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May 27, 1946.

Dear Friend:--

We have just learned the sad news of your wife's death, and we wish to assure you of our deep and sincere sympathy. May God grant to you the grace and courage and strength that you need for these sad days and all the days ahead.

We were sorry indeed that we had so little time to see the folks who have meant so much to us since the days of my first pastorate in that community. Had only time to get off the old National Road as far as Walter Young's. We were hurrying to Indianapolis for a very short visit with my oldest sister and her numerous sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters, besides my only living aunt, some cousins and other relatives and friends. Got to be there only a day when called back to Michigan by the death of a sister-in-law -- they wanted me there for the funeral -- and then was soon called back to Indianapolis for the funeral of this oldest sister, and left immediately after that for the Five Years Meeting, and did not get back to any of the places in Indiana that we wanted to visit. My long illness had delayed our start east until it was so late that we did not have time enough anywhere.

Westland will always hold a very warm place in our hearts, even though there are few there now whom we knew when I undertook my first preaching work, and where Rebecca and I lived when we were first married. More than forty years have passed since we left there, but we shall always love Westland.

We keep busy even though I retired from the presidency of the college five years ago next month, after thirty years on that one job. My latest big task has been heading the campaign in Newberg for the raising of money and the collecting of clothing for the suffering peoples of Europe. We set out to raise \$4,000.00 from this town and its immediate environs, and the total will exceed that by a good deal, though not all of it is going through the hands of our committee, which disturbs us not at all. What we want is to get as much relief as possible to these needy folks.

Again assuring you of our deep sympathy to you and the others to whom your wife was most dear, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Mr. Orlando Cook,
Route 3,
Greenfield, Indiana.