

my late Mon. night
28/10/46

Romeo Trip:

Forgive illegible long hand. This ans. to q.
queries of the 23rd, rec'd 26th, will reach you in Boston
Excuse dryness & brevity: I am off to N.Y. for 5 days
& very pressed.

1. No, I was not "vexed". I enjoy telling you garden
news when good, but no garden news could con-
vincingly be a secret fr. you.

2. H. Thacker is not "stalling" on the start of the
Herbarium Board's changes. He said to Mr. Patterson
soon that he must know just what each new step
would cost. The expenses this year have been
abnormally heavy (thanks to the foot?). I hope
nothing similar will be necessary for 25 years.
84443 will determine each change once its
desirability is determined.

3. I shall urge promptness upon Byers but
is it not with Mr. Patterson he is to correspond? I
thought you wanted to be relieved of all save
policy, design, etc, & found it less fatiguing
to guide Mr. P. in these respects; while he, in
turn, transmitted yr. ideas to D.O., & coped
with details himself.

4. Mr. Thacker was approached by Sweeney
regarding her future. I was his initiative

not his. Her value is fully appreciated. Institutional costs—payroll—have so increased most Institutions are having to revamp their basic policy.

5. I see fr. fr. Boston programme you are only giving Thatcher 2 hours! If you will grant him time to tell you of the D.O. basic problems, you will not be so perturbed. Jack is unusually reasonable when in possession of all factors. His responsibilities are very heavy & conditions these last years have made them exceedingly exacting as well.

Please do not be too hurried, my Dear. He has global problems, in which fr. Gardan problem is a part. Everything financially possible will be done to properly protect the present & future of the D.O. grounds.

6. Why on earth did you write that so very foolish P. S. about the Adilou Redon? How could any sane person imagine it can't possibly be 'the wrong thing'??

Trix darling, I fear the pressure mentioned by fr. Big tree west has given birth to Goblins! Don't look at them!!

I can't tell you how each day adds to

our pleasure in the picture, which is placed
so that even at night one can see it well.

I'll be at the Colony Club till the 1st & spend
that night anywhere I can find a bed - Home Sab.

Dear affection for - gr. devoted
childhood.

P. S.

2 things I forgot, so hold letter for additions
on the train & to post at Sta. in N.Y.

1. Botanic Gr. Directors House plan. I don't
know whether you like it or the proposed location
but assuming you do, I may say that the ground
plan now seems to be practical & adequate for the
Post, chimneys, habit of living, etc. If minor im-
provements occur to any of the Board, those on the
spot will have to judge what to do or not do.
At such a distance I could not.

If you think the site & so plan ditto, give
gr. views to Mr. Lancaster who is more familiar
with the matter than any one else.

Grant a moi, I have no firm opinion
regarding the site, one way or the other. Van
Rensselaer is enthusiastic about site & house,
says Mr. van R. that the plan is excellent. (Jah!)

2. Annie Lou asked me to tell you, until
she is able to write you herself, how very pleased

& touched she is that you thought of her at all. & then
enchanted by the book itself. She says it's "learned
& beautiful with exquisite illustrations" & that all the
are her flowers: that at Magnolia she has "grown
many varieties & particularly loves them all!"

Many Rose, once again for here given a real
pleasure, intuitively selected.

Annie Tom is gaining slowly & saw a friend
yesterday for the first time. Still weak & very deaf,
but she can read, so it was worth it. & got ordinal
& for poor Charles, too.

Oct. has never been to his in wash & the things
anthemums & Clifton hill, golden through the haze
paignant — Done.

How would you like "Dumbarton Brook" noted
of "D.O. Park"? It maintains the Dumbarton Park
changes the rhythm so the confusion between "D.O.
Garden" & "D.O. Park" would be eliminated. Also Gar-
dens & Parks partake of similar elements, whereas
Brook suggests different pictures & thoughts. I'll
be interested to know what you think.

how I must go to sleep - The pressure has been
too great & the St. Barbara venue is making
them.

May go self & greet Cherry - hold on.