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July 9, 1965.

Charles A. Ball, Pastor,  
Friends Church,  
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

The death of Gervas A. Carey has brought some changes in the ordinary plans for Sunday, and then some changes in the changed plans. At first it was the idea to have some brief exercise in commemoration of his life and service; and later, after Charles Beals had talked with the daughter Elisabeth it was decided to have a memorial service in his honor Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Because of your absence we had to do some things a bit arbitrarily. We were sure that you, as pastor of the meeting, should preside at the service, and because of my long acquaintance with Gervas (I knew him first when he was four years old) and his wife (she was a pupil of mine in the country school that I taught when she was probably less than twelve years old), it was suggested that I have some part in the service, which I shall be glad to do, taking whatever part of the service you would prefer to have me take. And it was agreed that there ought to be opportunity for others in the congregation to speak, such folks as Carl Miller and Fred Carter, former pastors of the meeting here, and people from away who might desire to say a word.

I have telephoned to the secretary of Gerald W. Dillon, pastor of the First Friends Church in Portland, who agreed to get word to the other meetings in that quarterly meeting for announcement at the morning service in each meeting; and to Merle Greene, pastor of the Highland Avenue Church who has promised to get the word to the meetings in that quarterly meeting.

Sheldon Louthan will sing two solos, "Oh, Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" and "Servant of God, Well Done."

I was told that you were to prepare the obituary, and if there is any way in which I can help you with that, I shall be glad indeed to do it.

You are to be back tomorrow I am told, perhaps this evening. If it had not been that Charles Beals is leaving tomorrow morning I should not be taking so much initiative in this program; but the things that I have done have been done at his request. I was glad to take some responsibility from him, and I shall be glad to assist you if there is any way in which you can use my help.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.