

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Instead of writing a separate letter to you this letter to Bryce will explain the situation.

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Mr. James Bryce
3203 S Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bryce:

Since we got home two weeks ago Mr. Farrand has not been as well as during the past winter months and he is therefore wisely deciding to go to see his doctor in Boston for a few days and to be under observation at the Phillips House hospital. We leave for Boston next Tuesday and therefore I cannot possibly arrive in Washington as I had planned to do on Wednesday afternoon. I have written fully to Mr. Thacher and Mrs. Bliss telling them of this possible change in my plans and telling them also that the slides and manuscript for the Reef Point Gardens lecture is being sent to Miss Sweeney for me tomorrow and that also I am sending a frock which is the one which seems appropriate for Saturday evening. If the doctors feel that they want to keep Mr. Farrand for some time in hospital and the treatment is likely to be severe I shall not be able to come to Washington for the lecture and have therefore suggested to Mrs. Bliss the possibility of Mr. Van Rensselaer's taking over for me. I think he can either read the manuscript of the Reef Point Gardens talk (which he has already heard in Santa Barbara) and show the pictures; or better yet he could describe the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens and show the slides which I know he has brought with him.

Mrs. Bliss and Mr. Thacher will know my plans as soon as I know them myself and I am sure both of them will communicate with you as soon as they know anything. It is too bad to have to disturb arrangements so carefully made, but health will wait for no man.

Yours very truly,