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Dear John -

I note that you have been elevated to head of a service club. Congratulations - though I am not sure why.

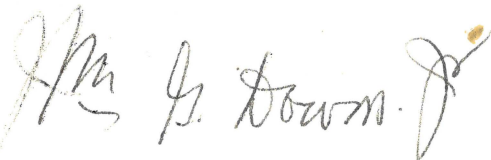
We have been here in New Mexico for nearly two weeks. It is terrific country. Hot, dry, but pleasant. The school is fine, well-equipped, fine people, relaxed and students who are, on the whole, superior to those in Tennessee. We can, and do, teach evolution as a basic Biological principle. This heartens a Biologist.

There is a nice-looking Church of Christ just about three blocks from where we live. But - there are two fine Episcopal Churches near us.

This town is put down on the desert, but my wife is planting flowers and they come up. If we should live here, she could make it look like a real garden.

They want me to stay or come back, and salary is better and many things are better than at Tech. Yet, I am not at all sure - I have a funny loyalty to Tech, and to my graduate students. In spite of the "dollar difference" - I have an idea that I shall stay at Tech. Stupid? - perhaps.

Both send love.



Wm. G. Downs, Jr.