

2737 Clay St., Denver, Colo.
April 20th, 1917.

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.
Dear Bro. Ray:--

*one big
mistake
enclosure!!!*

I have two letters from you to answer this morning the first thing. I would have written sooner, but I have been very busy with the Sunday School lessons and have just procrastinated, which, as you know, is an easy thing to do.

First with reference to the rent check. Your letter of March 21st went to El Paso and from there was forwarded to me. I have it before me. You say: "I beg your pardon about the oversight of your rent check. I enclose twenty dollars to cover this item. Hereafter, it will come all right."

What I found enclosed was the receipt for the twenty-five dollars that I authorized you to deduct as an offering to Missions, but if there was a check, I failed to find it. You had better look the matter up. It is barely possible that the check was inclosed with the letter and was thrown away, but I am very careful about such matters, and it is not very probable.

Of one thing I am certain that I have not cashed said check, for it has not been in my hands to cash. So you can rest easy on that line. It will come out all right. You can send me a duplicate and cancel payment on the original, if you find that the check was issued.

Now as to going to New Orleans. I am in receipt of yours of April 4th addressed to Mrs. D. and myself. I think I had told you it was my intention to be there. Mrs. Davis will not get to go. It is quite a ways and the expense would be great, as the roads do not allow her any reduction in rates. But I intend to go and hope to see you there.

I am in receipt of a letter from Bro. Lacy saying that they are to have their Mission Meeting in El Paso beginning May 30th, and he adds: "Make it a point to be with us. Dr. Ray will probably be with us and we will try to thresh out some things, as schools, publication, Mexico, missionaries, etc." I presume that I really ought to be there, and will try to attend.

It seems to me that matters are not shaping themselves very favorably for the work in Mexico, but God knows. Perhaps we have been building on a sandy foundation. Maybe we have not been glorifying and magnifying his Name as we should. I think perhaps this is true, but we can not tell. I have a copy of the Constitution and I must say that it is bad. It certainly puts a padlock on our lips, if we live in that country, as any offense is punishable by the local authorities, and right of trial by jury is denied. That would put us at the mercy of local authorities in every case, and I would not consent to live in any country where I could not preach the Gospel. God called me to preach, and the other work I do, I do it on the side. I will preach even if I am compelled to go to prison for it. Oh, well, I hope to have a long talk with you at New Orleans.

✓ We are well. My daughter, Irene, was married April 11, to Mr. Carl E. Driggers. You will make my check accordingly. They were married here at home and I said the ceremony. Of course, it is needless to say that they are happy. I trust that they may continue to be so.

May the Lord lead and bless you in the closing days of the Convention year. Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

April 28, 1917

Rev. J. E. Davis,
2737 Clay St., Denver, Colo.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Thank you for yours of April 20th.

It is too bad about the fatality which follows that enclosure of the check for twenty dollars, which belongs to you. We will make sure of it this time. Please find it enclosed. Since it is so close to the end of the money, I am enclosing check for your salary and rent for April.

The letter you received about going to New Orleans was a duplicated one that went to a great number of missionaries. I had already placed you on the list as amongst those who would attend. The New Orleans Committee has written they will entertain the missionaries. In due time you will hear from that committee. I shall be mighty happy to see you.

There is one thing that stands out clearly about the work in Mexico, and that is there is an unlimited opportunity for the distribution of literature. This is the end of the work you are particularly interested in and I hope we can push that department of our propaganda. I will talk it all over with you when you arrive.

I congratulate you and the family upon the marriage of Irene. I pray that God may greatly bless her and her husband.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially yours,

R/W