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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

April 1st, 1924

Dear Brother Ray:

I think that some time ago I sent you a copy of "Catholic Intolerance," by Rev. J. A. Phillips, of Phoenix, Ariz. I am not sure about that, but think it was when I sent the Cheavens poems. But that is neither here nor there.

Phillips has just written me that he has sent you a copy of it. He also says that he has written you. I hope you will read carefully the book, and remember that we are the publishers.

We are selling this book at 35 cts per copy, or \$20 per hundred carriage not paid on the hundred lot. Yesterday I sent out 300 copies by mail and another hundred will go today. And we are just beginning to get action on it.

There is but one little matter that I would have changed, and am going to have the author to make that before we issue the second edition. The first edition of 5000 is more than half exhausted. I do not recall just now what it is, but have it marked. You will likely discover it, as it sounds too Methodistic, and not in accord with my idea. The author will make the change I am sure, or anything I ask him to do to make it what you might be able to use in your work.

And if you could get in behind this and review it favorably--and I am sure you can do that--in our papers, it will help us a lot with the sale of it.

Your letter has not yet been answered. I will get to it as soon as I get to Kansas City and the meeting started. I leave tonight. Speak at Tucumcari, N.M. tomorrow a couple of times, then in Kansas two days. Will get to the City Saturday morning.

We have just had a terrible run of bad luck with our paper cutter, and it looks now that I will have to buy a new one. This one went all to smash. Well such is life.

I have the matter of the interests of the House at heart, and am willing to make any sacrifice necessary for it.

The First Baptist Church here has a proposition to submit in a day or two. I will send it on as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis

April 17, 1924

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 211,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Davis:-

I thank you for yours of the 1st.

I haven't answered sooner because I have been waiting for the copy of "Catholic Intolerance," by Brother J. A. Phillips to arrive. Up to date that book has not come to hand, so I am unable to do or say anything about the matter. I can't make any review or pass any comment on the book until I see it.

I hope you are having a good meeting.

God bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/F

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EL PASO, TEXAS, E. U. A.

April 23rd, 1924

Dear Brother Ray:

I am just back from Kansas City. Had a good meeting, and also had fine opportunity to presnt Mexico to several good congregations. The meeting was with the Mexican Church in Kansas City.

Dr. Neal has made us a proposition so we can get possession of the old K. C. Hall which the First Church bought a year or two ago. I have gone over the place and will have quite a lot to say one of these days ere long. I certainly hope you can listen to me at Atlanta, that is, that you will come out so well that you will be in a listening humor. I will have the matter in hand before then.

For a change I have about persuaded Mrs. Davis to go with me to the Convention. You will see that she and her husband are on the list of missionaries for that occasion.

Now, in order that I may get my passes arranged for that trip, will you please address a brief communication to Mr. A. E. Sweet, El Paso & Southwestern Ry. Co., assuring him that I am a missionary of the Board and that my presence at the Convention is desired by you, and that I get nothing in the way of remuneration, etc. With that I think I will have no trouble getting a pass to Tucumcari, N.M. and I have no trouble with the Rock Island people, and think they will fix me up to Memphis, which will get me a long way toward Atlanta. I am anxious to attend, but money is rather scarce.

Trusting that all goes well with you and assuring you that we are trying to do the most possible with the least expense,

I am as always sincerely yours,

J. E. Davis

April 28, 1924

Mr. A. E. Sweet,
El Paso & Southern R. R. Co.,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Sweet:-

Rev. J. E. Davis is a regularly appointed missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is charged by our Board with the Mexican Baptist Publishing House, which does religious publishing for us of literature which is distributed in Mexico and Latin America. He is rendering a very fine service.

It is thought wise for him to attend our Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Atlanta, Ga., on May 14th. This trip will be a considerable expense and Mr. Davis will not receive any remuneration. If you can see your way clear to grant him a pass over your line, for he will be traveling over that line, you will render a good service which we will greatly appreciate.

Cordially yours,

Associate Secretary.

R/F

April 28, 1924

Rev. J. E. Davis,
Box 211,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of April 23rd.

I am glad you had such a good meeting.

I had a letter from Dr. Neal about the proposition the church had to make. I wrote him on the subject. You might ask him to show you the letter. What is the reason that church out there can't be sure enough and worth-while generous and give us that building? I didn't say anything about that to Neal, but wouldn't it be a mighty nice thing for the First Church to do? We will talk it over when we get to the Convention.

I am sending your name to the committee in Atlanta, asking that they provide you with entertainment. The plan they are pursuing is to provide rooms for the missionaries. We hope also to provide breakfast, but they are not certain on this. They will at least provide rooms in good homes, but it may be that the missionaries will have to go out for their meals. My opinion is that the missionaries will have to provide only their lunches and dinners, and the host will provide breakfast in addition to the room.

I am enclosing a letter to Mr. Sweet.

Hoping to see you at the Convention, I am,

Cordially yours,

R/F

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April 30th, 1924

Rev. T. B. Ray,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Brother Ray:

I have before me a letter under date of April 6th, and signed by Dr. T. V. Neal, Pastor of the First Baptist Church here in El Paso. It was forwarded to me while I was in Kansas City, and reference has been made by me in a letter to you to this proposition.

The proposition was sent to Dr. Love and I suppose you are in possession of the facts. However I will say briefly that it is a proposition to sell the old Knights of Columbus Hall to us for the plant. You will likely recall that several years ago, I was trying to get you to consider the matter of purchasing this Hall directly from the K. of Cs, but nothing was done then.

I do not see my way clear to even ask you to buy this Hall for us now. I say Hall, for that is what they call it, but it is a three story building with basement, and could easily be arranged to meet our requirements for a long time to come. I say I do not see my way clear, for I remember that you are in great distress, and in my way of thinking, will still be in distress when you get to Atlanta. I pray that in some way all may be worked out for the good of the Cause and the glory of God.

But I think I should place this matter before you and so will try to attend to it now and here.

1st. We are now paying \$135 rent on these three houses we have here, and \$30 rent for Mr. Dominguez, making \$165.00 per month; the Hall would provide a place for the plant and also for Mr. Dominguez for some time to come--several years to say the least.

2nd. We are again crowded here and will certainly have to expand again in the near future, increasing the rent. And all I have said heretofore about our crowded condition and the consequent loss of time and waste motion, as we might call it, or energy, could be repeated here, but why?

3rd. The terms are fair as presented in Dr. Neal's proposition made to Dr. Love and through him to the Board. That is, if it is at all possible to meet our urgent need at this time, or in the near future.

4th. The house is in good condition, and can easily be changed to meet our needs, by putting a concrete floor in the basement and cutting out a few walls, which will in no way weaken the construction, as the frame is concrete.

5th. The advertisement we would get out of the purchase and occupation of the old K. of C. Hall would be worth a lot in the way of giving us prestige here and all over our territory. Verily I believe it would be worth \$10,000 to us. (I mean the Cause in general).

6th. Our growth is phenomenal and certainly the future is bright. Conditions are bad all over Latin America, yet we have surged forward in a notable way. We must meet the new conditions or fail to meet them one or the other. If we are ever to reach self support, we must at least be given an adequate building and adequate equipment.

7th. We need a place big enough to put in order our publications--books and tracts--so we can know what we have. Here they are always in confusion and there is no way to avoid it. The Hall would give us room for all this. As also office rooms so we could have some degree of privacy. As it is, when I get a place and move into it, shortly the needs are such that I have no private office, as I give it up for the increase in the demand for room. I see no way out of it all.

But I will not multiply reasons. There are many more. It seems to me one of the weightiest is that since each one of us is carrying such heavy responsibilities, and that for the Cause we represent for the glory of our God, making in many ways sacrifices--why, we have to pay some of our employees more than we get in the way of remuneration, and they carry no responsibility except to do a days work and not that always--we should as soon as possible have a place where we can count for the most possible in the Master's work. Yet, I know you know all this, and that your heart is with us.

I wish I knew some way to relieve the situation without calling on the Board, but there is no way. The only string I might know how to pull would be the wrong one doubtless.

I am not so sure now about getting to the Convention. We are snowed under with work here and while I want to go, yet I am not quite sure at this writing. Will go if possible.

May the Lord bless you and open the way for an onward march of His great work entrusted to us.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. Davis