

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Miss Anne Sweeney
Dumbarton Oaks
3101 R Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Since our plans for mid-May were made a few weeks ago developments have made it advisable for Mr. Farrand and me to go to Boston tomorrow night so that he can have a check-over by his doctors who have had him in charge for some two or three years.

Naturally my plans (as I have already written Mr. Thacher) will have to depend on what the doctors say as to what they feel advisable for him and as my coming to Washington is therefore uncertain I have written Mrs. Bliss suggesting that if I can't be in Washington that Mr. Van Rensselaer either read the Reef Point lecture and show the slides or that he give a talk on the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens at the Saturday evening meeting. If he decides to use the Reef Point slides and manuscript they will be in your hands. A rectangular wooden box will contain the slides, and the manuscript for the talk will be contained in the envelope of this letter. My clothes will be sent you, and other papers, and if I do not reach Washington they can be returned to me here in Bar Harbor addressed to Miss Walter. If the Reef Point lecture and slides are not used on Saturday they also can go back to Reef Point for another occasion.

Mr. Farrand caught cold on the way east and partly as the result of this and perhaps an added touch of flu he has been pretty miserable for the last two or three weeks and I am glad he has decided to go to Boston to be looked over.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand