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Miss Anne Sweeney, c/o Mr. James Bryce, 3203 "S" Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

A few days ago an excursion to Santa Barbara gave me a chance for a fairly long talk with Mrs. Bliss. This was welcome, as I had not seen her since last April and we had much to clear up in the way of past news as well as Dumbarton chatter.

She told me she, herself, was arranging for your salary and that she thought, without question, you would be still working on the Catalog House when I came east about the end of April. As Mrs. Bliss told me she was writing you, she may have already imparted this information to you, but in case she has been in one of her usual rushes, I thought I would add just a note of friendly greeting and to inquire how you are getting on as Mrs. Bliss seems rather particularly to want me to see you at Dumbarton in order that we might each be assured that the Catalog House was in nearly finished condition. I do hope you can arrange to stay there as obviously Mrs. Bliss expects this herself.

A copy of this letter is going to Mr. Russell so that he will know what Mrs. Bliss has told me, as often she thinks she has made things clear to her whole group, whereas she has only given her instructions to one person.

You don't need to be told what a disappointment it was not to see you on that wild day in Washington in mid-January. The whole visit was a very difficult one for me, as both Mr. Sachs and Mr. Thacher and I were looking each other over and seeing whether they thought I could be of use. It is not until recently that they have sent me the invitation to continue to work with them and that I feel free to communicate with you.

Do let me have your news, what your progress is and do tell me that you are likely to be there when I go through at the end of April.

With best regards and good wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Beauty Farrand