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My ever so dear Mildred:

It is a delight to think that within a few days we shall beagain together after so many months of absence. Even though one tells oneself that absence makes no difference one does get hungry for the sight and sound of a person who is as close as you are to us. And now to work.

A little agenda goes to you to think over and when you decide what time you are going to have free on Saturday and Sunday I will plan the rest of the day as nearly as possible to suit your hours. Don't be disappointed if I can't work as long as I used to as I find that the last year has made a considerable difference in the length of time I can keep going, so that we may have to work in rather shorter doses than we used to in the old times.

In order to get through as much as possible of the work as you and I have in mind in the two brief days I think the only thing is to agree that either you or I will give the green light signal and let the other one go ahead with the spouting of the various questions. You have so much more to do than I that the notes are merely put down to fortify my memory as undoubtedly I shall with my usual system have forgotten some of the main points to be discussed.

Yours my very dear ever and always

How everlasting good of you to have thought and remembered to give me the pleasure of hearing your voice on this day of my markedly extreme age! It was almost as nice as it will be to see you on Saturday, but what a grim time you have all had in poor Mrs. Kearney's illness and how more than ever

fortunate we are to have Bryce in charge of us all.

Quotation in the "Star" (from Chaucer?)

Quotation in the Catalogue House, what origin

- M.B.B. to start the Botanic Garden discussion when D.O. is finished and when she wishes to speak
- ? as to remodeling and simplifying "1527" garden
- The wall dial for the south side of D.O.
- Whether the flowers in the 28th Street house were satisfactory in winter, or any changes to be made.
- ? as to the herbaceous border and its treatment and possible wall building.
- Addition of gardening books and how to make them available
- ? of the Sargent silver (Arnold Arboretum)
- Record book, whether it should not also include photographs?
- Posteards.