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LEVI T. PENNINGTON  
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1875. Born in a log cabin at Amo, Indiana, August 29. Parents, Josiah and Mary (Cook) Pennington. Sixth of ten children, five brothers and five sisters in the family.
1883. Family moved to Long Lake, Michigan, less than ten miles <sup>from</sup> where roads ended in primeval forests.
- 1884 to 1892, education in public schools; graduated from Manton High School in 1892, and with part of a year more graduated from Traverse City High school, <sup>1894,</sup> valedictorian.
- 1892 to 1899, public school teaching, from log school house to head of school in county seat town.
- 1899 to 1904, newspaper man, from cub reporter to city editor. In 1898 married Bertha May Waters. Children, Mary Esther, now Mrs. Cecil E. Pearson, and Bertha May, now Mrs. Leon H. Pulsifer. Bertha May, wife, died in 1903.
- 1904 to 1911, pastor of Friends churches in Indiana. Attended Earlham College 1907 to 1910, graduated with highest honors of class. In 1905 married Florence Rebecca Kidd.
- 1911 to 1941, president of Pacific College. Leave of absence 1919 to 1921 to serve as executive director of Forward Movement of Friends in America. Leave of absence 1930 to 1931, religious visits to Friends churches, colleges and other schools and to various organizations and causes for human betterment in eastern United States and England and Ireland.
- 1941 to 1967, president emeritus. Various services for local Friends Church, Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, Herbert Hoover Foundation of Oregon, Pacific (now George Fox) College, National Council for Prevention of War, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Heifers Project (for overseas relief), American Friends Service Committee (now member of Peace Education Committee, Portland Area Program Council, Personnel Committee, Executive Committee, Administrative Council and Fiftieth Anniversary Committee), and various other organizations and causes. Rebecca died in 1960. All Kinds of Weather was published in 1948; Variable Winds in 1961.

During my school days and my public school teaching, on week ends and during vacations I have worked on farms, in the lumber woods, on the docks, in the trenches for water pipes, sewers and foundations; sold goods from groceries to life insurance, and done various other things. I was for years on the Lyceum and Chautauque lecture platform between times, and have given more than 200 lectures, addresses to educational and other gatherings, commencement and baccalaureate addresses, etc., in a single year.