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Dear friend:— Our principle is not to super-impose a church upon any people—but if one naturally grows up or the need of one evidently, out of the ~~School~~ Sunday School— to help organize it, help pay the pastor for a few years and help build a chapel; but, evidently, there is no immediate call for such an organization in Galveston. It would be after what we regard the New Testament plan, that is— Congregational in government—like the Baptists. Nor do we object to immersion, but we do insist upon a pure church and an educated ministry. I think you had better introduce a colored teacher as soon as you can consistently. I have now heard from Jones. He has a much smaller school than Washington; is a better scholar, but, I fear, is not quite so reliable. Miss Stoneman started South last Wednesday (Dec 14), and I trust will reach you before this letter. Try to get up some enthusiasm in your Sunday School. I hope you will have a Christmas tree.

Fraternally

C. H. Howard