

Letter, Elizabeth D. Banton to Emily Bissell, May 24, 1910

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Wilmington, Del.

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My dear Miss Bissell,

There seems to be a general impression among the colored people of the city that the advantages of Hope Farm are designed specifically for persons other than themselves. For this reason, I am quite sure that any solici-

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tations on my part for the support and maintenance of an institution from which they derive none of the benefits (nor could hope to) would not meet with a cordial response.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society has done much for a great many who may have come for assistance and would aid all who should apply. This however cannot be explained on this particular occasion and the sale of the flags for the ~~reason~~ cause¹ handicaps any disposition on my part to help, and I am quite certain I should be very much misunderstood.

Wishing you much success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth D. Banton

¹ "cause" written over bracketed word, which is only partially legible.