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Mr. George B. Hoover,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Brother Hoover:

I am very much interested at present in the proposition of getting established here in Gainesville a Bible School, of which Brother T. R. Larrimore is to be the head. Brother Larrimore says that he wishes to come to Florida and establish such a school, in order that he may be away from the very cold weather which prevails further North, and that he wishes to make it a school to which students from the territory to the North would be attracted in the winter time. He has great plans for the establishment of such a school. There has been an interchange of correspondence between myself and others here with Brother Larrimore in reference to this matter, and while other places in other states are endeavoring to get him to locate with them, he tells us that the preference of himself and wife is Florida, and we have held out to him that Gainesville would be a logical place in which this school should be located.

We have written to him at Murphysboro, Tenn., at which point he is engaged in a meeting at present, asking him to come to Gainesville and investigate the field here and he will doubtless be here within the present month, at least to look over the proposition. The Brethren at Murphysboro are very anxious for him to locate there, and are urging him so very much that he wrote wanting us to make some definite proposition of arrangement about the school in order that he could see which would be the better place in which to locate the school. I have no doubt but that Murphysboro can offer greater financial inducements than it would be possible for Gainesville to offer, but I have written him to come on down and let us go into the proposition with him. We have assured him of one thing, and that is the location for the school, but as to how much money can be raised, I am not competent to say, but I told him we would certainly do all we are able to do in the premises.

Since you have had considerable experience in school work in Florida, I am writing to get your ideas about such a proposition. I am sure that the school would be a good thing for Florida, and I never was more anxious for anything than I am for the establishment of this school. Can't you come up here when Brother Larrimore comes, in order that you can give him the benefit of your knowledge along this line and thereby assist in getting this proposition landed at least within the limits of our State?

Of course this entire proposition is at present at its incipiency, but I am convinced that these brethren are going to go into this work somewhere, and it strikes me that this is the logical
place and now is the time for us to take advantage of the proposition offered and get such men as these interested. While I have not mentioned it to Brother Larrimore yet, I intend to do so when he comes in reference to the business department for the proposed school, of which you are to be the head. I am sure that it would add greatly to the attendance, and that you would be the best man for the place.

I would be glad to hear from you with any suggestions that you see fit to make.

Brother Perry is and has been quite sick for about a month. He had an operation for appendicitis before Christmas and recovered from it apparently, but about a month ago he developed a severe case of asthma and he has not been able to get much relief since. He seems to be resting a little easier for the last few days, but is still quite sick.

Yours sincerely,

Dictated B. N. C.
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(Midway)

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G. B. Hoover
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