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Pacific College
Newberg, Oregon
February 13, 1932

To the members of the Pacific College Faculty.

Dear Friends:

You will all be interested in the statement which was sent to the college board last night by those of us who are to be on the force next year. The statement was as follows:

To the Board of Managers of Pacific College.

Dear Friends:

As members of the faculty of Pacific College, we are keenly conscious of the serious financial situation in which the college finds itself, and we sympathize deeply with you in the financial problem which faces you in these extremely difficult times. We are aware that if the college is to continue its usefulness, it will be necessary for those most closely connected with it to contribute to its support to an extent involving genuine sacrifice.

We are convinced that Pacific College has a mission to fulfil, and we desire to offer you every possible cooperation in seeking to fulfil this mission.

To this end we are united in offering as a gift to the college one-tenth of our next year's salaries.

In doing this we are venturing to hope that the members of the college board and other friends of the college, who, as it seems to us, should be as much interested in the maintenance of the college as we are, may feel the challenge to similar sacrificial giving.

On behalf of the faculty for 1932-33,

Levi T. Pennington, President.

Mary C. Sutton, Secretary.

I feel that the offer from the faculty was deeply appreciated, and I made note of some of the things that were said by the seven members of the board who constituted the meeting, aside from myself and the treasurer and field secretary of the college, with Mrs. Pennington who accompanies Mrs. Woodward to these meetings.

Mrs. Miles was impressed by the generosity of this gift of the faculty, and felt sure that it ought to stimulate all other friends of the college to rally to its support.

Hervey M. Hoskins stated that he was sure that it was appreciated more than the Board knew how to say nor to express.

A. R. Mills said that he was sure he knew of no way in which to express the satisfaction that the Board felt.

Mrs. Woodward expressed a reluctance to accept the gift after all the other sacrifices which the faculty has made, but spoke earnestly of her appreciation and of the re-action that it ought to have on all the friends of the college.

Curtis W. Parker proposed that the record of the gift be included in the minutes of the Board meeting with an expression of appreciation from the board. He spoke of the way in which the community would benefit if the entire amount due the faculty could be paid.

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Dr. Pemberton said among other things "It is now what kind of a faculty we have." He said he was almost ashamed to have the gift accepted and yet he did wish to record his appreciation.

Clifford Mrell spoke of the desire to have the generous gift properly recorded and properly acknowledged, and every Hoskins added the suggestion that the president of the college asked to convey to the faculty the deep appreciation which the Board feels for this generous gift.

Mrs. Woodward closed the discussion by the expression of an earnest wish that every member of the college board could make the same sort of gift, one-tenth of the year's income.

The college board expressed deep regret for the faculty changes for the coming year. Sincere expressions of appreciation were made of the long and faithful service of Mrs. Hodgkin, and also of those who have served a much shorter time.

I do not know how a man in my position could properly express appreciation for the work which you have all done, when the going was easiest and when it was hardest. I know that it is a rare privilege to work with such a group and it is my earnest hope that the future may amply justify and richly reward every sacrifice that has been made, that is being made, and that is yet to be made, for the carrying on of the work of Pacific College.

Sincerely your friend,

Geo. T. Cunningham