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Miss Anne Sweeney
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Dear Miss Sweeney,

It was nice to hear from Mrs. Stover that she had recently had a note from you speaking about some books that you thought you might want and saying that she hoped she could get them for you. This will, of course, tell you what I think you already know that Mrs. Bliss has given me as her agent fifty dollars as a print fund for the so-called Catalogue House, and you also know that I have still a balance in the Harvard Book Fund. Anytime you want money for the prints for your own purchases, let Mrs. Stover know and she will send you a check for the amount you need.

Now I am going to put up to you a difficult question. Mr. Thacher has given me permission, as you know, to have five thousand each made of the four most popular postcards provided I can get them of the quality I showed him which have recently been made for Reef Point. Who has the negatives for the four best, and are the four best the following ?

1. The view of the front door from the Southeast lawn
2. Rose Garden
3. The Herbaceous Garden *BORDER*
4. The Lover's Lane Pool.

If these are not the four you had in mind, please substitute suggestions.

Do you think Mrs. Bliss has the negatives as, if so, I will write her, asking her to give them to Dumbarton, preferably to be kept in your care. If Mrs. Bliss (who, I understand, has bought the negatives) has not got the films, you will have to ask Bryce whether Stewart still has the negatives or if he knows where they are.

If these inquiries are likely to be embarrassing to you, let me know privately and I will make the inquiries from Mrs. Bliss or Bryce.

There are various details on which I should like a report. Are the toilets being kept cleaner? - Have the walks been repaired and the missing bricks put into the holes? - Have you the desk in the Orangerie which was promised? - Do you need any more books about which you have not spoken already to me? Would it help you, if I should send you one of the colored postcards of one of the pictures in Huntington Gallery? It seems to me of fine quality and I have Mr. Thacher's permission to get one or two kodachromes of the Garden when we can show a good experimental picture.

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Good old Lucking's death was just what one would have wanted for oneself ; as you know, he dearly loved gardening and, although he had been desperately ill, he found he could get employment for two or three hours each day at Kalman's Nursery and, therefore, he started off for his work at the nursery in good spirits and with a smile. In the middle of his work, he was seized painlessly with a heart attack and was dead in a few minutes.

Miss Walter knows well what you have been going through with the tooth-performance as she suffered much when she went through the ordeal so she sympathizes with you more understandingly than I .

You don't know how often I think of you and Dumbarton and how I look forward to getting your report and the news of what is going on. So, please, never be afraid of boring or bothering me as I look forward to getting your letters and always enjoy them.

With best wishes from both Miss Walter and me

Yours very sincerely

Barney Fawcett