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Dearest Mildred:

Your telegram from Kansas City telling me of the possibility of your acquiring the "Wilton Garden" for Dumbarton reached me promptly, but so far nothing has come from Rosenbach, but in the meantime I have written to two or three trustworthy sources to be sure that my collation will be correct in case there is any doubt in looking over the Rosenbach copy.

A letter will go to you next week regarding Miss Sweeney's stay here as I think it has been of distinct profit to her and the Garden Centre. She is taking preliminary lessons from a Harvard cataloguer who is working on the Reef Point Garden books and she is reviewing the card catalogue we are making and keeping of our plants here. She is also seeing the plans of the different sections so that I think she will go home with a stuffed brain and certainly she has done much in the way of plant observations, and we are trying to instill into her as into all our various workers the necessity for ACCURACY.

The work here goes on and we have moved into the blue room or drawing room and we are gradually pushing the carpenters from one room to another. We at last have the second floor to ourselves which is a distinct pleasure as you would understand if you had seen the dismembered old house when we arrived here in mid-April. Much still is to do but people are most kind and understanding and the garden is gradually taking its form and I hope will be in condition to hand over to those who will carry it on.

As soon as the Rosenbach morsel arrives you shall have a report, if it is too long to telegraph it will be sent you hurrying after this also by air-mail special. With dearest love to you both and fondest hugs to each from your devoted

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