

November 3, 1916

Rev. J. E. Davis,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:-

The Board yesterday passed a Resolution appropriating \$900 out of the Judson Centennial Fund to pay for the printing outfit which you purchased in El Paso, Texas. I enclose L/C for \$900 on the Judson Centennial Fund. I enclose also a few drafts for you to use in drawing for this amount. Be careful to draw on the Judson Centennial and not on the current fund.

As I understand it, you would handle the transaction in the following way. You would draw for \$333.33 on the Judson Centennial and use that amount of money to pay the current expenses of the Publishing House. This will be in lieu of the amount of money you drew for July, September and October. You will not draw out of the current fund \$333.33 until you have used this same amount which you drew out of the Judson Centennial Fund and used the same for current expense purposes. You may also draw on this L/C out of the Judson Centennial Fund the \$166.67, which you took out of the money in the Publishing House Treasury.

Then, when you come to paying the note due the first of January, you will use this L/C for drawing the remaining \$400 with which to pay this note.

I am very happy we were in position to take care of this proposition out of the Judson Fund. I will say to you for your encouragement that whenever things settle down and we are ready to do things on a larger scale in the Publishing work, we will be in position in the Judson Centennial Fund to do very considerable things for the Publishing House. We shall be ready to go forward in a way that will enable the Publishing House to do great things. If the Northern Board is ready to put into it as much as we shall be ready to put into it, when things quiet down, we ought to soon have a great plant. I rejoice that the prospects for a plant worth while are so bright.

I think, as I am sure you think, we should be very conservative in making any further investments until we can finally settle upon the policy we should pursue through the years in this Publishing business.

It is very generous in you to be willing to take over the risk on the new plant, but, of course, it is altogether better for the Board to bear this expense. You showed your good spirit and we want to

--J.E.D--

show ours by paying this bill.

I am in receipt of your letter, written on October 31st, in which you show some anxiety over the letter you had written on the day previous. I want to say to you, my dear Brother, that I didn't misunderstand the spirit of your other letter to which you refer in this last one. I think I understand you quite thoroughly. I believe I know your spirit and I do not think there is any danger of my misunderstanding anything you would write. I know you are ~~trying~~ to serve the cause in the best and most conscientious way you can. I have great confidence in you and in your judgment. So, I repeat, there is little danger of my misunderstanding anything you write. My heart and sympathies are with you so completely that I would not see some things in a letter that a stranger to you might see.

I am glad to see you are having such repeated opportunities for speaking on Mexico. I wish we could meet the opportunities that are now coming for the discussion of this great field. The people are interested in Mexico now and we have really a fine chance for meeting the needs and claims of this field be known. I am sure you will be alert to the situation.

I have been praying for you in your meeting. I do hope that the Spirit of God may be poured upon you with great power and blessing.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

R/ W

P.S. I take it, from what you say in a recent letter, that you have given up the idea of bringing Josue Valdes from Mexico City. I am sorry our financial strain didn't seem to justify this expense, but I believe you understand why. Our desire would be to follow your wishes in the matter, but our Treasury doesn't seem to justify it. I hope you will be able to get along without him. Some day we shall be able to do better.

PPS. Your telegram just received, requesting authorization to buy type at a cost of \$150. I have telegraphed you the authority. I take it you will need this type even after you have gotten the other type through the Customs House, so the investment will be all right.

I take it you can use the \$166.67 mentioned above for the purpose of paying for this type. If you can pay for the type in the way I indicate, I think it will be well.

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DR J F LOVE

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RICHMOND VA

TYPE FROM MEXICO DETAINED AT BORDER NEED AUTHORIZATION BUY TYPE

COST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS MUST BEGIN EXPOSITOR BY TENTH

NOVEMBER REPLY SURE BY FIVE OCLOCK TODAY

T E DAVIS

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*Telegraphic
authority
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Clinton Mo. 11/3/16
DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother:-

That was good service the Western Union gave us this morning. I got a night letter from Bro. Lacy asking what to do under the circumstances. I sent message to you just about ten a. m. and had your reply a few minutes before twelve noon.

I go to Kansas City on an early train tomorrow and assure you, will use all the economy possible. Will let you know just as soon as I return what I do.

The National Paper & Type people of the City of Mexico sent me the type. It was shipped to Piedras Negras to Bro. Cheavens. Mrs. C. tried to get it over but they said no, for there was a decree prohibiting the exportation of machinery from the country. Bro. Andres Rodriguez of Piedras Negras wrote to Mexico and I suppose got no satisfaction, so Mrs. C. telegraphed to El Paso advising us of the trouble and that there was no show of getting it across soon, and Bro. Lacy sent me the advice mentioned above.

I am going to take the matter up right away with the Jefe Carranza and we will get him through. I have the M. P. & T. people and also Baptists right in his private office and we will get up to him easily and explain the whole matter and get an order, but in the mean time we will have to have type and Bro. Lacy

told me they could not get anything in El Paso.

This type we shall buy will be needed and we can soon pay for it I am sure out of earnings, so I am going to do the very best I can about arrangements tomorrow, and will write you on my return.

Our meeting is growing nicely. It bids fair to become soon a real revival. I don't like clap-trap methods and only the old Gospel of Calvary earnestly preached is my message. We are getting a good start. Pray for us.

I will be back tomorrow night and so it will not break into our meeting at all as we had decided not to have a service tomorrow as is the custom in many places.

May God keep us and make everything - even our trials and troubles - glorify his holy name. I must go now to Church.

Remember I too am proud to be a co-laborer with such noble and Godly men as you and Dr. Lane and those that form our Board. God bless you.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis

Clinton Mo. Nov. 6th. 1916
DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,

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

Dear Brother:-

I wrote you Friday that I was going to Kansas City the following day to arrange the type proposition.

I left on the 6.30 train arriving there about 10.30. I arranged for the American Type Founders Co. to ship without delay sufficient type to get the Expositor out.

I got 30 days to pay the bill getting 2% discount if paid by that time, but they kindly offered 60 days time in which to pay the bill. I shall take it up some way if possible within the 30 days.

I do not yet have the bill, but it is something like \$160.00 - the very best I could do. Type has gone up in price also.

I hope that we can make the plant pay for this material, and assure you I will do my very best along that line. I do not know how Bro. Lacy is getting along but I think he will be prudent and there is no reason why they should not be doing all right.

Well, yesterday we had 43 professions of faith, the majority being Sunday School scholars. This stirred the church and town and we are expecting a great meeting.

I preached yesterday to something like

a thousand people in the three meetings I addressed.

Next Sunday, if nothing happens, I am to give my lecture on Mexico in an adjoining town, in the afternoon.

It is certainly fine weather for the meeting. We are hoping it may continue.

Pray for the work.

I greatly fear that Mr. Wilson is going to be defeated tomorrow and our Mexican policy changed. Well, God knows best. Let come what may, He reigns.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

J. E. DAVIS, ADMOR.

2737 CLAY STREET

Clinton Mo. Nov. 12, 16
DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,

Dear Mr. Ray:-

My wife writes me that she has not yet received our salary check for October.

You said in yours of Oct. 26th;

"I will send your salary and the \$26.45 due you on travelling expenses to your wife on the first day of November."

If you have sent it, it would be well to investigate as she had not yet received it the 8th.

If not sent yet please do so, as they may need it in their business while I am away.

The Lord is blessing the meeting.

Fraternally yours

J. E. Davis

CASA BAUTISTA DE PUBLICACIONES

J. E. DAVIS, ADMOR.

2737 CLAY STREET

Moberly, Mo. Nov. 28, 16
DENVER, COLO., E. U. A.,
500 W. Rollins St.

Dr. J. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.
Dear Brother:-

I am at a loss to understand the long delay of yours of the 3rd of this month. True, it went to El Paso thence to Denver and my wife forwarded it to me here, but I just received it a couple of days ago.

I assure you I appreciate your letter and the kindness of the Board. This will enable us to do business and not be too much cramped. I am indeed glad you could find this way out of the crisis.

I expect to be back in El Paso by the first of the year at the latest and then we will get things moving along as they should move. In the mean time Bro. Lacy is attending to the work. He has had experience and I am sure he can get the first No. of El Expositor out in good shape.

I want to draw some money on this L.C. you sent me but the blank drafts you say you inclosed did not show up. Please send me a few - three or four - by return mail. I will pay for the type and get the discounts - 2% if paid by the 15th of next month.

The type bill was \$154.51 with 2% off will be \$157.42. This we can take care of.

The meeting at Clinton lasted three weeks and we had about 60 professions and 48 additions to the Church.

I came on here and began at once - closed there Sunday and began here Monday. The first week was interrupted by rain some, but the meeting is fine. Sunday night we had a fine crowd and excellent interest. Last night a splendid crowd and people all over town getting interested.

Here is the finest prospect I ever saw for a great work. Pray for us.

You may send my salary check to Mr. Davis, 2737 Clay St., Denver. This is salary for November. She received the check for October.

May the good Lord lead us all and may his name be glorified in us and through us all.

Tristemally

J. E. Davis