(To be called for)

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J. O. Stevenson, Care Rev. Geo. Whipple
53 John St N.Y.

Dear Brother: I proposed that you should leave for Texas about 20th Sept. or 21st and that Miss Skinner should go at same time as you would be a stranger in Galveston. I would like you to be ordained in New Orleans and spoke to Rev. J. W. Healey about it who is now A. M. A. agent for general Church work in La. & Texas & Miss. He is still the pastor of the N. O. Cong'l Church (white) - If you go by steamer to N. O. you might be ordained & licensed as seems

to Bro. Healy best, on arrival—
But if you go direct to Gal-
veston, you might return to
N. O. at some future time.
Preferably the former. I will write
to Capt Rathbun (a friend to our
teachers at G.) to see if he can
get reduced rates to N. O. or
Galveston on Steamer — If so, to
leave them to your address at
53 John St — If not perhaps
Mr. Smith can get the favor for
you — I will send Mr. Healy
an order for 25 per cent reduction
on the "Morgan line" from N. O.
to Galveston — So if you stop
at N. O. you will have that re-
duction — We have it for all
our teachers now. The home
is rented and ready at Galveston.
Miss Barnes will write you about
it & her plans. The house will

not probably be done till after time for beginning School – I want you to take the independent S.S. which Miss B. had in a hall & make all out of it you can – I hope you can soon organize a church but this sub rosa for the present.

You will find Capt. Stevenson (Louis W.) a new Ass^t Supt. at G. who is a good friend to our cause & personal friend of mine I trust – He writes in this spirit. He is trying to push forward the building –

I want that land re-deeded to A. M. A but this must be managed very carefully as perhaps Dr. Howard (the Baptist Minister who is one of the Trustees would oppose it – (perhaps not) and the

[illegible] people might be jealous or suspicious — Miss Barnes thought she could manage to effect it & you wait till her arrival — You & I & Miss B. are trustees & I think we could get a vote to re-deed — Perhaps Dr. Howard would think the property would be more wisely managed by A. M. A. —

Please write me as soon as you get settled — I would have preferred two Ladies had gone now but could not well arrange it & I trust to your prudence to prevent talk of fault finders & Rebels — If you want money get it of Mr. Whiting Asst Treas. & say he will charge to this office — I write hastily & may send you another letter — Was glad to get your note & trust the Lord will prosper your voyage —

Truly Yours C H Howard

P.S. Perhaps Capt. Newman would love with you. I will [illegible] suggest it to him — He is not, I think a professor of Religion [illegible]