

October 11, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

You will be relieved to know that at long last I have now received from Mrs. Bliss a check for Fifty Dollars to be used for the purchase of necessary prints etc., for the Garden Guide and Catalogue House work. This check has been turned over to Miss Carpenter to be drawn again as it is required. Mrs. Bliss, finding that she had forgotten to send a check last year, doubled the amount promised.

I have purchased a set of the pamphlets by E. Lawrence Palmer appearing in Nature Magazine on various subjects which I thought might come on very handy for display in the Orangery on open days. The series covers insects, weeds and grasses, animals &c and cost \$6.20.

Mr. Thacher has at last decided on the first open day for the gardens and we are sending out notices to all interested that the gardens will be open from three to six o'clock on Sunday, October 22d, October 29th and November 5th - week day garden tours to be resumed on October 25th until further notice.

I have also received the book you ordered on Mosses by A. J. Grout - it looks too deep for me but perhaps some of my garden visitors might get something from it - I hope so.

Bryce has probably written you about the trees etc., they cut off some of the Paulownia but a good deal of it remains. So many trees had the tops cut off and many more cut right to the ground and tree men are much in evidence all over town cutting off limbs and hauling away the debris. I don't think we lost many trees but the rest of Georgetown seems to have suffered a good deal, maples and larches especially.

Wasn't it sad about poor Mr. Delafield? Can't imagine the office at 67 Wall Street without his presence. I'm sure Mr. Russell will miss him.

You have, of course, heard of the exodus of the delegates and the personnel is moving out this week and we expect to resume a normal life on Monday.

Our brand of weather has been terrible but now the sun is shining and we are hoping the chrysanthemums will do their best to put on a show for the three Sundays specified. Trees are turning, dogwood on the hill is quite red and sassafras is beginning to burn a fiery red. I'm sure you must be indulging your souls in Autumn beauty in Maine.

Please give my kind greetings to your household and hoping to see you soon at Dumbarton Oaks.

Sincerely yours,