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**CAMP-MEETING OF FREE S. D. A.  
At Brunswick, Ga., Oct. 21-31, 1920**

## **CAMP MEETING OF FREE S. D. A.**

The annual camp meeting of Free Seventh-day Adventists was conducted at Brunswick, Georgia, Oct. 21 to 31. A delegation of more than forty was in attendance. The A. C. L. Railway Co., furnished a special car between Brunswick and Savannah for the accommodation of our delegates. A special programme was prepared for the meeting which was nicely carried out day by day. Instructions from the Bible and Testimonies were given at each morning prayer service. All enjoyed the camp-meeting and pledged to be faithful in attending every one

possible as they shall be held year by year.

At this meeting plans were laid for building the Brunswick Church, and before this, the first issue of our paper, reaches its readers, our brethren there will be holding their services in a church of their own. The prayers of all the believers in the truth are asked for the Brunswick Church. Many have been their troubles but God has blessed them, and delivered them out of them all.

Begin just now to prepare for the next Annual Campmeeting. Let all of our brethren plan to attend.

Mrs. L. L. JOHNSON,  
Secy. Gen. Assembly of Free  
Seventh-day Adventists.

## **WORD FROM THE PACIFIC COAST**

The Berean Church of Free Seventh Day Adventists, located at 1446 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Cal., has for a long time cherished a desire to become better established, and more closely associated with the sister-hood of churches of like precious faith. In order to realize the fruition of this beloved hope, correspondence was established with the president of the General Assembly. This is an association of churches and companies, having its headquarters in Savannah, Ga. These churches formerly held membership in the different conferences of Seventh Day Adventists, but because of taxation without representation, and many other grievous discriminating features they withdrew, and formed the above mentioned association, known as the **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.**"

It was to this body of believers, that the Berean church made application for membership. After certifying its belief in all the doctrines of truth taught by Seventh Day Adventist, including the Testimonies written by Mrs. E. G. White, this church was received as a member of that body.

It was on the 25th of August that the writer was asked to take the pastorate of said church. Since then our association together has been one of much pleasure. Our membership is on the increase, and all seem cheerful. Our remittance for the first month was \$56.44.

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cause we are working and praying to realize that promise: "All are one in Christ." Gal. 3:27-28. 7th. Because we plead for freedom in Christ for each and every one. Free to think, to believe and act as the word and Spirit of God shall direct. Ex. 5:1. All of this is in harmony with the teaching of sister White. From the Church Officers Gazette, No. 2, Vol. 3, page 5, Feb. 1916, we quote the following:

Freedom in Thought, "Ye were now turned, and had done right in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor." Jer. 34:15.

"What should man do? What should we not allow?" "Allow no one to be brain for you, allow no one to do your thinking, your investigating and your praying. This is the instruction that we need to take to heart today." Special Testimonies on Education page 193. "What belongs to every individual?" "There are rights which belong to every individual. We have an individuality and an identity that is our own. No man can submerge his identity into that of any other. All must act for themselves according to the dictates of their own conscience." Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, No. 9, page 59.

"Many minds are in bondage through laziness, others through fear of men, others through admiration of the ability of some individuals, others through superstition and still others through the lack of individual accountability. During the centuries that have gone, men have lost much because of this bondage; and at the present they are losing much from the same evil. In the world there are but few who think for themselves."

It is the privilege of all men to be free from fear of their fellowmen. Isa. 8:12, 13; 51:12 13.

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J. W. MANNS.

#### Word from the Pacific Coast (Continued from page 1)

We have just mailed our remittance for the second month of one hundred dollars. This

is an increase over the first month of \$43.56. Our prayer is that this spirit of progression will be kept alive along the line of all our missionary endeavor.

The first meeting held revealed the fact that there was a mortgage of \$700 on the church property. We are glad to announce that \$500 of this mortgage of \$700 has just been paid, leaving a balance of \$200. Through the timely gift to the church of a lot of ground by brother and sister Morgan, this balance of \$200 will soon be cleared, and the papers will be ready for burning.

We are of good courage in the Lord and the prospects for the future are very bright. We ask the prayers of all for the work and workers here.

J. W. OWENS.

#### Berean Sends Greetings

The Berean Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists of Los Angeles, Cal., sends greetings to the sister-hood of churches, and happily responds to the first call of "Free Advent Banner."—with pleasure.

But for meeting daily at the throne of grace, feasting at the same spiritual table, being fired by the same relentless zeal for our Lord's coming kingdom, and knowing that underneath is the same strong un-failing arm—Berean might feel her isolation, with more than 3,000 miles of mountains, plains deserts and fruitful lands, separating her from the nearest group of sister churches.

Truly the Lord has stretched forth His mighty hand in Los Angeles and opened a door that no man can shut.

The church is following a regular schedule; Sabbath evening just as the sun is sinking a goodly number wend their way to vesper, engaging in a most profitable hour of prayer, praise and study of the Sabbath School lesson. Sabbath morning from 8:30 to 9:30. Consecration meeting; this stimulates the believers, and clears the King's highway for the on coming Sabbath School and preaching service.

The missionary society, too, is becoming a factor in the

work; here the children are taught how the Christ life may shine forth, in a smile, a kind word, or a soft step; here the eyes are being trained to see, that the little hands and feet may be swift in ministering to the needs of others; and above all the service of reverent quietude in the house where His honor dwelleth. The senior members report sick visited, Bible readings given, cottage prayer meetings held in various parts of the city—and thank the Lord the calls are increasing.

We are of good courage. Pray that the work on the Pacific Coast may go forth, "As fair as the moon, as clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Mrs. C. LILLIAN LATTIMORE  
Los Angeles, Cal.

#### "JUST AS I AM"

Almost a century ago, in the year 1836, a young girl, Miss Charlotte Elliott, was preparing for a great ball, to be given in her native town. Full of gay anticipation, she started out one day to her dressmaker to have a fine dress fitted for the occasion. On her way, she met her pastor, an earnest, faithful man, and in the greetings which passed between them, he learned her errand. He reasoned and expostulated and finally pleaded with her to stay away from the ball. Greatly vexed, she answered, "I wish you would mind your own business," and went her way.

In due time the ball came off; and this young girl was the gayest of the gay. She was flattered and caressed; but after dancing all night, laying her weary head on her pillow only with the returning day, she was far from happy. In all this pleasure, there had been a thorn, and now conscience made her wretched. Her pastor had always been a loving, cherished friend, and her rudeness to him rankled his breast. More than all, the truth of his words came to her heart and would give her no rest.

After three days of misery, during which life became almost insupportable, she went to the minister with her trouble,