

May 12, 1943.

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

The copy of your letter to Bryce and your letter to me of May 10th have both been received, as well as the envelope containing copy of your Reef Point Lecture for Saturday.

I am so very sorry to know that Mr. Farrand is not well and I realize how concerned you are and that naturally his health is your first and only consideration and even though we would miss you in any case, it is doubly disappointing that you are to have extra care and worry. I just can't put into words my sincere concern over this new problem of yours and pray that the doctor will give you reassurance and promise of a healthful and happy summer in Maine.

I shall take good care of the lecture envelope in case you are to have a substitute and when your other things arrive, should you not be arriving, I shall see that they are returned to you at Reef Point.

Mrs. Bliss has been in telephone communication with Mr. Thacher and, I presume, will make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Van Rensselaer if he is to be here for Saturday.

Miss Madeline Verga who is in Washington doing some recruiting duty for the WAACS phoned this morning to ask when you were coming and said she would like so much to have a chance of seeing you when you were in Washington and I promised to let her know if you did come and had any time available.

The garden tours keep me hopping up and down the stairs these days but the weather is getting pretty hot and today is one of those steaming sticky days when you'd like to doff everything.

I hope someone will be good enough to let me have word of you and Mr. Farrand as soon as possible and I do hope your news will be good and that we may have the pleasure of seeing you as planned.

Sincerely yours,