

January 29th, 1918.

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

Dear Brother:--

I have been thinking I should write you, but have been busy, very busy. But if they will let me alone a few minutes, I will at least begin this letter and perhaps in time finish it.

I have had my appeal for prayer set up, but have not yet put it on the press. Will in a day or so now, just as soon as we get this week's Atalaya off the press. I think it will do some good. In fact, I have been seeing such manifestations of the Lord's favor that I can not help but praise Him for His wonderful goodness, and His presence and help.

I think as never before our work is being appreciated and used. The new paper has passed the 500 mark in bona fide subscribers, and I think it will be 1000 in a few weeks more. We get the very best reports of it from every quarter.

We printed 3000 copies of El Expositor Bíblico for the 1st quarter, and we have just 2 copies left, besides our file of course. Never before have we had such demand for the paper.

Nuestros Niños is getting a better start than ever before, and we hope to make it go better than before.

Our new Linotype is running nicely and we are proud of it and its wonderful work. The big press is set up but until we get the pieces that were lacking, which ought to be here now, we cant set it going. That will be done shortly however. We need it badly, but are making out.

We are proud of our new equipment, and when we get it all to going as we expect to have it shortly, then you can come in and see us in our new quarters. Would be glad to see you. But I presume you are busy also.

Here it is next day. They interrupted me so often yesterday that I just had to surrender. I will try again.

Bautista who is here with me seems to be taking quite an interest in the editorial work. I feel that he is a pretty safe helper in the work.

Bro. Hatchell helps us also a part of the day. Of course, he has his work and does not neglect that, but he is here a part of every day, and that makes it a little lighter on me.

I have taken a cold and it seems that the Grippe has got a grip on me, so I am not worth much today. Hope to be all right by tomorrow.

Quite a number of our papers especially Southern papers responded nicely to our plea and are sending us papers in Exchange. We are glad to get them.

m We are fighting the Local Option matter out today. I do not know how it is going, but both sides were claiming the election this morning. The wets were making bigger claims than the drys.

I have not yet got that report ready, but will ere long.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis