

Letter, Louisa Barker to Emily Bissell, December 18, 1908

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Pride's Crossing

Jan 5, 1908

Dear Miss Bissell,

You must forgive me please for my long neglect of your letter of (date unmentioned), which reached me the day before Christmas.

Too late to do anything about Merry Christmas stamps, even if the Massachusetts Exec. Comm. approved the scheme. Miss Boardman had already written to us about it, with enthusiasm, and we felt that Red Cross money should be raised by other means; selling stamps seems like a Sunday School device.

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Letter, Katharine P. Loring to Emily Bissell, January 5, 1908

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As to the tuberculosis, everyone in Massachusetts is engaged directly or indirectly in the tuberculosis crusades, + the State is covered with camps. It would be a great interference

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with private enterprises if the Red Cross undertook any tuberculosis work here.

We are re-organizing here, + our new Board may take up the stamps and eagerly next-year, so do not despair of us yet.

My sister and I were sorry not to get to Washington, to meet our Red Cross friends.

I wish you every happiness in the New Year, + I am

Sincerely yours

Katharine P. Loring

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<sup>1</sup> The text in columns before the address and date comprises the letterhead.

<sup>2</sup> The Governor and Surgeon-General enclosed by a curly bracket noted as "ex-officio."

<sup>3</sup> Between these two columns sits the national seal of the American Red Cross: a white bandage with a red cross on it, with the words NEUTRALITY and HUMANITY above and below it, respectively. Text in a ring surrounding this logo reads THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, WASHINGTON, D.C. Below the seal reads MASSACHUSETTS BRANCH.