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Hanford, California.

Dear Friend ;-

In answer to your inquiry of Oct. 16, I will suggest, that if the time has come for the presentation to the people of a pledge regarding abstinence from the use of flesh meats, and I meet manyof our people who like yourself are thinking along this line, it seems to me that the initiative in this matter naturally rests with a..The Secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference.. b. " " " " " " Of American Div. Conference.. c..Eld..Daniells, Pres..Gen. Conf..to whom the letterwhich Eld. Irwin let you read, was written..

These men are well acquainted with the conditions existing among our people, which it was hoped that a pledge would help to correct.. They are also fu lly informed regarding the the conditions existing in many mission fields, where fanatical teachers of a deformed Health Reform, has caused much trou ble.. They can clearly see the trouble that would be brought into our work, by the presentation of a pledge based on the au thority of the Testimonies, and the greater advantage of a pledge based on the broad princi ples and generally accepted teachings of the Medical Department, backed up by the best discoveries of modern medical science.. They are also in a position to discern that the present time is one most auspicious for the launch ing of a popular movement for the discarding of flesh foods, in view of what government authorities are saying and doing..

A broad plan, based on such a fou ndation as would reccommend it to all Vegetarians, if resented at the Gen. Conf. next April, would undoubtedly call forth some most valuable discussion..

Praying that the guiding hand of Providence may guide in this matter, I am,.

Yours very truly,

W. C. White

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