

Marathon, Texas,

Friday, Aug. 30, 1878.

My dear Wife:

I have just mailed

a card to you; but since meeting
this morning, I have received your
letter of the 26th, and must write
again. Your letter, my sweet
wife, brings tears to my eyes.

I think of you all alone there
fixed and helpless, Charles' eyes

giving us help, us company. You

are worthy of a better life. I feel
to day that I am doing wrong
in leaving you so much alone.

It cannot be justified even
on the grounds of working
for the cause of Christ.

But man's first duties are with

those whom God has committed
to my care. Just as soon
as I can get some one to take
this meeting off my hands
I shall hurry home. I think
you may lose for me the
last of next week. You
may tell John that I would
rather he would not take that
lot. I can not do what
you think is best. Your
life, my dear Sallie, is worth
more to me than any money or
pleasure is my pleasure, your
wishes are my wishes.

I sometimes think that I
am sacrificing too much for
Addison College. The thought
of leaving you and the
little ones without a support

in case I should fall away,
is indeed saddening. I have
but one thought to console
me, that He in whose
service I am has promised
to take care of the widow
and the orphan. If at
any time you think I am
doing the family an injustice
in my zeal, just say so
and I shall endeavour to get
right. I shall write to
John about the lot, you
need not trouble about it.
I hope he has not yet begun
to build.

We had our first day
time meeting this morning.
There were not many
out, but we had a good little
meeting.

I have no help yet. Bro.
Pangburn was to have been
here yesterday. I think I
shall write to Bro. Baxter
of Dallas, as the brethren here
seem to prefer him to any
one else that I can mention.

The schools here all begin
Monday. That may have
some bearing upon the future
of the meeting - may bring
it to a close Sunday night.

Aw. at dinner to day with
Sister Trippitt. Sis. T. is an
excellent and earnest Christian.

Two of her daughters have
made the Good Confession and
are to be baptized this evening.

Love to all.

A. Clark