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## Letter from M. H. Meeks to Theophilus Brown Larimore

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Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 29, 1912.

Mr. T. B. Larimore,  
Gainsville, Florida,

Dear Sir & Brother:-

I have been ill with the grippe since two weeks ago today. I am still afraid to be out much, but am now improving. This will explain my failure to acknowledge the reception of your communication.

The value of a street car franchise depends upon several things, but principally upon the present size and prospects for the future growth and development of the city. The growth and development of the city depend in a large measure upon the enterprise and public spiritedness of the city management. This is illustrated more clearly by the city's treatment of development enterprises with reference to furnishing or not furnishing water, gas, electricity, etc., for, at this day and time, development will be tardy without these inducements.

It would be well for the educational enterprise in which you are interested to have broad, well-paved and attractive streets, drives and ways constructed, extending from the business part of the city to the margin of the College grounds, and, if possible, through the park. With such improvements, the company possessing the franchise could be easily induced to build its street car lines

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into and upon the property in such way as might be deemed most advantageous to its development, for it will be interested as well in building up the property.

If you should think necessary, you might mention these matters to the City Council, and let me know just how they talk and feel about it.

I hope by the time I hear from you again I shall feel more like writing than I do to-day.

As ever,

Yours truly,

*M. H. Meeks*  
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