



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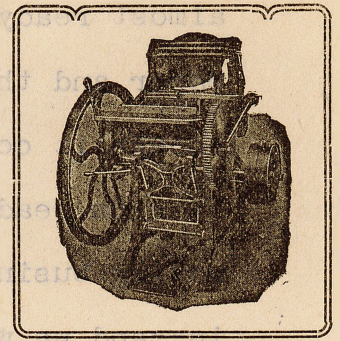
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El misionero y la prensa—¿qué no han hecho estos dos para extender el reino de Cristo? ¿Qué no pueden hacer en lo futuro?—Vedder.

León, Gto., México. July 8th, 1909.

Dr. R. J. Willingham,

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I have before me two unanswered communications from you.

Will try to answer.

I am sorry that the brethren do not like so many little petitions coming in from time to time, but we have done the best we could here. Our work has been growing and it seems that we have undertaken more than we had funds for. There is such a demand and need that I have been led to go too deep, I suppose. But than, it will be paid out of my own funds--scanty enough, to be sure--even if the brethren cannot see their way to make the extra grant.

As to the amount for moving plant, it should say perhaps, for installing new press and moving the plant to the property where Mr. Neal lives, which was done some months ago. That money was paid out of my own pocket, so that ~~matters/could~~ the plant did not have to stop work. The meter and motor were put in to accommodate our new press. We are behind considerably, but as I said if the brethren cannot spare the money, I am responsible for it and will see that things are adjusted.

Of course, we can go just so far and no farther than we are limited so closely. Suppose you figure about what Dr. Frost's Memorial Supper would cost in the States, and then remember that we have that work now

almost ready for the binders. Of course we have printed it in our paper and then in book form, but that does not reduce the cost to nothing, though it costs much less.

On reading again your letter, I will explain more fully about the moving business. We had the plant here in our house--the house we live in--and we were crowded into a corner with it. It was in three small rooms, and when we had to install the new press, we had to look for a better place. The house Mr. Neal lives in had a store room on the corner, and he did not use it, so we put it in there. It is a good place for it, and we do not have to pay any extra rent. We had to move the plant out of here--this house--and install it there, as well as change the motor, put things in shape for work, and all. This cost money, and as I said before, I paid it at the time.

As to the petition Bro. Mahon sent around and all signed, I will say that this is a substitute for a petition that two of the brethren would not sign. I will explain. I wrote Bro. Cheavens telling him that I was going to go down under this load, and that soon, if I did not get some relief, to which he suggested that Bro. Lacy take over the editing of El Expositor. I wrote Bro. Lacy, and he merely suggested that if the good of the Cause demanded it, he might exchange places with Bro. Neal, it that should be satisfactory. Bro. Neal was willing, and so a petition was sent round, all but two of the brethren signing it. I wrote Bro. Lacy, and he said not to send it in that way, that it was immaterial with him, and that it was merely a suggestion and that on condition that we all thought it would be for the good of the Cause. Then I sent you the part concerning the move of Martinez from Doctor Arroyo to Leon. He has not yet come, and I do not know what to think about it. He agreed to come before we sent in the petition.

Now, brother, the Board knows what it can do, but I don't seem to know what my limit is. The fact is that unless I do get help and that soon, I am going under. I am editing three papers, managing the plant

preching two or three times each week, attending to the running of the whole business, and I dont know what all else. Some times, I think that I will go crazy. I love this work and want to carry it forward, but it will take funds to make it go as it should be carried on.

This is the reason why that petition was sent in. The man referred to has 18 years experience, and is highly recommended by Bro. Marrs. This is to take the place of another American missionary on the field. Bro. Neal seems to want to make a change. With a man like Martínez to help me with the editorial work, and a man that I could depend on to run the plant as it should be run, I would then be able to get out more, and do more real evangelistic work, and get closer to the people and increase the list of subscribers.

I hope that I have made myself clear. Do what you think best, and we will try to shape the work of the rest of the year accordingly.

Mrs. Davis went to Mission Meeting in Guadalajara. I could not get off. We cannot--I mean I cannot get out at all as matters now stand.

Pardon whatever may not be exactly right in this letter, as I am almost sick today.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

P. S. As to Bro. Clark, I asked Bro. Sanders about his going to Toluca, and he does not seem to think he could do much if anything there, so as this is a much better climate here, send him on, and we will do what we can to make it comfortable for him. This is a good place to learn Spanish as there is no temptation to talk English much. There are not more than a dozen here all told.

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