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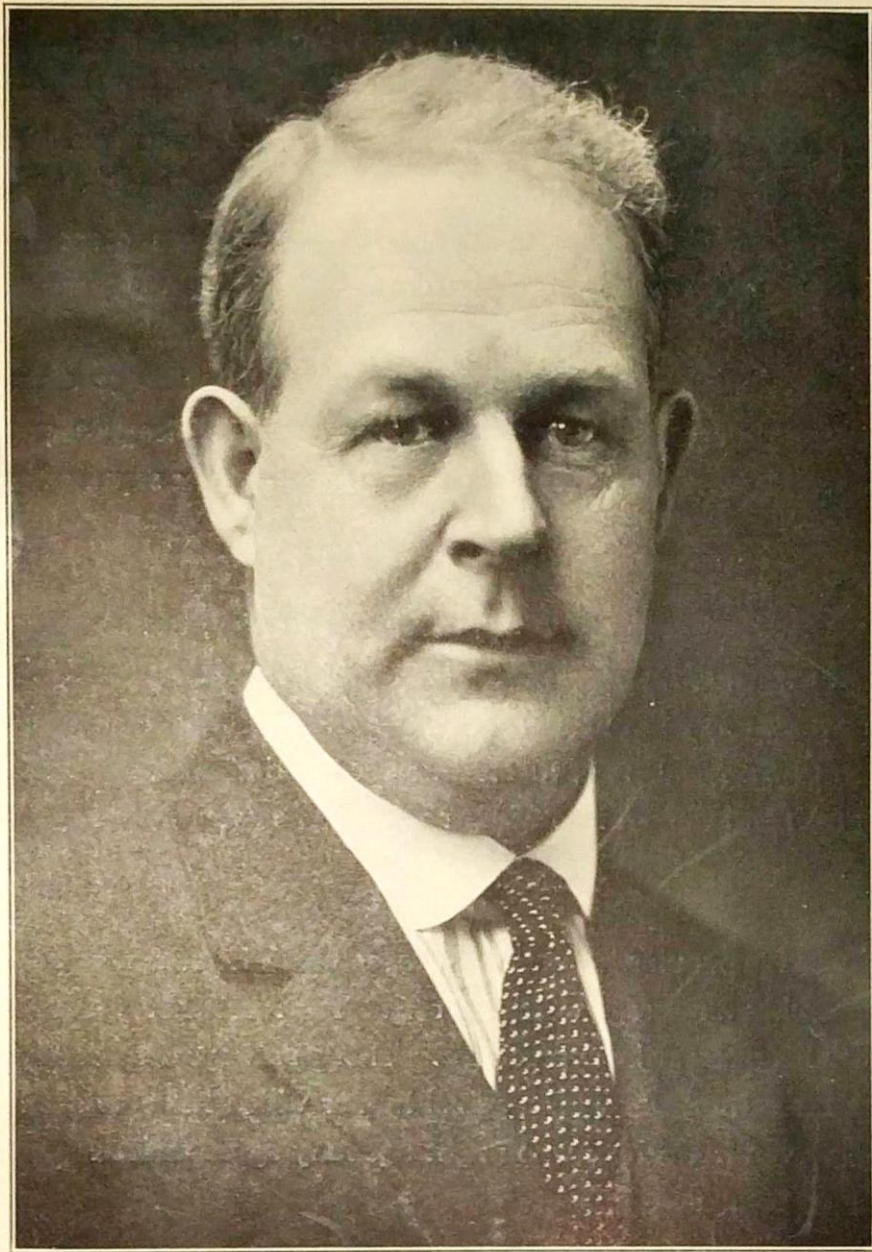
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EDUCATOR ❧ JOURNALIST ❧ PREACHER ❧ LECTURER

LEVI T. PENNINGTON, born of Quaker parentage, educated in the public schools, with degrees from three colleges, has lived a life which has brought him into touch with many kinds of folks—and he loves them all. He has been a farmer boy, a lumberjack, a traveling salesman, a teacher, a preacher, an editor and an author. President of Pacific College at Newberg, Oregon, the only Quaker college in the northwest quarter of the United States, he finds work to do from coast to coast, in addition to his work on the Lyceum platform.

During the three years in which he completed his college course, he won state and interstate oratorical contests in three oratorical leagues, perhaps more college oratorical honors than ever came to one man—but he says he has recovered from it.

Always interested in Peace, always loving humanity, Dr. Pennington sought to maintain the spirit of love and good-will in the midst of the World War. Though it was the farthest away from the scene of war and from the centers of Quakerism, in proportion to the numbers of its student body and alumni, Pacific College sent more young men and women into Quaker war relief service than any other college in the world.

Whether in his popular lectures or in those which he calls unpopular lectures, Dr. Pennington has a message worth hearing. The more thoughtful his audience, the better will his message be appreciated. Though always desperately in earnest, he combines his earnestness with a genial humor which helps to get his message a fair hearing, even from those who might not fully agree with it.

LECTURES

Popular

Lightning
Whose Son?

Semi-Popular

Shepherd Dogs and Pessimists
The Meaning of Democracy

Unpopular

War on War
The Path to Permanent Peace

LIGHTNING

When lightning struck in the old Greek days men, thought that Zeus had hurled a thunderbolt, and wondered at his power and the accuracy of his aim. When lightning struck in the Puritan days, men believed that God, by the fiat of His will, had executed His wrath, and they trembled and feared. When lightning strikes today, we have a scientific explanation for it and feel that under the existing circumstances *that* flash of lightning was inevitable right there and right then. We are in a world of law, not a world of caprice. The successes and failures of men and nations are not accidents but the result of definite forces which work out for weal or woe, and under the circumstance could not possibly work out in any other way.

WHOSE SON?

"Whose son art thou, thou young man?" asked Saul, the king, of the boy David just returned from his victorious fight with Goliath. David replied, "Thy servant is the son of Jesse, the Bethlehemite." And earlier he had said, "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear." "The son of Jesse"—heredity. Every man is the son of his own father. "The Bethlehemite"—environment. Every man is the son of his own surroundings. "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear"—the life already lived. Every man is the son of his own past.—And there is something better to be told than all this.

SHEPHERD DOGS AND PESSIMISTS

The dog is a domesticated wolf. The shepherd dog has become so developed that he not only will not destroy sheep, the natural prey of the wolf, but will defend them with his very life. If that sort of change can be wrought in a wolf, what cannot the individual man do, and what may we not expect from the race? Slavery is destroyed; the liquor traffic has received its death wound; war can be outlawed and eventually annihilated.

THE MEANING OF DEMOCRACY

A study of certain things which must exist if a nation is to be safe in which the power is with the people. Genuine liberty, thorough intelligence and real basic morality are necessary if we are to have a democracy safe for the world.

WAR ON WAR

A straight-out attack on war as an institution. An attack on logical, utilitarian, biological, economic, humanitarian, moral and spiritual grounds, with suggestions as to work in the interests of peace.

THE PATH TO PERMANENT PEACE

An attempt to find the way by which a world war-mad, hate-crazed, blood-drunk, may find its way to permanent peace and universal brotherhood.

"A splendid, inspiring message, very much worth while, vital, timely and well-delivered."

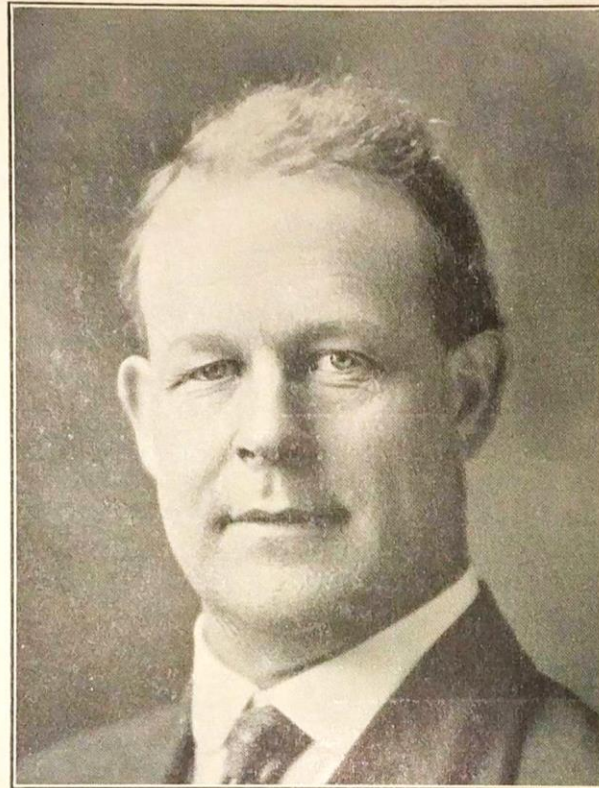
—EDWARD J. FULLER, *Religious Work Director, Seattle Y. M. C. A.*

"I earnestly wish that every citizen of the United States and of the world might hear this lecture."

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"Forceful, convincing, dignified, admirable."

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"Dr. Levi T. Pennington is one of the best speakers to appear before convocation audiences at this institution. He has delivered three addresses at the college 'Lightning,' 'Shepherd Dogs and Pessimists,' and 'Whose Son?' all of which were timely, interesting and profitable. Students and faculty alike always look forward with pleasure to Dr. Pennington's visits."

—W. J. KERR, *President Oregon Agricultural College*