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December 11, 1947.

Dr. Gervas A. Carey, Pres.,
Pacific College,
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

On behalf of the National Service Section of the Yearly Meeting Service Board, I am asking for information in regard to C.P.S. men in Pacific College.

I have been informed that the college gives half tuition to all these men, and that it was the plan that Friends of the yearly meeting would meet the other half of this tuition, whether through the local meetings or otherwise was not made clear to me. Would you inform me as to your understanding of the arrangement, and whether this other half of the tuition of these men has been paid by others than themselves? We want to do the right thing by these who have maintained our Quaker testimony, and I should like to know the situation for each of these Civilian Public Service conscientious objectors in Pacific College.

There is another matter on which I should like information. You will remember that I asked some time ago about the indebtedness of the college, reported in one of the yearly meeting publications to be \$27,000.00. You recall that I supposed that the indebtedness to the faculty was more than that. I have since been informed, I do not know how accurately, that there have been a good many thousands of dollars paid on back indebtedness to faculty members. If this is true, I wonder on what basis the distribution is being made. I was told, though this is hard to believe, that payment has been made, not on the basis of proportionate payment, but that those to whom the college owes least are being paid off first, leaving to the last those who have by this deferred payment made the greatest contribution to the college, and in at least one case where the need is very great and pressing. May I have information on this matter?

With the hope that when tomorrow comes I may be able to say the things I ought to say and leave unsaid the things that I ought not to say, neither of which will be easy, and with best wishes for the success of your administration, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington?