

Greenfield Illinois  
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Mrs. Lizzie D. Evans,

My dear niece:-

Indeed I was very much surprised to receive a letter from you written from Alton, Ill. not surprised to hear that you were married, as your mamma had intimated as much in your letter last. Well, well, these "children" will marry; and I must say that I really do not blame them. I think it is all right. "But," you say, "amitie, you do not practise what you preach;" well, now, there you have me, but perhaps you do not know that it is contrary to the statute of this Ills. of ours, nay more, a \$50. fine and ten per. ct. until paid for persons to marry without a chance. Then please, niece, do not be hard on your unfortunate aunt. But enough of this nonsense.



I congratulate you, Lizzie, hoping, yes  
praying that you may enjoy a long  
happy and useful life together.

Mr. Evans, I believe, is a Christian  
If I am not mistaken his is Miss  
Jasie's brother; and if so, I met him  
at your mamma's in Heatherford.  
She - your man - told me then that he  
wanted Lizzie. Truly patience and per-  
severance will work wonders.

I was going to say, as he is a Christian  
you can "Bear one another's burden and  
so fulfill the law of Christ." Lizzie,  
let us have the glory of God uppermost  
in our thoughts: "In all our ways ac-  
knowledge him and he will direct our  
~~thoughts~~ <sup>paths</sup>." Yes, I believe you spoke truth  
when you said "he is good," for he looked  
and I must say, that I am proud of  
my Texas nephews, in fact all the kind.

Aunt Sarah and Mattie heard  
about your letter - it just reached me  
about dusk this evening - and down

they came to hear the news, for we were  
expecting to hear something from Let.

Certainly, you know that we  
want to see you, and we want you  
to come; bring Mr. E. if possible, if  
not, why come anyway; why I could  
not bear to think of your being so  
near us so long, and not see you.

Our next g. meeting will be here on  
next Sat. and Sabbath. the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.  
It would be nice if you could come  
in time to attend. But suit your-  
selves as to the time, but be sure  
not to wait too long. Send me a  
line, and I will meet you at the  
train. Mima has been quite poorly  
tho. she seems better today. I have  
a very severe cold, and have cough-  
ed until my sides are sore; the rest  
are all well. Excuse haste. Love to Mrs.  
Evans. Write soon if not sooner, and  
come as <sup>soon</sup> you can, Aunt Mattie.

Many thanks for the photo.