

Denton, Texas
Saturday night
March 13th 1875

My Very highly Esteemend Friend,

Your letter of the 10th inst. came to me yesterday fore-noon and 'tis needless for me to say that it was highly appreciated, and the contents perused with great pleasure.

I havnt thought it probable that I would receive a letter so soon, but I was really glad you wrote, as an indence(?) of which, I am responding by the first mail.

Perhaps 'twould be expedient to suggest in this connection, that no cause for your immediate awakening from "y our dream" is at hand.

I did not suppose that the news I imparted during our last interview, would in the least disqualify you for business, thought it would rather have the contrary effect.

Om regard tp sending any pictures, I do not know exactly what to do. I said once that you should never have another, though I may be compelled to relent. I wanted to have a good one taken, but haven't had the time since the reception of your letter. Guess I'll send an old one with the understanding that you return it when I get a better one for you. This one was taken just after I had been sick and I don't like it.

I suppose you mean to return the compliment. Have some good photographs. Sunday afternoon.

I attended church this morning where I listened to a very good sermon from Dr. Grafton. I don't like his preaching as well as I used to, for he makes so many grammatical mistakes that I think almost inexcusable, besides many errors in the pronunciation of his words. I cannot tolerate anything of that kind in a minister from the pulpit. I invariably notice their mistakes and therefore derive no benefit from their sermons.

Nearly all of my young lady friends have called to see me, and I gave your compliments and best wishes to them.

Don't you think I have transferred my claim claim to another yount lady. She said perhaps we would quarrel about you, but I told her no that I did not possess a quarrelsome disposition; and that I would surrender my claim and give her a good title deed. I do not suppose that you will raise an objection so we can employ a lawyer to draw up the writings.

At your earliest convenience call on the prettiest of the Sherman young ladies and be sure you "stamp improvement on the wings of time".

I was peculiarly impressed with Miss Ginkie Thompson. Two of our gentlemen friends, viz: Dr. Inge and Mr. Austin called to us last Thursday evening and we passed the time quite pleasantly. I have already begun fibbing about certain things and I fear 'twill be a rather hard matter to keep it up successfully, but want to do it.

Can't you throw M. B___ off the track?

My cold is well and Ada also. she is hurrying me off to S. S. so I must desist.

With best wishes for you ever(?) I am yours & e

Liz