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Unsigned letter to Theophilus Brown Larimore

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Dear brother Larimore:-

In reference to brother Brooker's idea as to the amount that should first be subscribed by the Gainesville brethren, will say that those who have subscribed to the fund have done so freely and cheerfully and in good faith, each one "as he purposed in his heart", without reference to what anyone else would or should give. No one is more competent to judge what a man should give, than the man himself, and we hope brother Brooker will not refuse to give anything ~~as much~~ amount given, or promised by the Gainesville brethren does not come up to the standard he has set for us.

Another thing that should be taken into consideration, is the fact, that two or three of us have pledged our security to the amount of about \$25,000.00, in order to further the proposition, and we are, of course, liable for this, if Dixieland College is never built, but we have had to go very much into debt in order to stand for this matter.

Also, what is represented in this initial promise, is not all that will be given by us here, for we will continue to give our time and attention to the furthering of the interests of the College, and personally, I intend to give from time to time after the school is built, as my means will allow. But, we subscribe now, what we could give now, or when the time comes to pay the cash.

As you know the Gainesville brethren are few in numbers, and not by any means wealthy, and we have not yet finished paying for our church house, but we are doing and will do the best we can in this matter of donations to Dixieland College, and would not ask anyone else to give more than they wish to give freely and cheerfully "as to the Lord" and not with respect to what men will say.

Do not think of dictating what anyone would could or should give, but leave it all to them, as I am sure each should settle that matter for self, be the amount little or much.

If Brother Brooker is going to give half what the Gainesville brethren give, and other churches will do as well, all over the country, that will be benefitted by and through the influence of Dixieland College, I am sure we will have plenty to build the School with before next October.

With best wishes for your health and success
I remain,
Yours fraternally,