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August 23, 1965.

Gerald W. Dillon, Pastor,  
and  
Eldon Helm, Clerk,  
First Friends Church,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Friends:--

A letter that I have received from the Kaimosi Teacher Training College of the Friends work in Kenya makes an appeal on behalf of one of their native teachers who needs additional education, in which I am asked to assist in any way I can. George Fox College has offered him a scholarship, which cares for his tuition; the native church in Kenya has worked to their limit to provide for his transportation; but he cannot come unless provision is made for his board and room.

If he were an upper class man with his home in Oregon and with connections here that would enable him to secure all the work he would need to do to earn board and room, and if he were a sufficiently able student physically and mentally, and if his color did not militate against him in seeking employment, and if George Fox College were in a big city where there were many and varied opportunities for profitable employment, this man might travel nearly half around the world and in a strange country try to carry on a full-time college course and earn his living at the same time; but there is no such possibility for this African teacher-student.

I am told that he is a fine teacher, and there is a keen desire there that he should be a student of Pacific College the coming year. I have wondered if the First Friends Church could not provide board and room in a college dormitory for him this coming year. It would need to be done soon or there will not be time for preparation for his trip to Oregon. I understand that the income from the fund provided by the late Dr. Ong could not be used for this purpose, but I have a hope that your meeting can make an investment in this young man, who is already in a place of leadership but who needs further preparation for still more and more effective leadership.

I am confident that you will give this case careful consideration, and seek to know what God would have done in the matter. Of course I do not know this man personally, but from what I am told about him and from the fact that the college has offered to provide a scholarship for him it seems to me it would be a good place to invest some of the Lord's money.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.