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Miss Helen Keller,
15 West 16th St.,
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss Keller:--

Your very appealing letter of the 1st is before me, and you may be sure that I am deeply sympathetic with the work you are doing for the deaf-blind.

Unfortunately I am not in position to aid in this work. My income is very meager, since I spent thirty years as president of a very small and poor Quaker college, during much of which time I was receiving a smaller monthly check than my secretary received -- two successive years there was no check at all for December -- Merry Christmas! For nearly five years now I have been retired, on a salary which is not too great, you can readily guess. And for a long time now all my surplus, both of money and energy, has been going into relief for the suffering peoples across the seas.

I am deeply interested in this work for the deaf-blind, and appreciate greatly your efforts to alleviate their condition. Perhaps some day I might make a small contribution, but it would have to be so small that it would be practically insignificant.

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.