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PACIFIC COLLEGE

LEVI T. PENNINGTON, PRESIDENT
NEWBERG, OREGON

Clinton Corners, N. Y., December 30, 1930

To Our Friends:--

We consider ourselves particularly rich in our friendships and in the love which comes to us from those who are in some degree at least kindred spirits.

For the first time in many years the Christmas season has passed without our having a chance even to send a Christmas card to any of our friends. It has not been because we care less than in other years; we have simply been so busy in our work away from home that there has been no chance to send out these Christmas greetings.

You perhaps know of the work in which we are engaged this year. The Board of Managers of Pacific College have granted the president leave of absence for religious work in other parts of America outside of Oregon Yearly Meeting, and across the Atlantic in England and Ireland. On this mission we left Newberg July 9, and since that time we have been traveling and working, with more openings for work than we have been able to enter. We have been in seventeen states, besides Canada and the District of Columbia.

The first part of the trip during the summer, was spent in part in sight-seeing and visiting. For the first time we saw Yellowstone Park, though we had passed it many times. And we both, accompanied by our daughter, Bertha May, visited the homes of our childhood, and attended meetings which had been made dear to us by associations of other days. Opportunities were frequent for addresses on peace and other topics, not only in churches but in service clubs, schools, etc.

As summer passed, more active work began. September saw us in Christian work in meetings which we had served in other days, in Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings of Friends. October found us in New York Yearly Meeting. November and December, up to the 23rd, we spent in Philadelphia and Baltimore Yearly Meetings. An idea of our activities may be gained from the fact that in little over seven weeks we were in 64 Friends gatherings, in 39 of which one of us was the principal speaker, with scores of visits to homes, schools, etc.

We plan to spend the next few weeks in work in New York Yearly Meeting; then a trip to Indianapolis for the meetings of The Association of American Colleges, The Council of Church Boards of Education and the Liberal Arts College Movement; then some work in New England; and some time in the spring we hope to be off for England and Ireland.

We have appreciated during all this time the support and help of old friends and new. And to all of you we wish happiness and usefulness during the New Year and all the years to come.

Sincerely your friends,

Levi T. Pennington
Rebecca Pennington

*Wish I had time to write a
mile. Been certainly did appreciate
the last letter from the day of
the house. She'll
answer it some
day, I hope.
C.T.P.*