



León, Guanajuato.

July 6th, 1913.

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

My dear Brother:-

Your kind letter of June 23d came this morning, and I will answer at once to thank you for your interest, and kind suggestions and assurances.

I arrived safely, and though my trip was rather expensive, I enjoyed it, and feel that it was for some good purpose, though not yet understood, perhaps. I certainly enjoyed being in the Convention and renewing old acquaintances. How much good it did me to meet the pastor of the Grand Ave. Baptist Church there in St. Louis, after having forgotten him, you might say, and have him tell me that I was the inspiration of ~~your~~ his youth, and that I had done more than any and all others toward his awakening. He took me to his home and would not let me get away from him. There were other things that made my trip an inspiration.

When I wrote you on my way home, I was in a great quandary. But I have one of the best little missionary women in the world, and when I reached home, she listened to my tale of woe, with respect to the situation, and gave me to understand that I was suffering with indigestion or some other ill caused by my associations with U.S. people. She put the matter up to me (excuse the slang) about as follows: Who will take charge of the publication work? There are only three or four missionaries left in the country and some of them are leaving. We will just have to make the best of the situation and wait, she advised me. Well, I decided to write to Bro. Neal and see if he would consider the matter of coming over and running the work the coming year. But he said no, and so we began to think of some other plan. We decided that the best solution of the matter for this year would be for her and the children to go to Mexico City and put the children in the American School there. Well, we had to act immediately, as the school opened the 1st of July. We knew that there would not be much school if any the first week on account of enrollment and then the 4th on Friday, so the family went yesterday, and so I am left a widower for the present.

I hope you will approve this hasty decision of ours, as we could not see any other way for this year. There are no Ry. communications with the States now, and Mrs. D. would be worried all the time if the children were up there. As it is I can run down and see how they are getting along from time to time, and at the same time can stay with my work.

I feel that the Lord sent me to Mexico for this very work. Therefore there will be some way opened up. If that means for me to quit the mission work, it will be made plain, though I have no desire to quit it.

We have talked of the Margaret Home, but that is suspended. Probably by next year, it will be open again, and I think we will have three children, our daughter, 15 now, and the two boys younger, one 10 and the other 6. Irene will enter High School, this year, and would do well to attend High School three or four years before entering college. This she could do at the Home, and the boys could be with her for a while there.

Glad you are enjoying a visit from your daughter and grandchildren. My brother, I am somewhat distressed about the nervousness I saw in you at St Louis. I sincerely hope you may get relief from that. May the Lord lead and bless you in your great work.

We are working long. Have just about finished the publication of a little book, The Other Comforter, by Hamlett of Muskogee, O.K., translated by Bro. A. S. Rodríguez, of Pinat del Río, Cuba. This little book is a right good treatment of the subject, and as there is nothing in Spanish on the subject, we expect that it will be of great service to our brethren. Will be able to sell it to other denominations also.

We are planning to get out a quarterly for the young people. This will be small of course, but they need something of the kind in their S.S. work. Of course if it is a success, we will continue it right along, but if not, it can be suspended.

Also I am arranging for the picture cards for the little tots on the S.S. The lessons will be printed--no, not the lessons, but questions and answers, on them like in the U.S. only in Spanish.

The political situation is looking a little better just now, but tomorrow it may be changed. That is the way with war situations.

Well, I must close. Pray for us in our trials and may the Lord give us grace to do His Will.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

P.S. I had intended saying that I have a letter from Rev. A. G. Baker, of La Paz, Bolivia, asking for books. We send a good many books now to South America. This man is a missionary of the Canadian Baptists.

I also was going to tell you that we are getting up a little catalogue of our publications, as there are now quite a few of them, and many people write asking for our catalogue. It is only a question of time till we shall have a good big business here. In fact, it is not small now, though not by any means what I expect it to be, with the Lord's blessing.

Well, good-bye for this time.

J.

S. T. KELLY. M. D.
HOMEOPATHIST

MOBERLY, MO. July 19, 1913.

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

Dear Bro.- I wish to address you, and through you the other members of the Foreign Mission Board, in behalf of our Bro. J. E. Davis of Leon, Mexico.

As you know, Bro. Davis recently made a trip to the States to attend the S. B. C. and to make a visit to his parents, who are growing old.

He made a stop with old time friends in Moberly, and while here I found he was very much perplexed over the education of his children. By the time he left he was pretty thoroughly convinced that it was his duty to give up the work in Mexico for a few years and bring his children to the States for education and training. But I have a letter from him today and find that he could get no one to take his place in running the Publication House, and that he has decided to still stay by the work. His wife has taken the children to Mexico City to put them in the American school there.

Now the matter I wish to call specially to your attention is the heavy expense under which he is laboring, and the faithfulness and courage with which he has stood at his post during these years.

He says the cost of living has almost doubled and he has been unable to accumulate any money to cover such expense as he now has in trying to school his children. He would like to borrow, but is not fortunate in having friends with means, and others will not lend on such uncertain conditions as exist in Mexico.

In consideration of his faithfulness in staying with the work when he has a year's furlough past due, I am wondering if the Board can not find some way to help him. If an increase of salary cannot be made, might not the expense of his trip to the Convention be paid, or an arrangement to pay the rent in Mexico City for the wife and children during the school term, a bonus be given for the way he has built up and increased the value of the printing plant, or some other way which might seem wise to you in which he might be somewhat relieved.

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MOBERLY, MO..

I know the Board has large burdens, and I wish so much that I had the means to take care of this particular case as well as to help more to carry the others, but since I cannot do this further than I have, you will not, I am sure, feel that I am presuming in calling specially to your attention the condition in which Bro.Davis is situated.

Our Woman's Missionary Society had prepared a nice box of things for Mrs.Davis and the children,and our men raised some money, but from the letter today I learn that the trunk with the things from the Society got lost,and has not yet been found. They still hope to get them some time, but it is hard to tell when that will be, if ever.

Bro.Davis has revealed these things to me ~~#####~~ as he probably would not to any one else,and I trust you will be able to find a way to help him carry the load.

May God bless abundantly each member of the Board,and the work in which you are so earnestly engaged.

Most respectfully yours,

S. T. Kelly.