

The Valley Club of Montecito  
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Miss Anne Sweeney  
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Dear Miss Sweeney:

Your letter has just come in and was the first news I have had, aside from the alarming newspaper dispatches, about the snow situation last Sunday. It must indeed have been a difficult situation for Bryce, and I appreciate how anxious he must have been but think from your report that nothing really devastating has happened. When you say that the magnolia trees were stripped of their crowns, I suppose it means that the blossoms were hurt but apparently nothing very bad.

The worst news in your letter was that you had had one of your "goes of neuralgia". Look after yourself because you will be much needed this coming spring, as both you and I want to make a tip-top record for Harvard.

Thank you so much for the copy of the Dumbarton Oaks picture. I had not seen it and was greatly interested to notice the photograph and your admirable little notice. It is in good taste and says what it means briefly and correctly. Three cheers for you!

You don't know how much I am looking forward to coming to Dumbarton Oaks and to reviewing the work with you. While, of course, the influenza germ has hit me very hard, I hope to be reasonably valid again by the time I reach Dumbarton Oaks. But I shall have to take my usual slow pace as after all I am no longer a young woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss stopped in yesterday on their way home from a journey to Santa Monica to see a friend. It is quite delightful to see how much better he looks than he has for years. She, of course, was tired as she is again overdoing, but on the whole, the year here has given them real benefit, and I think they begin to appreciate the fact that the climate here is a distinct improvement over the vagaries of Washington.

It has occurred to me that possibly in between times - if there are such things - it might be wise for you and me to speak of the possibility of being of some help to Mr. Bryce, as I think it would aid him enormously if you could give him an occasional boost with his seed lists. For example, the orchid flowering list is way behind-time and needs to be entirely revised. Don't say anything about this to him until we have talked it over, as there is no use in starting a subject which may have to be at once quashed.

Yours ever sincerely,

(Dictated but not signed.)

BEATRIX FARRAND