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### Letter from Business Editor to S. H. Estes

Our Florida Friend

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OUR FLORIDA FRIEND  
Gainesville, Fla.

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12-6-12*

November 23, 1912.

Mr. S. H. Estes.

Smithville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Bro. Larimore has been referred to me. You ask in reference to Sea Island cotton, and the question as to how much it costs to produce this cotton per bale is a very hard one to answer; in fact I have no statistics on the subject. It is a fact, however, that it brings about three times as much as upland cotton, and some of our people make good livings raising the cotton. However, the land in Dixieland Park is not available for cotton raising, as it is a truck and fruit section, and we consider that there is much more money in this than in raising cotton. For raising cotton you would have to go further into the country and buy a large tract of land.

The Dixieland College five-acre tracts are worth \$1000.00 each, payable \$200.00 down and \$200.00 each year with interest at 8% until paid for. This land properly cultivated and attended to will, I believe, be a better thing for you than raising cotton, although if you insist on having a Sea Island cotton farm I can locate you on a large tract in the country where cotton is the crop.

If you want one of the five-acre truck farms you should write at once as we are having many inquiries. The residence lots, 100 by about 200 ft. facing the Campus, are worth \$1000.00 each, payable same as the farm tracts. In case you do not get here by January 1st I believe that we can hold one of the lots for you. We would like to have you come and look it over before you invest.

Yours sincerely,

Business Editor.