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Dear Sir

Your favor of the 7th was duly received, informing me that the colored people of Lavaca had raised $20.00/100 for purposes of releasing their church from debt,- and now you will find enclosed Twenty Dollars in currency, to be an equal amount with the sum the colored people raised,- these two sums will make $40.00 - the church debt is $20.00/100. Therefore leaving $19.00 which can be expended in obtaining good books or entertaining religious papers in such a manner as your judgment shall dictate,- Let me con- -gratulate the colored people on their prompt con- -tribution in answer to my proposition,- and now that the church and school building is free of debt, the efforts of the people can be turned towards the best- -means for aiding the school, that the little folks

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shall make the greatest improvement, and thereby enable them to grow up as good citizens and most intelligent, so to properly be qualified to fill their positions in life with credit to themselves and families - I will inform you of the route I prefer in going to N. Y. - which is this. - buy a through ticket from N. Orleans to N.Y. going by way of the Jackson R. Road up to Columbus Ky. - then to Cairo by Steamer "Gen Anderson" then to Chicago by "Illinois Central" - and from Chicago to N.Y. by the "Pittsburg Fort Wayne & Pennsylvania Central to N.Y. - you dont even change cars from Chicago to N.Y. - this is a safe & comfortable route as I find by experience -

Best wishes to you all

With kind regard

G. W. Ware