

June 9, 1949

Mrs. Isabelle M Stover,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

It is a long time since you have heard from me, but I know you have been busy about many things, and Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Farrand have been engrossed in the matter of book-buying, and as Mrs. Willgoose is working on the cataloguing of books for the Founders' Room, I do not have as much information as formerly in regard to these matters. Mrs. Bliss has shown me the recent purchases and told me she was in telephonic communication with Mrs. Farrand as she valued her opinion highly in such matters as the purchase of rare books.

I now hear that Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are going to Cambridge for Class Day and then going on to Reef Point, as Mrs. Bliss has asked Mrs. Willgoose to get from me a list of the Reef Point Books (of which I have already given her at least two copies), also a list of the most essential books from the point of useful reference, as well as a list of Monographs on Garden Books featuring structure and design! I am also to make up a dossier(?) of things to be discussed with Mrs. Farrand. How long the visit will be, I do not know, but I doubt if one-third of the items to be discussed will even be touched upon.

Mr. Thacher leaves today for Europe to be gone until October. His house is undergoing extensive alterations. The Bryces will be leaving for Florida on July 1st, and Miss Der Nersessian and her sister will move into Bryce's house, which also is being altered to suit the new tenants; Kearney who takes over Bryce's job is staying in his own house. Not having seen the place you will have a time trying to puzzle this one out.

Tuesday Mr. Patterson alighted here and spent the day going over the changes to the North Vista with Mrs. Bliss and Mr. Thacher, as well as the contractor; what was accomplished I do not know. I spoke to Mr. P. briefly when I was leaving at 5:30, he being deep in discussion with Kearney about some changes on the north side of the house, but he told me he expected to be back shortly.

I am way overdrawn on my expense account, should I write to Mrs. Farrand about replenishment, or shall I let you know what is due me and whether I am to have a new check for future use?

Also, if you have any insight into what is meant by Monographs on Garden subjects, will you pass the word along, as both Mrs. Willgoose and I are completely in the dark and can't seem to get sufficient information from Mrs. Bliss ---in fact I believe she isn't sure herself of what she wants.

On a separate sheet I am listing three books just arrived from London, which are being added to my card list and book list.

Sincerely yours,