

May 5, 1919.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667, El Paso, U. S., Texas.

My dear Brother Davis:

I have your letter of the 29th, and am hurrying this letter off in the hope that it will reach you in time to serve its purpose. I have read with much interest what you have to say about the complaints made from New York. I note, also, what you say about your lack of money with which to attend the Convention. I am not surprised at this. I think, however, that it is important for you to come to Atlanta, and I am writing to invite you to come at the expense of the Board. I am certain that we had better talk this matter over before it goes any further.

I hope it may be convenient for you to come to the Convention on the train with Dr. Gambrell, and that you may have opportunity to talk privately with him. You have seen that the Commission on Negro work is proposing that Southern Baptists go in with the Home Mission Society in the conduct of these schools. We have had, I may say, to you in this private way, trouble in maintaining cooperative relations with our Northern Baptist brethren in the Seminary work at Tokio and in Shanghai. I fear our Convention will make a mistake if we have any further tying up with them. Perhaps a conversation with Dr. Gambrell would help him see some things more clearly and save us from some trouble.

I shall be at the Ansley Hotel. We have a meeting of our Board there on Tuesday evening, the 13th, at 8 o'clock, and I am requesting the missionaries who are present to meet me in the Pine Room of the Ansley Hotel on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Yours sincerely,

Cor. Sec'y.

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 5/29/19

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

Dear Brother Ray:--

I found things to do when I got back home, and then other things to do, till I have been a whole week doing them, and there are a plenty left yet to do. So I have not been able to write anybody except those who had to be written to immediately.

At last, I find time, or rather, take it, to write you. I have not yet figured out anything, as I have not had the time. I have not even begun to copy this report that I am to send you again. But all things come to those who wait, the saying goes. I think that if you will wait long enough, I will get it to you. I may print it and send it that way. I think it is a document worth while using for propaganda. Am not sure yet.

Now, as to what we need here, I have not the slightest idea of how to begin, there are so many things we need. But of course, I will get it all worked out and let you hear from *me*, perhaps after the Mission Meeting, as likely that would be the best way to get it up. I have begun to think about the matter at any rate.

This letter is written for the purpose of letting you know that the Mission Meeting is the 18th of June and the Cloudercroft Assembly meets the 17th and goes on till the 27th, if I mistake not. So you see how it is. You might arrange to be with us a day or so. Why not? as the Mexican says. Let me know as soon as you can conveniently.

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Mexican situation does not appear very good these days. I think ^Aa big storm is brewing. But I am no prophet.

I just this morning wrote Dr. Barnes a long letter. I think I said the right thing, and in the right way. I told him that he would do well to take up the matter with you or Dr. Love. Assured him that I was glad to work with him as I considered him a true friend and yokefellow. But I think I also assured him that I would have a whole lot of trouble trying to serve more than one Master. However I think I said it in the right spirit.

Trusting to hear from you soon,

I am sincerely yours,

J. E. Davis