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## PREFACE

IN ACCORDANCE with regular and formal action taken at a special meeting of the members of The Philadelphia Bible-Christian Church held at the headquarters of the Church, 1023 Foulkrod Street, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 8, 1917, provision was made for the creation of a Maintenance Committee.

Prominent among other duties assigned to this Committee, was the preparation of a brief history of the first century of the Church: 1817-1917 in Philadelphia. It is proposed to deposit such history, together with books, pamphlets and papers with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

In compiling this little work the Committee has made full use of the privilege of inspecting the official Church records, and the greater portion of the information presented is derived from these sources, the remainder being supplied either from letters and other Church papers, or from the memories of some members of the Committee, so that all herein set forth possesses at least the virtue of being reliable.

In its personnel the Committee includes one member over ninety-two years of age, originally a member of the Bible-Christian Church in England and for more

than forty-four years minister of the Philadelphia Church; there are six other members on the Committee, all practically life-long members of the Church.

Our aim has been to set forth the facts, rather than to furnish a successful literary production; and with that object in view, we submit what follows, with the sincere hope and faith that the first one hundred years' existence of The Philadelphia Bible-Christian Church has not been in vain, but has added and will continue to add to the material and spiritual welfare of humanity.

Edwin F. Metcalfe, Chairman; Naomi Clubb, Secretary; Rev. Henry S. Clubb, Amy H. Cariss, Edmund B. Lord, George M. Wright, Esther H. King.

THE COMMITTEE



## BIBLICAL TESTIMONY AND INSTRUCTION

“And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.”—GEN. 1 CHAP. 29 vs.

“But the flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof shall ye not eat.”—GEN. 9 CHAP. 4 vs.

“Be not among winebibbers, and riotous eaters of flesh.”—PROV. 23 CHAP. 20 vs.

“He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man.”—ISAIAH 66 CHAP. 3 vs.

“It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine.”—ROMANS 14 CHAP. 21 vs.

“And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, it is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them—This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.”—EXODUS 16 CHAP. 15 vs.

“Thou shalt not kill.”—EXODUS 22 CHAP. 13 vs. DEUTERONOMY 5 CHAP. 17 vs.

“And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague.”—NUMBERS 11 CHAP. 33 vs.

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"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth."—PSALM 104, 14 vs.

"And the cow and the bear shall feed: their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."—ISAIAH 11 CHAP. 7 vs.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."—ISAIAH 11 CHAP. 9 vs.

"Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"—1 COR. 9 CHAP. 7 vs.

"Wherefore, if meat maketh my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."—1 COR. 8 CHAP. 13 vs.

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