S. S. Mexico -

June 8th. 1913

Dear Bro. Willingham: -

We get to Havana in the morning. I will mail the receipt which I have been too busy to mail before. Thanks for your promptness.

Had a good visit with my aged father & mother. Was a week at Moberly. Found dear boy very sick. Our Mexico was by New York so sailed from there June 5th. Have had fine voyage so far.

May the Lord bless and lead us all for His own glory. Pray for us in our struggles in Mexico.

Fraternally Yours

J. E. Davis

June 10th. 1913

S.S. Mexico.

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

Dear Friend & Brother:-

This is about the finest day I ever saw, and I reckon I did not know that the sea could be so calm.

We left Havana last evening between 4 and 5 oclock, and arrive at Progreso half way between Havana and Vera Cruz, early tomorrow morning, then D.V. we get to Vera Cruz early Friday morning. If all goes well, will arrive at Leon, Sunday morning.

I hope to find the family well. I have only heard from them once since leaving home.

I spoke to you at St Louis a word about getting a furlough next year. I am going to explain this matter a bit

so you will not misunderstand me. We have been out here 8½ years now and have never asked for a vacation. We have made very few trips home, and had attempted to take our children back last September, but the conditions were such that we felt we should stay another year. Now we are compelled to solve the question of the education of our children, and we do not know how to do it. We do not feel called upon to break up our happy home, Mrs. D. going to State with the children and leaving me in Mexico, — and less under present circumstances —

I do not know what to do. Have even thought some of resigning my work and going back to the States for a few years to educate my children, then offering myself again for the work if I feel that the proper thing to do.

I will write you more definitely when I reach

home and have a conference with Mrs. Davis.

I enjoyed my visit with my parents and sisters and my sister, as also with the Moberly people.

I hope and pray that this year may be the most prosperous and blessed of all our mission work and that the Judson Memorial Fund may be largely raised and all the interests of the same prospered.

May the Lord bless you in your work.

I want to see my wife and babies (the old good sized babies now) and am a little impatient now with delays.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis