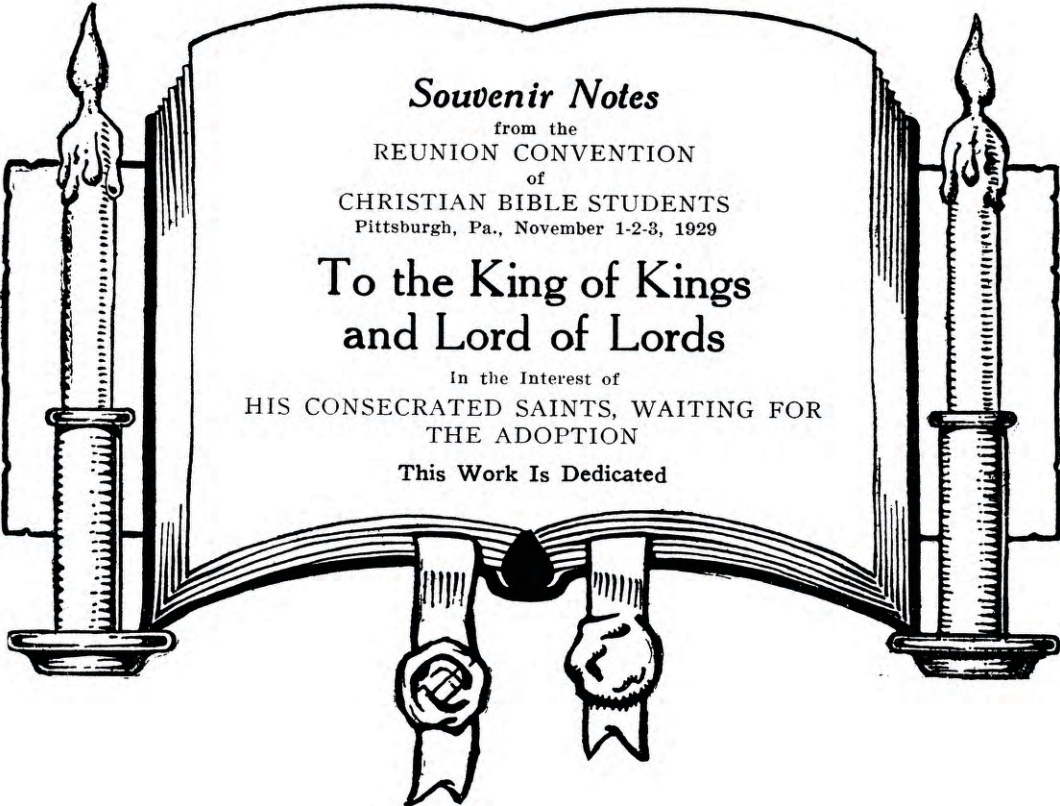


An open book with a decorative border. On the left and right sides, there are tall, thin candles in holders, with flames at the top. At the bottom of the book, there are two ribbons tied in bows. The text is centered on the open pages.

Souvenir Notes

from the
REUNION CONVENTION
of
CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDENTS
Pittsburgh, Pa., November 1-2-3, 1929

To the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

In the Interest of
HIS CONSECRATED SAINTS, WAITING FOR
THE ADOPTION

This Work Is Dedicated

Preface



THE first intimation we had that this Reunion Convention, which we are about to report, was to be held, was the following communication, which speaks for itself. That was the "first gun," so to speak, drawing our attention toward Pittsburgh:

Pittsburgh, Pa., October 1st, 1929

To our Brethren:

Christian Love and Greetings

It has been apparent as well as disheartening to us and many other brethren to observe the development of a very grave situation amongst the Lord's people, not only in the Pittsburgh Class, but in practically every ecclesia throughout the Tri-State territory. This condition we believe has come about by reason of a policy adopted by the Society which to a very large extent discredits and sets aside the purpose and life work of our dear Brother Russell, as well as the institution organized under his direction for the dissemination of the TRUTH.

Changes in the spirit, teachings and service have rapidly come in, one after another, so that the spirit of liberty in Christ has been supplanted by a condition entirely foreign to that set forth in the Lord's Word.

Realizing that all the consecrated brethren being spirit begotten must be fed upon SPIRITUAL FOOD and knowing that our responsibility and peculiar charge is in behalf of those who are hungering and thirsting for spiritual refreshment, therefore, the following course of action, after prayerful thought and consideration has been adopted:

First: A meeting place has been provided at "The O. of I. A. Temple (formerly Old Bible House Chapel) 610 Arch St., North Side, Pittsburgh," where all God's people will be made welcome to worship the Lord in "Spirit and Truth" and once again "Stand in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free."

Second: We shall recognize but one HEAD, viz.: OUR LORD JESUS and shall be glad and happy to fellowship all His Brethren, to the end that we might be the more closely bound to our Master and one another in the bonds of Christian Love and Unity.

Third: We shall not be subjected to any human organization or man-made tests, effecting our fellowship as brethren in Christ, but shall be governed only by such tests as are sanctioned by the Word of God.

Believing you have felt the need of a place to worship, as we have, we are glad to invite you to meet with those of like precious faith, beginning next Sunday, October 6th, at 3 o'clock.

With Christian love,

Your brethren in Christ,

G. S. KENDALL,
J. T. JOHNSON,
E. W. KEIB,
J. C. JORDAN,
G. M. WILSON,

Committee.

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“One is Your Master Even Christ”

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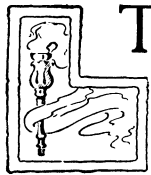
All Sessions Held in the Old Bible House Chapel



“All Ye Are Brethren”

*“God hath set the various members in the body
as it hath pleased Him”*

Introduction



THIS wonderful Convention, to me personally the best, the most helpful, the most spiritual and uplifting, had its start, so far as I am concerned, at Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

Having made arrangements to meet Brother A. I. Ritchie at the great Union Station in time to catch the 10 o'clock train, Thursday morning of October 29th, I arrived at the station a little ahead of time, put down my grip and looked around for Brother Ritchie, but just then he was not in sight; but looking about who should I see passing me not twenty feet away but Brother E. D. Sexton, of Los Angeles, California. That was certainly a surprise, for I did not know that he was within two thousand miles of Chicago.

"Hey, Sexton!" I shouted. We met, we shook hands, the battle was on, and I leave you to imagine the rest. Soon Brother Ritchie came up. Brother Sexton's back was turned while writing a telegram to his wife back in Los Angeles, so they did not see each other. I said, "Brother Ritchie, do you know this man?" It was another surprise party.

Soon we boarded our train and were on our way to the Convention. It was an all day's journey, as we did not arrive in Pittsburgh until nine o'clock that evening. This, however, gave us a splendid opportunity to visit, renew old-time fellowship, ask and answer questions back and forth.

As we have each been in the Truth for the past thirty, thirty-five or more years, it was a cause of great rejoicing to realize that through all the stress and excitement of the past fifteen years, we could come together, each having the assurance in our hearts that we still loved the heavenly Father, Jesus our Saviour, all his Brethren, and His holy Word, and the great Plan of Redemption, which is therein depicted.

Shortly after getting well started on our journey we were again surprised, and this time by having some one come up to us, reach out his hand and say, "Hello, Brethren!" It was Brother Gustav Nybeck from Minneapolis, Minn. He, too, was booked as one of the speakers at the Convention.

Arriving on time at the Pittsburgh Station, we were met by a Committee of Reception of about a dozen of the friends, amongst whom were Brother and Sister Geo. M. Wilson, Brother Zinc, Brother and Sister W. N. Woodworth, and about a dozen others from Pittsburgh, also Brother and Sister J. F. Kohl, of Chicago, who had preceded us by auto.

The Convention this year was held, the same as last year, in the Old Bible House Chapel, made sacred by the memories of sweet fellowship with many of like faith in the years gone by, the sermons, lessons and words of admonition delivered by "that Man of God," our dear Brother Russell. In this very room hundreds of people symbolized, by water immersion, their consecration to God. Here, in this room, literally thousands of people have had their doubts cleared away, their questions Scripturally answered, and their Faith re-established in the Bible as the Word of God.

It seems providential that after years of lying idle and deserted that, only a few weeks before the Convention of 1929, the entire building from top to bottom had been renovated, cleaned, painted and set in order, and that the

Pittsburgh Class of Bible Students should secure it for their regular meetings twice a week. Also that we had it for our Convention that year, that they should have occupied it from that time to this and that we should again use it for this our Second General Re-union Convention.

A Large Audience Present

We speak of this as a **General Convention**, because while there have been many three-day conventions held during the past year in various parts of the country, they were in the main more in the nature of Local Conventions, admirably serving the friends from nearby places. This Convention, however, was a **General Convention**, because friends from any and everywhere were present, literally hundreds and hundreds of them—all could not be seen, however.

The visible audience was between three and four hundred. Many who were at the First General Re-union Convention were unable to be present at this Second Convention, but many who were not at the First one were present at this one. Messages from individuals and Classes from all parts of the world told us that they were with us in spirit and with their prayers, as was manifested by their telegrams, letters and messages brought by those who could come.

NEXT YEAR

The time for holding the next General Re-union Convention was discussed by a number of the friends, and the general opinion seems to favor an earlier date—say about the first week in August.

An earlier date is much more favorable for auto driving, there is much better opportunity and likelihood of securing special rates on the railroads. Then, too, the children will not have started in school, which is the case with the late date. When once the children have started school the parents, of course, do not think it wise to take them out of school to bring them to the Convention, neither do they like to leave them at home with others while they attend the Convention.

School teachers also are unable to attend the Convention, if held at the late date.

Furthermore, many people will have had their vacations before the late date, therefore could not take more time off from their work.

A Memorial Service can be held at Brother Russell's grave one date as well as on another, as it is not necessary that it be on the exact anniversary day of his burial.

If you favor an earlier date and think that thereby you might be able to attend the Convention, we suggest that you so indicate by writing a letter to Brother Geo. M. Wilson, 241 Rochelle St., Mt. Oliver P. O., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Pittsburgh friends will be pleased to arrange matters for the convenience of the largest number. You could then lay early plans for your vacation to occur at the time of the proposed Convention.

Well, time and space will not permit me to recount the dozens and dozens of classes represented in one way or another, and the hundreds and hundreds of friends from all parts of the world, including far off Australia. It was a great uplift and inspiration to think that so many were of the same mind and spirit and that the absent ones were thinking of us. It helped to make it "The Best Convention Yet."