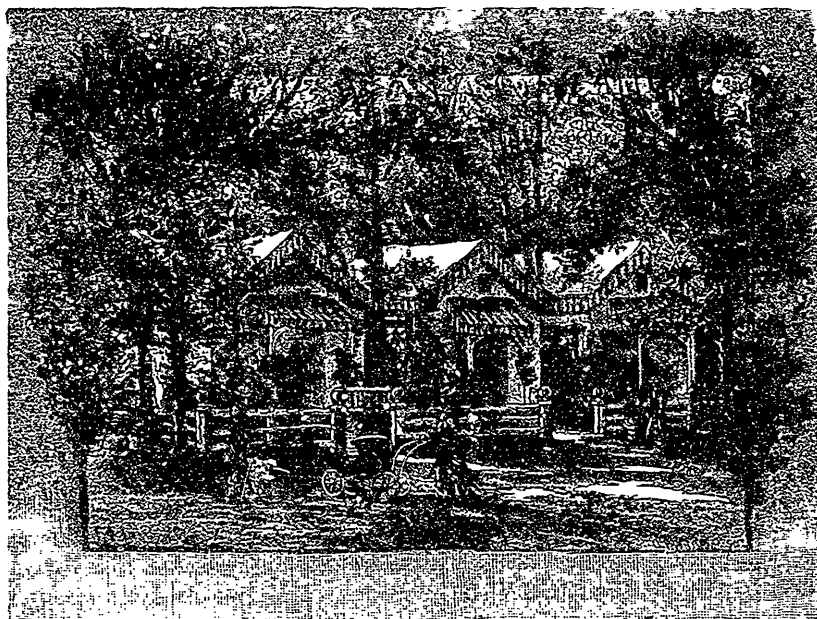


from \$300 to \$5,000. There are, in addition, buildings consisting of boarding-houses, stores, and such other edifices as the business of the place demands. Tents, which are dry and comfortable, are also used by many persons.

The government of Ocean Grove is strictly religious, it being in the charge of thirteen ministers and thirteen laymen, all of whom must be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Yet the place is in no way sectarian—its population being composed of all denominations of Christians. The great event of



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each year is the Methodist camp-meeting, for the promotion of Christian holiness, particularly referred to further on. This, together with other religious services, which are held daily from the beginning of the season till its close, covers a period of about four months. The gates are closed on the Sabbath, and the quietness that becomes that holy day everywhere prevails. Neither liquor nor tobacco is sold upon the ground. "Holiness to the Lord" is the motto of the place. The object of the Association is to provide a sea-side garden of rest for Christian people, free from the vices and temptations usually found at fashionable watering places.