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Deaconess E. G. Crane,  
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Dear Sister Edwardina,

Your two letters have been unanswered for some time. With vacation in September and the Board Meeting the 1st of October, I have been unable to get at my mail. I want to assure you that I am very much impressed with the importance of your work - it is so utterly practical that it must be made to succeed. If you could give me some figures to accompany the facts I would be able to appeal with more ease. Just now I can only say that you are financing it to begin with, trusting to continue the business through sales.

Could you let me know: (1) How much the women used to be paid for their work. (2) For what it was sold. (3) How much you are paying them. (4) What you are selling at (of course you would have to take just some one piece as an illustration). (5) How much money you are having to pay out each week to keep the women. (6) How much you have so far paid out. If I can get some practical facts of this kind I can tell about it with considerable effect.

At Mr. Betticher's suggestion I am going to have a little leaflet made of your article that is coming out in the next

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Spirit of Missions, and I want to have printed on the cover a suggestion that this will be a good way to do Christmas shopping or make Birthday presents. I will be very glad to have copies, in any number you suggest, sent to the difference schools you think can be interested. On the whole, your idea of working through the schools appears to me admirable.

With best wishes, I am

Very faithfully yours,

Secretary for Latin America

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