

Letter, Lucy Bancroft Gillett to Emily Bissell, December 10, 1909

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Dear Miss Bissell,

Thank you so much for your prompt and effective reply to my enquiry about stamps. I have delayed acknowledging them until I knew whether anything could be done this winter. I find now

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that it will be impossible as the doctors are not yet agreed as to what should be worked for and the interested and influential other people are not willing to do anything until the plans are more formulated.

It seems too bad to waste a Christmas but it will have to be put off now I think and perhaps next year they

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will be ready to design + print a stamp of their own. I hope the Delaware work is going satisfactorily. Father¹ writes me a little about it once in a while.

I have not counted the stamps to see whether they are all safe, one of the packages was torn in such a way that some may have fallen out. I have sold a shilling's² worth. I am enclosing a check for \$5⁰⁰ to pay for them, and for the postage. Any balance can go to the work. I am keeping the literature you sent me.

With very many thanks, and with kind kind regards,

Very sincerely,

Lucy Bancroft Gillett

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¹ i.e., William Poole Bancroft (1835-1928)

² A historical term for US currency. The precise value here is unclear, but presumably it was less than \$5.00 based on the check mentioned.

³ Based on the date system that Gillett used, this letter may have been sent on the 12th of October rather than the 10th of December.