January 7, 1949

Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover, Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Stover:

Your letter of the 5th has just arrived and I am chagrined that I neglected to include the two books you mention having been received here, viz., Step and Watson's four volumes of Favorite Flowers of Garden and Greenhouse, as well as Millais' Magnolias, I thought I had acknowledged their receipt at the time I sent you a list of the books received from Elisabeth Woodburn and Staack, but it appears from my letter that the Gregory list was omitted; I'm sorry. Just goes to show how unreliable a mind can be.

I have already notified you of the receipt of Small Country Houses and will look forward to the arrival of Mrs. Loudon's Perennials, which has been doing a lot of traveling about.

Mr. Thacher asked me not to write Mrs. Farrand in re Bryce until he had an opportunity of telling her himself; when I asked him yesterday he said he had not yet done so, but had conferred with Mr. Patterson by phone in regard to the matter.

So glad you had a nice family Christmas and that the weather has been kind; the same prevails here - no snow though it has been predicted frequently.

Sincerely yours,