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The Mayflower
Washington, D. C.

Sunday - August 19th

Dear Mrs. Bliss -

Strange as it may seem
it looks as though the "vision of
loveliness" you wanted on the Carter
Terrace on your return will be
there with a few weeks to spare.
The foundation for the scrolls is
in and to my vast relief the
general preparations promise to
work out well. Drainage and

Condiss: ^{etc.} - a years program of
white potted plants for the Center.

Mr. Thacker is still away but
Kearny feels sure things are in
tune with his desires.

The gilding of the main R. Stout
gate is a beautiful piece of work -
and Kearny, Mr. Russell and I
agree that the contrast with the
other gate - which looks down right
dingy - is something you would
not like - and I have given the
order for that. It needs a temperature
of 70° to apply the gold leaf so the
alternative was to wait until next

grading are going on apace - The
shop drawings are finished - with
a nice rise where the scrolls meet
the Crab Orchard steps. The Doria
is to arrive on Sunday and the
shop is cleared to start cutting on
Wednesday. From now on things
will move very fast. We have mapped
out the planting and Kearney will
travel somewhere south of here to
locate it. On the wall - *Camellia*
zescangua espaliered - and large
white *Clematis*. For shrubs - ^(white) *Camellia*
japonica - *Azalea indica* alba -
Franklinia, *Alcander*, *Viburnum*

summer. Now that the terrible
strain is over and I feel confident
of the outcome I wish you were here
to enjoy seeing it taken shape.

Tomorrow a quick decision on the
design of the seat at the east wall
so that the foundation can go
in — also get Mr. Lamb started
on some wood tables for the
larger shrubs —

I hope you are enjoying every
minute and storing up a
winterful of vigor —

Truly yours —

Yath M. Harvey