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At the Centennial Committee’s request, I departed from the normal historian’s procedure and included no source citations. However, I depended on standard historical materials such as board and faculty minutes, Newberg Graphic, The Crescent and L’Ami, statistical records maintained by the various campus offices or stored in the archives, and some personal correspondence.

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Daisy Newhouse Read’s lively booklet My College: Memories of Long Ago added a personal touch. Milo Ross left a scintillating, as yet unpublished account of his GFC years entitled “A Mid-Century History of George Fox College.”

The GFC archives contain many boxes of Levi Pennington’s personal papers and some from other college luminaries. Among them are some of Emmett Gulley’s papers, thanks to a recent donation by his son, Ross.

A 100-year institutional history requires checking a myriad of details. I know some errors have intruded; I just don’t as yet know where they are. I will undoubtedly be told! However, please don’t. Instead, tell whoever revises this for the bicentennial.

There also may be errors in judgment. Some readers will believe I gave too much space to unimportant characters and too little to important ones—notably themselves and the people they knew back in college days.

Nevertheless, I have emphasized what seems important to me, given the limitations of available data and time to search. I apologize to those who may disagree, but assert that were I to write it again, it probably would come out about the same.

—Ralph K. Beebe
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to my grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
and to many other grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
whose lives may someday be enriched by the vision
and sacrifice of those who loved the
“good old Quaker college.”