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I shall write you from time to time to give you any information I may have, and write me if you want me to take up anything special. I went over this budget in detail with the budget department; we shall receive almost everything we asked for except the amount of money for social activities and they felt me should either not spend so much, or we should charge for our social entertainments.

I have written Tom most of the information, and shall advices you of anything new. The Department is working on textbooks, but this book will not be ready for distribution until 1951. In the meantime, they advise we use Dixson, which is the text we are now using in Concepción.

Much love to Mary, and thanks for all you have done for me and the Institute. I think the day is coming when we shall all be proud of the work we have done to establish the Institute.

Most sincerely,

Helen Aimes