



DUMBARTON OAKS  
GEORGETOWN  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
October 13th, 1937.

Thank you, dear Trix, for your October 6th letter, received on the train, and the one of the 10th, which came yesterday afternoon. It was sad to be going through Pasadena without seeing you, and we were both of us so grateful for the day with you at Casa Dorinda.

This is a hasty seriatim response to the items of your two letters before taking the afternoon train to New York, where to-morrow we attend Ogden Mills' funeral, full of pity for Dorothy. We shall both be back here late Friday night or Saturday morning.

October 6th. Gray looks very well. 1. The question of the white narcissus will be taken up with him, probably to-day.

2. Since there is, as you say, extra space at the Quarters, I much prefer to have the surplus nursery placed there.

3. The Fuchsias and Nymphaeas are both entrancing.

4. At the moment I am not in favour of replacing the roses, but am discussing it with Gray.

5. The using of hemlocks which can be spared from the hillside for thickening of border plantings I ~~only~~ mentioned to Bryce last summer, so I hope this will be done.

6. The heather and azaleas on the rock wall north of the green-~~ous~~ house I should like to discuss with you. That unit seems to me unsuccessful, and I told Bryce I thought we should suppress the planting in favour of ground cover, but the heather and azaleas can perfectly well remain there until you come, and as far as the former is concerned, once it gets a really good start it will look well there, but the azaleas plainly are wasted in that position.

7. The plants which Gray feels he would like to show at Baltimore in February I shall go over with him, and then you and I will talk about it when you come.

October 10th.

A telegram went to you promptly to tell you we eagerly await you on the 27th. Both Robert and I hope you will come to Dumbarton Oaks, as at this time we feel sure we can make you quite as independent of interruption, fatigue, ~~and~~ interference with your meal hours, etc. as you ~~could~~ be at the hotel. As far as I can see, after closely thinking it over, there is only one item which might possibly be a little less easy for you here, and that is the lack of a telephone by your bedside, but inasmuch as you can have your afternoon nap and your dinner on a tray in bed and be entirely independent of us save during your working hours, we hope you will come to Dumbarton Oaks on the 27th, and let us know at what train to meet you.

Elizabeth, with whom we dined last night, looks much better than for several years. What a mercy that is !

Please tell Max we find his "Records of the Federal Conventions" awaiting us here and are most grateful, and that I am reading the preface to-day on the train, which, as he says, is "all that is expected" - but Robert may do more.

Fondest love, not forgetting a share to Max.

*Yr. increasingly fond  
killed.*

*Albert E. - I write nothing but —!*