

Mrs. Lawrence

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What good news Trix dearest! This is indeed an honor to both you and the Arboretum and I can well understand how pleased you are at being called to this post of all others. I hope that the enjoyment and stimulus will help in bringing back some of the lost vitality and I look forward with real excitement to hearing later on, about the work and how you profited.

Thacher and I will do our best to give Mr. Patterson a fair chance during his three days here; I shall not find it easy for many reasons, but I suppose as one goes along the road one becomes inured to difficulties and disappointments.

I have just come in from the luncheon at Dumbarton Oaks, after a morning business session of the Museum Directors - some fifty-odd of them. Just as we were sitting ourselves in the orangerie and on the terrace, clouds burst; in spite of which bedraggled tourists were seen wandering about with and without umbrellas, looking at the gardens. Even the little black dogs preferred to stay in!

Thank you for your letter telling me the good news and I shall now write the Botanical Garden in regard to the horizon land lots.

Fondest love, from Robert too, a greeting
to Clemmy and a wave of the hand to Reef
Point Gardens.

Yr. devotedly friend & proud
D. G. on