

in various parts of the United States, but none equals in importance that at Ocean Grove. The auditorium covers nearly half an acre. Its seating capacity is 5,000 adults, and when all the standing room is occupied, about 6,000 people can hear. It is covered overhead, open at the sides, encircled by a magnificent grove of trees, and the whole environed by tents and cottages. Ocean Grove Camp was the first in the world to be illuminated by electric lights. Fifty years ago pine knots made the best light obtainable. Then came tallow dips, then kerosene, then gas, and now harnessed lightning. Ocean Grove has in turn employed three of the five methods. There are also several auxiliary buildings on the grounds, in which services are continually held during the camp-meeting season. In fact, Ocean Grove forms one great temple of worship at this period, from which prayer and praise unceasingly ascend.

The religious exercises of various kinds held during the summer at the Grove all culminate in the annual camp-meeting, which is looked upon as a period of special ingathering—a great harvest-time of souls. Other meetings give interest, this centralizes. Around the camp-meeting, as the representatives of the religious idea, all the “city by the sea” is gathered. All previous days, weeks and months have been preparative. Now the actual conflict begins. Dr. Stokes, the veteran leader, marshals the sacramental host. Multitudes who have been on the Mount of Communion, with joyous heart and beaming faces, are ready for the work. Saved themselves, they desire to be the instrument of saving others. Anticipation full of the highest hope looking out upon the assembled thousands, claims them for Christ. In this spirit, Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1887, was ushered in. The usual meeting was held in the morning at 9 o'clock. At 10.30 a.m. a large congregation met in the auditorium to spend one hour in prayer. A number of brief, earnest, direct, heartfelt prayers of faith, took hold of God. The blessing came, and the place became the vestibule of heaven. In this jubilant spirit and under an afflatus of joy the entire auditorium became an altar of consecration. Every heart seemed confident that a marvellous triumph was at hand. In the evening, at 7.30, the communion service was held, conducted by Bishop Andrews, and assisted by about fifty other ministers. The occasion was one of special solemnity and power.

On Tuesday, all the meetings connected with the camp com-