

July 4, 1917

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

Dear Brother Davis:-

The Board passed yesterday the enclosed Resolutions with reference to the work in Mexico. These Resolutions are self-explanatory, I think.

Concerning the Linotype, I will say that we felt we should not come to decision upon this until you come out of Mexico and make a report about the amount of material you bring with you. After you do this, we can take up the matter of purchasing a Linotype. If it appears necessary to buy this Linotype, I do not think there will be any trouble about reaching decision to buy one. If we do buy one, I think we should have the # 19. Let's buy a good one.

I have taken up the matter with the Northern brethren about cooperation in this matter. I haven't heard from them, but I believe they will consider favorably the matter of cooperating with us in our schemes.

You will let me hear from you just as soon as you can get back on this side of the border.

I reported to the Board the Mission meeting in El Paso. The Board heard what was said with great pleasure and satisfaction. The allotment of the missionaries according to the plan we outlined was altogether satisfactory, though the Board didn't pass a formal resolution. I will also state that Drs. Gambrell and Copass have expressed themselves as being ready to take up the direction of Brethren Newbrough, Chastain and LeSueur in case these men should be temporarily located in Texas. They will decide a little bit later about whether the State Board of Texas can assume any portion of the salary account. So everything seems to be working out well. I believe everything will work out well, because I believe God's Hand guided us in our deliberations in El Paso.

The more I see of you, the more I love you. May God in His abundant Grace crown your efforts.

Cordially yours,

R/W

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León, Gto. July 7th. 1917

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

Dear Brother:-

We struck Mexico a week ago Thursday. We were a day in Saltillo and reached Mexico City Sunday morning. We worshipped with the saints there that day. I preached in the evening service.

I arranged for the packing of the press we have in the City and sold out a good part of the paper we had there. I will get the rest sold at good prices when I go back down there within a week or ten days when I start back to the States.

Day before yesterday we came up here. I looked the situation all over yesterday and today began making an inventory of the paper, ink, envelopes, etc., that we have in stock here. I think I can sell a good part of it, though money is very scarce here. I will get together enough to meet all the expenses of shipping the press I think, perhaps more.

It seems to me that we came just at the right time. Money is all good now, but as they are talking of bank bills as a circulating medium, I think when they are put in circulation, things will be upset again.

If I can get some men to work I hope to put the finishing touch on the Nuevo Pacto - the Bible Union version of the new Testament.

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I will be glad when I can get settled down & work again in earnest. I sure am convinced that we must furnish literature for our workers.

Two things are imperative - the Seminary and the periodicals and tracts. We will fail in all if we fail in these two particulars.

And in order to get the literature out that we need it is urgent that we have two things: a linotype machine and the money asked for. I do trust that you can get the Board to find a way to let us have these things. I trust that the N.Y. Board will cooperate and that will make the amount asked for - I mean the part that will correspond to you - just a little more than you formerly allowed us for all the work.

We hope to get started back some time week after next. It is going to keep me "humping" to get moved by September 1st, I am thinking. Oh well, such is life.

I pray that all may come out well.

I think perhaps I will insure the press against revolution. It would cost about \$40.00 but that in comparison with the value of it is really nothing. I think I will have it from paper sales.

Well, I will close. Things are not so bad down here as some folks would have you think. Conditions are slowly improving in many places, I think.

I suppose you will not get this in time for your reply to reach me here, so better not write here, but to El Paso, if you have anything to communicate to me.

I trust you sent my wife the check for June. She may need it.

Fraternally yours
J. E. Davis

July 11, 1917.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Leon, Mexico.

My dear Brother Davis:

I have a letter from a good woman who is in much distress over her lost brother who was in Mexico the last time she heard from him. She has an idea that he has left there for India, but is not certain. She gives his name as Walter Maxwell Johnson, born in Baltimore, Maryland, and states that he is probably now under an assumed or traveling name. The man is described as being of 140 pounds weight, 5 ft. 6 inches, tall; hair, golden-brown; eyes, gray; features refined; educated, artist, cartoonist, violinist, all-round business man, age 43 years, linguist, genial and pleasant manners. Last heard from in 1906. At one time he had some association with a Zinc Co.

If you ever chance to come across this man or can get any information concerning him, you will help relieve a distressed woman.

Yours sincerely,

Cor. Sec'y.

July 17, 1917

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

Dear Brother Davis:-

I am glad to get your letter of July 7th. You seem to be having a successful trip and I have no doubt you will be able to work out matters very much as you desire. I am glad to note you will be able to sell enough material to pay the expenses of moving the material you will bring to El Paso. I hope you will be able to take it to El Paso.

Cheavens suggests that in case you can't get it through to El Paso, you might use it in Piedras Negras. Of course, if you should find it advisable to do the work from Piedras Negras, perhaps, ~~your~~ self living in Eagle Pass, I do not think there will be any objection raised. But, taking it all in all, I think El Paso will be a better place and I hope you can make the transfer of your stuff to that city.

I have a letter from the Secretary of the Northern Board, saying that they had agreed to cooperate in conducting the Theological School and the Publishing House and they have appointed a Committee to work out the details of the matter within the limits of their Budget. Whether the limits of their Budget will create any embarrassment, I do not know. From the way the brethren write, I think we shall be able to work out a satisfactory cooperative basis. I do not think, however, that the basis can be settled upon until September, for the reason Dr. Barnes, one of the men on this Committee, will not be back in New York for six weeks, but we will go ahead and do the best we can until we can come to a definite agreement.

Cordially yours

R/W

Eagle Pass, Texas
July 30th, 1917

Dr. T. B. Ray,
Richmond Va.

Dear Brother Ray:-

Well, I am out of Mexico again. I am not sorry, as conditions seem to me to be just about as bad as can be. I could tell you a lot, but I have not time for it this afternoon. Will write you a news letter in a day or so, and tell you all about things.

The press ought to be here now in a day or two. I have just talked with the Co, and they are expecting their train any time now. I shipped it by an American Trading Co. that has its train between this point and Mexico City:-

I preached for Bro. Cheevers here last night and three fine young men - soldier boys - made a profession of faith and others asked for prayer. So Bro. Cheevers asked me to stay over a week and preach each night, and in the mean time we hope to get the press across the border and re-ship it. So I will be here till next Sunday night.

I want to go to Denver and arrange to move just as soon as possible, but I will go to El Paso first.

Mr. Davis, writing under date of July 26th says she has not received the June check and is getting short

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of funds. If you have not sent it yet, please do so at once. Better send the July check also, and if you want me to get on the same basis of pay in advance as the other brethren up here, just send August salary too, and then I will draw my own salary beginning with Sept. But really I do not want my salary in advance, unless it would help you to keep things straight.

I can not yet report in full on my mission to Mexico, but I figure that I was very fortunate and successful. True report will be sent you just as soon as possible. I feel that the Lord has prospered us greatly.

What about the Linotype? I think you are going to authorize this purchase and hope to hear from you soon as we ought to get the order in. Write me in detail at El Paso. I hope to get there a week from today.

I will close now. May the Lord prosper you.

Yours faithfully J. E. Davis

P.S. If you prefer to send checks to me at El Paso, it will be all right.

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