

August 5, 1919

Rev. J. E. Davis,

El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Your favor of August first to Dr. Ray has been received during Dr. Ray's absence from the city. He is in Nashville helping with the organization of the \$75,000,000 Campaign. He is to conduct the survey of the needs, both at home and on the foreign field, and this will take a great deal of his time.

He expects to return to Richmond about the 20th of August and at that time I know he is anxious to receive the "Five-year Program for the Mexican Mission work" in order that he may prepare the Survey material which should be ready by the first of September.

I am sure it will be all right with the Board if you need an advance on your appropriation in order to pay for the supply of paper. Mr. Gwathmey, the Treasurer, is here in the office.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Ray.

Aug. 22, 1919

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

Dear Davis:-

I have a letter from J. C. Quarles, of our Publishing House in Argentina, in which he mentions the fact that he is proposing to bring out a translation of Bonnet's Commentary, beginning with the volume on Paul's Epistles. This is a French or Swiss Presbyterian Commentary, as you know. He says it will involve an expenditure of about two thousand dollars. I wrote him suggesting that he get in touch with you and that you two conduct correspondence about the kind of literature you are proposing to bring out. It seems to me that you could cooperate or reach understandings in the matter of bringing out Commentaries and like books which would be quite economical. Why shouldn't you correspond and find out the needs to be met and then find agreement as to which House should provide this book and which should produce that. Such a correspondence might prevent duplication and, if so, would be a saving in time and money. I suggest that you write to Rev. J. C. Quarles, Casilla del Correo 1571, Buenos Aires, and, perhaps, he will write you a letter upon receipt of mine which will cross your's. This will begin your interchange of ideas. I know you are in touch with Quarles already, but I wonder if you have gone into this discussion as far as the above suggestion would advise.

I have received your five-year program. It looks like a reasonable estimate. I will let you know later what we can do.

Cordially yours,

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 8/26/19

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

Dear Brother Ray:--

Yours of the 22nd came this monring. I was glad to hear from you again.

Now, as to the book publishing work. I am afraid to say anything at all on the subject as everything is costing so much these days, but I feel sure that it would be better to equip one house for book work and all work together to the end that we get the literature we need most and as economically as possible.

As to corresponding with Bro. Quarles, I have a letter here on my desk from him which I received yesterday. He makes quite an order for our books. He also states he is going to get out the commentaries, the one you speak of and then he wants to get out the S.S. Board series of brief commenatries. I am going to tell him what we are doing along that line. We have Lacy's Commentary on Galatians just about ready for the binders. Cheavens has his on Romans ready for us now. We are going to get it out in a short time. Lacy is preparing his work on Ephesians and we hope to put it in the same Vol. with his Galatians, though of course we will offer the small Vol. we have about ready and later on when the other is ready we will offer the two in separate Vols. or in one Vol. as the buyer might want it.

Now, they are not equipped for good work down there, as some of their books sent us prove. I like neat work, and it is not the easiest thing in the world to get. I think also from what he says that it costs them more than it does us perhaps.

Now this project of Bro. Quarles comes long after our plans were perfected, and then I am certain that no translation would do as much good as the work--original work--of a man like Cheavens, or one like Lacy. Yet, we ought to have more commentaries than we have.

We have had to send Frank to college this Fall in order to save him from the pernicious influence of the High School here. I do not see how I am going to make it on 50 ct. dollars, yet I hang on to the promise of the Lord.
He will go to Plainview, Texas - Wayland College.

Am glad you think our five-year program look reasonable. We tried to be reasonable.

Fraternally,

J. E. Davis