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Dr. Jas. B. Patterson,

Pres. State College of Ky.,  
Lexington Ky.

Dear Sir,

President Alvord of Md.  
Agr. College showed me a letter from you,  
a few days ago, in which you asked him  
to recommend a suitable young man  
for the position of Natural History in  
your college. The president suggested  
that I write to you in regard to  
the matter. I shall make a few  
statements in behalf of myself, and  
then perhaps you can judge whether  
or not I would suit you.

Your three last requirements are  
perhaps the easiest met. I am a  
Southerner, intensely so, both by birth  
and education; a democrat, because I  
could be nothing else, since I was born of