

March 23, 1915

Rev. J.E.Davis.

Leon, Mexico.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Yours of February 22nd at hand.

You may go ahead and use whatever is necessary on your rent allowance so as not to exceed twenty dollars (gold). I understand that you can pay the seventy-five dollars (Mexican) for houserent in Mex.City and also your rent at Leon, without having to draw even as much as the twenty dollars. You are authorized to draw up to the twenty dollars, if it becomes necessary to take care of these two items of rent.

You can also use twelve dollars (Mexican" per month for the rent for Flores. I understand that you can save this amount from other appropriations, -possibly from that appropriated for rent at Guanajato.

Concerning the working out of details about the Publishing House, I think you need experience no unnecessary anxiety. I think everything can be worked out satisfactorily. For instance, you would not be under the authority of Brother Brewer, but would have the same relation you now hold to the Foreign Mission Board. This would be true even while the American Baptist Home Mission Society should be paying half your salary. You would be the missionary of the Foreign Mission Board. Of course, if the plans in reference



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to the Publishing House should be carried out, the Publishing House would be subject to any regulations made by the two Societies in conference.

I note the suggested changes. I saw Brother Morehouse the other day and discussed your being unable to live in Mexico City. He thought that was quite serious, and while we did not discuss the matter to a finish, I think there will be no difficulty in solving that problem, and I believe the whole matter can be worked out by leaving the Publishing House at Leon.

This whole matter will be submitted to the Committee a little bit later on, and I believe we shall be able to find a satisfactory basis of cooperation.

I am glad you have written me as freely as you have about this. My dear Brother, I assure you that I ~~enter~~<sup>trust</sup> fully into sympathy with you in the struggles you have been passing through. My sympathies and prayers are with you. I everything will work out for the best. If there is anything I can do, of course, I shall be glad to do it.

Concerning the matter of salary, I would say that I believe we had better leave that matter alone for the present. Our straitened financial circumstances make it almost impossible for the Board to contemplate such a matter as this. We are right now in the most uncertain period of the year, and it is best to leave this matter over. You know that if I can discover any way to be of service, I will do it.

Cordially yours,

Foreign Sec'y.