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Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:--

I have several things to set before you in this letter, and I will try to be just as brief as possible.

In the first place will say that we are well, and have seen Bro. Neal and know that they are well. We are truly thankful for all that the Lord has done for us in these trying months.

Now, as to what I am trying to do and hope to accomplish: I have rented a small place here in the Colony near where we live and have installed the big press we had not been able to ship to León. Have called two of my workmen to México, though I do not know whether they will ever get here or not as the grain service is terrible from León. I have bought some type and hope to get El Expositor out about on time. This I told you of in my former letter--that is, my plan, and the reason for it.

I have employed Josué Valdés, who has come to the City here from Oaxaca, where he has been employed by the New York Society, but it is only for two months, unless the Board authorizes me to continue to employ him. As he had been receiving from the Society \$50 gold and as I had that much destined for help--that is salary of Castillo, who has not been working for us since last April, and Office help, which I have not had except a little on the side, since June, I offered him that amount, before I saw your circular about paying men in gold. I have since told him that we would have to arrange otherwise after the two months, but hope I can get your ear, and convince you that Neals policy in starving our men is not right. Not that I am kicking on him, but on his idea.

I have to have help. I need a good man and some years ago the Board approved my getting Valdés, but Brewer objected and the matter was dropped. I felt safe in arranging with him in this way, as he is one of our own men who went off with Bro. Brewer and is now returning where he should have been all the time, I think, and would have been had it not been for our way in stinting our men in the matter of salaries.

I felt justified in offering him \$50 gold as that is the salary--\$100 Mexican--that the Board approved when we took the matter up some years ago. But I feel that I can arrange with him otherwise if we can agree--that is, the Board and myself on the amount he should have.

I was in conference with Mr. Neal and he objected very