

**Temperance Letter to Mrs. F. Lunt, Yankee Hill, CA from Mrs. Henrietta Skelton dated January 11, 1900 (envelope return address: John Bidwell, Chico, Butte Co. Cal.; letterhead "Woman's Christian Temperance Union")**

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Dear Sister:

I returned here from Durham last night, went there Saturday, organized a good Union there, of 20 regular members, 10 honary (honorary). Go to NimsheW tomorrow, remain (after) after Sunday, then go on to Magalia from the 15 to the 17, then I would like to come on to Cherokee and Pentz, and Yankee Hill and want you dear to make the arrangements also with Mrs. Wells. I will take her a line also. I wish you were (were) less pessimistic and could lean more on the everlasting arm, take the promisses (promises) of the Lord. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, that is if we ourself do our duty fully and (faithfully) faithfully, but if we lean away from him, how can he help us; he wants willing servants, not forced ones; so dear let this, to arrange for me be your first work for him this year, when you go and see the Women; speak as hopeful of the work as you can; we often hinder the work, by our (clummy) gloomy outlook. I meet Mr. Curtis at Durham; somebody told them I was in the County and he said they expected me so arrange there also, a week is too long, one to three days is enough, you know the people would not come out; if we could have a afternoon meeting at Pentz Sunday the 21 and someone to take me back to Cherokee for evening, so I could preach in both places (places) on the same day. Anyway I want to put in between these three places from the 18 to the 24, so please arrange it so, make dates for each place, write me to NimsheW; is the German Sister, who entertained me in Cherokee no longer there; see her if she is, I think she will entertain me. I want to visit your own home when I come to Yankee Hill. You might put in a meeting at your schoolhouse. Mr. Curtis said the roads are drying up fast; his wagon did not look as if the roads were (were) so bad; he was hardly loaded, so let us look and expect the very best; so let me hear from you either in NimsheW or Magalia. With lots of love, yours

H. Skelton



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