

Independence Texas.
Feb. 27, 1885.

Dear Brother:

This morning ushered
in the saddest calamity that
has ever befallen Baylor
University. I suppose
that ere this you have
heard of the death of our
venerable brother, Dr. Crane.
He departed this life this
morning at 4:40. I know
that you can sympathize
with us in our great
loss, and that you will
not forget to pray that
this affliction may be
sanctified to our good

and to the glory of God.
Brother Powell, I sent to
Genl. Hawthorne the other
day the balance of the
pledge I made for Sattillo
Church when you were
here in 1883. The amount was
\$10. I paid you \$2.60 then,
and I handed Genl. Haw-
thorne \$5.00 afterwards for
this purpose, and last Wednes-
day I sent Genl. Hawthorne
the \$2.50 still due. I do not
• write this to give an account,
especially, but to apologize for
my negligence. Hope you
can use it for some good pur-
pose if it is too late to be
applied to the purpose for
which subscribed. God bless you
in your noble work.
Ella W. D. Powell, Your brother in Christ,
Sattillo, Mexico J. J. Chandler.

March 2, 1855.

Rev. W. D. Powell.

Dear Brother

I write

on behalf of Mrs. Roberta Cal-
houn, who wishes me to say that
she desires a position as teacher
in Mexico. She is predisposed to
consumption, and thinks that
the climate of Mexico would
be beneficial to her. She desires
also to be useful in the vineyard
of the Lord, and does not find
the opening here which she de-
sires. She has a Spanish work,
and can readily learn the lan-
guage. Has a good English ed-
ucation. She intends going to
Monterey on the 19th of April,
and to be present at the laying of
the corner stone of 1st Bap. Church.

She will then see you and
tell her feelings more fully. She
desires that you write to her
Eng's Store
Leon Co
Texas.

Yours truly,

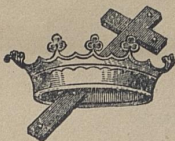
W. F. Chase.

CUI ME OPUS, OPUS MIHI EST.

First Baptist Church,

GREENE STREET.

LANSING BURROWS, D.D.
PASTOR



AUGUSTA, GA. MAR. 4

1885

Rev. W. D. Powell,
S Saltillo, Mexico,
My Dear Bro.:

Your favor of the 25th ult. reached me yesterday. It so happened that we had our first meeting of the committee on the Convention, last night, and I laid before them the fact that some Mexican dignitaries would be likely to be present.

Some of the gentlemen expressed the desire that I would corespond with you, rather privately, and enquire definitely as to the number, names and titles of these distinguished gentlemen, so that at a later date a formal invitation from the committee might be extended to them. I was glad that the matter was regarded in this light. The committee would, I have no doubt, be glad to welcome and entertain them.

Of course, you and the brethren from the Mission would be the recipients of hospitality on the ground of ~~their~~ connection with the Convention. But we do not consider that the gentlemen to whom you refer, are delegates, and so desire in their case to make them feel that they are particularly welcome.

At your earliest convenience, therefore, please acquaint me as to the points mentioned above. No one rejoices more over Mexico than the humble man at Augusta.

May the Lord keep and bless you ALL.

As ever, Yours,

Lansing Burrows

Saltilla, Mexico.
March, 17th, 1885.

My dear Mr Powell:

The office chair, for which I am indebted to your generosity, has arrived and been assigned its appropriate place in my humble sanctum.

For this donation, and many other acts of kindness to me, I beg permission through this medium to tender you the gratitude of a heart, which, when viewed from the Christian's standpoint is both hard and unregenerated, is not, I trust, a total stranger to the exalted emotion it here expresses.

Placing myself in future, as in the past, at your disposal when in my power to serve you, I am, dear Sir and friend,

Very cordially & sincerely,
R. M. L. Bick

Rev. Mr. D. Powell.
Saltilla,
Mexico.

111 Chas St Ave.
Baltimore Md
April 2nd 1885

Dear Bro Powell -

I send to day a
copy of "Gospel Worker"
Mr Dixon's first Number of
a quarterly - He wants to
give his September
Number to Mexican Mis-
sionaries. It has just occurred
to me that if we could
have a picture of "our
girl Miss Estefana Matting
in the paper with a notice
of our work for her it would
do great good by exciting
interest in the work. If
you would send me her
photograph I might be
able to have a cut made

from it. Mr Dixon
wants a cut of yourself
also. Have any such cuts
been made & where could
he get one? If we had
cuts of the Institute or
your buildings they would
be nice for the paper.
We read with interest

an account of the
meeting at the Institute
May the lady for whom
we are working be
instrumental in pointing
many of the girls to
Jesus and begin, even
now to gather sheaves
for harvest. With love
from Mr Dixon -

Yours in Christ
Mrs A. C. Dixon.

Independence Texas
Apr. 11, 1886.

Eld. W. S. Powell.

Dear Brother:

Your favor has been on hand some time. The press of business, and my interest in the meeting now in progress here, have caused me to postpone writing to you. I regard to the pledge you spoke of, Bro. J. P. Crane tells me that he does not find a record of it, & knows not what the amount of it was; but he finds a record of payment on pledge of \$23.50. You

may be able to find from
your books the amount,
and the state of the matter.
Money is quite scarce,
and we shall find it
difficult to collect enough
to pay for our ministerial
department, but we trust the
Lord will help us
to come out all right.

On account of my fail-
ing health I deem it pru-
dent for me to make a
change. I have tendered
my resignation to the Trustees
of B. W., and expect to
leave next June. As mine
is a disease of my breathing
apparatus, I shall have to
seek a higher & more
uniform temperature,
and take more outdoor

exercise. I expect to come
out next week on the
excursion to Mexico, in
order to rest up a little
and take a view of
your country. Bro.
R. Andrews is a great
favorite here, and every
one thinks he is "the
right man in the right
place". I don't like to
leave the institution just
at this time on his
account; for I don't think
of a man with whom
I could labor more pleas-
antly. But to tell you
the truth, I desire to stop
teaching altogether for a
while; and if my preaching
proves a success, I would
prefer to devote my whole

time to that. Excuse me for
writing you these personal
matters; but you know we
all desire that our brethren
should feel some
interest in us. We are
now in the midst of a glorious
revival conducted by Bro.
M. J. Martin. Some don't like
him, but I think he makes the
way of salvation plain. More than
thirty have expressed themselves
as satisfied that they are saved
and many more are interested.

Hoping to see you soon I
close. Your brother in Christ,
T. J. Chandler.



Guy's Store, Leon Co., Texas.

April 26. 1885.

Dear Brother Powell;

On arriving home yesterday I found all well and delighted to see me; of course they are not half through asking questions about our work and the strange sights there, but the family seem well pleased that I am going to return and do what I can for Christ, in Mexico. I can not say exactly what time I shall be with you all but so soon as I make necessary arrangements, perhaps one month, you may expect me, The Lord willing. I have two sisters that contemplate going after I shall have stayed a short time.



They are both well educated, one
of them especially fond of teaching
music, the other mathematics.
Perhaps we can, in course of time,
establish a good school in some
town.

I wish I could have talked longer
with you when I was there. But hope
to be with you again before long.

Please write me once any way before
I go.

Yours in the Lord,
Petta Calhoun,

Saltillo Mexico,

May 29, 1885.

Dr. P. C. Campbell.

American Consul

Monterey,

Dear Sir: - In January 1884, Dr. H. A. Supper cor. secretary of board of foreign missions of the S. P. C. located at Richmond Va. came to Saltillo with me for the purpose of purchasing certain properties from the state of Coahuila. A board of trustees was organized, composed of six (6) gentlemen in the U.S. and seven in Coahuila to hold these properties in trust for the board of foreign missions at Richmond. By vote of this board of trustees, I was elected as the one to whom the deeds should be made and in the execution of the title papers I reserved my American citizenship. Among other properties we purchased an unfinished temple, which had been previously sold for a theatre and certain changes made and afterward became the property of the federal government. Finally it was ceded to Coahuila for the purpose of public instruction. We bought it, paying two thousand dollars cash (\$2000) have had peaceful possession of it until recently. When I commenced to erect

in it a house of worship. This infuriated the Catholics because they have a church on the same block. First they threatened mob violence even going so far as to speak with the governor about it. When they saw that I paid no regard to their threats and that the governor was disposed to protect us in our rights, they sought other means. First they waited on me to know if I would sell, making me certain proposals in writing that I was. I told them to make all their proposals in writing that I was disposed if possible to arrange the matter amicably. Unable to get any assistance from the people the priests have sought other means of annoying us. The federal judge brother of a most fanatical priest, the judge himself a member of a committee appointed by the church to annoy us in every possible way. has given an order for us to suspend the tearing down of the old walls. He does not suspend the work otherwise thus interfering with my rights and property which I have legally acquired the property has been denounced contrary to all law and equity and I am American citizen.

United States Consulate
Monterey, Mexico June 3^d 1885

Rev. W. D. Powell
Saltillo, Mexico.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 29th ult^o
was received yesterday.

As you acquired the title to the pro-
perty during ex. Gov. Madero's Adminis-
-tration, I would suggest that you ad-
-vice with him in regard to the matter,
and employ his attorney to prosecute or
defend the case.

You can carry the case to the Supreme
Court at the City of Mexico, through
"la ley Amparo," art. 1. Frac. 1. (of dates)
January 19th 1869 and December 14th 1882.

I respectfully refer you to articles in
the Mexican Constitution which
govern the rights of foreigners, viz Art.
30.

Art 30. Fac. 3 and Art 33.

If you cannot obtain Justice
in the Mexican Courts, then you can
refer to the Minister of the United
States at Mexico.

Very truly Yours
Robt. G. Campbell
Consul.

Atlanta Ga June 8th 85

Dear Bro Powell;

Having
never received acknowledgment from you for \$30⁰⁰ sent from this Church in behalf of Mexican work, tho' you informed me the remittance had reached you, I write to ask that you send receipt. Our Treasurer's Book is so kept as to require this particularity.

We are all enlisted yet to some extent by the spirit you Mexicans made us. I conversed briefly a few days ago with a Presbyterian preacher who heard you & your companions in labor at Augusta and he seems to have been profoundly impressed. I don't know what he thinks of your treatment of

Majesty Presbyterian Pro-
did I institute steps direct
or indirect to ascertain.

With many wishes for your
abundant prosperity, I re-
main
Fraternally yours
Chas D Campbell

A. B. Please make the
date of receipt correspond
with the time at which
you rec^d the money if
practicable - rather than at
time at which you get this

Legation of the United States,
Mexico, June 27th 1885.

Rev. W. D. Powell,
Sattillo, Mexico.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of
3rd. Inst., with enclosures, for
some cause or other, failed to
reach my hands for many
days after its date. I have
given it the most serious
consideration, as I am
anxious to render you
any assistance which
may be in my power.

The trouble in my path is
that when a foreigner
holds property (more es-
pecially

pecially Real Estate) in any country, he must submit himself, so far as that property is concerned, to the laws of the land; and it must always be assumed, until the contrary appears, that those laws will be enforced by the courts of justice. Now, at what stage of a case will it be made to appear conclusively that justice has been withheld from a litigant? Clearly, as it seems to me, not until the case shall have been carried to the Court of final appeal. As you represent it your case is in a District Court.

I understand that it is competent for you to carry it by appeal to a higher and controlling tribunal. Until you shall have done this, and failed to secure your rights, I cannot see upon what ground I can properly approach the Mexican Government in your behalf, since the grievances of which you complain may all be redressed in the regular administration of Mexican law.

You have employed a distinguished Mexican Lawyer to represent you in the Federal Courts. I suggest that you submit this

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this letter to him. If he shall detect errors in the conclusion to which I have come, and indicate a ground upon which I can properly appeal from the ruling of an inferior court to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in your behalf I will be happy to render you any service I can. Let him place his opinion in writing.

I am, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 Henry K. Jackson.

ON OF THE UNITED STATES

Rev. W. V. Powell,
Sattillo,
Estado de Coahuila





Portsmouth Va July 4th 1885
Rev. W. D. Powell.
My Beloved Bro. in Christ

I have
just read your
recent sad and
stirring words in
Religious Herald of
July 2nd. Your
bitter disappointment
in being deprived of
Bro. Sampson, was
enough to stir you
to write the strong
words you have. They
are more too strong,
and let me for one
commend you for
them, and to express

my heart-felt sympathy
and love for you in your
apostolic work. Of one
thing you may rest
assured; that you have,
and shall have, my
constant prayer for
the success of your labors.

You have your trials
now, but O, think of
how glorious will be
your crown up yonder!
Think of those beautiful
lines found in the
diary of Dr. Judson
written in the beginning
of his work in India:

"In joy or sorrow, health or pain,
Our course be onward still;
We sow on Burma's barren plain,
We reap on Zion's hill."

"Only believe," and God
will soon send you help.

I was so moved by your
recent article in the Herald,
that I sat down at once,
and wrote an article in
sympathy with it to the
Baltimore Baptist which
I hope will do good. If
young Samuels felt himself
once called to Mexico, he is
making the saddest mistake
of his life in not going.
What is a professor's chair
in a theological seminary,
compared with the joy
and the honor of preaching
Christ to the hungry and
dying millions of Mexico!!
But don't be discouraged,
it may be true for you not
only need gifted men for
your work, but men of
pluck and consecration,
who shall esteem it above all.

things else. My heart is
going up that He will
Send the right men to you.
O, I feel my dear brother

that we are not half awake
to our grand destiny as
a denomination! I would
that I might do more
to press on this grandest
work of the centuries.

I am at present the
Pastor of the 2nd Bth Ch,
in this city, and we are
doing something, but O, how
little, in view of the needs
of the work. I know you
are very busy, but if you
can spare the time let me
have a line from you.

I believe we were old fellow
students for a time in
Greenville S.C. God bless you
& yours. Affec^{ly} C. T. Donaldson.

Legation of the United States,
Mexico, July 28th 1885.

Rev. W. D. Powell,
Saltillo, Coahuila.

Dear Sir:

I lose no time in
replying to your favor of 22^d.
Instant, which reached me only
yesterday. I will be happy to
approach the Minister of Foreign
Affairs in your behalf if that
approach can be made upon
a ground which is proper in
itself and which also gives
some hope of success. As my
last letter to you was intended
to indicate, I am not willing
to

to invoke the judgment of the Minister upon any judgment of an inferior Court; because it matters not how erroneous or corrupt the latter judgment may be, a remedy is provided in the organization of the Judiciary Department of the Mexican Government. Such was the character, as I understood it, of your first application to me for diplomatic intervention; and to that end you supplied me with the documents which were enclosed with your first letter.

The complaint which you now make is that the Federal District

District Judge is doing you
an immediate wrong which is
causing irreparable damage
by refusing to decide the issue
before him either in your favor
or against you; and that he
is doing this with an evil
intent.

Such allegation of fact,
if clearly established, will consti-
tute a good ground upon which
I can apply to the Mexican Govern-
ment for its immediate interference.
But your letter alone simply
makes, it will not suffice to es-
tablish, this allegation. I therefore
suggest that you procure, at
once, the affidavit of your
Lawyer

lawyer to the effect, that this
damaging delay on the part of
the judge is in no manner jus-
tified either by the character or
aspect of the case, and is not
in accordance with the practice
of the Mexican courts; that the
fact of its working you irrepa-
rable damage because of the
pecuniary and general irres-
ponsibility of the party who
antagonizes you in the case
is known to the judge (if it
be not known you must now
make it known) who thus de-
lays his decision; and that
hence the delay must be prompt-
ed by a corrupt personal object.
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This affidavit should be accompanied by one from yourself detailing facts showing the damage to which you have been subjected and are now actually suffering and by such affidavits as you can procure from respectable Mexicans (all the better if they hold public positions) which shall corroborate the statements made by yourself and your lawyer. Let these affidavits be sent to me both in Spanish and in English. The English may be simply translation copies of the Spanish, and need not be formally sworn to.

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I do not think that without
such proof it would be either
wise or proper for me to ap-
proach Mr. Mariscal on the
subject even unofficially.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Henry R. Jackson.

111 Charles St. Wre.

Baltimore Md. July 30th '86.

Dear Bro. Powell,

Alison sends
me a photograph of your-
self, church at Saltillo,
Madiers churstitute and of
Miss Supper.

I would like very much
to give my October No.
of "Gospel Worker" to Mex-
ico and your work. If the
cut in hands of Kit Williams
is not a good one, we will
have another made. If
I remember correctly, you
said one of your co-
workers has a cut of her-
self. Will you send that also?

I want an article by
you on Catholicism in
Mexico covering about
two pages (4 columns) of
"Hospital Worker." Give me
also some facts in your
life, date of birth, mar-
riage, conversion, call to
ministry, to Mexico &c. &c,
from which I may make
a right full sketch of
your life.

All this will I believe
glorify God & advance his
cause.

Yours in Christ,
A. B. Dixon

Louisville, Ky., Aug 7th 1885

Dear Bro Ponell

Please read
the other side and the pamphlet
within and cooperate with me.
You can easily get aid from
others which with what you can
do will enable you to send me
one hundred dollars at least for
the year. I must get that much
from each student or fail to
make this the success possible.
I have written to our Missionaries
in Africa China & Rome who
are students and asked of
each one and I could not if
I would not you by. Are not some
healthy Mexicans from ~~you~~ ^{where}
you can get this or much more
if you explain our great need
and the value of the Seminary to
all mission work.

Yours Truly
James P. Boyce.

—H—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.—H—

SCHEME FOR THE ERECTION OF A STUDENTS' MEMORIAL HALL.

We propose to the past and present students of the Seminary the erection of one of its buildings by their contributions. We feel assured that they will gladly do what is in their power, for we know the place the Seminary has in their hearts. We believe that they will be moved not only by gratitude for the blessings they have received, but by their conviction of the value of its work to those who are to follow them. They also know more than others the uncomfortable straits to which students have been put because of our insufficient accommodations. We propose, therefore, the following scheme:

1st. A building shall be erected, to be known as the Students' Memorial Hall or by some similar name.

2d. For this purpose each student shall give, or obtain from others, not less than one hundred dollars in cash by the 1st of October next if possible, but at latest by the 1st of January next.

3d. That it be advised that the contributions from others be obtained by personal applications to the churches of which they are pastors, or to such persons otherwise as they can best influence.

4th. That the amounts secured in either way shall be credited to the student by whom they are forwarded to the treasurer.

5th. That the money shall be put in a savings bank or invested as soon as received and kept separate from other funds of the Seminary until a sufficient amount shall have been accumulated for the erection of such a building as is suggested.

6th. That the names of all students who send one hundred dollars or more shall be enrolled in a permanent manner conspicuously in the building.

7th. That if sufficient funds shall thus have been secured before the erection of a boarding hall or dormitory building for students, or when an additional such building is needed, this fund shall be applied in that direction; otherwise it may be used for any other building which the Seminary may need.

8th. That all contributions for this purpose shall be sent to Rev. James P. Boyce, 104 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, specifically stating that they are for the Students' Memorial Hall. Money may be sent in checks on any bank in any of our large cities, or in postal orders, or in registered letter, or by express.

9th. No subscription to be counted until paid in cash.

It may be stated that before the preparation of this paper application was made to a former student, Rev. H. T. Daniel, of Richmond, Ky., and that he has headed this subscription by sending two hundred and fifty dollars in cash, and the promise of two hundred and fifty dollars more this fall, being a total of five hundred dollars. There are many of our students equally able, and, we hope, equally willing, to give thus largely. There are many not themselves able, whose churches would readily give from five hundred to one thousand dollars to gratify and honour their pastor. But we rely more confidently upon the fact that a subscription of one hundred dollars is either within the power of most of our students to give, or of the churches which they serve to contribute for them. We feel sure, therefore, that this much can be done in each case where there is a willing mind and industry to work up the contribution. A hundred dollars from each living student of the Seminary would erect a substantial, comfortable, and handsome Students' Boarding Hall. It would be very gratifying if it can be done. We hope that by an immediate and earnest effort this scheme may be successfully carried out, and that the devotion of the students to the institution may be so effectively exhibited as to make this contribution the most wonderful one in the history of the Institution.

JAMES P. BOYCE.

JOHN A. BROADUS.

B. MANLY.

W. H. WHITSITT.

Dallas Texas Aug. 17th 1885

Dear Bro. Powell,

I have long desired to write you simply to express my love and good wishes, and my appreciation and admiration of your work.

I have been preaching for over two solid weeks at the "Home" church. There have been quite a number of converts and the interest is increasing. Little Anita Westrup is very much concerned about the salvation of her soul. She has a wonderful desire for a child of her age, not to forget her Spanish, and to improve on it. There may be a providence in it. It may be that she is to be a worker for Christ in Mexico. I so pray and hope.

Please mail to me at Dallas one or more very simple first books in Spanish for her. You will know what to select. I can find nothing of the sort in this

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market. I have tried for more than a year to get her some Spanish books. You may have some partly used. Whatever you send get some of the natives, who would sympathize with the Assassinated Missionaries daughter, to contribute: otherwise send bill to me.

The B. O. H. is slowly growing 61 children within its walls, many more applicants. Over \$10,000 now on the endowment. I keep the Preachers list & endowment contributions separate. It now numbers about 65, giving from \$25.00, each and up. I will not beg of a Missionary away off in Mexico. But we have two Missionaries for Brazil this Fall, for \$25.00 each, and would so much appreciate equal sum from Bro Powell & other names on Preachers list
Your Brother R. C. Breckner

sent from my family

Bardwell Ky. Sept-4-85-

Dear Grandma

Received I

received your letter a few days ago was glad to hear from you. we are all well. Our meeting begins tonight. Bro. J. D. Moore is going to do the preaching. I don't think Annice Over has forgotten you yet. I asked her the other day who slept in your room and she said Charlie. Yes I should like the beads for her. I think they would be very pretty. Ma and I spent the

day at aunt Nancy's yesterday she was well. Buck had a letter from his mother a few days ago and she said Emma had left home that she would not let Frank Herries come there to see Bob - and she left saying she was going to Mary Ann's. I guess Mrs. Davis will have to come and live with us she cannot live by herself. It will be hard papers on you but I can't refuse. Buck says tell Joe to write him all the particulars about Mexico if we can sell we are

going somewhere and he
thinks perhaps that might suit
him and he would like to
know more about it so
write and tell us all about
the country. Well I believe
this is all this time.

Write soon.

Travelling

Annie



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Dealers in Cotton, Wool, Hides and Grain

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Also, Dealers in Lumber, Sash, Doors and Blinds.

Old Round Rock, Texas, Sep 14/1885

Brother W. D. Powell

In response to
the request in your open
letter I will say that
some of the Brethren said
you applied scripture to
the child, that was applied
only to Christ and John
the Baptist in the Bible.

Others objected to the use of any
cerimony. said it was too
much like that used by the
Peddy Baptist in christening
a child.

Yours truly
J M Black



Newburyport, Mass.
Sept. 29th '85

Dear Bro. Powell:

Your first letter I failed to receive. Your second came to me at Brownsville in the midst of the deepest distress over the death of a brother, young, noble, talented and robust highly promising, next to myself living, my companion and friend. However I might have been inclined previously to regard your kind proposition to come to Mexico this event would prevent my going now; for my father and mother would never consent to my leaving them to go so far. I must

be as near as possible to them
to comfort and cheer them.
I hardly feel, though,
anxious, that I am called
to a foreign field. It does
not seem to me that my
talents lie in that direction
and I am pretty sure that
my talents do not. I have
thought often about going
to a foreign field and Miss
is has been prominently
before my mind. But I have
felt that I might be as
useful, if not more so, at
home.

I resigned her for the
purpose of going to Louisville
to study Patristic Greek under
Dr. Broadus, of which I pro-
posed to make a specialty. But
since my resignation was

affirmed and accepted
then came this cruel blow
I mentioned, and the effect
has been to prostrate my
health and leave me in no
condition either of mind or
of body for hard study.
I shall rest for a few
weeks & spend them in travel-
ing and other outdoor exercises,
after which I hope to be suf-
ficiently restored to go on to
Louisville. If not, I shall
probably enter the pastorate
again - where I leave to
Providence to determine.

I should be
glad to hear from you again,
either upon this or any other
subject.

Very truly,
Your friend and brother,
Edgar A. Jack.

Quoson Ga Oct 12th 85.
Rev. W. D. Powell:
Sattillo, Mexico

Dear Bro.

I wrote to you nearly
two months ago, and through
you to Bro. Rodriguez, and
have as yet received no
reply. Did you fail to get
my letter?

The Friendship Associ-
ation asked the aid of Dr
Dupper, in securing a mission-
ary in Mexico, and he ~~turned~~
appointed us Bro. Rodriguez
one of his own missionaries.
We accepted, and agreed
to pay his entire salary ^{thru}
quarterly in advance. This

However was not to affect
his relations to F. M. B.
as the payments were all
made through Dr. Tupper.
Nor was ~~that~~ it to affect
his relation to yourself; we
acknowledge you as the
leader of missions in Mex-
ico, and if we should
have appointed an entirely
independent missionary
we ~~should~~ ^{would} have required
him to cooperate with
yourself. The only addition-
al labor that we ask
is to make us a quarterly
report of his work. This
we, as executive committee
must have to aid us
in raising his salary,
and making report to
association.

Please be kind enough
to make Dr. Rodriguez acquainted
with the arrangement, and
ask whether he is willing
to perform the additional
labor mentioned. If he
is, let him send forward
his report of last quarter
to my address, (Dawson
Ga) at once. If he is
not, then the executive
Committee will feel
bound to try to make another
arrangement.

Now we hope to hear
from you and him at
an early day. Should
this letter meet the fate
of my last, we will
be much discouraged in
our efforts to help you
in Mexico. (over)

Can Bro Rodriguez write
or speak English? Will
it be necessary for you
to translate his letters
and reports? Will this
be a great labor for you?
How much do you think
we ought to pay you for
this service? We are will-
ing to pay you for the
trouble. Write us im-
mediately.

Affectionately & Fraternaly
B. W. Davis

I will write address plainly to wit:

Rev B. W. Davis.

Dawson

Ga

117 Chas. St. Ave.

Baltimore Md.

Nov 28th 1885

Rev H. J. Donnell.

My dear Brother.

We are still deeply interested in your work in Mexico and we wish to continue the support of Miss Estefana Martinez. The girls have just handed to Mrs Crane, our Treasurer, money to finish paying ^{for} her support for the year, which makes \$120. they have raised for the year.

I enclose a letter written to Miss Martinez, It would give them great pleasure to hear from her persons.

ly and add interest to the
work. We would be glad
to hear from you frequently.
- Mr Dixon sends
love. We are having a
meeting in our church. Mr
Neddum the Evangelist
will come next week.

Yours truly
Mrs. A. C. Dixon.



Waverley Hall,
Louisville, Ky.

Dec. 29th '85.

Dear Bro. Powell:

Your kind letter was received sometime ago, and should have been answered sooner but I was at a loss as to what to say in reply.

Allow me to say this now. I have no particular impressions in the direction of Mexico.

I think that there is a great work to be done there, and I should rejoice to see it done; but I hardly feel that I am the man to do it, or to undertake it. I may misjudge my own self, but it seems to me that

I am better fitted for the
home field than for the foreign.

I confess, too, that all my
tastes and inclinations are in
favor of the home work, though
that may be selfishness.

Before deciding the
matter finally, however, I should
be glad to have considered several
questions.

1. Where would you like for me
to labor? In Saltillo or where?

2. What kind of work would you
want me to do - preach simply
or preach and teach?

3. With what class of people would
I come mostly in contact?

4. Is there as good a prospect
of the gospel reaching the people
and their being converted to Chris-
tian principles now as a year
or two ago? Is the prospect

as good at other points as
at Saltillo?

5. What salary does the board
pay? This question ought not,
perhaps, to be considered in con-
nection with the foreign field, but
owing to obligations to my family
which I feel resting upon me
I am bound to consider it
in connection with any field.

This last remark will
serve to show you what I sup-
pose is an almost insuperable
obstacle in the way of my
going to Mexico. I am not free
to do as I please in the matter.

I must help educate some of
my brothers and sisters. Besides
my father is getting a little old,
and I know not how soon the
care of the family may devolve
largely upon me. In connection

with this I may add that I have
written home about the matter
and both my father and my mother
or ~~men~~ very strongly opposed to
my going. I do not think they
could ever give their consent.

I wrote fully, because I want
^{you} to understand my circumstances
the grounds of my objection to going
to the foreign field.

My desire is so to live
as best to glorify my master; but
I think under all the circum-
stances that I can best do that
in this country.

I should be glad to hear
from you again.

Very truly,
Edgar A. Tack.

C. B. Breedlove.

OFFICE OF

C. F. Ewing.

Breedlove & Ewing,

ATTORNEYS

Brenham, Texas, Jan. 2, 1886.

W. H. Powell.

Dear Sir:-

Your recd. The
Jones Weatherford notes stated thus:-
On the one drawing 8¢ per an. int. Then
is due Jan. 1st, 1886, \$403⁰⁰
On the one drawing 10¢ per an. int. Then
is due Jan. 1st, 1886, \$307⁰⁰
Both draw int. from Jan. 1st, 1883.
One one is a ex. of \$58⁰⁰; other \$100⁰⁰
Do you desire these notes collected?
If so I will look after them.
On your place here I will get \$700⁰⁰
in a few days, & will lend it out
at 10¢ per annum, will secure.

It is a good sale & will pay you.
Chas. Moton has not yet paid. He is however.
On rent you are a little behind. Let it be so.

Breedlove & Ewing,

ATTORNEYS

Brenham, Texas, 188

The meeting at Temple was glorious.
 All divisions will now be healed.
 Our Com. men at Bettam looking after
 location for B. F. holys. It will go to
 Bettam. And it will open up night
 with for better buildings there now.
 And the local patronage will make a
 larger school than it is now.
 Educational prosper on brighter than ever,
 And so I say denominationality.
 There are now all told about 90 min-
 istrymen at work, under all boards.
 With them helping Pastor, & The Lord
 helping all!! It is glorious. Glorious!!!
 Here at Brenham we are doing better.
 Bro. Boters is a good man, a good
 preacher & a good pastor. He has been

Breedlove & Ewing,

ATTORNEYS

Brenham, Texas, 188

crippled, - a helpless wife. But, the Lord took her, & he is now free. So he can now give his whole time to the church. My family all well. Sister Grooms is not well. Has not been since she returned.

I feel a little uneasy about her. I hear from you all along. And my heart rejoices with your success. I trust you will be reinforced. Please to drop me a few lines now & then; if ever so few. My kindest regards to your wife & children, & associates.

Trus yours an.

C. R. Breedlove,
"

San Antonio 20th January 1886

W^m F. Powell

Saltillo

Dear Sir

A letter from D^{na} Charita dated 18th instant was received yesterday the 19th - D^{na} Charita informs me that you told D^{no} Leonardo that you was expecting a letter from me, when myself I was expecting to hear from you either personally or by writing - I believe you said something about seeing me in San Antonio

If convenient to you, supposing you need my services I would like to know on what terms we might agree, and what are the duties of the situation. On receiving your answer, I may either advance or retard my leaving San Antonio. Hoping to hear from you soon. Remain Dear Sir Very Ob^{ly} & respectfully
42 North Street W. Giovanni Callegari



Mr. Paul Powell Adminr
de l'Instituto Madero -

Saltillo

Mexico

Ad



Address: Rev. JAMES P. BOYCE, 104 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky. Feb 18th 1886

Rev. Mr. D. Ponce

Instituto Madero

Saltillo Mexico

Dear Brother

I have

your of Feb and am glad we
fully understand each other. The
money you sent was deposited at
the time I received it in the Savings
Department of Louisville Banking Co
and bears interest at 4 per cent.

It will be held for a Memo-
randum Hall subject to your order when-
ever you think that we cannot
survive.

Yours truly
James P. Boyce.

Rev W. W. Powell.

Saltillo

Tex.

N. Laredo, Mexico, 3/28 1886

Rev. W. D. Powell
Saltillo

Dear Sir,

Yesterday we received your
favor of 23rd inst. enclosing a pt
\$400 - on Richmond which we credit with
100 premium
500⁰⁰ net in all.

We wrote yesterday to San
Antonio for prices of lightning rod -
conductors - as here there is only one
party who has them and asked us
60¢ per foot - and the lowest figure he
would name us was 50¢ American for
the 110 feet & a point - which we considered
very high - if the price suits you, however
please wire us and we will ship immediately
by Express - in the meantime we will have
heard from San Antonio & we find there is a
savings will order from there.

We could not find any 2 inch dressed
planks suitable for doors - must order from

Compare at San Antonio - but it comes out your
rather high. Yours very truly
Belden Bros

Subject: DELAY TO MEXICAN MISSIONARIES

EAST TENNESSEE,
VIRGINIA & GEORGIA RAILROAD,

HENRY FINK, Receiver.

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	Georgia Div. & Branches	358.5
	Memphis & Charleston Div.	
	and Branches, (leased)	330.0
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Selma Ala. May 3rd 1886

188_____

Jno. H. Reynolds Esq.

Rome Ga.

Dear Sir:-- Please note attached statements from Agent
at Meridian. It seems that the ^{Gentlemen} ~~trouble~~ did not fully un-
derstand Mr. Powell's arrangement as they bought tickets
for Mobile within two hours after Mr. Powell left them.
They either misunderstood Mr. Powell or did not care to
wait until next morning.

Yours truly

John H. Reynolds

BELDEN BROTHERS,

~~ADDRESS P. O. BOX 50,~~

new LAREDO TEXAS. *M40*



Rev. W. D. Powell
Saltillo
M40

Dr. R. H. L. Bibb;
cept this little token of esteem
from your friend
W. D. Powell

P. S.

Miss Tupper is quite
quite ill and desires you
to call.

W. D. P.

June 13th, 1886,
Instituto Madras.

Louisville,
July 6/86

Dear Bro. Powell:

Certainly I sh^d
like to go, but it is impossible,
& also quite impossible to write
anything. I am up to my
eyes in work, & must be to the
very moment of leaving home
for Va. & Boston, where I have
engagements.

Yrs. Truly,
Chas. A. Braden

Longview Texas
July 10th 1886.

My Dear Bro.

I have intended
for some time to write
you, but from time to
time have neglected till
now. And first of all
let me congratulate
you on the grand suc-
cess which has attended
your faithful labors
in Mexico. surely Gods
seal is upon your
work. I was quite
sorry I did not see you
as you passed through Tex
and greatly disappointed
when we did not meet
you in connection
at Belton and Waco

The results of those meetings
you will no doubt
have read in the Papers
before you get this &
need I need not
speak of the same in
this letter. It is to be
hoped that we will now
have peace at least for
a while. We were all
greatly grieved to hear
of the sad affliction
of dear Miss Lupper.
And have made her
an object of special
prayer since we heard
of her illness. Now
she has fully recovered
by this time. God bless
and spare her long
to aid you in your
good work.

I appreciate in a very
high degree your re-
membrance of me in
naming me with
a place on the Pro-
gramme of exercises
in connection with
the dedication of your
new church. and
assure you it will
afford me pleasure
to be present and take
part in that pleasant
and historic occasion
nothing but the want
of money or some
providential interpose
will prevent my being
with you. I have
long desired to visit you
in your far away home
but have been hindered

hitherto. God bless you and
yours. We have been
greatly blessed in our
work in Longview and
God continues to smile
on us - for which we
feel profoundly grateful.
My wife joins me
in love to sister Powell
and the little ones.

With assurances of
highest-esteem and
sincere Christian
love I am ever
yours in Christ -
W. H. Dackson

Louisville, Ky. July 16th 1886

Rev. W. D. Ponce, D. D.
Sault Ste. Marie
Dear Brother

I send by
same mail with this a letter
directed to Rev D. Tappan. It is of
great importance that he shall get
this on his arrival in Sault Ste. Marie. He
writes me that he will leave for
Mexico in a few days.

Please keep the letter with
great care, and also be very careful
to deliver it to him.

I trust his daughter is
now doing well again. Give
her my best love.

Yours truly
James P. Boyce

Y. S. F. & Co.

Dawson Ga. Aug 18th 85.

Senor Porfirio Rodriguez:

Saltillo

State of Coahuila.

Mexico.

Dear beloved Christian brother,

The Friendship
Association of So. West
Georgia, sendeth Christian
greeting: Our hearts have
~~gone out~~ towards Mexico,
and we have desired to
have a part in the work
of giving the pure gospel
to your people. But
being unable - for lack
of proper information -
to make a wise appoint-
ment, we submitted the

matter of making the appointment to Dr. St. A. Tupper, who very kindly ~~you~~ undertook that work for us. The result is he has appointed yourself, Senor Porfirio Rodriguez, one of his most devoted missionaries, — or rather he has allowed us to claim you, who are really his missionary, as our own. And now our contribution will be sent to him especially for you. I suppose he has written you of this arrangement; and I hope you will be pleased with it.

Now we want occa-

sionally to hear from you. We would like to have reports of your work monthly if it will not take you too much, — or at least as often as convenient. We must hear from you immediately on receipt of this, because the time is not long off till our association meets, and we want them to ratify the arrangement made. Your assent to the arrangement will be necessary.

We have already sent one installment of your salary forward, to Dr. Tupper. On the first of October, should you assent to it, another

P.S. When you
write, have
it translated
before mail-
ing. for
none of us
can read
Spanish
Language.
B.W.D.

installment will be
forwarded.

And now dear
Brother whether you
assent to this or not
we pray God's blessing
upon you and upon your
work. May He grant
you many souls for
your hire.

I send this in
care of Rev. W.D. Powell
who will interpret for
you.

Affectionately Yours
Rev. B. W. Davis
Dawson
Me 3

I have written this upon
the authority of the ex. com.
of which I am a member.

Belton, Texas.

Sept. 22nd 1886.

My Dear Bro. Powell:

Your kind letter of Aug. 25th was received a short time ago. We were very glad indeed to hear from you.

I regretted exceedingly my inability to go to Saltillo, for now I fear it will be impossible for me to make the trip. If I had the money I would go, but I cannot afford the expense now. That there are no excursion rates.

I have been travelling almost constantly since my return to Texas, & am now expecting soon to go to ~~to~~ Missouri to the Gen'l. Assoc. There. Hope to visit Kansas

city & St. Louis, & then go east. We expect to return to Texas in Nov. & prepare for journey to Brazil, via Galveston & New York.

Our health is excellent. The death of our little Luther was indeed a sad blow for us, but the Lord knew best; & we try to bow submissively to His holy will. Our two other children are well.

Am so glad to know that your work goes on well & is being blessed in spite of all the war rumors & complications. May the Lord continue richly to bless you all!

The work in Brazil is cheering. Every letter I get tells of conversions. I fear that Bro. Daniels will have to go to South Brazil, his health not being good in Bahia.

Remember me most affectionately to all the workers there, & to the native brethren.

Yours in the Master,
W. B. Bagby.

L. L. Brown wrote me a long
letter a short while ago
and sent me his photograph
which I forward to you.
What do you think of the
old boy by this time?
He has grown much phys-
ically has he?

Wouldn't you love to
see all the boys and
have an old fashioned
Seminary Talk or sing

just such as we used to
enjoy -? Oh, those were
happy days. But it would
not be so nice to me "ben
home" for there are many
vacant seats there now -
only Mrs Junnie & Lillie & girls
left. But we will meet
by and by and our parting
will be no more -

Write me - Here's my ^{and}  and
my  - Off - Bye -

of notice - do not trouble yourself about
it & forgive the intrusion. Because of
the deep interest I feel in Mexico. God
bless you in all your efforts in her behalf.
Pray for me that I may be sustained
& strengthened. ^{from the dear Dr. S. E. Fuller}
Atlanta. Oct. 12. 1886

Rev. W. D. Towler

My dear brother,

I regretted so much
not seeing you last spring when
you called on your way to the
S. B. Convention. I would like
to have met you and talked
about your mission. I feel a
peculiar interest in that and
the Cuban mission. The fields
seem so white for the harvest -
and they seem so near to us
and so accessible - You must
therefore excuse the suggestion.
I am about to make. Do you mean
our teachers? The young Ladies
of the 2nd Baptist Church here.
and all the prominent churches
here & elsewhere have a rubly
Bible Sunday meeting. My youngest

I have written in haste with many other occupations
affecting your giving or trouble in reading.

daughter is a member of the
2nd Baptist Society. She graduated
two years ago last June. the
last year Miss Laura Haygood
was principal of the Girls High
School here. The fall after Miss
Haygood who is a very intelligent
& consecrated Christian. went to China
as a Methodist Missionary. And
I think her influence & example
has not been lost on Emma. my
daughter though I do not wish
it to be known that I have written
you this. for should she ever feel
it her duty to serve Christ in this
way. I want it to be a voluntary act
entirely with no feeling that she was
influenced by me. But I have thought
this - If you need more teachers -
would it not be well for you - if you
can find leisure - to write to some
of these societies - beginning with

the 2nd Church here. Tell them what
you need, and ask if one or more
would not be willing to consecrate
themselves to the work and ^(I think) as Carey
said "let those at home hold the
rope. while these, went down into the well."
The same holds good with the theo-
logical Society. A personal appeal
things sometimes a personal duty
to us - which may never seem our
duty while vaguely deals with.
Say, 10 or 12 churches in every state
would send out & support a good
teacher how the rising generation
would be benefited? how soon would
the dark places in Mexico - be
"filled with a knowledge of Jesus?"
I am willing to give my child if
she can be of use - but I don't wish
one to give - and do want the sug-
gestion to come from me. It must
be a personal ^{or willing} sacrifice to be acceptable

and blessed by God. She is pre-
paring & looking forward to teaching
and is in the habit of study now
and would not find it hard
to acquire the language. But
if you think any thing of the
suggestion. I do not want her
even to know that I have written
you this letter. If she should
feel it her duty. I want the Holy
Spirit only to influence her a
perfectly voluntary act on her part
with no feeling of compulsion
coming in. If she should not
feel it her duty. it may be that
some one else may. I am sure
there must be ~~those~~ in our
Churches - whose hearts are burdened
with the desire to do something
for Jesus - who only want opportunity
to feel it their personal duty. I
think it is their practice to take
up one mission field after another
& discuss their wants. Stir them up
about Mexico. Make an appeal for help.
ask who among them would be willing
to help. by giving themselves to the work
Address this letter to the young ladies
Missionary Society - enclosed to Dr. Mc
Donald. but don't mention my writing to you
~~Excuse the suggestion~~ if it is not worthy

Rockdale Dec ^{The} 1 1886

Bro Powell

I have so wished to visit Mexico
And now as my health gives me that opportunity.

It is with reluctance I give it up, but your last letter
was so discouraging to me, whose thoughts were so bright
at the novelty of her situation being cast among
strangers in a strange land; but to gain health where
will we not venture what matters the language used.

I wished to say Bro Powell that I am not and
invalid; far from it, do more work now than many
strong and healthy women, therefore I will not give you
much trouble, beyond helping me to get located; and
for which service and time I am willing to satisfy you
for. We are not paupers we do not ask aid free of charge
from any one, if you could get me a small cottage
in a civilized, or English part of your town, and meet
me at depot so I would be able to find my way to it.
I would be under many obligations to you besides charging
reward you for your trouble, would it be dangerous for
a woman and two children to live alone, I am not timid
but as ^{he} you for information. Yours respectfully, will you please
answer me immediately and oblige

Mollie E. Ferguson

R. T. PETREE.

Office of

J. W. DOWNER.

Petree & Downer,

Attorneys at Law.

Special Attention Given to
the Collection of Claims.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 23^d, 1886.

Rev. W. D. Powell,
Saltillo, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Kind inclosed
New York exchange, for \$21.00,
sent by the Keen Missionary
Society of this place, for
the education of the young
lady, the said society is
endeavoring to educate.

Yours Truly
Mrs. S. G. Buckner
President.

Berryville, Clarke Co., Va.
Jan. 20, 1887.

Mr. W. D. Powell,
My dear friend.

Your
last letter received
about a month ago.
I would have answered
it, but my self
being sick, of course
I could not.

I enclosed order on
N. Y. Exchange to
the amount of
seven dollars, \$7.00
Our Society gave a
little entertainment
about Xmas.
Consisting of

94
"Tableaux" and "Mickey",
and realized the
above amount.
Our family consist
of four girls, and
one boy. I am the
"baby" fifteen years
old. There are seven
in our family, and
we all have been
sick. I was in Oct,
very ill. I thought
my dear Mamma
on Saturday
would die, but the
Doctors certainly did
work hard to keep
life in her. I pray
to God for her.
But she is much
better. I have a deaf
sister, and last

Feb. she sprain
her ankle, and we
have had doctors to see
it, but it don't get any
better. Now we have
a new Dr. I hope if it
is God will, she will
soon improved.
Let me hear if you
get my letter & money
safely. I close by
wishing you and
the little Orphans
a bright and happy
New Year.
Sincerely Yours
Lulie E. Allen, Sec'y.

McGregor Livers
Jan. 28th / 88

Rev. W. H. Powell,
Sattillo,
Mexico.

My dear Brother:

Your letter
of January 11th received
several days ago. It was
no small degree of pleasure
your letter ^{gave} me and mine
I assure you. I supposed
in your far away home, you
had allowed all trace of
me and the olden times
to pass from your mind,
and really could not have
felt unkindly toward ~~forward~~ ^{you}
for so doing, immersed as

you are in a multitude
of cares and labors, and
having passed through so
many glorious occasions
since we were together.

As soon as your letter came
I asked the two oldest of my
children if they remembered you
and they both answered instanta-
ly, yes sir! One of them
was less than five years old
when you were at my house
last.

This I think proves
that you impressed yourself on
us too deeply to be forgotten.
In fact, though, we who are
older should cease to appreciate
your labors in our midst
and let the name of Powell

slip from our minds and
hearts, the children of Texas
will still remember and

and love that name, cher-
ishing it as a sacred treas-
ure in faithful breasts.

Perhaps never until you have
finished your labors on
earth, and can look with

the unclouded eyes of the
glorified ones, will you be able
to know how many hearts

there are in Texas that
throb with love and appre-
ciation at the mention of
your name.

You ask me a question
as to the number of little
Clarks and then don't tell
my thing about the number
of little Powells. The little
Clarks number 5. I have
forgotten whether the little
Powells number 7 or 9, which
is it.

Well as to your missionary
lot. I have looked it up
and find that it is in a por-
tion of the city which is not
building up, and which as
far as I can see has not
a very bright future. Such
lots sell for \$25⁰⁰ about
the original cost. I do not
expect you could get more
than that.

Present my warmest re-
gards to your family and
co-workers. Though I never
saw them - and accept for
yourself from me and mine
a hearty "God bless you"

Affectionately
Your brother in Christ
G. W. Clarke



Rev. W. D. Powell.

Pastor Baptist Ch.

Saltillo, Mexico

Dear Sir & Bro.: your favor & hand; and answers would tender sincere thanks both of myself and congregation for the kind offer of your Ch. building for the use of our Presbytery meetings.

I am however under the necessity of declining the offer for the following reasons.

1st Our congregation has made considerable effort to repair our ch. for the meeting of Pres. and I do not feel it would be showing due courtesy & thus as appreciation of this effort & accepting your offer.

2nd We wish to hold ^{preaching} service every night during the time Pres. is in session; and do not feel like encroaching too much on good brethren.

3rd Our ch. here is as low to nearly all our preachers: as they were here with Bro. Thomson and it would be denying them the pleasure of old scenes & associations & meet in another place.

Thanks also for the offer to entertain two members of Pres. during time of meeting. I have already secured entertainment for all of them and could not well change now—especially for Wallan.

Thanking you and through your good congregation for your kind offer I am
Sincerely
Isaac Boyce.

Elberton, Ga. Feb. 18th 1887

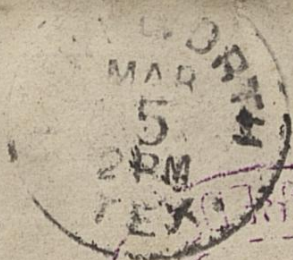
Rev. W. D. Powell,

Saltville, Mexico -

Dear Brother,

I have been telling my Sabbath school about you & your work and have asked them soon to make a special contribution for your work. They are already somewhat interested in Mexican Missions & to more thoroughly enlist & enthruse them I should like to have a letter from you to read to the school at our Missionary meeting early in March. Please give us such information &c. - as you think will most interest and enthruse us. I have told the school that I looked upon you as being more like Paul than any living man.

God bless & prosper you in your noble work - and nerve & strengthen and equip you. - Our pastor, Bro. E. R. Coswell, Jr. is stirring us up on Missions. We have already (in less than two months) given three times as much as we ever gave in one year. Besides we pray for the missionaries steadily & talk about them frequently. - Please answer as soon as you can & send me the names of those who gave - Yours in Christ, T. C. Carlton



Rev W. D. Powell,
Saltillo.
Mexico.

Via Laredo.

I sent your Oquibbo from your
letter to the Mr. Rickett and
they came out in the next issue.
It may be good - I will write -

Fayetteville Ark

3-27-87.

My Dear Bro:-

Your letter was such a
treat to me. I could not
restrain the tears as you re-
ferred to the happy days of
long ago. But little did we
dream that life was so stern
and crab. Our young hearts
were then reveling in the
sweets of youthful love. Hope
was waving for us both a
beautiful diadem. You are
off there struggling in the heat
of the battle, accomplishing
something for the Master. Ma-
my stars will brighten your brow
in that better land.

I am plodding along trying

to develop a weak church.
My salary is small. But
mine is one of the few
churches that is support-
ing its pastor, in this State.
They never did it here before.
I have taught them that giv-
ing is a part of Gospel.

But my work is not done
satisfactorily to myself. It
seems that my efforts are
very poor. Since I came
here I have had to contend
with the World, the Flesh &
the Devil, and by the grace
of God I have succeeded
so far in overcoming
them.

Yes, My Brs; I have been
in the furnace - sometimes
with no earthly friends, save
my dear wife, who has proven
herself to be one of the Lord's

chosen ones. She has been
a constant source of
comfort to me when
the clouds were blackest
around me. I know that
I have not always done just
right but I know, on the
other hand, that those who
call themselves Chr. have
done more to provoke me
to sin than the World ever
did. Still if all the world
did wrong there is no reason
why I should -

But all this is gone and
God's bright bow of promise
now spans the skies - Whether
I live long or die soon,
my motto is "The World for K."

Yes, you have too much to
do. How I wish I could
assist you. But it can't
be. I feel grateful that

I have gained the confidence & esteem of the best brethren in this State. I know I occupy one of the most important places in the State — This is the seat of Ark. Industrial University. They tell me that I am doing more than any other man who has been here for the denomination.

I am quite sure that a trip to Eureka Springs would do you good. I am only 45 miles from the Springs. Nothing would please me more than to have you out here with us a while — I will promise not to work you to death if you will come & will arrange

to have my family at the Springs to enjoy it with you. They will have several hundred visitors there during this season.

The Ladies Aid Society of my Church sends part of their collections this quarter to you — My Church and Sunday S. will send the whole amount collected through them (\$15 or 20) to your work. They are full of interest in you because we know you. I think, perhaps this is right as others will specify missionaries in whom they may have personal interests. Why should we not gratify

our personal friend-
ships? Is there anything
wrong in it? I feel no
deeper interest in one
field being brought to
X than another. I want
the word to know Him.
But we feel more interest in
the workmen employed in
one field than we do in
others.

The death of dear Robbie
was quite a blow to the
family - The whole city of
Granville seemed to feel
the loss - The Sunday I passed
a beautiful set of resolutions
She will be missed - so loved
& honored by every one - But
she is at rest.

God bless you, My Bro, and keep you
in your work - Write me when you
can - A letter from you always helps me
& let my people read it & they feel a deeper
interest in you & me - Fraternally Yours
Martin Ball

Springtown Tex. Apr. 11.
Mr. W. H. Powell. E 87.

San Antonio Mex,

Dear Brother,

We received
the Rec. for the money we
sent you some days ago,
was glad to hear from you
and, exceedingly glad to hear
of your success. We are sorry
indeed that we cannot
furnish the money needed
to put the wall around the
missionary grounds. But

My dear Bro. It seems that
is an impossibility to raise
money here at this time we
have had very little rain
here within the last two years

and as farming is the
only profitable enterprise
we are in such times very
nearly destitute of money.
our society has no money
on hand at present. hope that
by this time you have been presen-
ted with ^{the} money needed, by
the Lord, our Lord who
put it into the brethren at
this place to send the small
sum that you received by
surprise. Pray for our church
I make a special request of
you to pray for me, that the
Lord may strengthen me
and make me beneficial
to his cause. I am a boy 20. years
old comparatively uneducated.
having been a member of
the Springtown church since
my conversion at 15 years
of age.

and having been comparatively idle the greater portion of the time I think that it is high time that I make bold efforts for the Lord,
Pray for me.

Ah! Bro. Powell the Lord was protecting you from that evilwotted hands, so far as doing you injury was concerned. May the Lord choose your course, and bless your labors, is my prayer, Very Truly your friend,
R. S. Blair.

❖ R. E. CARTER, ❖



Lexington, Va., April 21st 1887

Rev. W. D. Perrell,

Dear Brother,

I have just been reading a letter from you in The Goshen Mission Journal. I feel so deeply interested in the great work you are doing in Mexico, and feel that although all of us can not be missionaries, we should do all in our power to help those who through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ have been called. The Women of our Church have a Woman's Miss. Society. I am corresponding Sec. & hence it falls my duty occasionally to write to the different Missionaries for letters

to read at our Society. I know
your time is always taken up,
but hope if you cannot write you
can get some of your Assistants to
do so. We are so fond of our Pastor,
Dr James B. Gayles he has built up
this Church considerably. I hope
our new Church will be finished
by Summer. It will be one of the
prettiest Churches in the State. I
always remember you & your work
in my prayers. Hoping to hear from
you before our next meeting.

I remain

Your Sister in Christ -
Mrs R. E. Carter
Lexington
Blackbridge Co.
Va.

Greensboro', Ga.,

April 22nd, 1887.

Mr. Powell,

When I promised
to let you hear from me on
the 22nd, I had no idea what
my answer would be. I could
only pray that God would guide
and direct me.

If you remember, you said before
leaving that night - "The Master
is come and calleth for thee."

My reply is this, I will go.

Sincerely your friend

Lula Bowen.

Atlanta June 23^d 1887

My dear Mr. Correll:

When I parted from
you in Louisville you remembered
I told you I was going to try
and send you a young
missionary. Well I have been
in the hunt for one. I have
a cousin in Barnsville Ga
that would suit you exactly.
Miss Ada Brown. I told her
I had picked her out & go
to Mexico as a missionary she
eyes almost jumped from
their sockets. It struck her
like lightning. Then I asked
her what she thought of it
she replied with a thought-
ful

look, which I shall never
forget. "I am a prince I am not
poor enough." She is a good
musician, well educated, of
my refined nature - energetic
and of the highest Christian
devotion, and standards. Has
no matrimonial inclination
and in every way fitted for being
a first class missionary. Do
trust - to her at once lay the
case before her. Under her, she
will, for surely she is a light
kind under a bushel in Barn-
stable, in that the field is so cir-
cumscribed, and the gospel needs
all so narrow and tired work.
She is a twin daughter, & the
parental thought has been,
keep these lovely and gifted
daughters under the thumb,
do speak, of their home

and Sardin Baptist Church.
I can see how Ade Brown
would expand into a glorious
woman in Mexican mission-
ary ground, when she will
actually dwarf in the old
beaten track of Barnstable
Church. She is a very capable
woman. Be sure to by all
means if you can. I told
her that I intended to write to
you about her, & a letter from
you will not be a surprise.
She is 23 years old, of good
health - strong constitution.
I suppose her parents might
object to her going, but it will
only be a selfish love that would
hold her back. I am sure
her devoted heart, & her ex-
cellent qualification for
the work would tell her G. W.

I prayed that I might find
a suitable person for you, and
she came to my mind. If this
letter for you should take the
matter into your own hands, if
I can assist you in any way I
shall gladly do so. My heart
is deeply interested in the
welfare of Mexico. May our
blessed Father by His Holy
Spirit keep you to His glory
till Mexico is redeemed from
sin and idolatry. Am in Miss
Supper getting on? Remember
our well for family, although
I do not know them I love them
for your sake, whom I love for
Jesus' sake

Yours truly, Belch H. Abbott

Greensboro Ga Aug 5/87

W D Powell

Sattelo House

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 27th ult is
recd for which I am obliged

I thank God and rejoice with you
that many are being brought
into the family of the Gospel
What a joy it will be to you
in the end of time, to meet all
those whom God has, and will,
convert through your instrumen-
tality. I think from what I
know of colporteur work. ~~that~~ it is
the forerunner of the preacher
and many can be reached by this
class of laborers who could not, by
the regular preacher, and the interest

aroused by the collection is disseminated through the masses, works upward, and when the preacher comes he finds a people prepared for the Lord, and the song and prayer rejoice together. As regards the way of collection my desire is that the money contributed by one, be so used ^{as} to place as many laborers in the field as it will support comfortably, by ^{the} practice of economy. I desire to pay them salary sufficient to supply the means of a comfortable life. In ^{voluntary} work, I strive to ^{employ the school} judgment & economy. Practised in my business affairs, to utilize the means so as to accomplish as much good as possible out of them. I have been considering how I could in a year July/88 place two or three men collections in your field. List of their names

demand that their salaries of
 those now in the work be increased
 $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ the advance will require
 \$360 ^{or} for annum additional
 You refer in your last letter to
 two localities ^{hopeful} for colportage
 work. Please inform me if
 you know two ^{unmarried} men well fitted
 to enter upon the work, and at
 what price they can afford
 to give their whole time to it,
 If unmarried men can be had
 they are much preferable if
 fully imbued with the love of souls
 I may be able to supply money
 for their support by Sept or
 October Do not assume any
 obligation until I hear from you
 and you receive my ~~reply~~ reply

In considering my obligation, I have
 about decided, that it is my duty,
 in the present state of the missionary
 work, and the large harvest awaiting
 the reaper, to devote a larger share
 of what God has given me to make
 known His love to our race, and
 am shaping my means to carry
 out this decision. God has wonderfully
 blessed the labour of men whom I have
 (by His grace) supported, not only in
 Mexico, but in Cuba, and my native
 state. Hundreds have professed conver-
 sion, in Ga under the labours of a
 brother whom I have supported for
 12 years, and furnished with Bibles
 & Testaments to distribute in his field.
 Churches & Sabbath ^{schools} have been established
 and numbers have been saved.
 I daily pray that God may prosper
 His cause in Mexico and especially
 (as thus sinful) your work and there

FROM
G. A. DAVIS & CO.,
GREENSBORO, GA.

under you. For although I rejoice
always to know that any soul has
been redeemed from death, yet I can
see the more reason, if I have any
reason to believe that God has, in any
way honored me as the insignificant
instrument of aiding in the deliver-
ing a soul from death. Is it not
the highest honour, to be even a very
very humble co-worker, with the Infinite
God, in a work so glorious, as the redemp-
tion of the soul from anguish ^{and} ~~in~~ ^{the}
not only in redemption from a doom so
dreadful, but to an exaltation above
angels, to a joint inheritance with
Jesus, to a citizenship with the
Angels High. Therefore I can but
rejoice, greatly rejoice, when I have
any reason to hope that God has in
any way blessed any effort ~~made~~

which he has moved my heart
to make the son a savior from
death, (for I knew without the
power of the Spirit none would
desire any good)

Pardon this digression as my
thought were turned by your
letter in this channel

I await your answer relative
to colportage

I recd a letter some days since
from Bro Wilson which
informed me that he was at
work again

With christian regard I
am Yrs
W A Davis

influence of the religion of the cross
Remember me in your prayers,
that I may walk "in the way
everlasting" that my faith in Jesus
as my righteousness may never
falter and that I may daily
be transformed into the image
of Him who delivered me from
condemnation, and ever worth
to intercede for me

With Christian regard I am
Yr Trul
W A Davis

Oct 3rd 1847.

Rev W. D. Powell

Dear Brother,

Having resigned
our claim to Miss Maggie
Rice entirely to the Missouri
Ladies - Dr^r Eaton advised
me to ask you to suggest some
object of support in Mexico.

Probably you can give us
some information in regard to
the lady you referred to - last
spring while here with us - living
in Montgomery. I will be very
much obliged if you can answer
immediately; of course any
suggestion you might make
will have to be decided by the
Society. therefore we are anxious
to know as soon as possible, as

it will require some time to
raise the money. I sincerely
hope Mexico will be our field
my whole soul goes out to Mexico.
it is wonderful wonderful how
rapidly and decidedly God has
opened the way to that worst
form - it seems to me - of heathen.

Our Society meets next
Monday afternoon. I just got
your address last evening, would
have written sooner but my
dear Father has been very ill
please help us pray for his re-
covery. He is still quite ill, a great
sufferer, but his patience is
beautiful to see, our cousin ment-
ioned to him how very patient he
- in his feeble voice said Praise I
find patience suffering is worse
than the flesh. He was very anxious
to be well by the 20th of October - he -

By the way - is the only one
from Louisville - I think
some of them said - who was
present fifty years ago at the
association. Warden one please if
I have intruded upon your time.

Your Sister in Christ -
Miss Lucie Delph.
710 West Chestnut
Louisville
Ky.

Trumbull Co

Oct 18/87

Dr Bro Powell

Enclosed find check
for \$190⁰⁰ in payment for
the 2^d of the 2 Collections
at \$15⁰⁰ per month each and
for two months of the two at
\$25⁰⁰ per month each

Tells what you say about
their beginning work before
Oct 1/87

Inform me how many days
they worked for Jesus in Sept
and I will remit the amt
I ask that you with Bro
Tupper collect and see if
the Board will me assume
the payment of Bro Wilson

and inf^r salary from Jan 1/88
I have remitted his salary up
to that date,
I desire to change ~~How~~^{the} of the
amount paid him to placing
men collections in the field
I did not expect when I
arranged to pay him to work in
Mexico. That he was married &
expected to pay How^r for annuities
and I only assumed the fragments
under the promise then existing
until the Board could arrange to
supply proachers from the
States, which I think now
the Board can do -

Let me hear from you on
this subject as soon as conve-
nient With Christian regard
I am
Yr Truf
(C. A. Davis)

Oixon, Cal.

Nov. 30th 1887.

Rev. W. D. Lowell:

My dear Brother,

I am
in receipt of a letter from Dr.
Trupper inviting me on behalf
of the Board at Richmond to
become your fellow laborer at
Paltillo. Wholly unexpected as
is such a proposal I cannot
in justice to my views of duty
decline it without prayerful
and earnest consideration.

The difficulties in the way
seem immense, & yet my con-
science bids me grapple with
them. I write therefore to make
some inquiries of you about the
field climate &c., in hope
of getting help in the decision,
from your own experience. I

beg to say in the outset that I write to you in strict confidence, because I do not wish the matter to become public through me. It is the Board's business, & if anything is said about it I should prefer its being said by them.

The points I wish to cover in my inquiries to you are three:

- 1) The personal side of the question, whether I can hope to be reasonably successful in the work.
- 2) The matter of climate, whether Saltillo would be likely to be conducive to the health of myself & family.
- 3) The matter of support, means of living, help or - the domestic problem.

1. With regard to the first, I have never felt that I had any aptitude for pioneer work, & have usually settled the ques-

tion of going to a foreign field, whenever it came into my mind, on the score of constitutional unsuitability for that work. I am of a temperament usually called "mercenary", easily elated and easily depressed. Besides, my training & aptitudes, both natural & acquired, seem rather to lie on the line of home work. I do not know exactly what I should have to do were I to go to your assistance. I could easily learn the language & could preach & teach. But for leadership, & general management of things I have little or no qualification. If you want a Bible teacher in your school who could also do a little preaching on Sundays at neighboring places, why I think I might do that tolerably well. But the work you do,

my brother, such as I have de-
lighted to hear you tell of at
our Conventions, I could not do.
I feel that I should make a
wretched failure if I attempted
it. Now be frank with me,
for I want to get at the bottom
facts before I settle this ques-
tion, or if you have any doubt
from what you know of me
of the work as to my personal
unfitness for it, please say so.

2. I have a great horror
of "breaking down", or of coming
back "on account of my wife's
health". Better never go. I
would a thousand times rather
never go, than to have to re-
turn on account of health.
Now at great sacrifice of every
sort we came here for Va.
on account of climate. And
now that we are here we find

some improvement, but by no means
all we expected. It is so hard
to get just ideas about climate
from a distance, & for people who
living at a certain place naturally
think it the garden spot of the
world. So I will venture to ask
you to be as explicit as possible
on this point. Please tell me
both the agreeable & disagreeable
elements of your climate. How
hot it gets, how cold. What
diseases are most prevalent. If
you have malarial fevers. If
the climate is good for throat
& lung weakness. Do you have
much wind - northerly. Is good
medical advice to be had. Is
there any special objectionable
peculiarity in the climate. The
trouble with us is just this:
Cold winters don't hurt me &
hot summers prostrate my wife.

We are both delicate. She is peculiarly affected by malaria, & I have weak lungs. We came here in hope of finding the place to suit us both. But while it is better than Petersburg for both of us, it is not yet exactly what we want. For the summers here are very hot, & the malaria has had hold of us all. I think the winter climate will suit us very well. I write fully & plainly, because I am anxious not to make any mistake on this point; & I will thank you to write me as fully as you can & give me the benefit of your experience with Saltillo as to climate & health.

3. I should like some light on the domestic problem. My wife is not strong enough to do all of her domestic work &

we have to employ "help". Can you get good help & for fair wages? How does the cost of living compare with the average in the South? I find it more expensive here than in Va. How is it about house rent, staple articles, & all such? Any hints you can give me on this point will be helpful. If I were a right young fellow I could take my chances, but with a wife & two children (8 & 5) a man must try to see before him.

My wife could not stand hardships, however willing to do so, & it would not be fair to the Board to go out there, find it more than we could stand & have to run home.

Now, my dear old friend, I have written all this, not because I want a "soft place,"

but simply because I do not want to undertake what I probably could not carry out.

I do not seek the place. I do not want to go. My work here opens before me more & more. It is a great field. There is no need I should go elsewhere for lack of a plenty to do for the Master. We have but just lately got here & I don't want to quit so soon. But if the invitation of the Board is the call of duty, or if we could hope to have the requisite health and ability for the work with you, why I can't say I would not come.

My prayers often ascend for you. I trust you won't have any more bulky troubles! Write soon. Fraternaly yours,
E. C. Lorgan.

U. S. Legation,
Mexico, Dec 2, 1887.

Dear Sir:

I herewith transmit the Certificate of American nationality you requested. Please advise me of receipt.
Yours respectfully

Thomas Blomery

To Rev Wm D. Powell,
Baptist Mission,
Saltillo.

Laredo, Texas

December 2nd
1887

Dear Bro. Powell I am
sorry to state you that the
money you furnished to
me for taking my family
to Siltillo, ~~it~~ is not enough
and I need more. The expenses
are too heavy and I cannot
cover them with the \$51.00
Dollars you gave me.

Your dear friend brother
Doddson has a Draft of
\$50.00 Dollars for you, will
you telegraph him to give
\$40.00 Dollars of that Draft
and this will cover entirely
my expenses.

You owe me \$12.00 Dollars for the

Month of December, another \$12.⁰⁰
Dollars I more that Brothus
Dodson was to give me
make a total of \$24.⁰⁰ I do
now subtracting 2/3 from
30 leaves 6. now add to
this \$12.⁰⁰ Dollars more make
18 Dollar ~~which~~ which together
with the 34 you advanced
me make a total of \$52.⁰⁰
Dollar. Please don't fail
to send me that money
I want to be there
about January the 31st
of this month.

Brother Foster has quite
the business and has
closed his Store.

the amount which
may get, to you

Send a telegram to
Brothus Dodson about
the money I tell you
and I will pay you
when I get back.

Arrive here yesterday
all right and just
start to night for
home. I meet your
decision.