

821 Fourth Ave.

Louisville, Nov. 4 1890

Rev. W. D. Powell, D. D.

My dear Brother: I earnestly request that in returning to Mexico you will if possible come by Louisville, stay at my house, and talk to the students both publicly and in private. I am sure it will do good in many ways if you can do so. I spoke to Dr. Bell about it when I met him not long since, and I trust that Dr. Tupper also will think favourably of your coming this way. It is highly important not merely to raise up more missionaries among our students, but to stir the whole body of them to zeal in regard to an active interest in missions on the part of the churches. Few men can impress them as you can, and I very much hope you may be able to come by. If I can know when you are coming and on what train, I will meet you at the depot. Otherwise make the hack or omnibus bring you to 821 Fourth Ave.

Very truly yours,

John A. Broaden

Amiston, Cta. Mar. 25th

Thank you heartily, my dear
Powell, for yours of the 14th.

Apart from the immediate
use I desired it for it is a
treat, full of information &
inspiration.

Well, I don't pretend to know
how you love me, beloved, but
I do know that since first
I met you I've ceased not
to love you & to thank God
for having known you. Would
I could meet you more frequently.

Affly yr. Geo. D. Eaper.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE

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

Montmorelles N. L.

May 20 de 1891

Dear Mr. Powell.

I was in Linares and that is why I did not write before. I heard about Mrs. P.'s sickness & I am sorry that she has been suffering so much, and hope she will be strong enough to come to the Assoⁿ.

I wrote to you before now that I wanted the corner, also how I could pay it, but as you seem to desire me to pay down something, I think I can arrange with brother Westrup and he will let you have \$100.⁰⁰ and with God's help I think I can give you \$50. or \$60. dollars every three months. But I want the corner, if I can't

let me have that - tell me, if a missionary wants it, I think I am a missionary too. If you can not let me have it, that will be alright.

Give my love to Mrs. Powell and the girls.

Sincerely

Paula Barrow.

The Independent,
251 Broadway,
New York.

May 21, 1891.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your letter on the work of the Southern Baptists in Mexico was very interesting, and we were glad to be able to place so clear an outline of it in The Independent. I shall be glad to hear from you at some time with regard to the ^erelations that you hold toward the different classes of the people, and the way they look upon mission enterprise. Short items are more helpful than long ones, as they give us greater opportunity to extend our view.

Let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Bliss

Missionary Editor,

Jackson, Tenn, Aug. 17th 91
Rev. W. D. Powell, D. D.
Saltillo, Mexico.

Dear Brother:-

Permit me to address
you on a little matter of
business connected with our
Mexican boys. One of them
Aurelfo Peña who boarded
with me, owes for his board
from January 1st to June 22nd
1891, (the time he started
home,) amounting to \$71.65

Washing for same time 7.50

Total \$79.15

Interest on above .85

Total \$80.00

Raymundo Villanar of Rosales
Mexico has been with me

since June 8th and has paid nothing - My terms are \$12⁰⁰ per Calendar month and I can not afford to give such long credit having to pay 10% on advances. When Arnulfo went home I gave him a statement of the amount due me approved by Prof. Sarago and I hoped to get the money in a short while but have heard nothing from him.

Will you be kind enough to aid me in getting the above?

I have not seen Miller since he went to Saulsbury, before that time he was helping me to gather and ship speaches which I grow in great abundance - Will was not afraid of work and

he enjoyed making a little money for himself - I will be glad when he comes back to us.

I read with much interest all reports of your work in Mexico and hope the Lord will greatly enlarge and bless all the labors in that field.

The outlook for the University is very bright, we expect a large increase of pupils this approaching session.

May the Lord bless you and yours

Yours Bro. in Christ
T. J. Dempsey

R. H. BRUCE.

Mcineola, Texas,

Septr 15th/91.

Rev. W. D. Powell

Saltillo Mexico.

Dear Mr. Powell;---

I know that I am due you an apology for not fulfilling my enhahement with you at the M.K.&T. depot in Dallas, but upon my arrival at my wifes boarding house, I was met by a message from headquarters calling me right back to Longview and I just had time to get back to the T.&P. depot and catch the train-- I just had time in Dallas to kiss my wife and did not sit down nor did I have an oppert nity of seeing my little baby that was still asleep.-- I know that in view of these facts that you will readily excuse what might seem to you intentional negligence on my part.

After I arrived at Longview, I found everything as quietas could be expected under the circumstances and our man is still safe from the attack of mobs.

Hoping to soon receive a letter telling me that you will be with us in October I am

Always your friend to count on

R. H. Bruce

From

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MINEOLA, -- TEXAS.

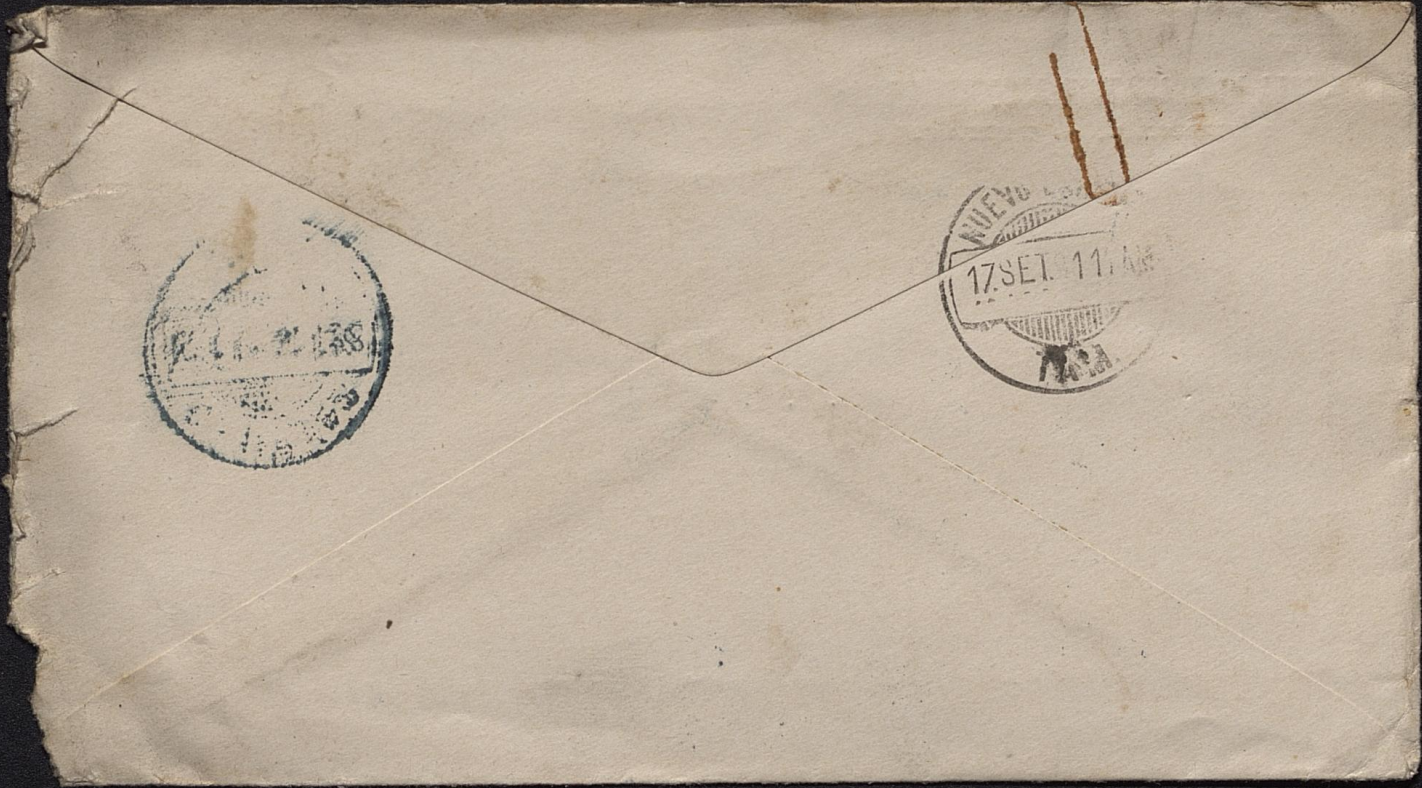
R. H. BRUCE, Secretary.



Rev. W. D. Powell

Saltillo

Mexico.



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R. H. BRUCE.

Mcineola, Texas,

Novr 22nd/91.

Rev. W. D. Powell

Saltillo Mexico

My Dear Friend; -----

About two weeks ago I read your letter that appeared in the "Baptist Herald", and ever since that time I have been intending writing you thanking you with the very favorable mention of my name in connection therewith, but ever since our Fair closed I have been so awful busy winding up its affairs and attending to business that I have had scarcely a moment to devote to myself and my personal correspondence.

Of course I am proud of the good opinion you have of me, and I shall ever in the future strive to so deport myself that I will retain it, and I feel that with the confidence, esteem, and (I may say I believe) love of such good men as yourself that one could not well help succeeding in fighting lifes battles.

On the 19th of ~~September~~^{October} I received an appointment from the Adjutant General of this State to attend a national military convention at Chicago on October 26th- this in itself was quite a compliment and I fell very proud of it-- I went to this convention, had a very pleas; and trip and came home with the satisfaction of feeling that I had accomplished what I had been sent to do.

Last week I purchased the corner just south of my fathers where

R. H. BRUCE.

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Mcineola, Texas,

Mr. Richards used to live when you were here and I shall commence next week tearing away the old house and building a new one in which I trust that I may have the pleasure of entertaining you before very long.

I feel that I shall always live here and that the sooner I get a nice comfortable home for self and wife the better fixed I will be.

My Cousin Perkins Bruce, who has been here clerking for me has been quite sick with pneumonia(did I spell it right ? you licked me once about that word)-- the doctors thought he would die, but he is nearly well again now-- Carrie has had several backsets, but is up now and will go home in a few days.

My wife and baby are both "fat and sassy"

With love from all of us, I am

Your friend always

R. H. Bruce

Wilmington Ga 1/18/92
W D Powell
Guthrie Men
Dr Bro

I should have written
you earlier asking that you
secure the service of another
officer to work for God in
the Mexican mission the sick-
room and other pressing duties
tending

I was paying an Indian preacher
Two Hundred Dollars ^{annually} for ten years
to labor in the Indian
Territory. We decided last fall
to transfer this amount to
Mexican mission since the
Northern Board who have amphi-
bian are taking after the

Indian Museum

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Hence I send such for \$605^a
being for ^a quarter more than
last year. I desire that you
secure the services of an efficient
Collector and have him go to
work under your direction, and I
hope to be able to keep the ten
in the field. Financial matters
are still tight in the States and
the premium here is greater than
I ever knew known, and although
my income has been nearly cut
down by failure of Real Estate to
bring interest on Bonds, I hope I will
not be so embarrassed as to diminish
my payments for museum.

With you I rejoice in the continu-
ed extension of the power of the Gospel
in Mexico and hope to see the
day when, ignorance and superstition
shall give way to the benign

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HIGH • SCHOOL.

W. F. DAVIS, L. I., B. S.,

• • Principal. • •

Eagleville, Tenn., Jan. 30, 1892

Rev. St. D. Powell,
Sathills, Miss.

Dear Bro.:-

Your letter of the 22nd inst. has just been recd. I am sorry we misunderstood each other in regard to Martin's expenses. However it shall be as you understood, even if we get nothing for tuition. It was difficult for me to understand you through the telephone that day, and I thought you wanted only his board, lodging, lights &c for \$10.00 per mo. and accordingly secured board for him at the hotel, which is the best place we could have placed him in town. I also understood

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that you were willing to pay
\$3.⁰⁰ per mo. for his tuition,
and so used his money in
this way and for his other ex-
penses until it was exhausted.
But Martin is a fine young
man, and we are all much
attached to him and glad to
have him with us, and I
shall arrange for his board
and tuition to cost him only
\$10.⁰⁰ per mo. as you understood.
Of course we would like for
him to pay the extra amt. for
his washing (\$1 per mo.), books &c.
And we would be glad to
have him in our school next
year on the same terms.

If you will notice the first
item in his acct. you will see
that Mr. Eburne charged \$2.50 for

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bringing him from Curfurstors instead of \$4.00. He wanted to charge him some more than that, but I would not pay it. I suppose the \$4.00 you had in mind was for his dictionary (unabridged).

The reason why I wrote you a second letter is because our landlord was pushing us for board in advance on account of some bills he had to met, & as it had been over a month since I wrote the first, I thought it possible that it might have been miscarried and lost. So I trust you will understand the spirit in which it was written and not become offended.

Fraternally yours
W. F. Davis

1892

San Luis Potosi. March 6th

Dear Bro. Chastain,

El señor José L. Pallares,

The bearer of this note, has been known to us about one month, in this city, and so far as we know him, he is a gentleman and his wife is a lady. They claim to be Baptists in belief, and if they could be induced to join the church, they would be of great service to the cause. They have very faithfully attended our church services and have been of much help to us. The Bro. makes a good prayer in public. and, therefore, I ask that you assist them in whatever way you can in so far as it may not injure yourself or those dependant upon you.

Respty. J. F. Kimball

Greenrobert Ga April 15/92
Mr M D Powell
Sattelo Mexico
Dear Brother

I have none of your favors of recent date.

And your pressing duties if you have time, it will afford me pleasure to hear from you I am thankful to learn that soon you will have additional men in the field

I know you are rejoiced at the fact

As before remarked; in the disposition of animals sent by me to you, they are to be applied to the support of native collections of your own

selection, untrammelled by any
Constitution Association or Board).

I desire this Collection to feel
their responsibility to you, God,
& their own consciences, without any
interference from any other
May God direct their labors, ^{ing} apply-
ing the Truth, spoken & disseminated
by them, so that His name may
be magnified in winning many
souls to Jesus

I inclose check for \$605.⁰⁰ in
payment of salary for 2^d Term
receipt of which you will please
acknowledge to me and
oblige

Yr Truly
W A Davis ^{Sen}

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

PASTOR'S STUDY.

Moberly, Mo., 4 July, 1892.

Dear Bro. Powell:

I am thinking of offering myself to the Board for work in Mexico, for, say, a term of five years. But before doing so, I would like to get your advice on some points.

First, as to the climate. I have suffered from severe attacks of rheumatism, and could not venture into a humid climate. My wife and one of my children love cotton, and need a dry, equable climate. Is such a climate to be had at a point where the Board wishes work done?

Secondly, as to my family. I have five children, three of whom must remain, one of them one year, the other two from four to six years, in U. S. at school, though they would spend parts of their vacation with us. The younger two are aged six, the

other nearly one and a half years) would,
of course, accompany us. Could the
Board afford to support a woman with
so large a family and one requiring so
much money to support and educate?
Here in Liverpool it requires \$1800
a year to pay the bills, and it is not
apt to cut life in Mexico, but rather
worsen it, as to the work. I would seek to do
any work which might be required of me,
whether that of a local pastor, or that of
an evangelist (a voice combined) or that of
a pastor and a teacher. My wife is a
full graduate of the Peabody Normal
College, Northville, Tenn., and has been
quite a successful teacher. She would be
glad to teach, whether in Madras Insti-
tute or elsewhere, provided she were
not so engaged as to have no time to
give to her family. Does the work in
Mexico need such workers now?

Please kindly write me fully and
freely. If I went at all, I would prefer to
do so before winter.

Tristemally,
Wm. J. Brecken.

C. R. BRICE,
Attorney at Law.

Memphis, Texas,

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1896

W. D. Powell Esq

Toluca, Mexico-

Dear Sir:

By request of my
father I enclose you power
of attorney to act for him in
the Republic of Mexico, thinking
the same would be of assistance
in securing a settlement of the
judgment against the Gonzalez
estate -

Very truly
C. R. Brice

Lowd. Anthony's Tex.

Per W. D. Howell
Oct 6th 96

My Dear Sir

I related
to you the story con-
cerning that money
at Hot Springs in
perfect confidence.

The name of the man
whom to use it is said
to be under is
Charles H. Kowles. He
is the County Assessor.
Make no mistake in
this matter.

Make the best arrange-
ments with them
that you can and
on a safe basis.
Do not let them
get any idea from

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you that it is under
His House until you
bring Him to Tenn
offer Him a nominal
sum at first to assi-
at you, and if He re-
fuses, offer more.
if you get it, I pledge
you my word of honor
that I will give you
\$20000 Two Thousand
dollars of the money.
Find out all you
can about the man
before you see Him
ascertain if He was
in the livery business
about 6 years ago.
The money is under
the front gallery

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of His House: about
the center of the walk
from the steps to the
front Door. about
one foot from the
Door sill look at that
spot for this mark X
made with a pocket
knife. you can get
all the information
you may desire concern-
ing the man doubtless
from the Post Master.
W. H. Howley.

use every possible cau-
tion and make no mis-
take. There is other
men share of His name
but of the war in
the livery business

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Sir as I was your
ago He is the man.
Perhaps you had
better visit his house
and look for the mark
(the X) before you
mention the matter to
him. I am satisfied
the money is there and
if you use caution
and a little brains
work you will succeed
in getting it.
I inclose to you the
letter that I received
from him last week.
The man W. H. Garrison
mentioned, is the man,
that kept the money
under his Gallows.

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Now Bro Powell I
confide the matter is
because of the love love
and high esteem I have
for you. if you get
it come direct to David
Antonio, and I will
go with you to Jew-
ness as I would
like to take a little
jaunt any way.

God bless you and
spreadly increase your
health

Lovingly
B. F. Dodson

712 Humboldt 3^a,
Mexico City, Mexico,
Nov. 13, 1896.

Dear Grandmother,

If this does not reach you on your birthday, as I should like for it to do, I hope it will not be many days too late; so that you can count it a birthday letter. For it carries a host of good wishes for that day to you; my warmest love and affectionate greetings. No doubt you will recall your birthday spent in Mexico; and I trust, you will spend this

one even more pleasantly than that. I fancy you will sit by a nice fire, and tell your friends of how you missed them and the comforts of your Kentucky home, that November day in Mexico.

I know you have not forgotten me, Grandmother, and I often think of you and wish I could see you. It was a pleasure to know you had Miss Heale's company on your trip home, and arrived, all safe, at your journey's end; as I heard, through Miss Tupper. She has been to the City several times since I came, and we have had nice long talks together; I miss her very much still. Mrs. Lloyd is very pleasantly situated now; but I do not

see her very often, as she is not very near me. At first, we were quite near each other, and met frequently; but neither of us were very comfortable then; and both she and I have made a change for the better.

God has been very good to me, Grandmother. While I was waiting for employment, Miss Bartlett of the Presbyterian Institute here offered me some music pupils, in the absence of the regular teacher. I had them for three months, which helped me no little. Just as I gave them up, I accepted a position to teach in a very nice Mexican family, where I am now. I have my own furniture; and am free to help in the Mission work; so I feel quite at home again.

I am almost opposite to my
Church and pastor's house;
enjoy my privilege of attending
prayer meetings &c. On Sun-
day, I go to a Mission S. School,
in the morning, and do all
I can to teach the children who
will come in. I hope you have
been well and enjoying your
Church services, which you so
much missed in Toluca.

When you have the inclina-
tion to write, remember I
shall be so glad to hear
from you. Address me as in
heading of this. I may spend
my Christmas in Texas with
some cousins; but expect
to return in January to my
work. Don't forget me, when
you pray for friends, Grand
mother, and remember, I love you.
May God bless you! Your sincerely affectionate
friend,
Lucia Cabanille.

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A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOTH SEXES.

Lutts, Tennessee. Mar 22 1900.

Dr. W. D. Powell

Jackson Tenn.

Dear Bro: You remember that when I saw you at Savannah in Dec. you said you would, if arrangements could be made, come over and preach some for us. Now here is my plan, Mr. Sims and I are very anxious to have you preach our "Commencement Sermon" on the first Sunday in June if it be possible for you to do so. There are several of the churches that have expressed a desire to have you preach for them some days, hence if you

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A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOTH SEXES.

Lutts, Tennessee.....

Can come and preach for us, from about- remaining
for a couple of weeks, or some two weeks before
that-time the appointments to be arranged and published as
soon as possible. Now I have two reasons for asking you
to preach at these other places; 1st- I desire it for the good
of the Baptist-Cause 2nd Sims & I are very hard pressed and
it would be rather hard for us to bear your expenses alone
and that-we would be sure to have to do if you only
preached for us. Yet, we will gladly do it rather than fail
to get you. Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours most truly
Riley Davis

Memphis Feb 15th /61

Mrs Hawkins

I delivered your messages to Mrs
Sinnie or that is I told her all that I could
recollect. Kissed Rachel for you, she talks
about you every day. Mrs Sinnie was very
glad to hear from you, and says she would
like to be in Casyville so that she could
chat with you for a day or two.

Mrs Hawkins you must keep a place for me at
the table for I will be there to fill it about the
last of next week. I havent anything interesting
to write about only that place at the table which
you must be sure to keep for me

Your friend
John S. Duckham

Milan, Tenn., Dec. 22nd., 1905.

Rev. J.G. Bow D.D.,

Louisville, Ky.,

My dear Brother:-

As yet I have nothing definite before me as to where to begin. I am ready to go wherever you may suggest. The territory is new to me and I must gradually work my way. The Lord will lead if we will only let him. I am ready to throw myself into the work with all my power. If nothing opens up I will make an opening. You must not expect too much at the beginning except that I shall be untiring in my efforts. I can stand as much hard work as any one, my health is well-nigh perfect. If you want me to take some books in my baggage, just ship them to me. January may not be a good month for revivals but I can stir the brethren on mission. If I find a place with a dilapidated house or none at all I will help them to repair or build. I should think that Mission Rallies would do much good.

I do not care to begin work in Louisville as that would prejudice the country brethren against me and my work. I hope later to do some work in Louisville but I am not impressed to go there to begin.

Please be free to advise and direct me and I will comply to the best of my abilities. Your generalship will be heavily taxed from now on. I pray that God's blessing may show his approval of the present arrangement. The States which have tried Evangelists are greatly pleased.

To-day's mail brings a letter from a prominent Tennessee brother urging that I remain in Tennessee. I sincerely trust that I am making no mistake in leaving Tennessee.

Fraternally yours,

W. D. Powell

Haleyville Ala
June 20th 1906

Dear Sir

Please send

those 100 books (50 of
each kind) to

Russelville Ala

I ordered but have
not heard from you

Please send promptly
if you have shipped to
Gavin please trace

them and send them here
they didn't go to Gavin
Sincerely
A. Carmichael

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Dr W. D. Powell
Milan
Tenn



LOUISVILLE, Ky. Jan. 9th, 1906.

Rev. W. D. Powell, D.D.

Milan, Tenn.

My Dear Brother:- Yours to hand with checks from Mt. Moriah Springfield &c. You are surely accomplishing wonders to be where the influence of the so-called Gospel missions has held sway so long. I like your tactics

I wrote you yesterday and directed to Wickliffe. In that letter I told you that Bro. T.J. Watts, pastor at Logan st. ch. wanted you in a meeting, also that brother W.H. Smith wanted you at Rochester in April.

I hope you can come to Louisville to hold the meetings. I am glad you took up Bro. Gates at Mt. Olivet for the Fulton contribution. Gates is one of the most earnest and efficient workers we have on the field.

May the Lord bless you and spare you and use you in his great work,

With love and prayers,

Your bro.

J. G. Bow

*Received of Dr. W. D. Powell for state
Missions \$48.20.*

J. G. Bow Secy.

*I do not know to whom the rec't
should be sent.*

J. G. B.

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OFFICE OF
Kentucky Mission Monthly

Louisville, Ky. JAN 23 1906 190

Dear Bro. Lowell:-

I am just home from Latonia Bro. G. W. Argalrite has closed a very successful meeting there. Had 48 additions. It is one of our prosperous mission points. They will soon release the board I think. They would now but for a debt on their house.

I preached at Walnut street last Sunday and made an appeal for the guaranteed salary of another State Evangelist. You see if we can get as much as \$600. guaranteed any good man will succeed in raising the balance of his salary on the field. I will get the \$600. I am sure. I got in good subscription \$484.50 and I am hopeful of getting the balance \$105.50.

You are certainly doing a wonderful work in West Kentucky. They want you at a little church near Henderson, Niagara to hold a meeting. I see they only report 55 ^{members}; I told them to write you at Henderson in care Bro. Cook. They want you also at Third Church Covington. I suggest that you do not make engagements too far ahead.

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Hold back a little I may need you for special work that you could not do if you were full up with engagements.

I do hope you will come to Louisville next week to the lectures. We want you in our home. I have to leave Wednesday morning for the Big Sandy Valley, but will be at home Monday and Tuesday.

I am sure I have sent recs. for all money you have sent in, but I do not remember Dr. Mason.

I presume you have a list of all and for whom it was raised. If so please send me same and I will have all of them write to the donors.

God bless you in all things

Fraternally,

J. G. Bow.

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Rev. W. D. Powell,
Milan, Tenn.

Dear Brother:--

I have been on a long hard trip up through the Big Sandy Valley. Returned home Monday night for my Board meeting on Tuesday.

You have certainly made a great success during the month of Jan. especially considering the fact that the territory ~~XXXX~~ was largely under the influence of the Gospel Missions. I think it is something marvelous.

I leave to-morrow for some points in Bethel and Blood River associations. Will be absent a week. Expect to find you in Louisville when I return. On the third Sunday in January I preached in Walnut St. church and made an appeal for a State Evangelist and succeeded to the extent that the church guaranteed the salary of a man for that work. I suppose that Dr. Eaton has communicated with you in regard to the action of Walnut St. church selecting you as their Evangelist. You would have been my first choice but as arrangements had already been made I do not think our church had a right to claim you. However Dr. Eaton, having baptized you and having considerable sentiment about the matter was anxious for his church to have you. He had found out from me who was supporting you and had obtained his permission to make the change. I am anxious to see you and then we will arrange for ^{the} special missionaries which you have promised to those West KXX

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Kentucky churches. Hope the Lord will greatly bless you in your meeting in
in Louisville.

At the meeting of the State Board yesterday Dr. G. G. Skillman was elected as our fifth State Evangelist. McFerran Memorial stands for the salary of another one but has not, yet, selected their man.

Praying God's blessing in all your labors.

Your brother,

J. G. Bow

Cor. Sec.

Feb. 7, 1906.

Dear Brother:

Since I hear that the Milan Church is now without a pastor and also as Brother D. B. Clapp, of Tennessee, who is here in the Seminary, and a Th. B. of the Seminary, wishes to come to Tennessee, I rejoice in the opportunity of naming Brother Clapp to you. He is a graduate of Carson + Newman College, and an exemplary and consecrated young man. Brother Clapp is 28 or 30 years of age, a good preacher, and a first class pastor.

Although Brother Clapp

has not intimated his willingness to me, yet I know he would be glad for you to try him. If you should wish to do so, his address is:

D. B. Clapp,

New York Hall,
Louisville Ky.

You can get information concerning Bro. Clapp, from Dr. W. C. Golden, of the State Secretaryship, or from the president of Carson and Newman College. He is a single man, and has a full work near Louisville, but, as before stated, he desires a field in his native State.

Perhaps it would be well
for me to identify myself.
I was born and reared in
Gibson County, at Dyer, and
~~have been~~ was in school at
Jackson five years. And now
I am here in school at the
Seminary.

However, my prayer is,
that, if you have not found
a suitable pastor, the Lord
may direct your selection
and bless your choice, for
it is for His glory and to Him
be all the praise,

Fraternally,

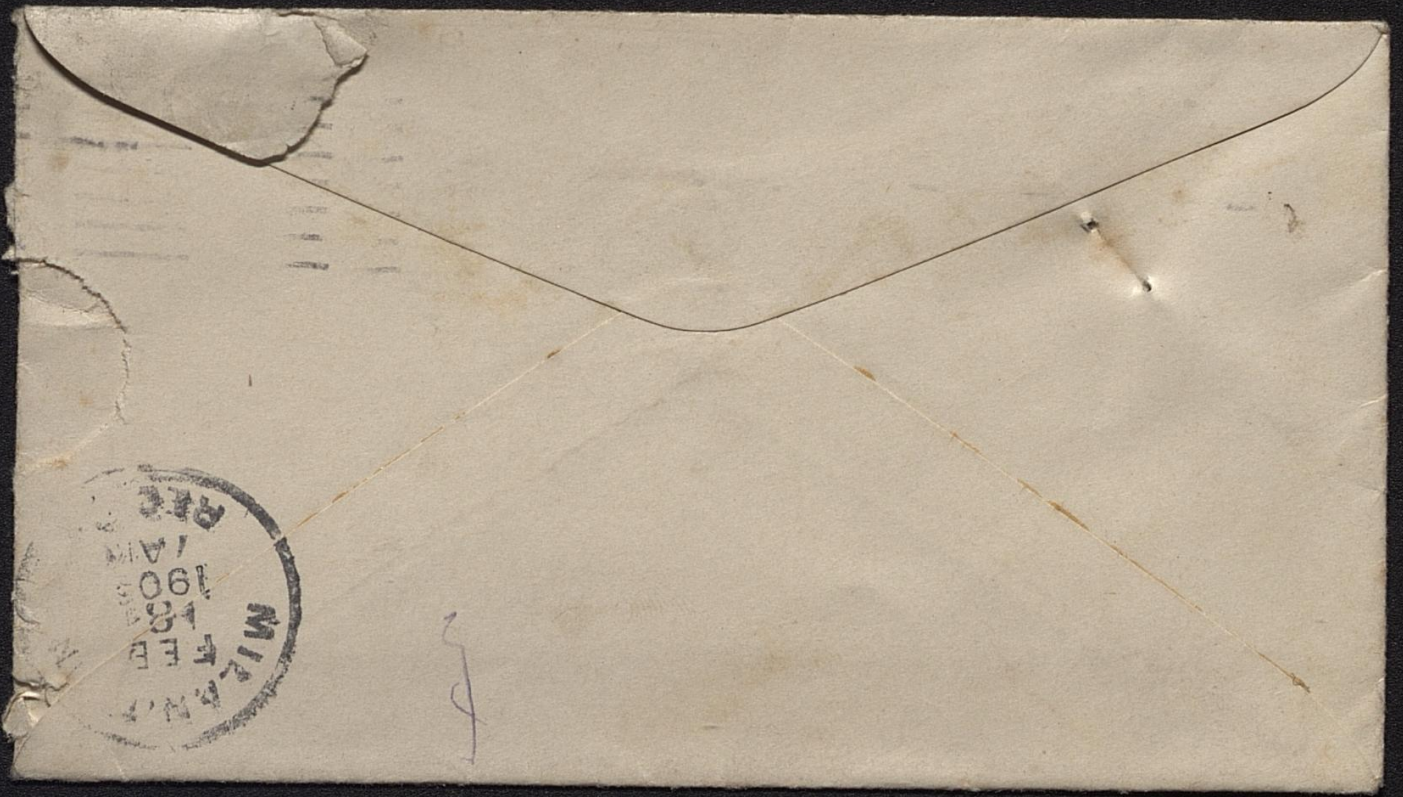
P. Paul Wehling,

421 E. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Return in 10 days
to P.O. Mullins
421 E Chestnut St
Louisville Ky.



The Clerk of Miss. Baptist Church,
Milan,
Tennessee.



Greenville, S.C.
Furman Univ.,
7/19-1906,

Mr. W. D. Powell,
Milan

Tenn.,

Dear Sir -:

Having heard
Mr. C. W. McLaughlin, my class-
mate in Furman speak
of wanting for you
I have decided that I
would like to work

(2)

for you some next summer. That is I would not wish to begin work before June 1st.

If you wish to employ me please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
B. B. Earle
" " "

N^o 138 E. 19th St.
Covington Ky.
Feb. 19/06.

Dear Brother Powell,

We are planning and
praying for a great
meeting. I feel that
the field is ready and
anxious for it. We are
all very glad indeed
to have you with us,
and are praying earnestly
that God may use you
to work wonders in this
city for His glory. We

an ignorant of the
heartly cooperation you
shall need of both church
and pastor, and I have
urged it upon the people.
Calvary Baptist, has
just closed a gracious
meeting resulting in
great good to the church
and near 50 accessions.
I feel that meeting ^{may} help us
some, yet I know our meeting
will depend upon its own
merits. This is a great field
and a chance for great work.
Brother, I should like ~~to~~ some

fact about your work to
help me advertise the
meeting, and the papers
have not helped me, as
they state nothing about your
meeting, as Dr. Conversions,
Dover, the most essential
advertisement will be
yourself and if you can't
readily attend to the other
matter, just drop me
a card to let me know
what train you will be here
on. It is well understood by
the church, you will be here
next Sunday. God bless
your meeting here.
Yours in Christ
E. J. Andrews

B. B. Earle
Greenville
S.C.
F.Y.

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Mr. W. D. Powell
Lonsville
~~Milan~~
2108 Logan St
Tenn.

MIKE'S TOWN
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1906
7 AM
REC'D

#138 E. 19th St.

Cornington Ky.

Feb. 2/06

Dr. Powell,

Dear Brother,

Your letter just received
and hasten to reply. I thank
you for the facts of your
work and feel they will help
me wonderfully in advertising.

Yes, please send me a
^{photo} set of yourself. I want
to get out a large card
and put them over the
town with your picture
and these facts. I am

so anxious to reach men
in this meeting, as well
as others. I am sure our
people will be disappointed,
as they were expecting
you, and yet I should hate
for you to leave there too
early. If we can get Dr. Row
to stay with us a few days it
will probably be all right, but
you know the effect, as a
rule, to admit one man
and use another, be all like
Dr. Row real well. I feel this
is not a case of having to
preach us up to the

point of a Revival, but that
we are ripe and ready for
a great and good meeting.
Try to be here by Wednesday
or sooner if possible. May
God richly reward you in that
meeting. Remember me to
Bro. Watts. Yours in the work.
E. L. Andrews.

P.S.

Please drop me a card in
time to meet you.

CINCINNATI KY
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Rev. W. D. Powell D.D.
* 2108 Logan St.
Louisville
Ky.

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R. N. ELLIOTT

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OWENSBORO, KY., July 28 1911

Dear Mrs. Wilks
We will be glad to
have you with us
again & will look for
you on the earliest
night train Saturday
night. Will meet you
and tell you the
rest where ~~and~~
see you.

Your friend
& brother
R. N. Elliott

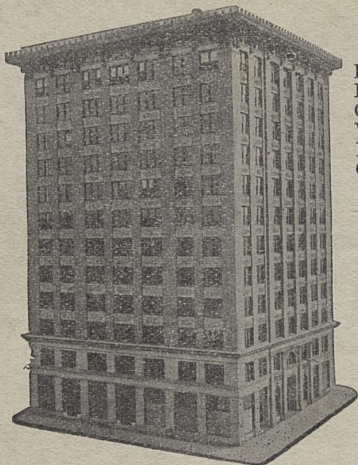
P.S.

You need not bring
a camera this time
but to be on the safe
side you might bring
your pistol.
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G. G. MILES, PRESIDENT

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State Board of Missions
Alabama Baptist State Convention

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 8, 1911.

Rev. W. P. Wilkes,
Care Dr. W. D. Powell,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother:

Your card came to my office while I was away on sick leave. I have just been overwhelmed with work since I came back and neglected to write you. Be sure it was not for want of interest in you, for I do want to see you back in the State.

Just now there is no opening that has a living in it for you, but I hope right soon that something will turn up. I will certainly let you know.

You see what I wrote in the Alabama Baptist the other day about our Alabama men. It is one of the puzzles I cannot understand--how it is that our churches do not seem to call their own men.

Fraternally yours,

Dict.

W. B. Crumpton

Cover

Perote, Ala.

Dec 8, 1911

Dearest Little William.

How are you? I am O. K.

What are you doing these days?

I guess ^{you} get to be noticed at ^{the} ³⁻² Mamma's
don't you?

You must come Xmas and help
us eat turkey and sausage, we are
^{going} to feast. Cry for Mamma and Papa to
bring you Xmas.

Can you walk any yet?

Tell Mamma to get busy and write to us
Ala folks.

Tell Mamma to "hug" and "squeeze"
you tight for me.

Give Mamma and Papa my love.
and keep a "lots" for yourself. Write soon
to your little Auntie Vernie Wilkes

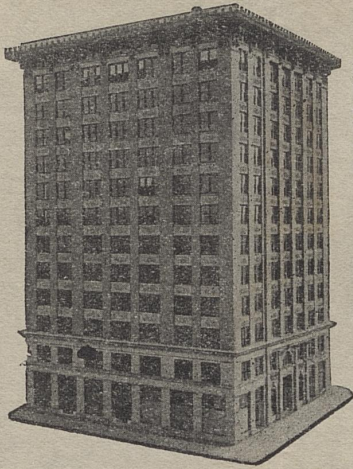
I want to see you so bad

For William

G. G. MILES, PRESIDENT

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State Board of Missions Alabama Baptist State Convention

Montgomery, Ala., ^{Tu} ~~Wed~~ 30 - 1912

Dear Brother Wilkes:

Had just written
your Dad when your
letter came. I suggested to him
that you and he have a talk
with Colby about the 21st - 22nd
B'ham. That is the best thing
you now. I have written to
B'ham. I am much inclined
to say: "Come Home July 1st -
and I will see you get \$100
in the pocket or I'll secure
you in that unit for evangel-
istic work." How would that
strike you?

Fraternally
W. B. Crumpton

111 Chas St Ark -
10th Feb -

Dear Mr Powell -

Dear Bro;

I was glad
to hear how the Lord is blessing
you in your work - and that
your school is prospering so.

Mrs Crane to whom you
first wrote has been in such
affliction from the death of her
Mother & husband. That I have
not seen her to ask if she
has had a letter from you.

So I write to ask if you
received the \$9.53 which we
gave her to send you - As I
understand it, we ^{our church} have
undertaken the support, not
of ^{one of} the orphan girls you wrote
of to me - but of the Christian
Eddy who is preparing herself

for Missions work. You wrote
to Mrs Crane first, of her and
said it would cost ten dol-
lars per month. Am I right?

I am anxious for the young
people to continue her support
next year. How long before
she will be prepared to enter
upon her work? What is her
name? Could she not write
a letter to one of our young
ladies. Miss Ada Dodge

124 Sennead St. is the cor. sec.
of the Young People's Band.
I want to keep the work be-
fore them & would be so glad
of any news. You may know
that it takes some effort to
get & keep the people interested
in Foreign Missions. With
Regards from Mr Dixon I
am yours truly
Mrs A. C. Dixon

Yacatecas,
Tuesday, Feb 8th

Dear Bro P.

Am just back from
Church. And paying Valentine
\$4.00 per mo. for the front
room which is quite con-
venient. I have my receipt
for past payments on the house
which we slept in. Could not
be better than \$23. I don't say
he does not know a healthier
place in town, and that I
am very fortunate. Now Miss
Barton has both her bleedings
at the same time the altitude. Val-
entine's house was better yesterday.
I saw about it and shall have
a man to remove it. I got my
trunk this morning. Miss Barton
will not be here till tomorrow.

Will you please get my
Certificate from Dr. Doctow and
send it to me with any costs
attached.

Sloan writes again begging
that you or Cardua have the
copy on hand early, as he wants
to be sure to have the paper out
by the first of the month.

Valentina did write those things
to the Presby. in Dec., and also wrote
that you were trying to get her to join
the Bapt. Ch. so as to have no trouble
on the subject. She ought to be brought
up on the subject.

Am getting along well thus far with
the P's I think I shall. Valentina's brother who was
not for bap. wants to be baptized, but he is still
dependent on the penitentiary and may have to go
back any time, and I don't think I can baptize
him just yet. Have written to Sooman but
have not heard from him. Nan sends love &
says she will write soon. No more tomorrow to our
home. An affair I can not get any plan in
to send on what the copy soon. Love to all. Affly. M

Baltimore Md.
10 May.

Dear Brother Parry,
I received your
letter and ~~will~~ do all we
can to support Miss Martine
and the orphans at school.
We are very much
interested in your work &
are doing all we can
to interest others -
Yours truly,
Mrs. A. B. Dixon

Richmond Ky. Aug. 3

Very dear Bro. Powell:

You must excuse my protracted delay in answering your very welcome letter of June 14th. As you have perhaps seen from the Recorder, I have been visiting relatives in Ill. We had a blessed reunion after a separation of many years. It was more suggestive of Heaven to me, than anything I ever experienced. Thank God for these bright oases! Yea, thank God for the constant brightening of life!

We have had quite a no of deaths in the community since my return, several of them very sudden. The Particular Baptist preacher's wife died last week sitting in her chair. Heart trouble.

I read your letter with much interest. Ten millions of souls touch my heart indeed deeply: & were I convinced that it was God's will that I should give my life to their salvation, I think I should have no hesitancy in going notwithstanding the deep & clinging affection of my people toward me. But the first remark you made to me in our

conversation at Augusta
has had very much to
do with me in the matter.
You said the prime qual-
ification for missionary
work was a deep convict-
ion that that was one's
work. My heart was stirred
at Augusta, & is always
stirred when I hear of Mex-
ico: but the conviction
that there is where the
Lord would have me la-
boure is wanting. I have
tried to leave the matter
wholly with the Lord: &
the more I do so, the more
I am inclined to feel that
this & not that is my
field, at least for the
present. There are 2 other
considerations that have
some weight with me.

One is I am not at all contro-
versial in my nature. I shrink
from it; & there you have
to contend against Catholicism.
Another is warm weather
goes hard with me. In cold
weather I am vigorous & strong;
in warm weather I am languid
& weak. Your climate I fear
won't be too mild for me.

But the reason given above
is the one that deters me from
Mexico. I sympathize with
you with my whole heart:
& want to do all in my
power to awaken an in-
terest in missions in our
churches, & give what I
can myself to the cause;
but until my convictions
change I cannot join you.

With much love I remain
your brother in Christ.
Write again. H. J. Daniel.

Independence Tex. 10/27

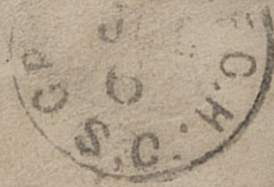
Dear Bro. Powell

Was truly glad
to get your very interesting letter &
I now enclose the letters spoken of
and also send by same mail
the Catalogue of the Publications.
I also enclose \$5.00 of some funds
for distribute S. S. to be distributed
entirely at your discretion, will have
some more, before long.

Our S. S. is doing well and have
15 classes with good and faithful
teachers & about 160 to 165 in regular
attendance. Had 49 baptisms out-
of our S. S. as a result of the Camp

Meeting & not more than 20 or 25 in
the school outside of the infant-
class but what are members of
the Church. I wish you could be
with us & see how we are
working. Glad to hear such
good report from you. May the
good Lord continue to bless
you so long as he has done all
the time. My wife & I join
in kindest regards to you & yours.

Yours affectionately
G. B. Davis,



Rev W. D. Powell,
Murfreesboro,
Tenn.
"

138 C. 19th Cov. Ky.

Dr. Bow.

Dear Brother,

I forgot to ask for
one of your books, "What
Baptist Believe" etc when
I renewed my subscription
to the "Kentucky Mission
Monthly". I should like very
much to have one.

I also would thank you
to let me know something
of Dr Powell's Evangelistic
ability, and some of the

great work he's done for God
at any time. I desire to
advertise our meeting
thoroughly and any thing
along this line will help me.

I never see any thing in
the papers about his receiving
"Confessions," or even holding
a meeting. I need a good
strong man, as late brother
Correll to be, and a rarer of
souls. Brother Lyabute has ~~not~~
worked these fields so much, most
of the brethren thought it best to
have a new man. In Madison
Church of this city is having
a good meeting, and

sure will begin one week
later. Pray for God's converting
power to be on us. Please
write me at once.

Fraternally yours
E. Z. Andrews

Dear Bro. Russell:-
I thought you
had better read
the enclosed.
J. L. Bow

Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company,

Station

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trained, we were so sure of a girl this time that we had her named, & just counted on her but we are awfully proud of our boy now.

How did you spend Christmas & what all pretty did you get? We had a very pleasant time though the weather was fierce, it rained the entire time. Santa Clause was real good to us especially the children. The baby got a cart, some gold pins, 2 rocky-horses with a seat between, several dresses & caps & little things like pin-holders. John got a bath-robe, some dresses, lots of toys & a nice hat, we only got him toys.

How is Pugh & do you think you will stay on in Burma another year?

We heard from Ethel yesterday & she said her father's health was very bad, we want to go down there real soon, as soon as we can get another pass & Mr. Milnes can get off. He says he is strictly a family man now & John is still a big "Daddy's

Say "as soon -

When do you think you'll come to see me
all again, dont be so long about it as you
were before -

All the boys are asleep, big, medium & small
so guess its time to turn in too -
Tell Dugh Miss Lucile Jordan married yesterday
a man named Coover from here. They are
to live on South Court St.

Please dont treat me as if you are about
mitying & I'll promise to do better next time
it isn't because I didn't want to be
its just that I was so busy before the
Baby came, sewing & getting things ready
then Maama came & spent 2 months with
me having her eye operated on & as she was
blind she had to be led everywhere & wait
on & since she left I've been so busy
doing my work, tending babies & getting
ready to go home that I got behind with
all my letters & you are not the only one
who has been neglected by my means -

Kiss Mother for his old Auntie &

hurry & write -

With much love

Yours -
Lucile -

Mother so much worry. Ethel has always been such a gossip and invariably imagines things instead of stating facts and seems to enjoy running different ones down. I hope I'm mistaken in this.

You didn't like it because I "sighted" - in the second set of pictures of Miriam. The first set I sent only two or three of you were remembered and so I tried to get around to the others with the second lot. I try never to be partial but if any one is favored it would be you. As soon as the little dress and cap, you promised, arrives I'm going to have some pictures taken by the Japanese photographer. Miriam is so fat and has been crawling for some time and think she will walk very soon. Her little steps are so even when helped across the floor. She has just finished playing "peek-a-boo". She tries to cover her eyes but the handkerchief generally lands on the top of her head but she screams just the same as if hidden. When we say "There she is!" she pulls it off. Baby chews on apples the cutest I ever saw. makes a noise like Aunt Lavinia did in scraping fruit with her teeth and enjoys them just as much. Every day I squeeze an entire orange into her bottle of add a little water & sugar. Its fine for bottle babies. Besides we give her lots of water & fresh air. He was so proud of the way she has fattened here. Miriam

is such a lively rollicking youngster. The people at the
head of this "Home" call themselves "Grandmother" & "father"
to her and the other folks steal her out to their
rooms for she does laugh so cute and enjoys
being played with as much as one twice her age.
Baby loves Houdou the better of us Mrs. Will crawls
under his chair and play with his feet and will
pull herself up and "puss" at him until he
notices her. He will sit on the floor to "study"
though I think its more to get Miriam to frolic
with him - she pulls his hair, kisses, sits and
lie on her back and kick him and its strange
she never thinks of giving me the same treatment.
But Houdou plays so rough with her, it seems
more like teasing a little dog than a baby but
she enjoys it thoroughly. One of her tricks is:
to lie on her back & hold her own feet - then
Houdou swings her by the arms. We are crazy about
the little scamp.

There is a little baby next door to us quite
low with erysipelas. He is Miss Corbett's child. An old
Draughting School girl - but now Mrs. Leonard. He
suffers terribly and I feel so sorry for its parents
for he had such a time getting into this world
and is only about a month & a half old. Old
Dr. Hartwell is in the room above us in a
dying condition. He isn't long for this earth.
So many of the P. S. girls are there and missionaries

Estimates etc

Rev^d Dr. Powell -

Is he returned to him.

Dr Mr Powell.

How would this do,
what effect would it have, if
put in your letter this way-

If Dr Bible is acquitted here by
the Courts, it would be an easy
thing, I think, to keep him from
publishing the evidence in his
trial, and no one can influence
him in this matter, more than
yourself. while, on the other

land I am confident that his
Conviction by the Courts of this
Country, would not only make it
appear to him necessary to pub-
-lish all the evidence in Texas,
because he was very proud of his
standing there, ~~and would~~ but
such conviction would be surely
followed by ^{his} publication from
him.

Yours truly

Boab

El Sr. Powell
En casa

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March 14th

Friend Bill
I left my horse shoe
Pin in scarf in the lower
drawer of the front Bureau
Will you please get it and
take care of it till I see you
which may be on Saturday
with best wishes Yours
D

Please answer this & let me
know if the Pin is OK
D

will their not be ~~any~~ ^{any} fear of mistake or defeat, work-
 ing with this consciousness of an individual
 oversight over ~~our~~ ^{our} little effort to further his
 cause? The Lord said "my word shall
 not return unto me void - but it shall accom-
 -plish that which I please, and it shall
 prosper in the thing whereto I sent it"

Viewing our work in this light we shall
 not become so depressed by its mag-
 -nitude, nor care so much to estimate the
 results of the future - Going on ~~by~~
 step taking thought only for the next
 thing that needs to be done, we shall
 feel "guided on every side" - as we shall
 hear - a voice ~~around~~ ^{around} us saying this is
 the way walk ye in it - It seems as if
 for Sunday School teachers, this would
 be a suit of armour against our
 continual discouragements. Indeed all
 through the journey of life the plan of living
 working & walking ~~is~~ ^{is} to be guided by ~~our~~
~~God's~~ ^{God's} ~~care~~ ^{care}

And while we are working & walking step by step - we must not become so absorbed in how & where we shall step as to lose sight of the grand object we have in view - "What different works then would be done in the world" says an earnest & thoughtful writer - "if we did not so constantly lose sight of the aim & purpose of work, in the work itself" - The best work is always done by those who forget thought of their way of doing it, through being possessed with a purpose of its doing - If a man must walk a narrow plate on a building at a dizzy height his safer way is to fix his eyes on the point he is to reach & press forward steadily to that point - If he begins to watch his foot steps - and question if they are taken securely he is likely to totter & fall - He who is possessed with a great purpose is always eloquent in his pleading for it - but his speech will go halting as soon as he turns his thoughts to the manner ^{never} of his speech

rather than to its object — There is no success —
 —fulness as unconscious goal — The con-
 —scious endeavor to be graceful is hardly
 more than awkwardness —

An old clergyman in addressing a gather-
 —ing of young ministers said "E¹ earnest-
 —ness is Power" Therefore I say to you be
 earnest — Mark you I don't say. Aim
 at earnestness — You will never become
 fervent in that way. but be earnest —

If you have anything worth doing do it,
 do it as if your life depended on it —

If you want to say anything that
 is worth saying, that needs saying
 say it with your whole heart & soul —
 as if you would stir the universe
 to an interest in its subject matter —

But in neither case, give your attention
 for the time being to your way of
 doing or to your way of saying the
 thing — Forget all about that — Lose
 your thought of it, in your absorbed
 interest in the aim & purpose of your
 endeavor — ^{there is no other way of accomplish}ing this great work —

and while we go forward ^{to our work} step by step
with our eyes fixed upon this great pur-
pose of life - let our watch word be
"my sufficiency is of God" we are not to
look at obstacles - or our own ignorance
and weakness - but at the almighty
strength & wisdom which is to do the work.
And we are not to judge of results now.
but to wait till the scaffolding comes down
and we gaze enraptured upon the finish-
ed temple which our unskillful hands
have helped to rear -

Friday night

Dear Brother Powell,
I fear you will think me unkind, as well as impolite, in not waiting for you at San Rafael, but I had a great desire to get back to Monterey this week, & do which it was necessary to leave Friday, and as I suppose it can make no difference to you — for you also will no doubt come straight back — I ventured to risk the appearance of unkindness and impoliteness.

As to the matter we were talking over I fear it could not be arranged without my becoming a Papist out and out, and I do not feel that to be the Lord's will.

I shall be glad to hear how you got on at Galeana, and what caused your delay, I fear Chavez may be sick again.

Yours truly
C. A. Bright

struggles I have passed through & the motives which prompted my actions - but the story is too long to endeavor to pen it. It has been hard but I have borne it all.

Today I can look up to the Lord Jesus and say "Thou knowest all things - Thou knowest that I love Thee."

I would have gone to Sumner when you were there but it was a long way and just then money was quite scarce with me & I was busy planting. I thought of you & prayed for your success. At that time I was not preaching but was just as anxious for the success of the gospel as ever I had been. I am trying to preach now but it is under many difficulties.

People are talking about me; and even those who say they are the children of God are ready to speak unkindly of

me. My church has given me all the rights of a minister of the gospel, & recommended me to the love & confidence of all christians as a worthy minister of the gospel. But with this there are tongues that will talk and the Enemy uses just such to accomplish his purposes.

I took the pastoral charge of this church the 1st Sunday in July and since then have received 25 into the fellowship of the church - organized the prayer-meeting & reorganized the Sunday School, organized the Woman's Mission Society & it is actively at work. The good Lord has blessed my efforts far beyond what I asked or expected. But if an opportunity offered I would leave this state. I think I could work more successfully in another. Arkansas, Texas, or Louisiana. But I suppose there are no vacancies in either of these states, or at least

To,

M. L. Bau,

St. Stephens,

Berkeley County,

So. Ca.

N. E. R. R.