

April 11, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,

Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Brother Davis:-

Thank you very much for your letter of March 30th. I have received also the printed matter you have sent. I think I can make a pretty good display.

I am trying to make my plans to be with you at the Mission meeting. It depends somewhat on the time of the Annual meeting of our Board. If the Board meeting occurs on the 9th of June, as I expect it will, I shall be able to come without any difficulty. If it occurs on the 16th, I shall probably have to ask you to hold your meeting the latter part of the following week. So if the day of meeting can be held in the fluid state, we can probably adjust it better. After the Convention I can probably let you know definitely.

I have a letter from Brother Neal with reference to some machinery at Leon. I see no reason why you should not turn over to him a limited amount of machinery at Leon, provided you do not need it in the Publishing work in El Paso. I have said to him very frankly that I did not think he ought to start very much of a printing plant, but that he should depend on the Publishing House in El Paso for almost everything he uses. I also said to him very emphatically that I did not think he ought to succumb to the temptation of starting a local paper. I told him I thought we could talk over this whole matter at the Mission meeting and an agreement could be reached.

May God be with you.

Cordially yours,

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To The Foreign Mission Board,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brethren:--

After much deliberation and prayer and seeking after the Divine leading, I have reached the follwing decision:

I hereby offer my resignation as a missionary of your Board, to take effect as soon after our Annual Mission Meeting here in El Paso, in June, as convenient. I am forced to separate myself from this work on account of my health.

I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial relations that have ever existed between us in the fifteen years of labor together in the Mexican Mission work.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A. 4/21/20

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

Dear Brother Ray:--

I am inclosing herewith my resignation (as Manager of this Publishing House and) as missionary of the Foreign Mission Board.

You perhaps will be wanting to know why I am taking this step, and so I will make the matter as clear as I can in this letter to you. You are authorized to use it in any way you think best for the good of the Cause.

First. Let me say that my relations with the Foreign Mission Board during the more than fifteen years I have been in its employ have been and are the most cordial. I have no complaint to make and on the other hand, have only the highest praise for the splendid men with whom I have been associated in an humble way in the great work of our Master.

Second. The work of the Publishing House has been the joy of my life. And it is with more than reluctance that I give it up. But my health will not permit of my continuing longer in this work under present conditions. I feel that there is no place in the Mexican work where I could fit in at present, and so feel that I should seek some other work that would permit me to recuperate my lost or weakened energies. This is the chief reason for my resignation.

I will try to stay with the work till our Mission Meeting here in June. But in the mean time it will be necessary to look up a man who is willing to take hold of this work.

If you desire any further information, please ask explicitly for it and I will try to furnish it.

I have nothing in view, but am beginning to look around now that I have at last, after taking it out in thinking and planning for a long time, made the leap. I am trusting that I may have the leading of the Lord in all that I am doing and shall do. That is what I desire above everything else.

Trusting to see you down this way in June, and praying the Lord to lead and bless you richly,

I am, yours in Him,

J. E. Davis

April 26, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 667, El Paso, Texas.

Dear Davis:-

Hold on now! Hold on! Don't be in too big a hurry! Is it quite certain that you have come to the time when a resignation is the thing needed? Perhaps, it will be better if you will take a furlough and give yourself a chance to recuperate, rather than give up the job entirely.

I have been noticing for sometime that you were on the ragged edge nervously and I have been hoping that you could get away and take some rest. I wonder whether you have considered the possibility, as the negroes say, of first "recoopering" yourself, before you contemplate such drastic measures as you propose. I believe that we need you in that Publishing House. You have shown yourself a genius and such geniuses are hard to find. Certainly, the sphere of the House has been greatly enlarged and its opportunities and abilities were never as good as now. So my suggestion would be that instead of your offering a resignation that you contemplate the possibility of asking for a furlough, so as to give yourself a chance to get on your feet thoroughly. It might be if you had a furlough of six months or a year, you would feel so recuperated you would be unhappy unless you were back in the Publishing House doing the work you are so well fitted to do. What do you think of this suggestion? We will hold up the resignation until we get a little further light. You know my heart and prayers are with you.

Cordially yours,

R/W