

April 18, 1945.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Valley Club of Montecito
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

First of all I want to say how sorry I am to hear that Mr. Farrand has had another bad time. Mrs. Bliss told me that Mr. Farrand had been obliged to return to the hospital for observation, and Miss Carpenter tells me that you have been obliged to delay your return East on Mr. Farrand's account. All of it makes me feel very bad. Sorry for both of you, naturally, to have to go through another siege, and a little sorry for myself too as I was looking forward to our Spring meeting. I do hope Mr. Farrand is responding to the treatment and will soon be back in the bosom of his family.

You know what a busy time Spring is here and you will know also that everything here has bloomed way ahead of its turn, consequently we have finished with all blossoms, lilacs, wisteria and dogwood. The tulips have been lovely this past week but yesterday's driving rain washed most of them down. The white azaleas held up very well as they had not been out so long and still had a good hold on their branches.

I am enclosing the last report I gave to Mr. Thacher; it has lain on my desk waiting for me to write you and enclose it. Since that report we have started Sunday tours and the first open Sunday brought 4024 visitors. This past Sunday was drizzling allday but we still had people coming in numbering 275 for the day. We now have post cards to sell and they are very popular. I don't think them particularly artistic but they seem to answer the need of 'something from Dumbarton Oaks' to send back home.

Kearney's second eldest girl has come to help me on Saturdays and Sundays taking charge of the post cards while I am busy with the visitors answering questions &c. She does very well too. It was Mr. Thacher's suggestion because I was not able to be in two places at one time.

I just found I have omitted to send you the report for the month of February which is also enclosed for your approval.

With many kind greetings to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely,