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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I have before me your three letters of Sept. 20, Oct. 4 and Oct. 14. Thanks for the remittance, which I appreciate. I inclose receipt.

As to the Mission report, that is our custom down here and has been for years, make a report to the Mission of the colleges and the printery. If Mrs. Neal sent in the entire report, it was that you might see that we are not idle even though the war has been bad.

We are hoping to hear from the Board meeting--the "big" one that you were to have the "next week" after you wrote me Oct. 4. Much depends on what was decided, that is, all our plans down here.

No, I have not asked for a cent more than last year. It is lumped together a little more. You will remember that we cut the Mgr. of the plant out, but had to put him back again, as I had to edit the paper, and so the change was made when we employed Mr. Sotorayor, who is the Mgr. now. Of course, I manage all of it, but he helps me a great deal and is worth his salary. Then too he is honest, and that is hard to find in these people.

I note what you have to say about Bro. and Sister Neal. They certainly deserve credit for sticking to the work, and for being willing to sacrifice themselves for the Cause. I fear for Mrs. N. if they decide to stay in Toluca, for I think she will not hold out very long, but it is likely that they will stay and try to carry on the schools, though I hate to see it. I want the schools to go on, but I don't want to see her sacrificed.

I was down there last Sunday. They are about to close the schools. I think they will close out this coming week.

As to Mr. Beutelspacher, I said little because it is not my work, in reality. I have all and more than I can manage with the literature and the business end of this plant. But Mr. Benson gave you detail last year, and I tried to recommend what he wanted last year, and what met with our approval. Mr. B. is at Querétaro, on this field, but independent of any Board. The Gospel Missioners pretend to support him, but we know they do not. He is a good man, I think, and probably should be employed somewhere. He is a German who worked many years in South America, then came to Mexico. He has a Peruvian wife, I think it is. He speaks German, English, Spanish, and I am not sure but that he can speak more languages. He is a true Baptist.

Did the Board agree to grant an extra \$200 gold for the work of this year--I mean of the Publications? You remember I suggested \$400 to be applied on El Nuevo Pacto, the Bible Unión Version of the New Testament. You said that you thought they would be willing

perhaps to grant \$200. With that amount we can go ahead, and make it through. I hope they can make this grant while the exchange is favorable, so we can make it go as far as possible.

This has certainly been a bad year for us here in this land. We have lost about \$3000 Mexican this year. Have had to retrench in several ways, so as to come out at all right. The Exchange has been entirely against us. We get so much silver, and have had to pay for a good many things in gold. Also the prices of paper have gone up. The paper from outside the country is billed to us in gold. The papers manufactured here have advanced about 25 %. We had fortunately a good stock on hand and the advance makes it worth about \$1000 Mexican more than it was before, but for our papers that is not much of an advantage--I mean, as far as real value is concerned, though on all job work, etc., we add the extra, and that is in our favor. Yet, as to job work, that is almost paralyzed completely. We are doing a little extra work right now, however.

I hope the Board can grant this extra \$200 gold for the Nuevo Pacto, as we need it badly. They are calling for this edition now from Cuba and S. America. And we want it here in our work. In Catholic countries we need the Baptist Bible, as they call it up there in the U.S. as also here--especially the Methodists. It is the Bible Union version of the N.T. and you must admit that we as Baptists need to put the straight truth before the people in Mission lands. We have begun the edition already, and hope to have it ready by the middle of next year. Have Matthew printed now. Are making an edition of 3000 copies. We will get our money out of it soon after it is finished. However we want to sell it at a very low price.

My family is well and the children are getting along well in school in Mexico City. Was with them a day or two the latter part of last week.

Yes, Bro. LeSueur got as far as Monterrey. Many of the Americans that arrived there at that time, went on to Tampico. Wonder if he did. Hope so. There was an attack on Monterrey a day or two ago. No do not know what was the result. The government says that they won but they always win according to the papers we read.

The country is in a terrible condition, and I am about to come to the conclusion that there is but one solution of the whole matter, and perhaps the sooner the better--I need not say that help will have to come from outside. Of course you know what that means. We are ready for any extreme now.

And tomorrow we are supposed to have elections. My! what a farce they will necessarily be! We hope for the best. If worse come to the worst, we will move down to Vera Cruz and there we will be safe while matters are at their worst. If we think then that we should go home, we will go. But I think it will be over in a short time. In fact, I am almost persuaded that intervention would be the best thing for all concerned and there are many Mexicans of the same opinion. Oh, well, I hope it wont come.

We are getting out our S.S. literature for next year. I am editing the Expositor. Have 8 lessons finished and the ninth about half done. There are so many interruptions however. Still there is plenty of time yet.

Oh, I was about to forget. I am writing to the Presbyterian Fund to send you a note of what my insurance premium will be and will you please send the amount to them for me? They will let you know what it is, and when due--December 2nd, I think.

May the Lord lead us all.

I am well, and have some of the finest chickens you ever laid eyes on. Have sold quite a nice lot and have plenty left.

Fraternally yours,

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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:--

Our letters do make a great out getting to and fro. Yesterday I answered three letters of yours, one written the 14th of this month, and the others before.

This morning I have your of the 11th about the \$200 you grant me on the New Testament. I shall draw it and pay for the paper at once, while exchange is very favorable. The paper for 3000 copies is here in the house, but not all paid for. With this grant and a little more, say \$60 or 75 Mexican I will pay that bill, that is for the last paper I bought especially for this edition. Had about one third of the paper here in stock. So I begin to see my way clear to keep things going ahead.

Please express my thanks in the name of the Publication House to the Board for this help. Am sure they will never regret it, as there is nothing more needed than this Nuevo Facto.

I need not write more as yesterday I wrote you a long letter that will perhaps weary you.

Today is election day, but everything is perfectly quiet so far--9 p'clock a.m. It is not time for disturbances yet however. But I dont expect anything bad at all. The trouble may come later,

say within a week or so, or just after the inauguration of the new man. Fraternally,

J. E. Davis
we pray for us, we know we are in danger any day, but our Lord has promised.