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My very dear Mildred -

Perhaps letters have gone astray, but I am wondering if you received a long letter via Bar Harbor, as to Dunbarton Oaks & my extreme age, & the feeling that I could no longer carry the full burden - Perhaps the letter was badly expressed, & hurt you, but misunderstandings between us are unthinkable -

A few days before I wrote you, a batch of the D.O. notes was sent Miss Sweeney, asking her to "fair copy" them & send them to you to scan. They seemed improved to me, with I wanted your verdict also. If you have time some day, have a good talk with Mr. Thatcher about Miss Sweeney - her pay, her last "raise" - her very real importance on the educational University side of D.O. Neither you nor I want Dunbarton to degenerate into a pretty tourist show place - It means more than that in design, & plan choice etc.

You will like to hear that Anne Fitch looks & seems better than she has for years - she is rested - she has met the situation & she

seems keen, & interested & he has a garden
are the setting for the artist she is.

Mrs Pauld is in a bad way, but fortunately
in no pain, a bad heart, loss of memory - but she
too is well looked after by Dr. Koefod & nurses &
he is sensibly allowing her to stay at home.

Van Rensselaer is really better, & the new
assistant Fred Morar, a great success - so things
seem promising at the Garden & the new trustees
are younger than the "honoraries" & are
taking hold & seem really interested. You will
like them I see.

Now no more - there's no news from
Elizabeth, but I've written Olivia & shall
hear before long - a wonder how your good
William is -

We leave for home in ten days - 2-3
days in Boston for Dr. Ryple & then R.P.

Yours unchangeably

Trix

As we sent her very dearest & best to you
as to the Van R's in more sedate fashion.

Yr Special of Mar 22-25
First com. will
answer later.
Bestish.