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Dearest Two:

You will know how deeply you both are in my thoughts each day and as there has not been any **very** recent news from you I am wondering how things are going and whether Robert is **continuing** to improve, or if there has been any backsliding?

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*Bridges - Campbell Trail -
possible sign of
Dumbarton House
in garden - I buy
hill best -
Camden - old
memorial to Cam-
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A splendid long letter came from Mr. Van Rensselaer saying that you were being of the utmost use in constructive thinking on the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden matters. Apparently he is greatly encouraged and much pleased with what you are doing and what you have in mind, and he says your prodigious energy is just what is needed and that he greatly appreciates the thought you are giving the garden problems.

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I am wondering whether there has been any decision in your mind as to where you are going to be next winter? Mr. Waterman told me when I last saw him in Washington that you had decided not to go ahead with the new house at least for the immediate present and I am wondering whether you will stay on in Casa Dorinda during the winter or come East for a longish hotel or apartment visit.

It will be interesting to see Mr. Thacher before long as he plans to spend part of the summer with his mother at Camden and he will have whatever news there may be as to possibilities for building changes and the Dumbarton future.

Naturally you will not yet have had time to review a long and somewhat involved report as to various Dumbarton decisions needed from you--historic tablet and the possible reduction of its wording, Catalogue House questions including Miss Sweeney; the change in the Quod Severis lettering and the lettering of the Museum tablet, and reports on the progress on the Lilac Circle perspective, the terrior, the service gate finials, and the re-cutting of the legs of the Loggia bench.

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My Max writes that the fishing is phenomenally bad but he and Dr. Leonard Sanford (an ornithologist and intimate friend) are benefiting enormously by their holiday so I hope they will stay on fish or no fish!

Yours ever with real devotion,

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