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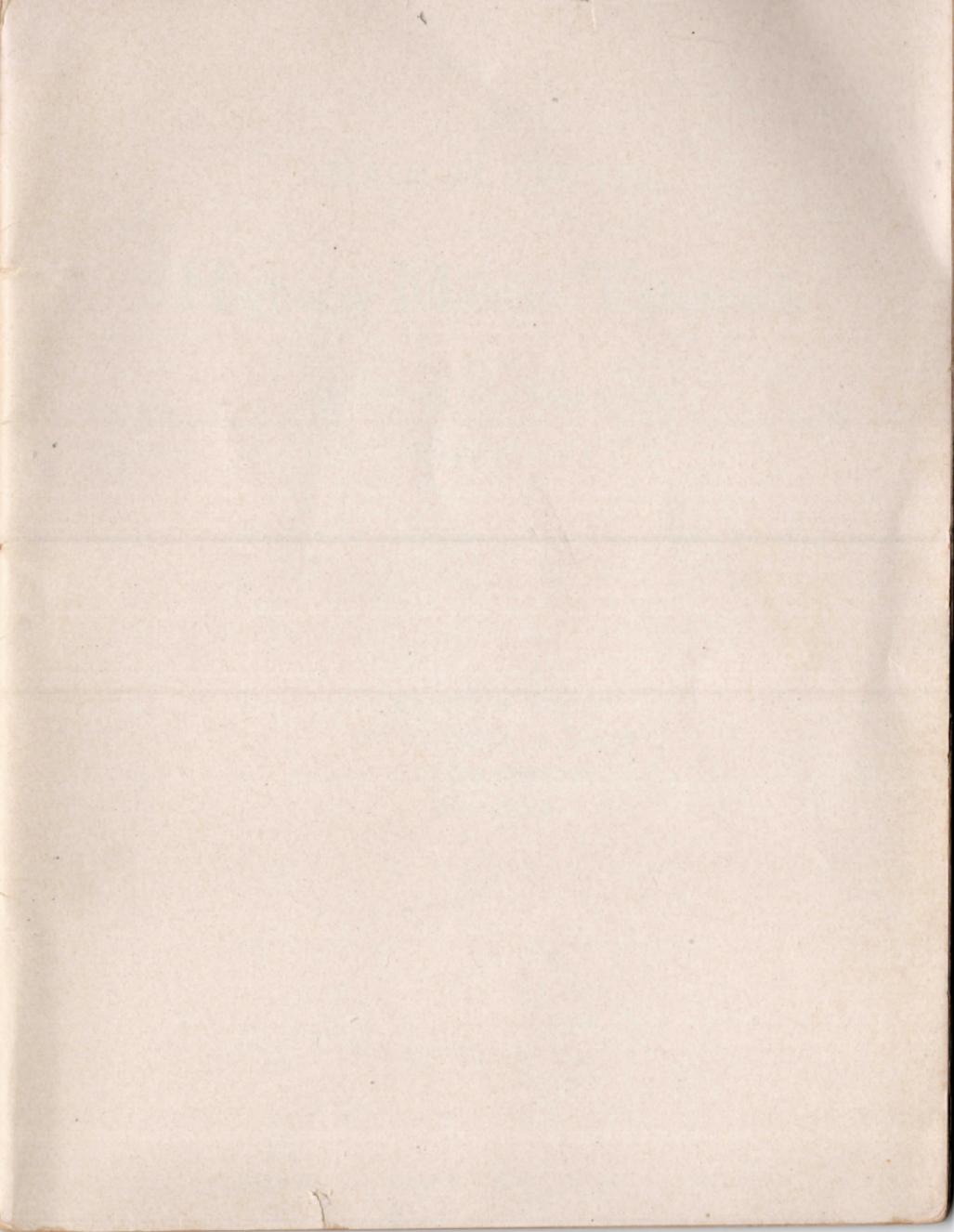
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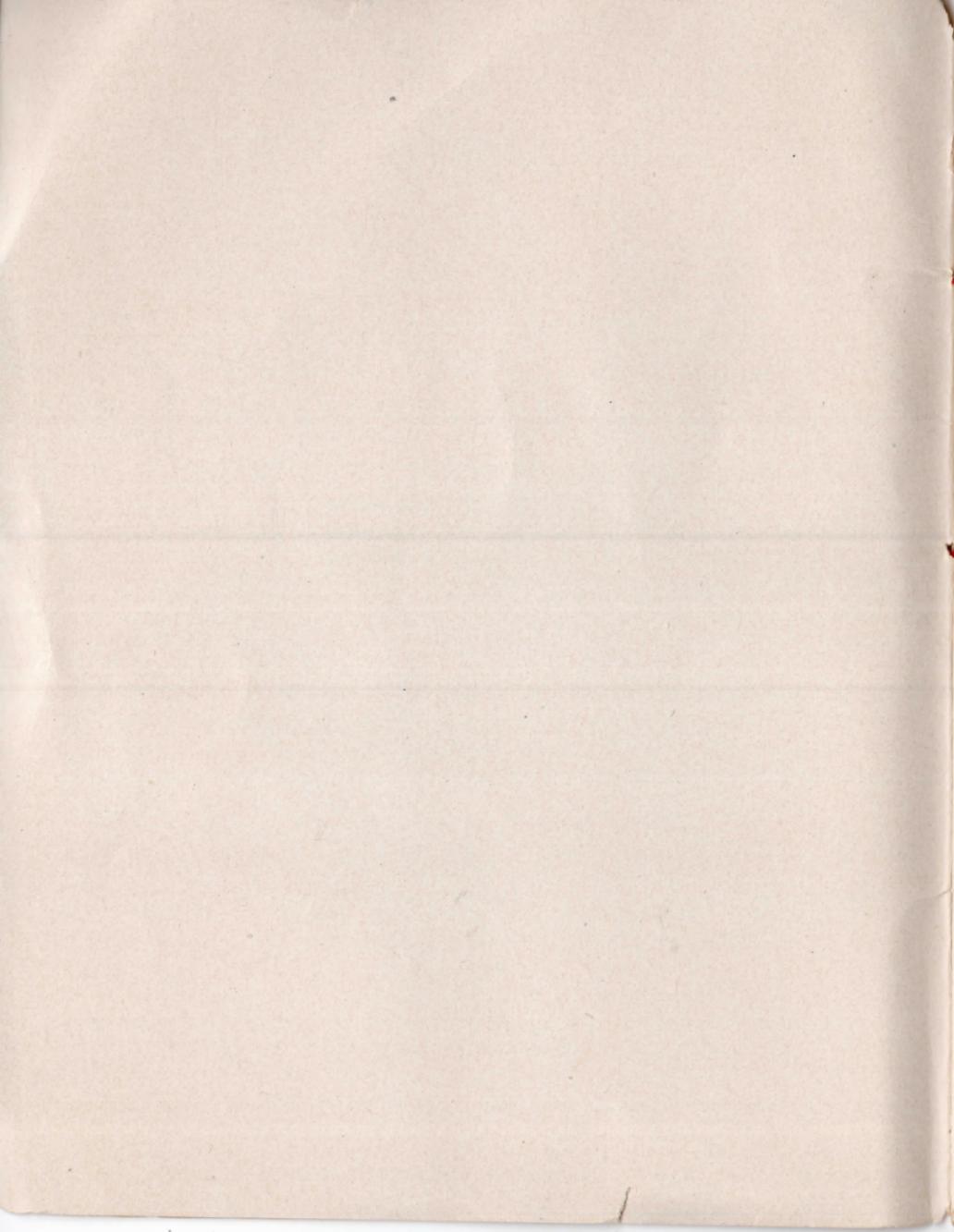
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Brethren, pray for us.—1 Thess. 5 : 25 ;
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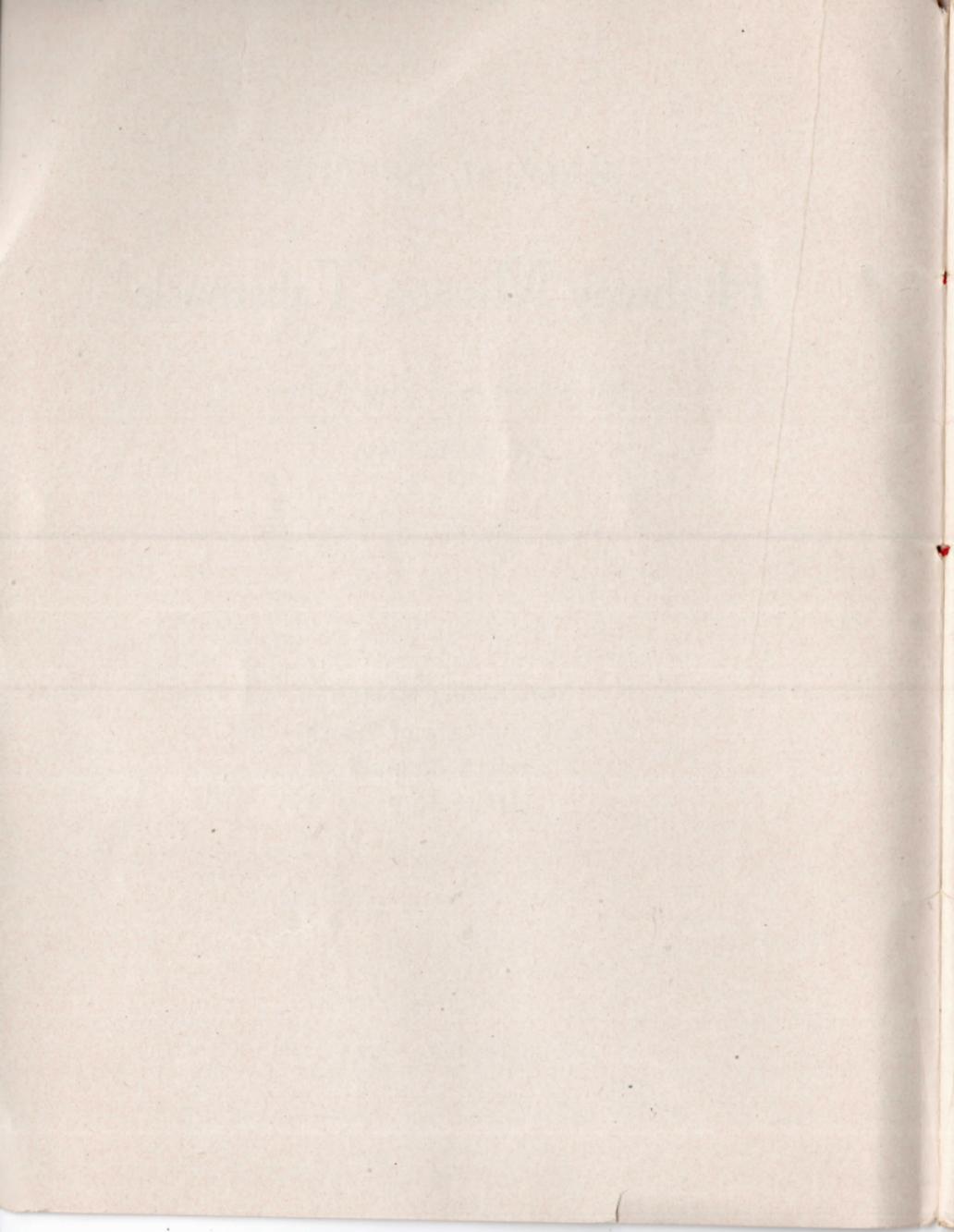
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Historical Sketch.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."—1 SAM. 7: 12.

This organization was established for the special purpose of Gospel work among the neglected and non-church-going classes and dates back to Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1894. At that time a little band of Christian workers who had been associated together many years previously in Gospel work held a reunion at a church in Delaware county, Pa. Under a powerful outpouring of the Divine Spirit, some of those present, belonging to different denominations, reorganized for practical Christian work on union lines.

During the few months following many seasons of prayer were held, resulting in a desire to engage in Gospel wagon work. A light omnibus was hired and the first wagon meeting held on June 4, 1895. Soon a large Gospel wagon from Baltimore, Md., was providentially offered for the work, which continued through the summer with unmistakable evidences of divine approval.

Upon the approach of cool weather weekly seasons of prayer for guidance were again held, and in November a request for aid came from the mission and Sunday-school at Twenty-third and Jefferson streets, where the work was being abandoned for

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.

Departments of Work.

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.”



MAIN AUDIENCE ROOM.

The services are made attractive by bright and inspiring singing, by the freedom and enthusiasm of the Gospel Mission, and by such live, practical methods as the Holy Spirit has used and blessed in modern Christian work.

The regular services at present are as follows :

SABBATH.

9.45 A.M. Prayer and Testimony.

10.30 A.M. Preaching.

2 P.M. Bible School.

3.30 P.M. Testimony and Consecration.

7 P.M. June to September—Open-air Meetings.

7 P.M. October to May—Praise Meeting.

8 P.M. Preaching.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reception of new members last Sabbath morning of each month.

Missionary Days—Third Sabbath in March, June, September and December.

WEEK NIGHTS.

Gospel services, Tuesday and Thursday evenings (October to May), and on Wednesday evening (June to September).

Young People's service Wednesday evening.

Gospel Wagon—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings (June to September).

Monthly business meeting of the church, third Monday evening of each month.

Annual business meeting of the church, third Monday evening in January.

Financial Support.

“But my God shall supply all your need.”—PHIL. 4 : 19.

The work in all departments is sustained entirely by free-will offerings of God's people, our Constitution rigidly forbidding all unscriptural methods for raising money. All members are expected as part of their religious duty to determine for themselves before God how much they can and will give regularly and cheerfully for the work of the Lord.

It should be stated for the glory of God that no fair, festival, or entertainment of any kind for the raising of money by secular means has ever been held in connection with the work, neither has it been our custom to make individual solicitation of money, yet by divine blessing hundreds and even thousands of dollars have been lovingly contributed by the people of God, to meet all the needs of the work and to enter new fields of service as they open before us.

Negotiations have been closed for the purchase of the property now occupied, and more than the one thousand dollars required for the first payment has been subscribed and paid. A permanent fund has been established for the payment of the balance as it becomes due, or before.

Contributions for all branches of the work may be sent to the Treasurer at the church, or enclosed in envelopes and dropped in the basket at any service.

Persons asking for contributions and claiming to represent this work should be refused by our friends, as all such solicitations are unauthorized.

Relation to the Denominational Churches.

“One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.”—MATT. 23 : 8.

We desire in no way to antagonize the work of neighboring churches or missions, or interfere with their members or interests. The field is large and needy enough for all, and we simply aim to gather to the Saviour and His fold the neglected ones for whom others have not been able to care.

Our desire is to work in the spirit of good fellowship and love, and true Christians of every name will be ever welcome to attend our meetings and share with us and carry to their respective fields such blessing and inspiration as the Lord may bestow.

As the result of a principle adopted early in the work, it is believed that all Christian workers who have come to labor permanently among us have done so from a prayerful conviction of duty *rather than through any personal solicitation*, it having been the humble desire to abound in love and service rather than in influence and numbers.

The Bible School.

“Search the Scriptures.”—John 5 : 39.

This important department is under a faithful corps of officers and teachers and has a membership of over 200, with interesting Bible classes for young



GOSPEL WAGON OF THE HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE.

men and young women and a mixed adult Bible class, also a flourishing Primary department.

The sessions of the school held at 2 P.M. on Sabbath are devotional in character, all unnecessary machinery being dispensed with, that the study of the Word may be made the principal feature.

The Gospel Wagon.

“Go ye therefore into the highways.”—MATT. 22: 9.

This, the original work of the organization, from which all the rest has grown, is now (September, 1899) in its fifth season.

The large, beautiful wagon, built for this work, at a cost, including equipment, of about seven hundred dollars, possesses many special features and is thoroughly equipped with every appliance for the most effective outdoor service. It is sixteen feet long, six and a half feet wide, and carries comfortably twenty-five workers. It is provided with suitable benches and folding chairs, an organ, bright electric lights from storage batteries, etc. A speaker's platform, with railing, may be quickly thrown out from one side.

The results of these services will never be known here. Thousands have heard the Gospel from the wagon, hundreds have asked for prayer, and many remarkable conversions have occurred. No collections are ever taken on the street.

Foreign Missionary Work.

“The field is the world.”—MATT. 13: 38.

Believing that a full-rounded Gospel work must ever include obedience to the Master's last great commission, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature,” we have undertaken the support, through the Christian and Missionary Alliance Board, of a missionary in South China. Miss Alice L. Landis went forth over a year ago to represent the work on the foreign field, and has already mastered the language sufficiently to speak in the native tongue. It is hoped others will follow as the Lord shall open the way.

Let all our friends, by their contributions, have a share in this blessed service. Thus, by prayer, sacrifice and direct correspondence, we are kept in touch with the foreign work.

The Young People.

“Praise the Lord . . . both young men and maidens.”—Ps. 148: 7, 12.

A large and growing band of young people, enthusiastic in the Lord's service, is doing effective work in various lines, including an interesting week-night service, cottage prayer meetings, open-air services, visitation and relief of the poor, etc. They are organized under the title of the “Willing Workers.”

The oft-repeated question, how to hold the interest

of the young people, appears to have been solved (without the aid of a single church entertainment or worldly amusement of any kind), by getting them thoroughly converted and then keeping them busily engaged in the Master's service.

Other Doors of Service.

“To every man his work.”—MARK 13 : 34.

Open-air meetings in front of the Tabernacle and elsewhere are a characteristic feature and part of the work. From the first they have been attended with divine blessing.

The Sunday late afternoon Gospel meetings at nearest Police Station are conducted by a committee appointed from our members.

Some have obtained permits to attend Sunday early morning services at Eastern Penitentiary. Others have visited inmates or attended services at Blockley Almshouse, and yet others have gone to the abodes of vice and shame to rescue the fallen.

The judicious and prayerful visitation of the sick is also a most precious ministry.

The giving of Gospel leaflets, texts, or portions of the Bible at the close of open-air meetings, or at other suitable times, is an instrumentality oft owned of God in winning precious souls to Him.

All new members are earnestly invited as the Lord may lead to engage in one or more of the departments of Christian service. (Luke 10 : 2 ; Matt. 25 : 34-40.)

Manual.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Highway Mission Tabernacle (a Union, Undenominational Church).

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this organization is :

First: To carry on Gospel work by practical means among the neglected classes, both at home and abroad (Luke 14: 21, 23; Matt. 28: 19; Mark 16: 15).

Second: To promote a belief in the entire Word of God (2 Tim. 3: 16; Luke 24: 27, 44) and by preaching (Tit. 1: 3) and witnessing (Acts 1: 8; 26: 16-22) to the full Gospel of Christ (1 Thes. 5: 23; Eph. 3: 14-19) to secure the salvation of sinners (Matt. 1: 21) and the edification of believers (Eph. 4: 12).

Third: To provide a plain unsectarian place of Christian worship (John 4: 23) work (Mark 13: 34) and fellowship (1 John 1: 3) for all classes of people irrespective of social position or worldly possessions (Jas. 2: 1-9; Acts 10: 34; Heb. 10: 25).

ARTICLE III.

OUTLINES OF BELIEF.

The Trinity.—We believe in God the Father and in His only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, “Who is over all God blessed forever” (Rom. 9: 15), and in God the Holy Spirit, three Divine Persons in the Unity of the Godhead (Matt. 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13: 14; Gen. 1: 26; Matt. 3: 16, 17; Eph. 2: 18; 1 Pet. 1: 2; John 14: 16, 26; 15: 26).

Inspiration of the Word.—We believe the Holy Scriptures are the divinely inspired Word of God (Heb. 1: 1; 2 Tim. 3: 16, 17; 2 Pet. 1: 21) and are our infallible rule of belief, doctrine, discipline and life (Ps. 138: 2; 119: 89; Matt. 5: 17, 18; Ps. 19: 7, 8; Ps. 119: 105, 133; 2 Pet. 1: 19; 2 Tim. 4: 2; Acts 17: 11, 12; Prov. 30: 5, 6; Rev. 22: 18, 19).

The Atonement of Jesus Christ.—We believe the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became the Son of man, has made a full atonement for the sins of all mankind, and that all who repent of their sins and believe in Him will be saved and “kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Pet. 1: 5; Isa. 53: 4-6; Matt. 8: 17; John 3: 16; 1 Tim. 2: 5, 6; Matt. 20: 28; 26: 28; Eph. 1: 7; Rom. 4: 25; 5: 10, 11, 18, 19; Col. 1: 20; 2 Cor. 5: 18, 19; 1 Pet. 1: 18, 19), and that those who die impenitent will be forever lost (Mark 9: 43, 44; Matt. 25: 41; Luke 12: 5; Luke 16: 19-31).

The Holy Spirit.—We recognize and receive the Holy Spirit in His divine Personality as the Witness to our regeneration, as our Teacher, Comforter and Guide and the Source of true spiritual life and power

(Rom. 8 : 16 ; John 14 : 26 ; 15 : 26 ; 16 : 13 ; Luke 11 : 13 ; 24 : 49 ; Acts 1 : 5-8 ; 1 John 2 : 27 ; 1 Cor. 2 : 9, 10).

The Church.—We believe that the Church is the body of Christ of which He is the Head (Col. 1 : 18 ; Eph. 1 : 22, 23 ; Eph. 5 : 23-32), and that the Church comprises all true believers whose duty it is to associate themselves together for the maintenance of public worship and the observance of the ordinances of Christ (Acts 11 : 26 ; Heb. 10 : 25).

Ordinances.—We believe there are two Ordinances in the Church—Baptism and the Lord's Supper—and these are to be observed till the Lord comes again (1 Cor. 11 : 26). The Ordinance of Baptism will be administered on profession of faith and ordinarily by immersion (Matt. 3 : 13-17 ; Mark 1 : 9, 10 ; Acts 8 : 37-40 ; 9 : 18 ; 16 : 32, 33 ; 18 : 8 ; 19 : 5 ; Rom. 6 : 3-5 ; Col. 2 : 12). Persons who have been baptized otherwise or in infancy will be received as members if they are satisfied with their own baptism. Parents will have the privilege of presenting their infant children in the house of God for public Consecration to God (1 Sam. 1 : 27, 28 ; Mark 10 : 13, 14) The Lord's Supper will be administered on the last Sabbath of each month.

Christian Fellowship.—We recognize in Christian fellowship and affection all true believers of whatever name, and we desire to work in harmony with every organization of evangelical Christians who hold and practice the truth as it is in Jesus and are organized and constituted in accordance with the

Word of God for the work of the Gospel (1 John 1: 3;
Ps. 133: 1; Acts 2: 1; John 17: 20, 21.)

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

Condition.—The profession of living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a sincere purpose to live according to His will and for His glory, and the evidence of a consistent moral and Christian character and life, will be the only conditions of membership in this Church.

Reception.—Baptized Christians believing the Lord has called them to this work may be admitted to membership upon presentation of a letter of dismissal in good standing from any evangelical Church, or upon profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. New members will be received at the regular monthly meeting of the Church on the recommendation of the Pastor and Elders and on their public profession of faith and the open three-fourths vote of the members present. The vote to be taken during the absence of the candidate.

Duties and Privileges.—It is expected that every member will decide as before God what he or she can and will cheerfully give in support of the Lord's work (Mal. 3: 10; 1 Cor. 16: 1, 2; Acts 20: 35; Ps. 76: 11; 2 Cor. 8: 7-12; Ex. 23: 15; Prov. 3: 9; Prov. 11: 24, 25; 2 Chron. 29: 9-14; Rom. 12: 8; Prov. 19: 17). All members in good standing of twenty-one years or over shall be entitled to vote at business meetings of the Church, except in the case of election of officers or the trying of appeals in cases of discipline, when only those who have been members one year shall be entitled to vote.

Dismission.—Members desiring letters of dismissal shall apply to the Pastor or an Elder, and the

Church shall have power to grant such letters by vote of members present at any regular Church service or business meeting. Such letters to be signed by the Clerk and to be valid for six months only, unless otherwise ordered by the Church at the time granted.

Roll Call.—(Amendment to Manual presented September 19, 1898, and adopted at special meeting held October 6, 1898.)

“As all members who have the cause of Christ and the welfare of His Church at heart will endeavor to live and walk in accordance with the Word of God as directed in Matthew, fifth, sixth and seventh chapters, and Romans, twelfth and thirteenth chapters; so, in order to keep the Church pure in doctrine and life, there shall be a semi-annual roll-call at the monthly business meetings of the Church in April and October of each year, when, by vote of the Church, members may be dropped from the roll (1 Cor. 5: 11-13) for any one of the following causes; provided, however, that no member whose address is known shall be dropped without having been earnestly entreated with by at least two members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses or of the Board of Elders:

“1. If absent from the Church services continuously for five months without reasonable cause (Heb. 10: 24, 25.)

“2 If living a notoriously immoral and sinful life, and refusing to change (2 Thess. 3: 6, 10; Gal. 5: 19-21; Eph. 5: 3-7; 1 Cor. 5: 11-13).

“3. If known to promulgate doctrines inconsistent with the commonly accepted teachings of the evangelical Churches, or the accepted standards of this Church (Jude 3, 4; 2 Tim. 1: 13; 1 Tim. 6: 3-5; Rom. 16, 17.)”

Ministers.—Ministers of the Gospel who shall be members of the body at the time of organization shall

be received by the chartered body as ministers in good and proper standing.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

Meetings for public worship shall be held on each Lord's Day and such other services on Sabbath and during the week as may be found necessary from time to time.

Annual business meetings of the Church shall be held on the third Monday evening in January for the election of officers, the review of the work of the year and other business.

Monthly business meetings shall be held on the third Monday of each month for reception of members, for monthly reports and the transaction of other current business.

Special business meetings of the Church may be called by the Pastor, or by the Clerk upon the written request of seven members.

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at business meetings of the Church. The pastor shall act as Moderator, and in his absence the Associate Pastor, if there be one, otherwise an Elder.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Church shall be as follows :

A Pastor, who shall have charge of the public worship and the general religious services of the Church, and in connection with the Associate Pastor or Pas-

tors and the Elders shall have general superintendence over all the Christian work of the congregation (Jer. 3: 15; Eph. 4: 11). The Pastor shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of the Church at an annual meeting or one called for the purpose.

An Associate Pastor or Pastors.—Upon recommendation of the Pastor and Elders, whenever the pastoral work of this Church shall require. Associate Pastor or Pastors shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of the members present at an annual meeting or one called for the purpose.

The Associate Pastor or Pastors shall aid the Pastor in the spiritual oversight of the members and in the public services and work of the Church, as the Pastor, Associate Pastor and Elders shall agree.

A Board of Elders.—Not more than four in number, who shall coöperate with the Pastors in the spiritual oversight of the Church and of the Church services (Acts 14: 23; Titus 1: 5). They shall hold monthly meetings for the consideration of applications for membership and other business. The Elders shall be elected annually by the Church.

A Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.—Consisting of not more than four Deacons and three Deaconesses, who shall show every courtesy and attention to strangers; secure the names and addresses of converts and visit and encourage them and welcome new members; inquire after members absent from the regular services of the Church; visit the sick and the poor of the congregation and judiciously administer to their relief (1 Tim. 3: 8-13; Rom. 16: 1). A Relief Fund shall be established and in charge of the Deacon and Deaconesses, to be dispensed subject to their order, and for this purpose a special offering shall be taken in

connection with each Communion service. The deacons shall attend to seating the congregation.

A Board of Trustees.—Not more than seven in number in whom shall be vested the corporate and property rights of the Church according to the legal statutes and who shall receive and disburse the revenues of the Church and have charge of the property and of the temporal affairs generally (Matt. 25 : 23).

A Clerk.—Who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Church for business. Notify committees of their appointment, keep a correct registry of the members of the Church with their addresses, noting accurately the changes as they occur and attend to such other duties as properly belong to the office. He shall preserve all books and records entrusted to him and deliver same to the Church at the expiration of his term.

A Treasurer.—To be a member of the Board of Trustees, but elected by the Church, who shall receive and disburse all the revenues of the Church, including all benevolent collections and other funds, excepting only the funds of the Bible School and the fund for the relief of the poor. The Treasurer shall keep a careful record of the finances, pay out money only upon orders properly signed and render reports to the Church at each business meeting.

A Bible School Superintendent.—Who shall direct the affairs of the Bible School and an Assistant Superintendent who shall aid the Superintendent in his work. The Superintendent and Assistant shall be elected annually from the membership of the Church.

A Chorister.—Who shall lead the congregational singing. An Assistant Chorister may also be elected who shall lead in the absence of the Chorister.

All Officers, Boards and Committees shall render written reports to the business meetings of the Church and shall be subject to the direction of the Church in all matters appertaining to their work. Members only are eligible as officers of the Church.

ARTICLE VII.

ELECTIONS.

Officers shall be elected and Standing Committees appointed at the annual meeting of the Church, except in the case of vacancies, when elections may be held at a monthly or special meeting, of which two weeks' public notice shall have been given. Elders and Bible School Superintendent shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of members present, and Trustees and other officers, except Pastor and Assistant Pastor or Pastors, by a majority of members present at a business meeting. Officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

The Clerk, Treasurer, Bible School Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chorister and Assistant Chorister shall be elected annually.

In electing Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses, no nominations shall be made, but after a vote by ballot is taken there shall be chosen from the names of those who receive the largest number of votes, twice as many as the number of Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses to be elected. With these as nominees a second ballot shall be taken in the usual way. All other officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot in the usual form.

The first Boards shall consist of two Elders, two Deacons and two Deaconesses and three Trustees, to serve for two years, and any others that may be elected shall serve until the expiration of the first

year and all succeeding elections shall be for two years.

ARTICLE VIII.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

In order to promote a systematic study of the Word of God, a Bible School for young and old shall be maintained in connection with the Church, assembling on every Lord's Day.

The officers and teachers of the school shall constitute a Bible School Board who shall manage the affairs of the school and elect their own officers with the exception of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. The revenue of the school shall be under the management of the Board. Reports of the operations of the school, both spiritual and financial, shall be made at the regular business meetings of the Church.

ARTICLE IX.

MISSIONARY WORK.

One object of the institution of the Christian Church being the extension of the kingdom of Jesus Christ over the world, this Church is declared to be, in its entirety, a missionary organization, and all its members are expected as God gives the ability to labor, pray and contribute for the spread of the Gospel both near and afar throughout the world (Matt. 24 : 14 ; Matt. 28 : 19, 20).

ARTICLE X.

COMMITTEES AND WORKING ORGANIZATIONS.

Such standing committees or Boards as may be needed for the proper supervision of various lines of

Christian work in connection with the Church not otherwise provided for, may be appointed or elected at annual, regular or special meetings. Working organizations and societies formed within the Church shall first have the approval of the Pastor and Elders, and while constituting a part of the Church shall be considered so far independent in their own organization as to elect their officers (who shall be members of the Church) and enact laws for their own government. All committees and organizations shall render to the Church at its regular business meetings, full reports of their work.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH REVENUE.

No pews or sittings shall be rented (Jas. 2: 1 to 5). The revenue of the Church shall be derived from the voluntary contributions of members and friends of the work (Phil. 4: 19; Mal. 3: 10; 1 Cor. 16: 1 and 2; 2 Cor. 9: 6, 7). No fair, festival, or secular entertainments of any kind to which admission is charged shall be held in any part of the Church or elsewhere for the benefit of the Church, and no funds so raised shall be available for any part of the work of the Church (Gen. 28: 17; Ps. 93: 5; John 2: 13-16; Matt. 21: 12, 13).

ARTICLE XII.

DISCIPLINE.

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” (Gal. 6: 1).

In the case of difficulties between members, or of

members requiring discipline, the order of procedure shall be as follows :

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his faults between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother, but if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church, but if he shall neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican” (Matt. 18: 15-17). The Pastor or Pastors and Elders shall represent the Church in the hearing and trying of complaints, but appeals may be made from their decisions to the Church at large at any regular or special business meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing Articles may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of members present at any annual meeting of the Church, or a special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendment has been read at a previous business meeting and public notice from the pulpit given at two general services over one week and not more than three weeks in advance.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1. Standing Resolutions.—Any resolution or motion made at any business meeting relating to the future action or policy of the Church may be made a standing resolution and included with others in permanent form for reference provided the same is presented in writing in proper form and designated a

standing resolution and receives a two-thirds majority vote of members present. Such resolutions may be amended, suspended or rescinded by a two-thirds majority at any business meeting.

No. 2. Business Meetings.—The business meetings of the Church shall be under the direction of the Pastor as Moderator, except when motions are to be made to consider matters personal to him. When the Pastor is absent the meeting shall choose, preferably from the Board of Elders, a Moderator for the time.

The Moderator shall have the meeting opened and closed with prayer. Also there may be singing and reading of Scripture as occasion may require.

No. 3. Order of Business.—I. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

II. Reports of all departments of Church work :
(1) Treasurer, Board of Trustees ; (2) Board of Deacons and Deaconesses ; (3) Bible School Superintendent ; (4) Gospel Wagon Committee ; (5) Foreign Missionary Committee ; (6) Music Committee ; (7) Willing Workers ; (8) Special Committees ; (9) Board of Elders.

III. Hearing experience of candidates for membership and reception by vote.

IV. Granting letters.

V. Correction of address of members.

VI. Unfinished business.

VII. New business.

No. 4. Music Committee.—The Music Committee shall consist of three members, including the Pastor, the Chorister and an Elder, chosen by the Board of Elders.

It shall be the duty of the Music Committee to secure suitable hymn books and engage organist and

other instrumentalists when required to aid most effectively the service of song at the regular Gospel meetings of the Church and work.

No. 5. Orders.—Orders shall be signed by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees after a vote of the Board for the payment of money for the work of the Church proper and by the Clerk after a vote of the Church for the payment of money for benevolent and kindred purposes.

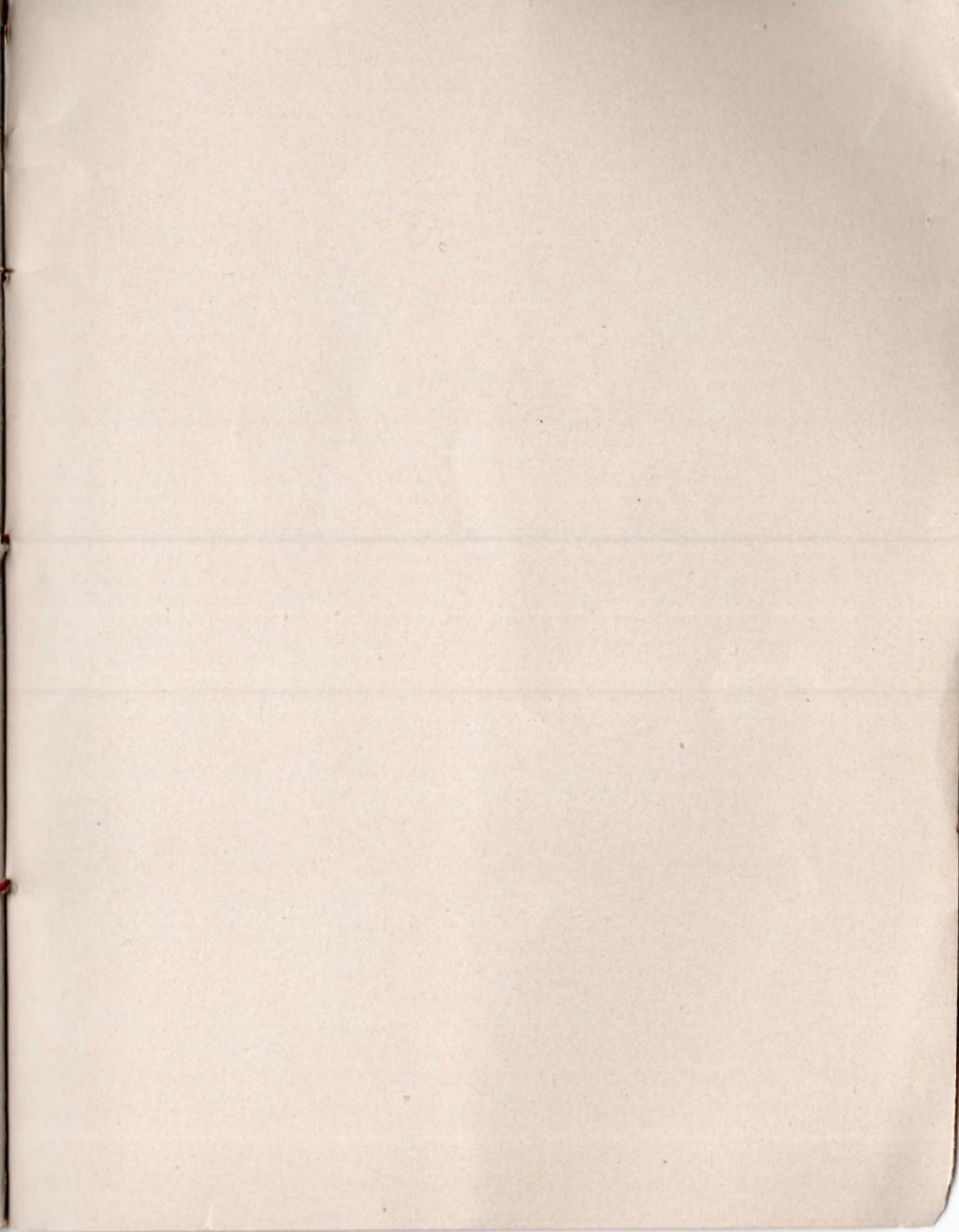
No. 6. Right Hand of Fellowship (*adopted August 16, 1897*).—All new members shall be given the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Pastor at the time of the Communion Service after having been voted upon at the business meeting.

No. 7. Wagon Committee (*adopted May 16, 1898*).—The Board of Elders, the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses and the Board of Trustees shall each elect one of their respective Boards to form with the Pastor a Wagon Executive Committee for the season.

It shall be the duty of the Wagon Committee :

1. To arrange for the time and place of wagon meetings, also to secure and have charge of the attendance of speakers and workers accompanying wagon services.

2. One or more of the Executive Committee shall be present at each of the wagon meetings.





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