

Also the Book Agency in connection with a paper will be much better patronized.

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León, Gto., México,

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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:-

Your letters of Jan. 5 and 6 are both at hand, and in reply want to thank you for your kind words. I hope that I may in some degree fulfill your expectations of me in this land of poverty and idolatry. The work is not easy, but our God is equal to the hardest field and his will is to take the world for Himself. He will yet take Mexico. God grant that we may see it in our day. But, we are having a good start here. Last Sunday night we had more than 20 at the services. The interest is growing seemingly and we are praying for some sort of a harvest during this year on this field.

I will now write you more about "La Luz" as you have suggested it by your reference to it. There is no doubt in my mind that such a paper is badly needed and especially in this land where so many people have nothing to read--even those that can read at all. Yes, I think the people would read a good paper, put out in the right way. The Baptists want it. I have received several letters about it suggesting that we undertake the paper. Yes, it will take time but we are here to work. It would be a great help to me at this stage of the language, as I would have to put forth my best efforts.

We could begin it April 1st--that is issue the 1st number at that time and continue it through the year for \$150 gold in

addition to the subscription money. If the brethren would help circulate it, we could get 500 or more subscriptions I think in the first year, and then holding them we ought to get it up to 600 or 750 subscribers, which would make it nearly selfsustaining.

As to the editorship of the paper, I could have my helper ~~to~~ here help me and then there are several editors who helped Sloan mostly natives who would continue to help us, making it a great help to all.

Another thing is that we could print good things in the columns of the paper and with little expense more, could put it in tracts and books. La Luz printed a translation of Pendleton's Theology and run it into book form, with the same type set for the paper. We would keep that going all the time. I mean that kind of work. Alejandro Treviño of Monterrey is a fine translator and also there are others. Valdez is good.

Well, we printed our first job since moving today. It was on the new press. The other is not hitched up to the engine yet, and cannot be till I get returns from Mexico, as I had to order more belting &c.

As to the money for the lawyer. He wrote me asking for it but as I had nothing to authorize it, I refused to pay and wrote Bro. Mahon about it, but have not yet received an answer. It is all right now, then.

I like Leon, although it is dirty enough. The climate is better for me than Toluca.

With much love, I remain yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

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"La Luz"
Aug.