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Toluca Mexico
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Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond Va.

Dear Bro.

Yours received yesterday and as you suggest that you would like to know when I decide to locate and where, I will answer promptly. We have decided to go to Leon for two or three reasons:

1. There seems no other place open now and after seeing the city and its surroundings, I feel that it certainly needs a man to hold it down if no more. Of course, Dr. Hooker has fully decided to leave the field and unless I go it will be without a missionary for a season at least.

2. It will be a better place for the Imprenta - more central, better climate for such work, and will cut me loose from the school-boys who, under the circumstances which arose have been more in the way than they did good. I am negotiating with a printer to take charge of the work, under my direction which will let me have more liberty - to work in the line to which God called me. But, I am sure that we have done good even the first year with the "Imprenta" and are but

getting started. I believe I told you we now have a plant worth about \$2000 mex. With the appropriation asked for we could go right to work with a full force of workmen and do a good lot of religious printing this year. We are trying to arrange for publishing some books as well as tracts &c. It is a thing sadly needed among Spanish speaking Baptists. So I feel that the brethren will make the appropriation if they see how much it will help us to reach the goal of the establishment of the plant. We can get through without it but with it the handicap we now have of but one press will be lifted and the success of the work increased.

3. We are also pleased with the climate of Leon. It is not quite so hard on me as this. The three or four days we spent there relieved me entirely of this difficulty - I experience, up at this height, in breathing, and I think for this reason also we will go.

We expect to move the last of November or the first of December. It will be hard to move before.

I preached last Friday night and again Sunday night making four times within my first 10 months stay in a strange land among a strange people.

As to the treasury ship, I will do my best. At present, I am trying to get up the report which should have been in but which Bro. Mahon asked me to make out for him - that is, he asked me on the eve of his departure. If you will not get impatient, I think after I find out various things from various sources I can get it up but what he knew as to these details I have have to learn. Will get it in as soon as possible.

We were in session when your ^{first} letter reached Bro. M. That is we had all come to my house for dinner and when we reassembled at the mission, Bro. M. had received your letter and was in warm water. It seems that none of them understood the amended rules. You had spoken of his getting at the rate of \$400 while away but had said nothing about the traveling expenses to and from. Then it came up in the meeting. Later, it seems that on second letter ~~from~~ you cleared it up.

Great meetings those in the great west! We Baptists are doing better for I. & O. than we did when Kansas, Neb. & Col. & other states were opened up, and the Lord is blessing us in it. May the bless. you abundantly and send in the means!

Yours &c. J. E. Davis