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El Mirasol Hotel
Santa Barbara, Calif.,
September 6, 1946

Dearest, dear Trix,

Last week Van Rensselaer came up to see me. I thought I would like a look at him myself so as to see my way clearly through the various second-hand statements about his health. I had a delightful visit with him and feel he is pulling out of the doldrums and will be back in the saddle at about the New Year and that the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Executive Committee will insure his making a good start in the next chapter.

(A) It was voted to have an assistant who can relieve the director of enough of the burden to permit him to get on with his scientific work.

(B) The Publications Program consisting of the following items more or less in this order was approved:

- Additional leaflets, 4 per year.
- Survey of flora of Mission Canyon - ready for publication spring of '47.
- New edition of the Trees of Santa Barbara - ready for publication summer of '47.
- Birds of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden - ready for publication autumn of '47.
- Various Trees of California - to be ready about 1950.
- Shade Trees from Pacific Southwest - ready approximately 1953.

The following to be undertaken as and when possible:

- Insects of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.
- Geologic History of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- Revised - new edition.
- Climatology of Mission Canyon.
- Riddell's Plants of Southern California.

This list is a long-term work as you know.

(C) Plans for the director's house to be erected on the Tunnel Road site were studied quite thoroughly

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in situ and when the blue prints are ready a copy will be sent you for your wise and penetrating suggestions.

You would, I feel sure, be please with the turn our garden affairs are taking.

1. We all agreed that when the director returns he can ^{not} ~~under-~~ ^{such} take a diversified responsibility as he had in the past and consequently that a technical assistant was essential.
2. That the scientific publications are essential to the prestige and usefulness of the Garden.
3. That the director should have a house.

As the increased payroll and the house are sizeable items it was decided not to embark upon the plans for another entrance just yet.

Mr. Bullard, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Wing, Mr. Brodie and Mr. Vivien show real interest and willingness to work.

Van Rensselaer tells me you have written him that Reef Point is developing well and the first publications are nearly ready. Do, my dear, tell me what your program is; you don't have to be told I am sure that everything connected with you and Reef Point is of very special concern to us and you have kept the publication part of this hidden from me!!

Robert is particularly fit and he is responding admirably to his treatments. We shall be leaving here around October 1st according to the date selected by the Pullman Company. We still hope that D.O. may have its reinauguration in November but all construction work has been slow as you may imagine.

Dear love, in which Robert joins and my devotion to you as always. Your news would be very, very welcome.

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Bob - fda -

2. Lundy & Flora & Mission Cañon
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5. Shade Trees & Pacific S.W.
pub. / 53 pop.
3. new ed. Trees of Sta Barbara
pub. summer / 47 pop. 1500.
1. Additional leaflets.
4 per year.
4. Famous Trees of Calif.
pub / 50 pop.
- Birds of Sta B - Bob - fda.
pub. autumn / 47 pop.
- Insects of Sta B. Bob - fda.
- Geologic Hist - of Sta B. Bob - fda.
revised new ed.
- climatology of Mission Cañon
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Riddell's Plants of S. Calif.
Long term