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Dear Fellow Student:

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If you are at all worthy of the benefits you have received and the privileges that have been yours in the past, you are desirous of making the most of yourself and of giving to your country and to the world the greatest possible service. Pacific College at Newberg Oregon, is interested in helping you to accomplish these ends.

It is earnestly to be hoped that you are definitely planning already to go on with your education, and at once. A high school course increases many fold ones chance to be of notable service to the world. A college course multiplies many times the chance which a high school education gives. You should let nothing but the most clear and convincing call of duty turn you aside from your preparation to be of the largest ultimate service to humanity. Do not sacrifice a large ultimate usefulness for a much smaller immediate opportunity. By the time you can fit yourself for leadership, your country and the world will have unprecedented need for your services as a leader.

In your consideration of the choice of a school in which to go on with your preparation for your life work, permit me to offer the following suggestions as to the advantages of Pacific College.

First, location of Pacific College is on an ample campus at the edge of Newberg, one of the cleanest, healthiest and most highly moral towns of the state, with all the usual intellectual, musical, social and cultural advantages of the college town.

Second, control. Pacific College is under the control of the Society of Friends (Quakers). For those who know the history of Quaker education and who understand Quaker ideals this speaks for itself. All students who are morally and intellectually fit to be in such an institution are received on equal terms, with no attempts to proselyte. But the college feels throughout the pull of the love and unselfish devotion of the Quaker ideals.

Third, Education standards. Pacific College insists on honest work. Records of the work of students are carefully kept, so that the progress made is always known to the teacher and frequently reported. There is about one teacher to each ten students. Every student gets individual attention in every class at practically every recitation. Every teacher knows every pupil, and is personally interested in every pupil's success, and ready to make every possible effort to contribute to it. This personal touch between teacher and pupil is most helpful, and the student who really wants to advance has every opportunity to do so.

Fourth, Student activities. Much of the education of every student is that which is received from association with fellow students. In Pacific College the student body is not so large but that every student can find abundant opportunity for development by work in some of the student organizations, which include Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., literary societies for men and women, and associations in the interests of oratory, debating

prohibition, peace, various forms of athletics, and other kinds of student activities. In these the college has been very successful. Practically the whole student body has joined in the work of the Christian Associations. Only one debate was held this year, the other being called off by one opponent. We won the one that was held. At the time of writing this letter we have held but one intercollegiant tennis contest, in which Pacific College, playing two singles matches and a doubles match, won every set. Pacific College won the Willamette Valley League basketball championship this year in impressive fashion, losing but one league game, and beating the state champion O.A.C. team in one of the two games played. Pacific College has won every base ball game played this year.

But there is no use trying to tell you in a letter all we should like for you to know about Pacific College. If you are at all interested we should be glad to send you our catalogue and other information. And if you desire to go on with your education, we shall be glad to help you in any way in our power. May we not send you our catalogue?

Yours for the best life you can live,
President Pacific College