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382 Oxford Ave.,
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My Dear Herbert:-

Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus;

Your good letter of the 8th and 14th received yesterday and needless to say I was very glad to get them and the good reports they contain. I thank and praise the Lord that He is using you in the way he is and pray that He may give you many souls for your hire and fill you to overflowing with His Holy Spirit that you may go out and witness for Him with even greater power than you have in the past.

Inasmuch as your credentials are mailed to you from Jerusalem it may be a matter of a few weeks before you get them but if you do not get them within two or three weeks kindly let me know and I will send a tracer after them.

I do not think that the Church of God as an organization has taken a definite stand as to just what constitutes the Beast, the Image, and etc., but that does not in any way hinder us from giving the warning to the sinner as outlined in Revelation ~~XX~~ 13th and 14th chapters and etc.

As regarding territories, my letter to Brother Ray was written before I knew that you had been voted license, however it is not the intention to include Eugene in the territory assigned to Brother Ray. His territory will terminate with Junction City on Highways 99E & 99W and State Highway 34 between Corvallis & Waldport, while you may include in your territory US Highway 28 between Junction City and Florence excluding Junction City. Now since you have been voted credentials I will write Brother Ray informing him of the definite boundary lines, as mentioned herein, for I do not think it policy for Brother Ray to lap over into the territory that you are laboring in ~~for~~ on account of his seeming radical stand on some things.

I appreciate your report of the Alvadore meetings and agree that they should be continued as long as the interest holds out and a church established with one or two Elders, thoroughly grounded, left in charge. In the list of suggested sermons sent out by me sometime ago it was not the intention that these or the order in which they are listed should be strictly adhered to but merely a suggestion to those wanting something of this kind and also for the sake of uniformity, and I hope that you have not construed my letter to mean that this list must be strictly adhered to. I think that your idea of personal contact in the Eugene section is very good and believe that much good can be done in this way. Glad to hear of ~~your~~ the all day meeting at Oregon City and hope that ~~Irvin~~ Irvin will have more opportunities to be with you. Who is the S.D.A. Elder from Portland that spoke in the morning?

transcription

Your suggestions relative to the electrical ~~transcription~~ of sermons is very good and I too have had some thoughts along this line. I am forwarding your letters to Brother Dugger, to save me a lot of work in rewriting, together with a copy of this letter.

Yes I heard the rumor that you had gone independent, before I left Oregon last month, and that is why I asked you some of the questions the last time I saw you. I cannot see any objection in advertising meetings the way you did the Alvadore meetings. I agree with you that the great objective is to bring the sinner to Christ ~~thru~~ our organization being the MEANS and not the END. Our organization must be looked upon as the BODY OF CHRIST with each member brought up to such a high standard that he or she will know that their names are written on the Lamb's Book of Life. This will make us different, ~~and~~ separate and distinct from ~~other~~ all other churches. I happen to have one of these circulars and I am

also sending it to Brother Dugger for his perusal and remarks, I believe as you do that our organization and our ministers primary and great objective is to bring souls to Christ with the organization being merely the means to this end and not the end. I am sure that this is the consensus of opinion of the Twelve, Seventy, Seven and Church as a Whole, regardless as to what a few here and there may believe, but before you publish an article in the Bulletin let us get a ruling from Brother Dugger, not recognizing him as the ruling head of our organization but merely because he is better acquainted with all the details than anyone else that I know of, I will get a quick answer from Brother Dugger on this point so that you will have it in time for the next Bulletin. When we get away from mechanical religion and our ministers agonize with God until He fills them with His Holy Spirit and gives them the Power for Witnessing as He did the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost then and then only will we see a repetition of the days of Peter when as many as three thousand were added to the church in one day and there is absolutely no doubt in my mind but what each and every one of these were thoroughly converted and saved from their sins and not in their sins.

Knowing Brother Dugger the way I do I cannot ~~conceive~~ ^{conceive} that he wrote another that you had the spirit of Mussolini and I am calling Brother Dugger's special attention to this part of your letter and giving him the opportunity to answer this for himself.

← HWA as Mussolini!!

Yes, we must have the SPIRIT OF CHRIST to be favored with the privilege of carrying the last message to a lost and dying world and there is only one way to get it and that is a complete surrender and constant prayer.

You have my assurance that I will ~~do my utmost~~ submit the plans as outlined to the TWELVE & SEVEN and do all I can to inaugurate a program of this kind as I can see that it is a comparatively economical and speedy way to reach the masses, far more effective than trying to reach them through the pulpit and at the same time not in any way interfering with those laboring from the pulpit but on the contrary working in conjunction with them. Elder Ed. Severson will in a short time be on his way out here from Oklahoma principally for ~~to~~ the work in Washington and with your Portland hook-up could ~~take care of that district~~ help take care of that district as it would extend up into Washington. You will find Brother Severson a very compatible person to contact, not given to "endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith". The present plans are that he will spend a few weeks in this section and as I wish to be back in Oregon shortly after February 1st we may travel from here to Oregon together making a few calls upon isolated brethren along the way. Then I think it well for you and brother Severson to work together a few weeks, after which he will labor with Brother Ray, and others for a short time before going into ~~the~~ Washington. Brother Severson is a real Church of God minister and I am confident to the mutual benefit to all that contact him.

I will appreciate a copy of your next Bulletin and Plain Truth. May the Lord richly bless you and yours and with personal regards from the whole family, I am,

Sincerely in His Service,

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