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General Superintendent:

Rev. Albert H. Wilson.

District Superintendent:

Rev. William J. C. Vanoss.

General Board:

Rev. A. H. Wilson, Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss, Rev. S. N. Bennett, P. A. Sharp, E. Posson.

Trustees:

Rev. A. H. Wilson (3 years), Rev. S. N. Bennett (1 year), Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss (2 years).

Educational Board:

Rev. Stewart S. Tompkins (3 years),
Rev. S. N. Bennett (2 years).

Board on Needy Saints Fund:

Henry Davie (3 years),
Rev. S. N. Bennett (2 years).

Committee in Charge of Cemetery Lot:

Rev. S. N. Bennett, Henry Davie.

Auditing Board:

Augusta Engwer, Mrs. Sadie Shafer.

Judiciary Committee:

Rev. S. S. Tompkins (3 years),
Rev. S. N. Bennett (2 years),
Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss (1 year).

Camp Meeting Committee:

Rev. A. H. Wilson, Rev. S. N. Bennett,
Rev. S. W. Simmons, Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss,
Rev. Alvin Young.

Committee on Minutes:

Rev. S. N. Bennett, Rev. H. J. Felter,
Rev. D. E. Wilson.

Committee on Publication:

Rev. A. H. Wilson, Rev. E. T. Boswell,
Rev. S. N. Bennett, Rev. Alvin Young,
Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss.

General Secretary:

Alvin Young.

Minutes Sixteenth Annual Conference.

The sixteenth annual Conference of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission was called to order Tuesday afternoon, March 15, 1921, General Superintendent A. H. Wilson presiding. At the roll call the following delegates reported:

Albany—Brother Smith.
Allentown—No delegate.
Amsterdam—Sister Bush.
Binghamton—Sister Hotaling.
Conesville-Kyserkill—Brother Ellis.
East Dickinson—Brother Beaney.
Finch Hollow—Sister Worden.
Grosvenor's Corners and Brooky Hollow—
Brother Posson.
Howard Hill—Sister Craik.
Lake Placid—Brother Washburn.
North Troy—Sister Vines.
Oneonta—Sister Bass.
Pittsfield—Sister La Bean.
Schenectady—Brother Sharp.
South Colton—No delegate.
Union Valley—Sister Cowell.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M., MARCH 16.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

Reports from the branches read and accepted.

District Superintendent Bennett reported the Cortland work closed.

Report of Secretary of Conference Branch read and laid on table.

Treasurer's report of the Bethel Anchorage Home read and accepted.

Report of Secretary of Missionary Board read and accepted.

Report of General Board read and accepted.

Reading and passing on workers' personal reports.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M., MARCH 16.

Reading and passing on workers' personal reports continued.

Motion made and seconded that the report of Brother Schuyler be rewritten and presented to conference later. Motion carried.

Rev. E. J. Lindsay, of North Bangor, was introduced and voted a seat in the Conference.

Brother Grady gave an oral report.

Report of the Matron of Bethel Anchorage Home read and accepted.

Report of Treasurer of Fund for Needy Saints accepted.

Motion made and seconded that the District Elder look after the deed of Union Valley property. Motion carried.

Report of committee appointed to dispose of printing plant at 504 State street, Binghamton, N. Y., read and accepted.

Report of the General Superintendent regarding church union accepted.

Moved and carried that the examination on discipline be omitted for another year.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M., MARCH 17.

Devotional exercises.

Reading and accepting of minutes to date.

The rewritten personal report of C. W. Schuyler was read and accepted.

Report of Camp Meeting Committee was read.

Moved and carried that a more complete report be made out and presented to Conference later.

Report of Victory Grove Camp Meeting Secretary-Treasurer read and accepted.

Moved and carried that Committee of three be appointed to make out blank for report of Camp Meeting Committee.

Floyd Baker, Harry Felter, Dovid Wilson were appointed on committee.

Oral report of Rev. J. G. Chamberlain accepted.

Brother Hawley and Brother Olsen were voted seat in conference.

Needy Saints Fund discussed at length.

Matters regarding Needy Saints Fund turned over to Judiciary Committee for settlement.

Report of committee appointed to make out blank for report of Camp Meeting Committee read and accepted.

Moved and carried that a railroad secretary be appointed for the purpose of equalizing railroad fares of all delegates, workers and wives for this Conference.

David Wilson was appointed Railroad Secretary.

Moved and carried that the expenses of the delegate of General Superintendent be paid by Conference.

Moved and carried that a permanent committee of two members be appointed to investigate regarding the perpetual care of lot in Chenango Valley Cemetery.

S. N. Bennett and Henry Davie were appointed on committee for one year.

Moved and carried that there be one District Superintendent elected and that he devote his time to that work entirely.

Moved and carried that the rules of conference be suspended at this time and we proceed to nominate a District Superintendent by ballot.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M., MARCH 17.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

Brother A. E. Blann, of Northville, and Brother Delbert Frazier, of Wells, were voted a seat in the Conference.

Moved and carried that the Conference ratify the action of the General Board regarding the appointment of Brother Knapp on the board.

Election of officers.

E. J. Shemelia and S. W. Simmons were appointed tellers.

The following officers were elected:

General Secretary—Alvin Young.

District Superintendent—W. J. C. Vanoss.

General Board—S. N. Bennett, P. A. Sharp, E. Posson.

Trustee—A. H. Wilson, 3 years.

Educational Committee—S. S. Tompkins, 3 years.

Committee on Minutes—S. N. Bennett, H. J. Felter, D. E. Wilson.

Auditing Committee—Sadie Shafer, Augusta Engwer.

Judiciary Committee—S. S. Tompkins, 3 years.

Moved and carried that the chairman be given more time for consideration before appointing Missionary Board.

Needy Saints Committee—Henry Davie, 3 years.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the uniting of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission with the International Holiness Church it was voted to unite with the International Holiness Church by a vote of 39 for and 2 against.

Moved and carried that the invitation to hold the Convention of 1922 at Oneonta be accepted.

Moved and carried that the matter of equalization of railroad fares as already voted be made permanent.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M., MARCH 18.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

Personal report of Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss read and accepted.

Report of Rev. H. M. Moore read and accepted.

The following were appointed on Missionary Board: A. H. Wilson, W. J. C. Vanoss, Verna Hamlin, Louise Shelp, Ida Hotaling.

Rev. J. G. Chamberlain was excused from Conference by vote.

The question of more effective methods for carrying on the missionary work was discussed at some length. Brother Olsen brought before the Conference the plans of the newly organized "World Wide Missionary Society."

Moved and carried that the Pentecostal Rescue Mission affiliate with the "World Wide Missionary Society."

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

2 P. M. FRIDAY, MARCH 18.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

An ordination service was held, at which time Delbert Frasier, Walter Grady, and Alvin Young were regularly ordained to the gospel ministry.

Minutes read and accepted to date.

Moved and carried that the auditors' report be accepted as read.

Moved and carried that the Allentown Branch be granted their request to join the International Holiness Church, inasmuch as action had been taken by this Conference to affiliate with that body.

W. J. C. Vanoss was appointed trustee to fill the unexpired term of Brother Baker, pastor of the Allentown Branch.

Camp meeting report read and accepted.

Moved and carried that credential workers not in active work holding Conference Branch membership be given the privilege to vote on all matters pertaining to the local work where they reside.

Moved and carried that Brother Young be given appointment as evangelist.

Moved and carried that the General Board designate as many preachers as it would seem advisable to do evangelistic work as they may be called by the various branches.

Adjourned until Saturday, 9 a. m.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., MARCH 19.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

Minutes read and accepted.

Moved and carried that a committee of five be appointed to investigate regarding church paper of International Holiness Church, the General Superintendent to be a member of committee. This committee to have charge of all matters pertaining to subscriptions and matter to be printed from this district.

Committee—A. H. Wilson, S. N. Bennett, E. J. Boswell, Alvin Young, W. J. C. Vanoss.

Report of Judiciary Committee with reference to the Home for Needy Saints accepted.

Rev. S. N. Bennett was given authority to proceed with the work in connection with a Home for Needy Saints.

The work of the Schenectady Rescue Home was brought up, the General Superintendent urging the people to keep this matter on their hearts and give the home their best support.

Moved and carried that the worker, their wife and delegate of the branch where Conference is held be exempt from railroad fare apportionment as voted by the Conference.

Adjourned to 3 p. m.

3 P. M. SATURDAY, MARCH 19.

Devotional exercises.

Roll call of delegates and workers.

Moved and carried that the present officers of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission be empowered to continue in office until the first District Assembly should a church union be effected between the Pentecostal Rescue Mission and the International Holiness Church at any time during the year.

Rev. W. J. Hawley, of New Hartford, N. Y., was received as member of Conference Branch of Pentecostal Rescue Mission by taking covenant.

Moved and carried that the young people's missionary societies that may be organized on the branches shall send all missionary money direct to the treasurer of the "World Wide Missionary Society," Charles T. Griffin, treasurer, Trappe, Md.

Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be given the General Secretary for faithful services; the people of Albany for their kindness and splendid entertainment; also to those in charge of the church where the Conference was held, who kindly gave without charge the use of their church.

Adjourned to 7 p. m. March 19.

Rev. E. J. Lindsay, of North Bangor, N. Y., was received as member of Conference Branch of Pentecostal Rescue Mission by taking covenant.

Adjourned for one year.

The acts of another Conference have become history.

We will recall with pleasure during the coming year the splendid spirit manifested in each session and the fellowship we have enjoyed. Let us remember the dying words of Wesley, "Best of all God is with us." With these words as our slogan the coming year will be one of victory and blessing.

Rev. H. J. Olsen, of Trappe, Md., preached each evening and on Sunday during the Conference. His messages at each service were filled with power and the deep things of God.

Brother Olsen was, as usual, a great blessing in the Conference.

ALVIN YOUNG,
General Secretary.

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

Albany, N. Y.

Members, 46; Probationers, 1.

Cash receipts.....	\$4,042.30
Disbursements	3,724.44
Property valuation.....	8,000.00
Indebtedness	1,600.00
Sunday School receipts.....	145.81
Disbursements	129.68

Allentown, Pa.

Members, 18; Probationers, 3.

Cash receipts.....	\$3,135.60
Disbursements	3,190.45
Property valuation.....	8,000.00
Indebtedness	6,188.35
Sunday School receipts.....	114.40
Disbursements	108.40

Amsterdam, N. Y.

Members, 13; Probationers, 1

Cash receipts.....	\$2,379.84
Disbursements	2,353.66
Property valuation.....	7,150.00
Indebtedness	3,250.00
Sunday School receipts.....	60.55
Disbursements	50.37

Binghamton, N. Y.

Members, 46; Probationers, 4.

Cash receipts.....	\$2,773.28
Disbursements	2,747.32
Property valuation.....	8,000.00
Indebtedness	3,700.00
Sunday School receipts.....	102.76
Disbursements	86.77

Brooky Hollow, N. Y.

Members, 15; Probationers, 5.

Cash receipts	\$391.93
Disbursements	391.93
Property valuation.....	600.00

Conesville, N. Y.

Members, 6; Probationers, 4.

Cash receipts	\$207.36
Disbursements	207.36
Property valuation.....	950.00

East Dickenson, N. Y.

Members, 20; Probationers, 2.

Cash receipts.....	\$2,511.85
Disbursements	2,506.15
Property Valuation.....	700.00
Indebtedness	120.00
Sunday School receipts.....	10.68
Disbursements	10.12

Finch Hollow, N. Y.

Members, 32; Probationers, 7.

Cash receipts.....	\$1,539.66
Disbursements	1,524.09
Property valuation.....	1,800.00
Sunday School receipts.....	137.68
Disbursements	131.43

Grosvenor's Corners, N. Y.

Members, 7.

Cash receipts.....	\$319.46
Disbursements	319.46
Property valuation.....	950.00

Howard Hill.

Members, 7; Probationers, 2.

Cash receipts.....	\$851.14
Disbursements	851.14
Property valuation.....	2,000.00
Indebtedness	100.00
Sunday School receipts.....	14.64
Disbursements	11.64

Kyserkill, N. Y.

Members, 21.

Cash receipts.....	\$747.67
Disbursements	747.67

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Property valuation.....	950.00
Sunday School receipts.....	7.35
Disbursements	5.08

Lake Placid, N. Y.

Members, 23; Probationers, 19.

Cash receipts.....	\$1,569.98
Disbursements	1,558.30
Property valuation.....	1,800.00
Sunday School receipts.....	78.87
Disbursements	54.44

North Troy, N. Y.

Members, 8.

Cash receipts.....	\$702.07
Disbursements	701.99
Sunday School receipts.....	39.11
Disbursements	34.40

Oneonta, N. Y.

Members, 29; Probationers, 9.

Cash receipts.....	\$1,790.51
Disbursements	1,776.29
Property valuation.....	4,500.00
Indebtedness	2,825.00
Sunday School receipts.....	59.15
Disbursements	47.55

Pittsfield, Mass.

Members, 28; Probationers, 2.

Cash receipts.....	\$857.69
Disbursements	851.17
Sunday School receipts.....	49.18
Disbursements	36.25

Schenectady, N. Y.

Members, 17.

Cash receipts.....	\$1,642.72
Disbursements	1,641.63
Property valuation.....	7,500.00
Indebtedness	3,423.26
Sunday School receipts.....	50.68
Disbursements	47.41

Union Valley, Pa.

Members, 9; Probationers, 5.

Cash receipts.....	\$545.25
Disbursements	545.25
Property valuation.....	950.00
Sunday School receipts.....	29.95
Disbursements	29.15

Workers' Personal Reports.

The following is my personal report for the year ending March 1, 1921: The past year has been a very busy one to me. Beside serving as pastor at Albany, I have labored in the following places: Dedicated a church at East Dickin-son, N. Y.; organized the work at South Colton, N. Y.; visited the branch at Lake Placid, N. Y.; preached three times in Union Chapel at Booneville, N. Y.; one night in the "In As Much" Mis-sion in Utica, N. Y.; worked in Victory Grove, Vermontville, and Binghamton camps, and con-ducted revival meetings at Wells, N. Y.; Allen-town, Pa., Mission; M. E. Church, Ephratah, N. Y.; International Holiness Church, Denton, Md., and in Mission at Oneonta, N. Y.; also at-tended the Missionary Convention at Trappe, Md.

Received for my services as General Super-intendent and Evangelist, \$569.20.

ALBERT H. WILSON,
General Superintendent.

To the Conference of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission, held at Albany, N. Y., March 15-20, 1921:

The following is my report as District Super-intendent for the Eastern District for the year ending March 1, 1921:

I have visited Lake Placid four times; Al-bany, Amsterdam, Pittsfield, North Troy, East Dickenson, and Keyserkill three times; Gros-venor's Corners twice, and Brooky Hollow once. The weather hindered me once and the Superin-tendent was holding revival meetings the other time.

This last quarter I have not been out to the branches much, as the most of them were holding revival meetings, and duties at home prevented me from going.

Rev. G. L. Helsby conducted a revival in Albany, also in Schenectady; Rev. Floyd Baker held ten days' meeting in Amsterdam; Rev. W. A. Schcemaker held extra meetings in his own appointments, assisted by Brother Young, also held meetings at Keyserkill, Conesville, and Red Falls; Rev. W. A. Ashley was at Lake Placid for ten days, also Rev. David E. Wilson; Rev. Edward I. Shemalia held some extra meetings, doing his own preaching; Brother Whipple, at North Troy, was unable to secure any help for extra services, and the preacher at East Dickenson had all his time filled, but has arranged for revival meetings shortly.

The work as a whole is in promising condition, although many and peculiar battles have been fought this last year.

I am sure we have learned some lessons this year which will prove a great benefit to all of us. We thank God for them and take new courage to go on.

A great need for a conference evangelist is felt in this part of the work, so the preacher in charge will not have to try to find a suitable man who is able to help the branches spiritually. The properties in the various branches are in pretty good condition.

My financial report is as follows:

From Albany.....	\$71.00
Amsterdam.....	47.56
Grosvenor's Corners.....	10.00
Brooky Hollow.....	5.17
Keyserkill.....	31.29
Conesville.....	13.06
Pittsfield.....	20.34
North Troy.....	18.44
Lake Placid.....	40.43
East Dickenson.....	57.00
Total.....	\$314.32

Less traveling expenses.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM J. C. VANOSS,

District Superintendent, Eastern District.

The following is my personal report for the year ending March 15, 1921:

Number of meetings held as District Superintendent, 40. Have supplied Binghamton in absence of pastor.

The year has been one of victory as far as my own experience is concerned.

I have much to thank God for.

The co-operation and fellowship of the workers has been a source of inspiration and a great blessing to my soul.

The work at Cortland has been closed, as they were no longer able to meet the financial demands. The branch at Howard Hill has purchased a church at Brookdale. The branch at Allentown has made large improvements to its chapel. The branch at Binghamton has been able to reduce its indebtedness \$300.

There have been several revivals on the western district this year. I have given but brief mention of these things, as I expect they will be fully covered by the local reports. Let us look forward to greater things the coming year, having the spirit of Joshua that we are abundantly able to go up and possess the land.

To God be all the glory.

REV. S. N. BENNETT,

District Superintendent, Western District.

Rev. A. H. Wilson—

One appointment; 4 weekly services; receipts, \$1,474.17.

Rev. S. S. Tompkins—

One appointment; 3 weekly services; receipts, \$1,041.05.

Rev. D. E. Wilson—

Two appointments; 2 weekly services; calls, 135; receipts, \$1,581.75.

Rev. C. S. Bartlett—

Two appointments; 2 weekly services; calls, 109; receipts, \$700.92.

Rev. E. I. Shemelia—

One appointment; 4 weekly services; calls, 138; receipts, \$529.43.

Rev. S. W. Simmons—

One appointment; 4 weekly services; calls, 120; receipts, \$1,514.31.

Rev. H. J. Felter—

One appointment; 2 weekly services; calls, 110; receipts, \$978.20.

Rev. E. T. Boswell—

One appointment; 3 weekly services; calls, 152; receipts, \$1,068.26.

Rev. Floyd Baker—

One appointment; 3 weekly services; calls, 120; receipts, \$982.08.

Rev. W. J. C. Vanoss—

One appointment; 3 weekly services; calls, 25; receipts, \$1,032.

Rev. W. A. Shoemaker—

Two appointments; 2 weekly services; calls, 147; receipts, \$716.42.

C. W. Schuyler—

Two appointments; 2 weekly services; calls, 84; receipts, \$225.30.

Mary Berg—

One appointment; 2 weekly services; calls, 38; receipts, \$358.93.

Mary B. Wood—

One appointment; 2 weekly services; calls, 300; receipts, \$693.49.

Carl and Sadie Shafer—

One appointment; 2 weekly services; calls, 115; receipts, \$451.24.

O. E. and Louise Whipple—

One appointment; 4 weekly services; calls, 103; receipts, \$638.57.

Augusta Engwer—

Matron, Bethel Anchorage Home, Schenectady, N. Y. Receipts, \$321.76.

Verna Hamlin—

Thirty-four calls; receipts, \$7.

E. C. Judd—

Held about 30 services during year. No financial report.

Cora Hill—

Part of year in Orphanage; receipts, \$33.50.

George J. Becker—

Helped in several meetings and sang in two revivals. Receipts, \$8.

Alvin Young—

On the field, 12 revivals; 5 camp meetings; receipts, \$1,302.23.

Anna S. Cole—

School-teacher, Chenango Valley Orphanage; receipts, \$66.03.

Rev. J. G. Chamberlain—

Oral report given.

Walter Grady—

Oral report given.

Emma Garman—

One revival; services, 28; calls, 111; receipts, \$40.30.

Report of General Board.

Receipts	\$724.19
Disbursements	546.81
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Balance March 15, 1921.....	\$177.38

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Notes payable to the amount of..... \$2,472.48
Paid on notes during year..... 452.00

Balance on notes..... \$2,020.48

ALVIN YOUNG,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Bethel Anchorage Home
Schenectady, N. Y.

Receipts \$808.87
Disbursements 786.13

Balance on hand March 1, 1921. \$22.74

AUGUSTA ENGWER, Treasurer.

Camp Meeting Committee.

Receipts \$3,541.64
Disbursements 3,500.77

Balance March 1, 1921..... \$40.87

Missionary Board.

General Missionary Fund:

Receipts \$524.31
Disbursements 125.23

Balance on hand General Fund... \$399.08
Balance on hand African Fund... 330.32

Value of notes on hand..... \$729.40
\$907.52

Four Missionaries on the Field.

South Africa—Lena M. Roy.
Belle B. Burns—Virgin Islands.
Rev. and Mrs. Henry Shoemaker—Alaska.
VERNA HAMLIN, Secretary.

To the Yearly Meeting of the Pentecostal Rescue
Mission, Greeting:

The following is my report from March 1,
1920, to March 1, 1921:

Preaching places under my care, one, without appointment, the jail, where two services are held nearly every Sunday. The church has four preaching services a week and one prayer meeting.

Support during the year has been as follows:	
Offerings from United States.....	\$823.57
Clothing and toilet articles, including postage and express.....	133.21
Offerings from native saints, Danish money.....	7.00
Supplies from native saints.....	64.89
Total.....	\$1,028.67

Have conducted one funeral and assisted at two.

Have visited the Poor Yard six times.

Have visited the Hospital twenty-five times.

Have visited the Jail four times, aside from regular services.

Have visited villages twelve times, holding service at some of them.

Have held sixteen open-air meetings in town.

Have assisted in services at Leper Colony twice.

Have made other calls, 375.

The year has been a good one to me, meaning much more in conflicts than any year past, and, can safely say, in blessings also.

Spiritually, have not seen accomplished anywhere near what my heart has longed for. The same devil is here to oppose as is in the home land. Added to that is the ignorance of the poor downtrodden people, with the class and caste problem that often is hardest of all to solve.

A few of the saints have blessedly grown in grace, a few have backslidden and far worse off today than when we first met them. As a whole, the Church testifies they have never been more blessed spiritually or financially.

To our God be all the glory.

Yours in faithful service,

BELLE B. BURNS.

Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands,
U. S. A., March 1, 1921.

Dear Brothers and Sisters at the Conference:

"Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means." Praise His holy name!

Just two weeks from now you will be gathered as usual—yet not as usual for the yearly meeting, at least for the opening service.

The accounts of the past year will bring afresh to the minds of all the past battles, testing, tears and trials, also the joys, blessings, and numberless benefits that is impossible to count in a report. All of these have crowned our year, as well as yours, and with all we can truly say it has been the richest year of our experience. The time has mostly been spent right here in this quaint little town, except eight days in Christiansted in August and parts of a few weeks in the country, in mid-island in August and September, though only away from our charge one Sunday, when the field superintendent filled our place.

Think my report covers most all there is to be said. Can give no glowing report of great things done. The fact that "God rewards faithfulness, not success," has often been a great blessing to me. It seemed not to please the Lord to give us the anticipated revival and island campaign we hoped to have during the winter months. There are a few bright spots that shine with golden luster in our memory that enables us to count all as "His appointments."

Last year conference Sunday an old lady came to our A. M. service from St. John's Island. She was visiting in the country, and during the week had met one of our Mission sisters. While speaking with her the old lady clasped her hands and said, "O, maybe you can tell me how to find my Saviour, I do so long to know Him."

The sister told her as best she could and prayed with her, then asked her to come to the

Sunday service, which she did. She was in tears during the preaching, so I went to her and asked her to seek Jesus. She arose to her feet trembling and weeping, saying, "tell me how." I led her forward and a few gathered about her in prayer. She repeated about three sentences of prayer, word for word as we said it to her, and the glory fell. I have never witnessed a clearer conversion than that. Once during the summer she came by sailboat, an allnight trip, to give her testimony, and again on Christmas morning she came, and while speaking with her one thing she said was "there has not been a moment since that Sunday that I have not felt that same joy in my heart."

It gave us great joy to send a 15-year-old boy to the "Eastern Bible Institute," Endicott, N. Y., to get training for life work for Jesus, and, as some of you may remember, Brother Phaire, our native worker, who attended Binghamton Camp Meeting last year, there meeting the Reform Methodist brethren, who later accepted him as their missionary, returned here in the fullness of the Spirit late in October, a few weeks later passed on to his field of labor, St. Bartholmen Island, half Dutch, half French. Of the fifteen hundred people there sixty are Protestants. Many Catholics are also gathering about him, attending his meetings, and say they never heard such hymns or knew such things were in the Bible as they are now learning. It was on Wednesday night at the camp God gave him the missionary call. Let this encourage you all for future camp meetings.

The Mission work as a whole goes on here about as at home, where the Missions have been established many years—this station over eighteen.

There are many American people here. The first time they seek our friendship is the last, because our ministry is mostly among the most common class of people (hardly better than slaves), and because we do not join the Red Cross and play tennis, etc., we seem to be too "old fashion" with all except the High School

professor, who came here last August. His home is near Oneonta, N. Y.

It was our privilege to welcome his bride in December, from the same locality, and entertain her for a week. Then we witnessed their marriage. Although not saints, they are very pleasant friends and have brightened the winter months very much for us.

A very pleasant treat was given us on Washington's birthday, being invited to the home of one of the members of the Colonial Council for the day. He and his wife attended Sunday A. M. service two days before. They are from the State of Maine, having their home here since 1895. He is a real backslider, was tearful during most of the service, and afterward told us it seemed good to hear a sermon on the blood again. Their home is to the north side, the most beautiful part of the island, four and a half miles from town and 800 feet above the sea. We could not have believed there was so cool a spot on the island.

After that auto ride among the hills, the cool air and a real American dinner, even to pumpkin pie, we felt like we had enjoyed a day somewhere in the States. This was a very unexpected treat for us, and by it you will see we are not wholly away from all civilization.

Praising God for all His many blessings, we earnestly covet your prayers, and will be praying for you all in more than a usual way about the time this letter is received.

God bless you all!

Yours for true holiness,

BELLE B. BURNS.

Skagway, Alaska, February 28, 1921.

Pentecostal Rescue Mission Conference, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Colaborers in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus name. We are thankful to be in the Lord's vineyard at this time, although we much appreciate the fellowship of the dear saints of God.

We arrived in Skagway June 28, and things were easily arranged. We rented a house the first day we were here; commenced keeping house the second day. About two weeks later we found a suitable hall to rent for a mission and directly started our services. We have services twice on Sunday, Thursday evenings, and a children's meeting on Saturday afternoons. On the 18th of October we bought the aforesaid mission hall, with its seven furnished living rooms upstairs, for the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars). The reason we could buy such a building for such a small sum is because this town was once a city of several thousands, but after the gold rush was over most of the people left and now there are numbers of houses standing vacant, and the owners are glad to sell them for any price. The population now is about 500 and it will not go very much lower at any time than now, as this is the point of transportation for all shipments to the interior of eastern Alaska.

One year ago we were wondering if we could come to Alaska and praying for God to supply our financial needs, and He has abundantly answered prayer. It gives us faith for the needs of the coming year. Our prayer this year is not for finances, but for souls. We trust the Mission people will stand behind us in prayer as well as they did with their pocketbooks. The good work is already begun. There have been about nine children saved in the mission and one white woman and one Indian woman; also God let us see one old woman saved just about a week before she died. When we came we found two women that were converted who were glad to attend the mission. One of these has since left town; also five of the converted children, with their parents, have moved to the States. The population of Alaska is continually shifting; keeps a preacher busy getting people saved, and about the time a few get started they move to another place and strange families come to take their place, and there you have to do your work of starting people all over

again. The doctrine of Holiness is so new to these folk that they are rather slow to grasp it, and again there is a race distinction between the whites and Indians that is hard to grapple with. The whites will not associate with the Indians.

But what we think the hardest things to combat are the secret orders, of which there are about eight in this town, and the liquor question.

We wish to thank every branch of the conference for the hospitality shown us when we were with them for the missionary farewell, for the way each has manifested their interest in our work through contributions, prayers, letters, Christmas boxes, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts for the year, including all offerings since last conference.....	\$1,563.90
Offering taken at Wells taken too late to be included in last year's report.	8.00
Offering from Cortland Mission, for revival services.....	38.35
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Total receipts.....	\$1,609.25

EXPENSES.

Traveling and baggage.....	\$345.00
Cost of mission building.....	400.00
Rent and taxes.....	35.00
Groceries, fuel, clothing, etc.....	421.15
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Total expenses.....	\$1,241.15
Balance on hand.....	\$368.10

We would like to have the decision of the conference as to whether the deed for the mission shall be left in our name as it now stands or be transferred.

Yours for Alaska,
 BRO. AND SISTER W. H. SHOEMAKER.

Emmanuel Mission, Port Shepstone,
Natal, South Africa, January 3, 1921.
Pentecostal Rescue Mission Conference, Bing-
hamton, N. Y.

Dear Faithful Saints:

Greetings in Jesus Name! Again it becomes my pleasant duty to report to the Conference. How I should enjoy being with you for Conference week! It seems I have been more nearly homesick during these Christmas holidays than ever before. Do not mean that I wanted to leave my work, but I did want to be home for the Christmas holidays. While I am planning to come home in 1922, yet do not expect to arrive in time for Conference.

Well, it has been a good year. Have not seen so many souls as I should desire seeking God; but for the last few days have felt more of a burden that God may so convict the people that they will be glad to leave their sins and accept Jesus with all their heart. It is here as it is at home, people want Jesus, but they want to hold on sin too.

Wanted to visit some sick people today, but it is one of the warmest days we have had. Influenza is quite bad and people are dying. Shall try to get up early, get a lunch, and go before breakfast in the morning.

My work has been the same as last year. In June I spent three days at one of my places and enjoyed it very much. In July I had the privilege of attending the meeting of the Purity League, an organization by the natives themselves. It is not denominational. The meetings were very good. Some souls found Christ and some became members.

I have an invitation to be present and speak at the annual meeting this month. On my way I stop at a large mission and school of the American Zulu Mission.

In December, with the native teacher, spent eight days at the chief's place again. The first night we had a hut with some children and a woman. After that we had a hut by ourselves,

save for the rats. I had been asleep but a short time when I heard them. Upon getting a light saw eight or ten like soldiers marching in file on a pole overhead. After that we kept a light every night, but even that did not keep the rats quiet. However, I had the satisfaction of seeing where they were.

However, we had a precious time in the Lord. We visited nearly every day, twice taking long jaunts down over steep mountain paths. Sent my horse home, as they were too steep for him. The people rise at daybreak, go to the fields to hoe and plant, return around 11 and cook their breakfast, then return to the field and stay until 7, come home, cook, and were then ready to come to meeting nearly every night. We had planned a big meeting for Sunday. Brother Goddard and daughter were coming. It rained hard all Saturday night and much of the day Sunday. Around 7 in the morning some came to my hut asking for a meeting. I sent them away until I could prepare myself and then we had a good meeting before I had my breakfast. In the afternoon had a good meeting in the chief's big new hut, although Brother Goddard and daughter were unable to be there. One woman came to the altar, but did not "get through." When a girl she spent a week at a mission school, but her father came and took her away. She was obliged to put on blankets. She became the wife of the old chief, who is now dead. She is very wicked and vile, but under deep conviction.

We saw the young chief's new wife. She was a Christian girl and did not want to marry the chief. Ran to the bush and stayed until she thought it safe to go home, then her father forced her to go to the chief. The girl seemed to be real glad to see us and enjoyed talking to the teacher.

My health is much better than last year at this time.

Perhaps I should tell you that I am considering coming home this year; not because I am tired of my work, but because of the need in

my own home. Father is 69, Emily not yet 9. For the past year they have been alone most of the time, because they are unable to obtain any help. It seems they need me. Father has never complained, and has not asked me to come, but I have written him since the return of Brother Fugis. I can not understand why God should call me home now, just when I know and love the people and can use the language some. But if it is His will it is not mine to question, but to obey.

Am asking God to give me more of His love and more of the fruits of the spirit.

Pray for me that I may grow in grace. If this be true, then souls will be saved and my works will count.

Again I want to thank you for your faithfulness to me. While you pray for me God lays the dear ones on my heart from time to time.

Yours and His,

LENA M. ROY.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Have had night school rather irregularly throughout year.

Am superintendent of the Sunday School.

Have charge of the young people's work.

We have a meeting, led by myself or one of the girls, each Sunday, and a prayer meeting for the members of the Purity League once a month.

Have two out-stations.

Have attended 498 sick; extracted 3 teeth.

Have visited 74 kraals, prayed with 386 people.

Have had 67 services.

Received from Mission Board, \$330.37.

This is for ten months, as I had thirteen months in last year's report and one has not yet come.

From other sources, including Christmas and birthday, \$156.39, making a total of \$483.76.

(Signed)

LENA M. ROY.

Appointments.

- Albany—A. H. Wilson.
 Allentown—Floyd Baker.
 Amsterdam—W. J. Hawley.
 Binghamton—S. W. Simmons.
 Conesville-Keyserkill—C. S. Bartlett.
 East Dickinson—D. E. Wilson.
 Finch Hollow—H. J. Felter.
 Grosvenor's Corners-Brooky Hollow—W. A. Shoemaker.
 Howard Hill—Mary Wood.
 Lake Placid—E. T. Boswell.
 North Troy—O. E. and Louise Whipple.
 Oneonta—S. S. Tompkins.
 Pittsfield—E. I. Shemelia.
 Schenectady—E. J. Lindsay.
 South Colton—Carl and Sadie Shafer.
 Union Valley—C. W. Schuyler.
 North Rose—Walter Grady.
 Wells—Delbert Frasier.
 District Superintendent—W. J. C. Vanoss.
 Matron Bethel Anchorage Home—Augusta Engwer.
 Assistant Matron Bethel Anchorage Home—Myrtle Sharp.

Missionaries.

- Africa—Lena M. Roy.
 West Indies—Belle B. Burns.
 Alaska—Henry and Irene Shoemaker.
 Subject to Call as Evangelists—S. N. Bennett,
 D. E. Wilson, W. A. Shoemaker, E. J. Lindsay,
 Alvin Young.

Subject to Call of General and District Superintendents—George J. Becker, Cora Hill, E. C. Judd, Verna Hamlin, Anna Cole.

Deaconess at Allentown—Emma Garman.

Rescue Worker—Mary Berg.

Board Bethel Anchorage Home: Amsterdam—W. J. Hawley, Jessie Williams; Albany—Whipple, Alice Vines; Schenectady, E. J. Lind—A. H. Wilson, Sister Blum; North Troy—O. E. say, Sister Sharp.

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Rev. E. J. Lindsay, 67 Euclid avenue, Schenectady, N. Y.

Rev. D. E. Wilson, Dickinson Centre, N. Y., R. D.

Rev. Delbert Frasier, Wells, N. Y.

Rev. E. T. Boswell, Newnam, N. Y.

Rev. H. J. Felter, Johnson City, N. Y., R. D.

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Rev. Alvin Young, Northville, N. Y.

Rev. W. A. Shoemaker, Central Bridge, N. Y.

Rev. Walter Grady, North Rose, N. Y.

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