

Letter, Maud B. Nott to Emily Bissell, December 30, 1910

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My dear Miss Bissell,

You surely must be a firm believer in the power of thought when you begin to estimate returns from these little symbols of altruism you have set going in the world.

Although the number that have come to me this holiday is large—not one—but has brought with it a momentary enjoyable remembrance of you and our brief but pleasant meeting last May in Washington.

I also heard of you again, in

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the summer, from Mrs. Wheeler, whom I had the pleasure of seeing at a luncheon given for me in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Because these memories keep crowing in to form a pleasant total for the year just passing—because I remember your account of Nebraska's creditable showing in this Red-Cross Movement—and above all, because I believe from the bottom of my heart in the simple, frank expressions of friendliness and good-will among mortals, I am sending you this message to tell you that 1910 will be richer because we met and to hope that 1911 may many shining hours

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on your Calendar. More than all these wishes do I hope that increase of power and insight may be given you for this noble work, with which I am constantly associating you in remembrance.

Do you ever journey Westward? If, perchance, something should call you into these sunset parts, I would deem it a pleasure to now of your passing by; and if possible to have the privilege of helping you to know some of our Colonial Dames as well as other friends and sympathizers.

With most cordial and friendly greetings, believe me, my dear Miss Bissell,

Very sincerely yours,

Maud B. Nott.