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

My Dear Brother:-

Yours of Sept. 6 arrived a day or two ago and I assure you I appreciate your kind letter.

Have been trying to collect in money due us, but it is going to be a hard pull this year to meet our obligations, but I think there will be some way. We are going to lose two or three thousand pesos this year--oh, of course, it is not lost, as the literature has been sent out and we can never know what will be the final result of its mission, but looking at it from a financial standpoint, it will be lost to us. Then too, we are not going to be able to get money from many parts on account of the fact that there is no exchange--many P. Offices in U.S. will not sell M.O. now on this country. In fact it may be a universal order suspending them, as for two months we have not received a one from up there, and several write me that they can not buy orders. This is going to put us in a bad place for next year. But on the other hand I have been retrenching here and there, and putting the house in order, so I hope to pull through some way.

With the \$200 gold, if the Board sees fit to grant it, I can pay that paper bill for the New Testament, and that will ease matters down some. Then we can go ahead here and print it immediately, if possible, and if not, then little by little, as we have *done with* other books that cost heavily.

I pray that the brethren up there may learn soon the needs of their neighbors and be inspired to give to the Lord what is due Him. It would be the greatest boon for us missionaries to have what we need once to make things GO. Some of us at least have our hearts in the work, and we are ready to make sacrifices for it, even to DIE for it. How often do we find our hands tied and we are unable to do what we feel we ought to do. But, of course, we must be patient. The Lord will take care of his work. Yet, we are his servants, and must SERVE Him.

As to my health, it has never been better. I am getting fat again. Am hard at work, as I have my duties multiplied lately, as I have to edit El Expositor Bíblico at least for the first six months of the coming year. So I have been busy writing S.S. lessons in Spanish. Have three written and the fourth one begun. There are many interruptions, as you can imagine, and so that kind of work goes slow. Yet, I think I will be able to make it.

Sold three little pullets the other day for \$17.50, and a rooster for \$10. The people want the fowls, but don't want to pay my prices. Yet, I am sure to come out all right with my Rocks, if I can keep them from the thieves that are so numerous, or some deadly disease. They are certainly fine. I have one trio that I

know would be worth \$50 gold up there--never saw anything finer in my life. Of course it is the choice of my flock--a cockrel of 8 months from one pen and ~~three~~/two pullets from the other--the choice of all my nice ones. I want \$50 pesos por them, and I may get it one of these days. If some ranchero who has plenty of money comes along and takes the notion, he might give me \$100 for them. It all depends. Have others that are hard to beat also.

Here, I must not get started on chickenology, for that is my side line, and Mrs. Davis says that it is my hobby, but dont you tell her I said it, yet she is as crazy about chickens as I dare be.

You will think I have turned into a gossip. No, I have not, but as I have no one to visit with, have to visit a little by correspondence. That is all. Now to business.

X You will find that we have asked for money for Querétaro again. You will remember that Mr. Beutelspacher, who is--or rather has been, a Gospel Missioner, is there. He has started a work there, and as it is a part of this field and his people wont support him, Bro. Benson took the matter up with him and with you last year, but you did not see fit to make the grant.

✓ Guanajuato, the Capital of this State, offers a great opportunity we feel, and so as there are so many of the brethren off their fields and not using the money granted for the work, we want to keep things going as best we can--Bro. Neal and myself--making two or three men out of ourselves--that is, each one of us.

Bro. M. T. Flores, of Tacámbaro, Mich., is leaving that field, and we have asked him to come to this one provisionally, residing in Guanajuato and looking over the prospects there for work. We have not heard from him yet, as he is a way out there among the rebels, and there is no mail, except by courier, and that has to be carried on under cover, but we hope to hear from him one of these days. He is going to quit the work for the present unless we can give him a better place. We agreed on this in the Mission Meeting, and as there are funds to last till the end of the year for this work, we hope he will go there. I will see to the matter, if he accepts. Of course, this is provisionally. If we cant get in there, he would do well to come here perhaps while the war conditions are so bad, and work this field--a great field and ready to be worked. Here in León we ought to now have a good church, and if we only had some one to get out and work among the people, it should be easy.

✓ Panindícuaro has to be kept up, and we have there Bro. Meza, who seems to be doing a good work. We have asked for the usual amount for that place.

X I have asked for the same amounts for the printing work. I hope the situation will become better, so we can go forward. I was getting ready to ask for less, but the conditions are such that we have to have the same, as many sources of revenue are cut off entirely and others partially.

Give us down here for next year Bro. Mahon's salary to put into native workers. Give us money to pay native men to do the work that we can not do. We have men ready to come into the work. If we only had funds to carry forward the work as it should be!

This is wamt I had to say about the business of the field. Trust we shall be able to give account of our stewardship without being ashamed of out poor efforts, one of these days.

May the Lord bless you and the brethren. Many things I would like to say, but some of them would not look well on paper, and others that will be said some time, but not now.

Faternally yours,

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Dear Bro. Willingham:-

Yours of 10th to hand. Please send me \$75.00 of the amount the Board so kindly appropriated for me on account of heavy expenses, and kindly hold the rest for further orders. No, will you also send to my good friend Dr. S. T. Kelly, Moberly a draft for \$25.00 which he will know how to apply.

Please send these amounts at your earliest convenience. Also please convey to the Brethren of the Board my hearty thanks for their considerations. It is deep that was needed.

Have not heard from Bro. LeBuenr. The Ry service has been reestablished between Farrelon & Monterrey, so we ought to hear soon. He is evidently all right.

Will write of the work soon, suppose you have our mission report by now.

Truly J. E. Davis