

Roubens, Texas

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Well Addison

Saturday night has come but no letter for me. I have looked forward with joyful expectations all week, feeling confident that this mail would bring me a letter. I must confess I am sorely disappointed. Knowing this will be my last chance of hearing from you until we return. We will start in the morning. I feel sad when I think of leaving home, and I almost wish you had said not go. Miss Mary Stone is not going and I thought for a few days that I would have a lovely time, but uncle Charley has consented for to let Ella go. and she will be a great deal of company for me. I think we will have a pleasant time. but if I could have heard from you before leaving I could enjoy my self much better.

The week has off very rapidly to me. I have not had-time to get lonesome. I did very well until

By day night, the boys all went off to the debate
there was no one left here but ^{by} Frank and I. I can't
tell when I ever did ^{feel} as lonesome. I would have
given any thing if you could have come in a
little while. I often imagine I hear your footsteps
in the hall.

I did want to visit some before leaving, but
have not had time. I did go to see Mrs. Fice
before she left. Went also to Mr. Alderns and Mrs.
Gees. I have seen the girls several times since
you left. I saw Miss Ella on Thursday at the
buying. Dr. Satters youngest child died on Monday
night after you left. She has gone to Collier Co will
be gone a month. She dont know whether she
will come back to school or not. We had a
very good Sunday School this evening, our class
was much larger than I expected, there was boys
in it that I had never seen there before. Major Young
took your class. Mrs. Lee and the girls came home
with me from Sunday School and stayed till
preaching commenced. I did not go to preaching
I have not felt very well for the last few days.
and then I did not care much about hearing
Mitchell today. There was a great many persons
at the baptizing this evening, and uncle Charley
made a very nice little talk.

Hodge came back yesterday, he could not stay away any longer, his father has rented his place out, and will move down before school commences.

Genie and Tommie got in yesterday, I was glad to hear that you were so fortunate in getting a conveyance home. I heard today that Ben was coming back in a month. I am very sorry that I cannot be here, but then I would hardly see him if I were here. The boys all went off without writing in my Album, they said they would write in it, all but Ben. I did not say anything to him, he can write in it when he comes. They were so busy the last few weeks that I did not like to trouble them.

Addison I can think of so many things that I wanted to ask you, but I saw you so seldom the last week you were here, and when I did see you, I could think of nothing. I wanted to ask you whether I must tell Aunt Sallie and uncle Charley about our intentions.

I did not feel that I would be doing right to go off and not tell them when they both ^{ought} suspected it. So I told Aunt Sallie, and must tell uncle Charley in the morning if my heart should fail me, and with the consequences and perhaps your displeasure but trust that will not be the case. I will quit, for I know you will be tired when you get through reading this. I have written in a great hurry. I would have written today.

had I not felt so confident that I would get a
letter. I am sorry now that I did not write I
would have had more time. I don't know whether
to tell you to write to me or not. It takes a letter
so long to go there that it would be an accident if
did get it. Well if you do write direct to Springfield
Mo. care of John. M. Dugg. I must quit. Give my
love to all. Good bye. God bless you. is the prayer
of Sallie.