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Mrs. Max Farrand,  
c/o Ellis Russell, Esq.,  
49 Wall Street, New York.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I returned to Washington Monday afternoon and found your nice encouraging letter of the 14th with suggested changes for my catalog house listing for which I am most grateful. I have waited until I had the panels in order so as to make a new list and send it to you. I am addressing this letter to Mr. Russell's office as I am not sure just where you are. I have been obliged to put in some things that may not be exactly right, mostly for want of the right material, and secondly because Mrs. Bliss wanted to have it all in place for today as there will be so many people wandering about the grounds. So I have filled in the odd spaces with birds and fern. The right horizontal panel is not what we planned, but I am trying to find the right wall flower and I have only the tiniest picture of Sweet Alyssum which looks lost in that space - they are of such assorted sizes it almost takes an architect to construct anything out of them. Bleeding hearts are still in bloom and lily of the valley is out ahead of time. Peonies are out also but I have no suitable pictures. I have written various people for pictures but my best bet seems to be the bookstores. I have never heard from Mr. Rehder nor have I had any reply from the N.Y. Botanical Garden and have written twice to them.

I am going ahead with panels for May and by next Saturday for the first open day hope to be able to replace the right horizontal panel with something more appropriate and may by then have



a picture of the proper wallflower, Sweet Alyssum and Peony.

I have not seen or heard of or from Mrs. Bliss since you were here. Last Monday the Horticultural Society met at luncheon and afterwards viewed the grounds of Dumbarton Oaks and I have been notified by Mr. Morrison that they agreed to notify me of my (election) as Secretary! But nary word as to why and wherefore. He seems to take it for granted that I am to take over the work but nothing definite has been mentioned about hours &c. I am waiting for this party to be finished so that I might approach Mrs. Bliss for some idea as to what I am to do.

Meanwhile I'm carrying on with the work here and would like to be able to get it in shape to turn over when I can do so without the feeling of leaving much undone.

With many grateful thanks for your encouragement and advice,

Very sincerely,