

BEATRIX FARRAND  
LANDSCAPE GARDENER  
REEF POINT  
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss  
El Mirasol Hotel  
Santa Barbara, California

How kind of you my very dear Mildred to use your little strength in between attacks of cholera and typhus inoculations to send me your letter which relieved a very heavy burden of anxiety. If these dreadful antibodies have been so vigorous perhaps it means that you would have had equally vigorous attacks of the maladies they are supposed to prevent, if so, the price is worth paying for a visit to Byzantium. I do hope that the onsets will lessen and that your poor strong but ~~tiny~~ little body will be allowed to regain its magnificent strength. You are ever in my thoughts.

My own ailments are stupid as lumbago is unexciting but fatiguing. It hangs on and varies from day to day, but is distinctly better than a month ago. At least it will be tidied up I hope in time to go west sometime later on in the autumn.

If you would be interested I can send you prints of the working part of what will be the Reef Point Garden establishment as to size of reading room, student's library and meeting room. Of course you may be able to use the music room as your meeting room and so reduce the floor space necessary, but catalogues and periodicals are worse than the rabbit family for increasing and take up nearly as much room. We are starting the purchase of some of the simpler books which we find we can pick up now and again, and will of course keep at it steadily unless you tell me to stop. None of the XXX books will be attempted unless it is possible to get a copy of Garden and Forest, or some such thing should turn up, in which case may I ask Mr. Russell for funds, perhaps \$100. or \$150. for you

You and I don't do things in secret from each other and as we are partners in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden you may like to know that I am sending them a portion of my small bequest to them in order to help forward the present work. A check for \$2,000. will go to Mr. Bullard before the end of the month with a request for the Executive Committee to use it for the construction in which they know me to be interested. It would seem to me not quite fitting first to make a design, then to send a check to further it!

Thank you for telling me of the good secretary. It may be a benefit to me and to the excellent Clementine who is as always watching me with her unvarying devotion. She thanks you for your greetings to her and sends her respectful regards. My regards are not a bit respectful but they are incandescent. My dearest love to you and Robert. Yours with deep affection,

Your devoted

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