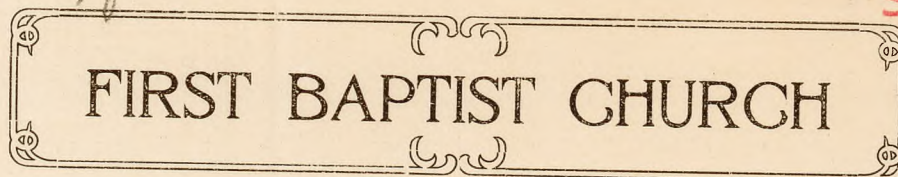


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Moberly, Mo., May 18th, 1909.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Bro.-Your request through our pastor, Bro. J. E. Hampton, who has just returned from the meeting of the S.B.C., that I write you fully concerning what I know of the expense incurred by Missionary J. E. Davis of Leon, Mexico, is recieved, and I take pleasure in responding.

Bro. Davis having talked with me quite freely when here, and having written me several times since, I am fully informed of conditions.

Bro. Davis had three attacks of appendicitis in Leon, the last one being very severe, and just as soon as he could travel he started for St. Louis for an operation. But he improved so much on the trip that he decided to come on to Moberly and attend the General Association of Missouri, his ticket bringing him nearly here to change for St. Louis.

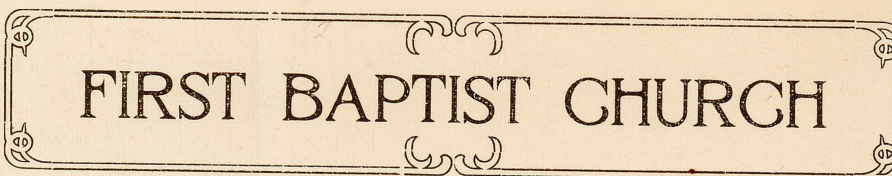
After a few days he went on to the Sanitarium and had the operation. He was found to be in a much worse condition than had been suspected, and he was kept flat of his back for over six weeks, not even turning a little bit.

His wife came from Mexico and went with him to St. Louis, intending to have a needed operation herself, but they had left two of their children, and the work was not going well down there, so even before he was out of danger she left him and went back to the work and the children.

Just as soon as he could he went back, intending to recuperate a while before going to work, but the strain under which she had been in carrying on the work had proved too much and he found her prostrated, sick in bed, so there was nothing for him but to go to work. He seemed to stand it quite well for a time, but for several weeks he has been exceedingly nervous, and this nervousness from overwork, and no doubt after effects of his sickness and operation, is causing him ^{to} feel depressed and discouraged.

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And he is also borrowing trouble and allowing himself to worry over his financial matters. He has always put everything above a living into that printing plant, and so he had to borrow money to bring himself and wife to the states. He borrowed \$200. gold down there and he had to remain in the hospital so much longer than he expected, and expenses were also greater than expected, so it became necessary for him to borrow \$200. more up here.

In his nervous condition, this debt is preying on him, and he finds it will take him a long time to get it all paid.

I told Bro. Hampton that if this were called to your attention I believed the Board would relieve him of this debt. Since it was all incurred in trying to save his life for the work down there, I felt that ^{it} ~~he~~ ought not be left to ~~####~~ him to carry. If circumstances were so that I could I would relieve him of part of ~~##~~ it myself, but I just can not give more than I did when he was here. We raised a purse for a Christmas present for him, or I suppose he would have had to borrow still more.

I am writing at too great length for a body of business men, but will just add that his wife has not yet fully recovered from the severe spell which she had, and all together it is discouraging for him, and he is blue, and needs some good substantial encouragement from you and your Board.

But what you do you will have to do unsolicited from him. I mean in regard to this debt. He will appreciate to the fullest if you lift some of his load, but he will not ask for it. I know him well.

He does not know I am making any move in regard to it, and I would not be, only that I fear he will lay down the work, while under this depression. The tone of his last two letters ^{is} ~~are~~ not like him at all. Send him some words of encouragement as early as is possible.

Most Respectfully Yours,

S. T. Kelly.

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Moberly, Mo., May 24 1909.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,
Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother.- I am very glad to know that you think the brethren of the Board will give favorable consideration to the extra expense incurred by our dear Brother Davis. But can we not have it considered from a somewhat different basis than what your letter suggests. That is, instead of his needs, straightened condition &c, all of which I verily believe are real all right, let us put it more on a basis of fairness between man and man.

We remember that the resources of the Board, in comparison with the great demands, are so limited that the salaries of missionaries are but little, if any, above their actual every day needs. And when an emergency like this arises they are not prepared for it.

But my point is, that though they had, by denying themselves, managed to lay by a little, would it be quite fair for them to bear the extra burden brought on by such an emergency as this?

In this case I know that they had not laid by anything, but have used money allowed for the children in trying to push the work of that printing plant. It seems to me they should not have done this, but I am convinced that they are engaged in a very important work, and I believe you and the Board recognize it as such.

But from whatever standpoint it is considered, I believe that you and the Board will do the right thing.

One idea which I meant to make clear in my former letter is, that this \$ 400.00 debt, along with his physical condition and overwork, is acting as a discouragement to him. And I am sure that relief from it will help him to get well in both mind and body.

Fraternally yours,

S. T. Kelly



Id y doctrinad á todas las naciones, bautizándoles en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo: enseñándoles que guarden todas las cosas que os he mandado.—Jesu-Cristo.

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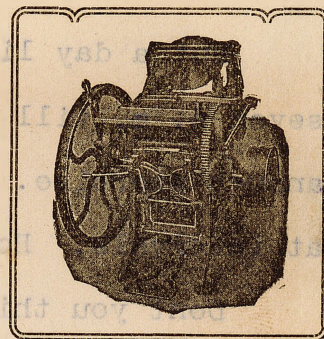
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El misionero y la prensa—¿qué no han hecho estos dos para extender el reino de Cristo? ¿Qué no pueden hacer en lo futuro?—Vélder.

León, Gto., May 26th, 1909.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

My Dear Brother:--

Yours of the 20th at hand. Thanks for your kind interest in our welfare. I had thought of writing you confidentially, but have always been independent and would be now, but our expenses are so great that we have trouble getting through the month. Of course we give of our means to the Lord as he prospers us, and live on the rest, always trying to lay by a bit for a rainy day. We have now a teacher here for our children, an expense which we cannot avoid, as they are yet too young to go to the States, and there is no school here. Mrs. Davis has to help me a great deal of the time, in fact all the time she can spare from her household duties, so that she cannot take them and teach them their lessons.

We were at an expense of in the neighborhood of \$350 American money. I have paid back \$100 of that and hope to pay back soon another \$50, though I do not know where it is coming from, but where there is a will there is a way. On thinking the matter over, I will leave it to you to say what part you may want to help me with. It has been a matter of some worry, though I have it borrowed from a friend--a good Baptist brother, and while it is drawing interest, yet I have it on good terms.

I am getting along better the last few weeks. Went out on a trip to Panindicuero last week. Baptized 3.

But a day like today gets close to me. I have worked here from seven a. m. till 6 p. m. with but a few minutes intermission, and not enough exercise. Perhaps this will not repeat itself soon. The rush comes at intervals. Hope to get matters better arranged soon.

Don't you think it is time to buy property here in León? We will have to get permanent with this printing plant. It is too big now to move. We have it in the house where Bro. Neal lives, and that house is for sale. Of course we have a contract on it for some months but would it not be well to buy it for the plant and the manager? That is for him to live in? I think we can get it for \$10,000 Mexican. He asks \$12,000. What do you think? If there is any chance of buying, I will get to work on the details and send them in, but if not, I am too busy to do a whole lot of work on uncertainties. We have waited patiently, and think it is about our turn.

We have had to spend so much money getting the plant moved that I am going to have to call on the Board for \$150 gold to pay the bill. We have had to buy a meter for the plant--I mean that the charge for electricity was run up so high by the change that we had to buy the meter to cut down this bill. We had to exchange motors--putting in a two horse one instead of our one horse power motor. This all cost money, and the cost of getting all installed was such that we cannot pay it out of our appropriation and get through to the end of the year. We are working seven men in the plant now. This work is growing by leaps and bounds. The Lord has been in all this.

I have been reading some about the Convention. We are always glad to hear of the great enthusiasm. May the Lord grant that Southern Baptists may soon do their duty toward the evangelization of the nations.

Mrs. Davis is sick today with one of her sick headaches. She suffers greatly once in a while with headache. Tomorrow she will be up again.

Hoping that you will not be so overworked this year, and praying God's richest blessings on you and yours,

I am fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis