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Rev J. O. Stevenson
Galveston
Texas

Dear Bro,

Your favor of March 6 just in, is more explicit than the previous ones & I now know exactly what is wanted.

Miss Lum is a very fine Scholar but I have some fears may not have quite force enough to govern the Advanced Department, but with your presence there so much should think she might do & had better be tried

Miss Clark is a singer & player but cannot come (as I have since learned) till 1st September

An excellent teacher of four years experience in Va., has just gone to Longview and is willing to go on to Galveston. A Miss Eastman, but she does not play for any writer does Miss Lum.

A Miss Nichols at Longview has six experience in teaching can play pieces after learning them but is not skilled. Miss Eastman is far superior in education & undoubtedly as a teacher

Now please understand that Miss Lum will go at any rate to teach you before the end of March and I should think would be the one for the Advanced Department to cooperate with you.

But between Miss Eastman and Miss Nichols it is hard to decide which you would prefer

Miss Eastman is energetic as you could wish & can govern

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any school. I should say she was the one for the place but for the lack of musical ability

Please look & tell me by return mail. Or would you be satisfied with Miss Sun now and so have Miss Clark (who is in every way qualified) in the fall?

I will be governed by your wishes, meanwhile Miss Sun will be sent forward

Fraternally

C H Howard