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Dear Mr. Evenson:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your most recent letters regarding information in Encyclopaedia Britannica on biblical literature and on the city of Cincinnati.

The Macropaedia article on biblical literature is not scheduled to be handled for several years; when this occurs, the error you pointed out concerning the identification of the beast with the name/number "666" will be corrected.

The Micropaedia entry on Cincinnati states that it was called the "Queen of the West" in a poem written by Longfellow in 1854. Other sources, as you mentioned, indicate that the origin of this nickname is unknown, though it is known to have been used prior to 1854. The statement in the Micropaedia entry as it now stands is correct. I will suggest to the editors, however, that it could be misleading and that the entry should be amended to indicate that the origins of nicknames such as "Queen City" and "Queen of the West" are unknown. I cannot, as you suggested in your letter of September 6, recommend that the discussion be revised on the basis of statements in the Book of Revelation.

Sincerely yours,

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