

September 22, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

In reply to your letter of the 14th, I am enclosing a list of the planting on 32d Street; also lists for both vegetable gardens. I take it you mean the upper old cutting garden and not the space now being used for vegetables near the Fellows House.

Your second letter came yesterday telling me you thought it unwise to visit Dumbarton Oaks at this time and would defer your visit until the latter part of October. I hope the weather will still be nice - the chrysanthemums ought to be showing at that time. As you probably know we have had plenty of rain for the past week and yesterday quite a few trees lost big branches and the big old Paulownia near the R Street wall had the top taken right out of it. The Blissess also lost a big Oak which fell in the garage driveway.

The confereessare still in session and garden tours will not be resumed until all is quiet on the Dumbarton Oaks front.

I have just finished the typing of the alphabetical list of all the Addisonia prints we received from the Botanical Garden, after much checking and re-checking it now seems to be correct and ready for filing.

In regard to new purchases, I don't know of anything at the moment but should I hear of anything interesting I will refer it to you to see if it is something that would be useful here. I enclose a leaflet from the McFarland Company all on roses but don't know whether we would want any of them - the first item Modern Roses sounds as if it might have some good pictures. You mentioned when you were here that we ought to have Miss Jekyll's book but I don't know if you have ordered it or not.

I hope the enclosed lists will give you the information you need - I'm sorry Bryce doesn't seem to recognize the 'unknown shrub' - it looks to me like Spiraea but I'm only guessing. It is very dark green - small roughish leaves, alternate and the branches are graceful like the Spiraeas - I'm no good at identifying things from pictures - they never look right to me.

If there is anything more I can do, please tell me - I can't tell you what plans will be for the Winter just now - I had expected to talk with you about them when you were here - I have sent notices to the press that tours will be resumed after the delegates have departed.

With all kind greetings to you and all your Reef Point family,

Very sincerely,