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

Muy Dear Brother:--

I have just written to Bro. Neal, and I have been led to say a few things that seem to me just, and that should be laid before to Board, or at least you.

All the rest of the brethren have run off like so many bad soldiers, at the first suggestion of trouble up at the other end of the country, and among them the Treasurer, Bro. Neal, leaving us here to be shut in, perhaps, with no means and no way to get money. Under such circumstances it seems to me to be nothing but just and right, that provision be made for me and the rest of the workers who have remained at their post, especially the native workers. For my part I am disgusted with the missionaries, as also others are. Business men stay at their post, missionaries run. Well, that is not my business; I am here, and when I go out, it will be for GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS, and not mere scare headlines.

I came out here to work for the Lord, and He will take care of me. I will leave when it seems good to Him for me to go,-- not one day sooner. But, the brethren up there agreed to "hold the ropes" and I feel that they will. Now I have made the following suggestions to Bro. Neal:

Inasmuch as there is danger of being cut off entirely ~~from~~ the United States, I have asked him to arrange with you to send me some of his drafts duly signed by him for my use in case of emergency, to pay my own bills, and those of the printery, and also keep out native men paid. This only in case we cant get any word from him.

Or that authority be given me to draw sight drafts in CASE OF NEED, to meet the case.

I hope you will take the matter up and arrange for my protection financially.

We are waiting the outcome of the Ry. strike, and it is likely this letter will not get to you for some time to come, as this afternoon is the time fixed for the walk-out of the Americans who have been in the employ of the lines, but we hope for the best.

Pardon my frankness, and believe me that I would not bother you with the matter if I did not see the possiblitiy of such an emergency, as that I suggest herein.

Hope you will come out O.K. by the end of the month.

The Lord help us all in these troublous times
and make us faithful even unto death.

Fraternally yours,

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

My Dear Brother:-

Your kind letter came a few days ago, and I have delayed to answer so I could tell you several things about the work here.

1. In the first place, I am glad to say that Bro. Castillo has arrived and is getting hold of the work right well, and I feel will be a great help to me in this work for the Master. He will have his family here right soon now.

2. We are still working along, and though there is trouble in some parts of the República, we feel perfectly safe here. We are glad the Ry. service is still good, and though a part of the country is cut off from us, and our papers cant get there, still we are proud to be serving the Lord in sending out good literature to Cuba, Porto Rico, United States, Argentine, Chile, Peru and even some to Spain. Our work is widening out, and we feel that we are just where the Lord wants us, and are glad to be here. I am sure that we are as safe as the brethren who have run away from this Ninevah, for over there are floods, cyclones, railway wrecks, and other troubles, while down here the principal trouble is the revolution up North.

3. You will pardon me if it seems to you a bit egotistical, but I feel proud of my relations with business men in Mexico, and so I take the liberty of sending you a letter from the Mgr. of one of the largest business concerns in the Republic. Mr. Jacobs is a Jew--a young man--an American, of course, but married to a Mexican lady. He became a catholic for convenience sake. He knows me personally and has even since I came to the country. Has visited me once or twice here in León. He helps us out constantly. He has ordered his clerks to fill all orders I send, and his book-keeper has orders never to draw on me. I have owed them at times fully \$1000.00, Mexican, yet they never even send me an urgent request to settle up. This is but a sample.

All is perfectly quiet here, and our work is moving along fairly well. Got a job the other day to print 19,000 catalogues for an American carriage dealer in this State. Also we begin to print a Medical Journal for Dr. Salmans, Methodist Medical Missionary in Guanajuato, this State. If the war will only hold off, or get settled without any intervention on the part of the U. S. I feel that we will be all right. We have many friends here in León, and all over the Republic.

We live out at the edge of town, at the Park, in our house, not yet finished, but we are very comfortable and contented, and nobody molest's us in the least. Mrs. Davis ordered some fine White Plymoth Rock hens and rooster some tiem ago, and is now getting a fine flock of fine birds. She is justly proud of them, and we are hoping to see peace so as to push our work all over the land, I

refer especially to our particular work of distributing good literature among Spanish speaking people, and at the same time living half way contented, laying by a few dollars each month to meet the expenses of educating our children.

I dont want you to take what I said in my former letter as in any way being a complaint against our missionaries, but I felt the way I wrote, and gave expression to what I felt. I am sure they did what they did conscientiously, though it would not satisfy my conscience at all.

Am sorry that we Baptists, after making a great fight to get proper recognition down here, should be the very first to show the white feather. The Methodist missionaries are still here, and are not running from a shadow. Other American missionaries are standing their ground, and why should not we? Business men are still here, and are going to stay till there is real danger. The business of the King of kings is of more importance than all the rest. Oh, that men would be **MEN**, real men, to do or die for Christ, in every part of the world. I remember you told me when I was in Richmond that the Board did not want to appoint Texans to Mexico, as they were too close home. I see where you were right, and I hope you will stick to that resolution. **THEY ARE TOO CLOSE HOME.**

I am praying that by the time you get this letter your anxiety about the financial condition of the work will be relieved, as I do hope the brethren will send in the money that rightly belongs to the Lord. We need it for the fields are white unto the harvest, and we must be busy for the night cometh when no man can work.

May the Oklahoma meeting be the greatest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. If there had been no war, I was going to try to be there, but I can not afford to leave my family under the circumstances. We may be there, but I do not think there will be any need of leaving the country, and in that case we will stay by the goods.

Pardon me for taking so much of your time. But dont you know we sometimes get a bit homesick and feel like being a little confidential. I suppose you get lots of such letters.

All are well, and trust that we wont have to leave our work.

Faternally yours,

J. E. Davis