VanAmburghs

Back: George, Luie, William
Front: Daniel, Fanny
Merry Christmas — 1923 — 1924 — Happy New Year

Our earnest prayer for you is that:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace.

Brother & Sister W. C. Van Amburgh
A Copy of
The Way to Paradise
Follows
as soon as published

Hattie & George
VanAmburgh

William & Luie
VanAmburgh
Mrs. Rosa Green,
Battle Ground,
Washington.

This beautiful scarf was crocheted by Mrs. D. S. Van Amburgh about 1877 and given to her son William as a Christmas present when he was 14 years of age. Such scarves were very popular at that time. She also made one for her son George, but as he moved several times in locating a home, his was lost.

There are none of the Van Amburgh family now except Mrs. Rosa Green, daughter of George. She has several children, one daughter, Dorothea, married and who has children. I think, therefore, it would be very nice if this scarf were given to Dorothea’s oldest child as an antique from her great grandfather’s family. It will doubtless be very valuable some time, and if not it would be highly prized as a family heirloom.

With much love,
Your’s in the King’s royal service,

W. E. Van Amburgh

April 12th, 1944.
W. E. Van Amburgh, 80 yrs old
RESIGNATION AND NEW APPOINTMENT

Continuously since 1903 W. E. Van Amburgh has been the secretary-treasurer of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, a Pennsylvania corporation. It is therefore with regret that we announce that due to conditions a change has been necessary in the occupancy of this office.

On February 5 last, from his sickbed in the Richmond Memorial Hospital, Staten Island, New York, Brother Van Amburgh issued his resignation from this official position in which he proved himself so faithful and efficient during all these years. His resignation called attention to his incapacity for this service due to his extreme old age and his illness bordering nigh unto death, and recommended the appointment of his then assistant to the post he was obliged to vacate.

The following day the board of directors of the above-named corporation met at the executive offices in the Bethel home, Brooklyn, N. Y., Brother Van Amburgh being absent. The quorum of directors, with N. H. Knorr, the president, acting as chairman, accepted the resignation tendered and in agreement with Brother Van Amburgh's recommendation unanimously voted Grant Suter to be his successor as secretary-treasurer. At the same time the directors voted the framing of a letter to the hospitalized brother, advising him of their acceptance of his resignation and appointment of his successor, and saying, in part:

"While we accept your resignation, we do so with the greatest of love for you. Your physical incapacity is regretted by us and we would prefer to have you continue, if that were possible. However, we are assured that there are ahead of you, by God's grace and merciful kindness, service privileges without end. Your faithfulness to your covenant has been to the honor and glory of God, and we gladly acknowledge it as a good example of steadfastness in faith and in line of duty. Your proper use of the gifts bestowed upon you by God's spirit gives common good to all, for it has been a joy and blessing to us to work with you. Our mutual worship of Jehovah continues to bind us with you and with each other, and this unity is emphasized by the circumstances of your illness and resignation."

This letter of notification was immediately carried by messenger to his bedside, where Brother Van Amburgh was still in physical and mental condition to read its contents. He was thankful and greatly refreshed. We are sure his successor will carry on in office just as faithfully, to the vindication of Jehovah's name.

This accounts for the change in the heading of this page, first column.

On February 7, at 6:15 a.m., Brother Van Amburgh passed on to his heavenly reward.