

husband, and asked whether it were not possible that I might return to Queretaro to be near him. He advised me to wait awhile, until after the execution of the Emperor. As I insisted on seeing Mr. Juarez, the minister told me to come at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Although I had planned the escape of the Emperor, Mr. Juarez received me in his usual manner. I commenced by speaking about the plan for the Emperor's escape, but he told me that he knew all, and evaded answering those same questions I had put to Mr. Iglesia, but his whole manner impressed me with the idea that the escape of the Emperor would not have been very disagreeable to him either.

Mr. Juarez told me that I should have to remain at San Luis, and be under surveillance. When I spoke about the Emperor and my husband, the President said he was afraid that nothing could be done for the Emperor, and that he must die; but as for my husband I might be perfectly satisfied. For the moment nothing could be done, but even if he should be condemned to death he would not be executed, on which he gave me his hand and his word of honour.

The Emperor had been sentenced to death at the time I was on the road, and was to be shot three days later. Baron Magnus was still in San Luis when I reached that place. He again saw the Pre-