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BOX 667

El Paso, Texas, E. U. A.

El Paso, June 3rd, 1918

Dear Brother Ray:--

Yours of the 28th of May came to hand this morning. I had already drawn money for June, so will go to work on this and arrange to draw on New York for next month, and get this matter all set right as soon as possible.

I am buying more paper as it is bound to go up in a short time. If for no other reason than the advance in freight rates, there will be a slight advance before thirty days. I have made arrangements to meet the paper people this afternoon and will lay in a supply. I may have to draw some of the money in advance, that is, say draw a part of this New York money, or all of it perhaps for April and May and invest a part of that in paper. We still have quite a bit of paper, but it wont last us a very great while now that we want to begin the publication of a couple of books which we have ready for the press.

I really am at a loss to know why they sent me these educational requisition blanks, but it may be that they regard this kind of work as classified under that head. In a way it is, but I have not yet decided how I am going to modify them to make them read right. Oh, well, with certain explanatory notes, they will get the idea.

Our Mission meeting will be held here beginning the 19th of this month. At least, that is the date set and I presume Lacy can get out of Mexico. It was his suggestion that it be held at that time and here. All seemed to be favorable to this plan, so that time was set. Do you intend to meet with us?

Our work is moving along right well. We are not able to get things in the very best of shape yet, on account of having had quite a bit of trouble arranging for helpers with our editorial work. It takes time to re-organize so much work, but we are making very good headway. We hope to begin to supply the South American brethren January 1st. We are making every effort to get our papers out several months ahead of time, so they can get them on time. I have promised them that from January on, we would be able to get them there.

We have a great work ahead of us, I think. Our papers are being received better than ever, it seems to me.

We are well. Plenty to keep us at work.

Fraternally and cordially,

J. E. Davis

June 28th, 1918

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

Dear Brother Ray:--

I wrote the New York people some time ago, and have not had a word from them. I do not know just what to do about it.

Perhaps they did not get my letter as mail is not very sure these days, and so I am writing them again. But I will have to quit business if I don't get some money. I have bought a lot of paper, a part of which I have paid already, but I was depending on getting the back money from New York.

I think I will just have to draw on you in a day or so and try to get this matter worked out during the coming month. This is the only thing I see my way clear to do under the circumstances.

Every time a man quits here I have to pay a higher wage to the next one that comes along, as that seems to be the order of the day down here, as well as elsewhere, except missionaries. They seem to have to root about any old way to get along. I have gone behind now two months in succession, with all the economy we could practice..... but that was ^{not} the subject I started in to discuss.

With this warning I think you will be ready to cash the draft, if I do not hear from the New York folks within a few days at the outside.

We are getting along as well as could be expected. Our place of business is too small, but we could not think of moving now, as it would cost altogether too much. We will try to make out, though I may have to rent a room around here close to store things in, or perhaps to make an office out of, as we are interrupted here altogether too much. But will see about that a bit later.

We will have our Mission Meeting the 10th of the coming month. Bro. Neal cant get here. Passport regulations are very strict now. Bro. Lacy may not get here he writes, though he thinks likely he will be able to make it. Bro. Marrs writes that he is going to Chile after a while, so he will not come. Bro. Cheavens writes he will be here and has some suggestions to make that he feels would be for the good of the Cause. It seems to me that several changes would be good, but some good brethren are like the dog in the manger, it seems to me.

I was up at the Cloudercroft Assembly Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Fine up there. It is hot here.

Sent some literature to Shattuck, Ok., in reply to a letter from a pastor up there. Refer all the folks this way. It is our opportunity now to reach Mexicans. They have come to us, and we are having a hard time to get enough literature ready for them.

Fraternally yours,

Dave