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October 1.

Mr. S. L. Ferguson,  
Appomattox, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

I thank you very much for your letter of September 29. I am grateful of your kindly interest, and shall always remember it. There is not a man in Appomattox County who is more interested in the progress and welfare of Appomattox boys than yourself.

The only objection I have to my profession is that it necessitates my absence from home, which I especially regret during the illness of members of my family and my own precarious health. It is my ultimate hope to return to Appomattox County and establish myself there, as every man must feel a similar inclination toward his own native region.

The newspaper business, which I think I know rather thoroughly, is attractive to me. It is possible that I may at some time purchase the TIMES VIRGINIAN and operate and expand it, if it can be bought reasonably, and I am inclined to think that it can be so bought soon. I have been waiting, too, for something else to develop which would warrant my returning--something else to do in connection with operating a good paper there. I must admit also that that I have a keen interest in politics, but I shall profit from the

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experiences I gained a few years back, when I was admittedly under the influence of ill-advised friends, certainly in many respects. Still, I appreciate the valiant support of friends, as every man does, and the campaign gave me a fine opportunity to learn the County. If I do return permanently, it is unnecessary to assure you that I shall take delight in supporting you, your administrative policies, etc.

Again thanking you for your personal interest, I am

Cordially,

*H. B. Beach*

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