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July 4th, 1932.

Drs. Watters and Austin,

Georgetown, Ky.

My Dear Brethren and Friends: Some months ago we were inclined to defer our talk of turning over my lands to you till things got better settled. Since that time, Kentucky has had a shake-up over its taxation, which still needs an adjustment, but things have taken a turn for the better since the troubles has been discovered and strongmen have gone about a remedy.

The late harmonious settlement of National convention at Chicago with candidates with definite policies, made by the same address by men as John D. Rockefeller Jr. has gone far to restore confidence which means stands for prosperity. I think the time is most inviting for you to see your friends in the East who talked of helping you and tell them that the time is now at hand and I am ready to cooperate.

The State Normal has built a thirty-thousand dollar home, and a forty thousand dollar swimming pool on part of the property I conveyed them since I saw and still go on improving. Look for prosperity equal to that of ten years ago in a few months. The bonds have crashed and the people have awakened to their sober senses, and enterprises based on value will flourish.

I wrote to Senator Barclay when he asked for suggestion for his Key-note speech to give them Bryan's slogan "Get back to God", and then talk of economic questions and failures of his opponents. But put religion first and ask the prayers of his audience while he spoke. He didn't do it as he could have done it and as Bryan would have done it. But it was good enough to elect him to the Senate with his ticket, in Nov.

Dr. Mullins suggested to me to convey the Seinary my land and home and let them manage it and pay me the rents while Mrs. Procter and myself lived or till I made a different arrangement. That would save me from the tax exploiter which is about one hundred dollars per month, and I could take care of the small comparatively mortgage by sale of unimproved lands and take the income from the other lands and houses for support, so that would make you a holder of my own property without expense till such time as we agree on a change. I did not think well of this as I wanted to help to may ny others to make the project desirable at that time. You remember that we had trouble arranging for some nieces, with whom we wanted to divide, an annuity to be paid by you sufficient for that purpose.

I offered the City of Bowling Green a Park lot where they have now their Stadium, which I afterwards sold the state. I now want to give the City the five acres corner of Fifth Street for a public Park. I think I think it would be proper and wise.

I think it would be well for you to write me if you think well of my suggestion at this time and arrange a meeting and discussion by us three. It will not be well to make this too public as your plans will be attacked by some that are ignorant and others that are selfish and dealed just as they were before. There are men here with their eyes and hearts set on my property and I have to be very careful to whom I trust. They mislead and betray.

I have read fine reports from Georgetown in the recent Paper. You will see from my typing that I am nervous and this is very indifferent but you can make out my meaning. You can come over both as you please, and would not delay longer than necessary.

Mrs. Procter joins me in kindest regards and all good wishes for yourselves and those you love, and for your success in your school.

Yours sincerely and truly,

B. F. Procter.