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ING TO A. M., Ph. D. and LL. D.

THORP SPRING, TEXAS,

Oct. 18, 1893.

My dear Son:

Your letters come as little angels

visits. Only one letter last week, none this week. I suppose we will get one to morrow. You must try to find time enough to let us hear about two per week. The Decatur Board writes that the Addition note has been collected and sent to you. I suppose you have received it by this time. You have not yet given us very full particulars about your classes, studies, teachers &c. &c. Remember that every little detail is of interest to us. Perhaps you write these things to some of your old Chums, and think you have written them home. We had a feast of good things last week. The little man Brockman, National Sec. of the Y. M. C. A., visited us last Friday and gave us a most delightful Chapel talk. Sat. night our favorite speaker, Dr. Hedley gave us a rich treat on "The Master Paradox" - Friendship. On Sunday morning he made a talk to the S. S. which was about as good, though not so long, as his lecture. Nov. 3. we have Copeland. "Hard core People" is his subject. We are expecting to loosen up our old hides when he comes. Sister has her hands full now. There are about seventy in her dept. She was about fagged out yesterday. Her examination comes off Friday. I fear she will be in poor condition for it. Alonzo Rawlins is hearing some news for Sister. If sister can keep well, she will do the work

all right. - We are having fine Golden Autumn
weather now. It is very dry, but the weather is
brilliant. School is pretty full now. Most of
the pupils are first class young people. We
have just concluded our first serious trouble to-
night. Cecil Ferris stirred up a trouble with a
great big, fiery fellow from Ft. Worth, named
Addison Elliston - another of my name sakes - The
fuss terminated in Elliston knocking Cecil down,
what he deserved, if I had been done with proper pro-
vocation. The teachers decided that they were equally
culpable, and as Elliston is about 20 yrs. of age,
we did not choose to whip him without his consent, this
he would not give, and both are dismissed.

Don't forget my request for you to drop me any
hints or suggestions that you gather up that would
be helpful to us in our work here.

Bro. Howard's health is about to fail. I very much
fear that he will be unable to teach all the ses-
sion. We are sure to lose him at close of this session.

Hollings, I suppose, will also quit them. I suppose
you could get Hollings' place next year, if you
should wish it. Your calculation, however, seems to
be to stay there another year. This I would advise
you to do, if you can arrange to do so. If it
were not for this old note of mine, I could help
you next year. I have to pay every dollar on it
that I can spare from the absolute necessities of
life.

Good night.

Truly,
Yours,

A. Close.