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Beloved Sister Hull: As you requested, I have copied the greater part of my letters from the West, and send you. You are at liberty to make what use of them you think best, to promote the cause of missions. I received a letter last week from Rev. D. Clark, New York, which has greatly relieved my mind from that state of suspense in which it has long been laboring. I have sent it to Sister Judson, and requested her to give you the perusal of it. You will see that his heart, as our hearts, is on the Astoria mission. And now shall the mission be given up and our minds be diverted to another field? What can be the obstacles which the Board of Missions speak of? Is it want of funds or missionaries? Or is it for want of faith and prayer in the churches? Surely the obstacles cannot be with the Indians, when they have sent over to us and invited us to carry them the Word of Life. At times my mind labors excessively on this point, and I have been well-nigh crushed with an unsupportable load for want of strength to roll it upon the Lord. But I can say, notwithstanding the clouds of darkness that overshadow the future, and the obstacles that roll up before the mind like waves of the sea, that I am permitted to believe that a mission will be established there soon, at least before many years shall have passed away. There my mind rests, and I am sustained on the promise that "God will give the heathen to His Son for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a

possession.” Will not the dear Christians in Angelica remember this Oregon mission at their monthly concert of prayer? It would rejoice my heart to be present with you next Monday. I want strength of faith to pray effectually for such mighty objects, and union of hearts is strength. I cannot write you half I feel on the subject, nor need I. Adieu, dear Sister. Your Sister in the Lord,

(Signed) Narcissa Prentiss.

To Ms. Sarah Hull, Angelica.

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