

Friday April 14th
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Dear Mrs Bliss.

Before going into the
story of Charlottesville and
Monticello - the date brings
to mind that this is a
special red letter day for
you and Mr Bliss and
I want to add my sincere
congratulations and all
good wishes for the future.

Well, the trip to Jeffersons
home at Monticello was

indeed a treat and being
under the auspices of the
Dept of Agriculture paved the
way for the pilgrims to
Monticello. It was a perfect
day. cool & clear & sunny.
The addresses made at the
University and at Monticello
by Pres. & Dean of University
of Virginia and by Secretary
Richard were all pertaining
to Jefferson & his idealistic
farming and his plans
and experiments in aid

of farmers. The other men who spoke were all from the Soil Erosion + Soil Conservation Branches of Dept of Agriculture. There was no one present from Amer. Hort. Soc. I was introduced to the Secretary and the others in charge. There were about 50 people from Washington and about the same number joined the group there. After a picnic lunch on the lawn in front of the house - looking down on Charlottesville and Jeffersons four farms, all went down the hill to the tomb where wreaths from various patriotic organizations were placed.

and a short address by the President
of Rhode Island State College.
Afterwards we were taken to Hadwell
to see the effects of soil erosion.
One place I would have liked to
linger in was the library
at the University. The country
was so pretty with red bud
and pears in blossom but
I don't think anything more
than we are seeing now at
Dumbarton Oaks. It was a
nice surprise to me to have
the opportunity of going. Too
bad Mr Bryce couldn't have
gone I am sure he would
have enjoyed it.

Have you been to Monticello
and Ashlawn (Monroes cottage)?
Its lovely. One of the wreaths
placed on Jeffersons grave
was from the Thomas Jefferson
High School in Brooklyn and
one of the loveliest was made
entirely of baywood and
given in the name of the
Daughters of the Confederacy.
We got back to Washington
at nine oclock tired
and very dirty but so
pleased with the pilgrimage

And I especially was glad
of the opportunity you so
generously gave to me
of spending such a delightful
day in the beautiful
surroundings and loved
to leave it was so charming
in the home - the hostesses
very pleasant and the
people who drove us
around to our various
destinations were all very
kind and friendly.

So another thank you for

your thinking of me. It will
be a very pleasant day to
remember.

I made a visit to the
N.Y. Botanical Garden Library
on Monday while in New York
and gave Miss Hall the
Librarian the slip which
Bryce gave me entitling you
to a share in the plants
to be given to members
of the Horticultural Society

This is rather long winded
but I don't know when I may

be seeing you and I know
you are too busy to telephone to
but I do want you to know
how much I appreciate
your generosity

Sincerely

Anne Sweeney