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EDITORIAL THOUGHTS

long been lacking. The church has been lame at this point. The Advocate comes to fill the vacancy.

The Advocate then is your paper. We expect to find friends outside the church, but we are not looking to them for support. We do not come for the purpose of crowding out other papers. We do not ask that any leave your paper, and take up The Advocate. It would be selfish to ask such a thing. We have a field distinctly our own. In our own field, we choose to live. This we have a perfect right to do. Others are welcome to live with us.

The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate is not launched as the Official Organ of the church because we think we have "The Church," and that other churches are failures for God, and that they belong to Babylon. We take no such position. Far from it. We believe that all the other churches have as much right to exist as we do; we believe that they have as much right to their official organs as we have to ours. We mean only to ask for the same right. We are sure it is granted to us by all.

The Advocate wishes to bring you the news each week from the different parts of our work. Surely, you will be glad to know just what is going on in the different conferences, and in the different localities of your own conference. Well, The Advocate will tell you.

Do you want to hear a sermon each week, preached by the different preachers throughout the entire church? Take The Advocate!

Would you be glad to see photographs of the different tabernacles owned by our people from Virginia to Florida, and from the Atlantic Ocean to Oklahoma? The Advocate will show them to you.

Would you like to have information concerning the best methods of Sunday School work, and to read about the management of other Sunday Schools? Would you like to write something concerning your own Sunday School? Would you like to discuss these points with other Sunday School workers? Here is the channel. The Advocate gives it.

In the beginning God!

In the beginning was the Word!

The Word was God!

God alone has no beginning: everything else had to begin.

The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate, the Official Organ of The Pentecostal Holiness Church, has begun.

It extends greetings to all its subscribers and friends!

Its purpose in the world is to help forward the work of the Lord, which He has committed into the hands of The Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Are you a part of that church? If so, will you welcome me, and help me to help you? You were here first, but you should give me a place when I come.

I am seeking a place in your home! I want to be at your fireside! I can't be one of your children, but I do want to help your children. In fact, I have come for your children. I want to lead them to Jesus. If already they love Jesus, I want to teach them His Word. Do you object?

The Word and God go together! The Advocate puts God first, and takes the Word as its guide. With God and the Word in the lead, we expect to move forward with victory.

The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate is now a part of The Pentecostal Holiness Church. It is a part that has

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Do you want to see the monthly report of the General Treasurer of your church, showing all money received, and all paid out? You will have to look into The Advocate to find it.

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Do you want to know how your fellow-pastor is getting along with his flock? The Advocate will tell you.

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Would you like to learn our best evangelists, where they are holding meetings, and whom you need to help you in your meeting? You will find it in The Advocate.

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Do you want to hear news direct from the mission fields? Here is your chance.

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Do you want a monthly program for your missionary society, containing information as to missionary work in general? You will find it in The Advocate.

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Would you like to keep posted concerning all the Quarterly Meetings, Annual Conferences, Bible Conferences, State Camp Meetings, etc., of The Pentecostal Holiness Church? The Advocate is the only paper that will give them all.

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Did you say you wanted your children to take a simple Bible course, and have a paper to which they can write their discoveries of Bible truth, and in which they can give their testimony if they like? That is what The Advocate is for.

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Have you a question you would like to ask concerning the Bible, concerning your church, concerning any other church, or touching any other religious topic? There is a question department in The Advocate.

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Would you like to give your testimony, read other testimonies, write concerning your dead, or announce your wedding? The Advocate gives you space.

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Do you understand the Basis of Union of your church? Would you like to read an exposition of it? It is coming soon in The Advocate.

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Would you like a good Bible, or would you be glad to know where you can get the very best books for yourself or children? They will be advertised in The Advocate.

Do you want to buy or sell a gospel tent? The Advocate will tell you about it.

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Stop! Think! Listen! Can you tell us how you have gone so long without THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS ADVOCATE?

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\$1.50 answers all the above for one year.

Pastoral Department

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2700 34th Ave., N. Birmingham, Ala.,

April 16, 1917.

Dear Advocate:

It affords me much pleasure to have the privilege to write a few lines to the first issue of our paper. We believe the starting of this paper to be one of the greatest moves, and one of the most needed enterprises of our church; and that it will do more to promote the cause for which we stand than will any other phase of our work. We are highly pleased with the editor, and thank God that he is in this position, and we will stand with him in every way possible in making this part of our work a glorious success.

Among the various departments of this paper there are none that can be made a greater blessing to our work than the pastoral department. It indeed affords many opportunities to be blessed, and to be made a blessing to others. We thank God for the consideration and recognition that has been given to this department; and I trust that we all will show our appreciation for the same by keeping it full of good things from **the various churches** scattered abroad. We pastors do not **have the opportunity** of meeting very often. Some of us **have never met** each other, and some of us may never meet in person on earth; but we now have the opportunity of a weekly interview, which will doubtless bring mutual benefit.

The history of my ministerial work is divided into two parts. The first five years of it were spent in preparation together with evangelistic work, spending eight months of each year in school and the other four on the evangelistic field. Then on February 25, 1910, I began my first pastoral work. This was in North Birmingham, where I have continued for these seven years. The first years were crowded with discouragements, and disappointments seemed to await me on every hand. We **have** truly found that Bud Robinson is correct when he says, "The way to make a success of life when you meet with disappointment is just to drop the letter 'd' and put 'H' instead, and then it reads, 'His appointments.'" We truly believe that our taking the work here was "His appointment," for year after year, month after month,

and week after week, we have seen the work steadily move on from victory to victory. True, we have come through fire and floods and wilderness. The storms have raged, the enemy has fiercely assailed us; but our greatest trials and adversities have given occasion for some of our greatest achievements and most sublime triumphs. In the midst of it all, we have heard His loving voice saying, "It is I; be not afraid."

This is my eighth year here, and so far, it has been my best. The Lord is blessing in a very precious way. We can truly say that our work is progressing. To Him be all the praise!

At the present time we have with us the editor of The Advocate, who is giving us a series of lectures on the Book of Revelation. God is blessing in the going forth of His Word, and hungry souls are being fed.

Yours in His love,

S. A. BISHOP.

GREENVILLE CAMP MEETING.

The Greenville Pentecostal Camp Meeting will begin (D. V.) May 23, and continue through June 3.

We will be able to entertain a limited number in the dormitory at the cost of 75 cents a day, for meal and lodging, and will do our best to find places for all visitors, at a reasonable cost.

Rev. S. A. Bishop, of Birmingham, Ala., and Rev. G. F. Taylor, of Falcon, N. C., and other preachers and workers, are expected to take part in the services.

The meeting will be held on the corner of Buncombe St. and Briggs Ave., Greenville, S. C. You can get a street car at either of the stations, and come right to the ground.

For further information, write N. J. Holmes, 254 Briggs Ave., Greenville, S. C.

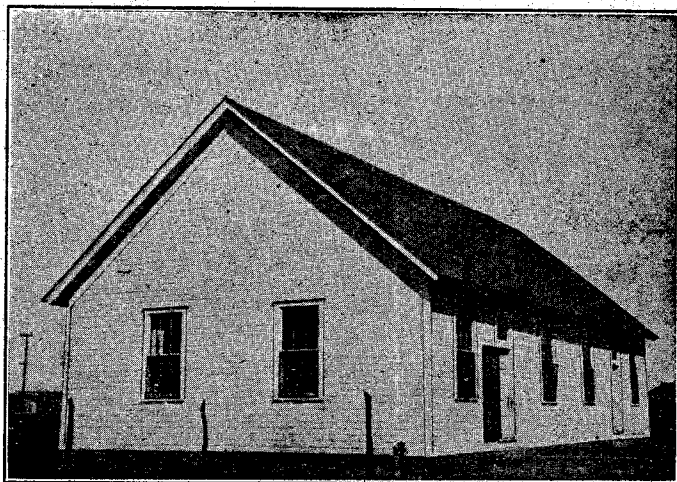
NOTICE.

The Advocate offers the following departments: Evangelistic, Pastoral, Sunday School, Official Announcements, Testimonial, etc. These departments are not for the editor to fill. Their success depends upon our evangelists, pastors, officers, Sunday School superintendents, laymen, etc. If you are an evangelist, we invite you to report your meetings; if you are a pastor, we ask that you write about your pastoral work; if you are a Sunday School superintendent, write us about your Sunday School; if you are a Sunday School teacher, write us about your class; if you are an officer, give us your announcements, or anything else you may wish; if you are a layman, give us your testimony, short and rich, or anything you may wish to write; if these departments do not cover your work, write us about it anyway. We do not promise to publish all that is written; but if your work is worth publishing, we shall be glad to publish it. Come on, dear friends, and let us make the paper just what it ought to be!

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHURCHES.

We give herewith an accompanying photograph of the tabernacle at Wagoner, Okla. We are sure that it will be appreciated by many of our people who shall never have an opportunity of seeing Oklahoma, or any of the churches in that district.

We feel that one great mission of The Advocate is to bring the different conferences and sections of our work in closer touch with each other. There are many ways in which this can be done. We think that one way is to place in The Advocate from time to time photo-



TABERNACLE AT WAGONER, OKLA.

graphs of the different tabernacles throughout the whole territory. This will let all see what kind of churches we have in different places, and will naturally interest us all more and more in the work at different places.

We make to all the churches the same proposition, viz., Any church desiring its tabernacle to appear in The Advocate may send us a photo of the same, together with two dollars for making the engraving. Two dollars will not pay all the expenses, but if the church will pay that amount, the editor will pay the rest, and will put the engraving in The Advocate free. If you already have an engraving of your building, send it on without any money. After it has been placed in the paper, the engraving will be returned to the church at their expense, if they so request; otherwise, it will be held by us, and put in again after a few years. The editor is in hopes that many of the churches will respond to this invitation.

Suppose you send us a photo of your tabernacle now.

NOTICE.

If you receive a roll of The Advocate, kindly hand them out to your friends, and do all you can to secure subscribers between this and next issue. The success of this paper depends upon the assistance of the preachers, workers, and laymen of The Pentecostal Holiness Church. Will you help?

This is the first issue, you know; we expect to improve all the time for the next four years.

