[Letter 82: Owen to Avery]

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Guernavaca, Mex.
May 18th 1904.

Dear Mattie:

We came down last Saturday and have been in almost a continual string of Conference meetings here ever since. It has been highly interesting to me visit with and labor among this strange people. The country too and it's vegitation is highly interesting to us. We have had a good Conference and are to hold another one next Sunday and Monday at Azunta, will then return to the City of Mexico and after a few days start for home. Helen & baby Rhoda are well. This climate seems to quite agree with them. The rains have started here as I hope they have at the Colonies.

We all remembered and observed the "Special Fast" last Sunday, asking the Lord to send rains to the Colonies.

The elders and all our party are well except Leona [Taylor] who has been quite ill but is better now. It is a great treat to come down here into the tropics where since the rain started it is cooler than it was farther North. I do hope all is will with you and the Children. Take good care of the darlings and give my love to them. If you answer this at Juarez I will get it.

May God bless and be with you to keep you all well and happy. Helen sends love

Affectionately
Ivan

[Letter 83: Owen to Avery]

[*no letterhead, typed*]

City of Mexico, May 20th. 1904.

Dear Mattie: —

We arrived here from Guernavaca last night and found your two letters, also the ones you forwarded to us. It was a feast for us to hear from you all at home but we are sorry you are not feeling well and I do hope you will take care of yourself and not overwork.

I cannot tell just when we will start home as we hold Conference at Czumba Sunday and I think it will be about Wednesday before we will get started back home. It is more than likely that I will go to the Salt River Valley and attend to the work which the Presidentcy have instructed me