

November 30th, 1944.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,  
Ritz-Carlton Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

When I left last Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving Day with my family in New York, it was understood Bryce was to leave here Friday night to confer with you in Boston on Saturday. To my surprise when I returned on Saturday morning I found he had been detained here because he had a cold. I had given him a note to you which he has returned, but I am enclosing it anyway. I am also enclosing a report from October 22d to date, copy of which is going to Mr. Thacher, being the first garden report since July 15th.

You will read between the lines and know how the influx of visitors has kept us hustling to keep them amused. In view of the great hordes of people coming in on Saturdays and Sundays, it has not been possible for me to guide them around the gardens, consequently the Catalogue House has been overlooked by many who might have been interested. To overcome this I have had a display in the Orangery, taking the two long tables already there, on which I have cardboard mounts, half the size of those used in the Catalogue House, and have made an attractive display of fruits, autumn berries pods, leaves &c. It has aroused much comment and even I am pleased with the results. I wish you might have seen it as I know your experienced eye might have seen some things overlooked or some that might have been shown to better advantage, but on the whole it has been a big success.

Now, as to books, I really have had no time to go in search of material. I have received the Book on Mosses but have not as yet received the two you ordered in August - "Robinson's Wild Garden" and Jekyll's Home and Garden" No doubt they will come through in good time and I will advise you when they are received.

Do you know of Wm. Miller's Dictionary of English Names of Plants published in London in 1884 in 2 parts - Latin-English and reverse on cultivated and wild plants? Mrs. Clark had it marked in one of her booksellers catalogues. I think I should like to have Thomas Jefferson's Garden Book published by the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. When I get a breathing spell, I intend to go to the Library of Congress and look at the list you sent me, to see if we want to have them on our shelves.

No, I haven't seen the nature articles on the Editorial pages of the New York Times but will write and ask for them. Miss Mason is keeping a scrap-book of articles and pictures of Dumbarton Oaks.

I have just purchased a new edition of Collingwood's Know Your Trees; and a set of the Nature Series insets by Laurence Palmer from Nature Magazine. My books and pamphlets have aroused much interest and many questions and I am sure several orders have gone to the publishers because of some book seen in the Orangery.



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Thank Miss Walters for writing for you to me - you just don't know how much I missed your visit and how sorry I am for the reason which keeps you away. Bryce is determined to see you ere you depart for California, so is arranging to go up to Boston on Monday to have a chat with you before you leave. We are all so sorry for the ills that trouble you and for poor Mr. Farrand. I do hope the peace and beauty of California will work wonders for you both.

As for me - I'm settled in a new rooming place which is not exactly what I would like but the atmosphere is most friendly and it is close to D.O. so I have made up my mind to be content for the time being and perhaps there may be something more attractive later on which I can take advantage of. I am well in spite of the hectic days we have had and hope to keep on top of the heap until I see you in the Spring.

My very best wishes to you and Mr. Farrand and kind greetings to Miss Walters whom I am sure is taking the best care of you both.

Very sincerely yours,