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Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Time, as usual, seems to have raced by so fast I can hardly believe two weeks have gone by since you were here.

I have finally arranged to give Wednesday of each week to the A. H. S. but my last trip down here gave me a good deal of home work. Perhaps when I have been properly inducted into the workings of the Society I will do the work in less time. Have not seen Mrs. Bliss since your departure, so must needs go ahead and use my own judgment.

We had another open garden day on Saturday and I think the Catalog House looked quite nice. As you suggested, I have put roses on the frieze, shading from darkest red in the center to the lightest pink on the left hand side and to yellows and finally whites on the right hand wall. I have had several favorable comments on the artistic(?) effect, but no word from Mrs. Bliss as to whether or not she liked it. I really have not enough room for all the blooming material which is out now, so have had to put some of the garden flowers in the whirligig. I have not been able to change the weigelia and kolkwitzia panel as I had nothing to replace it before Saturday.

I am still on the hunt for material. McRae has given me a sort of blooming chart of his own to guide me and I hope to be able to make up a satisfactory one from it and other notes of my own and Mr. Bryce's. I spent quite a little time and effort on the rose panels but I think I am justified as it brightens up the dark corners. I took the climbing rose panels from the panels on the north wall and put them in the center whirligig and replaced them with Poppies, Delphiniums, Centaurea and Digitalis.

I am planning on being away from Friday morning until Tuesday morning. My sister isn't well and I am going up to see what I can do for her. I had intended going for the holiday anyhow, but with Mrs. Bliss' permission, I hope to take another two days leave.

Mr. Morrison's father died suddenly on Sunday.

The Wayside Nurseries sent me some nice catalogs but I haven't heard from Prof. Rehder nor Hosea Waterer.

With kind greetings to you and many thanks for your patient ear, I am

Very sincerely,