

Denton, Texas,

April 11th 1875.

Mr. Evans:-

Yours of the 3rd and 7th to
hand, and very highly appreciated
in fact. 'Tis a great pleasure for
me to know, - that, though we may
encounter difficulties and perplexities
in this life, - and many things occur
sometimes that are unpleasant, -
still there is one true, loyal heart,
that remembers, understands and
appreciates our feelings.

Our utmost endeavors shall be to

properly appreciate such a one. Tonight I was attended to Church by
Dr. Ditzler arrived in our town one of my gentlemen friends, a lawyer
yesterday from Flat-Point, and one by profession, who was terribly
last evening, we were greatly enter- lamenting the fate, that would
tained with a discourse upon the consignor him to bachelorhood. I
Bible. Today at 11 o'clock, and sent a nicely trimmed cake to
also tonight, he lectured upon the three young gentlemen, for their
mode of administering baptism, regular attendance at Sabbath School.
A large crowd, in consideration of and my recent tonight found the
the coolness of the weather, were better - and thought his fate
present on both occasions, and was definitely sealed. I felt sorry
appeared to be well entertained. for him, for I knew the one to
Dr. Ditzler came home with us whom he was attached loved some
tonight, and will remain with one else. Tuesday morning, 13th
us during his stay in Denton. As I failed to finish my letter for

The last mail, I will endeavor to
conclude ~~to~~ this morning, and
as Dr. Ditzel took off the
yesterday I must necessarily
resort to pencil. Thanks, for the
picture, I think it is quite good,
and so pronounced by all my
friends to whom I have showed
it. I think the young lady will
be pleased with it, although I have
not seen her since the reception
of the picture. Several have asked
me for it, and I promised to give
it to each.

You say that on the first day of
May you will celebrate your
"thirty-first" birth-day. Well, I
guess the occasion will be
remembered by myself, as we
anticipate a Sunday-School
picnic, on that-day.

I will suggest a plan for
your enjoyment, - try and make
it convenient to be in Tyler on
your birthday, and apprise
your "widowed sweet-heart" of
the fact, and doubtless she
will have a nice dinner

2 fold a little letter containing more.
as far as is practicable
like to have your money for business
prepared for you. I trust that
your trip through the East will
be attended with more success
than you anticipate.

I know also that with your
energy and perseverance, will
ultimately succeed in every under-
taking. I should be glad too, for
you to succeed, as as to enable
you to make the city your
permanent home, where you enjoy
many advantages, that are impossible
elsewhere. I must close now, as
other duties demand my attention.
May unfeigned happiness crown your
life & I am, &c.