

Dec. 8th, 1917

Dear Bro. Ray:--

I have your kind letter of a few days ago. I need not say that I was very glad to hear from you. I am not going to answer it now. Will do that when I get a moment in which I can tell you better than I could possibly do just now, in the rush of the closing day of the week.

What I want just now is a list of our denominational papers in the Southland. I am going to send them a copy of our paper, and write them asking for a complimentary copy of their paper each week to help along the good Cause of Missions. I want to get at every one of them if possible. Then too I am going after the Northern ones through Dr. Barnes. I am writing him now, that is this very afternoon.

You are the very fellow that can give me the names and addresses of the major part of the papers published in the South, I mean our Baptist papers, of course.

Will you take a few minutes off and let me have the list? I will appreciate it very much.

We are at work on a special number of our paper, which we are going to send out as a sort of prospectus. I will send you a copy of it next week when we get it off the press. It will be a fair sample of our weekly.

I am working on my folder which I want to send out to praying folks. When I get to it, I am going to ask you for a list of praying people that you know. I think it will be interesting. I think I can feel the Divine blessing even now. I will tell you about it when anything materializes.

For the first time we operated the new Linotype last evening. Will work it again this evening. I have a man who comes at 6.30 after work hours. This is only for the present, as we do not want to have an operator all the time till we get ready for business, it would cost too much for the little work we will have to do until we get down to business the first of the year.

But here I am taking too much time to tell you so little, as I started in to do.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis