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## Letter from Emma Larimore to B. R. Colson

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Nashville, Tenn., August 25, 1913.

Dear Brother Colson:-

Mr. Larimore wrote Brother Bowers Saturday, relative to the school matters and other things. Mr. Larimore is not here now; but I want to write you relative to those matters myself.

We have received no encouragement relative to establishing Dixieland College. Everybody is expecting a financial stringency, and is inclined to help it along by holding on to every dollar in sight. The banks are very reluctant to let money out. The large banks here have instructed the smaller banks over the country to get in and keep in a large amount of their money. Under these circumstances, it seems wellnigh impossible to get together enough money to buy the necessary land and build the college; although we have not quite abandoned all hope of doing so.

In case we do not succeed in building the college, however, Mr. Larimore and I should like to live near the Dixieland property- on the lot we own there- if we can get enough land there to make a living on. Mr. Larimore has such an intense longing to have a settled home that I am doubly anxious for us to have such a home. He is tired of wandering around with no abiding place; and I believe he will live much longer and be able to preach longer if he has a home where we can go at least a portion of the year and be settled.

His heart is fixed on the strip of land included in the Manning place, the little lot we now own and the Studstill place; and he has written Brother Bowers relative to it. He has long desired to have the pleasure of "clearing up" the thicket on the Studstill place -



taking a light axe and doing the work himself. His heart is so set on it that I hope we can get it.

While we may not build the school, I believe some of our friends will follow us to Florida, wherever we may settle. They may not come immediately, and may not come many at a time: but our being there and having a home at that place will, I am convinced, draw others there. So, if the property is held for development, it will not be a bad thing for the holders of it for us to be there.

I can hardly give up the school project. My heart is set on establishing a school - a Bible School- in Florida. Our friends here insist that we should remain in this, Mr. Larimore's old field of work- but I love Florida and want to live there.

There is a question I have long wanted to ask you, having a good reason for wanting to know definitely about it, and I'm sure you will understand that I do not ask it idly: We ate at Brother Bowers' table all the time we were in Florida. Did the expense of our living fall solely on him, or did the church pay our board, in consideration of Mr. Larimore's preaching?

Please tell Eddie Sue I haven't yet had time to do that little transcribing for her. I have had another abscess on my eye, which made writing impossible for a good while; and Mr. Larimore has just now recovered from that troublesome carbuncle that bothered him nine weeks; but we are all right now, and I'm going to get all those little pieces of work done that I've planned so long to do.

With lots of love to all our dear friends in Gainesville, I am,  
as ever,

Your friend and sister,

Emma P. Larimore.