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The Waldorf Astoria New York, New York May 19, 1941

My dear Dr. Pennington:

I would indeed be glad if you would convey my greetings to the Faculty and Students of Pacific College at this Commencement. It is so long ago that I became a student at the then Pacific Academy that I hesitate to mention it. But the recollection of it and the ideas implanted by it are vivid and lasting. That is where I gained a love for mathematics and science. It is where I had my first glimpse of the great world of literature and languages. If I still believe in the moral and spiritual foundations of civilization, that is where it was implanted in my mind.

And Pacific College has done this service to thousands of other boys and girls over these years. It has done it through the self-denial of the students, of the Faculty, and of the people of Newberg. Is that not a service worthwhile for America?

Yours faithfully,

President Levi T. Pennington

Pacific College Newberg, Oregon