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Letter from B. R. Colson to J. H. Baker

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May 16, 1912.

Mr. J. H. Baker,
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Brother Baker:

I have yours of the 15th, for which I thank you. I am sorry to learn that your folks have been sick and trust that they will soon be able to come over and spend a while here and locate with us permanently. I think we have here one of the healthiest places in the South. We are on the back bone of Florida, elevation about two hundred feet above sea level, surrounded by fine farming country, and people who locate here seem to be well satisfied. We certainly have good church facilities here, and we would be glad to have you join with us.

In reference to your nephew whom you say is a carpenter, will say that I am quite sure that he can get all the work here in Gainesville that he wants to, as there is carpenter work going on all the time. I cannot remember the time since I have been here that there has not been buildings going up. At present there are several brick stores going up and there is considerable public building going on at the University, and I understand that there are to be contracts let for two more buildings this summer. This will give work to a great many people, as these buildings are very substantial ones, costing in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00 each. If your nephew is a good carpenter he need have no fear about getting plenty of work to do here. We would also be glad to have him in our church work.

Yours fraternally,

Dictated B.R.G.