

## **JAMES BUFFINGTON'S CRAIGVILLE HISTORICAL FRAGMENTS (WITH ANNOTATIONS)**

James Buffington served as CCMA president from 1952 to 1975. After retiring as president, he undertook a review of Craigville documents from its founding through the late seventies. His source materials included the Treasurer's books from 1879 to 1890, *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* from 1878 to about 1900, various deeds concerning Craigville's properties, records of Ernest Chase made available by his widow, Eva T. Chase, *The Barnstable Patriot*, Secretary's reports from 1920 on, and "odds and ends I can piece from my own [Buffington's] memories." I would caution the reader that while these notes are the product of many hours of archival work, are not original source materials.

Most of these materials are available in the Craigville archives at the Congregational Library in Boston. Buffington's handwritten notes were typed on double-sided onion skin paper and are included in the Craigville Archive at Sturgis Library. We are indebted to Cathy Carpenter, who volunteered to retype the entire manuscript. These fragments are lightly edited.

A Note on the Notes: For several years you will see several endnotes, which refer to additional material collected from various sources, primarily Internet archives. Some of these sources are referred to in the Buffington materials; others add to his collection. Some of these early-20<sup>th</sup> century notes fill in material unavailable to James Buffington.

Bill McKinney

**1872**<sup>1234</sup>

The Articles of Association of the Christian Camp Meeting Association were signed by:

Wm. Miller  
S. Wright Butler  
Asa W. Coan  
H. Staples  
J. A. Perry  
J. C. Emry  
B. S. Batchelor  
G. N. Thorne  
M. H. Lyman  
J. W. Osborn  
O A. Roberts

It was received in Barnstable June 15, 1872, and is recorded with the records of the Town of Barnstable and compared.  
Attest - F. G. Kelley, Town Clerk

There was a lot of interest in land development in the Hyannis area in 1871/72. Outside interests promoted the Hyannis Land Company and one of the principals, James Gray, purchased the bathing beach area on May 14, 1872, from Franklin Bearse.

On July 31, 1872, a layout of the Christian Campground was recorded at the Barnstable Registry.

Plan of Cottage Lots #1

Christian Campgrounds at Centerville, Barnstable County, Mass. - C. H. Paine Surveyor 1872

For terms, address J. A. Perry, Providence, R. I.

This original plan had a picture of a cottage and barn and of a Governor Sprague Observatory in upper right corner. It was lithographed by J. H. Bufford of Boston. It showed a wharf by the site of the present town beach but no road along the beach to the east and no causeway across the ponds.

I [James Buffington] have a copy of this original plan, but the Registry copy was lost or destroyed and in its place is a copy made by L. M. Smith in 1937 (without the pictures).

The first camp meeting started July 29, 1872, and lasted 10 days. There were 44 tents and cottages and 2 hotel tents. 68 Ministers were present at this meeting, including 3 from outside New England; 2 Congregationalists, 2 Methodists, 1 Episcopalian and 1 Adventist were among them.

The officers elected at this meeting were President Rev. William Miller, Vice President Rev. S. Wright Butler, Secretary Rev. C. A. Tillinghast and Treasurer Rev. B S. Batchelor.

There was much enthusiasm, and many lots were sold including one to Dennis Sturgis on which he built a three-story hotel the following winter. This was finally torn down in 1975.

WARRANTEE DEED - June 16, 1873

John Perry and wife Eliza.  
Horatio Perry and wife Lucy.  
Frederick P. Perry and wife Ellathea.

In consideration of \$10 paid By S. W. Butler of Fall River, also. Asa. W. Coan of Providence and by Oliver A. Roberts of New Bedford, trustees of the Christian Camp Meeting Association, certain lots, or parcels of land - WIT- "Christian Hill Grove" so called. Beginning at the junction of Ocean and Strawberry Hill Ave. and running northwesterly 370 feet on the northwesterly line of Strawberry Hill Ave. Thence at right angles in the northwesterly direction, about 225 feet to the easterly line of Circuit Ave. thence following said line of said Avenue in the southerly direction back to the stake and junction first mentioned. Said lines and enclosing the said mentioned "Christian Grove Hill".

Also, the following lots 205 to 220 inclusive Except lot.? (Blank on deed). Through which runs a raceway for the purpose of watering Wild Cat Cranberry Swamp. Also, lots 239 to 250 inclusive on Ocean Ave. Also, lots 256 to 271 inclusive. Also, lots 183 and 184 including an unnumbered lot in front of 184 at the junction of Valley and Strawberry Hill Avenues. All the above lots or parcels of land being in Perry's plan of cottage lots, number one at Centerville in the town of Barnstable, MA. (On file in Book 111, page 2)

Condition.

In this conveyance, it is stipulated that in case the Christian Camp Meeting Association shall hereafter fail for any three consecutive years to hold its annual Camp meeting as provided in its constitution on record in Barnstable County Records, then Christian Hill Grove, as above described in all the above-named lots not improved by buildings there on. Worth not less than \$100 on each lot shall revert to the grantors etc. who shall enter and take peaceable possession of same.

Apparently, this deed was not completely satisfactory since it was followed by a revision dated June 24, 1874.

The treasurer's book showed an opening balance of \$5.85 and collections of \$600, including a contribution of \$100 from Hon. David Clarke.

Numerous lots were sold, including two where the present volleyball court is located. These were bought by John Watson, who erected the second hotel. He sold it December 6, 1873 to F. B. Washburn who operated until 1891, when it was sold to Mason Fisher of Fall River.

**1874<sup>5</sup>**

**1876<sup>6</sup>**

Mr. Washburn was back at the Chiquaquet House and as previously reported the newly named Sabens House was under Fall River Management.

After the afternoon services, many tried the benefits of sea bathing, which is a luxury unspeakable at the close of these hot summer days. The park on the bluff has been surrounded by a circle of turned wooden posts painted white, which gives a cheerful aspect to the place. Inside the posts a guerdon of trees has been placed consisting of maples, locusts, and English alders. Their appearance is not thrifty, but most of them seem inclined to live. Like most other things, they have suffered from the excessive dryness of the present season.

Board at the public houses is quoted at \$10.50 per week or \$2 per day.

Mosquitoes are mentioned as not numerous, but enough are present to warrant comment.

**1879**

The committee has repaired the Tabernacle and improved the grounds, but the people readily responded and the sum of \$276 was collected and so, as in years past, the meeting closed free from debt.

During the meeting, a memorial service was held when Brothers. O. A. Roberts and I. C. Goff paid a worthy tribute to Elder Matthew Gardner of Ohio, who was fatally injured upon the grounds a few years ago.

The brethren of New England were glad to welcome the representatives from the Christian Churches of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, and hope they were well pleased and that they will return and bring others with them.

Reverend B.S. Bachelor in the newspaper report says "there were about 40 cottages, most of which are beautiful in appearance, where the owners remain from one to three months. We felt that this retreat from the haunts of this busy working world must be to them an oasis in our desert, journey to the tomb. (How cheerful!)"

It is about five minutes' walk from the hotels to the fine beach of gentle slope and pure sand bottom where in the afternoon of each day may be seen all ages from Reverend Veteran D.D. to the Little Miss of eight summers enjoying the luxury of bathing in the ocean.

Sunday was looked on as the "Great Day of the Feast". At least 2000 people were on the grounds at noon. A steamer came from New Bedford, bringing about 100 people.

The meeting closed Monday evening Aug. 11 with a sermon by Sister Ellen Gustin, but cottages and hotels remained open until September.

The third and final deed to the property was recorded at the Barnstable Registry Aug 12, 1879, in book 138 pages, 441/ 443 and reads as follows:

H. N. Perry and wife Hannah of Providence and F. F. Perry and wife Lucy of Barnstable. (John A Perry's interest had been conveyed to H. N. Perry by this time) convey to Oliver A. Roberts, Isaac H. Coe. And Benjamin S Bachelor, all New Bedford as trustees of CCMA the following premises in consideration for \$2,500.

Commencing at the northeast corner thereof at the point of joining land formerly of John Scudder and others at a stake and stones thence southerly as the fence now stands to the bars by the road, thence southwesterly to a bunch of stakes standing in the swamp at the North End of "Pink Lily Pond" thence southerly through the middle of the pond, to a brook called Herring Creek hence by Herring Creek, southwesterly to Ocean Ave to stakes and stones near the southwesterly corner of the Bluffs, thence by Ocean Ave to Little Wild Cat Swamp thence by Laurel Ave to Circuit Ave thence by Circuit Ave to the North East corner of Wild Cat Swamp. Thence westerly by the north side of the ditch of said Swamp to Phinney Marston and other land 37 feet to stake and stones by a ....

**1883**<sup>789</sup>

**1884**<sup>10</sup>

**1886**

The woodpeckers had been at work on the wooden frame of the Tabernacle, and this year seems to be its last one.

Much activity is taking place.

Mrs. Barnaby of Fall River is managing the Sabens house, which is now solely owned by Mason Fisher.

Mr. Washburn has built covered piazzas on the north, south and west sides of his hotel and has been enlarging the south parlor by throwing into it the room at the rear. He has also built a room from the northwest corner 15 by 18. Three stories high, giving private parlors and living room for his own family.

C. W. Gustin has purchased the Fall River house present Craigville Inn and has thoroughly reconstructed the interior so that besides accommodations for his own family they have excellent rooms to rent with privilege of kitchen and dining room for families who wish to provide for themselves. The building has been raised to sufficiently to allow for a kitchen in the basement at the rear. The name has been changed to Central Park Cottage.

Rev. Lizzie Haley, having bought the cottage formerly owned by Mr. Gustin, has named it Lakeview Cottage.

I. T. Brayman, of Norton, has moved into the cottage he purchased last year to the rear of his lot and is building a new front for a commodious parlor finishing it with three gables in the second story.

A Water Works project has been suggested, but the chief difficulty is the problem of sewage.

The program for the meeting is 9:00 AM daily prayer or social meeting followed by preaching at 10:30, 2:00 and 7:30.

At the Thursday annual business meeting, 20 new members were taken in and the subject of a more substantial new Tabernacle was discussed. More than \$1,100 was pledged at this time. At an adjourned meeting Saturday an estimate of a structure to be built at not over \$1,500 and \$2000 was brought in, most of the Thursday pledges were for a definite fraction of the total cost, be that. The Hon. David Clark pledged one quarter of the whole amount.

Two Unitarians, a Congregationalist, and a Free Baptist minister were on the grounds and assisted in some of the services. 34 ministers in all were present.

Fifty persons were bathing at one time after the close of one of the afternoon services. The vote must have been to proceed with the new Tabernacle since it was built in time for the 1887 meeting.

## **1882**

The treasurer paid \$167.05 to G. W. Perry for the balance of his bill on water closets. I believe that these water closets were common outhouses located at the edge of the saltmarsh at the South end of Wildcat Bog. It seems to me that I read of 10-year payments for the use of the dike between Wildcat and little Wildcat bogs, as access to the water closets.

On Tuesday, May 23rd, the Executive Board journeyed to Craigville. On reaching Hyannis, they were met by the veteran John (Bears) with his nice excursion wagon to take his friends and patrons of 11 years to their places of destination. And in a brief half hour landed all safe and happy during a pouring rain. Each went his way to his prospective headquarters with his lunch basket to partake of its contents. But all hands were served with hot coffee through the considerate thoughtfulness of Uncle Luther Broad, the hermit of last year's memory. After lunch, the committee surveyed the grounds.

Besides the extensive improvements made last year, including plank walks, stairways down the bluff's rustic arbors summer houses and grading of roads and parks. The faithful superintendent, Asa F Bears, has devoted his entire time since last autumn cleaning up the grounds and sowing grass seed on the parks.

The tendency among American people to gravitate towards the seashore away from the dust and heat of the crowded cities. During the sultry months of summer is increasing and will increase as our cities grow larger and their populations denser. It is a sorry life for any human being to have no release from daily toil and or care and never to get outside of the artificial life, to breathe pure air and to commune with nature in her unsophisticated forms.

A petition was signed to be sent to our representative in Congress, Honorable W.W. Crapo, addressed to the Postmaster general, asking for the location of a post office on the campgrounds during three months of each year from the 1st of July, and that a mail route be established from Hyannis to this place. The petition also named Luther Broad as postmaster, and John S Bears as mail carrier.

It was understood that the charge for table board at the hotels would be \$5 to \$5.50 per week, while room and board would be \$7.50 to \$10.

Luther Broad apparently moved into Asa Bears's place as groundskeeper, since the treasurer's book showed monthly payments of \$25 to him starting in October. The post office petition was successful, and it was given the name of Craigville in honor of the respected scholar and president of the Biblical School at Stanfordville.

## **1883<sup>1112</sup> 1884 1885<sup>13</sup>**

I found very little to report in my notes for these years but believe the very successful camp meetings were held.

## **1887<sup>141516</sup>**

On Saturday July 30 the carpenters were installing two stained glass windows over the platform and a semicircle window over the front door, which were at the personal expense of Honorable David Clarke of Hartford and not included in the basic building contract.

The welcome address was given by the President of the Christian Camp Meeting Association, Reverend Martin Martyn N. Summerbell of New York City. Several Baptist and Congregational ministers participated with a friendly spirit, which is an indication of fraternal union.

The new wooden building is 75 by 50 feet, with large openings at the sides like the former tent Tabernacle. These side openings are provided with canvas curtains which can be let down in inclement weather. The acoustical properties of the building are excellent. Every word said on the platform can be heard distinctly throughout the building, and even as far away as Brother Coe's cottage.

The four corner rooms were not part of the original building. The 13-foot platform extended across the end of the building with seats for the ministers and the choir. Probably, the organ was set up there too, or the piano which was used later. There were three large doors in the front. The sturdy posts supporting the roof were anchored to locust posts set firmly in the ground. The floors were concrete, which is firm, dry, and noiseless. The lighting was kerosene lamps attached to the posts. There were six rows of settees, 20 in each row, or a total of 120. At a comfortable five persons per settee, they provided for 600 people.

The dedication prayer was offered by Reverend J. B. Weston, who had succeeded Doctor Craig as president of the Biblical Institute of Stanfordville.

At the annual meeting, the trustees elected for three years were Reverend B. S. Bachelor of New Bedford as treasurer. Mason Fisher and Daniel Witherell of Fall River and Mrs. Ed Barry of Boston. All of these had just completed a previous term in office. Mrs. Barry is the Elizabeth for Lake Elizabeth was named when the causeway divided the ponds.

The fee of the architect was. \$20. The contractor, Joseph K Sherman, was paid \$1,530. Settees, chairs the desk lights, etc. brought the total cost up to \$2,157.90, which was collected by the time the camp meeting closed, except for a few dollars which were pledged and had not been paid. Honorable David Clarke contributed \$500, which was a great help. The insurance premium on the Tabernacle was \$36.

### **1888**

Luther Broad must have died since there was a report in the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* dated July 31 that "Yesterday afternoon, a cottage on Pleasant Ave belonging to the estate of Luther Broad late postmaster was sold by auction to Professor Allen of Newton for his own occupancy"

Miss Susie V. Aldrich of Boston has received the appointment as post mistress at this place.

The order of daily services for this year's meeting is prayer meeting at. 6:30 and 9:00 AM and preaching at 10, 2:00 and 7:30. A full day.

Honorable David Clarke was listed in the treasurer's book as contributing \$90. October 1, the Treasurer's book showed a payment to Mason Fisher of \$25 "for the beach. Mason Fisher procured a deed for about 800 feet of beach from Samuel T. Ames and Theodore G. Heard as trustees for the Hyannis Beach Association. On December 13, the Treasurer's book showed a check to the Hyannis Beach Association for \$846.95. There is a deed from Mason Fisher to the Christian Camp Meeting Association for the beach, dated December 10, 1888. I have not been able to find any explanation for the complicated process.

### **1889**

\$45 premium was paid on the Tabernacle insurance.

The treasurer's report started off the year with a balance of \$48.81. Real estate taxes paid were \$6.30. Both Honorable David Clarke and F. A. Palmer each contributed \$100. \$409 was repaid Treasurer, B. S. Bachelor for a loan.

President Rev. J. W. Osborne died so Vice president Reverend C. A. Tillinghast presided at the annual meeting. Officers elected were Rev. B. S. Batchelor President, Reverend C. A. Tillinghast Vice President, Lester Howard as Treasurer, T. S. Weeks as secretary and as trustees H.H. Fisher, Rev. Lizzie Haley and Reverend G. B. Merritt.

The Treasurer's report showed all expenses paid up to the beginning of the present season, but for an indebtedness of \$400, which had been incurred for the purchase of the bathing beach.

### **1890**

The trustees met at Craigville on April 29 and spent six hours planning for the annual camp meeting. Everything seemed to be in fine shape. \$150 was borrowed from 10 people over 50 cottages, reported real estate tax paid was \$9.50. Bathhouse rents start but no amount shown.

Mr. Francis A. Palmer of New York, offered to match all contributions for expenses and improvements. The amount he contributed was \$772.76.

The right of way over the bogs from the foot of the bluff to the beach had been acquired by lease. In October, this was acquired by purchase.

### **1891**

Mr. Francis A Palmer paid in \$772.76 for 1890 and \$441.01 for 1891.

A bell was procured for the Tabernacle at a cost of \$89.85 from the McNealy and company. Plus \$1.15 freight.

Beach rentals start coming in. At \$1.50. Real estate taxes were \$16.50.

### **1892<sup>1718</sup>**

The Treasurer started with a balance of. \$82. He received \$82 in membership fees and \$141 on Sunday and Camp meeting week collections. He paid \$23.10 in real estate taxes. Received of ?. See. Be merit for the Committee on the Association House \$72.07. After all disbursements. The year ended with a \$410.72 deficit.

C.J. Watt recommends Craigville very highly. "I do not remember hearing a profane word. Saw nobody drunk and but two or

"Our friend, brother Palmer of Broadway, New York led the Sunday morning meeting. He is a good talker and not a cent behind in doing."

There seems to be some differences between the books of the Treasurer and the reports in the newspaper. The latter reports that the Treasurer had a beginning balance of \$624.05. Collected \$1,259.22. Paid out \$1,069.33 and ended with a balance of. \$13.95. The only indebtedness of the association being a balance of \$300 owed on the Association House.

### **1893**

Mr. P. A. Palmer contributed \$459.97. He died during the early part of 1893.

A building lot on the bluff was sold to Doctor Groves of New Jersey for \$230. This is the first mention of the Groves family at Craigville. He was instrumental in interesting quite several New Jersey people in Craigville.

The enlargement of the Association House is the cause of most of the expenditures. It is now being run by Mrs. Chase of Fall River. They sold one mattress for \$2.50. Apparently, there was no profit for the year.

Membership dues were \$55, collecting \$157. Beach rentals \$22 and real estate taxes paid \$26.60. The treasurer reported a starting balance of \$13.94. Receipts of. \$12,134.44 expenditures of \$879.73 and a balance of \$368.65. Later bills were received \$847.27 and receipts of \$87.90, leaving a deficit of \$410.72.

Mason Fisher was re-elected as a trustee.

#### **1894**

At the annual meeting in 1893, Esseck H. Pierce was elected as treasurer, and I would say that he might have found some questions of the security of the bookkeeping, since on June 8, 1894, the treasurer's books were audited for the first time. Auditors were Lester Howard and John Pilling.

Collections were \$318. Real estate taxes \$34.10. Beach Rentals \$32.95. Association house, \$219.22. Sale of lots \$1,075.

A new map of property was drawn by Wolstenholme. End. Buffington. For which they were paid \$21.50.

#### **1896**

March 30, 1895, the Christian Camp meeting Association was incorporated as a charitable and religious organization and confirmed by virtue of Chapter 20. 8. Of the acts of 1895 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Acts and Resolves Chapter 206, page 215.

An act to confirm the organization and the Acts of the Christian Camp Meeting Association.  
Be it enacted, etc. As follows.

##### **SECTION 1.**

The incorporation of the Christian camp meeting. Association is hereby ratified, confirmed, and made valid. Notwithstanding any informality, inaccuracy, or misstatement. On the records of said corporation. And all the acts and proceedings of said Corporation since this date of its incorporation are hereby ratified and confirmed and made valid. And said corporation is hereby granted all general powers, rights and privileges vested in corporations organized under Chapter 115 of the public statutes. "1892." in acts in amendment thereof.

##### **SECTION 2.**

This act shall take effect upon its passage. Approved March 30, 1895. Public statutes of 1892.

##### **SECTION 3.**

The name shall be one not previously used by a corporation, shall indicate that it is a corporation or company. And shall be changed only by act of the General Court.

Special meeting called to confirm the incorporation of the CCMA by President Butler of the state Senate. Treasurer's receipts of \$1679.39. And expenses of \$750.57. Balance after paying last year's deficit. \$573.54.

Election of officers - President, Reverend B. S. Bachelor. Vice President Reverend C. A. Tillinghast. Secretary T. S Weeks. Treasurer. N. H. Pierce. Trustees Mason Fisher. H. H. Fisher. G. S. Beebe. Reverend J. B. Weston, J. R. Dunham, J. T. Ramen, James Estabrook. and Reverend Lizzie Haley.

I. J. Coe has sold his cottage to G. A. Beebe.

In 1891, Mason Fisher bought out all the Washburn interests in the Washburn House and renamed it. The Sabens House was renamed Ye Annex. George B Fisher was operating both.

### 1895

Additional payment was made to Worcester home in Buffington of \$14.50 for either more MP work or more copies of the map they put out.

The treasurer's book showed payments to George B. Fisher during 1895 in 1896 of \$235.95. \$275 and \$497. These were sizable payments for those days, but there is no explanation.

### 1896

Receipts were \$74 for dues, \$308 dollars in collections and \$5,150 from the beach. His starting balance was \$673.54. Receipts, \$1,528.55 expenses, \$966.59 and the balance left of \$235.59

\$1,000 was received from the sale of lots and it was voted to be held aside and the interest only to be used.

### 1897

Treasurer's book shows receipts of \$67 dues. \$414 from collections, \$25.48 from Association House and \$48 from the beach.

The Association House under the management of Esseek H Pierce and never gave better satisfaction. Chiquaquett Inn has been enlarged and greatly improved by a broad piazza and landlord Fisher is doing his best. At the beach, strong swimmers dive in from the raft.

The real important event of 1897 was the meeting, which was held at his cottage by Reverend Martyn Summerbell and Doctor Ward, with leaders of the Congregational Church, in which the subject of possible uniting of the two groups was discussed at great length. A long article on Craigville Union movement appeared in the August 12 edition of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* by TM McWhinney. All through the year 1898, many articles appeared in the paper regarding the recommendation of the Committee on Church Union, headed by JB Weston. It came up for a vote at the meeting in Newmarket and was decisively defeated. The Christian Churches with a membership of about 100,000 would have no part in a merger with the Congregationalists.

In the *History of American Congregationalism* by Glenn Atkins and Frederick L. Fagley (chapter 9, page 350) the authors say that the first proposal for merger with the Christians came back in 1895. It was completed 36 years later at Seattle.

The *Herald of Gospel Liberty* claims to be the oldest religious paper in the United States

The first overtures for union were made in October 1894. No further action was taken until August 1897, when Doctor Summerbell invited Doctor Ward, editor of *The Independence* and the leader of the Congregational Committee and two other representatives and four representatives of the Christian churches met in his cottage in Craigville, Massachusetts. There, this joint committee worked out what came to be known as the "Craigville proposal."

1910<sup>1920</sup>

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1922<sup>2728</sup>

August 3 the trustees of the association voted that it is the sense of the trustees of the association that it is inexpedient to permit dancing on the association property.

They authorized printing 500 copies of the doings of the 50th anniversary.

Voted \$100 honorarium be paid Mr. Chase for his work as Treasurer and in connection with his work on the new building. Donated \$300 to the Chiquaquet Club.

Deemed it not advisable to obtain water from the Hyannis Water Company.

The Jubilee celebration of the 50th anniversary of campgrounds was celebrated July 31st to August 6.

Monday at 7:30, memorial service for C. A. Tillinghast. President A. H. Morrill, trustees Conibear, and Summerbell all spoke in his memory and trustee Sailer offered an original poem.

Tuesday at 9, devotional services with W. G. Sargent of Elmwood Christian Church of Providence. At 9:30, P.S. Sailer of Broad Street, Christian Church, Westerly, RI, preached. At 2:30. J. B. Gove, Field Secretary of the New York Eastern Christian Conference, officiated. At 7:30, A. H. Morrill. Pastor at Newton, NH and one who was present at the first meeting of the association gave an historical address. Unfortunately, no copies survive. Doctor Morrill died shortly after this celebration.

Wednesday at 9:00 o'clock. – D. P. Hurlbut of the first Church of Bangor, Maine, spoke; at 9:30. Reverend W. H. Hainer of the church in Irvington, NJ, preached. At 2:30, brother. L.F. Johnson, pastor of Vanderveer Park Church of Brooklyn, NY, gave an address. At 7:30, Martyn Summerbell, President of Palmer Institute in Starke Seminary of Lakewood, New York, who was also present at the first camp meeting, gave a Jubilee address on the genius of Craigville.

Thursday at 9 G. A. Conibear of the Temple Christian Church of Lakewood, New York presided. At 9:30. Brother Herman Eldridge, secretary for the Department of Sunday schools of the American Christian Convention of Erie, PA, gave the address. At 2:00, the annual meeting of the association was held. At 7:30, L. E. Follansbee of the Court Street Church of Portsmouth, NH, gave a lecture.

Friday at 9:00 o'clock Brother Conibear conducted the prayer meeting. At 9:30, Brother Eldridge gave his second lecture. At 2:30, Brother Johnson preached at 7:30. Senator George H. Moses of the United States Senate from New Hampshire gave a short address.

Saturday at 9 Brother Conibear oversaw devotions. At 2:00, o'clock water sports took place at the beach under the supervision of Leslie Swain of Brown University. At 7:30, Brother Hainer gave an address.

Sunday at 9, the prayer meeting was conducted by Brother F. E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor and the World Christian Endeavor Union, preached. At 3:00 o'clock a service was held under the pines at the rear of the Tabernacle

by Brother Reynolds; Sister Alice M. True, returned missionary from Japan. Brother Eldridge and Brother Gove also spoke.

#### **1924**

May 14, a new roof authorized for the Tabernacle. Electric lighting for streets also authorized.

July 31, a protest a proposed bridge across the marsh to Bennett's Point.

On April 24th Rev. Ellen Gustin died, one of the original Camp Meeting Association members.

New trees authorized in the rear of the Tabernacle where the old ones have died.

Proposal that name of the "Board of Trustees" be changed to "Board of Directors." To lay on table for a year.

Honorariums fixed : \$100.to treasurer. \$25 to secretary.

Treasurer instructed to operate on a calendar year,

September 25<sup>th</sup>: voted that the matter of the town of Barnstable taking land from the association by right of eminent domain, be placed in the hands of legal counsel.

#### **1925**

May 13: 9 issues of the *Craigville Visitor* authorized.

July 15:enting of a piano for meetings authorized.

July 16: the substituting of directors for trustees was voted.

September 16: new bathhouse to be erected and private ones moved to the West End of the beach.

October 30: communication from C. Walter Andrus calling attention to automobile speeding with the resulting hazard to children and creating of dust. Permission granted. To Dr. R. E. Alcott and C.T. King to construct a footbridge across Lily Pond, arriving just South of the Inn. Voted to construct 120 bath houses by Daniels Brothers at a cost of. \$7,120 as per bid.

#### **1926<sup>29</sup>**

Voted to purchase 600 feet of fire hose, with 300 feet to be placed on a reel back of the Valentine Cottage and 300 feet on a reel at the Tabernacle.

There was a little doghouse built into the front of the Tabernacle to house this reel and it had a little door of its own just to go to the left of the front door.

CCMA gives up garbage collection because of increased costs and recommends that cottagers use Robert Elliott's services.

July 14: voted that the two corner sections of the Tabernacle platform be partitioned off for the purpose of utility.

July 15: voted to have the trees sprayed next spring to eliminate the ravages of the moths.

October 5: another protest regarding motorboats on the lake.

.A. B. Halliday interested in purchase of the beach. Directors not interested in selling.

Over the years, the CCMA has appropriated from \$400 to \$1,500 to help defray the cost of summer schools.

October 12: use of motorboats on the waters of the Association to be permitted between the hours of 10 and 12 in the forenoon and four and six in the afternoon.

Authorized the employment of a bookkeeper.

**1928**<sup>3031</sup>

May 22: Doctor C. A. Groves resigned as a director.

Summer house on the bluff and the boardwalk from the bluff steps to the beach repaired with Cedar.

Voted that Mrs. Helen M. Carlisle be granted permission to plant small pine trees in front of the lot on the South bluff near the summer house.

July 17: Frank W. Wilson \$3,000 on lots in the back of the Joseph M. Towns cottage.

Plea from Mrs. George W. Hathaway to permit dancing and card playing, and she was given discretion as to amusements at Craigville Inn (except at this time of summer school).

Authority given committee on finance to place \$20,000 mortgage on the CCMA property.

Voted to try to get Harold S. Buffington to serve as legal counsel.

July 19: amended Constitution on duties of treasurer so that he would pay bills properly endorsed by chairmen of committees.

Voted to lay on table the permission regarding amusements at Craigville Inn.

July 20: Mr. Turtle was not re-elected as director.

August 23: voted that the corporation mortgaged to the Hyannis Trust Company. All its land for one year for \$21,500 at 6% and assigned to said bank the \$3,000 mortgage of Frank W Wilson, which has 11 years to run.

October, at this meeting, attorney Paul M. Swift was present representing The Hyannis Trust Company. Buffington and Swift were instructed to confer regarding the adjustment of title of lot number 48. (SW corner of Butler and Clark avenues) and the heirs to Fannie A. Wetherell on lots #139 and 141 (part of the property now owned by William Peck, north of Spring Ave). Attorney Buffington is instructed to take such action as may be deemed necessary to recover damages incurred by the town taking over 165 feet of the association's beach property.

Sale of 10 lots to Herbert and Gladys Stone ratified. (Between Park - now Summerbell Ave. and Vine Ave. south of Spring Ave.)

**1928**

Salaries of manager of beach, parking lot and garage set at 20% of the receipts up to \$8,000, 15% for the next \$2,000 and 10% for all over \$10,000.

Voted to give deed to Eva Chase for lot #248 for \$1. (#248 is lot next north of present location of Groves House.) Presently owned by Almy.

Voted to sell Swain for \$500 the land on which his house is located. Both above sales were a year or two later before they were recorded.

BUDGET ADOPTED for 1929

Estimated Receipts

\$ 1,500	Water rents
10,500	Bathhouses
300	Ground Leases
250	Garage rentals
75	Membership dues
3,000	Craigville Inn
100	Tabernacle offerings
200	Interest account
900	Parking space rentals
1,500	Private bathhouse ground rents
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\$18,325	Total

Expenditures

\$ 1,225	Barnstable real estate tax
2,000	Pay on mortgage
1,700	Insurance premium
1,200	Interest on mortgage
400	Directors' expenses
1,200	Water plant
600	Equipment – Craigville Inn
1,000	Summer School contribution
300	Pulpit supplies
1,000	Upkeep, except for beach
4,800	Beach upkeep & salaries
125	<i>Craigville Visitor</i>
600	Land court fees and auditing
1,000	Walks, roads & parks
50	Local police and fire gift
125	Undesignated
1,000	Sinking fund
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\$18,325	Total

Insurance Valuations

\$20,000 Inn  
8,000 Tabernacle  
30,000 Bathhouses  
1,000 Post Office  
2,000 Water Plant

**1929**

April 9: voted to pay 10 cents per mile for car travel. Voted at the end of the lease to have the old garage torn down. This was up the road north of the Tabernacle.

The problem of parking cars on the streets and one-way streets was referred to the Public Works Comm.

The Barnstable Water Company (a private company furnishing water to the Hyannis area) was granted permission to lay pipes in the streets and the C.C.M.A. would pay \$50 annually for each of 5 hydrants for the next 5 years. The water company to maintain year-round service.

Adjustment on property lines on the Bownes – Buffington lots to be left to committee on real estate and legal affairs and Judge Swift.

Note: The above referred to the selling by “warranty deed” the land now owned by William Peck based on the rectangular lots as laid out in the Perry Plan of 1872 and C.C.M.A. Plan of 1895 which did not take into consideration the section of Ocean Avenue which skirted the Little Wild Cat Cranberry bog where the Whittemore drive is now located, and out into the lower corners of the rectangular lots. This went to the land court and was first decided in favor of the C.C.M.A. The land on which they were going to relocate the road belonged to my great aunt Anne Fisher. My father as her advisor went to the land court and demonstrated by pictures and witnesses that Ocean Avenue, one of the boundaries of the Camp Meeting purchase had not been run across a cranberry bog and that a barn was located on one of the boundaries in front of my cottage and it belonged to the Fishers. Well, it was finally straightened out, but it cost both parties a fair amount of money. Judge Swift was the legal advisor for the C.C.M.A. At a later meeting, the board of directors voted to sell no more land on a “Warranty Deed Basis”.

The committee on real estate was authorized to complete the sale to Leslie E. Swain with details of boundaries.

July 16: Flossie (Mrs. Amhert D.) Fraser became a member.

July 18, bath house problems discussed. Unsightly private houses, lack of control etc. It was voted that all private bathhouses be removed from CCMA beach property by January 1, 1930. (You can imagine what a storm that stirred up amongst the people of Craigville who had their own bathhouses at the beach.)

Voted to pay \$2,500 on the mortgage.

Motion of Col. Herman Dowd to change the requirements for C.C.M.A directors so that only two needed to be members of the Christian Church denomination outside of the four officers. Motion was laid on the table.

October 3: Dr. C. A. Groves bought the bluff land in front of his property which he had leased, for \$5,000.

Voted to pay \$5,500 on mortgage before Jan. 1, 1930.

1930 budget of \$18,360 like 1929 budget.

October 3, 1929: water system still not installed by the Barnstable Water Company

### **1930**

July 18

Offer of Mahlon Drake to install a shuffleboard court accepted.

Liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000 / \$20,000 taken out.

George Howe became a valuable CCMA director who helped with the problems at the Inn and the hard surfacing of the roads.

Building windbreak authorized at beach.

15 miles per hour signs authorized for roads.

Secretary's' salary raised to \$50.

October 7: The lease to the Chiquaquet Club for the tennis courts expired and at the request of the C.C. the CCMA takes over management.

A committee to be appointed to take under consideration the purchase of Chiquaquet Inn. Mr. George B. Fisher, having died, and his widow would probably not try to operate it after 1930.

Treasurer to pay \$3,000 on this mortgage.

The budget for 1931 totaled \$20,735. It included \$1,400 Barnstable real estate taxes and \$1,200 insurance premiums.

### **1931**

March 10: reference to Attorney Buffington defending the CCMA in a suit to deprive it of all its benefits. (Vague reference but possibly connected with the discontent of the Col. Dowd faction in their attempt to have less church control over Craigville affairs).

Attorney Swift to check with Barnstable Assessors on possible tax abatement

Voted to have roads surfaced with the main roads with hard surface and others oiled and sanded, subject to getting releases from all property owners. (This was done, and I have them in my papers.)

One way traffic suggested.

Marion Sargent to edit "Craigville Visitor" at \$7 Per issue.

The "Congregational Christian Churches" designation to be used in place of "Christian Churches."

Closing Hotel Avenue to vehicles, and one way traffic were discussed and referred to the Traffic committee.

October meeting, July 16, permission granted to Mahlon Drake to improve the CCMA property on the edge of the lake opposite his property.

October 9, receipts \$18,743.34 -- Expenses \$15,818.75

Property lines on Bownes – Fisher and CCMA discussed at length

Discussion of seaweed problem on the beach. No solution.

Need for extra classrooms discussed.

October 9: Dr. C. A. Groves offered the CCMA his cottage #2 (the present Groves House) on condition that it be removed without damage to his property. Offer accepted and moving problem left with Executive Committee. (It was cut in two and moved in two pieces.) Tennis Courts receipts \$157 – Expenses \$327.45.

### **1931**

October 9: Prizes of \$10 and \$15 offered to cottage owners for beautifying their property next summer.

Voted that Mr. Stone appeal to the Board of Health for annual inspection of cesspools.

### **1932**

Budget based on receipts and expenses of \$18,355. \$1,900 insurance premiums \$1,900 and taxes of \$1,200.

Voted to investigate Ocean Avenue location and concrete fence location by Fisher garages, re sale to Bowne's. Swift to investigate.

Tennis courts to be reconditioned and a young man employed to develop the spirit of tennis in Craigville and report weekly to George Howe.

April 7: voted that the cottage presented by Dr. C. A. Groves be called Groves House. A bathroom to be put in place of the kitchen.

July: Carl A. Terry became a member. He was a part of the Thurston family who were old timers at Craigville, owned a house on the Midway. Carl had the so-called Dyers dock built at the foot of the Midway Steps. It was a very attractive dock and summer house before it was badly damaged by the 1945 hurricane. He was a great help to me during his later years when he was working on land titles at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds.

Chairman of the committee on Public Works was instructed to get at least three bids on construction of new stairs at the bluff.

Voted that Swift be asked to take up the matter of the Association release from taxation with the Commissioner of Corporation Taxes - Mr. Long.

July 14: voted that in the future the Association will sell no real estate by "Warranty Deed".

October 7: Attorney Swift read the list of the Town of Barnstable real estate assessments on Craigville property. (He probably meant to write CCMA property and its valuations were discussed.

He was requested to continue his investigation and report at the next meeting.

Budget reported by the Secretary as \$8,070 for 1933 with no breakdown or explanation.

December 20: special meeting called to authorize an additional \$5,000 to be borrowed from the Hyannis Trust Company.

**1933**

March 13: tennis not to be permitted on Sundays. Due to financial stringency, the "Craigville Visitor" to be discontinued.

July 12: Mr. Charles Rogers is new manager at the beach. Beach Committee authorized to rent bathhouses on Sundays. Beach regulations spelled out: no bogs, no liquor, no coming to the beach in bathing suits.

**1934**

March 1: additional loan of \$3,000 negotiated with Hyannis Trust Co @ 6%

Carroll R. Whittemore has leased a lot near the Fisher property and the sale of said lot #255 was recommended for \$600.

July 11: resolution on death of George W. Hathaway who had served as Manager of Craigville Inn for thirteen years.

Notice to be posted in the Post Office requesting all people to report any cases of automobiles speeding observed, and such person reported more than once to be reported to the Registry of Motor Vehicles

July 12 Annual Meeting: Frank H. Gardner elected Secretary to succeed Rev. Donal P. Hurlbut who has been in that office since 1920 (possibly since 1914 – I do not know.)

October 1: leasing of Chiquaquett Inn and Annex continued.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Board of Health relative to the sewer conditions at the easterly end of the Inn. Voted to refer this to the committee on the Inn.

The matter of weeds in the ponds was brought up by letter from Mahlon and Nathaniel Drake with an offer of \$500 each as a contribution to the work of clearing them out. (No comment as to any acceptance of offer).

**1935**

March 18: voted to borrow \$1,500 for a year.

Voted to have a committee wait upon the Selectmen relative to police protection at the beach.

Voted to offer Lot #152 plus \$100 to Miss Bownes in settlement of the claims she might have against the CCMA relative to selling her some lots which projected into the accepted lines of Ocean Avenue as used or years. She accepted the offer.

\$23,400 Budget accepted for 1936

Receipts	\$ 7,000 Bathhouses	Expenses	\$ 3,000 Beach
	16,000 Inn		300 Directors

50 Dues	350 Salaries
150 Interest	1,200 Taxes
50 Collections	1,600 Insurance
50 Leases	500 Interest
100 Tennis courts	1,000 Summer school
1,500 Pay notes	
1,250 Lease Fisher property	
12,300 Inn	
400 Misc.	

March 30: voted that the Fisher property be again leased at the same price as last year.

Voted that the officers of the Association arrange a meeting with the property owners together with the board of directors for 8 PM July 14.

Voted that the Treasurer give Mr. Stone a note for the insurance premiums due. *[Mr. Herbert L. Stone was a cottage owner and CCMA director and in the insurance business. I believe he was handling the CCMA insurance currently. Later, some disagreement arose, and he resigned as a director.]*

A piano was to be secured for the Tabernacle at a cost not to exceed \$50.

The pulpit supply fee was set at \$20 without entertainment or \$15 with entertainment. (No definition of entertainment, but it probably was overnight at the Inn plus three meals.)

The Tabernacle was reroofed. *[No price mentioned.]*

Nothing special happened at the Annual Meeting,

October 28: Mr. Howe presented a brief report of a meeting which he had called together of the property owners in July.

After some discussion it was noted:

Believing that in the development of Craigville the time has come when the property owners should have a larger share in the interests and programs of the place and the Association; we cordially invite the property owners to become members of the Association and to this end we recommend that a committee be appointed to carry out this resolution. Mr. Howe, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Mitchell, and Mrs. Mahlon Drake were selected as that committee.

Judge Swift reported on progress in forming the Craigville Beach Association.

### 1938

March 21: Cyril Sargent appointed manager of the beach. Swift submitted tentative By Laws for the Craigville Beach Association. This was left on the table. Miss Helen Drake is purchasing a lot from J.D Wilson property. CCMA granted her permission to build one house thereon. (I wonder why the permission. Voted to again lease the Fisher properties.

July 13: Mr. Howe gave a brief report of his meeting with the cottage owners. It was then voted: That we appreciated the work of the Cottage Cooperative Committee and that we heartily approve a still closer relationship whereby the cottagers shall be encouraged to assist in the betterment of Craigville and that we endorse the soliciting of money from the cottage

owners, said money to be expanded under the joint direction of the Cottage Owners Cooperative Committee and some committee appointed from the CCMA in the improvement of Craigville.

### 1938

July 13: For some reason the name of Carroll E. Whittemore was again listed for membership although he was voted in at the 1933 Annual Meeting. Other new members included Miss Helen Drake, Miss Elizabeth Doremus and Mrs. George D. Packer.

Voted to form a separate organization to take over management of the beach.

Judge Swift reported that Strawberry Hill Ave. Is undoubtedly a town road. (I disagree.)

Name of Miss Katherine Sullivan recommended for membership (She owns cottage on west side at the north end of Midway)

Annual Meeting July 14: 17 new members voted in. Various minor amendments recommended to the constitution.

October 7: the President appointed the following committee (I believe it was to cooperate with the cottage owners): Mr. George Howe, Mr. Joseph Towne, Mr. Frederick Dyer, and Mr. James Buffington (Jr.) (This is the first mention of my name in the CCMA Secretary's records.) No record shows of when, or if, I was never elected as a member. Sue was elected in 1944. Voted that the pulpit supply remuneration for 1939 be \$15 with dinner at the Inn.

Authorized the Treasurer to borrow up to \$2,000 from Hyannis Trust to meet current bills.

### 1939

January 23: Mr. Eggleston authorized to paint the Post Office at a cost of \$10 for labor. The CCMA to buy the paint.

Voted not to hire Chiquaquett Inn for this season but to try to hire the Annex for \$300.

Voted to authorize a loan of \$2,800 from the Hyannis Trust Co.

Voted to set beach salaries as follows:

\$400	Manager
75	Assist. Manager
75	Beach Foreman
60	Guards

Voted permission to Barnstable Gas Co. to lay pipes in the streets.

March 31: voted to authorize the President and Treasurer to borrow up to \$1,000 in any one year if needed.

Voted to lease the beach to Craigville Beach Association, if incorporated.

July 12: Dean Daddy reported the school session was the best we had had. He suggested rustic seats in the rear of the Tabernacle near the summer house.

The Annex was leased for \$400.

Judge Paul W. Swift reports that after careful and painstaking investigation he is sure that there is very reasonable possibility that CCMA owns Strawberryhill Avenue from Herring Brook to a point opposite the Tabernacle.

Signing a lease of the beach to Craigville Beach Association for \$1.

July 13: Judge Swift reported on Inn sewage problem and suggested lateral drains for sink sewage. This was authorized.

At the annual Meeting it was reported that Col. Dowd and George B. Fisher had died during the year. Franklin G. Arnold was made an honorary director because of long and faithful service.

October 23: Dr. Sargent's wife had died. Threat of a new Post Office near the beach was reported by Mr. Howe. He was authorized to oppose the use of Craigville name for other locations,

## **1940**

Franklin G. Arnold must have died for it was voted to extend sympathy to his family. He had served Craigville for nearly fifty years.

A committee of Howe, Gifford and Mitchell still working on purchase of Chiquaquett Inn and Annex.

July 10: Mr. W. H. Sanford had died.

Mr. Gardner reported that the Tabernacle had been painted two coats for \$180.

Cottage Owners had raised \$405 for the roads.

Names recommended for membership and voted in were Mr. Horace F. Bates, Charles J. Davis, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Cyril G. Sargent.

July 11: Minutes of the Craigville Beach Association refer to a January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting where beach salaries were set at \$500 for Manager, \$100 each for the Assistant Manager and Beach Foreman and \$75 for guards. At that meeting it was also voted that bathing tops for men be required at the beach.

At the July 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting the action on bathing tops was rescinded. It was also voted that the President of CBA appoint a management committee. They and the beach manager authorized to set rates, rules etc. for operation.

September 30: Mr. L. L. Mitchell had died, and the Board sent a wreath. Mrs. Mitchell had also died before the September 30 meeting.

Dr. Gates reported 47 students and 23 members of faculty at the end of 1940 summer school. CCMA had contributed \$900.

Accepted an offer of \$300 from Carroll E. Whittemore for the triangular lot at the corner of Ocean and Laurel Avenues.

A Bible pulpit was given by Mrs. Lucy Kendall of Gardner, Mass.

An offer of \$6,000 to be made to the Hyannis Trust for the Chiquaquett Inn, Annex and lot with the provision that the Inn be demolished at no cost (to CCMA).

**1941**

January 27: further report that the CCMA ownership of Strawberryhill Avenue extends, on the northern boundary of the CCMA grounds.

Permission given to the Centerville-Osterville Fire District and the Town of Barnstable to use the roads.

Voted to use six bathhouses to enlarge the lunchroom space at the beach.

Fisher-Hyannis Trust Chiquaquett Inn sale still not completed.

Voted to lease the Annex for \$400.

Voted to investigate our insurance coverage and premium payments.

Voted to lease the beach to CBA and President and Treasurer to sign a lease for \$1.00

July 9: Herbert L. Stone resigned as a director *[probably because of something to do with the handling of insurance.]*

Charles J. Davis, Jr. had been elected as a director in 1940.

\$1,159.59 had been expended on the roads, one half contributed by the Cottage Owners.

Dr. Gates reported that the summer school was very successful.

July 10: Annual Meeting: Among the new members elected were Mrs. Fletcher C. Booker and Mrs. Stanley Wright.

October 10: voted to make an offer of \$5,000 for the Fisher property.

November 29, special meeting on selling lot to Carroll E. Whittemore and the purchase of the Fisher property. (Someone had pasted mortgage details over the purchase provisions in the Secretary's book. Reading from the back of the page it looks as though the purchase price was \$8,000 for the Inn, Annex and adjacent land and contents of the buildings.)

Voted to have the Inn demolished at a cost of \$300 before January 1, 1942.

A mortgage taken out with the Hyannis Trust Company for \$13,500 at 5 ½ %.

**1942**

February 9: Mr. Howe reported all legal papers had been taken care of and all saleable material not sold had been transferred to the Annex.

July 9: Swift reported beach receipts running 50/60% of normal, but Howe reported Inn bookings about normal.

Religious School had to be cancelled because of government restrictions on travel.

Mr. Davis reported \$540 spent on Annex.

July 9: authorized repair of the foundations of the Annex as soon as possible.

**1944**

October 20: Mr. Davis reported estimates of damage to various properties as follows:

\$ 400	Tabernacle belfry blown off
260	Post Office
345	Inn
460	Annex
30	Groves

Mr. F. F. Addicks gave valuable suggestions for rebuilding beach building and offered services of Lloyd Hathaway to make a study of similar locations and what buildings they had if CCMA would pay his travel expenses. (Lloyd worked for Addicks)

Mr. Davis recommended making a recreation room in the basement of the Annex.

Approved a contract with Horn Brothers for \$985 for removing trees in front of Tabernacle and Inn.

Buffington, Davis, and Howe to clear up rest of trees at a cost of not over \$1,000. (Davis and I did a bit of the saw and axe work ourselves but a tremendous amount of help was contributed by the telephone and electric company crews. I am not sure who we hired to do the balance of the clearing.)

The Annual Report for 1944 shows:

\$27,256.61	Income
23,732.42	Expenses
3,524.19	Gain

Items included

\$ 1,429.30	Insurance Premiums
1,263.65	Barnstable Tax
1,235.00	Clearing Trees
818.08	Interest Paid

**1945**

February 2: \$5,954 on hand plus \$19,838 hurricane insurance paid in full. Outstanding mortgage \$13,500 and \$1,250.12 taxes for 1944 still unpaid. Net profit of Inn \$7,300 and Beach \$2,146.70. No profit from beach cafeteria.

Bathhouses plans submitted by Lloyd Hathaway and revised by Walter M., Gaffney, architect, approved by the directors.

Use of native pine piles approved and salvaging some of the material from the old bathhouses (chiefly doors). Tentative price estimate \$27,440.

Swift recommended a new mortgage and give additional \$2,500 @ 5½ %. Sargent, Gifford, and Swift were the committee in charge of rebuilding. Mr. Thane Cottrell of West Harwich to be contractor.

1945 Beach rates to be \$30 for family with bathhouse for the season and special rate of \$25 for cottage owners of Craigville.

July 12, annual CCMA meeting: Drs. Gates and Duddy resigned as directors. *[They had attended very few recent meetings.]*

Miss Louise Pine, Mrs. Stanley Norwood and Mrs. Lloyd Hathaway elected as members.

**1946**

March 25 meeting: rates at the Inn unchanged due to O.P.A. ruling.

Cyril Sargent reports Mr. William Morrow from Mt. Hermon School engaged as beach manager.

July 10: Total of cottage owners' contributions for work on Central Park has grown to \$405.84. We spent \$450.

Post Office rent set at \$198. A toilet was authorized to be put in the Post Office.

There was discussion on the road in front of Harpole's cutting across CCMA lots. It was voted to make the road useable as per the paper layout and close the diagonal road.

Mrs. George H. Batchelor is giving two flags for the Tabernacle in memory of her father-in-law Rev. Benjamin S. Batchelor who for 31 years served as treasurer, director, and president of CCMA.

Mr. Giffin has been running the tennis courts.

While no summer conference worked out this year, Sunday services are being held.

Discussion of unused street between Booker and Addicks as to had rights to park cars there. To solve the problem the Public Works Committee was authorized to put up "NO PARKING" signs to stop anyone from parking there.

July 11: 36 members present

Mr. And Mrs. Jacob H. Tremper and Mr. Stanley Norwood elected members.

It was voted to tell Mr. Norwood that #251 and #252 next to the Whittemore lots could be leased for a short time and then sold to him for \$500. (This was an error. The two lots should have been #252 and #253. Whittemore lots are #254 and #255.

The CCMA Treasurer, Mr. Adam Gifford, died.

July 26: Mr. H. Freeman Bates was elected Treasurer in addition to his office as Secretary. It was voted to sell Mr. Stanley Norwood the lots #251 and #252.

October 11: Mrs. Foster had managed the snack bar for the 1946 season.

Robert M. Kelley Insurance Company has recommended an increase in building valuation. The Inn showed a net profit of \$5,891.41. Voted Mrs. Hathaway a \$200 bonus.

Cyril Sargent reported 50 more bathhouses are needed.

Voted to pay \$2,500 on the \$25,000 mortgage.

Tennis courts turned in \$62.70 for the 3-year operation by Mr. Giffin

**1948**

July 8 Annual Meeting: 30 members present.

Leslie Swain added as a director.

Carroll E. Whittemore added as a director.

October 16: George Howe passed away during the summer.

Mrs. Hathaway and Mr. Morrow engaged for 1949.

Voted to pay \$1,000 on the mortgage which now stands at \$22,000.

Talked over plans for 1949 summer conference.

Voted to pay real estate taxes on the Inn, Annex, Groves House and one half of beach tax.

Tennis court profit 95 cents.

**1949**

April 2: Rev. Carl F. Schultz appointed as chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities.

Reported that Jack Pendergast has cleared the parking lot opposite the CCMA beach property.

There was interest in a religious conference by Clarence Beasley.

The Committee on Grounds authorized to put up a barrier and sign on unused road at CCMA boundary north of the Tabernacle.

July 13: 20 new bathhouses built at the west end of the beach at a cost of \$2,000.

Whittemore furnishes church calendars for the Tabernacle Sunday services with old Craigville Scenes. He also provided the use of an electric organ. (An electric organ did not prove practical because of the dampness.)

July 14: Howard Almy recommended for membership.

Buffington and Davis appointed as ad hoc committee to check the insurance situation. Mutual vs stock co.

July 14: annual Meeting of CCMA 28 members present,

Centerville Civic Association being formed.

\$200 vandalism. We did not have insurance.

October 15: Mrs. Frank Merrill reported sale of land below the bluff to the east of the beach path and that renting cottages were to be built on it.

Mr. Kelley, our insurance man, advised against insuring in mutual companies.

Donald Salisbury presented the Tabernacle with an altar he built.

Miss Louise Pine gave candlesticks.

Voted to clarify the bounds of CCMA land between Miss Bownes and Mrs. Hathaway properties on Ocean and Park Avenues.

Swift reported that Pendergast wants \$18,000 for parking lot west of the beach path. Voted to negotiate for land from road to bluff for \$15,000 with leeway up to \$18,000.

Voted that Mrs. Booker be responsible for the operation of the snack bar in 1950.

Rented some Lake Elizabeth shore property to Mrs. Frank Merrill.

Voted to hire Mrs. Hathaway to run Inn in 1950.

Tennis court profit \$3.65.

#### **1949**

December 10: voted to pay 1949 taxes.

Voted to buy beach parking lot for \$15,000.

Dr. Lobinger reported favorably on a summer conference for 1950.

Dr. Schultz to interview candidates for beach manager for 1950.

#### **1950**

January 21: directors meet at Hyannis Inn.

Present: Sargent, Buffington, Bates, Booker, Lobinger, Cyril Sargent, Schultz, Swain and Swift.

Treasurer reported a January 21 balance of \$1,632.30 with all bills paid except Daniels.

Bro. Lobinger outlined plans for a summer conference June 24 – July 1.

Swift presented three legal motions involved in purchasing the parking lot and increasing the mortgage to \$35,000. All were authorized.

Mr. Morrow again to be hired to manage the beach.

Interest on mortgage still @ 5%.

April 25: less vandalism than usual at the beach, but still numerous locks will have to be replaced and general upkeep work to be done.

July 5: Mrs. G. W. Hathaway's house and lot situation reviewed, and deeds authorized to get the house on the land and the land under the house. (At times the older lots were a little vague as to boundaries.)

Authorized a summer conference for 1951.

Mrs. Booker reported Mrs. Church and daughter running the snack bar.

107 at the summer conference, 40 at Social Action Conference.

Noted death of Frank Merrill.

Voted to paint the stairs at the bluff and to pay \$3,000 on the mortgage.

July 6: Annual CCMA Meeting: Only 16 members showed up which was not a quorum.

Rev. Myron W. Fowell elected a member.

August 11: adjourned Annual Meeting with 33 present.

Suggestion made that the directors investigate the advisability of securing a pulmotor for beach.

September 23: tennis courts showed \$31.55 profit.

Voted to have the Secretary notify the Kelley Insurance Company to furnish Judge Swift a complete list of the insurance policies carried by the Assoc.

Voted to have the Treasurer pay \$4,000 on the mortgage and one half of the 1950 taxes.

Mr. Morrow reported on the beach season. He was reengaged for 1951 and beach guard salaries were set at \$200.

Thanked the committee for the sound equipment at the beach.

## **1950**

September 23: new floor laid in the second-floor recreation room at the beach.

Thanked Francis Goodell for setting out the trees on the slope in front of the Tabernacle.

Beach Snack Bar profit is \$965.67

Mrs. Hathaway reengaged for 1951 to manage Inn.

Accepted a \$10 binder from Carroll E. Whittemore on his offer to purchase the old beach office building.

## **1951**

January 13: eleven directors present at meeting at Hyannis.

Loss for 1950: \$.44 after depreciation.

Half of 1950 taxes unpaid.

President to call meeting of Beach Committee to fix rates for 1951. Judge Swift is Chairman.

Whittemore on religious activities reported two conferences to be held.

The Inn had a poor season because of bad two weeks at the end of the summer.

A new 500-gallon hot water heater needed at Inn.

Smith's Harbor Hills development reported. Voted to send letter to Selectmen objecting to opening Craigville roads to it.

Voted to have gates at two entrances to Craigville with signs and to have them legally closed at times. (That was not popular with cottagers and never was done).

Voted \$360 for publicity.

Cyril Sargent for the Public Works Committee reported Mr. Addicks recommended a dry well be dug by the tennis courts on Vine Ave. for drainage. Also recommended a blue stone surface for the path from the bluff to the beach.

Voted to have stone bounds placed around the parking lot at the beach.

Miriam Cooper given permission to move the old beach office building to a lot north of the Sprague lot on Strawberryhill Avenue. She is to pay \$1,000 for the lot.

A fence to be put up on CCMA north boundary.

April 28, Wm. Morrow to be beach manager. Vandals damaged doors and locks of 70 bathhouses. Voted to encourage social activities at beach.

Mr. Davis reported Mr. Lawrence (a contractor doing our work) was no longer available.

June 28: Annual Meeting – no quorum.

July 13: Adjourned Annual Meeting with 25 present.

Hyannis Trust mortgage - \$32,500.

New members elected – Miriam Cooper, Catherine M. Shoemaker, Mrs. B. C. Jordan, Ethel Jordan, E. Douglas Woodring, Albertina Woodring and Mrs. Carroll E. Whittemore.

Voted to amend the Constitution to change the date of the Annual Meeting to 8 PM on the second Friday in July.

Caution was called for on fast auto driving.

## **1954**

Whittemore development: 17 out of 23 lots sold.

Request of Cottage Owners that we write the full name CHRISTIAN CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION on signs and block off roads as necessary to keep claim to privacy.

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Sherman elected as members.

October 2, voted to release CCMA rights in Prospect and Sunrise Avenue to the Sobins.

Bathhouses were completely rented in 1954.

Gross revenue \$12,300 25 Bathhouses broken into in the Spring.

### **1955**

April 2, Choir Director's Conference held June 26 to July 2. Robly Lawson to lead.

Bathrooms installed in Groves House.

Paul Wilder to be Beach Manager; the Garcia's to run the Snack Bar.

July 8,: considerable beach vandalism  
A good beach season expected.

Voted to pay \$65 for the cupola on Post Office.

July 8: CCMA Annual Meeting 26 members present.

Deaths reported were Mr. Frank Addicks and Mrs. Oscar Eggleston.

Receipts of \$34,085 and expenses of \$28,824 showed a gain of \$6,260.

New members elected included Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Pillsbury, Mrs. Carl F. Schultz and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

The tall flagpole has been set up at the beach.

Mrs. Booker reported that only 29 days were good beach days out of 189 in 1953.

Charles J. Davis, Jr. elected Treasurer to succeed H. Freeman Bates.

Voted the CCMA strongly opposed granting liquor licenses and any changes in the zoning laws in vicinity of Craigville.

October 1: Threats of a polio epidemic and hurricane hurt the end of the season business.

Myron Fowell very much interested in Craigville for religious conferences.

Voted to accept the offer of Carroll E. Whittemore of a stained-glass window for the Tabernacle. A plan of the Whittemore real estate development at the north end is in Secretary's folder.

### **1956**

March 24, two conferences scheduled: June 22 to 30 for 100 young people and August 26 to September 1 for 50 adults.  
Voted to contribute \$1,000

Future use by Mass. Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was discussed at length.

## 1959

Letter received from J. Allan Cook saying that he could no longer operate the Inn. Dated June 6, 1959.

April 11: Discussion on wisdom of moving the Snack Bar operation to the west end of the beach.

Voted to use Styrofoam floatation in rafts.

Voted to sell land between Goodell and Batchelor cottages.

\$5,500 lease negotiated with J. Allan Cook for the Inn for 1959.

Junior High Conference in June and choir directors in August

July 10: approved Dr. Schultz holding a dinner at the Inn for Cape Cod clergy.

Progress reported on developing additional interest in Craigville by the Mass. Conference.

A committee appointed consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Carroll Whittemore to work out arrangements for maintaining a self-sustaining operation of the Inn facilities with Massachusetts Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches.

CCMA Annual Meeting -- 25 Present.

Rev. Albert J. Penner elected a member.

In the Secretary's folder there is the first page of a letter to Dr. Penner regarding the Mass. Conference leasing the Inn for a two-year period to try out their interest.

September 17: letter from J. Buffington, Jr. to Leonard H. Pillsbury, Secretary. "Dear Leonard, I have heard from Dr. Penner today that the Executive Committee of the Mass. Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches has approved the program of leasing Craigville Inn and authorized the President to appoint a committee to bring back a report but with authority to negotiate a two-year lease at not over \$5,000 per year. Dr. Penner has not yet got his committee appointed but will have it soon and will get in touch with me. We should then arrange a meeting with our committee as soon as possible and get the terms down in writing. I am planning to have the regular fall meeting of the directors of the CCMA on October 17. Jim"

October 17: treasurer Davis reported balance on hand \$9,084.

Beach Committee to employ Elliott B. MacSwan for 1960. Beach Committee to meet before the first of the year to settle rates, rules, etc. Agreement reported with the Mass Conference for a 2-year lease of the INN properties for \$5,000 per year.

Dr. Cook to be reimbursed for Inn inventory.

Mr. Davis moved that we buy the Richardson cottage south of the Inn (now owned by Mr. Buffington) for \$10,000 and it was so voted.

The Executive Committee was authorized to negotiate for the Bodman property at not over \$7,000.

### **1959 – 1960**

We worked out with Dr. Albert Penner of the Massachusetts Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches a two - year lease of the three central Inn buildings at \$5,000 per year. Carroll Whittemore was very instrumental in getting things started and Myron W. Powell and Dr. Penner were quick to see the advantages of Craigville as a second conference center.

To have a year-round place for the Center director to live the Bodman Cottage was purchased.

In the late 1950's when Allan Cook was leasing the Inn it so happened that at a time when his lease was due for renewal, the cottage next to the Inn came on the market. He was very reluctant to renew without knowing who next door might be, so I bought the cottage now known as Andover. Charley Davis rented it the first year and by the second year we had fixed it up enough so that Cook kept it full of Inn guests. By the end of 1961, the CCMA had enough funds to purchase it for \$10,000 which represented the amount I paid for it plus the expenses of fixing it up less the income from 1955 through 1961.

Later, the third cottage in the group south of the Inn was purchased and added to the Conference Center group. These three cottages are so close together that it eliminated noise complaints on the part of non-conference owners by owning all of them.

Another bargain purchase was the cranberry bog bought from Bruce Phinney in 1960 for \$2,500. We had the idea of using it as a recreational field but never were able to get it down low enough on the list of priorities to spend the money on it. Environmental restrictions have now made any changes quite difficult.

In 1919, when Mr. Percy Patterson bought the cottage at the corner of Hotel Avenue and Strawberry Hill Avenue (now Lake Elizabeth Drive), Hotel Avenue was a dusty road right next to the dining room of the Chiquaquet Inn and carried quite a bit of dusty travel. An arrangement was made to close off the street and leave it as a walkway. Rather attractive field stone walls and posts were installed at both ends of the block. Mr. Fisher and the Patterson's shared in the expense. In 1960 the problem of auto traffic control was tackled by a joint committee of the CCMA and the Cottage Owners, and it was decided to open Hotel Avenue to one way auto traffic westbound and to hard surface it. I had to clear it with Mrs. Patterson who really was not happy about it since the year that they bought the cottage they had to contribute the cost of closing it off, but she finally accepted it and I think everyone will agree that it the flow of traffic and relieved the traffic flowing down by Craigville Inn.

### **1959**

October 17: Dr. Harpole moved, and it was voted to sell to Mrs. Booker the CCMA rights and interest in land adjacent to her property for \$300 leaving a 10 foot right of way adjacent to the Addicks property.

November 18: a letter to the directors reported the availability of the Bodman property for \$6,500 and the Phinney Bog for \$2,500.

### **1960**

January 9: special meeting called at Whittemore's Boston office as 16 Ashburton Place to consider payment of \$500 to J. Allan Cook for the inventory and supplies he had accumulated, plus his mailing list and goodwill.

1. Approval of terms of Inn lease.
2. Approval of purchase of the bog
3. Approval of purchase of Bodman Cottage
4. Specific approval of amount to increase the mortgage for above items.

All the above items were approved at the meeting.

March 25: the president and treasurer were authorized to add to the \$5000 Inn lease the Bodman cottage for an additional \$600.

The Beach Committee increased rates after no change for 5 years. Family bathhouses for the season were increased to \$49.50.

July 8: balance on hand \$8,872.25

Voted to sell Mr. Stone a small parcel of land between his property and the tennis court for \$500.

July 8: annual CCMA Meeting -- 25 members present.

Members elected included Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Boothman, Mr. & Mrs. William Peck, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Shangraw and Rev. & Mrs. Pierre Dupont Vuilleumier.

#### 1960 MEMORANDUM

A Hook & Hastings pipe organ was installed in the Tabernacle this summer through the kind offices of several people, principally Miss Barbara Owen.

This organ was built in 1881. It was in the Music Department of Wellesley College. They are having a new organ installed by the Andover Organ Company of Methuen, Mass. The old organ had to be removed very promptly and was to become the property of Andover Organ Company. They intended to sell it to some religious or educational group. This was difficult to do in the limited time available, especially during the summer. Miss Barbara Owen, the organist at the Hingham Congregational Church was a counsellor in charge of the musical program at one of the conferences at Craigville. She knew of the situation and of the conferences at Craigville and prevailed on the Andover Organ Company to offer the organ to Craigville. The offer was made.

#### 1962

July, to clear up uncertainty on responsibility it voted that it be the responsibility of the Secretary to send out notices of meeting and collect dues.

Out of place in the file was a report of a September 4, 1961 meeting of the directors where it was voted to clear the land in the rear of Mrs. Chase's cottage and level it for a parking lot.

It was also voted to open Hotel Avenue for one way auto traffic west bound, and to black top surface the same.

It was voted to sell lots #256 and #257 to Mr. and Mrs. Ainslee Embree for \$500.

#### 1962 Again

July 13: CCMA Annual Meeting -- 27 present

Dr. Schultz moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Cottage Owners Association on roads and traffic problems. Mr. Swain reported on car parking which would make it difficult if not impossible for fire trucks to get through.

Deaths reported: Mrs. George Hathaway, Mr. Ernest Kaiser, Mr. William Whelan

October 2: since finances seemed to be in good shape, plans for improvements amounting to about \$5,000/\$10,000 were authorized. Snack Bar and Beach had a good year. Bank balance as of October 9 was \$4,457.79.

### 1963

April 5: letter from Buffington to directors called their attention to move to change zoning for beach area which would open it up to motels etc. We fought the case with others. It was defeated.

February 18<sup>th</sup> letter Buffington to directors said Philip Krupp had bought the parking lot across the street from the town beach and wanted to open it up for motels.

May 23: Buffington letter to directors about the purchase of 3.3 acres of land in front of the Lodge, below the bluff and behind the beach parking lot.

June 29: Directors authorized purchase of the 3.3 acres @ \$20,000, granting right of way to back cottages of sellers. Mass Conference loaned us the \$20,000 @ 4%.

Second mortgage on Andover paid off. \$2,043. First mortgage on Andover \$3,000 paid on it.

For the first time the Craigville Beach Association had to register with the Mass. Secretary of State as a non-profit organization (under a 1955 law) and pay a fee of \$5 per year.

Horace A. Moses Foundation granted \$2,500 for improvements to the Inn.

July 12: Mr. Arvin Craig took pictures of the directors. (I never say anything of the completed pictures).

Mrs. Chase's House to be raised and the land to be used to widen the access road to the parking lot.

Traffic speed problems discussed at length.

### 1963

July 12 CCMA Annual Meeting – 28 Members present.

New Members	Rev. and Mrs. Carl F. Schultz, Jr. ,Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McLean
Deaths	Mrs. Eva Chase, Mrs. Florence Fraser

Mrs. Vuilleumier reported 150 retreats held in past year.

1963 list of members in folder.

October 12: October 7 financial situation

\$125,000 mortgage to Mass Conference  
\$ 3,000 to Bass River Savings Band on Andover  
\$ 6,683 in CCMA account in bank.

#### **1964**

July 10: directors met in new book room in Tabernacle.

Voted to sell 10,000-foot lot to Carl F. Schultz, Jr. for \$1,000

Survey authorized of north end of CCMA property.

July 10: Annual CCMA Meeting, 29 members present

Among new members elected Rev. and Mrs. Nevin Kirk.

September 29: Federal Income Tax man reviewing our tax status and returns. We retained Hale & Dorr as counsel.

August 22: letter from Cottage Owners suggesting equal responsibility and authority with CCMA in running operations at Craigville. They should be given a vote on any programs projected. This was answered by letter of December 7 to Dr. Carol Zielinski, President of the Cottage Owners. It was signed for the board of CCMA directors by James Buffington, Jr. President.

October 10: tax liability still uncertain.

Mr. Herbert L. Stone, a former director, has died.

October 13: letter from Lucius Thayer of Hale & Dorr regarding progress on Federal Income Tax liability.

November 9: report of progress on various items.

#### **1965**

March 18: my report to CCMA directors on taxes. We had to include years back to 1958 in the IRS settlement on related versus unrelated income at the beach. The total liability came to \$6,600 plus \$1,200 interest.

July 9: voted to approve of sale to Suzanne and Ainslee Embree of CCMA rights, title, and interest in lots #263, 270 and 271 bounded southerly by lot #256 and by Laurel Avenue as now laid out and easterly by lots # 269 and 262 for \$250.

Voted to sell CCMA rights title and interest in lot #247 to Howard Almy for \$500.

#### **1966**

August 22: Voted to purchase land and buildings of Rev. Raymond E. Gibson adjacent to the Inn on the north side. Price \$9,000. No increase in mortgage necessary.

Voted to increase liability insurance coverage to \$100,000/\$300,000.

Voted to give Frank Brennan permission to use its land for an access to Lake Elizabeth. (He had built a dock).

Same permission given to Cottage Owners. (This was regarding use of the so-called Dyers Dock and possible repairs to same.)

A committee consisting of Fowell, Overlock and Whittemore was appointed to study the possibility of selling the land or use of the Swain property.

October 12: the rate structure between the Inn and Beach to be studied and rewritten.

Voted to try out southbound traffic only on Summerbell Avenue.

Mr. O. H. Eggleston died.

Rent of \$1,000 set on former Gibson cottage set for the Conference.

Money from former North Church of Newton to be used for improvement at the Inn.

Mr. Edward Schlingman, U.C.C. expert on camps and conference grounds met with the Board. His recommendations were presented.

A committee of Fowell, Harpole, Schultz, Swift and Whittemore was appointed to study the use of the cranberry bog, parking lot, Swain property and the enlargement of the Beach parking lot as well as zoning restrictions. A survey of the Swain property was authorized.

## **1967**

July 5: Conference prepaid 1967 leases to the extent of \$10,000 less \$200 interest. This enabled CCMA to pay balance due in 1966 real estate taxes, balance due on 1966 insurance premiums, 1967 Federal Income Tax, Beach manager bonus, electric light bills, \$2/3,000 for work on Swain's, \$1,100 put into hard top on roads, \$900 more scheduled but not done.

July 14: much damage to signs.

Annual Meeting new Members Rev. and Mrs. Alan Hackett, Rev. and Mrs. Dexter Rice, Mr. Alan Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomatillo and Dorothy Worrall.

Added to the wording of the Constitution "or the United Church of Christ"

Schlingman report: Harvard house – wise to tear down and build a modern structure to house 25/30 people; probably not over two stories high. Cranberry bog: develop for recreational use and build some kind of pavilion. Swain: possible use for 6 to 10 summer cottages. Convert house into sort of a headquarters. Did not recommend selling any of the property. Might need to be subsidized in the beginning.

October 12: beach manager's salary increased by \$250. Review of beach rates authorized.

Voted to authorize the Inn (Conference Center) to continue to operate the tennis courts.

December, a list of items deposited in the Congregational Library at 14 Beacon Street, Boston

Financial Reports 1938, 1939, 1941 and 1950/65.  
Treasurers' Books 1972-1914 – 1928/1933 – 1944/1949 and 1950/1951  
Minutes of Directors Meetings 1923/1965  
Minutes of Annual Meetings 1943/1965  
Old Craigville Records  
The Craigville Visitor – 1925/1932  
Anniversary Accounts  
Old Newspaper clippings.  
An envelope containing interesting documents.  
Original Land Court Certificate for the Beach (not the original deed at the time of the first purchase) This certificate was lost, and a duplicate was procured which is in the safe deposit box in the bank at Hyannis.  
Financial reports 1924/1926 and correspondence regarding conditions at that time.  
Condensed financial reports 1930/1932 – 1939 – 1941/1965.  
Original Deeds to Campgrounds, walk from bluff to beach, former walk to old outhouse toilets near the marsh, beach purchase by Mason Fisher (my great grandfather) and the release to the CCMA and other miscellaneous deeds.  
Deed and plan of beach parking lot.  
Constitution with amendments 1872 – 1967.  
Correspondence regarding retaining the Post Office.  
Perry Plan of Cottage lots 1972 and CCMA plan of 1895.  
Papers relating to opening Hotel Avenue to auto traffic again.  
Taking of a portion of beach property by the Town of Barnstable when establishing Town Beach.  
Old photographs of early officers.  
Correspondence with Internal Revenue Department regarding taxable status of the beach.  
Correspondence regarding religious services and the Tabernacle, the stained-glass windows, the organ, attendance figures at Sunday services, old orders of service, furnished by director Carroll E. Whittemore, conferences etc.  
CCMA lists of members 1929, 1956, 1961 and 1964.  
Correspondence with the Massachusetts Conference regarding leasing the Inn properties 12/9/67 J. Buffington, Jr.

### 1973

March 27: Report from George Thomas that the Mass Conference Board of Directors voted "That the Board accept the recommendations of the Executive Committee that the Craigville Center Committee be reorganized as a new committee with strengthened and enlarged membership so that it can more effectively project and develop plans in cooperation with the Center Director and with the power to act in program development. To further this development a meeting was called for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Framingham. On April 4<sup>th</sup> a letter was sent to the CCMA board of directors from J. Buffington, Jr. reporting on what transpired at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. (Only about 4 or 5 of directors were able to make the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.)

May 23: letter to the CCMA directors saying that the Search Committee has submitted two names to Rev. Avery Post as recommendations for the new Conference Center director. In the meantime, the Rev. Edward Nutting is carrying on as interim director.

Swain house badly damaged by vandalism but has been repaired. Estimated damage \$1,600. Insurance company settled for \$1,000 – Actual cost was about \$1,400 which included making shutters for almost all the windows.

Renewal of innkeeper's license sparked inspections by all town boards concerned and resulted in a lot of work needed to comply with all the new regulations. (They were good sound improvements and thanks to the influence of Rev. Carl F.

Schultz we were given sufficient time to get them done on a crash program. The crews of Bernard Wilber and Fuller Electric really went to work and did an excellent job of doing the required work.

Nicholas Tourlass is hired to replace Charles Howes as manager of the Snack Bar.

The suggestion was made that we enlarge the CCMA Board of Directors to 18 and include Cottage Owners representatives and more from the Mass. Conference. I suggested the Conference President and the Area Minister as well as the President of the Cottage Owners. The idea is to eliminate the "we" and "they" situations.

The Building and Beach Committees should have plenty of members who are available during the winter.

Four meetings per year advisable.

April 4: Letter to the directors advising them of the death of Charles J. Davis, Jr. former director and treasurer.

July 6: Special directors meeting. Recommended change in Constitution to enlarge the Board to 18 members.

Nominating Committee appointed consisting of Fowell, Overlock and Tremper.

July 13: directors meeting. The revaluation of all property in the Town of Barnstable was reported. A committee to study the situation was appointed consisting of Buffington, Johnson, Schultz and Swift.

There are 22 streetlights in Craigville for which a charge of \$2 per month is made. 15 of these are paid for by the CCMA and 7 by the Centerville-Osterville Fire Dist.

Roads and Parks committee is to study the situation and increase if necessary.

Deaths during the past year include Charles J. Davis, Jr. Mr. A. C. O'Blenis and Miss Louise Walker.

New members recommended are Rev. George Thomas, Rev. Avery D. Post, Rev and Mrs. Edmond Nutting, Mr. and Mrs. Granger Norwood and Dr. and Mrs. Karol Zielinsky.

July 13: annual Meeting of the CCMA -- 24 members present.

Voted to approve the enlargement of the board of directors to eighteen.

Tremper is instructed to investigate the insurance situation.

The recommended new members were voted in.

September 22: the cost of the work required on the buildings came to \$10,546.66.

The search committee is still struggling to pick a new director for the Conference Center activities.

Voted to ask the Tennis Committee to pay the real estate taxes on the courts.

There was a fire in the ceiling over the lounge in the Lodge which was caused by defective brickwork in the chimney of the fireplace. Estimate of damage came to \$856/1,000. Very fortunately it was primarily a smoldering one and did not break

out in active flames. The stonework of the fireplace front had to be rebuilt and the ceiling had to be replaced. It was covered by insurance.

The lease on the Midway lot was authorized to be transferred from Ed Lyon to the present owner of the Lyon cottage, Mrs. Riley.

#### 1974

May 24: Annual report of Treasurer Johnson showed receiving rent of \$22,820.27 from Mass. Conference, \$600 from the Snack Bar.

Total bathhouse receipts of \$40,053.87 and expenses of \$29,813.

Federal Income tax of \$1,549.46.

Barnstable Real Estate Taxes increased by \$5,480.33 in one year.

May 25: Bradford Norris to succeed Bernard Wilber as contractor.

Centenary savings account boot turned over to CCMA Treasurer.

There was a letter to the directors on real estate and contents valuation.

Also, a report on insurance investigation.

July 12: discussion on taxes, insurance, tennis courts, store, rebuilding fence at west end of beach.

We were not able to get relief on real estate taxes. Insurance premiums continue to climb. We had no interest in buying the store at the figure quoted by Miss Walker's heirs. The tennis committee helped on the taxes. The town would not build a wire (cyclone) fence between the town and CCMA beaches, so we had to do it.

Deaths during the year – Dr. Wayne Laflamboy, Mrs. Camille Shangraw and Mr. Frederick Bliss. New members recommended were Rev. and Mrs. William Franklin Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. George Horton and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sinn.

Members dropped were Mrs. Fred Bliss, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Penner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lyons, Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manchee and Mrs. John Young.

Voted to negotiate leases with the Mass Conference.

Elected Rev. Ralph Harpole a director emeritus.

*[AT THIS POINT, THE NOTES I TOOK FROM THE OLD RECORDS OF THE SECRETARIES WHICH ARE IN THE METAL FILE BOX IN THE RARE BOOK ROOM AT THE CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY RUN OUT AND I WILL CONTINUE ON WITH NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S RECORDS WHICH I HAVE IN MY FILE. I HAVE PLENTY OF PAPER AND TIME SO THE NOTES WILL BE MORE COMPLETE.]*

July 12: CCMA Annual Meeting with 44 present.

Confirmed the action taken at the 1973 meeting increasing the board of directors to eighteen and the officers and at least all but five other members shall always be members of some organized church or association of the Congregational Christian

Churches or the United Church of Christ. This last change to increase the number of non-related members allowed would have to be confirmed at the 1975 meeting.

Slate of Officers elected was:

President	James Buffington, Jr.
Vice President	Rev. Carl Fearing Schultz
Secretary	Leonard H. Pillsbury
Treasurer	C. Herbert Johnson

Other Directors:

Mrs. Fletcher C. Booker  
Rev. Frederick B. Cook  
Rev. Myron W. Fowell  
Carl H. Holdridge  
Rev. Donald E. Overlock  
William F. Pack  
Rev. Avery D. Post  
Rev. Roscoe Riley  
Rev. Charles S. Sangree  
Rev. Paul E. Sinn  
Rev. Paul W. Swift  
Rev. Pierre D. Vuilleumier  
Carroll E. Whittemore  
Mrs. E. Douglas Woodring

Director Emeritus – Rev. Ralph C. Harpole

## 1974

July 12: Annual Meeting continued

Rev. Avery D. Post, the President of the Mass Conference of the United Church of Christ, spoke of the priorities the Mass. Conference has for the use of conference centers.

August 23: 14 directors Present

Granted an easement to Carroll and Agnes Whittemore to maintain a sewerage disposal system in, over, under and upon lot #93 as shown in the 1895 map of Grounds of the Christian Camp Meeting Association etc. on file at the Barnstable Registry in Plan Book 24 page 49. Signed by the president and secretary and notarized.

This satisfied the Board of Health requirements after we had it registered at the Registry in Barnstable although the lot #93 was a number used on the recent Assessors maps instead of the lot #173 on the map referred to. Anyway, Carroll Whittemore was allowed to put in a decent sewage system for the store and everyone seemed happy.

William Lloyd was voted the official CCMA member for the TRI Committee which wrestles with traffic and safety problems. He replaced Frederick B. Cook.

Treasurer Johnson reported on finances and recommended that we ask the Conference for a grant for 1975. What we did was ask that we be permitted to skip the 1974 amortization payment of \$5,000.

A petition signed by 23 persons was received asking for barriers and other means of controlling traffic. The Board voted to leave the problem to the traffic committee with power to act, but we were not in favor of barriers.

The Cottage Owners had repaired the summer house on the bluff and thanks were extended to them.

Conference Center Director Rev. William F. Hobbs reported on a successful season including Sunday services, security guards, community relations, staff, and other activities.

Beach receipts have dropped from \$46,000 in 1971 to \$37,000 in 1974.

The death of Judge Paul M. Swift was announced. He became a member in 1933. He served as Beach Committee chairman and legal advisor for many years. A letter was to be sent to William Swift, his son. Swift, Schultz and Whittemore all became members in 1933.

The Midway lot 60 x 60, which is unbuildable is assessed at \$7,050. We are trying to transfer the lease from Lyons to Mrs. Riley who bought his house. We finally had the valuation reduced to \$900 and transferred the lease.

Dr. Fowell presented some of the previous aims and hopes for promoting the use of Craigville as a Religious and Conference Center. Voted that the President appoint a committee to obtain a list of New England Conference Centers to determine which have closed in recent years to determine the trend and the present state of Conference Centers in New England. Hobbs pointed out that there have been numerous week-end youth conferences in Craigville right up to the present.

The TRI Committee, Lloyd, Peck and Hobbs, reported. Signs have been taken or tampered with. It was voted that barriers and signs be removed for the winter except the 10 MPH signs.

Beach Committee authorized to carry on for the next year.

The Treasurer authorized to borrow up to \$15,000 at 5½ % interest.

Buffington reported that some mortgages made in 1951 had gone by the due date. Leases were written for ten-year period while it would take 20 years to amortize.

Tennis court taxes amount to about \$500. It was voted to ask the Tennis Committee to pay this year's taxes out of next year's income.

Hobbs and Schultz reported that contact had been made with Loomis Patrick concerning the eligibility of the CCMA for reduction of taxes.

## **1975**

May 24: spring directors Meeting held in the Federated Church in Hyannis with 15 directors present.

President Buffington reported that because he had had a cardiac arrest last December, he would not be willing to continue as President after the Annual Meeting in July.

A letter from Rev. Avery D. Post expresses the purpose of the Conference to continue the utilization of Craigville as a Conference Center. Sinn spoke of the plans that the Conference has concerning Craigville, Framingham and Cummington. Buffington spoke highly of the Conference Centers Committee.

Hobbs reported on increases use of Craigville by youth and church groups. Guest reservations up for 1975. Tabernacle services schedule nearly completed. Replies from questionnaire sent 95 centers received from eleven so far and all but one of these seem to in condition of good health.

Beach committee reported considerable vandalism. Arthur Connolly to oversee Snack Bar. New rates this summer. Rates for directors discussed.

July 11 directors: Post gave recommendations of Hobbs and Conference Centers Committee Chairman Don Overlock. He told us that the Conference Board of Directors has ruled that it will receive recommendations concerning Craigville from the Centers Committee, and that it regards the Conference Center as part of our mission goals, and it sees this location as choice for the future.

Peck reported that the Long-Range Planning Comm. was meeting regularly and considering various plans for both Harvard House and the Swain property.

Roads and Parks retiring chairman Cook was thanked for his conscientious work for many years.

Schultz is reported to be convalescing at home after an operation and reports beach operation shows a modest increase.

A vote of thanks was extended to retiring director Rev. Frederick B. Cook. (During his terms on the Roads and Parks Committee he had painted more than 100 signs.)

July 17: CCMA Annual Meeting -- 33 present

It was noted that this is the first Annual Meeting which Rev. Carl F. Schultz has missed since 1933. Director Emeritus Rev. Ralph O. Harpole is in the rest home in Silver Springs, Maryland.

Treasurer Johnson presented his report for 1974. Total receipts were \$68,176.31, disbursements \$62,393.62. Depreciation \$5,247 for a net gain of \$535.69.

Assets are carried at \$239,639.02 while liabilities include \$115,700 in mortgages and a loan of \$12,000. Assessed valuations are land \$707,250 and buildings \$377,650.

Deaths, resignations, and new members were the same as reported in the director's Meeting.

The confirming vote was passed to make legal the enlarging of the board of directors and the increase in the number of Directors who were not required to be members of the United Church of Christ or Congregational Christian Churches.

Officers and Directors were elected as follows:

President Rev. Donald Overlock  
Vice President Rev. Carl F. Schultz  
Secretary Rev. Charles S. Sangree  
Treasurer O. Herbert Johnson.

Other directors were Mrs. Stanley Norwood, Mrs. Fletcher C. Booker, Mrs. E. Douglas Woodring, James Buffington, Jr., Carl Holdridge, William Peck, Carroll E. Whittemore, and the Reverends Leonard H. Pillsbury, Roscoe Riley, Pierre D. Vuilleumier, Myron Fowell, Avery Post and Paul Sinn.

The director of the Conference Center and the CCMA member of the TRI Committee were voted in as ex-officio directors but without vote.

Rev. Avery Post spoke for the Conference thanking President Buffington for 23 years of service. He also expressed appreciation for the foresight of Conference officers Fowell and Penner as well as Pierre and Marion Vuilleumier for their parts in bringing the Craigville activities to pass. He was also praising director Hobbs and Conference Center Committee Chairman Overlock for their contributions.

Mr. Hobbs spoke about the A.R.A. food service which is now operating out of the Inn kitchen providing weekday lunches for 215 elderly persons on the Cape.

The meeting ended with a round of laudatory speeches all around and everyone went home happy.

August 15: fourteen directors plus Hobbs and Lloyd

Beach – Buffington approving bills in absence of Schultz due to illness. Mrs. Booker reports things going smoothly with income slightly higher plus \$6,178.

Insurance – Buffington reports insurance for beach vandalism should amount to \$3,170 if no hitch develops. Building valuation should be raised from \$274,000 to \$342,000. It was so voted.

Buildings – Buffington reported that in general the CCMA should take care of structural maintenance while Conference Center does inside maintenance. Whittemore to be Building Committee chairman.

Finance – Johnson had \$3,758 in checking account. It will be needed for real estate taxes and forthcoming insurance premium of \$5,810 (of the total of \$9,000 or so)

Parks and Roads – Chairman Woodring reported that Hathaway and Lloyd will do signs. Questions raised about drainage and trimming and surface of parking lot. Woodring will get prices. Executive Committee given power to act.

Long Range Planning is meeting every two weeks. Action on Harvard House is principal immediate problem. To repair to completely raise or to partly demolish with view to rebuild later. Committee feels that Centennial Fund should pay. Advice of Conference Center Committee sought.

Voted to grant Thomas Greene easement for septic tank in Spring Avenue if he pays all costs.

Hobbs noted possible problem with Lily Pond.

REVISED MORTGAGE PROPOSAL FOR CCMA AND MASS. CONFERENCE UCC  
October 1975

To be early on agenda of the Finance Comm. Committee of the directors of M.C.U.C.C. October 9<sup>th</sup> and reviewed at CCMA directors meeting October 4, 1975.

The Craigville Conference Center Committee voted August 12.

“We advise extending mortgages in new packages so that the present lease rate would liquidate the balance due & amortize all debts over a reasonable period. The new package would include Swain and lands not previously being paid on.”

September 16, 1975, balances are:

Inn and Bathhouses	\$10,000
Manor	8,000
Lodge	27,000
Land below bluff	20,000
Swain	20,000
Murphy	7,800
	92,800

Staff house mortgages we do not propose to change.

Revised schedule calls for payment of \$10,000 annually from 1975 to 1987 which would clean up the mortgages.

Conference Center Committee also advised a provision to allow for revisions from time to time for uncontrollable increases in cost due to taxes and insurance premiums.

Last year's increase of \$4,000 to a total lease amount of \$25,500 was the first increase in quite a while.

Johnson also proposed combining the mortgages, but nothing was done about it.

## 1976

January 10 Meeting with CCMA directors and the Conference Center Committee: Good attendance of 13 at this time of the year.

Word was received of the death of Rev. Ralph C. Harpole. Long a member and director.

Treasurer presented 1975 Financial report and a tentative 1976 budget. Each committee was asked to study its portion and revise if necessary. Net gain for 1975 was \$156.53 because of the demolition of Harvard House.

Applications for tax relief have been filed with the Town of Barnstable because we have an appraisal of \$191,000 less than the assessed value on five parcels. The Centennial Fund reduced by \$4,000 spent on demolition of Harvard and \$842.36 on winterizing the Inn kitchen, stands at \$6,856.97.

Hobbs reported that the Inn kitchen has been winterized by insulating the pipes, installing a gas furnace, and painting. Fire Chief has intimated that he will probably want more things done. More work will have to be done on Harvard, Swain, Union, and the Inn waste system. He raised questions of financing. He raised questions of priorities and programs. He listed capacities of 100 beds in winter, 200 in spring and fall and 150 during the summer guest season.

March 16: joint meeting with Conference Center Committee.

The death of Herbert Boothman reported. He had served as bookkeeper for CCMA for 42 years.

There was a warm approval to the statements on Craigville's Christian Ministry:

To enable persons and groups (by providing (a) facilities, lodgings, meals; (b) programs; (c) a recreational environment.

To be (a) a servant to the community; (b) a tabernacle presence, program, and inspiration.

Harvard House came next. A Conference drive to eliminate Framingham's debt will be brought to the annual meeting. Craigville is not included. Whittemore's motion to fill in holes around Harvard and paint it was voted.

Good news: Johnson says that the Barnstable Assessors, as of July 1, 1975, have granted tax exemption for the Lodge, Manor, Inn Groves and four cottages. A valuation of the beach parking and extension, and the Swain property, has been reduced by \$40,000. Net savings will be \$10,368. Johnson and Hobbs had a good meeting with the Assessors which helped to pave the way.

Treasurer reported checking balance of \$125.56, savings of \$1,376.36 in account for possible acquisitions (the James Spate account) Centenary account \$6,856.97.

Priorities for sources of raising money were discussed and met with general approval in the order listed. Bluff, Common, beach, Swain. There was a considerable discussion about Swain and strong demurrers against selling the Beach.

Holdridge moved that we make some preliminary plans for replacing Harvard, at minimal expense, drawing on director's ideas. Hobbs will approach Vuilleumier. Voted.

Long Range Planning Committee asked to provide answers to questions of where the Center wants to go with those answers communicated to the executive committee of the Conference Board of Directors. Chairman Peck being away, Johnson asked to get LRPC together.

Hobbs said that tar is being tracked around from the parking lot. Sand might help. Suggested parking the dump truck there at night.

Building Committee will walk the buildings with Hobbs before the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The tiles required by the fire chief have been installed in the dining room. The leak in Inn porch has been repaired. Swain house needs a lot of work. It will be used to house staff this summer.

Fowell suggested that the By-Laws be brought up to date. Fowell, Sinn, Buffington and Whittemore to be the committee.

Johnson asked that committees bring in estimates for that he can put together a budget for approval in the fall.

Long Range Planning Committee asked to check into the development going in next to Swain.

Nominating Committee made up of Holdridge, Woodring and Vuilleumier. There are two vacancies on the board of directors.

Hobbs asked for suggestions for additions to the Craigville Conference Center Committee. Overlock and Johnson are not off. Buffington continues for a year. Kirk and Riley were suggested.

Woodring will write a reminder on disposal of trash. No dumping in the ponds.

July 9: directors Meeting -- 14 present

Beach – July 5 traffic was horrendous, but the guards had cleaned up by midnight. 24 bath houses still unrented. Income is down \$100 currently.

Long Range Planning – Harvard foundation demolished, topsoil has been put in and will be seeded.

Financial – Buffington \$12,000 note has been repaid.

July 9, 1976, CMA Annual Meeting: -- 33 members present

Buffington presented resolutions on the deaths of two directors. The Rev. Ralph O. Harpole became a member in 1940 and a director in 1943. During the war years he did not come to Craigville as he was serving as a Chaplain in the Navy and at the Maritime Academy at King's Point, New York. He was a cottage owner from 1939 until the time of his death at Christmas time in 1975. His good judgement and quiet Christianity were always appreciated and Craigville was the richer for having known him.

The Rev. Dr. Carl F. Schultz became a member in 1933, a director in 1947 and was appointed Chairman of the beach committee in 1957 which post he retained until his death this year. He was elected vice president in 1952.

Dr. Schultz's knowledge of the Town of Barnstable and its people was invaluable to the interests of the CCMA. Many a time he came to our aid when restrictions on operation gave us insufficient time to remedy them. His unruffled personality kept us steady when the going was difficult. His 48 years as Pastor of the Federated Church in Hyannis contributed a connection with the churches of the Cape which embraced all denominations. We shall miss him greatly but remain grateful for the privilege of having known him.

The motion of the directors granting emeritus standing to Rev. Fredericks Cook and beach privileges to both Mr. and Mrs. Cook was passed unanimously.

It was suggested that copies of the minutes of the director's meetings, and the annual meeting be made available in advance so that they do not need to be read by the secretary. This suggestion was followed, and they were made available at the Inn office the next year. (I am not sure that anyone read them.)

The Treasurer's report as made to the directors was read and approved.

The following slate of officers and directors was brought in by the Nominating Committee and approval voted.

Pres. Rev. Donald E. Overlock

Vice Pres. Rev. Dr. Pierre D. Vuilleumier

Secretary Rev. Dr. Charles S. Sangree

Treasurer O Herbert Johnson

Other directors – Mrs. Stanley Norwood, James Buffington, Jr., Carl H. Holdridge, Rev. Leonard H. Pillsbury, Rev. Roscoe Riley, Mrs. E. Douglas Woodring, Mrs. Fletcher C. Booker, Rev. Myron Fowell, William Peck, Rev. Avery Post, Rev. Paul Sinn, Carroll E. Whittemore, William Lloyd and Edward Hamlin.

Director Hobbs reported that the Conference Center deals with four parts. 1<sup>st</sup>. Retreats, conferences, and day meetings with 152 groups doing their own programs. Of these, 72 were Mass. Conference UCC churches, 48 other churches and 38 other groups. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Provides programming, this last year, for some 20 conferences like the single head of households, senior

singles, youth retreats for small churches, for clergy, for divorced persons, for church leaders. This serves Cape Cod and the Northeast. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Provides a leisure ministry in the summer, especially through the Tabernacle. Stimulation and variety are provided Sundays and weekdays. A program assistant reaches out to the village. 4<sup>th</sup>. Direct Mission. The nutrition program for the elderly is growing. 9 separate locations are served by our kitchen (from Bourne to Chatham) Major credit for this Title 7 Program goes to Bernita Grogan. Shelter has been provided for eighteen families who were burned out, evicted or troubled, and some of these were unable to pay.

State Conference President Post spoke of the past, of the quality of the Inn's guests, and of how Craigville is "an island surrounded by the U.S. whose bluff provides a place to gain perspective. He especially commended Hobbs for his leadership and management skills and Overlock and Johnson.

Buffington presented revisions of Article XII of the Bylaws for consideration.

- A. The President shall appoint the following committees, of three or more members each, within 30 days after the Annual Meeting.
  1. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND TABERNACLE  
This committee shall cooperate with the Conference Director in preparing for Tabernacle services and activities, for the allocation of time in connection with the various uses of the Tabernacle, for winter closings and spring openings, for the care of the organ, for reporting promptly to the Treasurer and insurance claims and for approving bills and forwarding them to the Treasurer. It shall make recommendations to the building committee in respect to structure and maintenance.
  2. ROADS AND PARKS  
It shall be this committee's duty to care for the upkeep of roads, paths, sidewalks, and stairways on paths (except for the Midway), roadside clearings, signs, fences, parks and lighting on paths, streets, and parking area near the Tabernacle. The chairman will approve bills and forward them to the treasurer for payment.
  3. BUILDINGS  
The Building Committee shall be responsible for the structural care of all buildings except those identified with the beach. It shall provide for conformity with building safety and sanitary codes. It shall care for painting, the erection of new buildings as needed and for reporting insurance claims promptly to the Treasurer. The committee chairman shall approve bills and forward them to the Treasurer.
  4. BEACH  
This committee shall hire a beach manager, provide for the operation of the snack bar and setting of rates, the establishment of salaries and necessary rules, along with a budget for the beach operation. It should keep buildings and signs in repair, report insurance claims promptly to the Treasurer and cooperate with the beach manager in solving problems. It shall care for the maintenance of the beach parking lot and the chairman shall approve bills and forward them to the Treasurer.
  5. FINANCIAL  
The financial committee shall assist the Treasurer in dealing with financial matters, tax problems, legal problems (with financial implications) real estate problems and financial problems. It shall prepare a budget in cooperation with other committees for submission to the directors. It shall cooperate with the long-range planning committee in developing a program for funding improvements.

LONG RANGE PLANNING  
A LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE SHALL

1. Develop and recommend both short- and long-term plans that will permit the continuation of religious programs in Craigville within the context of the Charter of the CCMA.
2. Develop and recommend both short- and long-term planning that will provide for the financial solvency of CCMA.
  - a. Through buying and selling real estate, facilities, and property for the financial and operational benefit of CCMA.
  - b. By raising funds for the benefit of CCMA
  - c. By suggesting budgets and controls to properly manage the interests of the CCMA.
  - d. By developing and recommending programs which will provide for proper maintenance of its properties.

6. EXECUTIVE

The four officers shall constitute an Executive Committee with power to deal with necessary matters between meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. OTHER COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee of three members shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting to serve through the next annual meeting.

Member of the TRI COMMITTEE

A member shall also be appointed by the directors to serve on the TRI committee with a representative from the Cottage Owners Association and from the Conference Centers Committee, to deal with matters of mutual concern (traffic, safety, etc.)

It was moved, seconded, and voted to present this article to the next annual meeting for final adoption.

The resignations of Rev. and Mrs. Russell Murphy, Rev. Robert T. Burton, Carl A Terry, and Mrs. Helen Ritzk were accepted.

New members accepted subject to completion of the membership form and payment of dues were Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Cassidy, Diana Hamlin, Mrs. David Grogan and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Herrick.

Peterson moved that bumps be installed in the roads to deter speeding. After considerable discussion it was not voted but the subject was referred to the Roads and Parks committee.

October 23, 1976, directors meeting: All present except Holdridge, Lloyd and Riley.

Appointed Nominating Committee - Vuilleumier, Fowell, Norwood; Tri Committee – Hamlin

Membership Committee – Johnson will send a second notice to a dozen or so who have not paid dues for several years. Dues collected so far this year \$111. Post moved that 1977 dues be raised to \$3 per individual and \$5 for a family membership and it was so voted.

Treasurer's reports: net gain for 1976 is estimated at \$15,614 with payments and mortgage principal of \$7,526 and capital improvements of refrigerator and Ice cream storage box of \$2,200 with remainder put into reducing notes payable. Fowell suggested a CCMA Memorial Fund and Vuilleumier will work on this. Hobbs suggested a budget line for major repairs. Buffington pointed out that the \$1400 savings account was given for new acquisitions. Johnson pointed out that \$4,000 has been put in the 1977 budget for repairs.

Pillsbury suggested that up to \$10,000 be authorized for the Treasurer's borrowing if needed. So, voted.

The Treasurer was unanimously complimented for his work.

#### ROADS AND PARKS

Woodring reported that signs had been put up and taken down, brush has been trimmed and Summerbell paved. Cost of street lighting runs to about \$1,100 annually. Parking lot has been oiled and sanded and is holding up well.

#### VANDALISM

Hobbs reported that 9 days ago 4 lamp posts were pushed over and the signs around the green were taken, and mailboxes knocked over. Also, the fence at the end of Minister's Row has been taken down. Cook says a new post needed. Police are notified of any vandalism.

#### BUILDINGS

Whittemore presented roof repair needed on the Manor (bid at \$450) and Union (bid at \$595) and Peterson's offer. Voted to proceed. Hobbs was to oversee. Center is to be closed Dec. 12 to Jan. 17 and all employees laid off for that period so that Peterson could handle the work on his time. Union porch foundation rotted and should be removed in part.

Whittemore presented a request from Mr. Thomas Greene for a right to put in a cesspool and CCMA path. An offer for an easement was asked.

#### CHURCH RELATED

Hobbs asks for suggestions for 1977. Attendance and offerings were down from 1975. Morning and evening services are planned, and those in the evening have been promoted through the Cape churches. The Tabernacle was filled for an Ecumenical Service involving South Church and Our Lady of Victory.

#### BEACH

Rewiring of the old 1945 system has been completed. A fiber glass flagpole has been purchased. The committee is going to make a vigorous effort to restore business to the 1971 levels.

The subject of directors' beach membership was again discussed, and it was finally voted that each director be given a \$75 credit each year toward the use he makes of the beach (snack bar not included)

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Considering sale of unused property, new buildings, improvements of old buildings. Attention to possible sale of lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive north of Swain Lane.

#### INTERIM AUTHORIZATIONS

Fowell moved to authorize each committee to spend up to \$1,000 beyond budgeted expenses with the approval of the Executive Committee at a formal meeting, without calling a meeting of the full Board, providing the Executive Committee recognizes a crisis and there are available funds. Voted.

#### VALDALISM INSURANCE

Fessenden and Sykes report that we could not be paid for spring '76 vandalism since there was no evidence that any one event resulted in damage of more than \$100. (the deductible)  
Each act of vandalism must be reported to the Police since that report backs up our claim.

1977

January 29 directors Meeting: Meeting originally called for the 15<sup>th</sup> but postponed because of weather.  
Twelve directors and Hobbs present.

Six of the directors present had been at the funeral services of Carroll E. Whittemore.

The following resolution was adopted:

For over forty years Carroll E. Whittemore contributed his time, money, and constructive ideas to Craigville. As an active participant in the life of the community he was one who was always looking for ways in which the church related operations could be increasingly emphasized. His services as a camp meeting member, a director and one who carried on the Sunday Tabernacle services in the 1950's was a great help in laying a foundation for the present close connection as a strong supporting influence of the United Church of Christ operation in Massachusetts.

Budget

Johnson reported a net gain for 1976 of \$13,988.29. This enabled the reduction of notes payable to \$5,000, in addition to mortgage payments. The Beach Committee's revised budget was presented. Hobbs said that the Conference Center finished in the black by minimizing fall expenses and being closed December 12 for four weeks. Shaughnessy will again run Snack Bar @ \$600 rent plus 5% of gross over \$20,000. (We never reach this gross.) The A.R.A. food services could be an alternative. Expense budget increases were \$2,000 for Snack Bar to cover automatic fire protection system for grill and \$600 for printing and advertising. Voted to raise the overall insurance coverage of CCMA property by \$50,000 and increase the deductible to \$2,000.

Reaffirmed the principle that the CCMA as landlord pays for exterior work and all major systems while the Conference pays for furnishings and all interior decorations.

Forthcoming costs include two kitchen hood fire extinguishers, A water heater at the Lodge and smoke detection equipment. The budget total of \$38,006 was voted. This was for the Beach alone.

Peterson was doing the roofing work as noted at an earlier meeting.

Beach is going to try out fliers to increase business.

Roads and Parks reported problems of littering and parking on bluff.

Long Range Planning Winter Chairman Riley reported on possibility of working out some sales of Lake Elizabeth Drive lots and Swain property. Surveying, staking out and meetings with Planning Board needed. Voted to authorize sale of Swain house with necessary size lot to meet the minimum requirements for size and cesspool location. Much time and effort required before anything concrete can be done.,

Hobbs met with an Art Higgins about raising money and came to the conclusion that a lot of groundwork would have to be done before any concrete results could be expected.

Hobbs is planning Junior High Conference in June, single head of households; music conference; Junior environmental camp. Both dining halls to be used and staff slightly smaller.

Approved a Greene offer of \$100 for easement if he pays all costs.

Hobbs and Doug Woodring are on a committee for upgrading the Red Lily Pond. Hazards include cuttings which block the springs and pollution caused by feeding the ducks bread.

June 4 directors meeting: twelve present

Voted to recommend for membership Joseph E. and Natalie E. Eaton and Mrs. J. H. (Aleen) Tremper.

Treasurer Johnson reported \$3,817.71 in checking account, \$1,477.28 in Savings account and \$7,238.38 in Centenary account. 1976 beach income \$40,445.78 with expenses of \$34,671.76 and depreciation of \$1,324.00. Other income was \$36,358.00 and expenses of \$22,933.25 and depreciation at \$3,887.00 for a net gain of \$13,988.29.

Budget was presented with refinements suggested at last meeting and balances at \$72,970.00. A challenging additional amount from the beach income would go \$6,00 for repairs and \$4,000 to the revolving account.

Hobbs reported the Fire Chief is requiring work which amount to about \$4,000 this year.

Miscellaneous items reported on. Pillsbury named to replace Whittemore on the Building Committee.

Nominating Committee recommends same slate as previous year (except Whittemore)

Voted to give Buffington's safe deposit box key to Vuilleumier and authorize him to sign as second signature on checks.

## **1977**

July 8 directors meeting: Speeding is brought up as a major problem and again bumps in the roads are suggested as a control. Price would be \$75 each if done in conjunction with some new road work. Police and Fire Departments have approved, and the insurance companies approve if marked with signs. Six bumps are suggested as needed. Approval was voted.

It was also voted to close off the lower dirt road to the Lodge from the beach road. A barrier was to be put in place to do this. It was done.

Road repair work came to \$1,350.

Beach – Automatic fire extinguishing equipment has been installed and approved. Income is off about \$600 by August 1. Newspaper advertising has been done with at least enough return to pay for it. Fliers have been put out with reduced prices or short-term memberships and some response has been had from this program. However, there are still about forty bath houses still unrented.

Buildings – Pillsbury is new chairman but no meetings yet. Three new trash containers to be procured for center.

Treasurer – Lloyd suggested that in the future the cost of street lighting be stated separately. It amounts to \$1,100 annually.

July 8 Balances

\$11,974.12	checking
1,477.28	special savings
5,000.00	savings for taxes
7,433.05	centenary fund balance.

In August, about \$8,000 due Conference on mortgages and a large insurance premium bill is due.

Cottage Owners – Peck reports they will contribute \$675 towards road repairs; \$125 for new roof for summer house at head of steps at bluff; \$1,000 towards guards; \$150 for the band concert and \$120 towards ping pong tables in the recreation building. They are concerned about the parking lot and at the bluff and are asking for special surveillance by the guards between 10:30 and midnight.

Long Range – Peck reported next meeting to be July 18 and committee will need objectives from the Conference or the director. Hobbs reported a \$15,000 offer for the Swain house and a small area around, leaving most of the land. The committee will study this offer.

Nominating Committee report was approved.

The Inn has septic tank troubles but OK at present. Possibility of Dexter Bliss being deputized favored. Lloyd and Hathaway thanked for putting up signs. \$1,000 in insurance premiums saved by deductible of \$1,000 on beach and Inn and \$500 for residential properties.

Conference Center Director Hobbs reported that he sees a good summer for the Center. He was at General Synod, and the staff carried on well. Site Manager Dexter Bliss is in his staff house and at work. He has experience as a landscape architect too. The fire chief requested two range systems. (Inn and Lodge) costing about \$1,600, fire doors upstairs (\$150 per door) all inside opening doors to be changed to outside openers. Smoke detection systems have been installed all over. Complete dinners @ \$6 plus tax are being served at the Lodge until July 23 and then at the Inn. Reservations must be made by noon.

The resignation of Rev. George Thomas was accepted.

Pillsbury suggests contributions to CCMA above \$1 dues in the future.

1978 budget proposals are wanted at the October 8 meeting.

July 8: 1977 Annual Meeting – 34 present

Treasurer Johnson reported financial results as listed in the report of the directors meeting. Balance sheet showing assets of \$227,345.84 and liabilities of \$97,712 in mortgages and a \$5,000 note. Assessed valuations are land \$588,340 and buildings \$346,100 with personal property of \$51,800 for a total of \$1,086,250.

Nominating Committee recommendations for the coming year were voted unanimously as follows:

President – Overlock, Vice Pres., - Vuilleumier, Secretary – Sangree, Treasurer – Johnson, other directors – Booker, Buffington, Fowell, Mr. Edward Hamlin, Holdridge, William Lloyd, Mrs. Norwood, Peck, Pillsbury, Post, Riley, Sinn, and Mrs. Douglas Woodring, Hobbs and the Rev. Frederick B. Cook and Mrs. Lalarge Cook as honorary directors.

Conference Center Director Hobbs reported activities as previously reported in minutes of directors meetings and call special attention to the eleven years of service to the Center of James Peterson which ended March 31. A special vote of thanks for this service was moved by Buffington and seconded by Woodring and voted unanimously by standing and applause.

Hamlin, reporting for the Roads and Parks committee, indicated that the paving of Summerbell Avenue cost \$3,325 of which Cottage Owners paid \$1,100. Signs have been put up by Lloyd and Hathaway, and a motion of thanks to them was voted. Valley Road with its big hole is to be paved @ \$1,350 with cottage owners paying half. Bumps are being planned. Cottage Owners have repaired the steps and path to the beach and the committee will check a couple of damaged streetlights.

Beach Committee – Buffington reported that the new Memorial Town Beach to the east of us had caused some slippage in income. Cars are admitted with stickers only, but walk-ons are free. All stood and sang “Happy Birthday” for this his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chairman Peck of the Long-Range Planning Committee reported of the five meetings so far this year and on the progress which was being made.

The second-year final approval of changes in the bylaws was unanimously approved: Article 12 “The President shall appoint the following committees of three or more members each, within 30 days after the Annual Meeting:

1. Religious Activities and Tabernacle
2. Roads and Parks
3. Buildings
4. Beach
5. Financial
6. Long Range Planning
7. Nominating

*[Side note: This is wrong. Directors appoint Nominating Committee]*

The TRI committee has now been disbanded.

Marion Vuilleumier reported that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer’s Conference will be here August 21 – 26. Last year they had 100 attend.

Mrs. Agnes Whittemore said that she planned to keep the store open.

New members elected were Joseph and Natalie Eaton, Mrs. Jacob H. (Aleen) Tremper, William and Alice Gifford and Constance Danforth.

Rev. George Thomas’ resignation was accepted.

President Overlock began his written report, “The CCMA is a grand and glorious organism.” He concluded, “We are glad for cottage owners, guests, residents, staff board and daily sun worshippers. Each has a small bit to offer, ironic as it may seem, the little donations all add up to a glad response to the gift of God in scrub pine, sea weeded beach, silent star-studded sky, and a child’s cheery voice, “We’re here at Craigville again at last.”

He declared the meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

October 8 directors meeting: -- 13 present.

Hobbs reported on the summer preaching schedule for 1978. Preachers from Cape Cod winter or summer residents or nearby.

Buildings Report of Dexter Bliss for near and long-range work needed presented by Pillsbury. This has the endorsement of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Building Committee will study, and the directors will receive copies. Note – it is an excellent and comprehensive report.

Long Range Planning Committee voted that the Long-Range Planning Committee be authorized to survey all or part of the parcels of land to be sold to implement the sale. It was the consensus of the meeting that the Long-Range Planning Committee be authorized to borrow from the Centennial Fund for payment of survey expenses. It was moved to pay off the Swain mortgage with the proceeds of the sale of three lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive between Circuit Avenue and Peterson's property for a minimum of \$10,000 each, or for \$27,000 as a package lot, and that the President and Treasurer be authorized to sign documents for transfer of title. (The only out about this is that the distance between Circuit Avenue and Peterson's property is not as great as that shown in the Assessor's map (360') but nearer 285' as shown on the map surveyed by Bearse & Kellogg in 1954 when the north end of Lake Elizabeth Drive was laid out as a 40' way when the Whittemore development was laid out in 1954. We will only have enough for two lots.

It was voted to sell lot #299 on the bluff for \$2,150. This is the lot by the summer house which adjoins the Payan-Danforth property and on which in 1895 an agreement was made that it never should be built on and should remain forever free for public use. If we sell it to the owners of the adjoining lot, they will have a front yard which extends beyond their front steps.

It was voted to sell to Thomas Greene ten feet of CCMA land by extending his front and rear boundaries to the north and setting a new boundary parallel to his old one. The price to be \$900. The President and Treasurer are authorized to sign deeds of sale.

It was voted that the Long-Range Planning Committee reported to be adopted. ( I think this should have been the Dexter Bliss report on upgrading the buildings) and that \$1,800 be authorized to be spent over its budget.

Membership – Betty Norwood reported that people attending conferences at Craigville, Craigville residents and Friends of Craigville, etc. are potential members of the CCMA. It was suggested that copies of the Annual Meeting Annual Report be given to potential members. The committee is to pursue the membership drive.

Lots being offered for sale: Rev. Roscoe Riley cottage by tennis courts, Alfred Young lot north of Pillsbury, Walter Sillen lot almost directly across.

November 10, 1977 letter from Don Overlock to directors

A special meeting of the directors is needed November 26. Read these notes from Roscoe Riley and please come.

"Jim Buffington and I appeared before the Barnstable Planning Board in Hyannis November 7 to discuss what steps we the Camp Meeting Association would have to take to

1. Separate from the Swain parcels a proper lot including Swain house which we want to sell to Gabe Fackre
2. Establish 2 or 3 buildable lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive between Circuit Avenue and Jim Peterson's house
3. Make the remaining Swain land a marketable piece of property.

We discovered the following:

1. Since Lake Elizabeth Drive was originally laid out as a 40' road, it is possible to establish lots between Circuit Avenue and Peterson's; however, improvements in the existing road might well be required such as widening, more paving, grading for draining of water, etc. Engineering studies would be necessary.
2. It is also possible to establish a lot surrounding the Swain house, providing that at least 20' of frontage be included on Circuit Avenue.
3. If the remaining Swain land is sold to a developer, a 20' emergency road must be created, linking the development to Circuit Avenue or Lake Elizabeth Drive. This road can have a locked gate with a key at the Fire Station, but the road must be provided.
4. If the remaining Swain land is not sold to a developer or other party, an access road must be established from Circuit Avenue or Lake Elizabeth Drive, probably 40' in width to allow for future access. The parcel cannot be boxed in with no access. This fact must be kept in mind in establishing the Fackre lot and other lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive.

Note: Mr. Hostetter continues to express interest in the Swain land. He has apparently appeared before the Planning Board with topographical studies. The Board members at that time insisted on an access road for emergency use.

Mr. Hostetter did not believe that we could develop the lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive, but I don't believe that he was aware that a 40' road plan had been approved at an earlier time.

He had hoped to get all the land, including the three lots. We would lose considerable money if this happened.

The advice of the directors is needed before we can proceed further. No surveying has been done by us because of the complications stated above.

Special directors meeting November 26: -- 13 present

Riley reported as the above letter and showed a topographical map prepared by Hostetter's surveyor.

Voted to set aside an emergency road 20' in width at the westerly boundary of the three proposed CCMA lots on Lake Elizabeth Drive to run between Circuit Avenue and the property to the north of the Swain house.

Buffington reported for the Beach Committee that an operator has been secured for the Snack Bar for 1978. Cook Coggeshall and Mrs. Coggeshall and we have a signed contract. A letter will be sent out to all on the beach list in January 1978 to stir up interest.

Johnson reported Checking balance \$1,324.75, savings \$3,059.13, Spate Special savings account \$1,505.70 and Centenary account \$7,433.05.

Due from Conference for staff house expenses: \$1,439.68.

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> **From Milo True Morrill, *The Christian Denomination in America: 1754-1912* (Dayton, OH: Christian Publishing Association, 1912)**

An institution exerting considerable influence on the denomination in New England owes its existence partly to the New England Christian Convention.

Rev. J. A. Perry, of Providence, Rhode Island, and brothers Horatio N. and Fredrick A., had acquired a tract of land about 1872, in Barnstable County, on Cape Cod, fronting on the south shore. At a meeting of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Christian Ministerial Association, held in First Church, New Bedford, in April 1872, they proposed donating a certain parcel of land near the village of Hyannis, to be used for an annual camp meeting. A committee visited the locality and reported to the New England Convention in June. Wherein the Convention approved the idea, and then appointed a committee to arrange for such meeting and form a Camp Meeting Association in accordance with Massachusetts statutes. Meantime a few cottages were built among the pines on the location selected, while a large tent was pitched on an eminence nearby. Meetings actually began in August 1872, lasting ten days, with seventy-two Christian ministers present. Several conversions and baptisms resulted. Forty-four tents and cottages were erected the first season. After surveying and platting the grounds, the Association offered free lots to New England churches willing to build thereon, and sixteen churches committed themselves to building. The trustees held their first annual meeting during the first camp meeting. Rev. Mr. Perry and his brothers made large outlay for the initial meeting. They were reimbursed, a title deed was passed, and a tabernacle sixty by eighty feet covered by canvas, was erected, a post-office and hotel being added the second season.

In 1878 more land was purchased, practically covering the present beautiful grounds, reaching shoreward to the high bluff overlooking the bay and ocean beyond. Not till 1889 was the beach purchased. That addition made possible a perfect summer abode and place of assembly. In honor of Rev. Austin Craig, the place was called "Craigville."

In 1886 the matter of a new tabernacle was discussed, and finally the present ample structure was built at a cost of twenty-two hundred dollars. It has asphalt floor, a large platform, and seating capacity of about eight hundred. Circumstances rendered it advisable for the Association to own a hotel, and Central Park Cottage was purchased of C. M. Gustin, several times enlarged and improved, and re-named "Craigville Inn."

In early days ministers of the denomination from outside New England used to flock to Craigville with their New England brethren. Many laymen were accustomed to spending a week there for camp meeting; but latterly all New England has become one great summer resort, attracting people to nearer camps, and Craigville wears the aspect of a summer watering place. That Craigville has played a large part in denominational history is evidenced by a membership record of more

<sup>2</sup> ***Barnstable Patriot*, Tuesday, May 28, 1872; Page 2**

A Camp-Meeting at Centreville.

A Providence gentleman, a member of the Christian denomination, has recently purchased "Strawberry Hill," in Centreville, embracing about 160 acres, bordering upon the beach, embracing a fine bluff, a series of ponds only separating it from the Hyannis purchase. It is a very beautiful locality, just adapted for summer residences or for Camp-Meeting purposes. We learn that the purchaser has offered it to the Christian churches for their use, and it is expected that the first meeting will be held during the first week in August. In fact, preparations for it have already been partially perfected. Invitations are to be sent to the Christian churches throughout New England, and members of all denominations will be welcomed to the meeting. It is expected that the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher will be present. The proprietor offers to give a lot to every clergyman who will build a cottage or tent and will sell at reasonable rates to others. The use of a mammoth tent for lodging, and for religious services in bad weather, have been secured. A petition, signed by some sixty citizens of Centreville, has been presented the Selectmen praying that a road be laid out to the grove, which request, we trust, will be promptly complied with. We should, as a town and as individuals, promptly second any and all movements which can possibly tend to advance the interests of our villages.

<sup>3</sup> **Barnstable Patriot, Tuesday, June 11, 1872; Page: 2**

Christian Camp Meeting. Building operations are actively going and fifty cottages will be ready for occupancy by another year. Among the cottages to be built is a very fine one for ex-Governor Sprague of Providence, now Senator from R. I. It is the intention of the Brothers Perry to lay out a park and plant therein some 500 trees, thus lack which is quite noticeable a want of sufficient grove. The Observatory on the east side of the bluff is also contemplated this year. The Messrs. Perry have shown a very commendable degree of enterprise and shrewdness in managing their interests thus far and will no doubt secure what they have so well earned success in the project undertaken.

<sup>4</sup> **Barnstable Patriot, Tuesday, August 06, 1872; Page: 2**

Christian Camp Meeting

The meeting began on Thursday, August 1st, as announced. The weather was unpropitious but under cover of the spacious dwelling which is thrown over the place of service no discomfort was felt by the attendants at the meeting.

There are on the grounds at the present time about twenty cottages with a large number of private tents. Five societies are located in tents or buildings viz Boston, Haverhill, Fall River, Newburyport and New Bedford. There are also several victualing tents on the grounds, among the most conspicuous of which are those of our old friends. Capt. Dennis C. Sturgis and Mr. Luther Phinney of Centreville, and J. Watson. Mr. Young of Harwich, and Mr. Poole of Dennis Port, have each opened a "salon near the Bluff," a large stable has been erected just outside of the camp, little refreshment saloons are found at every turn, and the whole place is teeming with life and activity

The opening service, a prayer meeting, took place on Thursday morning at 5 A. M. At 10 A. M. The opening address was delivered by Rev. W. Miller, of Bristol, R.I., the President of the Meeting.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, another meeting- was held at which Rev. Mr. Chadwick, of Mansfield, preached a sermon from John 7: 7: 16. "My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me. Following this was a number of exhortations from the ministers present, prominent among whom was Elder Pike from Newburyport. A prayer meeting was held in the evening, largely attended, and very spirited.

Friday morning Rev. J. P. Watson, of Westerly, R. I., preached an acceptable sermon, and in the afternoon Rev. E.H. Wright " of Hill,[unclear].preached a thoughtful, earnest discourse. Text: As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Rev. Mr. Boardman of Boston, author of the book, "The Higher Life," Life," followed with some touching remarks, followed by Rev. Austin Damon, evangelist, of New York, and others.

Rev. W. S. Butler, with the aid of a melodeon played by himself, leads the singing at the stand. Rev. Martyn Summerbell, of Brooklyn, L. I. Text, from Matt., "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shalt save his people from their sins." Man 's need for a Savior from sin and the fitness of Jesus to be that Savior were the leading thoughts presented. Rev. Austin Cannon of New York preached in the afternoon.

Sunday, Rev. Messrs. Butler, of Fall River, Coan. of Providence, and Pike of Newburyport, were the speakers. All the meetings have been of a highly interesting character, and we regret that our space forbid us giving a mere extended notice of them. The attendance up to Sunday was not large, but on that day a large number were in attendance, and it is expected that there will be a full gathering throughout this week, and especially next Sunday

Christian Camp Meeting

The denomination known as "Christian" proposes holding a Camp Meeting on the land recently purchased for this purpose, near Centreville, commencing August 1st, and continuing one week. The general principles of the "Christians" are 1. Christ is divine, and the head of the Church. 2. The Holy Scriptures, the

only source and sufficient Rule of Faith and Practice. 3. Christian Character, the only true test of Christian fellowship and church membership. 4. Love, greater than Faith or Hope. 5. The name "Christian," the most appropriate name for the followers of Christ. 6. Private Judgment, in the interpretation of Scripture, the privilege of all Christians. 7. Congregationalism the mode of church-government best suited to the spirit of Christianity. We understand that all denominations are invited to attend this Camp Meeting and participate in its exercises.

<sup>5</sup> **A rare, first-hand account of the first camp meeting at Camp Christian from *An Autobiography of Elder Mathew Gardner* (Dayton, OH, Christian Publishing Association, 1874).**

On the 16th of July I took the cars to Cape Cod Massachusetts where I could breathe sea air and where they were making preparations for the great New England Christian camp meeting to open August 1, 1872. After four days I left for Fall River where I spent the third Lord's Day in July taking part in the service but not preaching. Monday July 26th, I went to New Bedford where I spent that week a part of the time sailing on the ocean as far as to the island of Martha's Vineyard etc. On the fourth Lord's Day I preached at New Bedford.

On the first of the week, I returned to the Cape Cod campground. The meeting began on Thursday the 1st of August 1872. Not having a tent of my own I hired a lodging under a common factory muslin tent with only a straw mattress between me and the ground. There I slept every night during the week my health improving all the time. It was truly an interesting meeting. There was a prayer meeting for all to meet at every morning at sunrise after which they had social meetings of prayer speaking singing etc. in various tents for those from each city town or church had each a large common tabernacle of wood or canvas where many meetings were held until the hour for preaching. They had sermons at ten AM and three and prayer and social meeting again for all at 7:30 PM.

<sup>6</sup> **The *Barnstable Patriot* of July 11, 1876, carries a long article covering the Centennial celebration of the town of Barnstable, which was held in the tent Tabernacle of the CCMA at Centreville. There was a band, a parade, choir, long speeches, special numbers by the choir and the band ending with the singing of "America" and the benediction by Rev. Isaac. H. Coe. Then all adjourned to the Chiquaquett House for dinner. The treasurer's book shows an entry of \$18.13 received from the Committee for expenses. The canvas must be put up and taken down since B S Bachelor had a report in the *New Bedford Evening Standard* dated August 4th, that "yesterday the cottagers gathered and drew the canvas upon its frame".**

***The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1883-08-30: Volume 75, Issue 35), a lengthy account of the 11<sup>th</sup> camp meeting the newly named Craigville:**

CHRISTIAN CAMP MEETING  
CRAIGVILLE, Mass, Aug.7th.

As a result of recent rains, the grounds are in excellent cracked condition the grass and trees are fresh and green, the [unclear] are cool and fragrant. The weather is all that could be. Everything is prophetic of an enjoyable and profitable season.

Breakfast over, services of prayer are held around the old white flag, with the single word "Christian," on it, floating once more over the green on Sundays during the month of July.

Preaching services and Sunday-school have been held upon it, and 'a prayer aside the pine-clad hill.

In the meeting on Tuesday evenings, Rev. Mrs. Baker, Rev. Ellen G. Gustin, and Rev. J. B. Weston, president of the Christian Biblical Institute, preached last Sabbath morning. Rev. C. A. Beck, of Kittery, Maine, preached from Matt.17: 5. His subject was, "The witness of God to his son" and the points discussed were the divine sonship of Christ, the affection of the Father for the Son, his pleasure in him, and the divine authority given him. A clear and forcible presentation on the character, relation, and authority of Christ, which was listened to with great satisfaction. Rev. W. J. Wright, D. D., of Morris Plains, New Jersey, assisted in the service.

The Sabbath-school in the afternoon was conducted by Bro. L. G. Sherman, of Providence, and was a service of great interest.

The evening sermon was given by Rev. C. A. Tillinghast of Providence, from Mark 4: 26. He compared "the characteristics of the natural with the spiritual seed—the living principles, the utilizing power, the expansive energy, the directive energy, the growth from the heart, the power to convert everything to its use, the relation to external agencies, and the ultimate result which is perfected seed. A large number of ministers were present. Prominent among these, besides those already mentioned, were Rev. J. B. Weston,

The congregations for this day were unusually large for the Sunday preceding camp-meeting week, and especially we noticed president of CO. B.C; Rev. A. H. Morrill, professor of Greek in the same institution; Rev. Martyn Summerbell, of Fall River; Rev. I. C. Goff, D. D, of New Jersey; and Rev. Ellen G. Gustin; There was no service held on Monday until evening.

A neat little cottage has been put up at the foot of Tabernacle Hill by Bro. Gustin and is occupied by his family. Several have received new coats of paint in lively colors and picturesque combinations. Concrete walks have been laid in front of the tabernacle along Valley and Pleasant Avenues and extended along Strawberry Avenue to the foot of the steps leading up to Pleasant Avenue. These are great improvement which will be appreciated by all who have wallowed through the sand here for the last ten years.

The opening service of the camp-meeting was led by Rev. M. Summerbell, vice-president of the association, in the absence of the president, Rev. Wright Butler, who is away on his vacation and is not expected to be present during the season. It consisted of an address of welcome by the presiding officer, prayer by Dr. I. CO. Goff, with brief addresses of welcome and congratulation by Revs. Beck, Weston, Burleigh, the redoubtable Bro. Bartlett, and others. The singing was conducted by Rev. A. H. Morrill, and the organ played by Miss Eila Goff. It was thoroughly enjoyed by a good congregation and was a happy prophecy of good things to come.

CRAIGVILLE, Tuesday, Aug. 7th.

This, the first day of the of the meeting, opened very beautifully, the sun sending its slant rays from a cloudless sky, afar through the odorous pines, opening the myriad lilies of the lake with its golden kisses, and converting the pendant de dropsonde the over-hanging foliage into pearls and diamonds.

One of the first sounds that broke upon the morning stillness, was the voice of song and prayer from a few earnest and wakeful souls who had met for the so-called sunrise prayer meeting. This is always one of the sweetest and most spontaneous services of the camp, partly because those who attend are of the most earnest class of workers, and partly because the early morning hour is highly conducive to devotion.

The next sound of special interest is the ringing of breakfast bells at hotels and boarding houses. This creates a perceptible commotion and is far more promptly and universally heeded than the call to early prayers, as the world ever-struggles for the meat that perished. Every bell has its individuality of tone.

The service at 10:00 this morning was a general prayer-meeting, or what our good Methodist brethren would call a love feast. It was conducted by Rev. Beck, and participated in by a goodly number, and so thoroughly enjoyed that it was protracted until after the ringing of the dinner bell,

Dinner done and the new arrivals by the noon train duly greeted the people came together at 2:30 to listen to a sermon by Rev. H. Lizzie Haley. Dr. Goff read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. Weston offered prayer. Text, Luke 16: 25, The sermon was a clear and forcible presentation of the fact that only those can possess and enjoy heaven and spiritual things who have developed the ability to apprehend and appreciate them. Dr. Goff followed by way of confirmation and exhortation, and the congregation dispersed with the feeling that the first sermon of the camp meeting had been most profitable. ‘

The evening sermon was by Rev. O. F. Burleigh, of Pawtucket, R. I. After the reading of Scripture by Rev. Summerbell and prayer by Rev. Miller, the speaker announced his text, Acts 19; 2, and proceeded to consider the following points: The importance of being baptized with the Holy Ghost; the source from whence it comes; how we may get it; how it affects us and how we may retain it in our hearts. Several exhortations following, this protracted the meeting beyond the usual hour of closing.

Among the new arrivals to-day we notice Revs. Miller, Goss, Williams, Burroughs, Burleigh, Gerry, and others,

CRAIGVILLE, Wednesday, Aug. 8th.

This forenoon was devoted to the children. The assemblage in the tabernacle at 10:30 was a very delightful one.

The children were seated in front, and the service was conducted by Rev. Barry, of the Children’s Mission in Boston. After a brief introduction and singing, the Scriptures were read by Rev. Burroughs and prayer was offered by Rev. Burleigh. Brief speeches, interspersed with wit, anecdote, and practical suggestions, were made by Revs. Miller, Summerbell, Gerry, Beck, Bro. Pierce, and others. The service closed by singing, “What a friend We Have in Jesus,” and a repetition of the Lord’s Prayer.

The afternoon sermon was by Rev. Williams of Lynn. His text was Numbers 14:24. He noticed first the individuality of Caleb—that he dared be singular and stand for God and the right, while the multitudes were faithless and false; secondly, his fidelity and courage—he followed the Lord fully, whatever the consequences; thirdly, his reward—he was brought into the land, and his children inherited it after him. A practical and earnest discourse.

At the close of this service the annual meeting of the association was held. The meeting was called to order by vice-President Summerbell.

President Weston offered prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as was also the report of the Executive Board.

The following named persons were recommended for membership by the Executive Board and elected accordingly: Mr. Geo. P. Shockley, Ezra Marvin, Warren H. Sanford and wife, OC, A. Trafford and wife, Elwood O. Harris, H. Powers and wife, Wm. Mansel and Charlotte Mansel.

The treasurer’s report gave the receipts for the year, \$785.65; expenditures, \$756.76; unpaid bills, \$262.30; deficiency to be raised during this meeting, \$238 28. The report was referred to the Executive Board.

Rev. Messrs. Miller, Barry, and Tillinghast were appointed to nominate candidates for the Executive Board to fill vacancies occurring by expiration this year. They reported the following named persons, who were elected: Vice president, Rev. M. Summerbell; secretary, Rev. A. H. Morrill; executive committee, Mr. H. H. Fisher, and Hon. J. H. Barden. Mr. Summerbell declined to serve and a committee, consisting of the secretary, President Weston, and Rev. Batchelor,

was appointed to confer with him, and, if possible, induce him to withdraw his declination. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Board.

The preacher for the evening was Rev. Ellen G. Gustin. She was assisted by Rev. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. J. E. Barry. Selecting Psalm 92: 12, 13, she discoursed in her own sweet way on the importance and blessedness of a life planted in God, and early and continuously dedicated to him; a calm, peaceful, faith-filled sermon, that sent the congregation to their night's slumber soothed and encouraged.

CRAIGVILLE, Thursday, Aug. 9th,

At 9 o'clock, instead of the usual prayer-meeting, the people assembled at the beach to witness the ordinance of baptism, which was administered to a lady from Taunton by Rev. Batchelor.

Alter singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. Coe read the story of Philip and the eunuch. President Weston made a most admirable address, describing the scene of Christ's baptism, setting forth the beautiful character and beneficent effects of the ordinance, and concluding with the comforting assurance that to every loyal soul that followed the master's example in being baptized, the heavens open and the divine voice says to the heart, if not to the ear, "This is my beloved child." Following this came another hymn, and then a most touching and appropriate prayer by Rev. H. Lizzie Haley. Then the candidate was led down into the bright waters and buried in the vast ocean with Christ.

The morning sermon was by Rev. Miller. Prayer was offered by Rev. Waltse. Text, Matt, 5: 10-12, His subject was the "Introduction of the Gospel." He dwelt upon the condition of the world at the coming of Christ — the mission of Christ — the opposition with which he met, the necessary conflict then and ever of truth in contact with the spirit of the world,

In the afternoon Rev. Beck preached, Rev. Phillips read the Scriptures, and Rev. Goss offered prayer. Text, Heb. 13: 16. His subject was "Christian Fraternity." In order to enjoy and render useful our life, we must share it with and impart it to others.

Rev. Goss, of Portsmouth, N. H., preached in the evening from Matt. 6: 25. The sermon was an earnest plea for the exercise of faith in God's provident care, and for the cultivation of a right appreciation of the relative values of earthly and spiritual things.

CRAIGVILLE, Friday, Aug. 10

After the usual morning devotions and the 9 o'clock prayer-meeting at the tabernacle, which was led by Rev. Mosher, the remainder of the forenoon was devoted to temperance. The meeting was under the leadership of Rev. Williams, of Lynn, and was very enthusiastic, as is everything that he directs. It was opened by the singing of the hymn, "Slavery and Death the Hour Contains." Mr. Williams read several selected passages of Scripture, giving the views of Revelation on the temperance question, after which Rev. Barry offered prayer,

Rev. Williams was the first speaker, proclaiming himself to be a radical prohibitionist. He gave a description of the condition of the work in Lynn.

Rev. Batchelor was next introduced. He emphasized the importance of creating a right public sentiment. He had little confidence in legislation until the public intelligence and conscience were set right. The temperance campaign has been compared to the slavery conflict. When the emancipation proclamation was issued the slaveholder tried to prevent its execution, but every slave hailed it with joy and helped to enforce it. When a prohibitory liquor law is passed, not only does every liquor seller (slaveholder), but every rum drinker (slave) seeks to break it down. The slave protests being made free, and hence the increased difficulty of legislation.

Elwood Harris of Newark, N. J., felt that respectable moderate drinkers were the great source of danger to young men. Respectable groups show that were patronized only by men who do not drink to excess were the places that do the most mischief. The spirit of intemperance is the spirit of death in the home, in business, in the state, in mind and soul,

Rev. Mooney, of the Congregational Church, Hyannis, was the next speaker. He said we must vote for men who are temperance men in practice and principle.

President Weston said Christianity means total abstinence, and every Christian's duty is to work for it. We need a new baptism in this direction.

Rev. Emerson, Congregationalist from Centerville, endorsed previous remarks. He gave a good report of the sobriety of the people in his neighborhood.

Rev. Mrs. Gustin was the last speaker. Her hope for temperance legislation was that sometime the ballot would be given to women. She laid great stress upon the right education of children, homes must be total abstinence, our day and Sunday-schools must be permeated with temperance principles. She was especially anxious for our high schools and colleges. As things now are we can expect little from legislation; we may expect much from right home and school.

The 9 o'clock social meeting at the tabernacle was led by Rev. Coe, of New Bedford.

At 10:30 the tabernacle was filled with an expectant audience, as it had been announced that President Weston would preach. Rev. Coe read the Scriptures, and Rev. Williams offered prayer. The text, John 10: 10, the preacher maintained, was manifestly something other and higher than any physical life, or

business activity, or intellectual vigor. It was the higher life which Jesus came to bring to man, because it was man's highest need. It was the life that lay over against the death in trespasses and sins in the life in which man reaches the high end of his being and comes into fellowship with God.

The afternoon sermon was by Rev. Summerbell, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Christian Biblical Institute. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Bradley, of Boston, who offered prayer. Text, Matt. 15:13. He spoke of the changed conditions, views, and practices of the present age as compared with the times of our forefathers—once was the time when the tithing man compelled people to go to church on the Sabbath, now the masses go on excursions, etc. Once, only church-members could be elected to office, and hence most of the male population united with the church—now only the few are church-members. He spoke also of the comparative slackness of church-members in observing the ordinances of the church.

In the evening Rev. Morrill preached a practical and profitable sermon from Mark 10: 21. After a vigorous description of the scene of the young man coming to Christ, and a delineation of his character, he warned the people against being blinded and led away from God by selfish ambition, the love of riches and the love of pleasure.

This, to many who leave on the morning train, was the last service of the meeting, and was appropriately closed with singing the "Sweet By-and-By." Very many who meet here seldom or never meet elsewhere. Acquaintances are made and ties formed here from year to year which are renewed only by the annual recurrence of this summer encampment. The time of association is very brief, and the months that intervene before another meeting very long, to say nothing of the uncertainty of its ever coming in this life. Naturally, the parting is tender and solemn.

CRAIGVILLE, Monday, Aug. 18th.

The feeling that the long-anticipated feast of heart and intellect is over, and the separation from friends for a long interval, tinge the mind with sadness,

At 10:30, a goodly number gathered at the tabernacle for an interesting service led by Rev. Batchelor. There was no service in the afternoon, and the people were left to employ the time as suited their various inclinations.

At a quarter before eight the last service, conducted by the officers of the Camp-Meeting Association was held. It was led by vice-President Summerbell, who has had charge of the whole series. He spoke of the success of the meetings, expressing with emphasis his gratification at the universal harmony and good feeling which have prevailed throughout. Nothing bad occurred to mar the peace or neutralize the beneficent effect of the preaching. With perfect accord ministers and members of local churches of different denominations had participated in the various services with mutual pleasure and profit. Ministers of other denominations from distant sections had also been present and testified to their gratification and feeling of cordial welcome. They had forgotten their denominational names and had been simply Christians with us. Sufficient money had been contributed to liquidate all indebtedness and leave a surplus for future improvement. New plans were in contemplation, which, he hoped, would give an increased in success

The afternoon sermon was by Rev. Phillips, of Haverhill, Mass. After the reading of the Scripture lesson by Rev. Goss, and prayer by Rev. L. Howard, the speaker announced as his text, Rom. 8: 9. The spirit of Christ is the disposition of Christ in the spirit of love to God and man, in the love of all good and the hatred of all evil.

The increasing fervor of the social meetings demanding more time for expression, an extra prayer-meeting was appointed this evening at 6:45 o'clock. It was led by Rev. T. W. Howard,

Following this came a sermon by President Weston. Rev. Gerry offered prayer. Text, I. Cor.2:4. His subject was, "The instrumentalities of Christian work and the secret of success." The instrumentalities that Paul used were learning, acquaintance with men, knowledge of human nature, gift of speech and persuasion and gift of leadership. But these were not the secret of his success. These alone would never have made him what he was, Faith in God and his Son, intense earnestness in his labors for the welfare of men, and forgetfulness of self were the secret. In applying this to the work of the Christian Biblical Institute he said that it is laboring to increase and to perfect the instrumentalities, but only the spirit of faith and love for men could fit men for the gospel ministry.

Rev. Goff followed, giving something of the history of the school and its present condition and needs.

CRAIGVILLE, Saturday, Aug. 11th,

As the meetings progress, the spiritual enthusiasm and momentum increases. More meetings are held, and a greater number participate. The 6 o'clock meeting this morning was led by Rev. Burleigh. The morning meeting at the Sabens House was also conducted by Rev. Burleigh, and was of more than ordinary interest. The 9 o'clock prayer-meeting was conducted by Rev. Lathrop.

At 10:30 the Rev. Batchelor took the desk and preached from Heb, 10: 36. It was one of those clear, logical sermons, characteristic of the man, and which the mind of the hearer easily grasps, retains, and profits by. He was assisted by Rev. H. Lizzie Haley, who read the Scriptures, and by Rev. Ove, who offered prayer.

The afternoon sermon was given by Rev. Gerry, of Boston. Rev. Tilton offered prayer. Text, Eph 5: 14 The sermon was clear and compact, finished in twenty minutes, and thus gave time for a social service which was appropriately led by the enthusiastic Bro. Barry.

The prayer meeting introductory to the evening preaching service was conducted by Rev. L. Howard, of Foster Center, R. I. At the usual hour Rev. Cook, of New York, was introduced, after prayer by Rev. Morrill, as the speaker of the evening. He discoursed from I Cor. 3:22. He spoke of the nature of the death in Adam, and of the life we have through Christ,

The treasurer of the association, Rev. B. Batchelor, gave a statement of the progress made in the raising of money to meet the deficiency of the present year, expressing himself as highly gratified therewith. A new plan is being perfected by which he hopes to avoid the necessity of public appeals and collections in the future. Envelopes are to be provided and distributed among the hotels and cottages. The proprietors of cottages are encouraging the spirit and manner characteristic of the expected to put their contributions and of those board. The speaker was very inspiring.

CRAIGVILLE, Sunday, Aug. 12th.

The usual morning prayer-meetings were held and schools, was discussed. He spoke of, "The New Life in Christ." This new life, an accurate acquaintance with the Bible, and of the ability to locate readily any book or passage desired. Especially should those who belong to the Christian connection be familiar with that which constitutes their only creed. He then gave some very practical advice with reference to methods to be pursued for attainment of this knowledge.

There was an interesting social service followed this. Tomorrow forenoon the canvass of the tabernacle is to be taken down, and the frame and seats left to the exposure of another round of seasons, to be visited after a little, only by the birds and squirrels and the venerable "Father Broad," who alone remains upon the grounds after the last sojourners in this ephemeral city deserts its delightful precincts.

CRAIGVILLE, Tuesday, Aug; 14th>:

A prayer-meeting was held in the association tent in the evening, led by Mrs. J. E. Barry, and another is appointed for tomorrow evening. Several ministers still remain. Among these are Mr. Summerbell, L. O. Goff, President Weston, A. A. Williams, J. E. Barry, E. J. Gerry, Mr. Tilton, Mr. Peters, Ellen G. Gustin, and H. Lizzie Haley.

At the close of the evening prayer meeting a company of the friends of Rev. Barry met in the dining hall of the Sabens House to celebrate his birthday. Mr. Barry, in the mock court that have been held, has acted as constable, and when the invited friends assembled, he was brought in, supposing that some new victim was be tried and so was completely taken by surprise. The hall was tastefully trimmed with evergreens for the occasion, and the tables invitingly spread with cake and ice cream. The Rev. William Bradley of Boston furnished the refreshments, and although unable to be present himself, was ably represented by his three amiable daughters, Prof. M. Summerbell arranged the program and presided over the ceremonies in his own inimitable way. After a few blessing remarks explaining the occasion of the gathering, and prayer by Rev. H. Lizzie Haley, he introduced Rev. A. A. Williams as the first speaker. The subject: assigned him was, "The Ties of a Hallowed Friendship." The Rev. Ellen G. Gustin followed, speaking of the origin, importance, and sacredness of "The Family Life." President Weston spoke upon "Christian Growth," saying that there is no real life without growth. The Rev. E. J. Gerry spoke of "The union of hearts and hands in Christian work." He said he had been acquainted with Bro. Barry and his wife for many years, and had received much encouragement from them. He spoke of the great aid which Mr. Barry had received from his wife in his work for the Children's Mission in Boston, and of the perfect confidence existing between them. They had accomplished much; and well they might, for each worked with four bands—eight in all, 'The Rev. C. A. Tillinghast spoke on "A Happy Old Age." It was the result only of a life well spent, and a firm faith in the future. The Rev. I. O. Goff spoke of "The Birthdays of Eternity." Mr. Barry and wife both spoke in response with deep emotion. The speeches were interspersed with singing by Mr. L. G. Sherman wife, of Providence. It was a very happy episode with which to close the feast of social intercourse and affection of the past ten days and will be long remembered by all present. Mr. Barry and wife have long. been connected with the Children's Mission in Boston. During their labor there eight thousand children have been provided with homes, and the Mission has been endowed with a fund of \$80,000. Mr. Barry enters upon his fifty-eighth year with the earnest prayer of a multitude of friends for the long continuance of his life.

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<sup>11</sup> From Milo True Morrill, *The Christian Denomination in America: 1794-1911* (Dayton, OH: Christian Publishing Association: 1912).

Austin Craig

Austin Craig was born in 1824. in Peapack, N. J., son of Moses and Rachel Carhart Craig. The senior Craig had been a teacher, a merchant, and was a large farmer in 1828. He had twice served with honor in the New Jersey state senate. Austin was very religious, and joined the Presbyterian church April 23, 1857

In his thirteenth year immediately following his conversion. At the age of sixteen he entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., spending four years there and receiving both B. A. and M. A. degrees. Part of his college career was during the exciting days of "Millerism." Young Craig preached his first regular sermon in 1843 in his father's house.

Next year the New Jersey Conference licensed him, ordaining him in 1845. He was always a great student and omnivorous reader, gifted with a most tenacious memory, aided by splendid judgment and logical faculty. Craig's address before the New Jersey Conference in 1850 was a remarkable production for a young man of twenty-six years, Horace Greeley welcomed it to the New York Tribune, and it was printed in pamphlet form, widely read and discussed.

Dr. Craig was acquainted with all branches of learning, was a splendid Greek scholar, and the peer of the best Hebraists in the country. As a Bible scholar he was independent and acute, a master of exegesis.

His most fruitful pastorate was at Blooming Grove, N. Y., where he had opportunity to pursue his studies and mature his thoughts. He became acquainted with men like E. E. Hale, H. W. Bellows, H. W. Beecher, General Garfield, Horace Mann, Theodore Parker, and Bishop McQuaid (Catholic). By Horace Mann's influence Craig became a professor at Antioch, later being president of the College, succeeding Thomas Hill. During his Blooming Grove pastorate and his connection with Antioch he was a regular lecturer at Meadville Theological School, where his service continued until 1869.

In this year he became first president of the Christian Biblical Institute. He was chosen a member of the American Committee to revise the Bible, because of his scholarship in Greek and Hebrew.

At the zenith of his power and usefulness he was seized with mortal illness and died suddenly, August 27, 1881. Due honor has never been accorded this man: but his greatness was recognized. In his colleagues of all denominations. There are men still living who manifest in their work the influence and teaching of Austin Craig. No man's impress is so visible as his in the Christian Biblical Institute, even at the present day.

<sup>12</sup> From *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1883-08-30: Volume 75, Issue 35), a lengthy account of the 11<sup>th</sup> camp meeting at the newly named Craigville:

CHRISTIAN CAMP MEETING.  
CRAIGVILLE, Mass, Aug. 7th.

As a result of recent rains, the grounds are in excellent cracked condition the grass and trees are fresh and green, the [unclear] are cool and fragrant. The weather is all that could be. Everything is prophetic of an enjoyable and profitable season.

Breakfast over, services of prayer are held around the old white flag, with the single word "Christian," on it, floating once more over the green on Sundays during the month of July.

Preaching services and Sunday-school have been held upon it, and 'a prayer aside the pine-clad hill.

In the meeting on Tuesday evenings, Rev. Mrs. Baker, Rev. Ellen G. Gustin, and Rev. J. B. Weston, president of the Christian Biblical Institute, preached last Sabbath morning. Rev. C. A. Beck, of Kittery, Maine, preached from Matt. 17: 5. His subject was, "The witness of God to his son" and the points discussed were the divine sonship of Christ, the affection of the Father for the Son, his pleasure in him, and the divine authority given him. A clear and forcible presentation on the character, relation, and authority of Christ, which was listened to with great satisfaction. Rev. W. J. Wright, D. D., of Morris Plains, New Jersey, assisted in the service.

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<sup>13</sup> From a newcomer's account of encountering Craigville in 1885 that appeared in *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1885-08-06: Vol 77 Iss 32)

CAMP MEETING.

CRAIGVILLE, Mass., JULY 27, 1885.

For the first time in life, we stood upon the bluffs overlooking the sea, with the picturesque villa of Craigville, the location of the national camp-meeting of the Christian Church, behind us. Looking out to sea, a magnificent bay lies at our feet, with a curving shore stretching out to the right and left, while beyond the extreme points the open ocean rolls in solemn grandeur.

Turning about, the lower and upper avenues of Craigville lead on invitingly toward the ground occupied by tents, cottages, tabernacles, etc. It would be difficult to find a more suitable and, in every way, delightful location for a peaceful, restful home by the sea, where regular religious services are conducted, and for one week the annual gathering of the members, friends, and their families of the church, together with a goodly number of ministers, in camp-meeting.

We arrived on the ground on the morning of the 27th in company with Rev. M. Summerbell, of Fall River, Mass., and president of the camp-meeting association, with Miss Ida K Terry, member of the choir of the same church. We were informed that Rev. Mr. Norton, of the Congregational Church, preached on the grounds the preceding Sabbath an excellent sermon, and in the evening the social meeting was conducted by Rev. Ellen G. Gustin, of Attleboro, Mass.

According to custom, the first meeting in the series was a social service, called at 7:30, and conducted by the president of the association in the large tabernacle located on what has properly been called Mt. Zion. The services were opened by the announcement of a hymn and Scripture reading, each appropriately selected by Bro. Summerbell, who then invited the veteran minister on the grounds, Rev. Dr. Goff, to offer prayer.

The president, in the name of the association, then presented to the audience a very cordial welcome to all the natural, social, and religious privileges and blessings of the camp-meeting, inviting all present to unite in the social services of the meeting. The invitation was accepted, and many responded in words of tender-ness and Christian love. The meeting was profoundly spiritual and quite generally accepted as an earnest of all the meetings to follow.

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock a social meeting was conducted by Rev. J. E. Barry, of the Children's Mission, Boston, and at the afternoon service Rev. J. K. E. Everingham, of Newton, N. H., the youngest minister on the grounds, preached an excellent sermon from Isaiah 40: 10, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." The sermon was good in matter, method, and delivery—practical and well received by the attentive audience. We predict for our young brother a broad and successful mission in the gospel ministry.

In the evening a large congregation gathered to hear Rev. H. J. Rhodes, of Manchester, N. H., who selected for his text Matt. 24: 13, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." The subject presented was "Christian Endurance." Very happily indeed was the truth suggested by this scripture presented by the speaker, and the interest steadily arose to the end of the meeting. Short speeches were presented on the line of the sermon by Revs. Goff, Weston, Tillinghast, Morrill, Bradley, Batchelder, and Gustin.

Between the services of the camp-meeting the time is fully occupied interesting, social visiting, croquet, lawn tennis, boating, bathing, etc., etc. The spirit of the entire scene is restful, recreative, and religiously inspiring. Craigville enjoys advantages possessed while from a moral and religious standpoint it is second to none of which we have any knowledge.

<sup>14</sup> On Saturday, July 30 the carpenters were installing two stained glass windows over the platform and a semicircle window over the front door, which were at the personal expense of Honorable David Clarke of Hartford and not included in the Basic Building contract.

The welcome address was given by the President of the Christian Camp Meeting Association, Reverend Martin Martyn N Summerbell of New York City. Several Baptist and Congregational ministers participated with a friendly spirit, which is an indication of fraternal union.

The new wooden building is 75 by 50 feet, with large openings at the sides similar to the former tent Tabernacle. These side openings are provided with canvas curtains which can be let down in inclement weather.

The acoustical properties of the building are excellent. Every word said on the platform can be heard distinctly throughout the building, and even as far away as Brother Coe's cottage.

The four corner rooms were not part of the original buildings. The 13-foot platform extended across the end of the building with seats for the ministers and the choir. In all probability, the organ was set up there too, or the piano which was used later. There were three large doors in the front. The sturdy posts supporting the roof were anchored to locust posts set firmly in the ground. The floors were concrete, which is firm, dry, and noiseless. The lighting was kerosene lamps attached to the posts. There were six rows of settees, 20 in each row, or a total of 120. At a comfortable five persons per settee, they provided for 600 people.

The dedication prayer was offered by Reverend J. B. Weston, who had succeeded Doctor Craig as president of the Biblical Institute of Stanfordville.

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At the annual meeting, the trustees elected for three years were Reverend B. S. Bachelor of New Bedford as treasurer. Mason Fisher and Daniel Witherell of Fall River and Mrs. Ed Barry of Boston. All of these had just completed a previous term in office. Mrs. Barry Is the Elizabeth for Lake Elizabeth was named when the causeway divided the ponds.

The fee of the architect was. \$20. The contractor, Joseph K Sherman, was paid \$1,530. Settees, chairs the desk lights, etc. brought the total cost up to \$2,157.90, which was collected by the time the camp meeting closed. With the exception of a few dollars which pledged and had not been. Honorable David Clarke contributed \$500, which was a great help.

<sup>15</sup> ***Herald of Gospel Liberty 1887-04-21: Vol 79 Iss 16 Tabernacle Fundraising Letter to CCMA Trustees by Martyn Summerbell***

A NEW TABERNACLE.

Tuesday, I had the privilege of conferring with my associates, the trustees of our summer home, and returning on Wednesday sent out this circular to friends whom it interested :

Dear Friend,

The Trustees of the Christian Camp Meeting Association, in session in Fall River, Mass., April 11, 1887, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Committee on Public Pro confer with the subscribers to the Building Fund and get their views as to the expediency of building the tabernacle before the next camp- meeting."

The question before the trustees at present is how best to subserve the interests of the association, and meet the wishes of our subscribers. The elements of the problem are these:

1. The known wish of many of the subscribers for immediate progress of the work.
2. The large outlay required to fit the present tent for use this season. Investigation of the superstructure and masts, and of the seats, which were in danger of breaking down last year, shows that to put all into serviceable condition would require from \$300 to \$500. The trustees naturally hesitate to expend so large a sum simply to tide over a single season.
3. The amount of subscriptions for the new tabernacle. These now stand at \$1,140 on a basis of \$1,500 expenditure, and of \$1,410 on a basis of \$2000 With so large a fund assured the trustees have little doubt but that other known friends will join in supplying all that will be required. Plans are now in preparation by an architect of national celebrity for a structure combining the advantages of solid building and open tent, which it is believed can be erected for from \$1 800 to \$2,000.

If it is your opinion that the association should proceed to erect the new tabernacle this year, can the trustees depend on your forwarding one-half of your subscription to the treasurer, the Rev. B. 8. Batchelor, of New Bedford, on or before June 1, 1887?

Whatever your view of the matter presented please communicate the same to us at your early convenience.

I copy extracts from the five replies in the first return mail, all of which are in perfect accord.

"The half or all of my promise to pay will be redeemed on or before June 1, 1887, or at any time I am informed that the money is wanted" B. F. Clayton."

"We approve of your plans to build a new structure. Will pay \$50. our subscription, before the first of June if it is needed." -- J. E. Barry.

"I say push the new building and no delay. My subscription will be paid promptly as it is wanted "-- S. H. Powers."

"You can depend on me for one-half of my subscription at any time you may call for it. --"John Pilline

"Spend no more money on the old tabernacle, but proceed to build at once, expense not to exceed \$2,000 all complete, and my one-fourth will be ready at any time wanted.--David Clark

If other letters follow in the same strain, it seems as though the trustees would lose all discretion in the matter, and as if the new place of worship were a forgone conclusion. [Unclear]

Is-it too much to ask of our ministering brethren, East and West, who think of attending the camp-meeting this summer to advise me of their intentions at once? MARTIN S. SUMMERBELL

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The building will comfortably seat about 600 people. The roof is perfectly tight, plenty of fresh air, and yet so arranged that a surplus so it can be shut off when necessary. The Sunday exercises were all that could be desired. The day was fine; a heavy shower during the previous evening was followed by clear skies and bracing air. Two morning prayer-meetings were held, one at 6 o'clock, led by the writer; the other, and much larger one, at 9 o'clock, by Bro. Coe. He took note of the testimonies and there were fifty-six in less than one hour. Morning sermon by Rev. G. B. Merritt; afternoon sermon by Rev. S. W. Butler; evening sermon by Dr. J. B. Weston. All the sermons were able and full of rich, instructive thought. Bro. Merritt's theme was the refiner's work; Bro. Butler's, the soul or Spirit's power in the boundless universe; Dr. Weston's, the abundance of spiritual life in Jesus. The whole exercises, including the farewells, were a feast of fat things. Bro. L. W. Sweet was the leader of music, and Miss Helen Goff, the organist. The selections were excellent and heartily rendered.

The self-denying labors of the ladies in adorning and decorating the chapel and in preparing articles for sale, the proceeds to assist in sinking the debt incurred in constructing the tabernacle, deserve honorable mention.

One of the grand features of the feast was the presence of several Congregational and Baptist ministers. Those brethren did a full share of the preaching, much to our edification. We hailed with joy this fraternal union spirit. Such preaching as Revs. E. K. W. Porter, Mr. Davis, Mr. Warfield, and others gave us is directly in the line of Christian union and gives true answers to our Lord's prayer. May there be more of that eternal spirit everywhere manifested.

Craigville, August 8th.

There is not a lot about Craigville in this article from *The Christian Sun* but there is interesting context about the times "[The Christian sun, September 1, 1892.](#)"

New England Matters.

There is no special church news at present from New England. The pastors generally, have had a "vacation." The Christian camp meeting, was held as usual, at Craigville, Mass. What the results were, I am not prepared to say.

About all the churches have held their camp-meetings, or public denominational gatherings, camp-meetings, or public denominational gatherings. The Methodists, generally report many conversions. If they made any reports this year, they have not been published, I think there is a much better feeling among the religious denominations than existed formerly. Pulpit ex-changes are more general, and more frequent. The Calvinistic Baptists are more liberal in their preaching, but they still hold to their "close communion!" The Friends (Quakers) have changed very much. Now they hold "revival meetings," and sing gospel hymns! They are a nice people. You never find them in the saloon, or Police court.

The Universalists have changed for the better. They hold "revival meetings," and are increasing numerically and financially. Their ministers generally are prohibitionists, and earnest temperance workers. The Congregationalists have become more liberal in their preaching, and some of them have rejected their old creeds entirely and have substituted the "Apostle's creed." Others have greatly modified their creeds. They are a good people and exert an excellent influence. Their women take part in their social meetings, a thing that was not one in my youthful days. I know them well and preach for them frequently. The Christian church is strong in many towns. In the cities of New Bedford and Fall River, they have an excellent influence. In Maine, they are quite numerous. As a church, we have less wealth than some other churches and do less for religious and education. Our people are not stingy, nor are they half as liberal as they should be. Perhaps therein their teaching; if they should practice more liberality, they would have a richer Christian experience.

Thousands of people from the large cities, come to New England to spend the summer. The summer resorts in Maine, are becoming very noted. On Mount Desert Island, are probably over twenty thousand visitors every summer. Bar Harbor is the most noted place on the Island. Several steamers reach these "watering places" every day. Many of Washington's most noted officials, are there now. The Island embraces three towns and is connected with the mainland by a bridge.

The prohibitionists are working hard to gain a victory over the saloon. I wish the same were true of either of the old political parties. The saloon must go; and it will go when Christians vote as they pray! I may not live to see that day, but my sons will, if they live to be as old as I am.

H. M. E.VTON.

Walpole, N.H., Aug 21, 1892

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**An account of Craigville in 1892 from the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* 1892-06-23: Volume 84, Issue 25:**

Craigville as a Summer Resort.

Craigville is situated on the Southern shore of Cape Cod, midway between Hyannis and Osterville. It is a small city of seaside cottages situated on a high bluff overlooking Vineyard Sound. One can pass the long summer days reading or sketching in the open summer houses on the bluff, which are free to all. Hundreds of sailing vessels and steamers are constantly passing through this great watery highway. Its ease of access makes Craigville a desirous place for businessmen to domicile their families, as they can visit them often, as very good connections are made by rail.

There are a post office and stables for the accommodation of summer guests. Here they can find rest free from the pomp and show of more fashionable summer resorts; the wear and tear of city life is forgotten; the cooling breezes wafted from the ocean, laden with its salt breath, gives new strength to the languid and sick. Here the mother and little ones can escape the heat and bustle of the city and employ themselves in digging sand and gathering seaweed and shells on the beach or plucking wildflowers from the grassy banks. Wading and bathing will give them strength and health.

One of the finest beaches on the cape, more than seven miles long, of clear, pure sand, perfectly safe. In addition to the saltwater advantages of Craigville there are several freshwater lakes, where grow the celebrated pink water lilies. White lilies are to be had in abundance for the picking.

These grounds, owing to their natural scenery and healthful groves and pure springs, which have been analyzed by one of the most eminent physicians, were selected and obtained by a number of the Christian churches, and incorporated as the Camp Meeting Association, where yearly gatherings are held on the first Monday in August lasting one week.

During the months of August and September the young men form a baseball club and enter a series of games with the surrounding nearby towns, holding their games once a week at Craigville. Lawn tennis grounds are free to all and exciting games are of frequent occurrence.

THE HOTEL PALMER

Originally the Chequaket (sic), erected in 1872, kept by the late F. B. Washburn, has been purchased by the proprietor of SABENS House, and is undergoing extensive modern improvements to make it a first-class summer hotel (strictly a temperance house).

The PALMER and SABENS will be run under one management, as

HOTEL PALMER AND ANNEX.

The property contains about one hundred apartments, light, airy, and well furnished, standing on high common ground; almost every room has a commanding view.

Excursion tickets on the Old Colony Railroad from all points in the state, and New York boats via Fall River. Four trains daily are met at Hyannis, and patrons are conveyed by barges to the HOTEL PALMER.

Hotel Palmer will be ready for boarders June 20, 1892.

For terms, &c., apply to  
GEO. B. FISHER,  
Craigville, Mass

<sup>19</sup> In *The New York Times* 1910-06-26: Volume 59, Issue 19146 we have a report of the “new” Craigville Breach Road:

This part of the Cape is doing everything possible to its highways, so as to induce the automobilists to keep on the south shore, passing through Centreville and Craigville, instead of going direct to Hyannis through the long stretch of woods. There has been a new road built from Centreville to Hyannisport, following the shore of New Harbor and Centreville Bay. It is a very attractive drive, besides being one of the best roads on the south shore for automobiles. The roads in this vicinity were all oiled last month which will insure roads free from dust throughout the entire season.

<sup>20</sup> *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* 1910-05-26: Volume 102, Issue 21 looks ahead to the summer of 1910:

CRAIGVILLE, MASS.

The Craigville Camp Meeting Association have issued their provisional announcement circular relative to the coming summer of 1910.

Sunday services are to be held in the tabernacle each Sunday from July 3 to August 28, inclusive. The regular series of meetings are to be held from August 1st to the 8th.

The committee having in charge the program of meetings for the season are planning some new features which it is believed will greatly add to the profit and interest of the occasion.

The Mission Board of the Christian denomination is planning for a Denominational Missionary Conference. Fuller announcement will be made later.

A WORD AS TO CRAIGVILLE

To those familiar with the place nothing need be stated as to its characteristics and attractiveness. These are of such a nature as to bring those once visiting them back year after year. Craigville is an ideal spot for a summer outing. The cool sea breezes combined with the pine groves are most invigorating. The beach is one of the best and the bathing has especially attractive features. Lake Wequaquet, a beautiful sheet of fresh water, within a short distance, affords a delightful variety of recreation. Boating, fishing, hill climbing, with games of various kinds are all available.

The social and religious atmosphere of the place is one of its distinctive charms.

The origin of Craigville was in the days of the “Camp meeting,” and though the character of the meetings is somewhat changed, the religious spirit has prevailed. The grounds are owned and controlled by the Camp Meeting Association. The people who frequent the place and own cottages are insistent that the high moral tone of the surroundings shall be preserved. Craigville is a paradise for children.

The officers of the Association are President, Rev. A. H. Morrill, D. D., Laconia, N. H.; vice-president, Rev. Geo. A. Conibear, Covington, Ohio; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Chase, Providence, R. I.; secretary, Rev. P. A. Canada, New Bedford, Mass., each of whom will be glad to answer any inquiries relating to the meetings and accommodations on the grounds.

Persons desiring cottages for the season should address Miss Louise Smith or Mr. Horace Sturges at Craigville.

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Craigville is located three miles from Hyannis, on the Cape Cod division of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., to which station excursion tickets can be purchased at all of the principal stations of the system.

John Bearse, express and mail carrier between Hyannis and Craigville, meets all trains. Regular rates are 35 cents per passenger.

<sup>21</sup> **The following note appears in the minutes of the New England Convention of Christian Churches in response to a proposal to sell the CCMA's Craigville property: (*The Herald of Gospel Liberty* 1914-06-25: Vol 106 Iss 26)**

The report of the Committee on Resolutions drew out a protracted discussion conducted in most admirable spirit. A recommendation to the trustees of the Craigville Camp-meeting Association to consider sale of the Craigville property was finally tabled.

<sup>22</sup> ***The Herald of Gospel Liberty* ( 25 ), August 13, 1914**

#### NEW ENGLAND LETTER

Another series of the annual meetings of the Christian Camp-meeting Association at Craigville is concluded and in some respects interest.

The "Retreat" that preceded the regular meetings was something new and unique and gave something of a preparation for the regular meetings. The Craigville meetings have always been delightful in their fellowship and inspirational nature. At times, special efforts have been put forth to make them evangelistic, at others educational, and again of a missionary spirit. This year they have been deeply spiritual, while the work of the Church has been considered and discussed earnestly, there has been an educational and missionary atmosphere.

The sermons on July 26 were by Rev. O. W. Powers, D. D. , of Dayton , Ohio, and Rev. J. W. Reynolds, of Assonet, Mass. Dr. Powers' sermon on the Friendship of God was a fresh and refreshing presentation of a great fact as to the relation of God to men . It will remain as an abiding inspiration to all who heard it.

The message of Bro. Reynolds at the evening service was on Religious Ministrations and was a suggestive one to the adaptability and universality of the gospel in its provisions for mankind. Bro. Reynolds also gave an illuminating address on Monday morning on The Necessity of Prayer.

This subject of prayer was given much consideration in the meetings of the "Retreat," and Bro. Reynolds emphasized the fact that whether or not a satisfactory philosophy of prayer could be found, the fact of prayer was real and vital.

On Sunday afternoon an open-air service was held " under the pines, " back of the tabernacle. Addresses were given as scheduled on the program : on Faith, by Rev. G. A. Conibear ; on Hope, by Dr. Carlyle Summerbell, and on Love, by Rev. H. M. Hainer. The old songs of the gospel were sung heartily, and the service seemed to be enjoyed much by all present. A particular feature of this service was a brief address given by Dr. Tillinghast, in which he spoke of the fact that from all corners of the earth , prayer was going up to God asking, " Thy kingdom come, " and in his characteristic way and with his old-time vigor, he cheered all with the assurance that God was certainly answering the prayers of His people.

On Monday evening, July 27, Miss Alice True, just home from Japan , gave an address on Our Foreign Missionary Work. By taking each word of her subject, Miss True showed clearly and forcibly the important facts involved in the missions. The experience as a missionary has developed in Miss True a large vision as well as given her a rare consecration and her address appealed to the thinking mind in the broad discussion of the issues involved in missionary activities. Accompanying Miss True was one of the graduates of the Utsunomiya School, Sato San, a young lady who won the esteem of all by her modest and refined deportment. At this service she sang one of her national songs in her native language and showed a voice that has in it the promise of strength and charm . Miss Sato is in this country to pursue further studies, which she intends to do at Elon College, North Carolina. The visit of Miss True to Craigville was a distinct emphasis to the value as well as the general significance of Foreign Missions.

On Tuesday was inaugurated a series of mission studies under the leadership of Rev. R. G. English, of Amesbury, Mass. The textbook for this was the recent book of President Faunce of Brown University. The specific theme was the Social Aspect of Foreign Missions. The subject is presented in an illuminating form by Dr. Faunce, and the three periods of study given to the theme were productive of an inspiring as well as a clearer outlook. Several brethren participated in the discussion . It was a special privilege in this, that Dr. Powers, Home Mission Secretary, was present to contribute out of his information on this subject.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Powers gave an address on The Social Emphasis in the Missionary Program for 1914-1915 . Wednesday afternoon was given up to a consideration of Our New England Field. This was introduced by the New England Field Secretary in a brief address and then was particularly discussed by Revs. O. T. Headley, of Fall River ; Thomas Cross, of Eastport, and P. S. Sailer, of Stratham. These brethren all presented views of the situation from their respective standpoints, the three of them working in fields that represent particular conditions at present peculiar to New England. Following these addresses there was a general discussion which, while disclosing a keen appreciation of the problems confronting New England, also revealed a lack of unity as to methods of meeting the problems.

At particular periods during the week, in formal meetings of the ministers were held to consider more definitely the conditions in New England and some far-reaching plans were broached as to educational and missionary activities. As to what will develop from these suggestions, it is impossible at present to determine, of course, but the conviction seemed to be very pronounced on the part of all who were present that serious, if not radical and urgent, measures were necessary in order to meet present conditions in our midst.

Two addresses were given during the week that were earnest and stirring on modern social conditions-- one by Dr. C. Summerbell on The Ministry of the Church , and the other by Rev. Thos. Cross on What Is Wrong with the World from the Workingman's Standpoint? Both of these brethren are, of course,

sympathetic with the Church , but they were searching in their attitude as to the efficiency, if not the faithfulness of the Church concerning the injustice existing in modern social conditions.

There were no other themes that more seriously stirred the thought of the audiences than these and these brethren were very forcible in their presentation of their addresses.

Then Young People and the Church was considered in two addresses by Rev. M. D. Wolfe, D. D., and Rev. O. T. Headley. Dr. Wolfe has had much success in this line of work and hence was well fitted to speak on this theme, while Bro. Headley was stimulating in discussing the subject from a philosophic standpoint.

On Saturday evening there were two addresses, one by Dr. F. G. Coffin, of Albany, subject, The Minister, and His Books, and by Rev. H.M. Hainer, of Haverhill, on The Christian and His Bible . The address of Dr. Coffin was an urgent appeal, presented in fine literary form , for serious and definite work on the part of the minister in intellectual pursuits. Bro. Hainer urged something of the same appeal for all Christians, to use their Bible intelligently so as to apprehend the real significance and value of the Book .

On Sunday, August 2, the concluding day of the meetings, Prof. Enders, of Defiance, Ohio, preached in the morning, and Dr. Coffin in the evening. Prof. Enders' message was on The Necessity of Toil to Acquire the Spiritual Treasures of Life, from the words, " without money and without price," and that of Bro. Coffin was The Possession of Freedom , the Freedom of Truth , Which Can Be Acquired by Banishing the Ghosts of the Past. Both sermons were original and impressive.

<sup>23</sup>**One of the best-documented early 20th century summer conferences at Craigville took place in 1914. We have a detailed overview of the program and two first-hand accounts of participants.**

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CRAIGVILLE CONFERENCES, 1914

Ministers' Retreat, July 23-26. Association Conference July 27-August 2, Craigville, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

MINISTERS' RETREAT

Thursday, July 23—9:00 a. m., Service of Prayer, Rev. W. G. Sargent, Providence, R. I.; Address, "The Mission of John According to Jesus," Prof. George C. Enders. D. D., Defiance College, Ohio; Quiet Hour, Rev. P. S. Sailer, Stratham, N. H.

Thursday Afternoon—3:00, Bible Study, Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D., Manchester, N. H.; Address, "The Minister and His Bible," Rev. A. H. Morrill, D. D. Franklin, N. H.; Quiet Hour, Rev. MacCalman, D. D., Starkey Seminary,

Thursday Evening—7 : 30—Service of Prayer, Rev. F. Peters, D. D., New Bedford, Mass.; Address, "Prayer and the Missionary Enterprise," Miss Alice True, Ishinomaki, Japan; Quiet Hour, Rev. Carlyle Summerbell, D. D., Wolfboro, N. H.

Friday Morning, July 24—9 :00—Bible Study, Rev.

P. H. Fleming, D. D.; Address, "The Mission of Jesus According to John," Prof. G. C. Enders, D. D.: Quiet Hour, Rev. John MacCalman, D. D.

Friday Afternoon—3:00. Service of Prayer, Rev. H. M. Hainer, Haverhill, Mass.; Address, "Spiritual Culture in the Life of the Minister," Rev. F. H. Peters, New Bedford, Mass.; Quiet Hour, Rev. John Reynolds, Assonet, Mass.

Friday Evening—7 : 30—Bible Study. Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D.: Address, "The Mission of Jesus According to Paul." Rev. G. A. Conibear. D. D. Boston. Mass.; Quiet Hour, Rev. John MacCalman. D. D.

Saturday Morning, July 25—9:00, Service of Prayer, Rev. A. H. Morrill. «D. D.; Address, "The Mission of Jesus According to John." Eves an Cc. Enders, D. D.; Quiet Hour, Rev. P. Sailer.

Saturday Afternoon—3:00, Bible Study. Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D.; Address, "The Mission of Jesus According to Paul," Rev. G. A. Conibear, D. D.; Quiet Hour, Rev. John MacCalman, D. D.

Saturday Evening—7:30. Rev. O. W. Powers. D. D., Dayton, Ohio: Address, "Prayer in Its Relation to the Christian Life," Rev. P. Saller

Sunday Morning, July 26—10:30, Sermon, Rev. O. W. Powers, D. D.

Sunday Afternoon—2:30, Under the Pines, three fifteen-minute addresses : "Faith," Rev. G. A. Conibear, D. D.: "Hope" Rev. C. Summerbell. D. D.: "Love," Rev. M. Hainer.

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Services of Prayer and Bible Studies during the Retreat will continue for fifteen minutes on.

All sessions of both conferences are open to all who desire to attend. We hope the membership of the churches throughout New England and the East will be largely represented.

Bring a notebook and pencil to take home a record of the riches in store for you from the many addresses and Bible studies to be given during the conferences.

Note the program has been so arranged as to leave abundance of time to enjoy the many delights of this beauty spot of God's world.

One of the finest bathing beaches on the Atlantic Coast. There is no undertow, no seaweed, no rocks, and stones; just far-flung reaches of purest sea-sand gently sloping out into the deep. Programs are always closed for bathing hours.

The most delightful, restful, and helpful way to spend your vacation.

Reserve your rooms from the manager of the Inn, as below. If you have not received an illustrated booklet, request a copy of the Inn manager. They are free. Special rates to those attending conference. Address, Mrs. Ralph G. English, Amesbury, Mass.

All attending conference from 23-26 are urged to plan to arrive not later than evening of 22d, so as to be present at the opening of the conference, Thursday morning.

<sup>24</sup> ***The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1914-06-04: Volume 106, Issue 23) publishes a tribute to Craigville from a member of the prominent Summerbell family:**

CHARMING CRAIGVILLE

I once heard Dr. J. B. Weston say, at one of the beautiful sunset meetings at Craigville, that Craigville was a place that the devil had not yet discovered. And certainly, the varied beauties of sea, and land, and sky might suggest the primitive Garden of Eden. Why was it that Dr. Weston kept so young? Perhaps one reason was that he never failed to visit Craigville, for many, many years, and gathered into the physical man the fragrance of the pines, the vastness of the ocean, and the good cheer of fellowship.

We ministers need to keep young in spirit; and it is proposed to try and do so, by having a retreat where we can come together at one of the most charming places on God's footstool, to talk to Him, to talk to each other, to let nature declare His glory, and, above all, to listen to what He may deign to give us.

Shall we endeavor to come apart in this delightful place and rest a while, so that we may be better fitted to do our work. and to proclaim the good tidings of great joy with thanksgiving and singing!

CARLYLE SUMMERBELL

<sup>25</sup> ***The Christian Sun* (General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States) 1914**

CRAIGVILLE CONFERENCE

Craigville, beautiful, restful, peaceful Craigville, situated close to the murmuring waves of a sheltered Atlantic sound,' and nestled amid whispering pines, surrounded almost by lakes and ponds and flowing streams, on Cape Cod, Mass.

I had the pleasure of attending the "Ministers' Retreat" there, July 24-25, and of taking part in the program. I left Manchester, NH. H., July 23, in company with Rev. Dr. A. H. Morrill, the popular and efficient pastor of the Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, N. H. He proved to be a delightful companion and safely piloted me to Craigville. Our route was over the Boston and Maine road to Boston and thence by the New York, New Haven and Hartford to West Barnstable and thence by automobile to Craigville.

For some distance after leaving Manchester, we followed the Merrimack river in its onward flow turning thousands upon thousands of spindles as it leaps toward the ocean. We passed Lowell, Nassau, and other places of interest and importance before reaching Boston. Reaching Boston at the North Station, we took the elevated road to the South Station where we took the New York, New Haven and Hartford for West Barnstable. As we went to the South Station, to our left was the Boston harbor, with its great shipping interests, and in front of us, to our right and to the rear lay the great city of Boston. The old church from whose steeple Paul Revere, in Revolutionary times, hung his signal lanterns, was pointed out. Out from Boston we passed Brockton, where a great many shoes are made, and Quincy, which is noted as the birthplace of John Hancock, of John Adams, second president of the United States, and of his son, John Quincy Adams.

At Quincy, in 1826, John Adams died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, and on that same date, July 4, 1826, died Thomas Jefferson at his Monticello home in Virginia. Quincy comprises nearly a dozen villages and here are the Adams Academy for Boys, Woodard Institute for Girls, and Thomas Crane Public Library.

Well, I did not mean to tell you so much about going to Craigville as being there, but I tell you it was interesting getting to Craigville. At Buzzards Bay our train was divided and part of it went on to Woods Hole and part of it to West Barnstable. Such names! I did not want to go to Woods Hole, nor did I care to remain at West Barnstable, and so I was glad to be switched off for West Barnstable, but I didn't stay there. I was bound for Craigville and to Craigville I went.

Soon after leaving Buzzard's Bay, we crossed New England's "Little Big Ditch," which was opened July 29. This is the Cape Cod Canal, spoken of as "New England's Little Panama." It is eight miles long and in no place is it less than 100 feet wide with a minimum depth of 25 feet. It will shorten distance, provide a safer route for approximately 25,000 seacraft that heretofore have had to round Cape Cod. It unites the waters of Cape Cod Bay on the east with the waters of Buzzard's Bay on the west. From the time of Miles Standish, Massachusetts has been hoping for a canal across Cape Cod, and there have been five attempts to open a canal prior to this one. It is said that 25,000 vessels round Cape Cod every year and that more than 2,000 have been wrecked on Pollock's Rip where fogs hang thick, low and long much of the year. The canal is a commercial venture, but in it there is much safety to life and property and the saving of much valuable time.

The ride from West Barnstable by automobile was delightful and we reached Craigville in good time — supper time. Mrs. R. G. English, of Amesbury, Mass., is manager of "The Inn" and the entire management in all of its departments impressed me as being very good. The "Ministers' Retreat" opened July 23, in the Tabernacle on a hill close to the Inn. This is a well-arranged Tabernacle and a delightful place to worship. The attendance was good for the opening. Almost every train brought someone to West Barnstable or Hyannis for Craigville. The services opened Thursday at 9:00 a.m. with a service of prayer by Rev. Dr. Sargent. I wish that I could mention each of the speakers.

Miss Alice True, who has just returned from Japan, was in attendance and spoke about "Prayer and the Missionary Enterprise." Miss True brought with her from Japan, a young Japanese woman, Miss Toshio Sato Wakuya, a student for Elon College, N. C. Miss Wakuya in her native tongue told us how she came to Christ. Miss True interpreted. It was a beautiful, sweet story, and it stirred my heart, and I could but welcome her to this country of ours and to Elon College, as its secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees and thank God for the true and big-hearted brothers down South who made her coming and entering Elon College possible. She took down a couple or more of the Bible studies I gave, to send back to the school in Japan. She was deeply interested in Elon College and seemed pleased to see and know someone from or near there. Miss Wakuya is a stranger in a strange land. May her stay be pleasant and profitable. She comes to study; and to learn of Christ and hopes to return some day to her own people and tell them of the wonderful love of Christ and His salvation.

I would like to write more but my letter grows too long and so I am going to close by saying that if you can ever see your way to attend the Craigville Conference, by all means attend.

P. H. Fleming.

<sup>26</sup> *The Herald of Gospel Liberty, August 8, 1920, gives us two accounts of the 1920 camp meeting:*

Craigville, Mass. The joint session of New England Christian Convention and summer school of the Christian Camp Association holding from July 26 August 1 inclusive was marked by a program of exceptional merit covering a wide of helpful subjects handled by numerous able speakers.

Brother FG Coffin, President both of The Christian Convention and of the College, gave the opening address with his usual eloquence and logic and also most effectively on Evangelism. George C. Enders, Dean of the Defiance Ohio Divinity School conducted the Bible studies in Mark. His messages were shot through and through with an exquisite wit that banished all thought of dull. The bubbling contagious enthusiasm Brother Omer S Thomas, Home Mission was imparted to his auditors as after day he filled our heads with plans. The Church and the Community and The Forward Movement departments were ably represented by Brothers ED of Fall River Mass who spoke on The Devotional Life. FH Peters of Greenville Ohio speaking on Missions and E.A. Watkins of Lima Ohio on A Recruits. PS Sailer of Westerly RI in The Right of Industry, and A.G. Caris President of Defiance College on Our Educational Responsibilities. Brother Hermon Eldredge of Erie Pa brought us two of his genial, large-hearted messages on the Sunday School Graces and Ideas and Ideals of Sunday school work.

Sister Mary E Bullock of Suffolk, Va, head of the primary work in the Sunday school Department of the church, gave two delightful addresses which brought us a new vision of the scope and importance of the Sunday school.

The evening services were devoted to inspirational addresses by such speakers as Brothers Peters, Caris, and Watkins on such themes as Training for Leadership, The Educational Survey, and Christian Stewardship. The New England Christian Convention and Societies elected the following officers: President A/H. Morrill; Vice President, A/A. Richards; Secretary, C.D. Gilbert; Assistant Secretary, H.M. Hainer; Treasurer, F.R. Woodward; Secretary of Sunday schools, P.S. Sailer; Secretary of Missions, D.P. Hurlburt; Secretary of Christian Endeavor, E.R. Caswell; Financial and Educational Secretary, H.M. Hainer.

Sunday was fittingly observed with a splendid sermon in the morning by G. A. Conibear of Great Meadows NJ and another in the evening by Brother E.A. Watkins At the grove meeting in afternoon brief, but helpful messages brought by Brother J.W. Reynolds Newport, Me and Brother A. A. Richards and Sister Flora Neagles of Lynn Mass

The program was very full, but time was found for bathing at the beautiful beach boating on Lake Elizabeth, walking, and sports. The whole affair was considered so eminently successful that the purpose is to repeat the joint program next year with certain modifications suggested by the experience of this season

OBSERVATIONS: The Craigville Meetings

Roughly speaking, humanity can be divided into two classes: Those who have been at Craigville and those who have not. The former class constitutes a kind of mild aristocracy. The people whereof may be known in history by the distinguishing title of Craigvillians. These people have been at Craigville. They know that they have been at Craigville. And they want everyone to know that they were at Craigville. In the future when great opportunities present themselves to point a moral or adorn a tale, some Craigvillians may always be expected to rise to the occasion and to begin remarks with the eloquent words. "Now when I was at Craigville..."

The meetings just held at Craigville constitute the forty ninth annual gathering of the Craigvillians. Therefore, those who attended the meetings this year may also have the distinction of being known as the Forty niners. The next will be the fiftieth annual session but whether or not it will be the semi-centennial of the Craigville Christian Camp Meeting Association threatens to become as difficult to decide as was the question whether the present century began on January 1, 1900, or upon January 1, 1901. The good people of our New England Christian Church have a sufficient number of able leaders to enable them to put on practically any kind of educational or religious program at Craigville. Occasionally, however, they prefer to entertain themselves by bringing in outside talent and watch.

There is W.G. Sargent practical and preparing them do the work. This in part was the case and highly cultured a power both upon practice followed in building the program and behind the throne. There is P.S. Sailer for the meetings recently held. Of the four clean-cut clear-eyed keen-minded and teen persons who appeared upon the regular warm hearted, there is E.A. Watkin- who program eight were from outside New England in spite of that fact that he heard my first land. Of these, one was from Missouri, one sermon is a galvanic battery of inspiration from Virginia, one from Pennsylvania, and there is F.H. Peters, large of body, five from Ohio which, by the way, speaks of mind and large of heart. He has volumes for the resources of the United keen sense of the present responsibility and States of Ohio in a year when that State is a clear vision of the future need. There furnishing three of the candidates for A.G. Caris whose heroic and successful President forts to stand up under. The printed program was the product large enough for three full sized men much prayerful thought and careful work should kindle most enthusiastic support on the part of the program committee of the present emergency campaign.

There which E.D. Gilbert was chairman and this G.A. Conibear who is so genial so scholarly program was carried out with almost clock and so refined and so constructively like precision. I remember but one change to it. There is Hermon Eldredge the that occurred in the outline of proceedings. In advance of our Sunday school work, this was made not because of the absence of Mrs. Bullock, who is so widely known and sense of the speaker announced but because so favorably known to the readers of the presence of a visitor prominent in Sunday school and other literature Sunday school work. The program went to O.S. Thomas, whose vocation it is to a high degree practical and constructive as our Home Mission Secretary. He is informing and inspiring and while its avocation is to radiate sunshine and did not realize the high ideal of the program good cheer.

But the week at Craigville would have been distinctly worthwhile even if there any of our conferences and conventions had no set program to mingle freely, come to be looked upon as almost as with the Craigvillians is a rare privilege and to know them intimately is in itself a gift... Three cheers for the Craigvillians and a whole series of Craigville meetings

Defiance Ohio GEORGE C. ENDERS

<sup>27</sup> *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1922-03-30: Volume 114, Issue None) contains an announcement of the upcoming celebration of Craigville's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1922:

The Proposed Jubilee

This caption naturally arouses interest, as it is not a very frequent expression. One may be led to ask What is it? Where is it? When is it?

First then, what is it?

A few readers of *The Herald* may remember that in August 1872, a camp meeting was held in the town of Barnstable, Mass., carried on by ministers and laymen of the Christian denomination. It was a new movement. That initial meeting was something of an experiment, those interested in it desiring, if this meeting were successful, to make such a gathering an annual meeting for fellowship and spiritual profit to our people: It was an assured success, and probably all who attended this meeting were enthusiastically in favor of making such a gathering an annual occurrence. Already fifty sessions have been held, and next August will mark fifty years of our assembling at the place, known for quite a term of years as Craigville. It is planned to have a meeting of special interest at that time, in the place endeared to hundreds of our people because of fifty years of harmonious and helpful association.

I have practically answered briefly the second and third questions, but a few more words may be spoken about the matter. The place, Craigville, is a beautiful summer colony, on the south shore of Cape Cod, about eighty miles from Boston, and three miles from Hyannis, five miles from West Barnstable, these last-named places being railroad stations nearest Craigville. The sea beach is one of the finest for bathing in New England, a great attraction to hundreds of people each season. The natural attractions of the place and its surroundings make it a delightful place for spending a part or all of one's summer vacation.

Replying to the third question, I may say that the time for the Jubilee will be the first week in August, next. The program committee is seeking to arrange a program that will be both interesting and inspiring. The aim is to make this meeting "the best ever." If this is done, we may rest assured that it will be such a gathering as anyone would be sorry to miss. Extensive improvements respecting accommodations at both the Inn and the beach are being made, while the promise is that the season will be as popular as any in the past, and possibly exceeding previous seasons.

On behalf of the Association, I extend a most cordial invitation to our ministers and lay members, in New England and in all sections of our Zion, to make their plans to "come up to this Jubilee Celebration" and have a season of refreshing from the presence of the brethren and the greater presence of our blessed Master. Plan early to be there, and write at earliest convenience to George W. Hathaway, 109 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, R. I., the manager of the Craigville Inn, stating the accommodations desired. Remember to be present at the Jubilee.

ALVA H. MORRILL, President,  
Christian Camp Meeting Association.  
Newton, N. H.

***The Herald of Gospel Liberty (1922-09-21: Volume 114, Issue None) published Martyn Summerbell's account of the Jubilee:***

Craigville Jubilee of 1922

Our Christian Camp Meeting Association was established at Craigville, near Hyannis, Mass., in the summer of 1872, and this year was its fifty-first assemblage. Naturally the authorities arranged for a Jubilee celebration, which extended from Monday evening, July 31, over the Sunday following.

Great changes have come in the fifty years since the organization was conceived. Then we began with a collection of tents in the wilderness, but in one of the most beautiful situations that one could conceive. Then there were fifty-seven preachers in attendance, but now something less than twenty. Of all the fifty-seven only six survive, and but two, Dr. A. H. Morrill and M. Summerbell, were privileged to be at this celebration.

And the tents were gone, and in their place, there rose the stately and commodious tabernacle, the two capacious hotels, and a swarm of cottages and bungalows to house the swarming summer residents and visitors. And at the beach, where at first there was a row of humble bathhouses, there is now a cluster of extensive pavilions with every accommodation for the hundreds that gather at the water side. At bathing time, it is a common sight to see a hundred autos parked by the beach, and one Sunday lately there were three hundred such vehicles packed as closely as the authorities in charge could arrange them.

The first service on Monday evening was a memorial in remembrance of Dr. Tillinghast, who was at the first meeting and who all through the years had been connected with the management. Several speakers told of his faithful and devoted service to Christ and his church. It was a tender occasion, not mournful, but hopeful, in view of a true and loyal soul and the promise of the hereafter.

Every morning of the week there were early prayers and a lecture. Dr. Conibear, Bro. Hurlburt, and Bro. Reynolds led in the devotional services, which were full of interest and of the spirit of consecration. Two of the morning addresses were conducted by Rev. P. S. Sailer and Dr. W. H. Hainer, and Mr. Hermon Eldredge had three valuable lectures on Religious Education. Among the afternoon speakers were Dr. W. H. Hainer, Dr. L. F. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Gove, who delivered timely and instructive messages.

On Tuesday evening Dr. A. H. Morrill, the president of the Association, gave a historical address which covered the events and successes for the fifty years of the Camp life. He has been on the board of trustees from the beginning, was for a time its secretary, and has been president of the Board now for several years. He has searched the records diligently and gave the result in a paper that was remarkable for its completeness, its fidelity to the facts, and its pertinence to the present situation. Later the Association voted its appreciation and requested the manuscript, presumably for preservation in permanent form.

Wednesday evening the writer discussed the topic assigned him by the committee, "The Genius of Craigville," in which he presented at length the origin and purposes of the Association and the special advantages of Craigville as a summer resort under religious auspices.

Thursday evening was given to a humorous and practical lecture by Dr. L. E. Follansbee, which was full of charm and instruction. Dr. Follansbee has been on the Chautauqua circuit for several years and is popular wherever he lifts his voice.

Friday evening Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, the son of Rev. T. G. Moses, one of our former ministers, gave an address before an audience that filled the tabernacle. His subject was "The New England Spirit," which he treated on a high plane and with judicious references to the need of that spirit in our present political and industrial life. It was a great treat and delighted all who were present.

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<sup>29</sup> ***The Christian Sun for the Year of our Lord 1926 (Dayton, OH: Christian Publishing Association, 1926).***  
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The Christian Camp Meeting Association was organized in 1872. A tract of land was purchased on the south shore of Cape Cod, where the association has control of one of the finest beaches in the world and where there has been developed a summer colony named Craigville with some fifty or sixty cottages and bungalows, a tabernacle, Craigville Inn, post office, about three hundred and fifty bath compartments with the pavilion, garages, and other equipment. The organization is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by its constitution the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and five of the other eight members of the board of directors — the controlling body — must be members of the Christian Church. Craigville is coming' to be

recognized more and more generally as the common meeting place of the constituency of the Christian Church in New England and here is held annually. The New England Summer Conference. The next session of the conference is to be held from July 6 to 16, 1926. The gathering is to be in two groups, the Young People's Institute, and the Minister's Conference. The two will meet together for the opening devotions and for the first period, then they will separate and will be taught by different instructors. Special information and terms supplied by D. P. Hurlburt, Chairman Committee on Religious Activities, 580 Hammond Street, Bangor, Maine.

<sup>30</sup> **A Staffing Note for 1928 from *The Herald of Christian Liberty*, July 1928**

Craigville—In the two weeks since the official opening, the Craigville Inn has entertained about one hundred guests, representing six states—Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maine, Ohio, New York, and Massachusetts. Bagdad, Iraq, is also represented. Craigville Inn has on its working list Mrs. Waring, Providence, R. I., who served as housekeeper for seven. Miss Margaret Newell, who has been in charge of the waitresses at the Plantations Club's new building in Providence, is head waitress this year, while the waitresses and other helpers at the Inn represent the following institutions of learning: Technical High School, Providence, R. I.; University of Illinois; Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio; Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.; Rhode Island State College. Miss Edith Hughes, a teacher of college grade mathematics from Canada, and Mrs. Freer, of Providence, are assistant housekeepers, while Mr. and Mrs. Farkas, chef, and baker, have returned for their fourth year of service.—The Craigville Visitor.

<sup>31</sup> **A 1928 tribute to Craigville and account of the year's summer school from *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (1928-08-16: Vol 12 Iss 33):**

Craigville the Blessed

BY REV. DONALD P. HURLBURT

Craigville!

What scenes and emotions the mere word conjures up! And how it grows on one, as the years come and go!

Strolling along the woodland paths back of the tabernacle amidst the pines, listening to their whispered nothings, in dear heart-to-heart communion with nature; catching entrancing glimpses between rose-empowered cottages of Lake Elizabeth, with its rustic bridge spanning an inlet, and beyond a beautiful mansion in a great grove of trees—or perhaps the picturesque Chiquaquet River, meandering on its desultory, reluctant way seaward; standing with bared brow on the crest of the bluff, facing the majestic sweep of the bold sea line all the way from Hyannisport to Wianno; descending to the beach and laying one's fingers and 'one's soul in the leaping waters of the storm-tossed surf.

This is Craigville.

But Craigville is more—far more than this. For Craigville is not only physical beauty but spiritual.

There was not quite so large an attendance at the summer school this year, because the hitherto ubiquitous Camp Fire Girls were conspicuous by their absence. And there were not so many ministers as there are some years. It is becoming increasingly evident that part of July the active pastors of New England together. But such an earnest group of clear-eyed, eager-minded youth as our New England constituency never before boasted of in a single gathering, it seems reasonable to claim, was there in full force. And they stayed through, including the very last class session, taking the prescribed examinations, and then be going home to await the announcement of their hard-won credits. For Craigville has become a real school of Christian education for the youth of the Christian church in New England.

The faculty seemed all that could be desired. Dean George C. Enders, of Defiance College, who led us all in the study of Mark's Gospel in his inimitable way, a way that precludes indifference or drowsiness or anything but the sitting-on-the-edge-of-the-seat sort of alertness because it is the unexpected that is always ways popping up in his classes. He led us into a new and closer walk with Jesus as Companion and Friend along the ways of Galilee and Judea.

Professor John J. Martin, of Bangor Theological Seminary, was deep, deep, wonderfully deep in his converse with the ministers; for there in the open-air sanctuary on the back porch of the Craigville Inn, where the squirrels chattered, and the birds sang overhead while the lily pond stretched away to the wooded shore beyond, his theme was God and his love and greatness. How other than deep could it be with such a teacher teaching such a subject amid such an environment?

Assembled again in Room A in the tabernacle, we listened, while Dean Enders told us of lands of enchantment across the sea and of national rivalries and jealousies and of perils that threaten not only our own fair land but every nation, unless a benign Providence shall miraculously alter the hearts of men and turn hatreds and jealousies to trust and love and forgiveness.

None but those privileged to attend can tell what occurred within the groups of the special classes for youth and teen-age girls led by Miss Lucy M. Eldredge, Mrs. Helen C. Bell, Mrs. Athella M. Howsare, and Miss Anna M. Wilbur; but this much was evident, that that group of young people came quite to adore those splendid leaders and were ready to follow them whithersoever they might lead.

The evening lectures, entertainments, and services, though of a lighter sort in the main than formerly, were almost without exception of a high order and well received. But to the writer, the climax of the whole school—which seemed to be built on a steadily ascending scale, as it should be—was the last night's program.

It began with clean fun, with slight-of-hand tricks to amuse the youngsters. This was followed with an impressive pageant, "From Self to Service", the parts taken by Sister Howsare's mission study group of young people, modestly, earnestly, reverently, without a spoken word but with the singing of appropriate hymns throughout, giving all a new realization of what surrender to a life of sweet service for the Master means. Then followed a most gripping candlelight consecration service, conducted by the dean of the school, Brother Herbert M. Hainer, at the

close of which a very large proportion of the young people, without urging, quietly but with tremendous earnestness accepted the challenge of a life-dedication of self to God, with the kindling each of his torch at the master-flame representing Jesus Christ. Then we marched forth from the dim recesses of the tabernacle

out into the pine-pillared grove and down across the starlit park and formed a great circle of dedicated souls before the Inn, chanting "Follow the Gleam," and closed with a simple prayer and a quiet dismissal for the night. Craigville! Jesus Christ! Service! The Eternal Kingdom!

Just a picture in closing. A group of earnest-faced youth seated on the grass near the shore of the lily pond at the sunset hour for the vesper service. Hymns, a Scripture lesson read by one, a poem recited by another, a story told by a third. Then, while the sun sank lower, there came floating softly across the lily pads a simple duet, sung by two dear young people, Miss Emily, and John Bates. The service continued with earnest sentence prayers, words of exalted vision, of deep consecration. Then, at the close, the "Taps" song previously taught by Brother Hermon Eldredge:

Day is done;

Gone the sun

From the lake, from the hills, from the sky:

All is well. Sweetly rest. God is nigh.

And from across the water from the farther shore came echoing,

All is well. Sweetly rest. God is nigh.

And that is Craigville!