

Solitude Texas.

Jan. 4. 1876

Dear Friends.

Your kind and more than welcome letter was received yesterday, and you have no idea dear Sallie how glad I was to get it. I read it twice last night and once ~~this~~ this morning and there is no telling how many more times it may be read. I am going to be very prompt in answering all ~~the~~ my friends letter this year, and yours is the first, but that is nothing uncommon, for your letters have been first with me

for several years. Do you
remember Sallie the first letter
that I ever wrote to you, I
sent it by Pese, and it
seems but a few days ago, but there
has been many changes since then.
I got a letter from Frank last
week, he told me that Pese was
married, and said that some body
else that I know up there would
marry soon. I can't imagine
who it is. Frank wrote word
that Mr. Coby Smith was going
to move to Bonham the first
of this month, and Aunt Sallie
wanted me to come up with
them, but the weather has been
so cold I could not go to
Dallas to see about going.
I would like so much to go
and stay with her at least

Sallie gave a chance to and this morn

Two months, but I would be
lonesome there without you
Sallie I know, for I have
tried it. I would miss you
and Addison more than any
if I was there. I went to
Severe yesterday and tried to
make up a club for the
Monitor, but I made a failure,
and started home with the
intention of sending for it
myself Saturday, and come
by the office and got your letter
I would be very proud of the
Monitor as a present from you
and Addison, but, Sallie, Addison
send it to me one year, and
I hate for him to send it
again. I will let you know
before I start West, if I ever
go. I will tell you a good

Brother
I give my love to Addison, and
ask in his and sends his love
and Betty see in the other room
These is coming home, and I hope
I may see I never so deep

Brother Chance preached at
all last week, but I was sick
and did not get to hear, but
two Sundays. Rhoda goes
to hear him all the time
and seems to be delighted
with his preaching. I am
almost afraid ^{to} hope, but I
sometimes think that she
may yet be made to see
the right way. Bettie is
going to sister Mary's this to
stay a month. Rhoda is going
to Wise Co, with Pa next, but
I don't know wheather they will
come to the Lord, or not yet, if
they do you find it odd.
I would go to if I knew I could
come to see you. Please excuse all
of this and write soon,