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## CHINA FAMINE FUND

Mr. A. J. Stinton,  
State Bank of Lomita,  
Lomita, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stinton—I am in receipt of the following telegram from Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the American Committee of the China Famine Fund:

"Cable just received from American Minister, Peking, confirms fact that recent large contributions by Chinese people and abundant rains have brought about radical change in famine conditions. We are, therefore, announcing discontinuance of campaign and hearty thanks of committee to all contributing to its success. I want you to receive this advance notice and to realize my deep appreciation of your generous assistance, and of the fact that your co-operation has been a genuine factor in this great and successful effort to help a sister nation in distress."

From this we learn that the work of relief in China has been brought to a successful conclusion, and we also know that the aid supplied by America was largely instrumental in alleviating the sufferings of that great nation in the time of its greatest need.

In making you aware of our labors are concluded in this cause, may I express to you my highest appreciation of the help you have afforded me in making this campaign so successful and the returns for Southern California so gratifying. The results attained from your labors to date are as follows:

Churches and Sunday schools	\$6,290.03
Banks	29,047.72
Business organizations	2,550.72
Chinese organizations	917.69

Total.....\$38,806.16

Churches sent direct.....\$29,982.59

Chinese in S. California 2,400.00

Chinese Life Saving

Stamps 2,900.00

Direct to Famine Fund

Headquarters 2,881.13

\$38,163.72

Grand Total.....\$76,969.88

The members of the local Chinese Colony have asked me to add an expression of their gratitude for your labors in behalf of their distressed brothers across the sea. Very gratefully yours,  
A. C. WAY,  
For the American Committee, China Famine Fund.

## THIEVES AGAIN ACTIVE

The burglar and thief is again active in Lomita, this time his attention being exclusively directed toward the Sam Seelig store. The rear door was cut through in an attempt to force the lock, but being unable to locate the bolt that held the door, the job was finally abandoned. Entrance was gained, however, into the Hodges' Hardware Warehouse and a roll of wire ten tubs and eighteen buckets were stolen.

## PRIMARY WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The teachers of the primary department of the Lomita Sunday School were entertained last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Clark, who is superintendent of this department. The afternoon was spent in discussing plans and methods whereby the work may be made more effective. At the close of the afternoon ice cream and cake were served by the hostess. The workers in the primary department are Mrs. J. D. O'Quinn, Mrs. Julia Maurer, Mrs. Mabel Tulp, Mrs. G. H. Crittenden, Miss Lydia Smith, Miss Ruth Franzen, Miss Marguerite Rapson, Miss Mildred Trotman, Miss Elsie Applin of Bisbee, Arizona, a former teacher, was also present.

## REV. A. B. KEELER COMING

Rev. A. B. Keeler, Superintendent of the Home Missions of the State of Washington, at Seattle, will speak in the Lomita church on Sunday evening, July 17. Mr. Keeler comes to us with a message of experience, telling us how we may obtain a new church building, and thereby widen the influence of our local church. All those interested in the welfare of our community should attend this service. Keep the date in mind.

## TOMATO PLANTS DEMAND WARMTH

Early Ripening Can Be Secured in Most Sections Only by Starting Indoors.

## KEEP MODERATELY WATERED

Just Such Soil as Will Grow Crop of Corn or Potatoes Is Recommended—Little Well-Rotted Manure Will Help.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

There is perhaps no product of the garden that is so refreshing or palatable as well-ripened, fresh tomatoes, and they can be used in such a variety of ways. While fresh tomatoes are preferable to canned ones they lose very little flavor or quality in the canning and good canned tomatoes add very materially to the food supply of the winter months.

To Get Early Tomatoes.  
Early ripening adds greatly to the value of the tomato crop and early toatoes can be secured in most sec-



Hardy Tomato Plant Started in Pot.

tions only by starting the plants indoors. Garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say it is easy to grow plants indoors by sowing a small packet of tomato seed in a cigar box filled with mellow soil about six or eight weeks before the usual time of the last killing frost in spring. The seeds should be covered about one-quarter inch and the soil kept moderately watered and the plants will generally come up in less than a week after planting the seeds. Keep the box near a window where it will get plenty of sunlight and turn it around each day to make the plants grow straight.

When the plants begin to grow each other, which will be in about 10 days after they come up, secure a large, flat box, say three inches deep and just long enough to fit into the window, fill it with rich, sifted soil and transplant, giving each plant about two inches of space. With proper care to turn the box from time to time and also to keep the soil moderately watered the plants will be about four inches high, strong, and stocky when the weather has warmed enough to make it safe to set them in the garden.

## Warmth Is Required.

Tomatoes naturally grow in a warm climate and require plenty of warmth from the start. The plants should be kept at about a living-room temperature until a few days before they are to be set in the garden; then they should be gradually exposed to outdoor conditions to harden them. After they are set in the garden it may be necessary to cover them for a few nights with several thicknesses of newspaper to protect them from the cold.

Tomatoes require a moderately rich soil, not too rich, but just such soil as will grow a good crop of corn or potatoes. A little well-rotted manure can be worked into the spot where each plant is to be set and a tablespoonful of high-grade fertilizer sprinkled over a space about one foot in diameter and mixed with the soil will aid in giving the plant a good start. Planting distances will depend upon whether the plants are to be pruned to a single stem and trained to stakes or are to be allowed to grow according to their natural habit of spreading over the ground. If the plants are to be trained they may be set in rows as close as three feet, and spaced 18 inches in the row. If they are not to be trained the plants should be set three to four feet apart in each direction.

## CATER TO MARKET DEMANDS

Shipment of Unsatisfactory Stock by Growers Seriously Affects Prices Offered.

Shippers of potatoes would profit by heeding market demands and preferences, say specialists of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture. Dealers and consumers, they find, do not desire badly cut, mashed, frosted, or decayed potatoes, or those damaged by sunburn, blight, dry rot, or an excess of seed or second growth. Markets frequently are overloaded, it is said, prices seriously affected, and unnecessary losses suffered by growers because of the shipment of such unsatisfactory stock.

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