

March 2, 1931

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

Dear Davis:-

Thank you for yours of February 25th.

Thank you for sending me the stories. These are all good and I shall use them in the press. We need much more to feed to these papers. We are proposing to put out material that will inspire and, of course, we must get it from the missionaries who are the sources. Please remember to send other incidents.

I appreciate keenly what you have to say about your own situation and what you might do if you were turned loose to make appeals to the people. I think that any one of the enterprises we are trying to foster could do exactly that same thing. Suppose all of them were to do it. I had a letter from Dr. Chambers this morning telling about the distressing condition of the China Baptist Publication Society. That society is suffering even worse on account of the drop in exchange, than your publishing house is. They really are apparently in a desperate situation. Suppose Chambers were to go out, and you were to go out and the other four publishing houses were to go out, and then all the schools and then the other various enterprises and make special pleas. How far do you suppose we would be permitted to go with such a program as that? The fact is, we all know that as matters are now organized, and with the agreements we have made in our Cooperative Program such a course is impossible.

What we are doing this spring, talking more specifically about special gifts for the support of missionaries, is meeting with some response. My judgment is that that is about as far as we can go in that direction just now. I have my heart set upon the time when we can publish to the world each particular thing and let everybody decide on what they want to give, but they will not permit us to do this at the present time.