

San Gto., México.

June 7th. 1907

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

It has been some time since I wrote you. I have not answered your letter because I was in a state of more or less indecision. I can't get away from the idea that I could do a great deal more down here with medicine than I will ever be able to do without it. But, I do not see my way clear right now.

Then too the brethren say that they will elect me as editor of El Expositor Bíblico for next year and agree on me and recommend that I start a paper - a thing which we need very much. Of course, I do not know, but if I could get this printing plant running as it ought to run, I think I may be able to content myself, preaching to our congregation and at the same time by means of the printed

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page, helping others outside my narrow territory. What I want and ought to have right away is an appropriation of \$25 gold per month to employ help. Will you not get it for me? You know the brethren are all in favor of it down here, as it was recommended last year, but you could not see your way to give it then.

There is plenty of work now ready but I have no help and so it is not being done. Please attend to this as soon as possible and let me know if I may begin drawing the amount in July.

We are all well. Mission meets here in León, July 22nd if no change is made. Can't you come and make us a visit then? The latch string hangs out.

Will close for this time. May the Lord help us to do his perfect will fully. Frat. J. E. Davis

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Leon, Gto., Mexico

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June 11th 1907

Dr. S. J. Porter,

Richmond, Va.

Ans

My Dear Brother:--

Your very kind letter came several days since. I was truly glad to hear from you and want to thank you for your kind words of encouragement. We often need such words, for we work and work and toil and toil, and see so little fruit from our labors, that we fail of faith almost. Your letter did me good.

I was glad to hear from my stereopticon. I think I shall send for it to use in my work here. It will be of service now that I can use the language and am preaching regularly. It will help me get a crowd. I will write soon. I did not know where it was. I let Bro. Ginsburg have it, but he had secured another before mine reached him, and he let the pastor of Benton Boulevard, Bro. Tucker, have it and notified me. When Bro. T. went West, he did not write me and I often purposed writing to Bro. Brown and inquire about it. Glad to locate it.

Noting what you have to say about the press, I want to say that it is doing good. You know that we cannot "shake a bush and get a crowd" down here. We do a great deal of our preaching by literature. The press has done good service, but we need a larger press in addition--a cylinder press for book work and newspapers and larger literature. Can't you help me get the appropriation needed for it? We will need \$1000 gold. We must add to the plant, or else we cannot meet the demands on us. Will let you know in due time about the matter. Our mission meets in July, and it will come up in regular form.

Rejoice greatly in the great meeting of S.B.C. May the Lord richly bless the great efforts to be put forth this year.

Fraternally,

J. E. Davis