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**CENTRAL UNION
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A committee of fifty-six leading members of Central Union church met last night in the parish house at dinner and discussed a new plan for organizing the finances of the church and making it a more democratic institution. Up to this time it has been customary each year to send blanks by mail to the people of the church asking subscriptions to cover expenditures. As a consequence only a small number have contributed and at the close of the year a deficit has remained for a few to shoulder. President Lowrey of the board of trustees last night stated the conditions, explained the procedure thus far followed and called on the minister to set forth the new plan approved by the trustees by which every man in the constituency of the church should be seen by one of the fifty-six committeemen during the coming week and given the privilege of taking an active part in the support and business management of the church.

Addresses were made by J. P. Cooke, W. O. Smith, A. Lewis Jr., W. R. Castle, H. F. Wichman, D. L. Withington, W. A. Bowen and J. R. Galt, after which a unanimous vote was passed to enter into the campaign. Rev. Mr. Ebersole then explained the details and the company resolved itself into a business committee, each member taking a list of names and entering his own subscription.

The following letter was sent today to each of the men enrolled with the church:

"Dear Sir:—For many years the funds required to maintain the work of Central Union Church have been secured by mailing subscription blanks to all our constituency. The response has been generous but confined to a fraction of those who look upon Central Union as their church. At the close of each year a large deficit has remained to be made up by a few individuals.

"Many of our people are urging that a more businesslike plan be introduced which shall provide for the entire budget at the opening of each year by securing a subscription from every person in our constituency. Where every one does his part the burden does not fall heavily on any one while far more effective work and much greater efficiency are sure to result.

"In order to reach every individual a large committee has volunteered to conduct a personal canvass of the members and friends of the church. During the coming week a member of this committee will call upon you for your subscription and we trust you will deem it a privilege to subscribe.

"Inasmuch as all loose change dropped into the collections taken at the Sunday services are for benevolent purposes this canvass presents the only feasible plan for securing definite contributions from everyone.

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**TIME TO CAMPAIGN
FOR STATEHOOD HERE**

It looks well and sounds well. It is time to organize a campaign to secure it. During the past few years mutterings of a possible government by commission have grown ominously frequent and the late plebiscite worked entirely in the direction of this unpleasant outcome. Unpleasant because we have some power now, but under a Commission we might as well be a lot of slaves, and no one likes that sort of thing. Unpleasant because commission government might easily be worked to the detriment of our industries. A commission would have no incentive to develop the resources of Hawaii. A commission would have no incentive to develop the resources of Hawaii. It would almost certainly become an adjunct of the military and naval interest soon to be so overwhelmingly centered here. Let us not have Hawaii Gibraltarized. With a commission government civics would expire among our people. To compare our conditions under a commission with that of the District of Columbia is manifestly unfair. The entire Nation has a definite interest and pride in its capital that it never could feel in these far away islands. If a commission should rule here, goodbye to Hawaii's ever becoming a center of influence or a vital essential part of the Nation's life. By all means let us fight unitedly against such an outcome.

If not a commission government, then let us seek self-government in the largest sense, and that means statehood. There are two objections to creating Hawaii into a state. One is the preponderance of the Hawaiian voter. That will soon be a negligible quantity, both because he is dying out and because the tide of immigration from the mainland is beginning to flow. The other is the large Asiatic population. This is not to be dreaded because the second generation is rapidly growing up into citizenship and we know that no class of our people will make better Americans than these children of orientals educated to love and uphold our institutions.

Probably no more favorable opportunity to push for statehood will ever present itself than is afforded by the present political situation at Washington. The two great parties are so evenly divided that Hawaii's 3 votes would mean much to each. Many of our states owe their creation to like circumstances and have justified the wisdom of the action that made them integral parts of the Union. Hawaii has 109,034 more people than Nevada, 45,944 more than Wyoming and is only 10,413 souls behind Delaware and 12,445 behind Arizona. The conditions of population in the latter state where there are so many Mexicans unable to speak English approximate those of this Territory. The mainland has an increasing aloha for these islands, and a picturesque campaign could be inaugurated that would win supporters in constantly increasing numbers.

A further consideration is one of international importance. Hawaii as a state would exert tremendous influ-

ence in favor of peace in the Pacific. War between Asia and America would mean the annihilation of our business prosperity and the still more systematic transformation of these smiling shores into an abhorrent engine of destruction. As long as we remain a Territory we shall have no voice in preserving good feeling between China, Japan and the States. But if we win statehood we at once assume the position of mediator. We are the only part of the American Union that even to the slightest degree understands the Chinese or the Japanese. That knowledge is an asset in the realm of statesmanship of untold value. The Nation would recognize it at once and our representatives would be accorded the influence demanded by their possession of this quality so essential to coming world statesmanship.

The psychological time then has arrived for striking a blow for the larger liberty, wider influence and greater dignity of statehood. Hawaii's past as an independent nation demands this evolution as a matter of people justice. It accords with the fitness of things. It will be a step in the development of our Nation from a mere continental to a world Power. It will make for the coming Federation of Mankind.

D. S., in the Friend.

**PUNCHBOWL
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It is a welcome announcement that Mr. Paul Isenberg will park the slopes of Punchbowl. No more public spirited undertaking for the benefit of Honolulu could be devised. This hill is one of the greatest scenic assets we have because of its central and prominent location. Its artistic possibilities are very large indeed. It is to be doubted whether any other one thing would add so much to the attractiveness of the city as the development by landscape gardening of this old crater and its slopes. Mr. Isenberg will certainly deserve the deep gratitude of all our citizens if he succeeds in his project. Every possible pressure should be brought to bear upon Washington to turn over the hill to our Territory for the purpose contemplated by our generous fellow citizen. The next great movement should be for a botanical garden. Some one of the valleys running up into the mountains would offer an ideal location and with generous support our city might in a comparatively few years possess the finest botanical garden in the world. These early days afford the golden opportunity for projects of this nature.—The Friend.

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