

June 17, 1946

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Reef Point,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

It was so nice of you to write me your letter of May 31st - it sounded like your old self and as if Reef Point had revived you with its welcoming arms and memories, its bracing air and general homeiness. It made me feel happier to have you say "now we can flap our wings" - I hope so too!

The other day I received three books -- The Wild Garden, Wood and Garden and Home and Garden which as yet I haven't had time to peer into, but they look very interesting. I am enclosing an invoice which was in one of the packages as you perhaps will want it for your records.

Just now I am measuring space and shelves for Mr. Thacher to see how much equipment we shall require in the new "underw orld" office for Catalogue House panels books and pamphlets. It is hard to figure on future need of space but Mrs. Bliss says we must be sure to allow plenty of room for additions and accessions, so I shall be guided accordingly. I haven't had a chance to talk it over with Mr. Thacher as he is so busy with builders and plumbers, but I have my figures ready when he is.

Enclosed is a copy of the last report made up for the Garden Activities from April 1945 to April 1946 - At the bottom I have added the total number of visitors for the month of May. We would have had a larger number but three of the May Sundays were rainy and sent the people scurrying for street cars and buses. Our post card sales seem to have fallen off considerably but perhaps will pick up again in the Autumn when the gardens are reopened. Our closing date this year is Sunday June 3 Oth and sometime during the following week I start my vacation, when I have picked up the pieces after the final closing of the garden gates to visitors.

With all good wishes to you and the household
at Reef Point,

Sincerely yours,

125 Birds

EFGH

approx 12 file drawers

14" high

12" deep or more

22" wide

100 panels weigh 28 lbs.

13 book shelves 12" deep

At least one shelf 16" high

approx