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Mildred dear:

As it seems far too long to keep the Rauch catalogue until you get here it is being returned to you through Mrs. Willgoose with comments on certain of the books about which I have some small knowledge. The only ones that appear to me worth considering for the Dumbarton Oaks Garden Centre library are the Rauch No. 23 Hypnerotomachia Songe de Poliphile at 3600 Swiss francs. This is of course a rare and valuable book but its rarity is really its main charm for garden collectors as there are only a very few pictures which apply to gardens in this book, and there is a good reprint which to my mind would be quite sufficient for any library which is not going into the collection of garden incunabula. No. 81, Lorris - Roman de la Rose at 6000 francs or No. 82 at 1250 francs seem to me also more expensive than the library now ought to afford. No. 353, Berlese-Camellias at 8000 francs is of course one of the capital works on camellias, but these are plants rather out of your region and again it would seem to me as though the heavy expense would not be justified unless you are making a collection of rare and expensive books. No. 354, Buchoz Tulipes at 2750 francs is possibly worth considering, but again to my mind until you have filled up the essential gaps it would seem to me not worth while attempting these.

On the Pierre Beres catalogue there is nothing except the Berlese and the Bessa, Guirlande de Flore, and the Passe Hortus Floridus, which is a book I have never seen but if in good condition and interesting might certainly be worth considering. The Monnoyers are books I do not know but I should doubt whether they would be worth acquiring until you are more ready for them. The Weinmann Phytanthoza Iconographia with 1025 plates is not known to me. It sounds to me rather like a herbal in which lists you already have a respectable start. To my mind much would depend on the prices asked for these books.

Miss Sweeney has sent me one of her excellent accounts for the cash spend since July 1948 for subscriptions to various periodicals and societies, postcards and prints and postage, amounting to \$47.03 making an overdraft of \$22.03. May I have a check for Miss Sweeney for \$50. which will leave me a few pennies in the account here.

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Please do not be disappointed if you do not receive the list of Monographs as quickly as you want them. It is a good deal of a job to prepare such a list and as I am busy with reports for the Trustees, to Garden Clubs, a bulletin for the Arnold Arboretum, and a bulletin for Reef Point, there are not many spare minutes when my resting times have been attended to.

If you fail to get a reservation for the 18th what would your next date be, as we are beginning to get a little tied up with Garden Clubs and so on.

Yours always and ever,

Trix

Forer last letter has just come & it
makes us all hope the higher for the

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