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Dear Miss Sweeney:

The news about your sister made me quite anxious but the end of your paragraph said she was better and coming home from the hospital, so I hope this nightmare has passed.

It is nice to hear that you are coming to this part of the world and will be here about the 12th of July. Miss Shillaber writes that she is driving up from Boston in her aged chariot so I doubt whether she will get here much before the afternoon or the evening of the 12th, but we shall be glad to see you whenever it is convenient for the trains to land you here. Miss Walter is finding out whether Mrs. Strout - who is by no means well - will take you in, as if not there is another prospect in view, as I think you and Miss Shillaber will be happier if you are not obliged to be under the same roof together. It will leave you both freer. Miss Shillaber is said to be a skillful and rapid cataloguer and I expect that we will all have to watch her and not ask too many questions in order not to delay her too much, but I think we shall learn a good deal not only about cataloguing but perhaps about the care of books and how to file scraps and manuscripts.

As to Mr. Thacher, I think that you and I understand the situation fairly clearly and while it is not an easy one it is one that just has to be accepted with the best grace possible.

You will find enclosed a copy of Miss Shillaber's remarks concerning the Phytanthoza, the prices would to my mind be rather deterrent to Mrs. Bliss as they seem quite high in comparison to the ones Miss Shillaber has sent. No word has yet come from Miss Manks of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society regarding the volumes, but when it does it will be sent you.

With best regards always and hoping to see you and that you will be as pleased to come here as we shall be to have you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Beatrix Farrand*