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AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. William I. Marshall, of Fitchburg, Mass., a lecturer of note, has been visiting the most attractive localities in Oregon and Washington with a view of preparing a lecture on the early settlement of the country and its leading features, to be illustrated, as his other lectures are, by calcium light and dissolving views. The title of this lecture will be "Oregon and the Unhonored Missionary Hero who Saved our Pacific Possessions." Dr. Whitman, of course, is meant. The lecture will be prepared for delivering in the eastern states. Mr. Marshall would be glad to receive contributions from those who knew Dr. Whitman in Oregon, containing information on the subject. Such communications will be addressed to him at Fitchburg, Mass.

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MR. WILLIAM I. MARSHALL,
Fitchburg, Mass.

DEAR SIR: Having accidentally found a little article in the Walla Walla, W. T. paper, in which I understand you propose to give a course of lectures on this western coast and also to include "Oregon and the unhonored missionary hero who saved our Pacific possessions," Dr. Whitman, of course, is meant. In the notice I understand you wish to get information from those who knew Dr. Whitman.

Allow me to say that I met that noble man at Liberty landing on the Missouri river in 1836, traveled with his wife and Rev. H. H. Spalding and wife, the entire distance from Missouri to Vancouver; the same year assisted him and Rev. Mr. Spalding in erecting their first mission buildings, and in 1837 recrossed the Rocky mountains to New York and brought back in 1838 four associate missionaries with their wives and remained with them till a few days after Dr. Whitman had started to go to Washington to do what he could to counteract the designs of the Hudson Bay company and British government in claiming and holding Oregon as a preserve for producing animals. The designs of the Hudson Bay company were plain and outspoken and their boast of holding it, on the ground of the most numerous British subjects in it, was no secret to Dr. Whitman and he who writes this letter. We had canvassed all the facts in the case in company with an associate, Cornelius Rogers, and we were fully aware of the ignorance of our reverend associates in reference to the designs of the H. B. Co. and British government, as most ably set forth in his 30 years in the U. S. senate by Hon. Thos. H. Benton. Our associates were decidedly opposed to the doctors leaving his station to go to Washington, or to my leaving the service of the mission to become a settler among the few Americans then in the Willamette valley. The doctor said, in my presence, "that he would go and do what he could to save this country for our American people if the American board dismissed him for doing so."

We were well aware that only by an immigration over the Rocky mountains could save the country under the conditions of the joint occupancy treaty, as the H. B. Co. then had in it over four hundred British subjects, and a hundred Red river settlers on their way to it. That about the same time, in 1841, an effort had been made to organize in the Willamette valley, a colony of British subjects, to include the Americans, under a British governor at its head. That attempt was defeated by a few Americans then present, while the British subjects were the most numerous. In the fall of 1842 I be-

came a settler with my family in the Willamette valley, and commenced at once to canvas and unite our American settlers and as far as possible the Methodist mission influence, in securing our American organization, knowing that Dr. Whitman would use all his knowledge and influence to induce settlers favorable to Americanizing the country for the United States. How well he succeeded is now a matter of positive history, as firmly fixed in every candid, intelligent mind as the disgraceful fact that his life and that of his noble wife were sacrificed on the country's altar, to save it to them, and yet but a feeble effort has been made to wipe out the stain of neglecting to give him and those who fell with him, Christian or patriotic sepulture.

I inclose to your address the printed slips, and the discussion or controversy I have had with a woman who has undertaken to detract as much as possible from the efforts of Dr. Whitman in reference to the saving of Oregon for our people. She even attempts to deny that he went to Washington, notwithstanding the numerous witnesses now living to convict her of her vain attempt to falsify positive facts.

This letter, with the accompanying printed slips, will doubtless give you sufficient facts to present to your interested and intelligent audiences. Should you wish any further items or information his old associate and friend can give, a line from you will bring a reply. I purpose, as soon as our arrangements are completed, to give my time to canvas our state and Washington Territory, to see how liberal are our people who now enmeshed and occupy the country that received the life blood of the doctor, his wife, and associate martyrs, will be in assisting to remove the stain of neglect to their memory. Respectfully yours,
W. H. GRAY.

Aaron Burr as a Cross-Examiner

A writer thus describes the conclusion of a case in which Burr was one of the lawyers: The evening session opened and Burr resumed his cross examination of the witness. It was a test of the profound skill and sobriety of the lawyer, the self-possession, courage and tact of the witness standing on the very brink of a horrible gulf firmly and intrepidly resisting the efforts of the terrible man to topple him over. At last, after dexterously leading the witness to an appropriate point, Burr suddenly seized a lamp in each hand, and holding them in such a manner that their light fell instantaneously upon the face of the witness, he exclaimed in a startling voice, like the voice of the avenger of blood: "Gentlemen of the jury, behold the murderer!"

With a wild, convulsive start, a face of ashy pallor, eyes starting from their sockets, lips apart, his whole attitude evincing terror, the man sprang from his chair. For a moment he stood motionless, struggling to recover his self-possession. But it was only a momentary struggle, shaking every nerve with paralyzing fear. Conscious that the eyes of all in the court room were fixed upon him, reading the hidden deeds of his life, he left the witness stand and walked shrinking to the door of the court-room. But he was prevented from making his escape by the sheriff. The effect can be better imagined than described. It struck the spectators with silent awe, changing the whole aspect of the trial in an instant, overthrowing the hypothesis of the attorney-general, which

he was convinced would send the prisoner to the gallows, saving an innocent man from the deathful hands of a bold and skillful perjurer. The false witness was arrested, two indictments were found against him, one for murder, another for perjury. He was acquitted for murder, but subsequently convicted for perjury, and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

DESTINY.

Encircled by the cooling cloud-land drifts,
A tiny spring I know, scarce two hands wide,
Where green and fair the lofty mountain lifts
Its forest banners high in conscious pride
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Moved by a hand unseen, in kindness pressed
Flow winding down on either side the mount,
And reach, by paths remote, the self-same rest.
Two children play upon the village green,
Their chubby hands are clasped, they kiss and go;
Then all their lives an ocean rolls between—
At last they meet where churchyard daisies grow.
As rivers course through weary winding ways
Forever onward, onward to the sea,
So course thy feet and mine, through all our days,
Beneath the guiding star of destiny.
Aye up and down, through all life's many folds,
As sweep and sway and rule the tides the sea,
A hand unseen so sweeps and sways and holds
And rules the hearts and lives of you and me.

Once a member of the corps diplomatique asked Skobloff, the famous Russian general, whether he ever felt afraid. The reply is worthy of quotation. "You see, my dear sir," he said, "you have the right to be a coward; a private soldier may be a coward; a subordinate officer even can be excused for possessing the instinct of self-preservation. But from the commander of a company upward no justification of cowardice is possible. In my opinion a coward general is a contradiction in terms, and the less such contradictions are tolerated the better."



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