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August 26, 1946.

Mr. Alexander Hull,
7819 Dayton Avenue,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Friend:--

As you may know, a bit less than a year ago Rebecca and I started on a trip that took us to New York, Florida, California and way points. We met on this journey twenty-five former teachers of Pacific College, many of whom you would remember, numerous graduates and former students of the college, and others who have been residents of Newberg, though never definitely connected with the college. These and many of the folks much nearer home asked about you and your wife and your son -- especially the son, who has had more publicity in the east than either of his parents. Well, so many questions have been and are still being asked about Alexander Jr., that I am asking for some of the information that folks seem to think I ought to have. For your convenience I am putting it in the form of a questionnaire, though you may be sure I shall be glad for any other information you wish to give me. And just for good measure, I am including some questions about Deka Jane.

Things go on at Pacific College much as they have done for the past five years since my retirement. The "unco' guild" in the yearly meeting have been gunning for President Gulley, more effectively than they did for me, for Gulley has given them some advantages that I never gave them -- some folks on the faculty, for instance, who have been "boring from within." He resigned three times in a few weeks, but now has a five year contract which still has four years to run. But some of them are feeling confident that they will have him out of there at the end of that five years.

Financially things are going better in the matter of money that is being raised, though a lot more is being spent than was formerly the case, and I do not know how the thing is going to balance. Salaries have been raised, on paper, at any rate; the new gymnasium is going up, which the architect turned in as a \$65,000.00 structure but which President Gulley expected to build for \$15,000.00; the old college building is being remodeled and repaired after the fire; they have been working for weeks getting five new rooms built on the third floor of the Elliott house across from Mrs. Woodward's, the house they bought for \$6,000.00; and they are trying to buy Mrs. VanBlaricom's house, or ours, or the McNay place, or almost any other house near by, to house some more students.

Last year we got a legacy, a 1/5 interest in a business building in Portland, which is paying us about five percent on \$50,000.00, with nothing to do but cash the check, as the building is managed by a foundation established by the man who left the building, which could be sold for a quarter of a million, to Pacific College and four other institutions. This year we got a man to make the college residuary legatee to his estate, amounting to about a quarter of a million

dollars, of which he is bequeathing about \$25,00.00 to other people and institutions. And only a week or two ago another man gave the college a \$10,000.00 annuity, bonds from which he is to have the coupons while he lives (he is 83, and the man who has made the big will is 87) and after that the gift belongs to the college without any strings to it.

Well, here's hoping that all goes well with the Hulls. We got to talk with Dorothy over the 'phone as we went through Lansing, but did not have time to see her, as we did not want to get into Detroit after dark. We see the Otises occasionally. And of course we read the poetry column of the Oregonian with more or less regularity, sometimes with delight and sometimes with disg -- I mean with far less pleasure. Our daughter Mary had a poem in that column once (and a sentimental old chap is still carrying around in his pocket the dollar that she got for the poem. She writes some things that in my judgment are not half bad, and her daughter writes some clever verse, too.)

With the hope that you can give me the information I need about your son, or let him fill out the questionnaire himself, I am, with kindest regards from both of us to all of you,

Sincerely your friend,

SOME QUESTIONS,
Not intended to be impertinent, concerning
Alexander Hull, Jr.

Date of Birth.
Date at which he took that examination in Harmony on
which he got one note wrong.
Age at which he completed a year of college grade work
in Spanish.
Age at which the family left Newberg for Corvallis
Age at which he entered University of Washington.
Age at graduation from University of Washington.
Course taken at University of Washington.
Plans for graduate work.

And about
DEKA JANE

Age at which she was ready for University of Michigan.
Time spent between that time and time she actually
entered the University.
Time spent in college getting bachelor's degree.
Age at which doctor's degree was secured.