

want of both workers and means. After much prayer the call was accepted, and at a joint meeting on the evening of December 12, 1895, the workers of the Gospel wagon assumed control of the mission, the few remaining workers of the mission uniting with them.

On May 13, 1896, the work, having rapidly grown, was reorganized as the Union Highway Mission of Philadelphia, and the second summer campaign opened with a beautiful new wagon, an increased force of workers, and, above all, the manifest blessing of God. During this Summer and Fall many claimed Christ as their Saviour in the open air and in the hall, and the mission room became too small to accommodate the attendance.

About this time, as a signal answer to prayer, the present mission building, then an eight-room school-house, was offered at a very favorable rental, and with humble dependence upon God the building was leased, and the first service held in a small room on the first floor on October 14, 1896. The entire building was afterward renovated and the entire upper floor thrown into one large audience room. The Bible School had grown from 35 to 180 (since still further increased).

During the year 1897 upwards of two hundred persons professed conversion in the different services. Many of these connected themselves with various churches, but others preferred to stay at the mission. The forming of a church organization was not in-

tended nor thought of originally, yet the pressure from all sides in that direction became steadily stronger as the need for taking care of the converts and providing them a simple, Scriptural church home became more and more apparent. This pressure was strongly resisted for many months, but it finally became evident that God was distinctly leading, and that to further delay was to resist His direct guidance. On May 5, 1897, an organization was effected with seventy-seven members under the title of: The Highway Mission Tabernacle (a Union, Undenominational Church).

The principles adopted form a simple basis upon which Christians of different denominational training can lovingly unite for Christian service. The form of government is very simple, and, it is believed, Scriptural. See Manual, p. 13.

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## Departments of Work.

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### Tabernacle Services.

“Enter his courts with praise.”—PSALM 100: 4.

We wish it ever understood that we stand on the most orthodox and evangelical basis, holding to the great essential doctrines of grace while accepting and preaching the full Gospel of Christ for “spirit, soul and body.”