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March 21, 1947.

Pres. Emmett W. Gulley,
Pacific College,
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

Your letter of yesterday was naturally very interesting to me, though it only made greater the grief over the heavy loss that Pacific College has suffered. I believe with you that it is permanently lost, all of it. The only way in which I could imagine the college getting any part of it would be for the board so to change as to repudiate the actions of the last two years and more, and reinstate you or somebody who could have our complete confidence and support.

I notice that George Moore is advertising his house for sale at a figure decidedly lower than the price he named before, and that he is concerned for an immediate sale. Wonder if he is thinking of leaving this particular field. Two years or more earlier than this would have saved some of our difficulties, but a pretty thorough house-cleaning would be necessary before we could even begin to undo the damage that has been done by the alienation of friends of the college without whose help the institution would have been dead and buried long ago.

I went to Woodburn with the Rotarians today, and had another talk with George Gwin. He has his boat down at Oregon City, has rented a locker there where he stores most of his tackle, and really intends to do some fishing there this spring. He was down with his son and daughter in law, I believe -- or was it his daughter and son-in-law? -- and the woman in the party caught a 15 pound fish which George said was the best tasting fish he ever helped to eat. That's saying a lot, but he said it twice. He suggested that I might have a call some day with an invitation to go down there and try it. I told him he'd better not ask me unless he really meant it. I have not caught a decent fish in three or four years.

With the hope that you get some good fishing this year, and that I get to do some of it with you, I am

Sincerely your friend,