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

My Dear Brother:-

The last turn in affairs down here does not please me one bit, but I hope it will "blow over" like it has so many times before. I am afraid of those Texans. Well, whatever may happen, may it all be for the glory of our God.

I am writing you to ask about two or three things, as follows:

1. What shall we do about a Mission meeting? Bro. Neal and myself are all the male missionaries down in these parts. Bro. Benson was to come back within a few days, but I rather fear now that this new turn in affairs may hold him back. Still, by the time you get this letter, in all probability you will know more about the matter than I do now. In case we can not have a meeting, what should we do? Each one make out his report and send it in to the Secretary, or to you? Each one making an estimate of what he will need for his work for the next year? Or what do you suggest? It is about time for our meeting now--lacks only about a week. Of course we can have it later if the brethren come back. But I understand that several of them are not coming back right soon.

2. For some time I have not had any office help, but have been using the appropriation for this purpose for other help in general. Now, I have been a little bit disturbed in my mind about whether this is exactly right or not, without your approval. I assure you that it has been used for help, though not in the office. The office work I have been doing it all, as during this revolution--since the first of the year--a man here in the office would have been in my way rather than have helped me. So I have applied this amount on payment of help in general. I want to know if I am within my rights, or if you think it a matter that should be acted on by the Board.

3. A Mexican preacher who has resided in Texas several years, and has been working there under the Home Board writes me he wants to come back to Mexico to help in the evangelization of his patria. His name is Abram P. Villarreal, and is at Gregory, Texas. I wonder if we could not use him on this field somewhere. Silao where we once had a splendid church is entirely abandoned. The Methodists had a man there and he turned Baptist a short time ago, and I understand they have nobody there now. We have a few Baptists there and ought to have an active man on the field. It is a city of some 18 pr 20 thousand. Of course this is not really my business, but as Mr. Benson is not on the field, I feel like mentioning the matter to you at least.

We are well and happy. Hope there will be no trouble growing out of this rebel threat up North. May the Lord lead and bless.

Fraternally,

J. E. Davis