

American Optical Company

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Southbridge, Mass. August 20, 1943

Mr. Richard F. Brennan,
21 Oakes Ave.,
Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Richard:

May I add my congratulations to those of your other friends on the long years of faithful service that you have spent with the AOCO. I was very much interested in reading the account of your fifty-six years of service, and seeing your fine picture in the issue of August 13th, which by the way was my birthday.

I see from reading your record that you started to work fifty-six years ago, so you started a little before I did, although you and I were born the same year, 1870, I take it. Well Richard, I long recall and well remember the many times I went out to you for help when I was first starting in at the company as an inspector of gold merchandise. Pitt Herbert was my teacher, and when anything didn't come just right I had to go back and see you, and ask for an explanation. You always were glad to explain things to me. I never have forgotten how helpful you were and so was Pitt. Those were the days when my cousin, Edwin Wells, was foreman of the Gold Department. Do you remember what terrific productions we used to have in those days in gold spectacles? Sometimes over 150 doz. a day as I remember it. That was some production.

I am down on Cape Cod with my family having a few weeks by the ocean and enjoying it very much. I have had visits from most of my children. Some of them can't get here. I have three sons in the Service as you may know. My brother and his wife, Cheney I mean, were here for a few days, but Albert I can't get down here because he finds it difficult to take long trips in an automobile. I shall be back home on Fiske Hill before long, and then will be going up frequently to Walker Pond to see my brothers.

What changes we have seen, Richard, down at the AO., and it seems as if there is no stopping the company. Isn't it wonderful, and so appreciated by us older ones, but I do feel that the success is well deserved and that the credit goes to the wonderful cooperation between the management and the employes all these many years, and I feel that the older employes have been the backbone of this cooperation for many years, and I hope it will continue.



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With best wishes to you, Richard, and looking forward to seeing you on my return home,

Very truly yours,

Channing M. Wells

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Southbridge
Massachusetts

November 7, 1944

Dear Mrs. Brennan:

It was with the deepest regret that we at the American Optical Company learned of the death of your husband, Richard.

For fifty-six years we were fortunate in having Mr. Brennan's services. As foreman in the Gold Department, he took an intense pride in good work; he was an energetic and conscientious workman, and an expert in working with solid gold. His cheerful disposition was contagious.

My uncle, Mr. C. M. Wells, remembers your husband very well; he recalls their early associations with great pleasure, and a sense of gratitude for the knowledge he gained thereby. He has asked me to extend his sincere personal sympathy to you.

May I, for myself, and for my associates here, as well as for Mr. Brennan's many friends throughout the Company, extend sincere condolences to you and to his daughter.

Very truly yours

President

Mrs. Richard Brennan
Southbridge