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Dear Mr. Thacher:

Your letter of the 9th has just come at noon today and I quite see your point of view. Give me a day or two to think out the question and to give you a more reasoned answer than if I should at once impulsively and perhaps mistakenly give you my thoughts on the matter.

If you are thinking of using the space below the green houses for storing the objects of value, it would seem likely that you would need some heat in those cellars which have never been damp proofed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss both look astonishingly well and you will, I know, be glad to learn that she is deeply and really interested in several of the projects here. So that her mind is somewhat distracted from the crazy situation of the world. She is working hard at the Botanic Garden and thinking things through clearly and wisely and in a way perhaps she feels as most of us do, that this tragedy was inevitable and that perhaps it is better for us to be as united as we now are, than rangling and arguing as we have been for the last few months.

Will you forgive me if this letter is not signed by me as it will go out in an earlier mail than I could otherwise catch. You will hear again from me before long, as soon as there has been a chance to think your suggestion over and to speak of it with the two concerned.

Thank you for inquiring for my Chief. The quiet life here on the shores of the so-called Pacific seems to agree with him and we are leading a vegetable existence which I hope will build up his strength and spirits.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand
(enc.)