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Dear Harry:

How many long years is it since I have started a letter to Dean Hall? I have heard so much about you in the past week, I just had to send you my congratulations and best wishes on receiving your doctorate and on being principal of the wonderful new building they tell me is now completed. I feel that it is a great tribute to you and Ken Norris - I was so sorry to read about his illness.

We saw quite a number of Y people at Banff last week end at a Lay men's Conference and they all mentioned your well-earned and well-deserved appointment.

I have been wanting to tell you something that happened here quite some time ago. I was at a dinner with many of the students of St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, and their professors. One of them happened to say he was from Montreal, so naturally Sir George and Dean Hall's name came into the conversation. Nelson Mercer, the minister I worked for, quickly said "there will be a moment of hushed silence when Dean Hall's name is mentioned." My admiration for you had really been revealed -

We very nearly returned to Montreal this summer as Walter had been asked to go to Westmount Y - or is that old news to you? It was a very hard decision to make but I do hope it has been the right one.

My two children are so grown up, it is hard to believe that we have lived in the West for nearly 13 years. Earl is now in grade 8 and Daphne is in grade 4 - she is like her father, smart and capable. Earl does well but she tries to be perfect - very hard on herself and on her mother!!!

Have you and Mrs. Hall thought about a trip out West? You could visit all your old students and friends because not one of them has forgotten you. Bert King still speaks of you with awe and is just as delightful as ever if not a little more so - we see him frequently as his father is now retired and works for this congregation on a part-time basis so that Bert comes down from Edmonton as often as he can.

Please give my love and very best wishes to Ann. I would like to have a visit with her so very much - how good she always was to me.

Love,
Pauline

October 9, 1956.

Mrs. Walter D. Harris,
c/o Y.M.C.A.,
Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dear Pauline:

This brief acknowledgment will have to do for the present in reply to your very welcome letter of October 3. I am glad to hear of your family and to know that you are well. I wish that I were as good as my friends in the West imply according to your statements. I guess that distance lends enchantment.

I shall try to write you before too long. Please give my regards to Walter.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

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