

Union Fork, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>/81.

Rev. H. Legman  
Forest Grove Oregon

Dear Uncle.

Please accept many thanks for your good, kind, letter, mailed Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> which I recd. on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. You may think that I am not very prompt in answering it; but it is my intention that ~~this~~ shall go by our very first mail after the one in which yours came. We do not have a mail so often, at this season, as in the summer time. Then, we have it daily; now, only on 2 days of the week. You were, certainly, very prompt in <sup>re-</sup>replying to my letter. The time seemed very long to

me, after sending that letter to you, before your last came.

It seemed to me, quite probable that you would not wish to send me another. I feel utterly unworthy of your kind attentions.

I sent a letter to Cousin Pearce by the same mail in which the one to you, started, & was pleasantly surprised to find answers to both of those letters in Past Saturday's mail. Think I will try it over again, but probably shall not see a like result.

I cannot, for a moment think that Cousin H. intended to tell any more than the truth when he was writing of me, last summer; but feel that he gave you far too good an impression in regard to me. & that you would be sadly disappointed were you to see me. How sad

would it be for you, if you should find, too late, that by my inefficiency your usefulness was diminished, rather than increased. Cousin H.'s acquaintance with me, was very short. He only remained with us, about 5 days.

Let me turn to more interesting subjects than self, for the remainder of this letter.

Have you had acquaintance with the "Bible & Prayer Union"; a circular of which I enclose. If you have not, & would like a card of membership; I will order one for you, when I send for my own for the coming year. I think it is quite an interesting Union.

I trust for continued & renewed interest in your prayers.

"If in Him thou dost abide  
He will guide."

Oh! for more of this abiding.

in Jesus! If instead of following  
Him at a distance, ~~we~~ we live  
near to Him, shall we not  
through the influence of the Holy  
Spirit; be led to ask for those  
things (only) which are pleasing  
to Him; so that "it shall be  
done unto" us?

We are having, so far, an  
open winter. There have been some  
quite cold days; but the weather  
has been changeable & today there  
has been a steady rain.

I think some of the weather  
must resemble your Oregon winters.

We are all as well as usual.  
 Hoping to hear from you  
again, soon. I'm haste  
Margaret.