

Bonham Texas

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Esteemed Brother,

As I promised in my letter to Sister that I would write you in a few days, I know you have been expecting a letter in this, but did you but know the number that were here last week you would then know that there was no place for writing. This I know will be a sufficient apology for my long silence. Mr's quiet school and the bus-
-ling throng have departed for their homes, and there is now but three of us here Grace Ella and myself, though Aunt Sallie and Uncle C. have come only to cousin Bob's, will return tonight, John has gone to Paris, Jose May to Jefferson after Frank's buggy, Frank is somewhere in town; Jose went to Wylorn this evening. Charley went home with Johnny and Jose D. thus you all how soon they have scattered. Uncle C. will go to Paris next week; he sent an appointment there by John. He has an appointment at Sherman for the third Sabbath in next month; he has also promised to visit Whiteborough, no specified time. So you see, he will be pretty busy nearly all the time. The examination commenced Tuesday morning; the little fellows as you know, is always

The case came first, so as to get through with them, as no one, or but few care to know how much they've learned. They did finely answered questions with a promptness and accuracy becoming those more advanced in years.

The three following days, were allotted to the department up stairs. Every class did well, and some of them could not be beaten, among them were, a class in Algebra 1st part Mattie Maxwell, Ella and others of that size belong to it; a class in Arithmetic, the same members pretty much; the advanced class in same, examined through advanced class in Algebra 1st part.

I was present at the examination of them, and my decision is that they acquitted themselves with much honor, though I am not a competent judge in such matters. For the want of time several classes were left out, Lewis's Greek and Latin, 2nd part in Algebra, and several others.

Three nights were allotted for speaking and reading, but it was not sufficient; for there were several slighted, either in speaking or reading. There were some compositions and speeches, that were excellent, hard to beat, would that I could see them written, but I do little disposed to write this evening, that I will leave the report for the News. All were satisfied with the exercises of both day and night, even to old men

Spots attended regular, and was heard to say, that the school had been misrepresented to him. We had preaching Sunday; a most excellent discourse: knelt to, answered six questions I disremember them now, though they were ~~giving~~ in regard to baptism given him by Capt. Hare. Even the worst prejudiced, ~~and~~ pronounced it an able discourse; they were all out, house crowded. No local news of a favorable character farther than, that improvement still goes on in B., though I have some unfavorable. Gal Donoho and Beece Dap disturbed the peace of our little town last week, do not know the particulars of the difficulty, the result was Beece, with three others standing by were none dangerous; they were about 20 yds. apart both had shot-guns, but B's did not fire, if it had he would probably have killed Joe and several others standing near, Joe's gun was loaded with buck-shot; while Joe's only had birdshot for it, very fortunate thing for those hit. D. Stone and two Davises from the country were the ones injured. Joe has gone to parts unknown, and I trust he will never again be seen in these parts. All friends are well save Mrs. Shoebridge; who has been unwell all this week. All friends are continually inquiring, when you ^{and Sallie} are coming; they are so anxious to see you both, that I wish you both could come. Enough of this. Adison I promise, that I will try and do better next time. Much love to you both, your Brother Jesse M.

I am a letter from Jesse M.

He was enjoying good health.