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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Ainsworth, President,
United States National Bank,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Ainsworth:

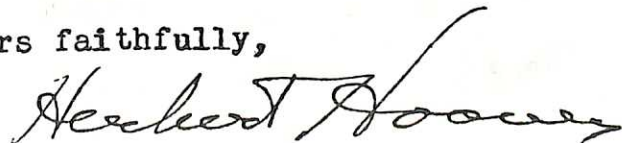
Because of the fact that I secured my early schooling at Pacific College, the Friends College at Newburg, I have been much interested in the needs of that institution, for which I feel a real affection. The college is at present in a good deal of difficulty because under the requirements of the various educational boards including the United States Bureau of Education they must not only have scholastic standing but must have a certain amount of endowment in order that their graduates may be given teachers certificates and recognized entry into other institutions.

The college has now met present requirements; but with the opening of the next school year they face advanced requirements made by the United States Bureau of Education, which they must meet or lose their classification. If they lose their classification, of course the institution is destroyed.

The Friends, who have principally supported the college in the past, have struggled for years to bring the college to its present position. They must have help in addition to their heroic giving in order to meet the advanced requirements. I have myself contributed what I can afford. It seems to me a case where, if some one like yourself would take an interest in organizing a campaign for them in Portland and secure the good will of persons of means they would be able to compass their necessities.

There is nothing that we need in our educational system today more than support to the smaller and more intimate colleges. Our universities are getting too big. They are not making character as strongly as it can be made in these smaller institutions. I, of course, have a peculiar sympathy for Pacific College, which is my justification for addressing you in the hope that you might interest yourself in devising some sort of campaign for them.

Yours faithfully,



HH-E.