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In the language of certain low-brows, the members of the City Club heard a man who "said a forkful" on behalf of the Board of Higher Education. You doubtless saw the article in the Sunday Oregonian. How fine it would be if without wire-pulling or jealousy questions about the two institutions could be settled definitely on the basis of what is best for Higher Education in Oregon. Perhaps that is something beyond the real scope of hope, human nature being what it is. One would hope that there is a "new deal" in the board -- if that expression has not been used so much that one ought to find or coin a new one for use in discussing state higher education. If anybody should try to tell me that the State Board of Higher Education has always acted with the highest wisdom, I'd undertake to prove that they have not been omniscient.

I've not yet got started on "American Faith", but hope to do so soon. But you must be careful in your efforts to make a reader and thinker out of me. Work an engine too hard and it breaks down. Think what you've done already. I've read "Philosophy for Low Brows" (and how I did enjoy it) and I don't know what all else, and I'm not going to try to remember all of it. And I've got this American Faith ahead of me. I've read Henry George's Progress and Poverty, but it was some time ago. (Maybe it was in the 19th century, but I'll not guarantee when it was.)

But it is getting cold, and I must get to bed. Sunday I preach in my own church here. Tuesday I am in Portland for an important meeting of the executive committee of the Northwest Conference on International relations. Wednesday evening I am supposed to broadcast over KOAC, but that may be all off before that time. the following Sunday I speak in Seattle on Food for Europe. And so it goes.

With the earnest hope that the world may reach a just and durable peace long before it now seems possible, I am

Sincerely your friend,