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June Fourth 1913.

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Dr. J. T. J. Watson,  
Highland Home, Alabama.

Dear brother Watson:

Yours of the second instant is received and noted.

If you want to rent a cottage we know of a nice place now that can be rented at \$20.00 per month, unfurnished and \$25.00 per month furnished. On a good street and the place is in good condition. In case it should be rented unfurnished the party would want to reserve one of the upstairs rooms for storage purposes. There would then be left at least six rooms.

If you want to buy on the edge of town you can get a nice little farm of ten acres with two acres irrigated for such farming as needs irrigation, with the latest approved Skinner system of irrigation, under good fence and house of about five or six rooms, but not modern, but could be made into a good place by spending something of a bit, and putting a little "elbow grease" into the proposition, as well as "grey matter". This place is being offered at \$3750.00, and terms can be arranged, perhaps to suit you.

Truck land generally sells for from \$100.00 to \$200.00 an acre and more here. Some locations are of course much better than others and the soil also varies, so in considering a place, the first thing to consider is the points here referred to. You have to be as "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in getting located, and I assure you that if you decide to come here I will

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be glad to give you the benefit of what information I have and can get in reference to any and everything that comes up freely and frankly, and the widest range of investigation that you can get at all anywhere.

I will be glad ~~to~~ have you come down here and look the propositions over, as we need more brethren here in our church work, as we are anxious to build up in the faith.

I would not like for you to decide definitely until you have looked over what there is here, and there are many different things, places that may be available when you come that you would like to figure on, and which would suit you better, but I have called your attention to these places, because they are now available and you can figure on them, either or both, when you come down. I believe that you would like Gainesville. We have ~~it~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ home town. A town of schools, being the seat of the University of this state, and a fine public school and other private schools. We have the United States Experimental Station and Farms here, and withal ~~the~~ best and most substantial inland city in the State. And I speak advisedly when I refer to this matter, and I would like for you to see the town and the country here. The truckers have done very well here this year and shipments are going forward now. Watermelons will soon be moving pretty fast from the county. Please let me know what day you expect to arrive and over which railroad, whether A. C. L. or Seaboard, so that we can meet you. The Atlantic Coast Line is the nearer depot and would be best to

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take out from Jacksonville.

If you want an unimproved lot you can get them at various prices in different parts of the city from \$200.00 upward to almost any amount according to size location etc. and that could be decided upon when you come down.

I know the town as it is and as it is likely to be for several years hence, the environments, the desirables and the undesirables, and where they are, and can go over that with you when you are here.

Yours sincerely,