Indianola Texas June 4th 1869

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Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2nd is just to hand- am much pleased with the success you report in the day school and Sunday Schools- and allow me to acknowledge for myself- that too little appreciation of your valuable labors has been manifested towards you, by all who can but most visibly have seen the happy results of your labors,- but the uniform testimony of the colored people of Lavaca, to the benefit their children are receiving, and the kindly feeling I have always seen exhibited towards you, has always impressed me with the conviction that your labors were not unrewarded,- Am sorry you were so unfortunate as to lose the remittance you sent to Scribner by U.S.- but that often happens through the mails- but some more arithmetics shall be obtained for your next session,- It is too short a time,- from now till the 25th

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to send north and get the books desired for presents at your "Examination Day" - had I one more week, I would send for the books - but we will have that made up to the "little folks" sometime hereafter. At the first opportunity I have, your S. S. Library shall have a good replenishing sufficient to amply meet the wants of your school. -

It is my intention to go North within six weeks, and one of the first matters I attend to, will be to go to the "Sabbath School Repositories" and make a selection of books of the character you shall designate, so you will please inform me, either by letter, or when you come down, (on your way north and for your old home across the Atlantic) - we can then perhaps talk the matter more definitely and satisfactorily. - I have one proposition to make to the "Union Church" for the entire removal of the church debt of $30.00 as you say it is, - now if the church will on next Sunday - the 6th inst - take up a contribution, or in any way, raise one half of the $30.00/100 I will pay the other half on receipt of a letter from you advising me of the fact of the one half being raised at Lavaca - I want to see the little church all paid for & free of all debt -

Yours with kind regard
G. W. Ware

The regular sailing days of the "Morgan" Steamers are Wednesday and Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M. - but ~~oftener~~ oftener the steamers sail at 12 o'clock. - & many times at 10 A. M. - should you wish to go on any steamer, you will please let me know about the time you wish to go. & I will telegraph you exactly when the boat leaves here for N. Orleans - so then you can immediately come down without loss of time or expense -

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