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Dear Christian Friend

I write
to request you, being a disinterested party to send me some statements of the principal attractive features of the territory of Oregon, as a point worthy of the consideration of a young man 30 years of age seeking a home & a prosperous useful future for himself & a family consisting of a wife 27 years old & 5 little ones aged from 1 to 9 years. I was born & raised here on the old homestead which I have always loved with almost idolatrous

affection & when I have always
desired to spend my life but
recent events seem to indicate
that the Master has other
designs in regard to my
future, & if so I know that
he has somewhere a place
selected for me & that He
will guide me to it by
means of information received
from others. I learn from the
Home Missionary that Oregon
has attractions possessed by
no other territory in the New
West, & an early reply containing
either written or printed
information concerning: 1 the
climate, 2 topography, 3 various
productions, 4 prices of lands in
close proximity to existing or
proposed lines of R.R.; 5 possibil-
ities of a diversity of productions
on the same farm, 6 prices of
farm produce, 7 prices of farm

produce & agricultural implements,
8, cost & accessibility of building
materials & fencing, 9, R.R. con-
nections with eastern states.
10- growth of small towns &
dependence of the tendency of the
character of the future inhabitants
upon the character & faith of the
first settlers, 11- character & motiva-
ality of those who are now
settling up the land in your
immediate vicinity also their
spiritual condition, & last &
most important of all, the
opportunities now presented for
the successful labor in extending
& establishing the knowledge
of Jesus among the various
classes; - will be very thankfully
received & carefully considered, because
of great value to me in selecting
a future home. I am thus bold

in asking for particulars from
you because the statements of
Land Agents & R. R. companies
are never reliable & I think

that your work places you in
a position that would keep
you thoroughly posted in all
the details about which I enquire
Your reply will greatly influence
& may possibly determine the
future location of my family

I should like very much to
receive a copy of any agricultural
papers printed in Oregon as it
would be a reliable source of infor-
mation on many minor details
of which you have no time to write

I am making a heavy draft
upon your time but I feel that
I may place confidence in your
statements in regard to these
things, & would receive thankfully
a reply at your earliest convenience
Respectfully Yours
Horace M. Clark
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