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TELEPHONE MAIN 1944

PORTLAND, OREGON, Jan. 7, 1907.

Mr. Cyrus H. Walker,

Albany, Oregon,

My Dear Brother:

I want to thank you personally for your excellent article in the Sunday Oregonian of yesterday. It is eminently sane, tolerant and ought to be very satisfactory to all lovers of the truth, for I have no hesitation in saying that in my judgment being it comes nearer the exact truth respecting Dr. Whitman and his labors than any other article that I have noticed for a long time. If the long drawn out "Whitman Controversy" could have been approached in the outset in the spirit you have shown in this article, by all those who have taken part in that controversy, beginning with the articles in The Pacific in 1865, by Rev. H. H. Spalding, copies of which I have, the cause of truth and correct history would have been greatly aided. However, we have to take human nature as we find it.

I was greatly shocked yesterday to learn of the death of Myron Eells, at Union City, Mason county, Washington. I think it must have been sudden, as I received a letter from Edwin Eells, Tacoma, a few days ago, which conveyed no hint of Myron's sickness. He has been a very faithful Christian worker, and his death will be greatly deplored; yet He who knows the end from the beginning knows best, and this, to me, when I have stood beside the graves of my dear ones, has been a source of much comfort.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. H. Himes