Meetings,	2
National Temperance Publication Society Meetings,	13
Ocean Grove Memorial Service,	1
Women's Home Missionary Society,	3
King's Sons and Daughters,	3
National Reform,	3
Dickinson College,	2
Hackettstown Collegiate Institute,	1
Women's Encouragement Meetings,	6
" Foreign Missionary Meetings,	5
Consecration Meetings,	12
Love Feasts,	2
Twilight Meetings,	10
Sacraments (3228 communicants),	2
Family Devotions (Auditorium),	10
Helping Hand,	8
Mrs. Lizzie Smith Meetings,	9
Children's Meetings,	8
Mothers' Meetings,	8
Baptisms (children),	25
Elim Cottage,	2

What has been accomplished by all these meetings? I do not know! No man does. None but the All-Seeing, and Ever-Present can comprehend.

Reporting fixed figures is always unsatisfactory, because it is impossible to be accurate. Many, impressed at the meetings, go away, and are converted when we cannot follow them, or are quickened to a better life, go home to impress and move other hearts, until the revival spirit spreads like a living flame all through the church, and many more are brought to God.

The leaders of the children's meeting, Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip and Rev. J. H. Thornley, report as follows:

"According to the *record*, which we tried to keep, nearly ONE HUNDRED have professed to have given their *hearts* to *Jesus*,—besides many children and young persons were spoken to and prayed with, in our meetings, who were *excursionists* only with us for an hour or so. Some of whom we believe were saved, and in the hearts of *all* good seed we trust was sown, that shall take root and bear fruit in after life. The meetings were good. To *God* be *all* the glory. *Amen.*"

From the Holiness Meeting, we have from the leaders, Mrs. Dr. Palmer, Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip and J. H. Thornley, the following:

"We believe the meetings have been the very best ever conducted by us in the *Tabernacle*.

"There have been numbers *converted* and very many have entered into the blessing of *Entire Sanctification*.

"Backsliders have been reclaimed and restored to the favor and love of God.

"A general quickening of believers by the *Holy Spirit*.

"And we can say, to the *Glory* of *God*, *hundreds* upon *hundreds* have been *especially* helped and *blessed*.

"An attempt by *cold figures*, to *estimate* or *count up* the *good* done, would be simply impossible—*Eternity alone will reveal*. HALLELUJAH—to the *Lamb*."

Rev. C. H. Yatman reports for the Young People's Meeting, converted, 250; reclaimed, 100; specially helped in their religious life, 3000.

He also reports, for Twilight Meetings, converted, 60; reclaimed, 40; specially helped, 500.

In the training class, also by Bro. Yatman, he reports the number taught to work for Christ, 1000.

From Mrs. Lizzie Smith's meeting, there are reported, 10 converted; 25 reclaimed; 50 sanctified, and 100 specially helped. One lady, in doubts all her life, found deliverance on Wednesday afternoon.

In the consecration meeting, held in Tabernacle, by Rev. R. J. Andrews, between 800 and 900, are reported as reclaimed, sanctified, and newly consecrated to the service of God.

In the Helping Hand Tent, on Ocean Pathway, conducted also by Bro. Andrews, nearly 200 were blessed in similar ways. From Mrs. Rev. M. S. Wheeler, the leader of the Mothers' Meetings, in Helping Hand Tent, the report is, 22 converted; 4 reclaimed; many sanctified; specially helped, over 200. These, if not all occurring immediately in the meetings, the leader states resulted directly from them. She believes further the *real* numbers much larger than she has given, and all unite in declaring the Mothers' Meetings this year the best ever held in this place. At the Auditorium the altar work was crowned with many sanctified, reclaimed and converted; while the vast congregations, containing many

thousands, in which were often hundreds who here but for a few hours, could, in many instances, attend but a single service, moved, melted, moulded, and lifted into a better life, were wonderfully and specially helped on their way to God.

These are some of the showings. But the full orb'd light will not come until the day eternal. We can afford to wait, and it will be far better to have holy surprises then, than to know all here and now.

And now, having passed through all these details, with a heart full of gratitude to Almighty God, and to you all for kindly words and sympathy, I once more commend you, your families, and our work, to the care of Him whose we are and whom we serve, now, henceforth and forever. Amen.

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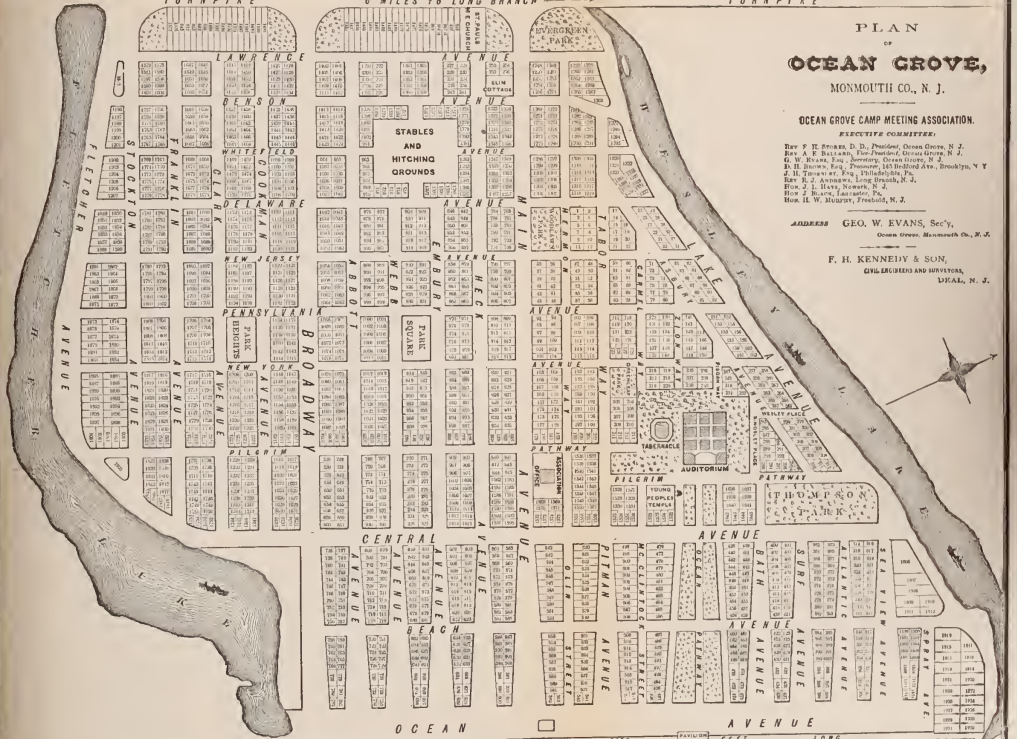
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On, on hardy seaman, the honest and true.
On, on, O ye Christians, a soul is in danger,
And largely the rescue is resting on you.
On, onward, O seaman, On, onward, O saint,
Let faith never falter, nor firmness grow faint.—E. H. S.*

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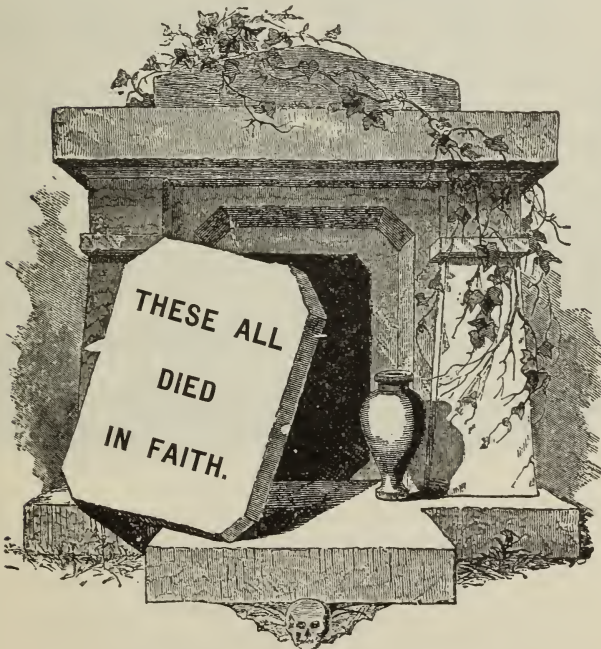
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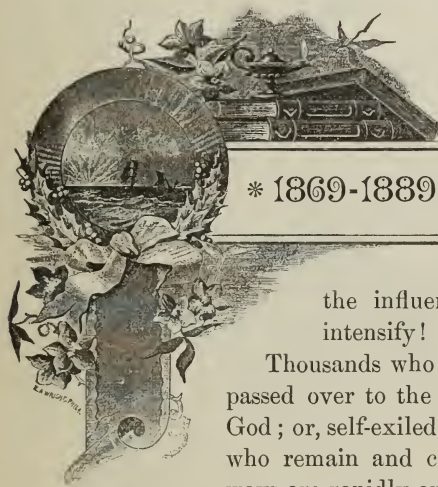
They sought for rest, and found it by the sea,
Where proud ships sail, and winds so grandly sweep;
Where glassy lakes lie slumbering on the lee,
And dim old forests cast their shadows deep;
Here oft they sat, and with their friends conversed,
And prayed, and sung of Jesus' precious blood—
Here many a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





ASSOCIATION AND POST OFFICE BUILDING.—ERECTED A. D. 1881.
CORNER MAIN AVENUE AND PILGRIM PATHWAY.

TWENTIETH 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 :

Two decades by the
 sea! Twenty years!
 How rapidly they have
 flown! What foot-prints
 they have left along the
 shores of time! How

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the influences of them widen, deepen and
 intensify!

Thousands who once mingled with us here have
 passed over to the unseen and eternal, shut in with
 God; or, self-exiled, roam in darkness forever. Those
 who remain and continue walking in Divine path-
 ways are rapidly approaching the better beyond.

Shall we be sad? Rather, what raptures lie infolded in the thought:

Who, who shall weep when ships by tempests shattered,
 Outride the wintry gale;
 Or, when brave armies, though with banners tattered,
 O'er all their foes prevail?

Shall we be sad, when from the land of sadness
 Our cherished take their flight?
 Shall we make discord in their songs of gladness,
 Where darkness ends in light?

Let us be glad! Transporting is the story,
 The good shall meet above,
 And tender hearts, tinged with the coming glory,
 Are full of tender love.

The year has been varied, full of toil, care, grave anxieties and deepest sorrows, yet as the mountains, whose feet are shrouded in gloom, wear sunlit crowns, we, notwithstanding all, with joy upon our heads, have gone forth strong in faith, upborne by the power of an immortal hope.

Disease and death have invaded our ranks. Several of our brethren have been the subjects of personal afflictions which deprived them for a



REV. JOSEPH H. THORNLEY.

Late Superintendent Ocean Grove Sabbath School.

season of their usual activities, but most of them, we are glad to say, have wholly or partially recovered, and all, we trust, will soon be well again.

A great bereavement, however, has come to us all, in the removal from us to the climes of the blessed, at a time when we seemed most to need him, the glad-hearted, sunny-faced, genial, devoted, useful and beloved Joseph H. Thornley. White-robed and washed in the blood of

the Lamb, he ascended from London, Ontario, Canada, February 12th, 1889, to be forever with the Lord.

It was in his tent, at the suggestion of his wife, that the first little informal meeting was held upon these grounds, July 31st, 1869. For nearly twenty years he never wearied in his attention to any duty, secular or sacred, connected with the interests of this place, and counted it his highest joy, in season and out of season, to give his time and strength to promote its welfare. He was a man without reproach, loved by all, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Let us gird ourselves anew to meet him and the six of our previously ascended brethren in the land of eternal reunions.

What friendships there? Love's long expected meetings,
And soft affection's kiss;
Immortal brothers' in whose saintly greetings,
Centre the soul of bliss.

From these preliminary and personal reflections we now turn for awhile and enter upon the protracted details of our heavy secularities for the year just closed.

Avenues, Side-Walks, etc.

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 condition requires during the summer months 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 appropriation of a single mill to bear this constantly increasing burden.

It gives me great satisfaction to report, that our twenty-seven miles of sidewalks, though not yet in the condition needed, are all the while improving. The board walks are disappearing, and it is fully time that

all were gone. They are unsightly, dangerous; and I recommend that measures be taken to have them all removed.

During the year just closed the Association has laid 15,845 square feet of concrete walks for the public benefit, at a cost of \$915.00, and the work has been appreciated by all.

During the same period, there has been laid by private parties, over their own property, a total of 47,600 square feet, all of which added to that laid in previous years, gives a grand total, of this kind of work,



by the Association and private parties combined, of 181,600 square feet, or nearly *seven miles*.

As all these miles have been laid by others, contributing to individual and public convenience and comfort by that much, is it not just and right that persons who have not yet performed this part of their duty to themselves and the public, should give it immediate attention? The plank walk on the ocean front has been repaired from time to time during the year and will need at least fifty additional new planks in the early spring.

The heavy storms of the spring and autumn, have cut our ocean front considerably, yet the changing winds and currents have brought back largely the sands which have been carried away. Still there is a steady

encroachment of the sea landward. What will be the final result time alone will tell. The number of *street crossings* put down last autumn and early winter, cost about \$200.00. As many more will be needed this winter, and so on, year after year, until the work is complete.

On the Association grounds, south side of Fletcher Lake, Ocean Park, the brush has been cut out, streets graded, lots filled, and a large amount of work done, which has changed the whole appearance of the place. Some additional time and money should be expended, which will nicely complete the work. The cost of that already done, amounts to something over \$1000.00.



HAMILTON COTTAGE.

Sluice Ways and Culverts.

The heavy rainfalls of the past year, have given us an over-measure of surface drainage, so that the sluice ways at the foot of avenues have required constant attention. That at the foot of Beach Avenue, where it empties into Wesley Lake; also, at Ocean Avenue and Wesley Lake, have been repaired; the culvert across Main Avenue at Pilgrim Pathway, and that at Central Avenue and Main, both built anew; and that at Beach and Broadway, repaired, cost \$132.00. At the head of Wesley Lake, outside, along the turnpike, the sidewalk has been widened to 14

feet, corresponding with Mr. Bradley's, and 375 lineal feet of four inch oak plank curbing set; cost \$60.00. There are many private lots, which have been held by their owners for years, which, though they reap the advantages of adjoining improvements, are still without curbing, sidewalks, or improvements of any kind, thus inconveniencing the public, and depreciating the value of their own and adjoining properties. The ordinance authorizing the Association to do this work and charge to the property, should be at once enforced.

Sewerage.

There have been 2020 feet of 10 inch sewer pipe laid the past year, as follows:

On Cookman Avenue from Pilgrim to Delaware Avenue,	
On Clark Avenue from New York to Delaware Avenue,	
Total cost of pipe and labor,	\$622.90

Total cost of sewer system, which now reaches 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ miles, to October 1st, 1889, \$29,290.00.

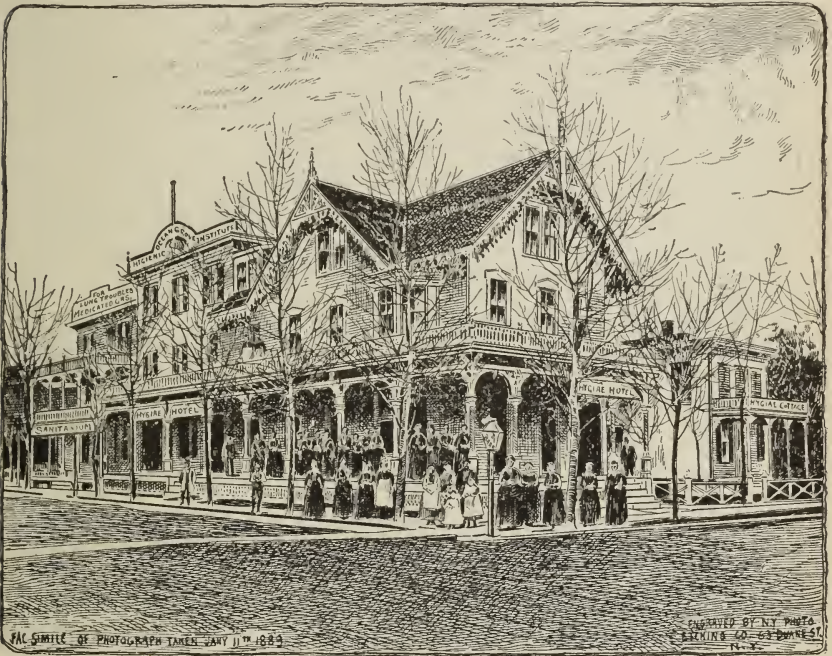
Number of sewer connections last year,	635
Number of sewer connections this year,	766
Increase,	131
Income from connections Oct. 1st, 1888, to Oct. 1st, 1889, . .	\$1,310.00
Income from rentals Oct.1st, 1888, to Oct. 1st, 1889,	2,552.50
Total Income,	\$3,862.50

Artesian Water.

The Artesian Water Department has worked well this year. 49,991,000 gallons of water have been pumped from 13 wells, during the year, October 1st, 1888, to October 1st, 1889.

During the height of the season, with great multitudes of people upon our grounds, there was a deficiency of water realized on some of the upper floors. Satisfied that no such scarcity should exist, we commenced a rigid inspection, to learn the cause. It was soon found that there was a wilful and woful waste in many places. This was at once prohibited under penalty of having the supply cut off. The result was, that with the heaviest population upon us, in the middle of August, we largely increased the depth of water in the tank. But as the connections constantly multiply to meet the increasing demand, it is important that at least six additional artesian wells should be sunk, and that the storage tank in Thompson Park, be raised 15 feet, by three sections of iron added to the top, thus increasing pressure by an elevation of 15 feet, and capacity by the same ratio. Thus improved we shall doubtless be prepared to meet the increased demand, for several years to come.

There have been laid since last report, 3,200 feet of 4-inch mains, as follows: On Broadway, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Lawrence Avenue; on Clark Avenue, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Lawrence Avenue; on



DR. BARR'S HYGIENIC HOTEL.

Franklin Avenue, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Central Avenue; on Mt. Carmel, from Pennsylvania Avenue to New Jersey Avenue.

Cost of jute, pipe, lead and labor,	\$1,218 75
Total cost of water system to October 1, 1889,	\$53,858 00
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Water connections last year,	523
" " this year,	669
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Increase,	146
Receipts from water connections, Oct. 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1889, .	\$438 00
Receipts from water rentals, Oct. 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1889, . . .	\$5,132 00
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Total income for the year,	\$5,570 00
Running expenses for the year,	\$1,390 77

The lowest quantity of water pumped during any one month was November, 1888, 2,420,000 gallons. The highest was August, 1889, 8,525,000 gallons.

Electric Lights.

The construction, and successful operation of an electric light plant, requires experience and constant care. Many parts of it are so intricate and delicate, that inattention or neglect might result disastrously. With proper attendance, however, there is no more risk than is involved in any other of the multiplied and constantly increasing appliances for lessening labor, and increasing the conveniences of a high state of civilization.

We have had no disaster of any kind thus far in this department of our work. There were some little interruptions in a few instances in the beginning, growing out of a want of familiarity with that which was new, but for the last year, there has been nothing to call for special mention.

Since my last report, the electric light station has been extended, the machinery reconstructed, enlarged, and the power increased.

The total cost of the enlargement and new machinery,	\$ 4,351 36
Original cost,	23,564 56
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Total cost of plant to October 1, 1889,	\$27,915 92
<i>Number of Lamps in use during year, Oct. 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1889:</i>	
By the Association, 30 C. P. lamps,	389
45 C. P. lamps,	22
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	411
Commercial lights, private, 30 C. P.,	210
Commercial lights, private, 45 C. P.,	27
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Total number of lamps in use,	648

Average Life of Lamps for each month:

Oct., 1888,	448 hours.	April, 1889,	1793 hours.
Nov., "	752 "	May, "	2170 "
Dec., "	573 "	June, "	819 "
Jan'y, 1889,	942 "	July, "	1500 "
Feb'y, "	2875 "	Aug., "	600 "
March, "	1475 "	Sept., "	2229 "

Total hours of life,	16,676
Average life of each lamp for the year,	1348 "

Cost of electric lights in comparison with old system of gas and kerosene.

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Expense running six months ending March 31, 1889:

Engineer's salary and assistant,	\$ 90 00
Electrician,	300 00
Coal,	590 00
Oil, waste, packing and incidental expenses,	80 00
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Total, six months,	\$1,060 00

Expense running six months ending September 30, 1889 :

Engineer's salary (\$10 per month). (In addition to water engineer),	\$ 60 00
Engineer's assistant,	42 00
Waste and packing,	4 50
Coal,	710 00
Oil,	28 50
Electrician's wages, six months,	390 00
Electrician's assistant's wages, 28 days,	56 00
Incidental expenses for the six months,	28 00
	\$1,319 00
Total running expenses for year,	\$2,379 00
Interest on plant, \$28,000.00, 6 per cent,	1,680 00
New lamps purchased during year,	800 42
	\$4,859 42
Subtract cost of lighting by gas and kerosene,	3,000 00
	\$1,859 42
Subtract moneys received from commercial lights,	850 00
	\$1,009 42
Subtract amount to be received from returned lamp heads,	150 00
	\$ 859 42
Excess of cost of electric light over old system,	\$ 859 42
Which will be reduced as commercial lights increase.	

During the past summer 200 additional lamps were needed to meet the demand for commercial purposes, but could not be supplied for want of dynamo capacity. It is our deliberate judgment, that during the summer of 1890, one thousand additional lamps will be needed in this line. To meet this demand, at least one new dynamo, of double the capacity of those we now have will be needed.

The light thus far meets with universal commendation. The wear and tear, however, upon that part of the plant, and such lamps as are exposed to the severe atmospheric changes, and violent storms, is very great. Our whole schedule of prices will need revision. They were tried as an experiment, but we find they are much lower than other places, and do not pay expenses.

Those wishing lights in their dwellings, or places of business for next season, should notify us at the earliest moment, so there may be no delay by a rush of orders.

In the transaction of all business in connection with the office, it is important to have our address book as complete as possible, we therefore ask all our lot holders who have, or may change their residences to notify us of this fact as soon as possible, as it is frequently necessary to communicate with them, on matters of mutual interest.



Trees.

Tree-planting day continues to receive attention, and should never be neglected. The number of trees purchased this year was one hundred. Set out for private parties, forty-five. The remaining fifty-five, Norway maples, silver maples, etc., were set out on public grounds. A row from the entrance at Main Avenue, outside, reaching around the curved head of Wesley Lake; a similar row on the south side to School House gates, with corresponding rows outside of Broadway gates, around the curves, north and south. Every year the old trees are dying, and the setting out of others more ornamental, should receive increased attention.

Parks.

THOMPSON PARK is a resort for excursionists, many of whom lunch there and rest in the heat of noon. It receives some attention but needs more.

GREENLEAF PARK has been trimmed out and needs, and should have before another season, concrete walks around and across.

WOOD-LAWN PARK is much frequented by visitors. It has been trimmed up and a number of the old trees removed, which improves its appearance greatly. The concrete walk should be extended especially along its Main Avenue front.

EVERGREEN PARK has been greatly improved by the removal of the old unsightly fence which had stood for nearly twenty years, and the

erection in its stead of a new and graceful picket fence, and a general improvement of the grounds. What is now needed is the raising of the walk even with the steps and extending it to the gate at the head of the Lake, thus doing away with the steps, greatly relieving the walk and improving the general appearance of the place. New gates are to be erected. The cost of the work at the several parks, including the concrete walk and new picket fence around Evergreen Park, outside, is about \$450.

Auditorium.

Considerable work had to be done on the Auditorium this year. Pipes laid underground to carry the water falling on the roof to the sewers on the Lake; claying and grading the floor; cement for dressing top of floor; new fabric for roof, and painting the same—cost over \$1,000.

A new and better constructed auditorium, accommodating from eight to ten thousand or more people, with improved acoustic properties, is a great and generally felt need. It will cost a larger sum than the Association can appropriate to it at this time. It is commended to the thoughtful attention of all our friends. Already contributions have been given towards its erection. One lady, unsolicited, has handed in *one hundred* dollars in gold. Should any desire to contribute similar, or less, or larger sums, the same will be held as the Auditorium Fund and be placed at interest until the time to build shall come. Perhaps a contribution could hardly be placed in any line of benevolence that would insure a larger or speedier return.

Tabernacle.

The Tabernacle has also been improved by placing upon it a new fabric roof and painting, costing nearly \$200.

This building affords accommodations for a large number of meetings, including Mrs. Palmer's, which continues all through the season and accomplishes a vast amount of good.

Young People's Temple.

The roof of this building has, from the time of its erection, given us more or less trouble. It has had repairs this year amounting to about \$30.

The whole amount raised towards the erection of Temple,	
including Summer of 1888, is	\$4,302 68
Summer of 1889,	388 25
	\$4,690 93
Unpaid subscriptions, 1889, \$93.60.	



THORNLEY CHAPEL.

Corner Mt. Tabor Way and Pilgrim Pathway.

Thornley Chapel.

For more than a year before Mr. Thornley's death, he, with the rest of us, felt the need of a place suitable for the smaller meetings. We talked about it almost every time we met. It was among the last things he thought of before going away for the last time. But the time to accomplish the object did not seem to have come.

After his decease, the thought of carrying out the last cherished desire of his heart, in the form of a Memorial Chapel, occurred. The plan was approved, and as a building just the size we talked of was on our hands, the Association, at its Semi-Annual Meeting, in May, 1889, granted the said building, to be remodeled, and the lot at the N. W. corner of Pilgrim Pathway and Mt. Tabor Way, for it to rest on, provided the work of transformation could be made without cost to the general treasury. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Dr. Alday, and Rev. W. H. Wardell, were appointed to carry out the plan. The work was completed June 29th, 1889, and the house ready for opening on Sabbath, June 30th.

The cost of the improvements, with furniture, organ, and all it contains, is \$1,299.58, every cent of which has been raised and paid, so that the Committee has the great privilege and pleasure of presenting it to the Association, at this meeting, free of debt. It is a great satisfaction also to the Committee to add, that the whole sum was cheerfully and promptly raised by the many friends of our saintly and ascended brother.

The value of the property as it now stands, is :

Lot,	\$1,000 00
Old building,	475 00
Remodeling and furniture,	1,299 58
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Total,	\$2,774 58

It meets a long felt want, and is a beautiful tribute to the memory of one whom we all loved so much.

Business Buildings.

For several years, the old frame building in which Wainwright and Errickson transacted business, as also several smaller ones immediately surrounding it, demanded attention in the way of extensive repairs, or removal, and new ones placed in their stead. The latter was thought to be the better course. The old store was therefore completely torn down, and the smaller ones removed to other localities.

The large three-story brick building, 44 x 105 feet on the ground, and 33 feet, 8 inches high, was erected on the lots thus vacated, at a cost, everything complete, of \$11,657.95.

There are three stores included in this one building: Mr. Wainwright's general provision store, Mr. White's drug store, and Mr. Goodheart's meat, fish, and oyster store. It is a solid, substantial building, a great improvement to the locality, and meets a demand which no longer could be resisted. The extension of Day Bros.' ice cream garden rendered other changes on Olin street a necessity, and the readjustment of the barber

shop, Mr. Cleaton's place of business, Mr. Tenbrook's vegetable stand, and Chu Jue's laundry, give to the whole block much better accommodations, and more harmony of style.

Besides these, there have been extensive repairs to the roofs of the Association building; stores at the corner of Central and Olin, and all the buildings along the north side of Olin street, from Pilgrim Pathway to Central, giving to the whole not only a much better appearance, but adding greatly to the business accommodations.



SAUNDERS' COTTAGE.

Wesley Lake.

During the last winter this lake, from its head at the turnpike, as far east as Saunder's Cottage, was excavated an average depth of about eighteen inches below its former bed, Mr. Bradley doing the work on his side and we on our own. The shores of the lake were also cleaned and everything of an offensive character removed. The earth obtained from the bottom of the lake was spread on the ocean front, west of the plank-

walk and south of Ross's bathing houses, thus relieving the glare of white sand so trying to the eyes, and covered with lime formed a soil for the production of grass. Our part of this work cost \$180.

The north end of Beach Avenue, by the La Pierre House, was graded and nicely sodded, as also the bluff in front of Bethesda Block of tents. Five thousand, two hundred square feet of sods were used, and the whole improvement in that locality cost \$319.



Iron Bridges.

The work on these two structures across Wesley Lake has been completed since my last report. The New Jersey Avenue Bridge is 173 feet long. That at Pilgrim Pathway 273 feet long. The contract for building these two bridges was \$4,250.00. Extra work and materials brought the total expense to \$5,258.94. One-half the cost, \$2,629.47, was paid by Mr. Bradley, and the other equal one-half by the Ocean Grove Association.

The total amount of receipts for the four months, June, July, August and September, 1889, during which toll was taken, was for the

New Jersey Avenue Bridge,	\$1,429 07
Pilgrim Pathway Bridge,	1,984 67
Total Amount from both Bridges,	\$3,413 74

This amount equally divided gives to Ocean Grove \$1,706.86. The following is an accurate statement of the expenses incurred on our side in meeting expenses and keeping the lake in proper condition:

Collecting Toll. Two men, four months,	\$414 00
Policing, 100 days,	200 00
Lighting,	88 00
Repairing flume,	12 00
Cost of toll-house (worth \$100),	27 00
Concrete Walk,	183 43
Grading and Sodding Bluff,	319 00
Excavations,	180 00
Bulkhead and Steps, head of Lake,	100 00
Total expenses, 1889,	\$1,523 43
Excess,	183 43
If from this sum we deduct interest on the amount invested,	157 76
We have net profits,	\$25 67

The bridges are not only ornamental, but are a great convenience to the people in these two cities by the sea. The amount collected shows that there must have crossed these two bridges, during the week days of the four months named, 341,374 people, vast multitudes of which but for the penny thus paid for crossing, would make no contribution to the expenses of these places. As toll is not collected on the Sabbath we have no means of knowing exactly how many cross on that day, but the number is vastly greater than any other day of the week, the whole amounting during the summer months to at least 500,000 people.

Fletcher Lake.

This lake remains substantially as it was at my last report. The only difference, perhaps, being the erection of a foot bridge across from Pennsylvania Avenue. This bridge was originally built by Mr. Bradley, over Wesley Lake, from foot of New Jersey Avenue, Ocean Grove, to foot of Emory Street, Asbury Park. When the iron bridges were completed, this being no longer needed, Mr. Bradley moved it to Fletcher Lake, improved, lengthened, put up, painted, and turned over to us as the

property of Ocean Grove Association, for the sum of \$125.00. This bridge, as well as one at foot of the lake, from Ocean Avenue, on our side, across to Mrs. Kent's, are free all the year, and a great convenience to the public.



HOME, SWEET HOME.

Tent Department.

Notwithstanding the unusual continuance of rains, and frequent heavy storms of the past summer, our tent department has been usually successful, and the tents are largely engaged for next year. The September storm, which was unusually severe, destroyed a number of the flies, but otherwise, the main bodies of the tents remained with comparatively little damage. During the high winds, which often prevailed at night, there was always considerable anxiety felt concerning those who occupied these frail structures, but upon inquiring among them in the morning, as to how they got through, the uniform answer, accompanied with a cheerful smile, was, "*We are all right.*" But, while all this is true, as we look at the matter from a business stand, the annual wear and tear upon the tents is heavy, and the cost of repairing large.

The cottage tents give most satisfaction, and the demand for them continually increases. The erection of fifty more, corresponding with those

on the lake front near Ross's, to face the Auditorium Square, and Zion and Pisgah Ways, is not only recommended but strongly urged. The inventory of church property shows encouraging conditions, and satisfactory results.

Business Licenses.

The business licenses for the year, show a little decrease as to numbers, but an increase as to revenue. They are as follows :

Plumbers,	2
Hacks,	38
Carriages,	6
Stages,	31
Express and Baggage,	20
Hucksters,	39
Vegetables,	5
Produce,	1
Ice Cream,	1
Coal and Wood,	6
Grocers,	10
Fish and Oysters,	22
Butter and Eggs,	4
Bakers,	7
Butchers,	18
Milk,	17
Condensed Milk,	1
Oil,	1
Umbrella Mender,	1
Total,	230

A decrease of 27 in number, and an increse of revenue of \$170.00.

This department of our work, while satisfactory in many respects, has, nevertheless, its difficulties; prominent in these, is the question of an appropriate stand for hacks and carriages. We wait the solution of this vexed matter, and trust it will soon break upon us.

Ice Department.

The ice crop in this region last winter was poor. We laid in 1575 tons from Jamesburg, six to seven inches thick. This was the best we could do, without importing from too great a distance. But this did not supply the demand, and we had to purchase between two and three hundred tons to meet emergencies. This greatly increased expenses, and lessened profits. Nevertheless, as our people must be supplied, this was our only course. The ice trade is one which involves large outlays, much waste, especially when the ice is thin as this year, and long days of

toil on the part of those who deliver it. Care must therefore be taken, or it is a loss instead of gain.

Street Sprinkling.

This question continues troublesome. This arises from two sources. One is, the necessary supply of water, and the other, an unwillingness on the part of many to meet the expense, small though it may be. This year we were greatly relieved, however, by the frequency of the showers. But, notwithstanding this, there was an expense incurred of nearly three hundred dollars, in the purchase of sprinklers, and work performed. The whole amount received in return was \$54.50. Next year, the work being more perfectly done, the income must be larger, or the difficulties continue to increase.

Fire Department.

This department is in good condition. A new company has been organized in West Grove, called the "*Unexcelled* Fire Company No. 2," which is included in the Ocean Grove Fire District; they expect to have a large chemical engine, with hook and ladder truck.

The department consists of the following organizations :

Washington, No. 1, members,	49
E. H. Stokes Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, members, . .	18
Unexcelled Fire Company No. 2, members,	34

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS—

Steam Fire Engines,	2
Chemical Engine, E. H. Stokes,	1
" " Unexcelled. To be supplied,	1
Hook and Ladder Truck, E. H. Stokes,	1
" " Unexcelled. To be supplied.	1
Rubber Fire Buckets,	60
Babcock Extinguishers,	4
Fire Hose, feet,	1500

The whole department paraded on Thursday night, September 5th, 1889, turning out 101 men, passing through the principal streets of Ocean Grove and West Grove, and made a very fine display. The decorations in the Grove and on the west side of the turnpike were unusually numerous and very fine.

At the close a very excellent collation was served at Morrow Day's, Main Avenue, at which toasts were given, speeches made, and a magnificent silver trumpet presented by the summer residents for the use of the Chief. We are greatly pleased with our fire department, and trust that, as in the past, when duty calls they will be ready for any emergency.



PIONEER COTTAGE, ERECTED 1870.

Police.

The number of policemen employed varies with the season of the year. The highest during the month of August, and the lowest in winter, but enough are always on duty to look after the protection and welfare of the place. During the months of June, July, August and September there were 532 days of extra policing.

Arrests during the season,	23
Persons in the lock-up,	14
" in indecent bathing suits brought out of water,	37
" arrested in indecent bathing suits,	3
" prevented bathing on the Sabbath,	42
Intoxicated persons prevented entering grounds,	15
Pedlers put off of the grounds,	44
" prevented entering,	many hundreds.
Bicycles prevented entering on Sabbath,	11
Complaints of all kinds attended to,	over 200

There were no burglaries during the season. A number of pocket-books, watches, shawls, etc., as always, were lost during the season, and always when found and brought in restored to their owners. The number

of children lost this year was very large. Sometimes two or three on hand at once. The parents or homes of these are always found, but often not without great anxiety on the part of friends and trouble to those in charge. A little *tag* around the neck or attached to the clothing of such as cannot speak plainly, giving the name and residence would save much perplexity.

Jerusalem Model.

This does not grow old. Men, women and children still, as formerly, linger, look and meditate upon scenes so inseparably connected with human salvation. The annual expense of care and oversight is not large, and if it were much greater than it is, would pay in the general interest it awakens, to keep it up. The sale of keys this year amounted to \$40.06.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

This organization continues to grow and exert from year to year an increasingly widening influence. Open for divine services all the year, it is a religious home for our settled population, and affords also a resort for those of our summer visitors who prefer an indoor place of worship. The building is attractive, the congregation large, and the pastor, Rev. H. Belting, popular.

Elim Association.

In the year 1875 Elim Cottage was opened, and since that time over two thousand guests have been entertained; it is not a hotel, but is what the Scriptural name intends to communicate—a place of rest—where the weary ministers of every Christian denomination, by whatever name they may be called, may be accommodated.

Elim is cosmopolitan; often the inhabitant of far-away India mingles his song with the Swede, the Japanese with the Bulgarian, and converted Hebrew with the Dane.

Of those entertained this summer there were: Methodists, 103; Presbyterians, 24; Baptists, 10; Lutherans, 5; Reformed, 4; Congregationalist, 4; Episcopal, 3. The following states and countries were represented: New York, 54; New Jersey, 40; Pennsylvania, 38; Delaware, 4; Maryland, 2; Connecticut, 4; Vermont, 2; Ohio, 4; Illinois, 1; Nykoping, Sweden, 1; London, England, 1; Alma, Ontario, 1; Tokio, Japan, 1; also the first converted Parsee from India. Total number of guests during summer, 154.

The cost of entertainment at this quiet and unostentatious retreat, varies according to circumstances and conditions. Never more than the simple cost, and often less.

Donations to aid them in their benevolent work, are always thankfully received by any of the managers. Mrs. Rev. Alfred Cookman, Philadelphia, is President, and Mrs. Geo. W. Evans, Ocean Grove, Treasurer.



OCEAN GROVE FROM THE SEA.

The Town Clock

Has continued its monotonous, but faithful work, through another year. During all the period of its service, now more than nine years, no repairs, worth the mention, have been needed, and but little attention of any kind required except the weekly winding up. The four dials are now lighted up by electricity, so that the knowledge of the time by night can be ascertained as conveniently as by day.

Up in the tower the solemn old clock,
 Has stood for many a year ;
 Soon as erected, it said, tick, tock,
 And ever since then, the grave old clock,
 Repeats each second, tick, tock, tick, tock ;
 From month to month, from year to year,
 When friends are few, or foes are near,
 Tick, tock, tick, tock, says the solemn old clock.

'Tis the old clock's mission, to say, tick, tock,
 And to give the time of day ;
 The same each year, like the moveless rock,
 It stands at its work, tick, tock, tick, tock,
 Unswerved, unswerving, is the grave old clock ;
 And so may we, when all is gay,
 Or when the sunlight fades away,
 Be true to every trust and say, tick, tock.

Railroads.

The officials at our depot report a successful season, although it commenced late. The regular trains, including the regular daily excursions, special and daily trains were fully up to last year. The amount of baggage was increased, handling in one day 2920 pieces, and during the season 94,531 pieces. The express companies have handled more packages than last season. No accident at the depot. The number of men, passenger depot, 14; freight depot, 9.



WESLEY LAKE,
LOOKING TOWARD THE SEA.

L. B. and N. Y. Railroad Company.

Since my last Annual Report, a lease has been granted to the above company for $3\frac{7}{10}$ acres of land for railroad purposes, for the term of 99 years, renewable, if the conditions are complied with, for a like term of years forever. This tract of land adjoins the present railroad tract on the west, and runs about an equal distance north and south from the present electric light station, a total length of 1500 feet, and greatest width, 125 feet. The monetary consideration for this tract was \$2000. Besides other requirements the lease provides under penalty of forfeiture, that trains shall not stop at the present depot on the Sabbath day, for ordinary railroad traffic, either freight or passengers.

Ocean Grove Literature.

It is impossible in this day for an individual, or a combination of individuals, to occupy any prominence, either ecclesiastical or political, and not be noticed by the press. This as a simple fact, is not to be regretted, but on the other hand, should be prized and gratefully acknowledged. We do not complain of legitimate criticism, but believe that here, as elsewhere, great good has grown out of it. Our only complaint of the press has been, a seeming preference for misrepresentation, and frequent declinations to correct, when the errors have been pointed out. This Association has taken high moral and religious positions. To maintain these, requires constant vigilance and effort. The press, if it cannot aid, should not antagonize. I am glad to say, however, that in this respect, a few years have wrought great improvements. During the past summer, many correspondents have written, and papers have published, numerous articles to which none could take exceptions. Books, magazines, weekly and daily papers, secular and religious journals have made honorable mention of Ocean Grove and its work. These will please accept our hearty thanks. To those who take the other course, if they do not misrepresent, but simply criticise, we shall be equally grateful.

The Ocean Grove Association is honored with several members of the typographical fraternity: Rev. Geo. Hughes, editor of the "Guide to Holiness," and author of several religious volumes; Rev. R. J. Andrews, editor of the "Methodist Herald;" James S. Yard, Esq., editor of the "Monmouth Democrat," Freehold, N. J.; and Rev. A. Wallace, D. D., editor of the "Ocean Grove Record," who from the beginning, has been pleased to keep at the head of the first inside column, the name of your President, as corresponding editor. To all these we make our acknowledgments for kindly words and helping deeds.

The *Ocean Grove Record* is always ready, willing, and even anxious to

give wings to anything we may desire published. All our people need this paper to keep them posted in our doings while they are absent.

The *Nineteenth Annual Report* of the President, "GLADNESS BY THE SEA," was published by your order, last November. It has sixty-six pages, besides map, pictorial cover, and thirty-three other illustrations. Its preparation requires much labor, and its publication considerable cost. All the compensation we ask, is, that this be accepted without charge, read carefully, ponder its statements, and if you can, seeing the Association is not laboring for personal aggrandizement, sympathize, pray for, and help us in our work of saving souls.

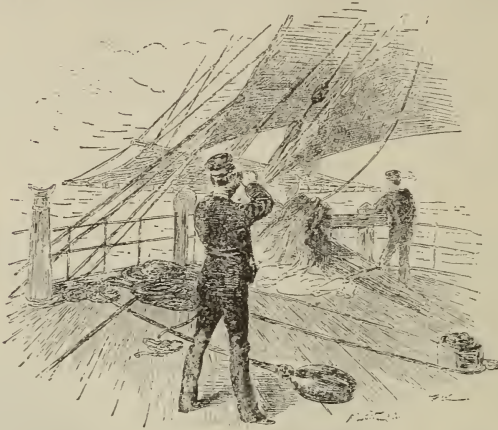


INSKIP COTTAGE,
OCEAN PATHWAY, COR. BEACH AVENUE.

Private Improvements.

It is a matter of continued and increased congratulation that private improvements are not only on the increase, but are more substantial and ornate than formerly. Some of our cottages now equal in convenience,

comfort, costliness and beauty many of those found in the cities and suburban towns. Why should this not be so? The period of experiment is passed; many of our lot holders have the means, and pleased with the



general government and good order of the place, as well as with its religious atmosphere, propose to make this their summer, and in many instances their permanent homes. We are glad of this and most cordially invite and welcome all such to build as convenient and comfortable homes



as they enjoy elsewhere, and abide with us until called to the unchanging world on high.

Many of our citizens, we are glad to see, are raising, enlarging and beautifying their homes built years ago until they appear as new.

Mr. Ross has built a large number of new bathing houses and improved others until his place is as commodious and pleasant as any upon the coast.

Mr. Lillagore, too, has repaired and rebuilt to a large extent. He

has also erected a large swimming pool 30 x 80 feet in the centre of his bathing houses, with an average depth of from 3½ to 4 feet, where persons can bathe in sea water when the surf is too high outside for safety.

Number of cottages last year,	943
" " " " this year,	994
Increase,	51
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Number of boarding houses last year,	74
" " " " this year,	75
Increase,	1
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Post-Office.

Geo. W. Evans, Esq., Postmaster, makes the following report:

Salary of Postmaster,	\$1,800 00
Allowance for rent,	300 00
" " light and fuel,	60 00
" " clerk hire,	600 00
Commissions on money orders,	80 00
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	\$2,840 00

EXPENSES.

Rent of office,	\$250 00
Light and fuel,	150 00
Assistant,	800 00
One clerk,	400 00
Clerk hire for the season,	500 00
Stationery, printing, etc.,	150 00
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	\$2,250 00
For Postmaster,	590 00
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	\$2,840 00

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Oct. 1, 1888,	\$ 36 31
From regular sources,	65,331 22
" Individual Loans,	9,250 00
" Bank Loans,	14,000 00
" Sale of Lots,	12,863 50
" Balance of Electric Light Bonds,	5,500 00
Total receipts,	\$106,981 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Public Improvements,	\$ 31,883 41
" " General Expenses,	17,334 95
" " Police,	3,238 87
" " Salaries,	3,850 00
" " Wages,	15,738 68
" Trustees Sinking Fund,	10,283 00
Bonds Reduced and Interest on Principal Paid,	10,870 00
Individual Loans Paid,	5,500 00
Bank Loans Paid,	8,000 00
Total Payments,	\$106,698 91
Cash Balance, Oct. 1, 1889,	282 12
	\$106,981 03

RESOURCES.

Inventory,	\$111,115 00
Cash in Treasury,	282 12
" " Trust Fund,	6,826 22
Book Accounts,	10,464 45
Due on Lots Sold,	19,010 00
Total Resources,	\$147,697 79

LIABILITIES.

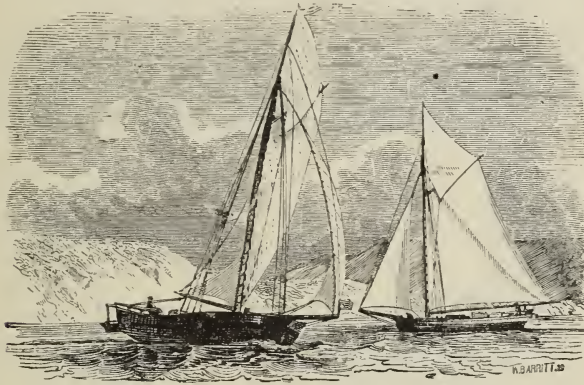
Liabilities (total),	\$105,488 42
Assets over Liabilities,	42,209 37
	\$147,697 79

TRUST FUND.

Cash on hand, Oct. 1, 1888,	\$ 4,693 22
Received from Association, Oct. 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1889,	10,283 00
Total,	\$14,976 22
Coupon Bonds taken up,	\$4,000 00
Interest paid on Principal,	4,150 00
Total,	\$8,150 00
Cash in hand Oct. 1, 1889,	6,826 22
	\$14,976 22

The foregoing statements give a just idea of our material situation. There are thousands of details, however, that no report, unless we print a complete transcript of our office books, can possibly unfold. But all these details are examined by an auditing committee once a month, and at given periods by experts thoroughly competent in every respect.

By a careful examination of the financial statement and a comparison with the previous fiscal year, it will be found, I regret to say, that we have reduced our indebtedness only \$2,823. But, while this is true, I am glad to add we have increased our permanent improvements and values \$20,455.45. All of which improvements, excepting \$1,359 are remunerative



directly in more than 6 per cent. returns, while the \$1,359 are remunerative indirectly, in the general improvements of the year.

Take the following statement as a further illustration of what I mean.

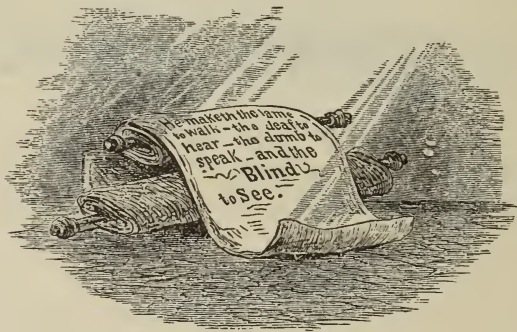
1888-9. Indebtedness reduced,	\$ 2,823 00
1888-9. Permanent improvements made,	20,455 45
Financial condition improved, 1888-9,	\$23,278 45

While, therefore, I regret that there is not a larger reduction of our debt, I rejoice in the valuable improvements made, every one of which was an absolute demand, and that the income from these improvements, like stock in the merchant's store, will place us in better condition to reduce our debt still more the coming year. The general outlook is therefore more encouraging than ever. Let us then take courage, and, as in the past, trusting in Him who said, "Be strong, quit you like men," go forward.

I cannot close this part of my report without expressing my high appreciation of the valuable help rendered me in the discharge of my duties by all the members of the Association; and especially because of

the frequency of my applications to them—to the officers and Executive Committee, men who as often as called upon, twelve or fourteen times a year, leave their business, and without compensation, give their time and strength to legislate for the best interests of this place. To all our employees also, from first to last, who by diligent attention to the various duties assigned them—duties delicate, exacting and oftentimes perplexing to the last degree, men to whom I am bound with attachments growing out of a common toil, stretching in some instances over the whole period of our organic life, now twenty years—to all these, older or younger, obscure or more prominent, I tender a brother's greeting, and pray that having toiled together here, we may enjoy together the sweet and eternal rest of *Heaven*.

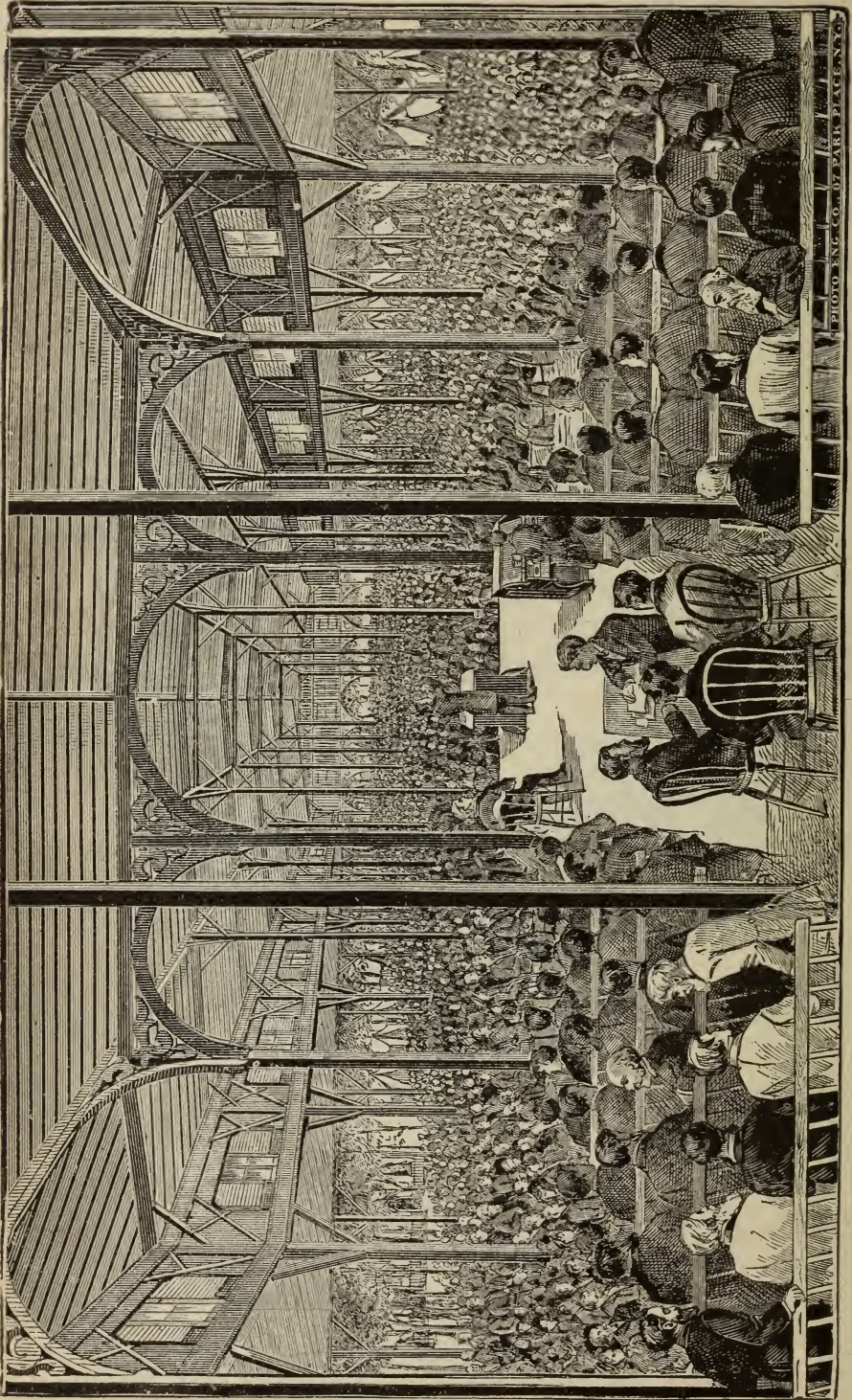
For all success and progress of the year just closed we render to God to whom all praise belongs, *devout thanksgiving*. Amen.





Religious Department.

1889.



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



God was the first, and He should ever be
First, last, and always, in the human heart;
Eternal One, my spirit looks to Thee,
In all my ways take Thou the leading part,
So let my song be while the earth is trod,—
All through my life, "*In the beginning God.*"—E. H. S.

THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

We are a Christian people, and this is a religious organization. It is a town, but town and all its secularities are subsidized to the religious thought. It was not first a town, and then religion—but *first* religion and *then* a town. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His "Righteousness and *all* these things shall be added unto you." The religious thought was original, fundamental, absolute, and remains unalterable. Other things may be,—this must be. "In the beginning God"—in the personality of His presence, the absoluteness of His reign; and His unalterable right to obedience from all. God the foundation, superstructure, cap-stone, centre, circumference, in all things, always—forever.

Hence these acres were dedicated to Him, and for Him up to this present time they have been held, and must be unto the end. The place is not ours, but His; we are simply stewards, piloting according to the best light we have, however the tempests beat, by the pole-star of our faith,—Jesus Christ the Lord. We hold the Sabbath sacred according to His laws. All business suspended—all discordant sounds hushed; not a horse or vehicle appears in the streets—the milk man's bell, and the clatter of bakers' wagons are not heard—the news-boy's voice is still, and the barbers' saloons are closed. The sun shines with a mellow light, the winds are in a whisper, and the trees are either

silent and motionless, or speak together in low tones, making soft lullabies to the soul. The waters of the lake sleep in beauty, while hundreds of boats which but yesterday crossed and re-crossed each other in their miniature excursions, are moored in silence along the shore. The saloon can not be found, because it does not exist, and tobacco, week-day or Sabbath, is never sold. Tent, cottage, boarding house, grove and beach are all vocal with Jehovah's praise. Sunny-faced childhood, and furrowed cheeks alike forgetting their youth or years, join in the songs with holy gladness, while all heaven bends to listen to the strains. God is in His Holy Temple, and every heart is a censer sending up sacred incense before Him. The people walk softly, and multitudes, when service is over, speak in low tones, for His presence is felt and seen.

We are a Christian people, because God commands it, and we prefer it. Any success which has crowned our efforts at this place in the twenty years now past, we ascribe to Him. We have tried to keep His laws. To Him be glory, now and always. With these thoughts we come to a review of our religious work for the season closed.

The Opening Summer Services

Commenced this year in the Tabernacle, on Sabbath afternoon, June 16th, with the usual experience meeting, full of faith and fervor. In the evening there were three preachers and three brief sermons, pointed, effective, eloquent,—Rev. Geo. C. Bancroft, Dr. J. H. Alday, and Rev. W. H. Meeker.

On Sabbath, June 23d, the Tabernacle was opened for morning services, sermon by the President, from Gen. 12: 50-52, with large attendance, and attention good. The afternoon experience meeting, led by Dr. Alday, was owned of God, and the evening sermon, by Rev. C. H. Yatman, "Is it well with thy Soul," was earnest, thoughtful, awakening, and did good. On Saturday evening, June 29th, Rev. C. H. Yatman, conducted a long service in the Temple, preparatory to the opening on Sabbath morning.

Holiness Meeting.

Mrs. Dr. Palmer was in her place at 9 o'clock. But she stood at the desk alone. Her husband had gone, and Mr. Thornley, who took his place in assisting at the meetings, had also gone over to the better land. But she, true to her life-long work, stood in her lot, and went forward, leaning on the unseen arm, seemingly as vigorous as at any time during the last decade. A tender song, was sung, beginning,

"And are we yet alive,"

Mrs. Bourne presiding at the organ, and Rev. W. G. Browning, led in

prayer, until the people felt and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place." The whole service was pervaded by the Spirit's presence, an augury of the blessedness of the coming summer course. These services were held every morning until, and including Sabbath, September 8th, seventy-one sessions, nearly all of which were led by Mrs. Palmer. It is reported to me by those best qualified to know, that no summer of all the past has been more precious in blessed influences, or abundant in direct results. Figures are not given, as no account could be kept, but we can safely say, that many hundreds started anew in a more vigorous religious life, renewing their covenants, and wholly consecrating heart and life to God, went forth to live and do better work for Him.

Young People's Meetings.

The Temple was full at its opening. Mr. Yatman and hundreds of bright-eyed and sunny-faced young people, full of joyous expectancy and holy enthusiasm, broke out in hallowed song,

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The whole service, full of song, prayer, addresses, exhortations and expositions alternated, until it seemed a wonder how so much of practical religious sentiment and helpful suggestions could be crowded into a single hour. When the clock struck ten, the living streams of newly animated and consecrated young men and women poured out of each door, seeming by their cheerful smiles and quick steps to say, "We have been with Jesus." These meetings were held every morning, until Sabbath, September 1st, *sixty-three* in all, during which time about 400 were reported saved.

Besides all this, what wonderful revelations the day of God will make of the influence of sixty-three hours of direct religious effort on the minds of from 1500 to 2000 young people, apart from those reported saved.

In immediate connection with the sixty-three Young People's Meetings, Mr. Yatman held eleven sessions of the Workers' Training Class, eight meetings for men only, three for women only, and two for the unconverted only. All these meetings were crowned with the divine blessing, and their influence can never be lost.

Auditorium Opening.

At half-past ten o'clock, June 30, the Auditorium was well filled with an expectant audience. Willisford Dey, the esteemed and honored chorister from the beginning, was in his place, assisted by C. J. Taylor, of Baltimore, and W. F. Rogers, of Hightstown, cornetists; J. D. Thompson at the organ, and many of the original members in the choir. The old doxology

rung out upon the still air, as if falling anew from the harps and lips of angels. The President announced the opening hymn,

"Come thou fount of every blessing,"

which was sung by the whole congregation. Rev. J. H. Knowles, of Newark, led in prayer and the Vice-President read the Scriptures.

The sermon was by Rev. Dr. Hanlon, Principal of Pennington Seminary and leader of the Ocean Grove Bible Class, from the text, "Ye are not your own, for you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are his."—1 Cor. 6: 19-20. The theme being Responsibility to God. The three spheres in which we are to glorify God, are the religious, intellectual and physical. It was an elaborate and impressive discourse, at the close of which he paid a glowing tribute to Joseph H. Thornley, who as the Christian merchant recognized God in all his business. At the close the whole congregation joined in the tender song,

"Shall we gather at the river?"

The venerable Dr. Webster, of Baltimore, pronounced the benediction. God's blessing was felt through all the service.

In the evening Rev. S. Ed. Young, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Asbury Park, preached from 1 Peter, 3: 18, "And be always ready to give a reason of the hope that is in you." Theme, "*reasons for belief.*" About 4,000 people listened to his scholarly discourse, pleased and profited.

It was a day of great spiritual enjoyment, and all the people felt it was an unusually good opening.

Summer Sabbath School.

At 2 o'clock, the Summer Sabbath School assembled in the Auditorium, joined by St. Paul's Sunday School, which marched up from the church with their various banners elevated and led by Pastor Belting, Superintendent Dey, and Dr. John Wilson. The Assistant Superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson, followed with the school. When all had assembled, a neatly printed programme was circulated under the direction of Superintendent Geo. W. Evans, consisting of responsive readings, singing, etc. All departments of the school met together in reunion service, and brief addresses were made by Dr. Hanlon, C. H. Yatman, and the President. The latter spoke of Joseph H. Thornley, our late superintendent from the commencement, and referred to the little building called by his name, which had just been completed. A contribution of \$250.00 was made at the close to aid in meeting the expenses of its erection.

1750 were present at the opening service. Ten sessions were held during the summer, with a larger attendance than any previous year. Dr. Hanlon's Bible Class continues a central point of attraction; the primary department did well under Mrs. Skirm, and the intermediate under Brother Evans, had prosperity all through.

Total attendance, (11 Sabbaths),	28,396
Average Attendance per Sabbath,	2582

Which, counting the time and number in attendance, represents more than six years of Bible study, allowing 12 hours per day. The whole season, notwithstanding the frequent rainy Sabbaths, was a success.

Surf Meetings.

The storms of the winter and early spring, had so cut the beach especially at the foot of Ocean Pathway, that these gatherings could not assemble there. The first service was therefore held at the foot of Main Avenue, and subsequently, during the remainder of the season, a little north, between Main and Ocean Pathway. Some little inconveniences were experienced on these accounts, but the people accepted the situation cheerfully, and all was well. These services are not only unique in character, but are held at an hour when multitudes resort to the beach, and these exercises consisting of responsive readings, songs and addresses, form not only a concentrating point, but occupy the mind with religious things, which but for these, might dwell upon less profitable matters. Impressions, as enduring as truth itself, have been made at these meetings, and in the unfoldings of the eternal day, it will be found, this and that man was saved there. Ten of these meetings were held, participated in by uncounted thousands.

Fourth of July.

This day, always full of interest and jubilant national life, is ever a welcome guest at Ocean Grove. This year, the bright sun, pure air, calm blue sky, booming cannon, and ringing bells at sunrise brought new inspiration and special joy.

At 10:30 o'clock, a fine audience gathered at the Auditorium, where, choir, chorister, reader, orator, and all, awaited the tap of the bell for services to proceed. The singing by the choir, and special pieces, by the ladies, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Hon. James L. Hays, of Newark, were never more effective. The orator of the day was Gen. James F. Rusling, of Trenton, N. J., his theme, "A Century of National Life; or, a Hundred Years of American Growth

and Progress." What have we achieved as a nation under God during that period that was honorable and creditable? What have we done as a people that was worth history's recording? The elaboration of these points showed the presence of a master mind, and while evolving the most astonishing and stupendous facts and figures, in such quick succession that the strongest were over-burdened, with their magnitude, and seemed to require giants to grapple with them, he roamed among the bewildering mazes, and threw off accumulating climax after climax, with as much ease and grace as a child perambulates among its playthings, or throws off bubbles from its fancy pipe. He concluded: "But, for all these great and good things, God will hold us accountable. We must use them for His glory and the good of our fellow men. If we did, what might not America accomplish for the good of mankind? If England with 45,000,000 of Anglo-Saxons could carry the cross of St. George and her morning drum-beat around the world, what could not we do, with our one hundred millions, or four hundreds of millions or more of Anglo-Saxons, no wit their inferiors, when once we get our eyes open and begin to comprehend *who* and *what* and *where* we are!"

Those who listened to the address, declared it to be among the best they had ever heard. With votes of thanks, amid the waving of banners, handkerchiefs, and general good cheer the meeting closed, and the balance of the day passed without accident or anything to mar the general joy.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Jersey.

These noble women, who stand up a whole, and holy phalanx "for God, and home and native land," met at this place, where they always have been, still are, and I trust always will be welcome, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9th and 10th.

Mrs. Sarah J. C. Downs was at the head, surrounded by a host of thorough sympathizers, and those who could render efficient help. Mrs. Dixon, of Canada; Mrs. Heisler, Mrs. Crane; Mrs. Dr. Tomlinson; Mrs. A. M. Hammer, Superintendent of Juvenile work; Miss Julia Thomas, of New York; Miss Bailey, Trenton; Mrs. M. P. Sparks, Bridgeport; Mrs. C. V. McCammon, of Belvidere; Mrs. Moorehead, of Philadelphia; Mrs. M. T. Lathrop, of Michigan; Mrs. T. C. Bodine, of Dunellen; Miss H. K. Patterson, of Middletown; Mrs. E. C. Greenman, Boonton; Mrs. T. M. Moore, Passaic; Mrs. J. T. Ellis, Ocean Grove; Mrs. H. H. Forrest, Philadelphia; Mrs. C. C. Ellerson, New York; Miss M. W. Osborne, Middletown; Mrs. Dr. Church, Passaic; Mrs. C. Hoffman, Missouri; Miss Jesse C. Ellis, Ocean Grove, and many others. The programme of work was wide, liberal and seemed to embrace all phases of the work,

and was most efficiently carried out. All honor to those devout and aggressive women, who are doing so much to bring to a successful issue, the great national reform which is now so profoundly agitating the nation. Without their help, men will fail, with it, though long delayed, *ultimate success is sure.*

African Methodist Episcopal Jubilee.

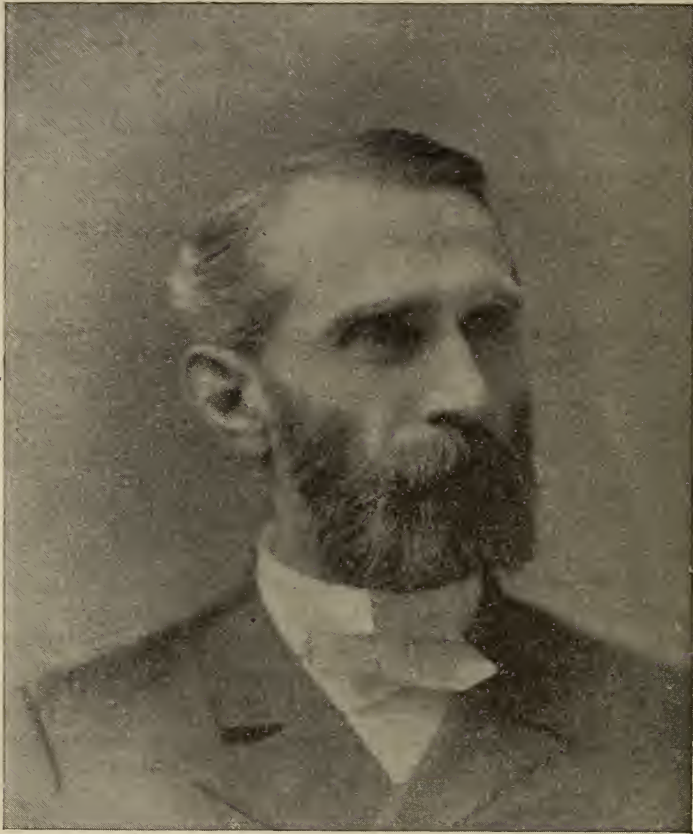
It may seem strange to those outside, who have never attended one of these gathering at this place, that the annual meeting of these sable sons of Africa, on our platform and in the Auditorium, is looked forward to with as much, if not more interest, than almost any other. This grows out of the fact that they bring with them an amount of intelligent enthusiasm, which spreads in all directions, kindling a corresponding fervor in every heart.

Over a thousand of these people came on the excursion trains from New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Trenton. Bishop Campbell, though feeble, was among the number, and as earnest and enthusiastic as ever. Bishop Wayman also added interest to the occasion.

Dr. John Peter Samson, Rev. J. M. Palmer, once a prohibition candidate for Congress, Rev. Dr. Derrick, missionary secretary, and others, made addresses, and Professor Beckett with his celebrated quartette, rendered such singing as moved, melted, comforted and blessed every heart, until eyes unused to weeping, wept, and all were helped. Contributions to their missionary work were volunteered, and their hearts were happy in the help received.

Principals of Methodist Seminaries.

This is a National Association and held its Annual Meeting here on Friday, July 12th, and continued until Saturday, noon, July 13th. Conference meetings were held, in which educational interests generally were discussed, methods compared, and such other matters as may be calculated to promote the general welfare considered. Dr. Geo. M. Steel, of Wilbraham Academy, Mass., was elected President; Dr. Hanlon, of Pennington Seminary, N. J., Vice-President, and A. H. Flack, of Claverack, Secretary. The Association adjourned to meet at this place next year, and remain over the Sabbath, requesting Dr. Gray, of Williamsport, Pa., to preach on Sabbath morning.



REV. B. B. LOOMIS, PH. D.

Superintendent of Instruction Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly.

Ocean Grove Sunday School Assembly

Was held this year, July 13-23. Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis, Superintendent of Instruction, aided by Mrs. B. B. Loomis, Miss Minnie Loomis, Rev. J. F. Clymer, with Prof. J. R. Sweny as Musical Director. The sermons, lectures, oration, &c., were delivered by the following: Dr. Merritt Hulburd, Philadelphia; Peter Von Finklestein, Philadelphia; Rev. Henry A. Starks, A. M., Burlington, Vt.; Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., Lancaster, Pa. The sermons were by Rev. F. E. Clark, Boston, Mass.; Rev. John Handley, Bridgeton, N. J.; Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of Board of Education, and Rev. A. H. Bradford, D. D., Montclair, N. J. The commencement oration was delivered on Tuesday

morning, July 23d. All of these gentlemen acquitted themselves with distinguished honor. The three lectures of Peter Von Finklestein, Esq., on the different phases of Syrian and Judean life, illustrating many passages of Scripture, the meaning of which had hitherto been obscure, so



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Oriental Lecturer.

interested and instructed, as that the vast audiences increased from night to night, and made such profound impressions as will not be forgotten. The concert given by Professor Sweney, and his well trained and efficient choir, was so well rendered as to call forth a beautiful tribute of thanks,

signed by Dr. S. W. Thomas, of Philadelphia, and Professor Clymer, of Boston, which on being read by the President, was carried by acclamation and a triumphant waving of handkerchiefs.

Charles D. Kellogg, Esq., the Syracuse bird warbler, added greatly to the interest of all the evening sessions, during all the Assembly's closing week, and at the concert also.

Chautauqua Day was the culmination of interest of all the previous days. The weather fine, the procession large, the music good, the flower girls beautiful, and the oration of Dr. Payne, at 11 o'clock, a masterly success. In the afternoon, it took nearly two hours to call over the names and distribute diplomas to 101 little boys and girls from Mrs. Loomis' class; 27 from Prof. Clymer's students; and six out of those who followed the divinity studies conducted by Dr. Loomis,—besides the 60 Chautauqua graduates, many of whose diplomas had five, six, and some of them seven seals. In the evening there was a reception at the Arlington, which was followed by a huge camp fire on the beach.

The whole Assembly was a success, and reflects great credit upon Dr. Loomis, the Superintendent of Instruction, and those associated with him.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

Came with a fine programme on Wednesday, July 24th, with Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, President of the New Jersey Branch, presiding. The following were her able co-laborers and assistants in the work: Mrs. J. T. Ellis; Miss Jane M. Bancroft; Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey Branch; Miss Carrie H. Snyder, Missionary at Morristown, Tenn.; Miss Elizabeth F. Pierce, of Boston; Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Secretary Bureau of Emigration; Mrs. H. A. Matthews, Missionary at Castle Garden, N. Y.; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, President Philadelphia Branch; Mrs. Bishop Harris; Mrs. Ellen J. Foster, of Iowa; Mrs. A. Kent, Chairman Ex. Board, N. J. Branch. The whole day was filled up with able papers and strong addresses full of inspiration, and the memorial service for the lamented President of the Society, Mrs. Lucy B. Hayes, touching and tender. It is a great and good work in which these godly women are engaged, and they well deserve the thanks of the nation, and are receiving the blessing of God.

Inter-Denominational Bible Conference.

The Inter-Denominational Bible Conference was held this year, July 25-30, Dr. L. W. Munhall presiding. Some of the ablest Bible expositors of the land were present and stirred the hearts of thousands by their wonderful unfolding of the Word of God. Among these were, in addition

to the leader, Dr. W. J. Eardman, Albert Eardman, Arthur T. Pierson, W. G. Moorehead, Geo. C. Needham, and others. This series of Bible expositions by men of such varied learning from different parts of the country, occupying platforms and pulpits among the leading denominations of evangelical Christians, all harmonizing on the great fundamental doctrines, and presented with the Christly spirit impresses the audiences profoundly, and rises with intensity of interest every year.

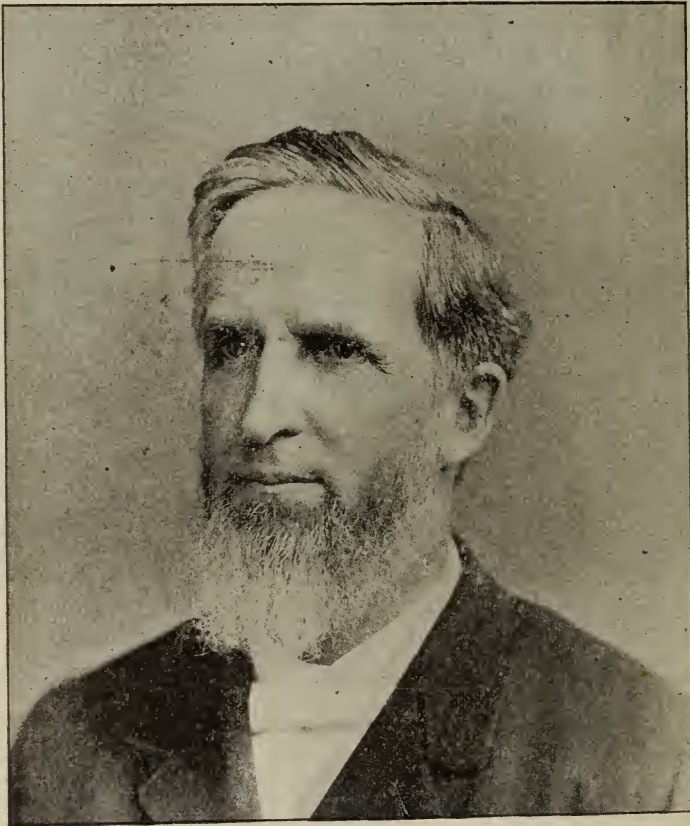


A TEMPERANCE MEETING.

National Temperance and Publication Society.

Mountain difficulties lie in the way of all reforms, and to Reformers, unless they be men of unrelenting will and unremitting toil, success will never come. This is true of the Temperance Reformation. The current sets in strong, and we hope for a speedy entrance into the port of rest, when, in unexpected ways and at unlooked-for times, a hidden rock is struck, and the stream eddies round and takes a backward course; no matter, though the way is thereby a little more circuitous, its course is *steady towards the sea*, and with a strong, full tide in God's best time, will surely reach it. The Bull Run defeat was the shortest way to the Nation's triumph. With these convictions the unfaltering legions came tramping on led by the intrepid Stearns, and Fisk, and Steel, and Lawson, and

Carswell, and Hamilton, and Dixon, and Morris, and Bain, and Hubbard, and Livermore, and Coleman, who for five successive days, from July 31st to August 4th, poured shot, shell and every other agency of aggressive warfare into the enemies' ranks, inspiring the weak, arousing the sluggish, stirring up the laggards and flaunting the flag of triumph in the face of every foe. The audiences were large from the beginning; Sweney led the singing finely, all the speakers were unusually good, Bain never better, and the whole meeting a high success.

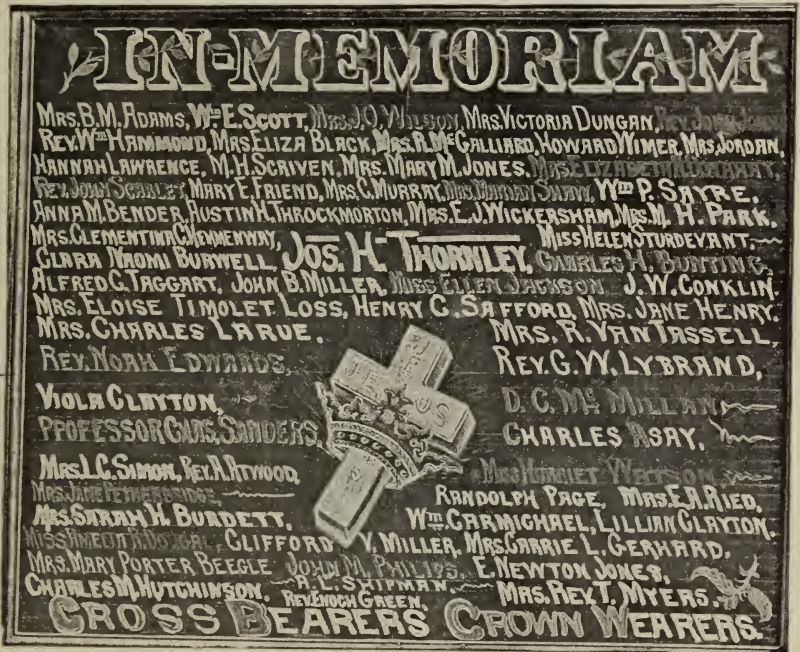


REV. CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D., LL. D.
Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thornley Chapel.

The evening of July 31st, being the anniversary of our first little informal meeting at this place, July 31st, 1869, and always commemorated by a prayer meeting, was this year, so far changed, in the character of its

service as to make it the occasion of the dedication of Thornley Chapel. This seemed especially appropriate because it was in his tent at the foot of what is now Thompson Park, twenty years ago, that this meeting was held. The preliminary services were held in the Auditorium, where Dr. Hulburd, of Spring Garden Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, gave an excellent address, on the Christian Merchant, after which, about \$400.00, the balance needed to pay for the reconstruction, was received, when, so many as could find sitting or standing room, repaired to the chapel, where Bishop Foss, assisted by a large number of ministers, solemnly dedicated the building to the service and worship of Almighty God. It has been used constantly ever since, and much good has already been accomplished.



Memorial Day

Occurred on Monday evening, August 5th. To many this is one of the most tender and touching services of the whole season. Why not? It is as sacred and beautiful as placing a fragrant and fresh cut flower over a new made grave. Not a time of hopeless sorrow, but of joyful anticipations, with the full hope of eternal reunions just beyond.

In preparation for the service, a list of all whom we know, as in any

way connected with Ocean Grove, ministers, workers, residents, permanent or transient, on the grounds, members of the Association and their families, who have departed this life since the last Memorial Day, is made out mainly from the columns of the *Ocean Grove Record*, where all obituary notices appear if they are duly forwarded to the editor. These names are placed on a large blackboard, prepared by Major Patterson, and hung back of the platform in sight of all. The foregoing cut is an exact transcript of this board, by photograph, and contains all the names known to us, as belonging to it.

After reading the names, sweet songs are sung, heart tributes made, sorrows are soothed, tears are dried, hopes brightened, heaven comes nearer, and all are blest.

The King's Daughters.

I. H. N., have become familiar initials, and are known to most as meaning "*In His Name*," the sacred motto of the "King's Daughters." Their symbol is a Maltese Cross, usually tied to the dress with a purple ribbon. The convention convened on Tuesday, August 6th. A preliminary prayer meeting was held in Thornley Chapel, from 8 to 9 A. M., led by Mrs. Bottome. A workers' conference was held at 10.30 in Y. P. Temple, Mrs. Bottome presiding. The President gave them a hearty greeting. Mrs. Davis, Secretary of the Central Council, prayed, and also read a number of letters from those not able to be present. The Tens reported: One Ten reads Sunday afternoons to people who will not go to church; another is called the Neighborly Ten; another Ten supports a Mission in Nebraska; another had erected a Church in Florida, where there had been none for twenty years. Other Tens are: a Musical Ten; Social Ten; Patient Ten; Ministering Ten; Welcoming Ten; Cross-Bearing Ten; Bible Lesson Ten; Heavenward Ten; Hospital Ten; Soul Winning Ten; Watchful Ten; Self-Forgetful Ten; Unselfish Ten. In the afternoon, Mrs. Bottome and Mrs. Davis gave addresses. The evening was given to a social reception at the Sheldon House, which was greatly enjoyed.

The Deaconess Convention.

The recognized order of Deaconesses is new among us, and this their First Annual Convention. It was held two days, Wednesday and Thursday, August 7th and 8th, under the General Superintendence of Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, M. D., of Chicago Training School, and Deaconess's Home. Very able addresses were delivered by Rev. Henry Wheeler; Miss Jane Bancroft, Ph. D.; Rev. Louis Nippert, D.D.; Bishop Hurst; Bishop Ninde; Mrs. Bottome; Mrs. Lucy Rider Myers; Rev. Morris

D. C. Crawford, D. D.; Dr. Merritt Hulburd, and others. All the meetings were presided over by Hon. William Blackstone, of Chicago, who by his genial presence, sprightly manner, and intense soul interest, gave inspiration to every session. This new order, going forth with its new ecclestial sanctions bestowed at the late General Conference, May,



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1888, with such an array of able speakers, together with the wide, varied and important range of subjects, so admirably discussed, caused the whole convention to pass off with an eclat, not always given to unfledged movements. But this new benevolence, the immediate outgrowth of the Christly spirit, seemingly full fledged at birth, plumes itself at once for the loftiest flights. It is a real joy to us, that so many of those who are

leaders in this great movement, and have already given to the church a line of high-toned literature on the subject, are among our most valued and esteemed summer citizens of Ocean Grove; Mrs. Lucy R. Myers, Miss Jane Bancroft, and Rev. H. Wheeler. We pray for the divine blessing upon the whole work, and that it may have the widest possible success.

New Jersey Sabbath Union.

This organization, laboring directly along our own lines, in endeavoring to promote the sanctity of the Sabbath, is always welcome. It met this year, on Friday, August 9th, Rev. J. H. Knowles, presiding. The speakers were Revs. J. H. Knowles, T. A. Fernley, J. B. Richardson, G. R. Snyder, Geo. May Powell, Wm. H. McCormick, G. W. Browning, A. J. Palmer, and Frank Russell. The subjects discussed were, "The saloon conspiracy against Sunday laws; the efforts made to substitute the Continental Sunday for the American Sabbath; the destructive influence of the Sunday newspaper; and the indifference of many professing Christians as to the perils of the Sabbath, and how to remedy them."

Strong resolutions were also passed, encouraging all who are in any way laboring to promote the sanctity of the Sabbath, to persevere in the great and important work. It was thought to be one of the very best meetings of the kind that had been held upon these grounds.

Dickinson College Day.

The faculty, students and numerous friends of Dickinson College, met with their new, and gifted President, Rev. Geo. E. Reed, D. D., on Tuesday, August 13th.

Services in the Auditorium, Dr. J. Y. Dobbins, presiding. Among the visitors present, were Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President; Dr. Ridgeway, Gen. Fisk, Professors Harmon, Wilson, Whiting, Dare, Rittenhouse, Morgan, Durell, Baker, Hillman, Gen. H. G. King, Drs. Neely, G. B. Wight, and S. W. Thomas and Messrs. Allison, Dr. Bird and Hon. C. B. Lore. The arrangements for the days exercises were in the hands of Gen. Rusling and Dr. Dobbins. The speeches, all hopeful and happy, were by President Reed who said, among many other excellent things, "that with a million dollars for endowment he could manage five hundred students, and hoped to have them;" Dr. H. B. Ridgeway, Gen. Fisk, Prof. Harmon, Wilson, Whiting, Dare, Rittenhouse and Gen. King. The reception at the Arlington was an occasion of great social interest, and a carnival on the lake terminated a high day for grand old Dickinson.

Women's Encouragement Meetings.

Three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 14, 15 and 16, were set apart for these services. Each day has a different leader: Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Mrs. Rev. J. S. Inskip, who call to their aid such persons as they can reach. This year they had ample help in Mrs. Grace Weiser Davis, Mrs. Laura Crane, Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, Miss Lizzie Boyd, Miss Nettie Van Name, and many others. The object is encouragement to the unsaved to come at once to Christ; the despondent to trust wholly in the atonement, and those still struggling with inbred sin to

"To plunge into the purple flood,
And rise in all the life of God."

These sisters always succeed in their work, and by many their meetings are enjoyed more than any others.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society opened in the Young People's Temple on Saturday morning, August 17th, Mrs. Dr. Stokes presiding. Mrs. Skidmore called upon the Conference and District Secretaries, who reported their methods of work; and Mrs. Rev. W. B. Osborn, formerly of India, made an earnest and eloquent address, which moved all hearts, on the great need of more aggressive work in heathen lands.

The afternoon was taken up with reports, and addresses by Miss Layton, formerly of Calcutta; Mrs. M. S. Wheeler; a letter from Mutha Mora, India, and Rev. G. Hughes gave the latest intelligence from his daughter Mary, now at work in India. The day closed with a grand experience meeting in the Temple, in which glowing hearts and gifted lips testified of the grace of God which prompted them to go forth in such holy work. On Sabbath morning, Dr. W. A. Spencer, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society preached a soul-moving sermon, from Matthew 10: 30, after which a basket collection of \$630.68 was secured. In the afternoon there was a large attendance; addresses were delivered by Mrs. Dr. Baldwin, Miss Hu Kug Eng, a young lady from China, when further subscriptions were taken, which added to the morning collection and that taken at the Young People's Temple, through Mr. Tatum, on Monday morning, made a grand total of \$1603.66.

The Ocean Grove Auxiliary Society was formed in 1872. The first collection ever taken by the Association, to aid in that work, was in 1877. Up to the present time the whole has amounted to \$6,228.68. This means basket collections only. The whole amount raised by the Society from the beginning, including basket collections, is \$16,603.68.

The Annual Camp-Meeting.

No one in any department of responsibility at Ocean Grove can be indifferent on the approach of the Annual Camp-Meeting, any more than an officer, whatever his grade or rank, can be indifferent on the eve of a coming battle. In the latter case, life will be at stake and death will come to some; in the former, soul destinies are involved and eternal life or undying death will be the result. Many, coming within the reach of saving influences, will yield thereto, or resisting, pass the line of probability, and drift out upon the ebbing tide of hope, and far from the life boat of salvation, sink upon a sunless, moonless, starless shore of gloom. Believing these things, as we all profess, who can be indifferent? Who will not dew his cheeks with tears, or bow his head and heart in an intense agony of inexpressible solicitude, that some agency or influence may be employed by which the almost uncounted thousands upon these grounds, thrown within our reach by the swirl of summer circumstances, may be brought to the foot of the cross? What high and life-long joy has been experienced within a few hundred yards of where we sit, when some master, mate, or obscure oarsman of our life-saving crew has succeeded in throwing the line to some fellow-being sinking in the briny waves for the last time, and then the rope being grasped has drawn the almost lifeless one in triumph to a place of safety. Oh, what tides of blessedness when the saved man, just able to speak, exclaims, "GOD BLESS YOU," while the excited multitudes rend the air with well merited applause, and finally, the government, dignified and slow, bestows its golden badge of honor.

But what are all these things to the salvation of one immortal soul? Oh, what multitudes are sinking into the dark waters of despair, while we hold in our hands the lines of influence and hope with which to save. To the life-crew there is imminent peril in every rescue. To us there is not only no risk, but an added life of a diviner joy. The life-boat goes out alone in the dark wild tempest; the Camp-Meeting is a concentration of soul-saving agencies launched out by concerted action in the sunlight of God's smile to rescue a human soul. That all may be profoundly moved to put forth the right hand of holiest strength to secure the largest aggregations of the saved is the absorbing anxiety of all upon whom the arrangements of a camp-meeting rest. Counsel is taken, plans are made, prayers offered, the best agencies in reach sought, and God looked to and relied on for success. So the Camp-Meeting this year, as in all years, commenced, continued, closed.

On Monday morning, August 19th, from 10.30 to 11.30, concentrated and intense prayer was offered by the throngs gathered at the Auditorium

for success to attend our work. At night, nearly 2000 of God's people reconsecrated themselves for worship and work in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On Tuesday, the 20th, all the meetings commenced. Consecration Meeting in Tabernacle, Rev. R. J. Andrews, 5.45 A. M.; Family Devotions, Auditorium, 6.45 A. M., President; Holiness Meetings, 9 o'clock, Mrs. Dr. Palmer; Young People's Meeting, 9 o'clock, C. H. Yatman; Helping Hand, Thornley Chapel, Rev. R. J. Andrews; Public Services, Auditorium, 10.30 A. M., 3 and 7.30 P. M.; Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meeting, Tabernacle, 1.30 P. M.; Mothers' Meeting, Thornley Chapel, 2 P. M., Mrs. Wheeler; Children's Meeting, Temple, 2 P. M., Mrs. Inskip; Workers Training Class, 4 P. M., Yatman; Twilight Services, Temple, 6.30 P. M., Yatman.

At 10.30 A. M., a vast congregation assembled to hear Bishop Newman. He selected for his text, Hebrews, 12 : 14, "Holiness, without which, no man shall see the Lord." "The text proclaims the great law of character. This term 'holiness' is not fully understood, in or outside of the church. It would be better rendered as 'character completed.' Such an idea of holiness, wholeness, or completeness comes within the limits of possibility. Happiness is not to flow in upon us, but outward. Ask me where heaven is, and I will answer, 'where God is.' Heaven and hell are as much, or more, in character than locality." He cited the case of Job to show that when all else was gone, he still had integrity and character. When Morrison, of China, goes to heaven, God will send Gabriel for the humble Sunday School teacher who first brought that man, so widely known and honored, to the feet of Jesus. He will say, bring that woman here, and let me crown her character."

This great sermon was succeeded by others great and grand, as follows : Rev. W. P. Davis, D. D., N. J.; Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., Dover, Del.; Rev. O. A. Brown, D. D., New York; Rev. Frank Cookman, Newark Conference; Rev. C. J. Young, Elberon Reformed Church; Rev. Duncan McGregor, D. D., Brooklyn; Rev. J. W. Jackson, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. Ezra Tinker, D. D., N. Y. Conference; Rev. T. B. Neely, D. D., Philadelphia; Rev. W. Mc K. Darwood; Rev. Olin B. Coit, Clinton, N. J.; Rev. Benj. Senior, London, England; Rev. Wm. Lawrence, Brooklyn; Rev. Jay B. Hamilton, Brooklyn; Rev. H. A. Cleveland, D. D., Indianapolis; Rev. R. J. Westwood, Camden, N. J.; Rev. I. Simmons, N. Y.; Chaplin Given, Hartford, N. J.; Rev. C. H. McAnney, New York; Rev. R. M. Stratten, D. D., Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.; Rev. P. Corson, N. J.; Rev. James Rodgers, Beverly, N. J.; Rev. Thomas Hanlon, D. D., Pennington Seminary; Rev. A. B. Richardson, Camden, N. J.; Rev. W. P. George, D. D., Newark Conference; Rev. J. E. Adams, Morristown, N. J.;

Rev. C. K. Marshall, D. D., Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. W. W. Cookman, Philadelphia Conference; Rev. W. H. Millburn, D. D., Chaplain U. S. Congress; Rev. Thos. Dixon, of the Baptist Church, New York City, and Rev. Thos. L. Poulson, D. D., of Brooklyn. Thirty-two, all of which came in the demonstration of the Spirit, accomplishing their God-given work, while some towered to immense altitudes, sublime in conception, granite in



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strength, majestic in measure, flowering out in spiritual fragrance and splendor, awing, subduing and elevating all.

The Sabbath was matchless—the weather fine—the multitudes immense, the love-feast overwhelming. The sermons of Dr. Cleveland, Bro. McAnney, and Dr. Stratton at the Auditorium, and those in the Temple, Auditorium, and at the Beach, where overflow meetings were held, and were of intensest interest, and culminating power.

The last day came—a day of aggressive glory! The expectant crowds were present at an early hour. At exactly 9 A. M., the Baptismal service

began. Thirty-one of the precious lambs of the flock, were sweetly enfolded by the Saviour's invitation, in the divine embrace, as parents or guardians pledge to nurture them in the ways of God. Then followed the Holy Communion! What sacred stillness! The hum of human voices hushed, the overshadowings of Divinity are felt. "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him."

A hundred ministers from the various denominations, with over two thousand of God's beloved children, some just saved, others revived, refreshed, renewed in the spirit of their minds gather about the altar, with joy too great for words, and receive the holy emblems of the Saviour's sufferings and death, then retire to their seats, and bowing before the risen Lord, ask His continued blessing. Now, a long train of children, a part of the newly saved, at Mrs. Inskip's meeting in the Temple, march down the aisle, following their leaders, amid the sobs, tears, and expressions of holy pleasure on the part of profoundly interested friends, bow at the altar, and intelligently and reverently receive the holy emblems; the sweet song follows them as they retire:

"When He cometh, when He cometh to make up His jewels."

Then Professor Sweney, with his faithful choir, descend from the platform, and with eyes filled with tears, and lips tremulous with holy song, bow together, and at the foot of the cross reconsecrate themselves to holy service, and as they still kneel—sing

"Hover o'er us Holy Spirit,
Bathe my trembling heart and brow."

Now, the last participant has come and gone, and the white cloth, emblem of purity, is spread over the sacred utensils, and the communion ends.

The President gives a brief review of the meeting as a whole, thanks all, from first to last who have participated therein, gives an approximate statement of results, which will be found on the page after the general recapitulation, and when about to start around the Auditorium in the concluding procession; the proceedings were interrupted as follows:

"WHEREAS: This meeting closes twenty years of active service rendered by Rev. Dr. Stokes, as superintendent of the spiritual interests of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting; therefore,

"Resolved, That we record our high appreciation of his invaluable services to the cause of God and Methodism, and also to the General Church of Christ, and will most earnestly pray for the continuance of his life and health.

S. W. THOMAS, Philadelphia.

JAMES MOORE, New Jersey."

To this resolution, the vast audience gave its silent assent, by the waving of thousands of handkerchiefs. The President thanked them

from his heart, and said, "I can not shake hands with you all personally, in recognition of this compliment, but I reach out my hand to you all; as many as will shake hands with me, please do the same." It seemed as if thousands of hands were simultaneously extended, when Dr. Marshall, of Mississippi, stepped forward, saying, "And now, Doctor, let Northern and Southern Methodism shake hands also;" instantly the hands of each were firmly clasped, amid the general joy. After marching around the Auditorium twice, and returning to the platform, in response to an earnest appeal and question from Mr. Yatman, just before adjournment, "How many unconverted persons in this building will in this solemn moment, accept Christ as their personal Saviour?" thirty-two persons, arose, and said they would. Then, after an earnest prayer, and devout pledge that we would endeavor to meet in heaven, the President, with uplifted hands, and closed eyes, said, "I pronounce the Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the year 1889 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 God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, rest upon, and abide with you all forever. Amen."

Having reached this point of my annual report, I now give you the following :

Recapitulation.

Experience Meetings,	11
Sermons,	63
Addresses,	447
Song Services,	13
Holiness Meetings,	68
Young People's Meetings,	63
Sabbath Schools (27,039 persons),	10
Meetings for Men only,	8
" " Women only	3
Chinese Sabbath Schools, average 15,	8
Surf Meetings,	10
Fourth of July Celebration,	1
Orations,	2
Women's Christian Temperance Union,	6
Devotional, 10; Family Devotions, 9,	19
Workers' Conference,	16
Bible Readings, 3; Bible Institute, 7,	10
African Methodist Episcopal Church Jubilee,	2
Methodist Seminary,	5
Spring Garden M. E. Church Prayer Meetings--Thornley Chapel,	5
Anniversary and Dedication of Chapel,	1
Question Box,	3

Lecture on Jerusalem,	5
“ “ Palestine—Von Finklestein,	3
“ “ different subjects,	2
Stereopticon Exhibition,	1
Boys' and Girls' Hour,	7
Normal Hour,	20
Elim Cottage Meetings,	4
Women's Foreign Missionary Services,	7
Elim Cottage,	5
Mothers,	7
Converts' Services of Song,	5
Recognition and Chautauqua Round Table,	3
Receptions,	4
Women's Home Missionary,	4
• Inter-Denominational Bible Conference,	14
National Temperance Publication Society,	12
Memorial Service,	2
King's Daughters,	2
Training Class,	11
Deaconess' Meetings,	6
New Jersey Sabbath Union,	3
Children's Meetings,	15
Dickinson College,	2
Unconverted Meetings,	2
Women's Encouragement Meetings,	5
Sacraments (3776 communicants),	2
Helping Hand,	7
Twilight,	8
Mrs. Lizzie Smith's Meetings,	7
Love Feast,	1

The results of the meetings as far as reported, are as follows :

Converted,	537
Sanctified,	425
Especially Helped,	7,300
Children Baptized,	31
Total,	8,293

In this statement there is no report from Mrs. Smith's meeting, or from Mrs. Wheeler's Mothers' Meeting, both of which were more than usually successful, and from some of the other meetings the reports are only in part.

I have thus given you, as best I could, the details of our twentieth year. It is but a partial and imperfect showing. The full statement and final results must be left for the revelations of the eternal day. I am glad it is so. If we knew all now, there would be nothing left us for sweet surprises in the world beyond. As it is, we shall meet these surprises at every turn.

Twenty Years by the Sea! What hath God wrought?

TWENTY YEARS AGO—

Here slept in dreamy silence,
 Covered with drifting sand,
 Uncoveted, forsaken,
 A worthless piece of land.
 Sea kissed it in the morning,
 As smiled the dewy light;
 Sea bathed its brow at noonday,
 And sung its rest at night.

Now—

Joy bounds along the pathways,
 The lakes are full of glee;
 Behold in growing beauty
 A city by the sea.
 The trees clap hands together,
 Dews jewel every sod;
 Each home is full of gladness,
 The people worship God.

But, not only a city by the sea—this will perish, as do all things beneath the sun, but that which is infinitely better, and for which this place was founded, and for which it has been conducted—thousands have been converted, thousands purified, and tens, if not hundreds of thousands helped on their joyous pilgrim way to heaven.

Then, let us toil on, brothers,
 In earnest toil for men;
 Toil like the weary workers
 On mountain and in glen.
 But not for gems of splendor,
 Nor for earth's golden ore;
 But toil for human spirits
 Which live forevermore.

Thankful for all the past, let us gird ourselves anew for this hallowed service, until the Master shall say, "It is enough, come up higher." Until then, God bless you all. Amen.

E. H. STOKES, *President.*

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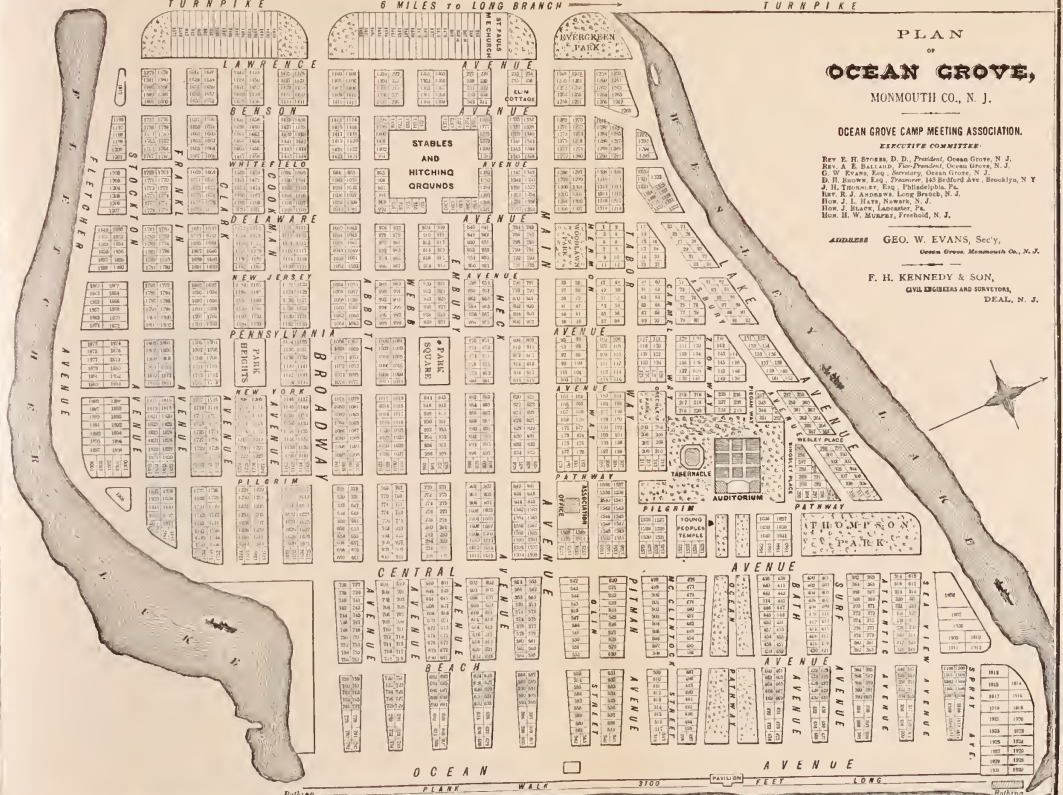
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*The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the
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Organized Wednesday, December 22, 1869,
In Trinity M. E. Church,
Trenton, N. J.*

*Yourself and family are cordially invited to be present
and participate in the
Twentieth Anniversary Services Commemorative of the Event,
On Sabbath and Monday, December 22 and 23, 1889,
as given in programme.*

In behalf of Association,

Geo. W. Evans, Sec'y.

E. H. Stokes, Pres't.

PROGRAMME.

Sabbath, December 22.

- 10.30 A. M.—Annual Sermon, Rev. Dr. Stokes, at St. Paul's
M. E. Church, Ocean Grove.
3.00 P. M.—Anniversary Experience Meeting, Association
Hall.
7.00 P. M.—Platform Meeting, participated in by Members of
the Association, St. Paul's M. E. Church.

Monday, December 23.

- 11.00 A. M.—Prayer and Consecration Service, at Thornley
Chapel.
1.00 P. M.—Members of the Association and their families
dine at the Atlantic House.
7.30 to 9.30 P. M.—Social Reception for Citizens of Ocean
Grove, Association Hall.

“In the Beginning, God.”

A SERMON PREACHED IN ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, OCEAN GROVE,
N. J., DECEMBER 22, 1889, BEING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE OCEAN GROVE CAMP
MEETING ASSOCIATION OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

BY REV. E. H. STOKES, D. D.

“In the Beginning, God.”—*Gen. 1:1.*

What simple, yet sublime abruptness! No attempt to prove, explain, to show how, or in what manner, but briefly, majestically, irresistibly, overwhelmingly, “In the Beginning, God.” Why should there be an attempt to *prove*? Facts are greater than arguments! Yonder, in the far-off sky, is a world—vast, incomprehensible. Here, equally so, on the beach, is a grain of sand. Where did they come from? Who made them? Where are they going? What for? Did they grow? Where did the seed come from? Did they make themselves? “None but the fool hath said,” (and he not in his head, but in his heart, because he desired it to be so) “*there is no God.*” *Things are*, and therefore, *God is! Mystery?* Yes, the world is full of mystery! Your soul and body have been dwelling together for twenty, forty, sixty, seventy years. Do you know how?

One said, and it was a masterly conclusion. “*I am*, O God, and surely, thou must be.”

All argument to prove God's existence is like holding out a taper at noonday, to show us the sunlight. The facts are greater than the arguments. The first verse in the Bible is a great shoreless Ocean of sudden and overwhelming sunburst, amid the original

darkness; “*In the Beginning, God.*” God the uncreated creator, the self-existent, the infinite, eternal, incomprehensible *Almighty!* Duration without beginning or end; existence without bound or dimension; present without past or future; without birth or death; no youth, no old age; day without night; no yesterday, no to-morrow; “fairer than the moon, brighter than the sun, more glorious than an army with banners.”

“In the Beginning!” When was that? Before Moses, before Abraham, before Methuselah, or Adam, or the world; before time commenced its march, before the morning stars, before the angels, before anything! There was *nothing but God!*

Go back through uncounted ages, multiplied, millions, myriads, cycles, billions, trillions, quadrillions, quintillions, sextillions, septillions, octillions, pathless and interminable wildernesses and shoreless oceans of figures until the mind, dizzy with the topless heights and unfathomed depths, reels beneath the pressure, and fails to reach the beginning of Him who had no beginning: God! the always *was*, the always *is*, and the always *to be*. And if we multiply all these things by a thousand eternities, we can conceive no period when God was not. Go where we

may, God was there before us. Do what we will, he knows it all. "In the beginning, God."

What shall I do? I cannot comprehend,
Unmeasured length, and breadth, and depth
and height;

Vast, shoreless oceans, with vast oceans blend,
And everywhere I see the Infinite;
Out and away, through starry paths of gold,
Beyond mind's utmost reach, great fiery worlds
unfold.

Suns blaze in splendor, in the far-off sky,
Great steeps of light with altitudes unknown;
And silent worlds through ranks of grandeur fly,
Heeding the mandates of the Central Throne,
Where high Archangel never yet has trod,
They march and countermarch at the behest of
God.

Eternal might! Holding supreme control!
Which was, and is, and hence shall ever be;
His breath, the breath of every human soul,
And His own lifetime all eternity.
What can I do? I bow down and adore,
Lost in unfathomed love, His own, forever more.

I hear His footsteps on the wave-washed shore,
I see his garments in the flaming sky;
I hear His voice amid the thunder's roar,
And lightning gleams are flashes of His eye;
Suns, stars, and systems; He doth all things fill,
Yet our adoring souls claim Him as Father still.

This God, the eternally imperishable;
the Alpha and Omega; the first and the
last; the beginning and the end; filling
immensity, is Ocean Grove's foundation.

At the first little informal meeting held
upon these grounds, more than twenty
years ago, the motto came unsought, a
sudden ingush, and then as sudden out-
gush. "In the *beginning, God.*" We
seized it as from heaven, and ever since
have rested on it, *as our corner stone.*

The foundation being thus, so incom-
prehensibly wonderful, should have a
wonderfully marvelous superstructure
reared upon it? So, I believe every man
composing this organization felt at the be-
ginning, and so I believe they feel this
day.

To lead this audience, many of whom
do not well understand our original object
and aim, to a clear understanding of the
matter, some explanatory remarks are
necessary. Far back in the history of the
past, indeed, from the beginning, rest from

the wear and tear of life has been a
necessity. Human nature cannot endure
uninterrupted toil. In the earlier ages
life was simpler, and the habits of men
such as afforded somewhat of the needed
rest in the rural pursuits furnished from
day to day. But, as time rolled on, and a
higher type of civilization obtained, brain
and nerve were taxed to the last degree by
these refinements, until the physical sys-
tem was often prostrated and the mind im-
periled. In our own land, and during the
last half century, trade has grown to vast
proportions, so that from the merchant
prince to the vendor of the smallest
wares, the newsboy and bootblack, each
and all find competitors which seem to
speak with a voice almost omnipotent, "thus
far and no farther;" while he whose mis-
sion is to deal chiefly with the intellect
and heart, the statesman in the halls of
legislation, the orator on the platform, the
minister in the pulpit, the scientist in his
investigations, the author at his desk—to
meet the heavy strain made upon them by
an increasingly intellectual age, finds him-
self worn until brain and muscle both cry
out with a voice that takes no denial, *Rest!*
The haggard brow, the tottering steps, the
irritated nerves, the sudden paralysis, the
multiplying subjects of the insane asy-
lum—all cry, *Overwork!*

These truths are of general application,
and their force and magnitude daily in-
crease.

Years ago, the citizen asked: "What
shall we do for relief?" Spend a few
weeks in the country was among the
things suggested. But, as the population
increased, there were more needing such
places than there were places to be had,
to say nothing of the burden such an ar-
rangement imposed upon the country
housewife. Just about this time, the
mind began to take in the fact that the
Lord Jesus Christ, while upon earth, re-
cognized the need of rest, when he said to
his weary and worn disciples: "Come ye
yourselves apart into a desert place, and
rest awhile."

Then summer resorts sprang up to meet a felt want. The mountains, sea shore, valleys, glens, cataracts, sulphur springs and river sides were sought out and soon became centres of attraction. Cape May and the Catskills are among our first remembrances. These all had their adherents, and served their purpose.

But there was another element of society increasing and becoming more and more powerful every day, yet unprovided for. It was the religious element. For a long while and by many it was thought that to become a Christian was to ignore almost everything but the Bible, prayer, and absolute seclusion. A better education, however, revealed the fact that a man might be a Christian, and yet, in a proper and religious sense, enjoy all that was really good upon earth; indeed, that the religious man is the only one who in the highest and best sense enjoys the world. This class, like others, worn with the toils of professional and business life, needed rest like others, and they said, "We want to enjoy the sea and the air, and the bathing and the fishing—the sea and the air are God's works, and for us, and we need them. Can we not have them *free* from the dissipations and follies of fashionable watering places, and at a cost within our reach?"

These were important questions, and were asked by thousands. To these men the fashionable watering places had no attractions, neither the society nor the employments were congenial. The cost, too, was often more than their incomes would allow. They wanted to rest and recreate—to fish, to sail, to bathe, to walk along the surf, to admire the sublime and beautiful on the calm or stormy sea, to inhale the ocean air, to enjoy from year to year all that nature had in store for them, but all to be subordinate to morality and religion. This they desired because they knew that all recreation, or so-called pleasure, divorced from religion, would degenerate into absolute sin, and instead of being rest, would prove exhausting

labor. Not only should all pleasure be subordinate to religion, but pleasure taken thus is a thousand times sweeter from that fact alone. Religion and recreation should go hand in hand. Separate them, and religion grows morose, and recreation will soon become sinful. Blended, both are beautiful. The first crude thought was, to find somewhere along the coast, a little plot of ground where a few might get the privilege of pitching their tents for a while in the summer, where they could enjoy themselves, having such services intermingled as convenience or inclination might suggest. But, it was a long while before this crude thought gathered sufficient strength to assume definite shape. Finally, after a thorough exploration of the New Jersey coast, the grounds now occupied, having beautiful fresh water lakes on either side, an extended grove, and a splendid ocean front, were selected as well adapted to the end desired. On the day of our first visit nothing could have been more unsightly. After leaving the open country, where the road crosses Deal Lake, all was an unbroken solitude.

Crossing Long Pond, now Wesley Lake, and turning into the thicket just where the entrance gate at the head of Main avenue stands, our driver stood in the front and lifted the limbs so as to crowd the conveyance through the brush and drooping boughs of the trees. It was a dark, dreary, drizzly day. The sands hedged us in like petrified billows of the sea. Outside of these banks, nearer the front, were knolls and depressions, covered with long beach grass, the picture of desolation; while the sea moaned as if in unutterable sorrow that it had been doomed for long ages to wash the shore of a land so utterly destitute of every attraction. The heavens were black, the grass wet, and the sand very deep. But rough and unsightly as it was, there were possibilities for the highest improvement, and it was soon proposed to purchase a few acres of this land lying in the Grove immediately along the

southern side of Wesley Lake, and a narrow strip of beach land, enough to give us a free passage to the sea.

When the Summer came, and before the purchase was consummated, eight or ten families encamped along the shore of the lake, as pioneers of the undertaking, and daily enjoyed quietude and rest beneath forest shade, or took their peaceful walks along the margin of the sea.

After three or four days thus spent, one of the company, a lady, the late Mrs. Jos. H. Thornley, proposed that an evening be devoted to a prayer-meeting.

“Yes, but where shall we hold it?”

“In my tent,” was the quick reply.

“It is well,” was the general response.

“Let us have a prayer-meeting.”

This was the first gathering for religious worship of which we have any knowledge, upon these grounds. It was a great occasion, and the seal of God was evidently upon the work. One of the number wrote: “The history of the week spent in these tents was comprehensively and truthfully unfolded in the expressive sentence that fell from the Presiding Elder’s lips, *“In the beginning, God.”*”

As their plans became known others wished to unite with them, and they were earnestly desired so to extend their enterprise as to include all who sought similar relief from the heavy cares of professional or business life.

Yielding to this request, a meeting was held, on the 22d day of December, 1869, twenty years ago, this day, in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Trenton, N. J., and an Association, consisting of thirteen ministers and thirteen laymen, all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was formed, and a charter soon after obtained from the New Jersey Legislature under the title, “The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church.” I wish here to quote entire the preamble to this charter. It is as follows:

“Recognizing the truth and beauty of the Scripture 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 annexed, 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 these high and holy purposes:

“And we further declare it to be our design to make this a *perpetual* oblation on Christ’s altar, enjoining its strict observance upon those who may succeed us. And to this end we mutually pledge our Christian honor, adopting the following as our Charter and By-laws.”

The first article of the By-laws is the name of the organization; and the second, setting forth the objects of the Association is in the following words:

“The objects of this Association shall be to provide for the holding of a camp-meeting for the promotion of Christian holiness, rigidly excluding all forms of speculation; and to afford 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 at fashionable watering places.”

By this brief sketch of our origin, and these quotations from our Charter and By-laws, it is clearly shown that the projectors were not engaging in a speculation, nor scheme for raising money, nor device of any kind; but simply and singly social, recreative and religious. They wanted to obtain rest, and while so doing have their own minds more fully imbued with the spirit of Christ, and if possible lead others to the foot of the cross.

In establishing such a place the world jeered, the press ridiculed, the general Church had little or no sympathy, and we often seemed to stand alone, ready almost to cry with our expiring Lord, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

But we held on in the dark, and often

the darkness was deeper and denser than that of Egypt. Sometimes it seemed as if there was no way, and that we must fail, but faith held on to the unseen, and God did not forsake us.

It was a long time before we were understood, and even now many do not fully understand.

Thousands of false statements have been made, and thousands of unkind things said, but we have fallen back upon the words of our divine Lord, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake; rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Go forward is the watchword of progress of the world, and the salvation of men. Obedience to that command makes all the difference between success and failure, triumph and defeat. It climbs the dangerous steeps, bridges the streams, opens fountains in the desert, and makes the wilderness blossom as the rose.

A grateful, truthful, habitual recognition of God lies at the foundation of all right enterprises and all true character.

No one should be ashamed to say, "Among all the calls of interest, of opportunity and of pleasure, I place first and foremost my duty to God."

Let us all say, "Nobody shall ever make me ashamed or afraid to be known as the servant of God. The skeptic may doubt and the scoffer rail, but neither the sophistries of the one or the sneers of the other should prevail on us to disown or dishonor our greatest and best friend."

Let us all then have faith and fortitude to advance in the face of difficulties and dangers, otherwise the world will stagnate and every good cause die.

So we have endeavored to go on, and here we are to-day, in the midst of a large and constantly growing town. But it is a *religious town*. We could establish no other. Indeed, we did not start to build a town; with us the work of God was *first*;

the town which has been thrust upon us in order more effectually to carry out our work is a secondary thought—the *town* is foundation stones of a pedestal, on which we elevate, not the Goddess of Liberty which lightens the New York harbor simply, but the light of *Lights*, the only true *Light*, the Morning Star, the Sun of Righteousness, full-orbed, in all his meridian splendor, whose ever-diffusing rays shall penetrate and interpenetrate the remotest extremities, warming, fructifying, life-imparting, until dead humanity, the whole wide world, resurrected and illuminated, shall gather at the Redeemer's feet and worship him, the first and the last, the was, and is, and is to come—the Almighty! All these material things, while important and necessary appendages, are nevertheless simply the *scaffolding* to the building, while the spiritual is the Holy Temple which is eternal.

Here, then, is a religious organization, composed of twenty-six Christian men, one-half of whom are ministers. If then there is a town it must be, under such a government, a religious town, whose secularities must be subsidized to the religious thought. Not first a town and then religion, but *first religion, and then a town*. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." The religious thought was original, fundamental, absolute, and remains unalterable. Other things *may* be, this *must* be.

"In the beginning, God," in the personality of his presence, the absoluteness of his reign, and his unalterable right to obedience from all. God the foundation, superstructure, capstone, centre, circumference, in all things, always—forever.

Hence, these acres were dedicated to him, and for him up to this time they have been held, and must be to the end. The place is not ours, but his; we are simply stewards, piloting according to the best light we have, however the tempests beat, by the pole-star of our faith, Jesus Christ the Lord.

This is Ocean Grove's legitimate sphere—the Gospel of God her emphatic work. To this end was she born, and for this she has been reared and grown in strength. All else is simply tributary—means to an end. And yet there is so much of all else that these means to an end have to be dealt with in close, careful, legitimate business ways, or we come out hopelessly in debt, and all goes to ruin.

If we make avenues, lay walks, erect dams, build houses, construct sewers, establish a system of water supply, put up an electric light plant, or whatever we do, it is simply that these things may give greater efficiency to the cause of God. It would not pay us to spend all our time and energies to build a town, but it will pay in connection therewith to exert ourselves to the last degree to save souls. Let us do this, first, last, always, whether men frown or smile. To this let us ever hold this God-given and consecrated place, and we trust all our people will always say, Amen.

In this connection I must call attention to that which has given some people a great deal of concern, namely, our *restrictions*. My impressions are that many persons speak of these, who know but very little about them; but be this as it may, I wish to speak of them for a few minutes.

This is as I have stated, a religious organization, and we who compose it are religious men. The ministerial part of these men are amenable to the several Annual Conferences to which they belong for their conduct, and their characters are examined every year by these bodies to see if their lives are consistent. The laymen of the Association, being members of the local churches, are likewise responsible to these churches for their Christian characters. When these men joined these several churches, and these ministers united with the Conferences they all publicly declared that they accepted the discipline of the M. E. Church as their rule of life, and pledged themselves to be governed by it.

This discipline provides, if you remain

with us, either in the ministry or in the laity, there are certain things you *must* do, and certain other things you *must not* do. If you do not do the things you ought to do, or do the things you ought not to do, then you must be brought to trial, and if guilty, unless there be repentance and a promise of amendment, be *expelled*. So, while we might not be tried for misdemeanors as an organization, yet in our organization we do not lose identity or individuality, and might, if we did, or allowed wrong, be tried as individuals at the bar of the church and have penalties meted out as we deserved.

In the structure, then, of this institution, it was necessary for us to bring certain regulations—restrictions as they are generally called—into its government, and these for two reasons: *First, our own convictions* of right and wrong, and *secondly, the law of the church*, which we accept as in conformity with the word of God.

Our restrictions, then, outside of such as belong to all well organized boroughs and cities, are very simple, and *very few*. Name'y:

The strict observance of the Christian Sabbath, as contained in the Decalogue.—Exo. 20:8-11. "*Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.*"

The taking of such diversions, at any time, as can not be used in the name of the Lord. See teachings of Christ and the General Rules of the M. E. Church.

Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity, and *we add* the sale of tobacco. See General Rules M. E. Church.

These are the special restrictions about which you have heard so much. Can any *Christian* object to them, or, if we, as religious men, violate them, or allowed others to do so, would you not charge us as being *false* to our professions?

Concerning the liquor traffic, the address of the Bishops of our Church at the last General Conference contained the following language: "The liquor traffic is so

pernicious in all its bearings, so inimical to the interests of honest trade, so repugnant to the moral sense, so injurious to the peace and order of society, so hurtful to the home, to the church, and to the body politic, and so utterly antagonistic to all that is precious in life, that the only proper attitude towards it for Christians is that of relentless hostility. *It can never be legalized without sin.* And we furthermore emphatically declare that men engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages ought not to receive the commercial patronage or the suffrages of Christian people for any political office, or any position of influence on educational boards." Personally, I endorse every word, and believe such to be the sentiments of every member of our Association. Such being true, could we do otherwise than take the most rigid means, and add thereto all police vigilance to exclude it forever from our bounds?

I am very sure that all right-minded people will not only approve our position on these great moral questions so intimately interwoven with the best interest of all, but will help us to enforce them always and everywhere upon these grounds.

There is still another point upon which I wish to touch, and I do so with the greatest pleasure. I have referred to the motto, "In the beginning, God;" there is another which stands side by side with it, and is inscribed in various prominent places upon our grounds, viz: *Holiness unto the Lord.* Some have objected. But our foundation stone is God. God is holy. He said, "Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

When the ministerial half of this Association was admitted into the Annual Conferences we were each and all asked these questions:

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?

And each one answered, *Yes.* Had we

not done so our cases would have been arrested and we should likely have been rejected as unsound in Methodistic doctrine. Coming to this great interest and laying foundation stones for rearing a great superstructure, we could not leave out this fundamental, Scriptural and most emphatically Wesleyan doctrine, *Christian holiness.*

But what is holiness? A great many things are said, written and published concerning it. I wish to give an answer. It is not original, but better than if it was, and especially prized because it comes from a source outside of the M. E. Church, and yet as it seems to me, contains the very cream of all the truth upon the subject, and the essence of all we teach. It is taken from a lecture on the "Final Permanence of Moral Character," by Joseph Cook, a gentleman whom I always quote with pleasure, and I believe with profit. He says: "Under irreversible natural law there can be no blessedness without holiness. God's omnipotence cannot force blessedness on a soul that has lost the predominant desire to be holy. Omnipotence cannot make happy a man who loves what God hates, and hates what God loves. If you fall into predominant dissimilarity of feeling with God, it is out of his power to give you blessedness. Undoubtedly we are of all men most miserable, unless, with our deliverance from the guilt of sin, there comes to us also deliverance from the love of it. Without holiness there can be no blessedness; but there can be no holiness without a predominant love of what God loves, and hate of what God hates. We grow wrong; we allow ourselves to crystalize in habits that imply a loss of the desire to be holy; and at last, having made up our minds *not to love* predominantly what God loves, and hate what he hates, we are amazed that we have not blessedness. But the universe is not amazed. The nature of things is but another name for the divine being. God would not be God if there could be blessedness without holiness."

Now let me add that I endorse every

word of this paragraph, and more, when the last syllable was uttered by the great lecturer before a vast and highly cultured Monday morning audience, there burst from that audience a great round of applause.

How, then, in the afternoon of the 19th century, committed by pledge, preference and affection, could we as Methodists do other than place in the very forefront of our work at this place, the divine utterance as it fell from the lips of divinity, *Holiness to the Lord?*

Such are the foundations on which we have built, and are building. What has been done? A few minutes in answering this question.

Twenty years ago this whole place was a dreary solitude. Now—

Joy abounds along our pathways,
The lakes are full of glee;
Behold in growing beauty,
A city by the sea.
The trees clap hands together,
Dews jewel every sod;
Each home is full of gladness.
The people worship God.

We have nearly 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 30 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.

ASSESSMENTS IN

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

ASSESSMENTS 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	2,850,000
Advance in 20 years	\$10,060,000

But not simply this city, or all these cities by the sea, for each will perish, as do all things beneath the sun; 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 greater 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.

I learn God has helped us in the past as *we* have tried to be true to *him*. It proves a little verse, which I wrote in London six years ago, with Mr. Thornley at my side, after hearing a sermon by Rev. Jackson Wray, on the text, "And the prince in the midst of them, when they *go in*, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth."—Ezek. 46: 10.

I will go with thee, said the Prince of Peace,

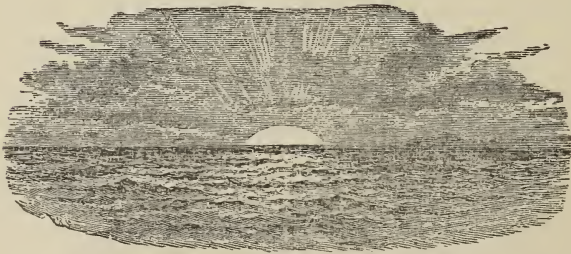
If thou wilt loyal be;

Loyal to Royal, O Prince of Peace,

I pledge my heart to thee!

The Prince replied, "Yes, I would have thee know,
Royal with Loyal shall *forever go*."

"If ye be willing and *obedient* ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." As God was in the beginning, so let Him be always at Ocean Grove. AMEN.



Exercises

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY.

During the last Annual Meeting of the O. G. C. M. Association, held Oct. 8, the president called attention to the fact that this organization first took shape at a meeting held in the city of Trenton, Dec. 22, 1869, and inquired if it would be the pleasure of the Association to keep the date in remembrance, and celebrate the event at the close of our twentieth year. It was thought advisable to do so, and the calendar was brought into requisition to settle upon the day of the week on which Dec. 22, 1889, would fall. When it was ascertained that this date would come on Sunday, there occurred a halt in the proceedings, as the ministerial part of the members might be unable to attend on account of their clerical duties.

It was finally determined to take in Sunday and Monday, and arrangements were made accordingly. The local committee appointed by the Association prepared their simple program, and issued nearly one thousand cards of invitation to the residents and friends of Ocean Grove, to participate in the exercises of the occasion.

Enough of the invited guests from a distance found it convenient to be present with the permanent population to give the affair unusual *eclat*, and it is our pleasure in this week's issue to report, as far as the capacity of the RECORD may avail us, the two days interesting proceedings, giving as a matter of course, the largest part of our space to a verbatim transcript of the anniversary sermon delivered in St. Paul's M. E. Church on Sabbath morning, by the first and only president of the Association, Dr. E. H. Stokes. Its historic *resume*, no less than the devotional tone and teaching by which it is pervaded throughout, seemed to demand that the thousands who

desired to hear it, but could not be present, should at least have the satisfaction and pleasure of a careful perusal, amid the happy congratulations of their Christmas joy at home. We might suggest that this issue of the RECORD containing the sermon and other attendant services, should be carefully preserved after reading, and extra copies ordered for many who to their own loss, are not among its regular subscribers.

The Sunday morning service was participated in by Revs. Alday, Adams, Wardell, Wallace, Ballard, Hughes and Franklin, with excellent singing by choir and congregation, the pastor, Rev. H. Belting, having general charge of the auspicious exercises.

Decorations at St. Paul's.

On entering the beautiful St. Paul's M. E. Church, Ocean Grove, last Sabbath morning, full of expectation to listen to Dr. Stokes' anniversary sermon, every visitor was struck with the richly elaborate decorations which had been completed the previous evening, to serve two important events—the twentieth anniversary of the organization of the O. G. C. M. Association, to be celebrated on that day, and the eighteen hundred and eighty-ninth anniversary of the advent of Him who was born in Bethlehem of Judea, and proclaimed on the instant, Christ the Lord, a Saviour unto all people.

Great evergreen wreaths festooned the gothic walls, windows and choir gallery, twining the pillars and setting off the wreaths and emblems which were tastefully disposed around the building, including a handsome parterre of plants and flowers on the pulpit platform.

The committee in charge of the decora-

tions this year were Miss Libbie Thompson and her aids, the Misses Stella Hemenway and Alida Patterson. Three young gentlemen rendered their valuable assistance, Messrs. Alvin Turner, Will and John Taylor, besides a dozen others, headed by Prof. Willisford Dey, superintendent of the Sunday-school, who scoured the adjacent forests for the material which deft fingers wrought into designs of beauty, and intrepid youths hung around the sacred edifice. They are all entitled to hearty thanks for their diligence and skill.

A Memorable Experience Meeting.

It was appropriate that the public hall, second story of the Association building, should have some share in the felicitous programme of the 20th anniversary, celebrated Dec. 22 and 23, and to make it unusually presentable, Major Patterson, under the general direction of Dr. Stokes, took the work in hand last week.

All the pictures of the Association business room, and Auditorium vestry, were gathered in, and placed around the walls, with wreaths, and stars in laurel and immortelles to set off the effect. Festoons attached from the ceiling and pillars, with a moss-covered bell hanging in the centre, and numerous crosses, anchors, crowns, &c., surrounded the portraits of the seven deceased members of the Association, that of J. H. Thornley in the centre, behind the platform.

At 3 o'clock last Sunday afternoon, the hall was well filled with visitors, and the usual Thornley Chapel congregation, which was moved to larger quarters for the occasion.

Dr. Stokes being in charge, the exercises were opened on the minute, by singing "Come ye that love the Lord," &c., the old hymn being led by Bro. Evans, who at times makes a very good substitute for chorister.

Prayer was offered by two Association members, Major J. S. Yard and James L. Hays, of Newark, and another hymn followed. The leader, being in a hurry,

read the brief passages which make up the 133d and 134th Psalms, indicating the pleasures of social communion, and started, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

A stanza was sung and then pausing, Dr. Stokes remarked, "If any people under the canopy have good reason to sing the next verse the members of the O. G. Association have to-day:"

"Here I'll raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I've come."

He further said: "Many hearts are turned to this place, at this very hour. Hundreds wanted to be here with us, but have been prevented by circumstances they could not control. Some of our distant friends have remembered us in welcome letters, breathing their good wishes for Ocean Grove, and it may be proper at this juncture to let the audience hear what they say.

Secretary Evans then rose with a handful of letters, and proceeded to read a long list of them, beginning with one from Rev. T. T. Tasker, 91 years old, and ending with a sweet note from Annie Hughes, aged 7.

The following were among the writers: Rev. N. M. Vansant, Moorestown, N. J.; H. A. Higley, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. and C. Stout, Geo. J. Hamilton, New York City; Rev. I. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, West Philadelphia; Rev. H. M. Brown and Hon. James Black, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Sulger, Trenton; Rev. J. R. Daniels and E. Hanthorn, Esq., Bridgeton; Mrs. Maria L. Chandler, Wilmington, Del.; Gen. Jas. F. Rusling, who assisted in the organization and obtaining original charter of Ocean Grove; Mrs. James M. Wilson, Avon, Conn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; also Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell and family, Mrs. C. D. James, Philadelphia; Rev. J. E. Adams, Morristown, N. J.; Sam'l Ford, Esq., Washington City; Mrs. Julia M. Moore. Mrs. W. H. Kincard, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. B. B. Loomis, West Troy, and Judge Jas. N. Davis, Jersey City.

The sentiments expressed in these letters were so kindly and considerate, that they enkindled a love feast fire, with exclamations of "Praise God" and "Amen," while the reading proceeded.

Dr. Stokes seemed visibly affected as he referred to the evident support so many good praying people here and all over the land gave to the institution and all its interests which occupied our thoughts on this particular day. He then opened the meeting for experience, and vice president Ballard, D. H. Wyckoff, of Asbury Park, and Rev. F. H. Purdy, spoke in rapid succession.

Bro. Wyckoff had some pleasant reminiscences of the "beginning," and Bro. Purdy had an admonitory song, "My soul be on thy guard," &c., which the whole congregation helped him sing. He said there was no question but that Ocean Grove was a good place to live in, and it might occur to him that it would be a good place to die. Several others among the veterans of the cross concurred in this idea, saying they were ready and waiting the Master's will.

Rev. Wm. Franklin and a number of the members of the Association referred to the sense of Christian responsibility they felt in the position to which providentially they were called. Allusion was also made to the men whose portraits hung on the walls, who had served well their generation and now sleep in the dust.

Sisters Wyckoff, Hulse and Conolly, and Revs. Browning, B. M. Adams, Snyder and C. Sickler kept up the line of testimony and reminiscence, and Bro. G. L. Atkins was thankful for such a place as Ocean Grove so near his home in Asbury Park. Rev. Geo. Hughes and others gave stirring experiences.

This started the hymn once more, "Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love," and the sisters, Downs, Perry, Barber and others attested the all-pervading religious influence resting upon and radiating out from Ocean Grove in blessing to thousands all over the land.

After a rousing address from Bro. J. L. Hays, in which he magnified the importance of prayer which every good man and woman ought to offer daily, for the continued prosperity of this place, and a few concluding remarks from Dr. Stokes, the meeting closed with a doxology and the benediction by Rev. W. G. Browning.

Platform Meeting at St. Paul's.

Another large congregation assembled in St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, which was opened by Bro. Evans, announcing "O for a thousand tongues," &c., and prayer by Rev. Dr. Alday.

Rev. Wm. Franklin then announced the hymn, "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time," &c., after the singing of which, and notices, the choir sung, "O could I speak the matchless worth," &c.

Rev. B. M. Adams was then introduced, and expressed the gratification he felt in being able to attend the services of this anniversary day in Ocean Grove. Memory traversed the past, and among the curiosities he had treasured in his scrap-book, was an article in one of the leading papers soon after the starting of Ocean Grove, which predicted the speedy dissolution of the organization and the impossibility, as men were constituted, to hold together for such an object as was contemplated. Selfishness would ruin the enterprise.

All such prophesying, the speaker said, had come to naught. The Association had maintained their original purpose, and Ocean Grove had become confessedly one of the greatest factors in moral evangelism in the world. He gave numerous instances and anecdotes showing the hold this institution had taken of the popular attention and heart. One good reason for this, he adduced, its adherence to the underlying corner-stone of the M. E. Church, "Holiness to the Lord."

A stanza was sung, and Rev. W. H. Wardell was called on. He found inspiration enough in the speech of Dr. Adams to help him through. He contrasted Ocean Grove with its hallowing influences, Sab-

bath restrictions and high character with the places with which he was familiar, and was glad that every good cause seeking to reform the continent had its inspiration and model here. Its people should be exemplars of all the excellences of Christian character and life.

"Zion stands with hills surrounded," was sung, and Major J. S. Yard, editor of the *Freehold Democrat*, next addressed the congregation. Dr. Stokes' allusion to his ancestors awakened some cherished memories, but he would not dwell on them. He was impressed, after hearing the sermon of the morning, and the preceding addresses to say, in view of what Ocean Grove had been, and had become in the light of modern history, to exclaim: "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy great name, O Lord, be all the honor and glory." His election as a member of the Association was a great surprise, and rolled upon him a great responsibility. What is to become of Ocean Grove in the future? was a question of grave moment. It is in the hands of God, but he needs faithful men to fill its places of trust. Let its friends be faithful, and disaster will be averted.

"There is a land of pure delight" was then sung, and Senator Hays, of Newark, let himself out in a beautiful address. He had been 17 years a member, familiar with all the cares and burdens of the management, without a cent of recompense for time and labor cheerfully given to the building up of an institution which he hoped would live to usher in the millennium. He paid a fine tribute to the boys and girls of Ocean Grove. Its sweet and happy children were a joy every season. He believed in prayer, and exhorted the people to enter into their closets, and hold this place on their hearts for God and holiness.

Dr. Stokes here interspersed some interesting remarks about the sacrifices made by members of the Association, who leave their business and home duties to give their time here for the public good. He

then introduced Rev. Geo. Hughes.

Bro. Hughes seemed to have had a jubilant day. He remembered the children of his family being converted here, one now a successful missionary in India, and another preaching the flaming gospel in the West; still another working for the Master in Florida, and all devoted to Ocean Grove. The glorious sunrise he had witnessed that morning, and all the services of the day, were auspicious of a still more glorious future. He was thankful—

1. For twenty years of uninterrupted fellowship.
2. For glorious exemption from the "woe" pronounced upon those of whom all men speak well.
3. For the exceeding honor put upon this ground, as the model of Pentecost to save an unsaved world.
4. For such increase of the population of heaven through the instrumentality of Ocean Grove.

What a procession we could see if the veil were lifted! Cookman, Lawrence, Inskip, Stockton, Franklin, Tantum and Thornley, with ten thousand white-robed saints rejoicing with us on earth!

Let us walk by the same rule, and mind the same things. Keep the standard of holy consecration lifted high, and live ever close to God.

After a song by the choir and the doxology, the audience was dismissed by Rev. H. Belting.

A Sweet Hour of Prayer.

In connection with the exercises of the recent anniversary, a consecration service was appointed on Monday, Dec. 23, at 11 A. M., in the Thornley Chapel. The morning was glorious with an unclouded sun and beautiful blue sky. The Association flagstaff was run up to its utmost height and adorned with the loved National colors, and the Preachers' Meeting, holding its usual weekly session in the parlor of St. Paul's Church, adjourned over to join in the services. Headed by their president, Rev. Joseph Mason, the brethren to the number of twenty marched to the chapel and took seats around the plat-

form, while a hymn was being sung by the assembled congregation.

Dr. Stokes, after an opening prayer particularizing the preachers and all others present, said this hour had been designated for special prayer and soul consecration. During the progress of these anniversary services a good many remarks of a laudatory character had been indulged in, but he hoped every one present might now laud and magnify God alone. We have met to sing and supplicate the blessing and baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let those so moved in heart lead us, without being called upon by name. Let us bow before the Lord. Bros. Browning and Bancroft immediately poured out their hearts in desire for a manifestation of the presence of God.

Another hymn, and Rev. James Moore, presiding elder, addressed the throne of grace, with such fervency that all felt the quickening power, and one earnest worshiper became so absorbed in spiritual emotion, that she fell to the floor unable to bear the pressure of joy in the conscious presence of the Saviour. Bros. Snyder, Wardell and Thompson, and Mrs. Capt. Perry continued the voice of supplication, and the meeting rose to a culminating point of power under fervent hymns and further prayers by B. M. Adams and Dr. S. L. Bowman.

Finally, standing in a circle with hands joined, the ministers united in the consecration hymn commencing:

"Come let us use the grace divine,
And all with one accord;
In a perfect covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord."

The people, too, were blessed, and a little after the noon hour the doxology was sung and all retired with a special benediction, the preachers' meeting in a body being invited to dine with the Association at the Atlantic House.

The Anniversary Dinner.

The afternoon of Monday, Dec. 23, from 1 until 4 o'clock, was given to a dinner prepared by Mr. C. J. Hunt, at the Atlan-

tic House, under the auspices of the Association for their visiting friends.

The affair was about as elaborate as anything of the kind we remember at this pleasant home by the sea, or any other which we recall for the past 20 years.

Besides the winter guests of the house, there were, as near as we could gather the names, over fifty persons at the two tables stretched full length of the dining room, with one at the head for the president and some of his distinguished cotemporaries.

The following were among the guests: Dr. and Mrs. Stokes, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Ballard, Rev. B. M. Adams, Mrs. Blanchard and daughter, Brooklyn, Rev. Geo. C. Bancroft, Rev. Henry Belting and wife, Rev. H. B. Beegle, Dr. S. L. Bowman, Rev. A. Wallace, David H. Brown, Esq., Rev. J. R. Vankirk and wife, Rev. Wm. Franklin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans, Dr. J. H. Alday and wife and the two Misses Alday, Rev. W. H. Wardell with Mrs. and Miss Wardell, Rev. R. J. Andrews and Miss Bell Andrews, H. W. Murphy, Esq., wife and daughter, Rev. James Moore and wife, Willisford Dey and son, Rev. George Day, Dr. John Wilson, Mrs. M. Helen Crane, Wistar H. Stokes, Esq., Rev. Joseph Mason, Rev. G. R. Snyder, Capt. John Smith, Rev. Mr. Compton, Major J. C. Patterson and wife, and Revs. W. T. Abbott, J. R. Thompson, C. B. Fisher, W. G. Browning, C. Sickler, W. H. McCormick and M. W. Davis, of Ocean Park.

The *menu* card was a specimen of the finest artistic printing and included about ten courses, every one of which "seriatim" was served by attentive waiters under the personal supervision of the host.

At every plate a copy of the *menu* was placed, and afterwards appropriated by each guest as a souvenir of the occasion, with a handsome bouquet which did good service later on at the evening reception in Association Hall.

After an hour or more devoted to the discussion of oysters on the half shell, bouillon in cups, Kennebec salmon, cro-

quettes, boiled beef tongue, quail on toast, prime beef, Rhode Island turkey and fixings, chicken and lobster salads, charlotte russe, fancy cakes, Neapolitan ice cream and various fruits, Rev. A. E. Ballard interrupted the dallying with other viands, by unfolding a page full of appropriate toasts in the following order:

1. Our President. Responded to most eloquently by Rev. B. M. Adams.
2. The memory of our dead. George W. Evans.
3. Our past, present and future. This was assigned to Dr. Stokes, but instead, he gave a curious characterization of the make-up of the members of the Association—preachers, merchants, lawyers and editors, of whom he said there were four or five.
4. Our neighbors across the lake. In the absence of Mr. James A. Bradley, who it was hoped would be on hand, Rev. James Moore responded.
5. Our restrictions. Summarized and emphasized by Dr. Alday.
6. Our improvements. Rev. J. R. Vankirk.
7. Ocean Grove as a resort. Rev. W. H. Wardell.
8. The press. Rev. A. Wallace and Major Yard.
9. Our summer services. Rev. W. Franklin.
10. Our preachers' meeting. Rev. Joseph Mason.
11. Our water, lights and sanitation. D. H. Brown.
12. Our police. Major Patterson.
13. Our influence abroad. R. J. Andrews, and such topics as music, fire department, citizens, pioneer women and temperance, for which, as the sun was going down, there was found no time for comment or eulogy.

For an extended report of the post prandial eloquence of this rare occasion we cannot find space at present, but the speeches were all applauded, and well they might, for they brought out whole volumes of interesting history.

The Monday Evening Reception.

One of the wisest and most generous of all the thoughts and plans which entered

into the recent celebration of Ocean Grove's twentieth anniversary, was the provision made for a public reception which should give everybody, young and old, resident or stranger within our gates, a part and participation in the festal observances.

This was accomplished in a very simple way—by throwing wide open the doors of the Association building, which was splendidly lighted up on Monday evening, and its spacious hall of audience bright with beauty was found admirably adapted to the gathering which began to crowd in at an early hour.

It was no dress parade, although everybody was well and comfortably clad, but a genial and jolly meeting of friends and neighbors to get better acquainted with each other, and especially to shake hands with the men who for once got outside of the supposed "close corporation" in which they devise laws and impose "restrictions" on a long-suffering population.

The doctor, in forecasting probabilities, hoped to have at least a score of his Association men around him on the occasion, but some had to leave during the day, and others couldn't reach the Grove by any possibility of events; yet in counting up he had the somewhat notable number of thirteen, including himself, Secretary Evans, Treasurer Brown, B. M. Adams, W. Franklin, A. Wallace, H. W. Murphy, Major Yard, R. J. Andrews, W. H. Wardell, J. R. Vankirk, Dr. Alday and Mr. Ballard, present to do the honors.

These gentlemen he penned in his own room until each member had a blue and gold badge pinned to the breast of his coat to distinguish him among the crowd. A few also, the president among them, sported the gorgeous buttonhole bouquet they had worn at the Atlantic House dinner.

Then there was a grand march into the hall and somewhat of a sensation, of course, as the "1869-1889" badges glittered on the platform.

Taking advantage of the momentary

hush in a Babel of conversation, Miss Lida Patterson touched the keys of the organ, and "Old Hundred" was sung in a manner which displayed the largest volume of lung power. This was followed by the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," and for fear of a long-winded invocation, the Doctor himself offered prayer for all present, all their kith and kin, for Ocean Grove and the Association—for everybody who had or might visit the grounds—grace, mercy and peace on all.

He had by this time become hoarse after the drive of two days' meetings, and two or three weeks of hard work preceding, but there was no such word as fail until the last salutation and song of the evening ended about 10 o'clock.

In introducing the members of the Association, he said they were to mingle for once with the Ocean Grove people on terms of friendly equality, and the people might ask them any question or prefer any demand for sidewalk, street crossing, extra lamps, or Artesian water, they pleased, and they would find them entirely agreeable.

Rev. A. M. Palmer, one of the "fathers," and Rev. George Clark, genial as if he had been borne across the sea, were on hand. D. H. Wyckoff was large as life, and fitly represented our sister city, Asbury Park. A French gentleman, retired and living in the Grove, was eloquent over

what he had heard on Sunday and seen in the company around him, and Rev. S. Ed. Young coming in for a moment, had to remove his classic ulster, mount a chair and make a speech, which was so eulogistic that enthusiasm boiled over. A recitation on the approaching Christmas was also given in good style by Master Charley Raphael.

Very few seemed to be aware all this time of something going on in the adjacent rooms, until there streamed out a procession of nice white aproned young ladies loaded with plates and goblets. These were followed by large trays groaning under pound cake, and then a flank movement of huge pitchers brimming full of the best lemonade, made by Mr. J. A. Wainright, who, coat off, and sleeves rolled up, put in a good evening's work in supplying the most toothsome refreshment for 500 thirsty people.

"Long live the Ocean Grove Association," said the sailor preacher Bancroft, as he drained his third glass of lemonade. Everybody was in the mood to say "amen." and with a parting song, and prayer by Dr. Alday, wraps were adjusted, congratulations once more exchanged, and it required half an hour to empty the building of its happy throng, all wishing that such an occasion might return, like Christmas, at least once a year.

Reminiscences.

The record of Ocean Grove's twentieth anniversary services, attempted to be given in this form, would hardly be complete without some acknowledgment of the interest shown in the proceedings by friends who could not be personally present. There is room for only a few extracts from the number of letters received and read in full at the meeting in Association Hall on Sabbath afternoon. In general they are addressed to Rev. E. H. Stokes, D. D., president, for whom they breathe sentiments of highest esteem. We can quote only what refers to Ocean Grove in its past, present and future:

Hon. James Black, Lancaster, Pa.

"It would indeed be a pleasure and profit to participate in the recital of struggles and triumphs, abounding faith, and persistence in well-doing to maintain principles, and in all and over all to give glory to God, through whom, and by whose providence our present well-being has been achieved, and the future as a beautiful vista opens before us."

Rev. Thos. T. Tasker, Philadelphia.

"Hope you will have a soul-cheering anniversary, seasoned with gracious influences, and social reunion, so strengthening to Christian faith and purpose necessary to further progress. Kindliness and good will is refreshing, and never looks old. May the great love of Christ ever be the atmosphere of Ocean Grove."

Gen. James F. Rusling, Trenton, N. J.

"Although not a member of your Association, you will doubtless recollect that I assisted somewhat in its birth, and during all these years since, I have watched your phenomenal growth and prosperity with feelings akin to parental solicitude and pride. Therefore, permit me to rejoice with you in the great things you have already accomplished for humanity and

God there by "the earth-shaking and sounding sea," as Homer calls it, and to bid you hail and God-speed for the future. I know of no bit of earth and air more delightful than Ocean Grove when Summer comes; and no place nearer heaven when camp-meeting begins.

"In behalf of myself and family, and all good Trentonians who summer at Ocean Grove, I send best wishes and Christmas greeting; and may heaven bless you personally, and spare you for twenty years more to come! Praise and thanks for Ocean Grove past! All hail the Ocean Grove of the future!"

Rev. I. Simmons, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

"I had expected to make my work bend toward my coming to the anniversary, but am denied this privilege. How I should like to enjoy the reminiscences of those who were at the beginning with the Association. I have done but little, but the blessing the brethren of the Association have been to me, and the good my membership has been to myself, I cherish as reminiscences most valuable. Love to all my co-laborers, and may the next twenty years of our associated history make a volume of events a hundred times more important to the Church and to the world than the past, however marvellous that has been."

Rev. Henry M. Brown, Williamstown, N. J.

"I can but send my Christian salutation to the members of the Association and its honored president. 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in ardent love.' Wherever my lot may be cast, my thoughts will hover around Ocean Grove as a hallowed spot. God be with you and give you a most delightful season at your anniversary."

Henry A. Higley, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"God bless you all at the commemora-

tion of the organization of the Ocean Grove Association. See Gen. 22: 17, 18.—‘Thus saith the Lord: In blessing I will bless thee, because thou hast obeyed my voice.’ Continue your grand work for God in the true spirit of holiness.”

Rev. Dr. B. B. Loomis, West Troy, N. Y.

“The marvellous history of the past twenty years, in both material and spiritual matters, affords abundant reason for gratitude and congratulation. God grant that the sacred precincts of Ocean Grove may be preserved as a safe and delightful retreat from summer heat and worldly and ungodly influences,

‘Till all the ransomed Church of God,
Are saved to sin no more.’”

Hon. James N. Davis, Jersey City, N. J.

“Nothing would give wife and self more pleasure than to be present with you to mingle our songs of praise and gratitude to the Heavenly Father, who has thus far so signally blessed his people at Ocean Grove, and through its instrumentality helped so many on to the home in heaven they have already gained.”

A. Mitchell and family, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

“May every success that could be desired, both temporal and spiritual, attend Ocean Grove in the future as in the past, and much more abundantly.”

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Moorhead, West Phila.

“The showers of blessing enjoyed at Ocean Grove, and so gratefully remembered, prompt us to send a word of congratulation, and the wish that heaven’s richest blessing may attend your anniversary services.”

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sulger, Trenton, N. J.

“Accept our heartiest Christian greetings on this auspicious day. May the wise and prudent management which has secured peace, order and happiness to all permanent residents, and thousands of visitors every year, continue to reap a rich harvest of satisfaction and the smiles of God.”

George J. Hamilton, Esq., New York City.

“Permit me to shake hands with you all, in my heart, in the glorious review of twenty years, with their victories for Christ in thousands converted and tens of thousands blessed, many of them now praising God on the heights of immortality. Hallelujah!”

Mrs. Maria L. Chandler, Wilmington, Del.

“It was through a member of the Association, the now sainted Alfred Cookman, that my precious husband and I first heard of this hallowed place. It was the Summer of 1872. We found it indeed a land of Beulah in our experience. We were both converted when young, but never heard of the blessing of full salvation as a distinct work before, and we both accepted this great grace. For three years I have had to go to the Grove without him, but hope to join him soon with the saved in heaven, to be forever with the Lord.”

Mrs. W. H. Kincaid, Pittsburg, Pa.

“Accept my humble tribute of affection to those whose fidelity has been so marked for twenty years at Ocean Grove. When I think of what God hath wrought by their instrumentality, I am filled with wonder, love and praise.”

Mrs. James M. Wilson, Avon, Conn.

“I am with you in spirit during the services of the anniversary, and my heart is full of praise to God for what I know of the good done at Ocean Grove.”

Rev. S. M. Vansant, New Jersey Conference.

“Being powerfully awakened under a sermon preached by Rev. Dr. G. W. Miller, one Sunday afternoon, I can claim to be one of Ocean Grove’s spiritual children, and must join in sending congratulations on this twentieth anniversary.”

Enoch Hanthorn, Esq., Bridgeton, N. J.

“With great regret I am detained from participation in the anniversary by the demands of home church duties; but twenty years from now I expect to be with many of you in the land beyond the river. Shall we ever forget Ocean Grove?”



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