

Letter from Annie C. Pratt, December 26, 1900

Home. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900. My dear Bessie:

Certainly I received the message in relation to the letters concerning the Helen Keller matter, but as I only had the originals of these letters I did not dare trust them to the mails, at a time when the "Christmas time" causes Uncle Sam's Post Office Department so much extra business. I will copy a part of this correspondence and forward, and a portion I will forward to you to copy. Thank you for the notes from Dr. Marsh, and for the letter of introduction which I shall certainly use. Through this avenue we may secure some items of interest, if not of value. Thomas Naylor Stanford, I find furnished "manuscript" to the author of the "Memoirs of Dr. John Stanford", and I have found one allusion to a "Diary". But I have another rather discouraging item. Thos. N. Stanford "lost his spectacles, and for a long time they were missing, but were finally found underneath some rubbish up stairs, where he had been burning up some old papers!" This was at Perth Amboy, at the old Marsh homestead, where thos. N. Stanford spent his last years of life, and where he died.

I think this letter should have been addressed to Dr. Bell, but you can communicate to him any items which you think may interest him. I cannot stop to write another just now.

Hastily, and A Happy New Year, with which to begin the Twentieth Century, A. G. Pratt P. S. Did you copy the letter to me from Mrs. B—, the one you returned to me in New York? AGP Please return Dr. B's letter when you have copied it in —letter omit the reference in to Chap. VII and the Hous. School