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LEON, MEXICO. Nov. 4th, 1905.

Dr. W.J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:-

Your letter informing me that the Board had granted me the \$250 for the Imprenta was gladly received and I want to say that I am very thankful for it and believe that you will have no room to regret it in the end. We are striving to make this work a success and as I told you before, I believe we are going to succeed. The Brethren are all enthusiastic about the matter and seem disposed to stand right by us. I am now negotiating with a brother to assist me in the printery and think I can get him.

But, another thing. The National Convention wants me to put in an agency for Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, books that we, as Baptists, can consistently sell. This will go well with the printery and will help to advertise our other work. But before I undertake it, I would like to have your endorsement. It will not require any appropriation of any kind. It will be an agency. Our brethren do not know where to get books. They have to buy their song books from a Pres. house.

We are going to put out some books this next year and having an agency here will help get our books--our own publications--before the people. In this way it will be a help to our printing work. And too, as a tract distributing center, it will help us, as we can put out tracts ourselves in connection with those we keep on hand from other sources.

There is another thing I want to ask about. Has the Board appointed me as Treasurer permanently--I mean without reference to Brother Mahon's return? Or is only till he comes back? I want to know soon so I can make my arrangements accordingly. As we want to move here the last of this month, I will have to transfer my accounts and want to change banks if I

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am to continue as treasurer. This seems to be better, as the National Bank of Mexico has branches all over this part of the Republic and my drafts on them would be better received than on the Bank we now do business with in Mexico. For this reason, I would like to know soon.

We had a good closing of the schools. Hope next year they may make great progress. I am here going over this field. It is big, but hard. Hooker has worked hard and has accomplished very little. It seems almost like doing nothing, but I suppose we ought to try to take it.

My family is very well and I am feeling better than I did a few weeks past. Did you attend the Missouri Convention? I have not yet received the reports, but will as soon as I get back home. Will go the first of the week. Hoping you are well and praying the blessings of the Lord upon you,

I remain,

Yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

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Toluca Mexico
Nov. 16, 1905

Dear Bro. Wittingham:-

Your kind letter at hand and con-
tents noted. In reply will say that I
have written to Bro. Cheever, chairman
of the Committee on this Book house
proposition for full information.
I am quite sure, however, that the
plan contemplates just what you
suggest as being all right - that it
will be a part of my work under
the Richmond Board. It should be
so and it was. Rev. Sloan and Dr. Hooker
who championed the proposition
that it should be in connection with
the Imprenta, the printing. It was heartily
and unanimously voted, so Dr. Hooker
told me - I was not there.

But, now, another thing arises which
I did not know about and that is the
terms on which the societies send
books. It seems that we will have to
pay cash for the books in order to get
the advantage of the discount wherein
we hope to make the proposition self-
sustaining. Would the Board be willing
to advance us - loan us a starter? I
merely ask this, so I can know how to
proceed if terms are favorable. All are

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Mr. Apple

of the opinion that it will be self-sustaining as soon as the brethren know of it.

We will, ^{not} put in a big stock at first nor at any time as to that - just enough to keep the orders filled.

In my estimation this will be a great help to us here in our work. Also, we can agree to supply anything published and get it by order, as soon as well established.

You understood that this will not require more than a thousand or so clerks in the beginning.

Will advise you fully when I hear from Bro. Cheevers. In the mean time, will hope to hear what you think about the proposition on the reverse side of this sheet.

With love & best wishes,

Yours fraternally,
J. E. Davis

P. S.

On reading this over it appears that I was in a big hurry to get to the La Luz question and did not go into details about the Agency.

Bro. Cheouens says he understands that it is to be as you suggested in your letter, as part of the work of our Board. The money is to enable us to buy at a discount so we can sell to our advantage. We do not contemplate great sales, nor great profits but all are eager for it, the Baptists of both Bds. You would have the Books to back an appropriation and we would report thro the mission here every year.

Also with ~~"La Luz"~~ we would want it under the direction of the mission.

I will be in Mexico next week on the way to Leon and will see Mr. Sloan then.

As to the Report of Mr. Mahon for July - Sept. I have it made out but somewhere is a few dollars deficit and until I find it cannot send it in. Will send in mind and the one referred to, promptly.

Yours D.

I send you a copy of "La Luz" under separate cover. See it.