

Letter, Rachel J. Henderson to Emily Bissell, circa December 1908

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Georgetown Del.

Monday night

My dear Miss Bissel,

When I came home this morning from a little visit to Bridgeville I found your letter, the books, stamps, etc.

First let me thank you for the books. It is very kind of you to have sent them and I am sure we shall enjoy them and the children too. I shall be glad to see that they get into the proper hands.

I have seen Mr. Jones + Mr. Houston and they are glad to accept your kind offer of a lecture by Dr. Robin. As to

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date we thought most any date after the ninth 9<sup>th</sup> but if we could have one day in the following week it would give us a little more time to do some personal working up. Mr. Houston thought we ought to make an effort to raise enough money to have the meeting in the big hall and I think that is what we will do. We will wait till we know the date before doing much advertising if you can let us know soon.<sup>1</sup>

I was sorry not to have been able to stay over in Bridgeville till tomorrow but I understand that the meetings wouldn't be open to any but the

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members of the board so I thought it would be no use. I know you will have a good time and I hope you will be able to interest those people down there for there is a great deal of Tuberculosis in the neighborhood. Dr. Sudler had a new case only on Sunday of a young girl who had had a bad attack of Grippe<sup>2</sup> and had not been able to rally from it. I suggested sending her to Wilmington but she has no money and he was doubtful if it could be done.

Mother + Father came home on Friday morning. They had a nice visit and Father is much better. I have him the questions + Mother sends her regards + says to tell you that she is very sorry not to have been home when you were here.

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Mr. Houston told me he had answered these questions and had received a reply. Is that enough from this section?

This is quite a document. The girls join me in sending the kindest regards. We enjoyed having you in our home with us so much. Believe me Cordially yours Rachel J. Henderson

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<sup>1</sup> This final sentence was added later. After the word “before,” the text turns ninety degrees counter-clockwise and continues over the fold with the first page.

<sup>2</sup> i.e., influenza.