

1414 Forest Avenue,  
Evanston, Illinois.

Oct. 11, 1913.

My Dear Mrs. Walker:

I am exceedingly obliged to you for the papers containing your "Memories of Old Oregon." They are of great interest to me, not only because of the contributions they make to the early history of Oregon and Washington, but for the personal reason that what you say of your father and mother comes clear down to my early associations and recollections. I infer that your sister, Mrs. Kerr, may have sent you the letter I wrote to her at South Yakima, and so I do not need to re-tell the story of the intimate way in which your mother touched my own parents back in their early days in Astoria. But "Henry Richardson" was one of the familiar names that fell on my ears in such



way as to make an abiding impression  
outside of the names of my own home  
circle. Everybody loved her, everybody  
respected her; and her name was always  
spoken by all who knew her in terms of  
profound respect and tender regard.

It is not too much to ask, I trust  
you will not fail to send me the  
removing numbers - you have sent me  
those of the interesting "Memories".  
May I also ask you to send the whole  
series to Mrs. Sarah Ingalls Richardson.

West Baldwin, Me. Mrs. Richardson  
is a woman only a few years short of 90.  
Her family - the Ingalls family - and my  
father's family were intimate; and when a  
boy I knew Sarah well, and she  
acquainted her son kept up through the  
years. Whether the Richardson whom she  
married was a connection, near or remote,  
of your mother's family I do not know.  
He lived in a near town; but I never saw  
him, and he has been dead now for a number



of years, I am inclined to think, however, that  
there must have been some connection, and  
that he was akin to your mother. Be this  
as it may, however, Messrs. Richardson  
is likely to have known all about your  
mother and will be intensely interested  
in your narrative. The name you bear  
is another bond of interest between us,  
I know Dr. Cyrus Hamlin well and for  
many years. He was an able and  
efficient man. I met him at gatherings  
of the Amene Board. Soon after his  
return from Roberts College he lived  
for a while in New Haven, Conn. I was  
then pastor of the Center Church and saw  
him very frequently. He used to be my  
guest also in New Haven. He is a good  
man to be sure. I spent a week this past  
summer with a Professor Loe who was once  
a Missionary in Turkey, and who married  
one of Dr. Hamlin's daughters. Well, I am  
glad you are writing these articles. You  
have helped to make history, and, like Corcoran,  
it is good for you to write it. Very truly yours,  
F. A. Noble.