

February 2, 1945.

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Just to let you know I am still on the job, I enclose a summary of the garden visitors for 1944, also report for the month of January, both of which have been given to Mr. Thacher for his files.

When your letter came to me about the post cards, Miss Carpenter asked me to give her the letter as Mr. Thacher had asked for it and asked her to tell me he would reply to it and for me not to bother inasmuch as there had been so much controversy over the ordering of the post cards. I washed my hands of the whole affair and now it is being handed back to me since Bryce departed today for his annual Florida vacation.

Bryce asked me just as he was leaving, in his usual hurry-scurry, to drop you a line and say he had been so occupied he had not had time to write you, but would do so when he arrived at the camp in Jupiter. He also asked me to return to you the two packets of papers which you asked to have forwarded.

Starting Monday February 5th I'm registering for a course at the Department of Agriculture for twelve Monday evening lectures. I don't know what I'll be able to get out of it, and perhaps they are too far advanced for me, but I'm going to try and I think it will be interesting and I ought to garner something in the way of information for future use.

Thank you very much for your Christmas greeting which Mrs. Stover mailed to me but I am so sorry to know that your hand is still troubling you, I had thought it would disappear like magic in the California sunshine. I do trust it is much improved and that in every way things are going smoothly, for you and for Mr. Farrand too.

Mr. Russell stopped in to see me the other day when he was down to Blissés - he looked very well, not any heavier, but he seemed cheerful and the same nice friendly air which we have missed since he gave up his visits to Dumbarton Oaks.

I am staying at Bryces' house while they are away, looking after the two older dogs and two of Jet's puppies.

Please give my kind greetings to Mr. Farrand and Miss Walters and my very best wishes to you always,

Very sincerely yours,