year. We have had "so much family," nearly all Summer, I have had but very little time for sewing, and new arrivals are constantly coming now, though they do not stay very long. I think I wrote you two weeks ago, about the Hart girls who came from Wheaton; the next Sunday morning, we were just sitting down to breakfast when seven more teachers came on their way into the interior of Texas; there were six ladies and one gentleman, but we could not accommodate so many, and Mr. Stevenson took them to a hotel where they staid until the next day. Last Sunday morning when we heard the boat whistle, I told Mr. S. to hurry and get ready for breakfast, for I was going to have it before the folks reached here, so that he needn't be obliged to go off without his breakfast

Galveston. Sept. 26th.

Dear Ones All.

I trust you will appreciate my goodness in writing the first thing, this morning, for I ought to be sewing, but thought I would make sure of having the letter ready anyhow, and not leave it until late at night, as I had to, last week.

Your letter, Minnie, came Sunday as usual, much to my satisfaction, though I did not expect it, and indeed did not look for it at all. I am glad I can send my letters to you first. Now to complete the arrangement, wouldn't it be best for you to write home and send your letter with mine, then let them send yours to me?

The mail going South leaves here only three times a week now, viz. — Fridays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. I have sent my letters on Wednesday lately, but if either of the other days would suit your convenience or time better, it will not make any difference to me.

Have you an Ancient Geography that you are not using? If so, will you please send it to me, or if you are using yours, I wish you would get one for me, an old one if possible. As I told you in my last letter, my bank is "done broke" now, but write me how much the book is, and I shall have the money by the time I hear from you.

I think your blue dress is beautiful, and am glad you have it, and that it suits you. Mother's too, I like very much. How are they both to be made? I will send you some pieces of the only two dresses I have bought. The light one, I have nearly finished, made it Garibaldi waist, and the skirt half ruffle, like the calico dress I had, last Fall. The dark blue one, I bought ready made; every one who sees it tells me that it will fade out, the first time it is washed, and I guess it will, by the looks of a piece that I tried I never thought of its fading, but it was the only one I could find then, ready made, that I would wear. I got it just before we went to Houston, when we supposed we should have to go to teaching immediately, and I had absolutely nothing that would do to wear to school, without I put on my silk dress. O, Mother you dont know how much good your dress has done me; it is the only one that I have to fall back on now, and is always ready at any time through the

another time. We had breakfast, and did up the work, but before we were ready for church a lady did come; sure enough, only one, however, so that did not incommode us much. We went to church, morning and evening, or rather Mr. S. and I did. Miss Nichols and Mrs. Kellogg stayed at home in the evening. I got up between three and four o'clock, yesterday morning, so as to have breakfast early, as Mrs. Kellogg went away on the eight o'clock train, and had to go down town to the express office before she started.

There is a large Jewish Synagogue here, and yesterday was the Jews' fast day, so they had services all day until sundown. Miss Nichols went down an hour or two toward noon, but I was too tired, and it was too warm, and I had too much sewing to do, to spend the time.

The school matters are not settled yet, though our prospects are brightening. In Gen. Howard's last letter which came Sunday, he said he was convinced that the School Board did not intend to do as they had agreed, and he therefore wished the Trustees to take possession of the building until Oct 2nd, when he would like to have us open school, on the old plan; and if they still refused to give up the house, he would go to law if necessary, in behalf of the Trustees, and the Association. The Trustees are to have another meeting here to-night, and two of them are going to the Superintendent to-morrow to demand the key of the building; if they are successful, I suppose we shall begin school Monday; if they are refused there is no knowing how long it will be.

Good-bye. Love as ever from

Anna.