

Letter, Thomas P. Holloway to Emily Bissell, January 30, 1914

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

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JANUARY 30, 1914

Miss Emily R. Bissell,

Wilmington, Del.,

My dear Miss Bissell: The rumor has reached me that a priest of the Roman Catholic Church has instructed a catholic nurse employed at Home Farm to teach four or five Protestant children, who are patients there at present, the catechism of the Romish² Church, and that she is carrying out his utterly presumptuous³ order.

I am writing to you for accurate information about this report, realizing that the existence of Hope Farm is due to your intelligent Christian activity more than to any other person or agency, and believing that you are better informed about conditions there than any other persons.

An early reply will gratify me. I express in advance my appreciation of your kindness. I am, very sincerely, Thomas P. Holloway.

¹ In this transcription, the four lines at top represent the letterhead, while everything after and including the date represents the body of the letter. The italicized text at the very bottom represents Holloway's handwritten addition.

² A derogatory term for the Roman Catholic Church.

³ Archaic form of "presumptuous."