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My dear Sam, I have never made either a verbal or a written statement to anyone which could be construed that I would assist in this building. The building committee of the Christian Science church in Eugene is planning to put up a \$100,000 building. There are a number of reasons why I do not approve.

First: they do not need it as they have plenty of room for everybody except four Sundays a year. The church has an evening service on Sunday also, so I can see no reason why some of the church members could not refrain from going to the church in the morning and go in the evening instead on those specific days. There are quite a lot of people who live nearby.

Second: I don't think they should build a large church with the idea of attracting a larger congregation. The motive for their coming would not be good.

Third: generally speaking the members are of small means and could not contribute any appreciable amount toward a hundred thousand dollar church. Some years ago when they first began to talk about building a church, I heard from all sides that it was to be built by Mrs Jewett, Mrs Burden, and me. So I got up in meeting and told them that I could not be one of the three, as the Museum was all I could financially handle. Later Mrs Burden passed on and it was during the depression and her means were all gone. In her will written a long time before she left the church \$ 5,000, which is by no means 1/3 of \$100,000, so it is evident that she had no intention of doing it. And as it ended the church received nothing from her estate.

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I was at one of the quarterly meetings of the church a few days ago and I had not been there for sometime, so did not know what had been going on. There was a committee and question came up as to whether they should empower the committee to hire an architect. They already own the ground where it is to be built, and they have \$ 10,000, I understand. When the question came up the woman who is running the church put the motion empowering them to hire an architect. Mrs Jewett second the motion, but it was vetoed by the majority, including me.

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I have never made either a verbal or a written promise to anyone, which could be construed that I would assist in this matter. In writing you this, I am not in time to come, if the church should ever come up, you would have this letter to show number of reasons and what I wish to do just where I stand.

First: they do not need it as they have plenty of room for everybody except, I am sure, your church. The church has an evening service on Sunday also, so I can see no reason why some of the church members could not refrain from going to the church in the morning and go in the evening instead on those specific days. There are quite a lot of people who live nearby.

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