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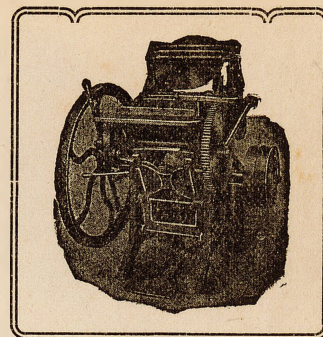
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León, Gto., México. June 14th, 1909.

Dear Brethren of the Board:--

As you know we have no property here in León. We now have our printing plant here and as it has grown so large and there is no need of moving it about from place to place, it is what we might call a fixture here. We have our plant installed in the house in which Brother Neal lives. This place is for sale and I have succeeded in getting an offer from the owner of \$10,000 Mexican money, he to pay half the cost of transferring the property. With \$2000 silver (\$1000 gold) we can put the house in fine shape for the printery, the church (for the present) and a home for one of the missionaries, and the property will be worth more than this amount immediately. The owner was offered \$11,500 for the house before the hard times set in, and he could hold it till money matters are easier here and doubtless get the same amount for it.

The lot is a corner lot, only 4 blocks from the center of the city, has a large store room on the very corner, where we have our plant installed, 11 rooms besides this and plenty of room for more if needed. It will easily house the plant, the manager and for the present have as good quarters for church as now. The walls are of stone and mortar,--much better than the ordinary run of houses here in this country. I think the property is well worth the money and the improvements needed can be obtained for the extra \$1000 gold for which I make a plea.

We have waited long and patiently, brethren. We need this property now more than ever, as we cannot afford to move the plant about. It costs too much money and the danger of breakage is too great.

Dr. Hooker knows the house perfectly, as he was negotiating the purchase of it when he decided to go to Guadalajara, and as we were so well located and comfortably as well, we decided to wait, but now our contract will soon be out on this property, and we may not be able to get it again, as the priests have made such war on us. Too, it seems likely that Brother Neal will go to some other place, if not off of this field, perhaps to Silao, from which he can reach the field better than from León. This however is not ~~certain~~ certain, and I merely mention it casually in this connection. In which case, we could move into that property and cut off the \$94 Mexican money which we pay out each month for rent.

Bro. Mahon knows the property too, and also Bro. Chastain. I am writing each one of them to write you at once.

Brethren, if possible give us this lift now.

Fraternally yours.

J. E. Davis



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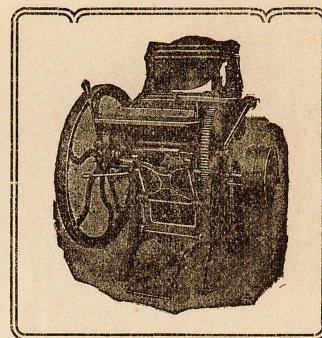
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Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I am sending you a part of a petition which was sent around looking to relief for me here in this growing work of the printery and editorial work. The first part was objected to by Drs. Hooker and Bro Mahon, and for that reason Dr. H's name doesnot appear. He was in favor of the last part, so I have decided to send only this last part.

This move is necessary so I can get ~~out~~ more. I have to work too steady here in the office for my health, as you have been assured from other sources. I am not making any fuss about it, but it is not right to stay here till I go under, when there can be relief secured. I trust you will approve of this move at your first meeting--as soon as possible.

Too, I feel that I should make a trip throughout the Republic this summer and fall, in the interests of our literature and preaching the Gospel to all. This I think will be profitable for me, for the papers and for all concerned. Would the Board pay my necessary expenses? I want to go up through the Norht part of México, on through Texas and N. México, going down through Arizona, Hermosillo and down the Coast. This will be worth while, I think, as then I would be known by our brethren personally, and that would contribute to the influence of my writings. To be sure, I would make expenses just as small as possible. Let me hear what you think of this also.

Fraternally yours, J. E. Davis

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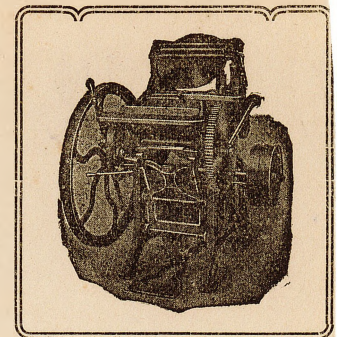
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León, Gto., June 16th, 1909.

Dear Dr. Willingham:--

I wanted to write you before this, but as I have always made it a rule to get the business end attended to first, and as I think I have a little bit of leisure this morning--think of it, a few minutes of time to write you a love letter! So I will write several things that have been crowded out heretofore.

1st. I want you to thank the Board for me for the \$300 they so kindly voted to help me in the pinch I was in on account of my sickness. I do not know how to express my thanks as I feel them, but the brethren used to say that when I tried to thank them and the church when they surprised ~~them~~ me with some gift or favor unexpectedly, even though I made what I thought was a "botch job" of it, it ~~was~~ better than under other circumstances. So, you will take for granted what I may fail to say in the way of thanks for the gift. I would not have accepted under other circumstances, but as I could not help the sickness and the trip and expenses were all for the glory of God and the saving of my life, and as it was all for the Cause in México, I did not hesitate to accept your kind help. Dra. Neal says that if I had been operated on here I would not have had a ghost of a chance. Even there in St. Louis, where I had the best of attention, they thought my chances were slim, but the hand of God was in it all, and He has belssed me greatly in suffering.

So again, I thank you, and you especially for the interest you took in presenting the matter, and for the fact that you recommended it, and for your kind letter expressing your appreciation of my poor efforts as one of (the least of) your missionaries.

2nd. I want to say that we appreciate your titanic efforts in favor of the great Cause of Missions, and feel that you should take the rest the brethren are suggesting you should take, and Mrs. Davis and I want you to take the vacation and come to see us. We can give you a bite to eat every day and a bed to sleep in every night, and I will try to get things in shape so I can take you out to see the sights. Will you not accept our invitation? Bring your better-half and take life easy with one of your missionaries for a season.

3d. I inclose you a letter from one of our native preachers. You will understand most of it without any explanation. The translation I asked him to make is Dr. Frost's other book on Moral Dignity of Baptism. You will see what he says about the paper. This is in English and you can judge for yourself what the Lord led us all to do in establishing the Atalaya Bautista. This is a sample of scores of similar letters I receive in Spanish. I do not send it because of egotism, but for you to see what the Lord has done, opening us a door which, thank God, we have by the wise help of our Board, entered, and I do not think it will soon be shut.

Well, dont be a good hand at giving advice about taking things easy, and fail to take similar advice. You know what you paraphrased from Shakespear (?) in a letter a few days ago. Let me hear from you when you get time about these things.

Yours fraternally,

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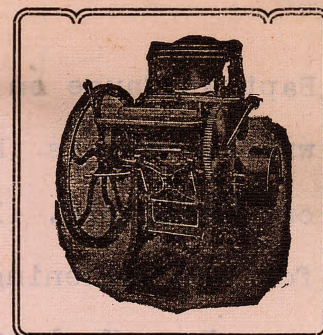
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Leon, Mexico. June 24th, 1909.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I inclose petition signed by all the brethren asking for an additional appropriation of \$500 gold to help us carry on the work of the plant. Two hundred of this amount is for moving the plant and installing in its new quarters.

You will see from the petition itself that the rest is asked for on account of the additional work we have done. I would hate very much to have to cut the work down, but without the additional appropriation, will be compelled to reduce forces and of course do less work.

We are working six men every day. There is some income as you will see from the report for first six months of year which I will send you July 1st. I think we are doing remarkably well. We started in with \$465 gold, and could not employ workmen. Now we have a plant worth at least \$3500 gold, and employ 6 men all the time. We run the press almost without interruption--I mean the smaller one, as we are waiting just now for a representative of the Factory to come and help us get the new one in better running order. Well, others can tell it better than I can.

Here is an extract from a letter written by a Cuban, from San Luis:

"I wish you--he says--great success en the work, and that soon will receive notice of the new book, published by your House, whcih is a bulwark of the

Baptist Cause ~~in~~ the Spanish language." I make the translation as I write, that is the sense, though it may not be elegant English. This is only a sample. I know that we have been to a great degree responsible for the awakening in Mexico--I mean our publications.

Bro. Neal spoke to me yesterday saying that he had received a letter from you wanting them to go to Toluca, and wanting to know what I thought about Porter coming here. I told him that if they were going to abandon the medical work here--the most important place in the Republic for such work--that my opinion was that there was no need of another American missionary living in Leon. I have to conduct all but one of the religious services every week here anyway, and it would be just the same with Bro. Porter. They have patients every day and I do not see why the change is so necessary. The Toluca field is smaller and not so promising as this one. Why make a move so expensive as this one would be, simply to put one man who cannot use the language in place of another who cannot? But of course if the move is best, then it should be made. What is needed in Toluca is a man who can speak Spanish, so I am told, and neither Neal nor Porter will ever set the woods afire with the language, I am sorry to say. How I wish our men could speak Spanish, for we hear so much against them on this account. They speak more freely to those who can speak ~~well~~ ^{fairly well} the language, and we ourselves know that they "buther" the beautiful language of Cervantes so that they are not heard with satisfaction by the people, and many are a laughing stock. I say this because greater care should be taken in sending men to Mexico, for this people are advancing with leaps and bounds.

You will remember that you asked me some time ago for my opinion as to Bro. Porter and the language. I could not say nor can I say. All I know is what I hear, but I dare say that he is doing as well as some others. You will take this part of my letter as purely personal and not as a kick against good brethren. Goodness is not all the qualification a missionary needs. Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis