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Highway Mission Tabernacle Church & Official Board

Recently it has come to our attention that a rumour is circulating among some of our members concerning a certain ballot cast in our recent Annual Election of Officers.

Lest there be any misunderst anding and satan should get an advantage of us I feel it would be well to make a statement concerning the same.

A few days before the recent Election one of our members inquired if it would be permissible to mark a Ballot to be cast on the night of the election stating that stating that they could not be present at the election due to employment, and they feared that if they asked to be excused they might lose their position.

The request was forgotten until the Sundy immediately previous to the Business meeting, and then while I was very Ill I thotlessly overlooked the Manual regulations on this subject, namely; " Only those present and voting shall be entitled to vote, "and also the measure requiring a ratification of nominees by the Church before ballots are officially accepted.

In doing this I was wholly innocent in my actions, but I realize it was a mistake on my part to do so, and I regret the error and ask the Church to forgive me please.

I assure you that the Ballot did not in any wise affect the Election of Any Officers now in office, and that there was no ulterior or political motive in the granting of that which at the time I considered only an accomodation. How ever lest any should have heard a rumour to the effect that we had allowed any favoritism or political conniving to influence our Church Affairs I make this frank Statement and ask that you pray fo us that we may always exercuse wisdom in all things.

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