

Denton, Tex.

Dec. 12th 1876.

Mr. John, T. Evans:—

It was my pleasure to receive your favor of the 30th ult, last ~~xxx~~ week, and of course was duly appreciated. I thought as I was alone this beautiful Sabbath after-noon, I would endeavor to respond to your letter. Adela has gone to the Union Sunday-School which is now held in the Cumberland Church. I generally attend myself every other Sunday, according to a promise, previously made to a friend. But to attend Sunday School twice a day, and church twice is too much for me all the time, as I am so

closely confined during the week
that I want a little recreation.

We met this evening at four o'clock
at the Methodist Church to practice
singing for the Christmas tree
occasion, as we intend having one
both schools uniting. We anticip-
pate very great pleasure during
the holidays, at least I do, and
I sincerely trust I will find as
much pleasure in the realization
as in expectation. Last year it
was an occasion of great pleasure
to all of us, and although
many changes have taken place
since that time, we still expect to
enjoy it. We hope to have good
music, as we have secured the
services of an excellent musician
as organist. There will be a
supper at the Cumberland church,
on the 22nd ^{or} Dec. for the benefit

of that church, and many are
looking forward to the time with
"joyous anticipations". Miss
Senie Coutehfield and myself
were appointed to canvass the
northern portion of town soliciting
donations for the supper. We were
furnished with a nice buggy
and horse, and we drove ourselves
and indeed we spent a most
delightful day. She is quite an
interesting young lady, a congenial
companion. It occupied the entire
day, and when we were through
I went to take Miss Senie home,
and came very near being caught
out in the train. We are to
give in our report tomorrow night
at a meeting of the annual com-
mittee. Our school is in a
very flourishing condition, as we
have I think about eighty-five

friends as she does me, from your
I don't think she ought to treat her
I hope to see you in the fall
I don't think she ought to treat her
I don't think she ought to treat her

pleasent gentleman to teach with.
The free school will close in about
six weeks. Adela is at home now,
she returned well pleased with her
visit to Weatherford and Conference.
She was there nearly three weeks.
Indeed, Mr. Evans permit me to
rejoice with you, in that you
have seen your "widowed Lovel heart".
Of course, she is the impregnation
of all that is good, pure, and lovely,
and was therefore irresistible.

Although our fond hearts cling to
things that fade, and "die" still
we are not to expect disappoint-
ment in everything, but to take
everything for the best, for in a
great measure we make our own happi-
ness or misery.