

Portland, Oregon
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Dear Sir:

After unseasonably delay I write to acknowledge the receipt of your interesting cordial letter of the 2d inst. In reply to your inquiry concerning Mrs. Odell's Autobiography of Samuel Thurston, I have to say that there is no such extent. I referred to your letter to George H. Hises for information and am this day in receipt of his research in explanation, which I herewith enclose. Waiting for this is my excuse for so long delay in answering your inquiring.

Mr. Thurston left no Autobiography, Mrs. Odell's sketch was written for Bancroft and is not in book form.

I am not quite sure but I think the fullest statements ever published concerning Mr. Thurston's life and history can be found in the files of the Statesman at the date of his funeral in connection with the oration delivered by Hon. Delazon Smith on that occasion. I enclose herewith a receipt for the subscription to the Statesman, signed by your father. I have several; the first goes back to 1856. At which time I made his personal acquaintance, while we differed in political questions in those early days yet our personal relations have always been pleasant and of late years cordial.

Thanking you for your kindly letter and literature, and begging pardon this delay in replying I remain with kindest regards and best wishes

Yours Truly

W. H. Odell