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July 11, 1965.

Dear Friend:--

I was told, I think by Charles Beals, that you hoped, or that somebody hoped, that I would write to you about the memorial service for your father. I supposed that I was to tell you something about the speeches that were made at the memorial service, but later I was informed that a tape recording of the entire program would be made and sent to you, so there will be no need of that; you will get a fuller and more accurate record of that than I would have sent you.

<sup>that</sup> Though it was known that the original idea of a memorial feature <sup>^</sup>would be an element of the morning service had been changed to a full service in the afternoon, there were those who had an urge to speak in the morning service. A special musical number had been planned before the afternoon meeting was arranged, and this was presented by a mixed quartet consisting of Harold and Gerttude Ankeny and and John and Janet Lyda; and in the period following this hymn in memory of your father, there were a number of speakers who expressed feelingly the sense of gratitude for the spiritual help and help in other lines that they had received from Gervas Carey. The speakers included Gertrude Ankeny, Marjorie (Mrs. Clinton) Crisman, Della Hanville (Mrs. Loyde) Osburn, Earl Craven, Calvin Gregory, Alta Landreth, and Florence (Mrs. Verl) Davis. All these brief speeches were very earnest. The one by Della Osburn was decidedly effective; Earl Craven's talk was interrupted repeatedly by pauses that seemed to be made to give him time for full control of his emotions.

The attendance at this morning service was exceptionally large for a meeting in the summer when the college students were so nearly gone and a good share of the faculty are no longer here.

The afternoon meeting was not so large as that of the morning, but large for one who had been away from Newberg as long as your father had been, with so many of his generation gone, and with so large a proportion of the morning meeting consisting of younger people who had not personally known your father. It was an audience composed practically entirely of those who had known and who had a high regard for the man in whose honor we were meeting. There was hearty expression after the meeting of the fact that we had held this special service.

I am enclosing a copy of the card that was distributed to those who attended. On the platform sat Dr. Charles S. Ball, pastor of the meeting; Dr. Milo C. Ross, president of the college; Frederick Carter and Carl Miller, former pastors (Charles Beals, as I suspect you know, was absent from Newberg); Sheldon Louthan, soloist; and myself.

You will get the tape recording of the speeches by those on the platform. I do not know whether any record was made of the contributions from the audience when opportunity was given for others to speak, nor how many of them would be known to you. The list included Dr. Arthur Roberts, head of the department of Philosophy and Bible at the college; Dr. Earl P. Barker and his wife Adelaide (he is on the faculty of Cascade College; Alta Landreth, a



member of this monthly meeting; Gordon St. George, pastor of the Tigard meeting; Harlow Ankeny, head of the Barclay Press; Fred Frost, one of the most loyal friends of your father, though your father had few enemies -- none that I ever knew; Herman Macy, long time pastor of West Chehalem Meeting; Jack Cadd, a graduate of the college under the Carey administration; and Charlotte Macy, pastor of the Silverton meeting; and all of these spoke in appreciation of the help they had received from your father, help of many kinds.

I hope the tape recording may reach you in good time, and that it may be gratifying to you. I do not have to tell you that I loved your father and your mother, and that they have left me many happy memories.

With sympathy for you in your loss of a father, but with real congratulations that you have had such parents for as long as they were with you,

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.

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Love, Levi

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