

Rev W D Powell and Mexican Missions

No man whose name is known among modern missionaries has accomplished more in so short a time, or more effectually drawn around him ^{and} his work, greater admiration ^{and} love as the devoted brother whose name stands in connection with the heading of this paper. He is evidently adapted to this work in a measure that hardly indicates the fact that it is true in his case to a remarkable degree that "The preparation of the heart of man ^{and} the answer of the tongue is of the Lord."

In the spring of 1879 he came to Texas from Tennessee, an educated, pious, hopeful young man, with an interesting happy wife as his ~~own~~ devoted companion ready to share in his hopes ^{and} toils. They stopped for a while in Dallas, but his first regular work was in the town of Minicola, where he built up a flourishing Church, supporting himself in a great measure by teaching in the schoolroom. His already feeble health gave way under excessive care ^{and} labor, on account of which he determined to seek still milder climate in the coast country of our State. The parting was like the rending of ~~the~~ hearts

for he had won the enthusiastic admiration of all, making of them life long friends. North Texas claimed him^{and} were reluctant to give him up. The Southern in Southern Texas very soon discovered in Bro Powell the elements well developed, of a devoted Christian^{and} an "able minister of the New Testament"^{and} they put him to work as "General Sunday school evangelist." The Baptist forces of North^{and} South Texas were at that time divided into separate missionary organizations, but they all loved^{and} claimed Bro Powell. The Southern South said "He is ours by right of discovery." He loved them all alike,^{and} them as now, since the consolidation of the mission organizations, all love him^{and} were willing to work with him^{and} his plans. In his work as S. S. evangelist he soon organized Sabbath Schools all over Southern^{and} south western Texas^{and} created an interest that has spread all over the State. It was during this work that he first visited Mexico. Being near the border on one occasion he crossed over to "spice out the land,"^{and} he soon learned that

many little Mexican children were willing to hear of Jesus ^{and his love}. ^{and that} some of their parents were willing to have them attend S. School ^{and preaching}. This led finally to his selection of Mexico as the field of his future work. He told the brethren of his desires ^{and his eloquent addresses} ^{and heart moving appeals} soon convinced them that his hands should be loosed, ^{and the Baptists of Texas resolved to support him in the work}. By request of the "General Association" ^{and the State Conventions} ^{and upon their pledges of support}, the "Southern Baptist Convention" sent him to Mexico.

In the way briefly described he was prepared for ^{and entered upon} the missionary work in Mexico ^{and the people were prepared to support him in it}. His large success has been beyond my power to tell of the space allowed for this paper to admit.

He planted the banner of the Cross boldly in Sautillo under the shadow of papal temples

and in the midst of a continent of darkness and superstition. So the God of missions, he himself called for help and with great joy realized in his own case the last promise of the Worlds Redeemer "Lo, I am with you", with which declaration he made when he said to the disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." In a "herid house" like the great apostles of the Gentiles, this apostle of Mexican Missions told the melting story of the Cross, and the people that "sat in darkness saw a great light."

Oft times our dear brother was, like his Divine Master, spat upon, stoned and mocked. And even as late as his fifth anniversary of his work, was put in prison. Marvelous was sometimes the deliverance that came to him. The prayers of the Baptists of this country were for him. And not only were their hearts enlarged, but their purse strings were loosed. G. W. Powell to ask for money was to receive it. And soon he was enabled to buy and pay for a massive cathedral and convert it into a Baptist house of worship.

Soon he established "Madero Institute" for the education of young women. A Sunday School was of course established, a corps of workers were sent to ^{and} gathered around him. ^{and} Mexico has been moved from the Rio Grande to the great City of the Montezumas. Bro Powell organized the first Baptist school ^{and} the first Baptist Association in Mexico ^{and} in every organization the magic power of his influence permeates like the life blood in a vigorous healthy body.

Our Northern brethren have a devoted missionary in Monterey: Mr Westrup, for whose congregation a splendid house has been built as the result of the excursion from the "Southern Bap-convention" - at Waco. They also have a missionary in the City of Mexico, the dedication of whose elegant house, Bro Powell recently attended. There are also other helpers ^{and} we would be far from depreciating their noble efforts.

But to us who know Bro Powell so well, ^{and} to myself especially who was in childhood his devoted ^{and} (may I say petted) pupil at school, it is a matter of unexpressed gratitude that by their be-

Powell is loved ^{and} honored ^{and} on all great occasions in connection with the entire work his presence is entreated ^{and} his power for good recognized. There is this one more power for good possessed in a wonderful degree by Bro Powell that I must mention. I shall not call it ubiquity, but never the less when the interest of his mission demands it, he is across the continent in a few days. In one issue of our papers we see him described, baptizing scores in some Mexican town, ^{and} probably the next week in the city of New York holding spell bound by his simple earnest eloquence for the Master, large crowds of people ^{and} inspiring them with his spirit, rather the Spirit of the Master. But dear sisters, he never forgets or neglects his own dear Texas. Where is the section of this good State he has not blessed with his presence since he laid himself on the altar of Mexican Missions. Who of us have not heard him tell of the blessings of God on his work and seen him weep with joy in that he has

been counted to suffer persecution for the
cause of Christ?

I have done. You know Bro Powell. His works
lie on your hearts. And I know this society will
not cease to hold him up in their prayers
and to contribute gladly and liberally to his
support

Robt C Tucker

Read before Ladies Mission Society of First Baptist
Church Dallas Texas Jan 1888

Southern Baptist Convention

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MISSOURI DISTRICT.

OFFICE OF R. S. DUNCAN, STATE SECRETARY,

Montgomery City, Mo., Jan. 17. 1888

Rev. W. D. Powell.

My Dear Brother,

The Missionary Society of Wm. Jewell College - Mo. have just adopted a native Chinese Mis. - and promise his support - yearly - at a cost of \$100. They now want ~~one~~ a second man to support. They are raising the money and think they can get another \$100. This one they want from one of our Popul Missions.

Connected with the Mission at Saltillo, I see you have two native teachers and two Colporters. The College Society would probably like to undertake to support either a native teacher or a Colporter - which would you recommend and what is the cost of each per annum?

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Will \$100. a year support one of them?

Then I see on your list several native preachers - as I suppose, e.g. Albino Martinez - Porfirio Rodriguez, &c. - What is the cost of this class of workers - and do you call them evangelists or what?

If possible - send me - at once the name of a good native helper costing not over \$100. a year, and my opinion is the young men of the college will adopt such ~~as~~ without hesitation - About \$100. is what they can raise - Can you select one to suit them - send name and address - and any other facts of interest to the young men. I hope to get your answer in time for next meeting of the Society.

You do not know me - I know you - have seen you at S.B. Conventions. Shall I have your early answer,
Your Bro. R. S. Duncan

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Rev. W. D. Powell,
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GENERAL CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1888.

~~Little House, 146, Ducon Victoria Street, E.C.~~

Exeter Hall, Strand, London, Oct. 27, 1888

Mr. M. Q. Powell

My dear Sir -

In answer to your note to the Rev. J. Johnston, it is almost impossible for me to quote you rates from Mexico to London as they vary so, according to the line of Steamers you come by. The quickest Sailors are of course the most expensive. Saloon fare (return) may be quoted at from £16 to £80 according to the line selected, from New York to Liverpool. Rail from Liverpool to London each way (3rd class) say 15/- = The Agent of the Mexican Central R.R. could give you rates thence to New York.

As to Board & lodging while here, Hotels would cost about £3 per week, but should you desire it, we could, I think, obtain for you hospitality during the sitting of the Conference.

Trusting to have the pleasure of welcoming you in some

I am, yours faithfully

Wm. H. Anderson

Asst. Secy.

Greensboro Ga 4/9/88

W D Powell

Sattelle Miss

Dear Bro Mine of yr favor

of recd date

I enclose check for \$510⁰⁰

payable to yr order for 2^d

2^d salary of

3 Collections - 15 - 45 \$135⁰⁰

5 - 25 - 125 - 375⁰⁰ / 510⁰⁰

which amount you will please
acknowledge in Chrs Index for

reason assigned in my last
letter as paid by

"Memorial Greensboro Bap Church for
2^d 2^d of Salary for eight collections"

Have heard nothing from you
in yr answer recently, Hope the
Lrd is so blessing your pursuit

labors and the labors of them
under you that you have no
time for outside matters

Still praying and believing
that Mexican deluded people
will be led to Jesus I am
with Christian regard

Yours
W. A. Davis



Seminary May 11/88-
Louisville Ky-

Dear Bro. Powell:

After prayer ^{and}
reflection I can now signify to you
my willingness to go with you to
Mexico if the Holy Spirit and my
brethren permit.

My convictions on the subject
are about as follows: I am Christ's
& am willing to do Christ's work
any where & under any circum-
stances. The Cause is suffering
in Mexico. The work must be done
and I am willing to ^{do} my share
of it. The desire of my life is to
do something for Christ.

You asked us when here about
our Educational advantages.

Respecting mine I shall say
that I am a full graduate of
Furman University, Greenville, S.C.
and have spent one year here
at the Seminary being now
in the act of completing my
first year's course.

Of course I am anxious to
finish my course, but if the ^{work}
demands my services now here
I am. Take me and work ^{me} for
what I am worth.

I am ⁱⁿ great haste. I am due
now in the examination room -

Godbye - May God direct us.

Yours in Christ

John A. Brunson.

P.S. Bro. Mosely can give you
any other information about
me that you may desire.

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Garrillo May 26th 1888

Dear friend

I have just received your kind letter of the 17th of last month, I am very glad to know that you intend to have more branches to your worthy school. I hope that where ever you go you will always succeed as you deserve.

Mother and sister arrived safely, but mother is very weak she has been very ill on sea with her nervous disease. They all send their regards to you and yours.

Since I am here I have been working with Mr^s Bourey but have not done much. I am tired of hotel life. I would like to go and live in a retired place. Could you not find something for me to do in your new school? I know that your church don't allow you to occupy teachers of any other religion, but I will do like Salomee. I will act in a way that no one will know of my not being protestant. I would like so much to go back to Mexico, my dear home. I would be near

my darlings again

How is Willie now. Does he always need crutches
to walk. I hope with time his limb will be
alright again.

My regards to Annie and Miss. Whithers
A sweet kiss to the children, and

Believe me as ever

Your devoted friend

L. Adeline Andouin

Carrillo

Costa Rica

Central America

Via New Orleans & Port Simon

Care of Mrs. E. Bourcy,

North Fork P.O.

Loudoun Co. Virginia

June 12 " 1888

Rev. W. D. Powell:-

My dear Brother,-

The very day
after I got home, my impulse was
to take advantage of your permis-
sion to write you; but I restrained
my impatience, confidently believing
I should ^{need} to question you more in
detail about my preparations etc.
(How like a dream it all seems!) only
waiting to have my plans ratified-
when

Although it is now many days
and long sleep-broken nights since
Dr. Lupper's brief, cautiously-worded
note informed me I was not ap-
pointed by the S. M. B. . . . I have
been too stunned, bewildered, and
altogether wretched to talk about
it to my most intimate friends,-

intended to interview Bro. McLeomick's wife no longer need answering, and it would even to you I find it hard to do more than just state the fact. After thinking, planning, hoping and praying along one line for four years, I seem like a tree uprooted by a sudden shock. If you knew what an old "hard shell" I am, doctrinally, and how fully convinced I ^{was} that I had received my appointment from Heaven, ^{which} according to predestinarian dogma, the brethren would be sure to confirm - they being only God's instruments - you would understand how the whole theory of my life seems to need reconstructing. If I could so absolutely misinterpret the Master's plans for me in this matter, how can I ever be sure I am acting under His guidance rather than following the bent of my own inclination? Work there is to be done at home - plenty of it - yet how can I trust

I shall ~~not~~ try to see her now. My questions only make my disappointment harder to bear! my judgment, or dare to follow the yearning impulses of my soul after this? I have taken that blessed, "Be careful for nothing", so literally all these years, - this uncertainty, this unrest is something so entirely new in my experience, it appalls me. If I could just see you for an hour! Grasp your hand and hear you give the other side of the question! For, of course, there is another side, if I could only find the clue to it. In the meanwhile, I feel more than ever bound for the support those who have been appointed: and am trying to find a situation that will make God's half (Luke 19: 8) as large as possible. For one thing, I am profoundly grateful, i.e. we have become acquainted, not simply met - so as to recall each other's features. Though I am not as skilled in reading character as you

are,—yet we had occasion to turn
a great many pages during that
memorable interview, and you are here-
with reminded that,

I too can read between the written lines,
The finer grace of unfulfilled designs.

I shall have to go
on building my estimate of you
upon that foundation, as ^{it seems} we are
fated to know each other only at
long range. If I understand my-
self at all, that was the real Ego
you conversed with, ~~so~~ you may
make it the basis of your opinion.
And now I want to help you, in
any way, and every way and always.
Tell me just where and how to begin.
I have bowed my neck to this yoke
even if the F. M. B. will not permit
me to pull in its team; and intend
to be your true yokefellow, in loving
and praying and giving to this work.
As long as there is a piece of me, yours
For Mexico ————— Virginia Aldridge

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Pomatto Lake Co
June 18th 1888

Rev W. D. Powell

Dear brother

My children want to send
you some cards. I enclose
a few to know if they will
answer your inquiries. If
the children's Mission bands
want to send you some.
We have been watching you
with much interest.

We are in a new settled
part of the land and find it
very hard to work where
the country is peopled from
"every where" with so many
different - nations. Some-
times tell my husband

who is a deacon. that he
finds it ^{is} hard to get up
funds for mission and pas-
tors. I believe Bro. Powell's
people are doing better and
I had rather go there, for I
do not like ^{up} Gila. We came
from Omaha to be sure for health

We think you are doing
wonderful. While you
fight ^{with} Catholicism we
contend with the "Doms"
and Miller and Dawson
which is crippling some of
our numbers. I write a long
letter for a stranger, but we
are only in the flesh

Yours sister in Christ.

Ms W. W. Bates

Give my recim from attus
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solicitation

After Five Days return to
M. J. BREAKER,
MOBERLY, MISSOURI.



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Dublin, Tex. June 23rd 1888.

Rev. W. W. Powell.

Dear Missionary:-

I was quite heart broken when I received Dr. Tupper's letter. I had been so hopeful, so happy, feeling almost certain of the appointment. I was in Mo. at my brother's when the sad intelligence came. I could not go to him for sympathy, as he is not a Christian and has no interest in the Lord's work. I could not bear the trouble alone, so like a bird with a crippled wing, seeking the parent bird, I came immediately to Tex. Indeed the Baptist people of Tex. are dearer to me in some respects than any people. I am here for advice and Christian sympathy. After receiving the letter from Dr. Tupper I was sick from

disappointment, at first I could not say "Thy will be done, O Lord," but on the fourth day, I prayed for Him to take from my heart the desire to go, if not His will for me to go. Can you imagine what it cost dear brother, to pray for the removal of that which has ever been dear, since first I felt in my heart the burning of His Spirit's holy fire? The desire has not been removed, if any change, it has increased, and I must follow where He leadeth. "Once His "Come ye" drew me to Him, now His "Go ye" is as sweet." Suppose my time is short, I can glorify His name by being obedient, during the time He gives me. I feel that the great commission is addressed to me, and I dare not leave for others labor He expects of me. I do not censure the Board for its action, for this reason: Had I been appointed and failed in health then it would have been censured for having given me the appointment. I feel very hopeful of becoming strong when in Mex. Yes I am coming, this is not a rash conclusion, I talked with several as soon as I reached Tex. and each encouraged the idea of my going with out the appointment. I went before the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Church, Dallas Tex. I stated my situation. That Society ratified its pledge of \$15. per mo. (a pledge made when it was expected that I would be appointed) The "Busy Bee" of the same church will help a little. Bro. Hanks was at the meeting and endorsed the Society's action, stating that they would continue the same work for the Board and the help offered me would not detract from their work, after the meeting, some of the girls

said "We will help you, if we
have to work our finger nails off"
I have so many precious friends in
this state, and I thank God for dealing
so bountifully with me in giving me
these dear friends, with His help I shall
ever be faithful. I have no fears about
my support. In about one month I will
have the matter definitely arranged. I
will have one person to receive contributions
for me, who will send by the quarter, just
the amount paid a single missionary,
Mr. has offered to help me, also some
friends in Mass. This will all be done
in a very quiet way - A young lady of
this state will probably accompany me,
she will have to sell her property, put
the money on interest and that will sustain
her. I do not know her, she has been correspond-
ing with Bro. Howthorn for some time.

Bro. Wilson is anxious about my coming, I wrote
him yesterday - that I did ^{not} receive the appointment
and would probably not go to his field, as he
would no doubt have help sent him -

I have already chosen my field, not where any
of the missionaries are stationed - will tell you
about it when I come, and if you think my
plan not prudent, I will change it - I want
your advice. I am coming to labor earnestly
for souls. I have surely heard the "Heathen"
Cry" and can not sit here, nursing my
physical nature, a false idea. My life
will be lengthened by doing my Master's
will, and I firmly believe His will
is for me to go. A little girl gave me
a present of twelve Bibles, I ordered them
sent to your address. Have they reached
you? I am feeling quite well.

Very truly Yours in Christ's love,
Mina S. Everett.

Camden, S. C.,
June 30, 1888.

My dear Bro. Dawes: - I cannot exactly
tell why I have hesitated so long
in writing to you. I felt that you would
be disappointed at my not coming to
Mexico - and it hurts me to think about
it - but I know that your disappointment
would be turned into joy, if you
knew me as I know myself. You and the
cause have reason for congratulation
that I was turned back just at
the moment of going. Of course, I do
not mean to say that I believe
myself to be totally worthless, and to
deny that there are moments
when I feel like I could suc-
cessfully do work in Mexico ^{and}
with joy; but, all things considered,
it is decidedly best that I
labor at home.

My consent was overwillingness, ^{and}
I took my willingness to mean
ought; but, upon mature deliberation,
I do not go in my present
interior state and on healthy condition.
So I trust the Board will

Richmond, and be certain that the
majority of the Board thought it
best that I remain in South
Carolina.

I tried to tell you some of these
things when you were in Louisville,
but you did not listen. I can
see why - you wanted a man
and you thought I would do;
indeed I almost thought so too.
Forgive me, if I have raised any
hopes in your heart, and then
dashed them down; for I have done
as I thought best.

I do pray God's blessing upon
you and the work, and may His
blessings continue in richer and richer
measure!

I hope Rudd will go to Mexico
instead of China, for Mexico is the
field of his love.

Will you not breathe a silent prayer
for me as you finish this note; I do so
read God's Spirit to direct and help.

May God bless you and yours!

Very truly,

Paul V. Bonar.

Saltillo. Mex. Sept-3rd 1858.

Rev Dr. D. Powell.

Dear Sir:

I send you these lines in ^{interest of the} the desire that we are may be able to reach an understanding with regard to the work of our ch. already established in San Isidro and the work you are about to establish in that point; as well as settle some points of importance in the work.

As to the work in San Isidro would say that, as you are well informed, the point is already occupied by us; and that Christian fellowship should forbid your pursuing it.

I understand that you have already received quite a number of our members in San Isidro as candidates for immersion. Your statement of the case is that you do not intend to establish work in San Isidro, but in an hacienda near it, "El Rosario," or some such name. Ipt granting this, I do not see as this at all alters the case, as in any case you intend establishing the work ^{largely} at the expense of our Church.

Another point of grave import in this connection is the character of the work you are establishing. Cardelario Castillo is, or was rather, a member of our ch. in San Isidro, as was also the woman ^{whom he seduced} with whom he is now living. They are both excluded from the ^{ch. by the} charge of adultery. I wish to know if you have entered into correspondence with him, have traveled openly with in his private work, have been entertained in his house, and our

less he grossly misrepresents you in the matter, did all this in full knowledge of the character of the man you were dealing with; and not only this but have even offered to help him in an effort to nullify his marriage compact in order that he may go on to marry the woman with whom he is now living.

Now in view of this I wish to ask you candidly:

1st Is it showing X^{ian} fellowship, or Christian conduct on your part to make yourself a party to such a scheme as that now had in contemplation by you; i. e. the reception as members in your church of the members of ours, whom you have already recd as candidates. On only one ground can it be reconciled with practical Christianity, i. e. that you do not recognize us as a X^{ian} church.

2nd Is it giving the testimony before the world that you, as an exponent of Evangelical X^{ian}ity, should for our moment give countenance to such conduct as Candelario Castillo has been guilty of and is today practicing?

In conclusion I would say that I have a zeal for the extension of my own church, and am bound by holy vows to use all legitimate and X^{ian} means to that end. But if I know my own heart the conversion of souls and the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom is nearer and dearer to me than the mere extension of the Pens. Church. I am ready and anxious for a thorough canvass of points of difference & conflict in the work, and to heartily adopt a fair basis of agreement - as

& future work. Sectarianism has ^{hindered} and is today hindering, as we are both cognizant, the growth of pure Christianity in Mexico. Can we not meet as honorable men and discuss the question? I am ready to meet you in your office, or to receive you in mine any time this week before Friday; and would like to have Messrs Mosley and Sutherland present; or to meet you alone as you may prefer.

Hoping for an early answer from
you I am
Isaac Bayce

From R. S. DUNCAN,
DISTRICT SECRETARY,
Montgomery City, Mo.

Sept - 13. '88

Dear Bro. Powell.

You can do us
incalculable good by a visit
to Missouri at the time of
our General Association
which will meet at Clinton,
Henry Co. Missouri. I am
so anxious that you come.

If you and the Board only
knew the situation fully, in
this state - I am sure you
~~would~~ would come - if at
all possible.

Will you come!! Say
yes, quick - and let me an-
nounce you.

Your Bro.
R. S. Duncan

THE CONVENTION ORDERS—THE BOARD OBEYS.

FIFTEEN NEW MISSIONARIES

UNDER APPOINTMENT.

At the late meeting of the Convention, the "Committee on Missions in Pagan Lands," through its chairman, Rev. C. Durham, of North Carolina, offered a report which was so good that all the people should see it. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions in Pagan Lands have had the matter under consideration, and beg leave to report the following:

For definite information about our work in these lands, Africa and China, we refer you to the report of the Board. The gospel, and the command to preach it to every creature, are from God; but the reception of it, and the sending it forth to the nations, are our opportunities and duties which God, in his word, graciously makes known. The ability and the disposition to believe it are from God, but the believing is an act of the individual soul. The test of our faith is the work we are commanded to do. The measure of our faith is the limit of God's power to help us.

The Board says: "By reports from our missionaries it is seen how inadequate are the means in men and places of worship for the work pressing upon the missions. Should the Board affirm that it has scarcely a mission half equipped for its necessary work, the affirmation would be within the bounds of sober verity. What is to be done?" We answer: *Go Forward*. The Board says: "We are disposed to go forward and trust the Lord and the people." We say: *Trust and go*. The Board says: "Will the Convention, to which the Board is immediately responsible, sustain it in such an act of faith?" We answer: Yes. The Board says: "Will the State organizations, which have volunteered to be the Board's agents in their respective territory, co-operate in this advance movement?" We answer: Yes; most heartily will they sustain the Board.

The report says again: "Must the Board continue to take counsel of prudence and await the formal expression of the people, or should it, acting upon its convictions as to the Divine mind and the churches' mind, go forward and do the needed work?" We reply: Let the Board lead, and not follow; let the Board, acting upon its convictions of the Divine mind and the mind of the churches, in God's name, undertake to do the needed work.

All of our African missions need more men. Let this need be met. All of our China missions need more men. Let men be

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speedily sent. Let the voices of David and Smith and Eubank, from Africa, be heard for Africa. Let the voices of Hunnex and Simmons and Crawford and Pruitt and Graves and Bryan and Herring from China, be heard for China, and let the voices of Davault and Mrs. Graves and Yates be heard from heaven for China; and above all, and in all, let the voice of the merciful and risen Saviour be heard for the glory of his name and the salvation of the people. Yates was on his bed of death, and Bryan was by his side rubbing his aching foot. The sob was heard, the tear was wiped away, and our hero said: "So much work, and I can't do any of it." Bryan replied: "God can have it done." To which our departed brother responded: "But he needs men."

Concerning this report and the action of the Convention upon it, let it be said:

1. It was unanimously adopted by the Convention, and so became an order of the Convention to the Board.

2. The Board is acting upon the orders herein given it. In proof of this is the fact that it has now under appointment four, possibly five men for China, one for Brazil, four for Mexico, and one for Africa. Most if not all of these men will be accompanied by wives, while, in addition, three first-class young ladies have been accepted for Mexico.

Nor is this all. The Board, urged by the missionaries, and convinced that several houses of worship are imperatively demanded by the necessities of the work, has authorized Rev. J. H. Eager to undertake to raise at least \$10,000 for chapels in Italy, and Rev. H. P. McCormick to raise \$5,000 (Mexican) for a house of worship in Zacatecas, while it has accepted a proposition made by Rev. Z. C. Taylor, of Bahia, Brazil, that he would raise \$1,000 in Bahia towards purchasing a house of worship there, if the Board would add \$4,000 to it.

The Board will obey the orders given it.

3. The Convention, representing the Baptists of the States, ordered this advance, and the brethren in the States are bound to furnish the Board the means necessary to carry out its orders.

Now is the time to help. The men and women are ready. Let the churches send up the money to send them forth, and let it not be said, "These Baptist missionaries are going out to their fields of labor on *borrowed money*." Now is the time to help. The Lord speaks in these things, and bids us go forward. Let us heed his bidding. \$120,000 will be needed by the Board to carry on its work this year. Don't wait to raise it till next fall. It is needed now.

H. A. TUPPER,
Cor. Secretary.

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R. J. Duncan

MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo.,

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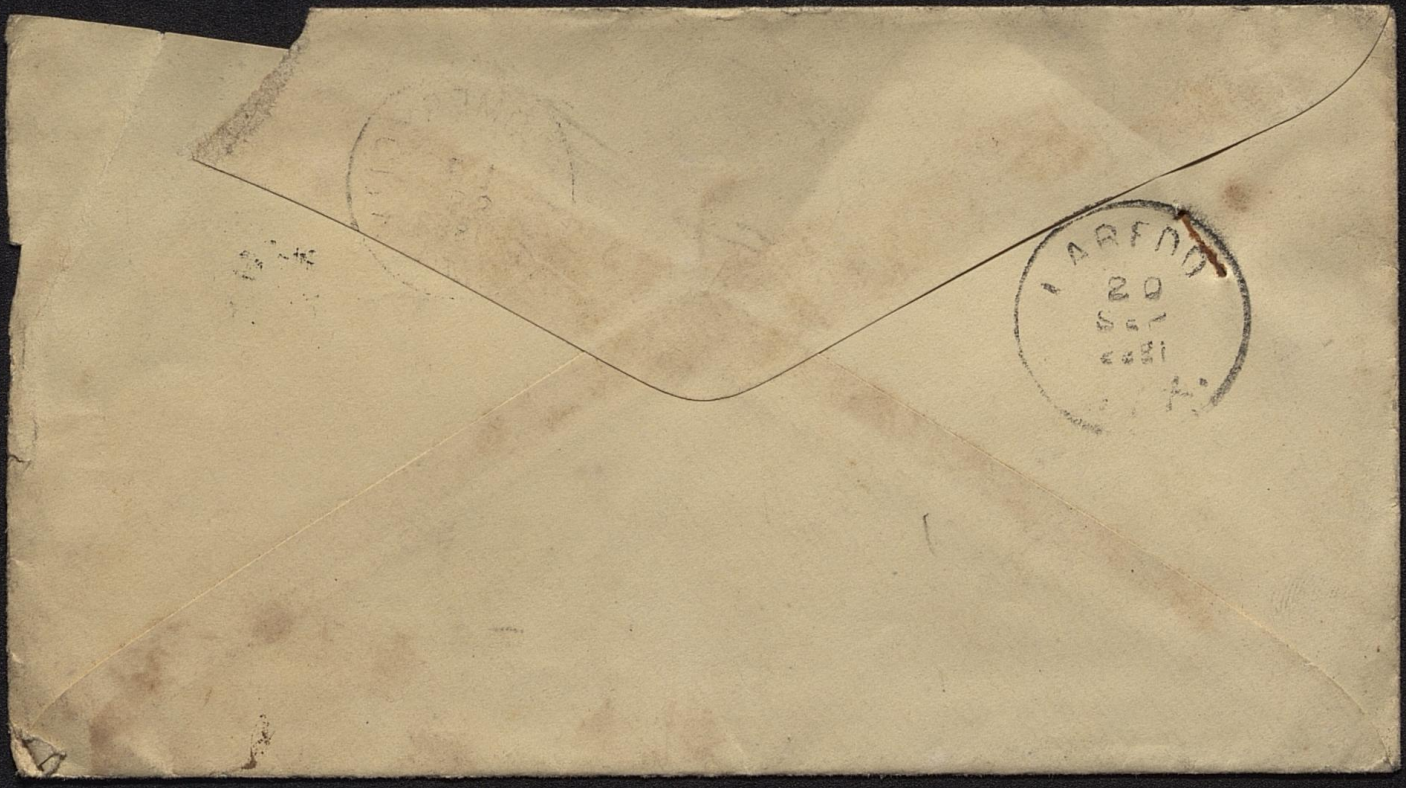


Rev. W. D. Powell

Saltillo

(State of Coahuila)

Mexico.



From R. S. DUNCAN,
DISTRICT SECRETARY,
Montgomery City, Mo.

Sept. 18. 1888.

Dear Bro. Powell -

Yours 12th inst. just
rec'd. I have put in an urgent
plea to the officials at Richmond for
you to come to Mo. - and among
other places - attend our Gen. Asso.
at Clinton - Oct. 17th - I am
praying that they may say to you,
Come - You can do us great
good - I want you also to visit
St Joseph, Kansas City, and St.
Louis. The two last named by all
means.

The case seems to me to
be an important one. I said
nothing to Board about your letter to
me - but I suggest ^{that} you might
drop a line to the Board and tell
them how wide-spread the feeling is
in Mo. that you make the State a visit
in Oct. I think that would help in
the matter. Do so - at once - please. You
see we have no time to lose.

I will write Bro. Moreley,
I would be rejoiced to have
him send articles to Central
Baptist from Mexico.

I rejoice in Bro. Moreley's progress.
God bless you all in Mexico.

Yours Bro.

R. S. Duncan

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DISTRICT SECRETARY,
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Rev. W. D. Powell
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RUFUS C. BURLESON, D. D., LL. D., President.

Waco, Texas, Nov 20 1888

Am Sr. Mr. J. Powell

My dear Brother

I am happy to day
your young friend Francis Rodrigues
reach Waco all safe last night and
was matriculated this morning in
Baylor University. He deposited with
me on expenses \$90.00, more than enough
for three months expenses as I will
charge him no tuition nor
matriculation fee as he is the son of
a Bro. Educator. I have written to
his father by this mail. I am under
many obligations to you for kindness
in sending us such students from Mexico
We will spare no pains to improve
them and make them happy while
here to lead them to Jesus for salvation

Senorita Alberto Fuentes is doing
finely. We have now over 400 students
male and female. And still they
come and still there is room

Can you not send us another
as noble a spirit as Julia Flores?

We remember her as a jewel

What is our Bro Meüller doing
and what is his O. O.?

I praise God for the glorious
success he is giving to your labors in
Mexico. Oh how I long to see Mexico
a grand Christian Republic to stand
side by side with our own Republic as a
grand bulwark of Liberty for all
nations. And no nation can be free
without a free Gospel

All well and send love to
you and sister Powell and all
missionaries

Yours devotedly
 Rufus L. Burleson

North Fork P.O.

Loudoun Co. Virginia

Nov. 21st 1888

Rev. W. D. Towell:—

My dear Bro.—

I know you have wondered and wondered why I have not written. (?) Well! I have wondered at myself. — so often have I gone through the mental process of dictating a letter, and then, more than half afraid to act from ~~my~~ ^{my} impulse, turned mistfully away from my desk. I felt I must wait till I could send you calm, hopeful, helpful words, instead of allowing the shadow of my own disappointment to tinge my pages.

Long years ago I committed to memory Miss Procter's lines, but now, as the children, "I have learned it by heart".

"Let thy gold be cast in the furnace,

Thy red gold precious and bright,
Do not fear the hungry fire,
With its caverns of burning light,
And thy gold shall return more precious,
Free from every spot and stain;
For gold must be tried by fire,
As a heart must be tried by pain!

In the cruel fire of Sorrow
Least thy heart, do not faint or wail;
Let thy hand be firm and steady,
And let not thy spirit quail:
But wait till the trial is over,
And take thy heart again;
For as gold is tried by fire,
So a heart must be tried by pain!

I never could understand that temperament which prates of "getting over" a trouble. There is no other way for me but just to wade through the midst of it like Israel through the sea, - leaning on the same

of my life. But I have given all my doubts and fears into the Hand which "restrains", believing that it will also "guide". Walking thus in darkness - not daring to take one step by sight - compelled to follow where He leadeth - I love more, because I trust more fully. My interest in foreign missions is deeper, because, paradoxical as it may sound, it is more disinterested. For the work in Mexico my love has been sublimated, refined, exalted..... capacitated for yet greater affinity with my dear Bro. Powell who is the condensation of this field, and whose name is the synonym for it wherever tis mentioned!! Your letter was such a help! Altho. I carefully refrained from saying to any one, Bro. Powell was as much amazed at the decision of the F.M.E. as I was myself, it comforted me not a little to know that you felt

that way about it. And your picture is so lifelike I being the only part of the enclosure I could hand around for inspection, I have "made much of it," as our mountaineers say. If I can get anything to do that will enable me to pay my own expenses, I shall probably come to Memphis; but I cannot expect my family to take any interest in sending me thither after my Richmond venture, - over which they are very sore, notwithstanding my endeavor to smooth over the facts. You see, they suspect a very intimate and familiar friend (whom I trusted to recommend me) of having secretly notified some member of the Bd. that I was not orthodox on eternal punishment. Instead of telling me that he could not endorse my application, thereby giving me a chance to explain myself, or to be, at least, prepared for

any of our brethren - more so. I take the declarations of Scripture more literally and carry my conclusions further; but I know you will believe me when I solemnly declare I have no pet theories. I am anxious to maintain at the expense of the truth. If it can be shown that any phrase of my creed is unscriptural, I am more than willing to abandon it. I would cherish a viper as soon as hold to my heart anything contrary to God's word. But I have always been under the impression that it was according to "Baptist Usage" to study the Bible for one's self - to interpret it literally wherever that was possible - and that, humbly depending upon the guidance of the Spirit, one could not get very far wrong. I have just read Piercon's "Crisis of Missions". Have you a copy? Mine is paper bound. I could mail

it to you very readily. I was wondering
the other day, whether you have any
Miss Havergal's booklets, "Kept
for the Master's Use", "Royal Command-
ments", "My King" &c? mine are so
small you could put one in your
vest pocket when you start on a long
trip, and get such sweet morsels
as you journeyed.
What is Miss Tupper going to do now
that her mother is dead? I have
the greatest wish to know, and of course
you have heard from her.
I sometimes dream I shall live to
see the prejudice against protestants
so far removed, that by some won-
derful combination of influences, you
may get me a situation as governess
in a Mexican family, where I could
teach the Bible along with Latin, French
Esp. literature &c. &c. beside doing a
little work under your supervision
as occasion offered. I am aware that
at present only the common people ~~hear~~ you
gladly, but if the Lord needs me there He will

make a place for me. Do not mean while my prospects are not with you

what was coming in the examination.
Indeed I should never have undergone
the ordeal of appearing before the Bd.
if I had dreamed ^{of} with his influence
was working against me. This is, of
course, strictly confidential. The
F. M. D. acting on the evidence before
it, had doubtless prejudged the case
when I entered the room. Perhaps
the examination was simply a matter
of courtesy:— after detaining me two
whole days in order to find time for
it, they could not in simple justice
dismiss me without asking a few
questions. All this is conjecture,
and not pertinent to the present
state of the matter, except that I
should hesitate to apply to any other
Missionary Association without knowing
the ground on which I was refused
by our own. It would look like
dodging the question, which there is
no need to do. I am as orthodox as

Great Deliverer.

I need not assure ^{you} I am safe
on the other side; only read my
song of rejoicing.

"Since thy Father's arm sustains thee
Peaceful be,

"When a chastening hand restrains thee
It is He.

"Know His love in full completeness

"Fills the measure of thy weakness;

"If He wound thy spirit sore,

Trust Him more.

"Without murmur, uncomplaining

In His hand

"Lay whatever thing thou canst not
Understand.

"Though the world thy folly spurneth,

"From thy faith in pity turneth,

"Peace thine inmost soul shall fill.

Lying still.

"Like an infant, if thou thinkest

Thou canst stand;

"Childlike, proudly pushing back

The offered hand;
Courage soon is changed to fear
Strength doth feebleness appear;
In His love if thou abide

He will guide.

Fear'st thou sometimes that thy Father
Hath forgot?

When the clouds around thee gather
Doubt Him not.

Always hath the daylight broken -
Always hath He comfort spoken;
Better hath He been for years
Than thy fears.

Therefore whatsoever betideth
Night or day,

Know His love for thee provideth
Good always.

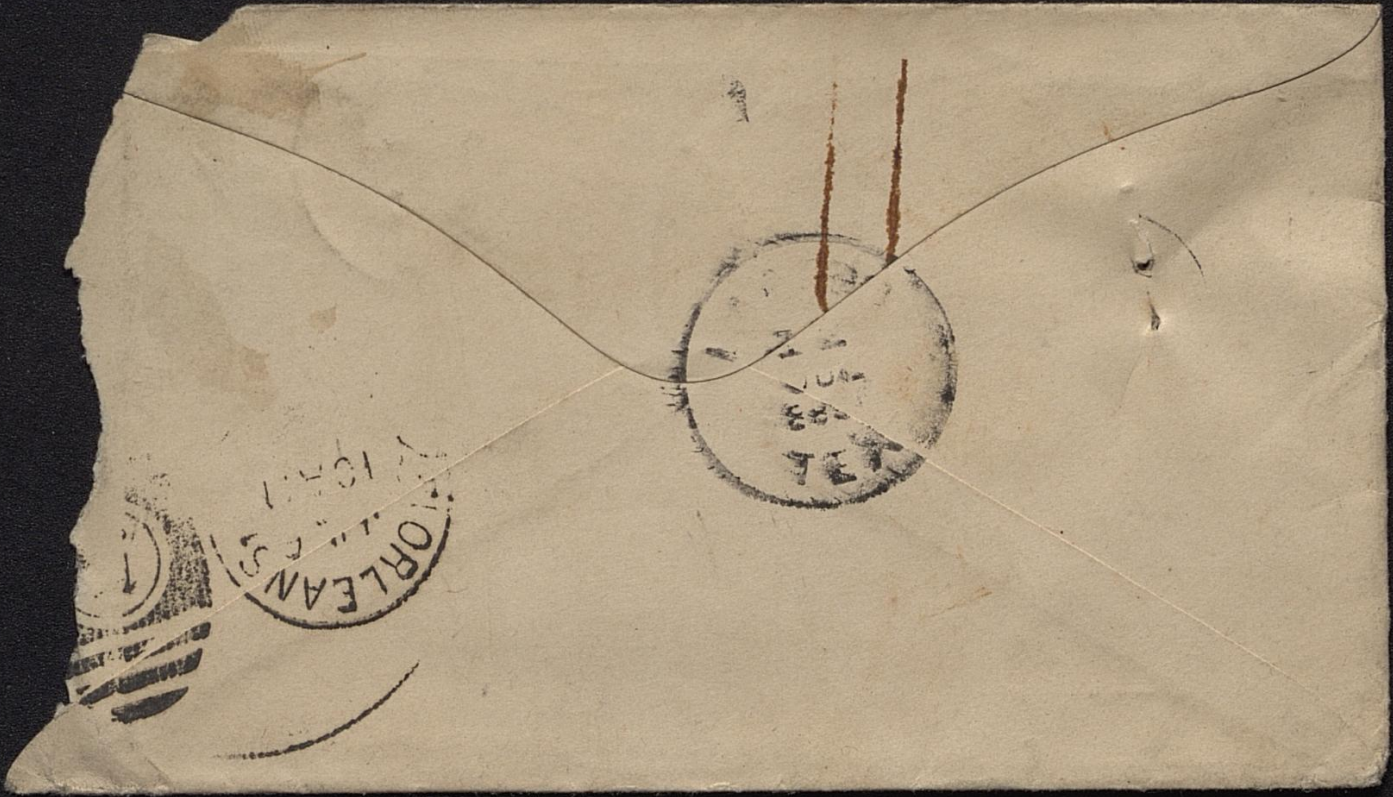
Crown of sorrow gladly take,
Grateful wear it for His sake;
Sweetly bending to His will
Lying still.

Why God did not permit me to come
to Mexico is still one of the unsolved

mysteries

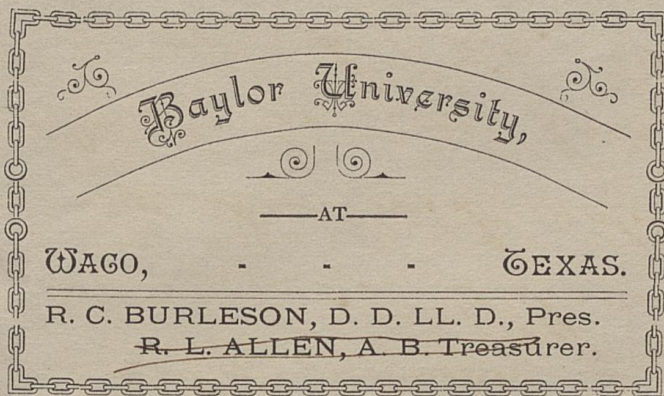
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Rev. W. S. Powell,
Saltillo,
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Waco, Texas Dec 11th 1888

Dear Bro. Pawell

Yours of 6th inst
recd. I remember the promise I
made you but you had Coaling
for the Lumber I did not fill my
promise. I will ship you the bill
you sent in. I note the quantity you
made in your last from 3x8 to 3x10
I do not know whether I can ship
it before the first. Sometimes I send
in an order and get it filled in five
days. Sometimes the mill is cranked with
chokers, and have to wait several days
I am glad to know the Cause you so
faithfully represent is so prosperous

Yours Truly
H. L. Garrett

Laredo Webb Co. Texas,
Diciembre 24 de 1888

Señor W. D. Powell,

Saltillo, Mexico,

My dear brother! I hope this
will find you and all that
is dear to you; and the brethren
that remembers me, enjoying
both spiritual and temporal
health; as we all here believe our
elves the participants at the pre-
sent time. I write you now
today, that when Bro. B. Miller
passed through here last July,
Mrs. Flournoy lent him \$30.00
Mexican with the understanding
that he would pay the same to
you just as soon as he possible
ly could; and I after awaiting
on him some time we wrote
him to endeavor and settle with.

you and get a receipt from you for such an amount that he might pay you, and if possible pay you the three other dollars that would still be due out of such money he might receive from the sale of some books I gave him to dispose of if he could. Considering that within \$17.00 I paid you and \$33.00 from Ben would believe me from all obligation to you according to my promise. So will you please see Ben and if possible get this matter settled which has caused me no little annoyance, and send me a receipt in full for ~~all~~ now brother Powell, and another matter I wish to write to you about although, I would prefer be present with you and talk it over orally, and that is this: As you know when you passed through here last May a year ago I told you all what Dr.

Holt had just told me relative to some complaints that had been sent up from Mexico to the State Board of Taxes against my ministerial conduct in Mexico, and ask you if you knew from what source the complaint had come from, and you denied all knowledge of the matter. ~~But~~ And you promised me to see Dr. Holt and straighten everything up. But, after I send Dr. Holt a written statement in regard to the matter and thought there it would drop, I learnt that he Dr. Holt still was writing to bro Moore Foster and Westrup, making inquiries in regard to acquisitions, and I became disgusted and ashamed, that after I had worked and sacrificed everything I possessed in my endeavors to go on for my Master's cause, and to be accused of something I knew not what. So I resigned my appointment as a missionary of the State Board and requested Dr. Holt to please give me his authority for the Com-

plaint he had against me and was search-
ing after. When he wrote me of date
Aug. 10th, 1887; Replying to your favor
which requested that I give the source
of my information regarding the charges
mentioned against you. I beg to state
Before I entered into any relation
with you I wrote to Bro. Powell and
received from him a letter recom-
mending me to employ you. Some
time afterwards I received another
letter from Bro. Powell who was then
in the northern part of Mexico where
you had been. He there wrote me
about your church troubles, and
said you had no letter and could not
obtain one, in his opinion, that the Mex-
icans in Mexico were aggrieved at your
appointment &c. I then wrote to Bro. S. M.
~~and~~ Westing Monterey and to Bros
Foster and Loveds about you asking
if the charges were true. This is the
long and short of it all. Now Bro. Powell
I have done every thing I could to help
you on and have refused to answer

Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms,

10 EAST FAYETTE STREET.

BALTIMORE,

Apr 12 1889

Rev. Mr. Powell

Dear Sir

Your hearty willingness to comply with the request to write a leaflet for the Mission Room, confers an additional pleasure. We know you are most constantly occupied, but felt that the subject of Mexico could have no better exponent in the eyes of Southern Baptists than yourself.

Hoping for the leaflet a large circulation and for this systematic method of presenting all the mission fields, a growing appreciation, and with kindest wishes for you

preservation in health and
safety long to be God's
chosen vessel to carry the
Gospel to heathen

I am yours
in Christian love
Annie H. Armstrong
per A. A.

Enclosed are the only two
publications which we have is-
sued on heathen.

You may expect the M. S.
It would be a great accommo-
dation to have it in hand not
later than Aug 1, '89.

Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms,

10 EAST FAYETTE STREET.

BALTIMORE,

Apr. 26 1889

Rev. Mr. Powell

Dear Sir,

We were
very much pleased to be in such
prompt receipt of your MS.
but felt that the Mission Rooms
could not comply ^{with} your request
to publish for free distribution
at the Convention. Nor yet
did we feel at liberty to retain
the MS. solely for the monthly
distribution, if you designed
otherwise. Therefore we
sent the whole communication
to Dr. Lupper and you
will see by his enclosure
the disposition which he
has made of it.

Yours very truly Annie W. Armstrong
New A. A.

We felt most loath to give
it up but regarding it as
a trust from you, were
constrained to do it.

In our disappointment at
the loss of our book the only
thing we know to do is —
please don't think us unrea-
sonable — to ask if you
could not be good enough
to write me that you do
not purpose for the Con-
vention and let us have it
in quiet conscience to use
for our monthly literature.

I know this is asking much
but we feel sure it will
do much good. We should
not need Mrs. H. Aug. 1.

Many will be disappointed

that you will not be present at the Convention

Louisville, Ky.
Sept. 30/89

Rev. W. D. Powell
Saltillo, Mexico,

My dear Bro..

Bro. Toscano has returned to the Seminary, & wishes extra assistance for his support. Do you expect him to become a worker in your mission field? Would you recommend special exertions to aid him in gaining qualifications for the ministry?

We open to-morrow, shall have this session an increase of 10, perhaps 20, upon last year.

Every blessing upon you & your work.

Very truly yrs.
John A. Broadus

G. F. Bagby,

106 St. Clair Street.

Frankfort, Ky.,

Nov. 12th

1889

Beloved Brother,

Yours of recent date to Mrs. Bagby was a great comfort to us both - We, as well as the little boys, remember your visit to us, three years ago and your name is a household word around our hearthstone -

It was very thoughtful and kind of you to write us - We also enjoyed the draft you sent almost as much as the letter accompanying it - We intend to have it framed and hung up in our family room and if we could so arrange it as to have the pictures of the persons depicted it would add much to our pleasure - By the way won't you send us your photograph the first chance you get - If you have any over head we would be glad to get it at once -

Our first grand-child was born last Sunday night - He is named Harry Bagby - Is a son of my preacher boy - This morning at prayers, one of our little boys prayed that the baby might carry

G. F. Bagby,

105 St. Clair Street,

Frankfort, Ky.,

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the gospel to the far away heathen -
We hear twice a week from our children
at Parras. Of course you know that we
feel the loss of daughter very very much.
To me however it is a great comfort to know
that I have been called upon to make the
sacrifice for Christ. I feel indeed that I am
doing ^{almost} nothing when I think of the heroic
work you & our ^{other} missionaries are doing
for the Cause - Wife has been sorely
troubled. Of course the principal hardship
falls upon her. But she has borne up
nobly, and is much comforted when she
hears of the prospect of May's usefulness.
They will be with you in Saltillo this week,
I hope - This may reach you while the
association is in session -

Mrs. B. joins me in much love for you and
them. I often pray for you - May Heaven's
richest benedictions continue to abide
with you - If you find opportunity
write us again and occasionally -

Very affly

Yours in Christ,
G. F. Bagby

Monterey
Nov 7/89

Dear Bro Powell,

If you consider yourself a gentleman, please give me some explanation of the insult — the unnecessary insult, conveyed in the letter just rec^d from you. You say you were "mortified" by the way I sought to "improve" your absence. What do you mean?

I can think of nothing at which you might possibly take offense except, perhaps, that I, being questioned and argued with, gave my reasons for not being a Baptist. But this was merely in private conversation. And, at any rate, as I was not in your employ, but only visiting on an errand of love seeking to help a few to a clearer apprehension of the word, surely my mouth is at liberty and I have as good a right not to be a Baptist as you have to be one.

That I was not seeking to make proselytes, surely my record of 2½ years in Mexico ought to be enough to prove — full

have had enough opportunities to have done so. But I had set before me, as my work, that of helping irregularly in all the missions without having any of my own.

But—judging from your treatment of me—this is impossible. I spent two weeks preaching for your converts, and I get as my reward—insult. Henceforth, I keep clear of the Baptists.

Howell

C. H. Briggs

Please send back by express the bundle of sticks left at the Institute