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Dear Brother

Several days ago I received your short letter of February 26, enquiring what attitude Mother holds toward the school conducted by Bro. Herbert Owen in Honduras.

It would be difficult for me to give you a very direct and satisfactory answer to this question. In many ways, Mother has manifested her interest in school work as a missionary agency. She has written much in approval of the work done at Madison, Tenn., and she rejoices in the work being undertaken by Brethren Brownberger and Spaulding in Naples, N.C. In past years she has stood in defense of the work done by Brother Shireman in Hildebran, and a little more than one year ago, when she received a long letter from Brother Owen, describing his work, she said to me and wrote on the margin of his letter that that kind of work ought to be done and that it ought to be encouraged.

Afterward, when I told her some of the criticisms that were brought to bear against his work, and that I myself, after several conversations with him, was persuaded that he was somewhat unbusinesslike and spent money rather freely, ---in response to this she expressed her sorrow. She instructed me to caution him about the spending of money freely and to urge him to be careful in the keeping of his accounts, and then told me to make him a small donation from her personal funds. Mother feels that it is better for her to endeavor to help those who are conscientiously doing

their best in hard places even though some of their moves may be worthy of criticism, than to withhold that encouragement and assistance which they need.

It is my conviction that Brother Owen understands the people and how to reach their hearts, and I am hoping and praying that God will bless him and give him wisdom and caution and business ability, and that He will raise up faithful men to work with him so that the work in Spanish Honduras may become a blessing to the people and an honor to the cause which it represents. I learn that several trained workers are going soon to unite with him.

You may be interested to read about our recent Conference held in Fresno; therefore I take the liberty to send to you a copy of the "Pacific Union Recorder" containing a report of the meeting. I will also send you a copy of the "Recorder" in which I have written about the Hillcrest School.

Last week our St. Helena Sanitarium held its annual meeting. The report for the year showed that the Sanitarium had done business amounting to \$115,000.00, and by the efficiency of the medical staff and by the judicious efforts of the business manager, it presents a clear gain of \$33,500.00 for the year. Another year's work like this will clear the institution from debt, and then it can lay aside its earnings for a new building, which is very much needed.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

W. B. White