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Rev. Alexander Henry, D.D., Secretary
518 Witherspoon Building

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Rev. Henry A. Howard,
Jacksboro, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Howard:

I have been connected with our Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work for the past fifteen years, and am an Elder in the Hollond Memorial Church of this city.

It gives me pleasure to commend most heartily my friend, the Rev. J. W. Harris, now of San German, Puerto Rico, for the position of Synodical missionary, made vacant by the death of the lamented Dr. Little. Mr. Harris has peculiar fitness for such a position. He is young, strong, and energetic, and, above all, filled with zeal for the Master's work. He is a native of your State, where his people still live, and has intimate knowledge of the ways and characteristics of the inhabitants. He was "brought up" on a sheep ranch and shared largely in the rough and ready experiences of such a life, where many of his companions were Mexicans and cowboys. This, together with his association with more cultured people in college, seminary and city, has made him an ideal "mixer," and he is universally popular wherever he goes.

He is a graduate of Park College, Missouri, and of Princeton Theological Seminary. The vacation preceding his graduation from Princeton he spent as a helper in our Hollond Memorial Church, Philadelphia, during which time I got to know him well and to value him for his many estimable qualities of heart and head. He became a prime favorite with our people and gave us excellent service, especially along the line of visiting in the homes of our people.

Mr. Harris' college and seminary training has been supplemented by

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a brief service in the pastorate at Pond Creek, Oklahoma, which charge he resigned to take up work under our Home Board in Puerto Rico, where he is at present located (at San German); and where he is now perfecting himself in the Spanish language, with which he was already familiar through his long association with Mexicans and others in Texas.

Mr. Harris has a fine physique and he appears to be perfectly healthy in every particular. He is also fortunate in having a wife (also a graduate of Park College) who gives every promise of being a helpmeet to him in the fullest sense of the word.

I have written freely and fully but not more so than the case warrants. I pray that you may be divinely directed in securing the right man to undertake the important work of Synodical missionary.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Ford.