

December 22, 1924

Rev. J. E. Davis,
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Dear Davis:-

I have a letter from Brother Hill of Nashville, enclosing a letter from Brother Chastain, in which Brother Chastain spoke about the manuscript he had written and furnished you upon the Pentateuch. He expressed the desire that this manuscript might be published. He also said that you had not been able to publish it. Hill is raising the question whether they ought to undertake to help publish this particular manuscript. What do you think about it? Is it a manuscript that is very vital, and could it be counted as a really, sure-enough, worth-while contribution to Spanish Biblical literature? Is there a very urgent reason why it should be published, and if so, how much would it cost?

I will say to you also that I said to Hill in response to his letter, that we wish the Sunday School Board would make a sure enough worth-while contribution to the publication work of our Board, and then we would allocate that to the various publishing houses, and leave such details as this to be handled by the managers of these publishing houses. If we were to get this little gift from the Sunday School Board, it would set it up against us as a gift, and if we were to go back soon for another little sum, it would think we were trying to impose upon it, whereas it ought really to give us a very substantial sum, which we could divide amongst our publication houses, and with which we could do a great deal of good. Of course I expressed my appreciation of his interest in Brother Chastain's manuscript, and I would like to get from you your reaction about this manuscript, and also an estimate as to the amount it might cost to bring it out.

I hope you will have a joyful time Christmas.

Cordially yours,

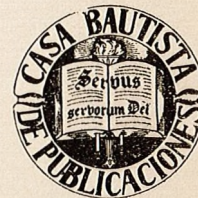
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Dear Ray:

I have your good letter of the 22nd. Thanks for same. Will answer it now as a bit later I will not have time, see?

The MSS of Dr. Chastain has never been in my hands. I therefore can not emit an opinion. However we intended to get it out one of these days. We have the cuts here to go into it. And we had hoped to get to the matter some time this Spring or Summer.

You know we can not do everything the good brethren want us to do, however much we would like to. But I have felt that though good Dr. Chastain's Spanish is far from being classic--ja, ja, that sounds funny--what foreigner ever wrote or spoke anything classic?--yet it is good, and he had it corrected I think by Samuel Domínguez. Yet Don Samuel is very lenient--more so than your humble servant.

I think that it would be better to just let that matter stand as it is, unless Dr. C. wants the Sunday School Board to get it out for him. In that case, why let them go into the Spanish publication work.

No there is no very urgent reason why this book should be published immediately. Only Dr. C. feels that he is getting old and would like to see his book published. And I would like to publish it for him, and think we can get to it within the next few months.

I am glad that you put the matter up to the Sunday School Board as you did. They have wanted to help us again and again with this or that book. Since our talk in Kansas City, I have just systematically pigeon-holed all that kind of stuff. They ought to do something handsome for OUR work in all the world. They ought to give you money for this Publishing House building we need and want, and must have, and will have. I so wrote VanNess some time ago when I sent him a couple of copies of a little book of his we have published. He did not answer to say that he liked the book in Spanish. But he is busy.

We have a tentative proposition now from the First Baptist here to cede us their equity in the Hall, which is \$17,000, leaving \$23,000 on the building. If they approve that--I mean the church--we would do well to take it and remodel it for our work. I have gone over the building again with this in view, and will take a man who knows more than I do about such matters, before we go much further, and have him give his opinion. I think it will be worth that to us--and more.

I have so much to do this morning, you will just have to take this as my reaction for the present. When I get more information, will write you some more. May the Lord bless and prosper you.

Most sincerely yours,

J. E. Davis