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León, Gto., Méx., Sept. 16th, 1914

Rev. T. B. Ray,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Ray:--

Yours of Sept. 7 came last night. That is fine and I certainly hope it will keep on that way, but..... We are praying and trusting and feel that our God can do what men can not do. In Him we trust for peace.

I wrote you what they wrote me about the sacking of León. That was about all there was to say about our losses. My house they did not bother at all. They entered the plant and did not do anything but destroy the typewriter and in their efforts to open the safe they broke off the combination and smashed a Dictionary stand. I think it will not be more than \$250 or \$300 Mex. at the outside.

About 120 persons were killed when the rebels came back and attacked the Orozquistas--the ones that did the sacking. The dead were mostly the riff-raff of the city that took part in the saqueo. Quite a number of the followers of Orozco were also killed.

We were hemmed up in the City and expected a battle daily, but it was called off and the rebels entered without trouble.

I had the pleasure of preaching to quite a lot of them down there before we could get a train out for León, and found them to be Methodists, Baptists, etc. Lots of them are protestants.

Here we have done quite a lot of printing for them, as our plant was the only one of importance left in the City. But I have not been able to get in touch with them yet. There are not many here and I have been so busy since getting back.

I came in to León on the first train, and was and am the first and up to the present, the only American here. You can use that if you so desire, but please dont put my name to it, as it would look too much like boasting, and some of the missionaries are a bit hurt at me any way on account of an article I sent quite a while ago to the Word and Way. The Neals are still in Toluca and are O.K. Have a letter from them today.

We have lots of things to work over now, as there are new school laws and we have to consider the matter carefully. The work of reorganization is far from easy.

I was in Guanajuato and preached for our congregation there Sunday. Am going to Panindícuaro for the coming Sunday. There is trouble to settle there, and I dont know what to do, but am trusting the Lord to lead and help me, as He has done to the present time, through it all, and all for His glory.

I am glad we did not leave. Will always look back on this trial as one of the best in my life. I mean, it has been a revelation of the present help of the Lord in time of need. He

delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear. He has helped us out of trial and difficulty, and I have learned more of His goodness and protecting care than ever.

The printery is in pretty good shape. Will have to be careful for a while, but we expect to make it through this year. Paper prices however have gone up the last week and it looks like we are likely to have a regular paper famine.

My family are well in the City.

We want to have our Mission meeting right soon now.

Have a letter from Benson saying he wants to come back this Fall. Hope so, as we are going to be completely snowed under here with all the burden to bear.

Pray for us. Will send some pictures and the article you ask for soon as possible.

Tell Bro. Guathmay that I received the \$50 and have placed the amount to account--credit--of Bro. Hart of Rosario, Argentina.

Also had a card asking about children. I have misplaced it. But it is easy to say that we have three as follows:

Irene.....16 years.

Frank.....11 "

Edgar Fr.....7

Also we have never had any special arrangement made for any of them. I do not know what this is for, but you will know. Please make ~~then~~ use of it that you desire, informing the person that should have this information, as I do not remember who asked for it. Mail matters have been terribly upset, but they are now better.

Trusting that our common Lord may bless you in your work,

fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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Dear Bro. Ray:-- León, Gto., Méx., Sept. 21st, 1914.

Your letter of the 9th came to hand several days ago, and I was only waiting to answer to have time to get my breath and see what I should say in reply.

Of course, if it is at all possible I will be in San Antonio for the meeting. I think it a good step in the right direction, and ought to be of great service to you as well as to us.

I note the subjects you mention that will likely be discussed and would like to suggest a few more, as the following:

What are we to do about the new school laws in this land, and in what way are we to adjust ourselves to them.

Is our property safe in this country from confiscation by the government? How are these properties held and is it the wisest and safest way?

Other properties held by individuals for the Board, what should be done about these titles?

The question of the division of Mexico between the denominations, and seemingly sanctioned by the N.Y. brethren, what are we to do?

Should there be two Mexican missions or just one?

How many colleges should we have in the Republic and what should be the aim in college work, as also where should the college or colleges be located and how best to determine this matter. *I see this you have on the list.*

Salaries of Mexican pastors, etc.

There are many things that I have wanted discussed for a long time, but we could not do anything. So I am glad you have taken this step, and believe it is wise and that good ought to come of it.

I trust that you are well and that your work is moving along nicely. I have been here now two weeks and am beginning to get things in a little better shape, but financial matters are bad in the whole country, and it is hard to decide what to do about beginning our work again--I mean at full blast.

I also request that the matter of this Publication House be taken up and discussed in the meeting. I think it would result in good. I would love for the whole matter from its beginning to the present time, its policies and all be given a complete airing. Put it on your program if you will.

Will close for this time, praying God's richest blessings on you and the great work you represent.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

September 25, 1914

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Leon, Mexico.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Yours of September 16th at hand. I am very glad to have a word from you and to learn that things are progressing with you as well as they are. I trust that everything will work out to the best advantage to the work.

I enclose copy of the original letter I have sent out to all of our male missionaries in Mexico, requesting that they meet us in San Antonio October 15th and the two or three days following. We are very anxious to have every one of the male missionaries present. I enclose this letter in order to bring it to your attention again. Be sure to come. We want to have a full attendance.

I suggest that you write Brother Neal about the Conference, and tell him that we are expecting him to be present. I take this precaution in order to insure his getting the message. I have already written him.

I shall be very glad to see you in San Antonio.

Cordially yours,

Foreign Sec'y.