

Letter, Mary Batson to Emily Bissell, June 7, 1912

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Mary Batson
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Miss E. P. Bissel

Dear miss I read in the paper where you wrote a letter to the Board asking not to grant the pardon for Harvey Brown for fear of spreading the disease. I will promise and do as I promise if he is pardoned to bring him up here and put him on one of those mountains where hundreds of white people come with the disease for treatment.

I am his cousin and I willing to help his mother to take care of him and place him where the disease won't be spread. The folks for whom I am working

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are willing to aid me in doing¹ for him. I understand your idea about the case as for fear of spreading the disease, but won't you think different as he some one to give him the best of attention.

~~Respond~~ Kindly² + oblige,

Mary Batson

¹ Best guess for word.

² "Kindly" partially written over the struck-through word, which is a best guess.