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Dear Mr Thacher;

Please forgive a very late answer to your letter of last December enclosing a cheque for \$ 850.00 to pay for my time and expenses from July 1th to December 31th 1944; the cheque has not been deposited as I am not yet sure what the total will be but can assure you that the amount will be smaller rather than larger than the amount sent.

Thank you also for your niceness in sending the five reprints of the Dumbarton pamphlet..

It was good to know that you thought it was worth while to reprint and that you are selling copies for fifteen cents..

You are kind to say I may have more copies but if I need them I hope you will let me buy them.

The Postcard question often comes to mind and I wonder if you have made any decision and placed any order, if not would it not be wise to let Miss Sweeney do something about collecting prices and samples during her slow months as it would be pleasant to have them for sale as soon as possible.

If you approve this idea will you kindly read the enclosed letter to Mr David Finley and have it shown to Miss Sweeney so that she will understand the situation and her part in it..

It seems to me as if Miss Sweeney could help in getting prices and samples in colours and plain cards of really good quality..

It is bound to take time to get the machinery <sup>re</sup>stated and Dumbarton Oaks must surely have cards to sell that we do not have to make excuses for.

A letter to Miss Sweeney is also enclosed that perhaps you can see she receives and she might also be shown the letter to Mr Finley if you approve. *Please read the letter to Miss Sweeney.*

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The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is able to get either coloured or plain Post cards of quite fair quality for \$ 25.00 a thousand and these they expect to sell at five cents each.

We may have to do some shopping to get as good prices; and we may even think it best to order them <sup>from</sup> the man who makes them for the garden here.

Can you tell me what you think Harvard could afford to invest in Post cards to use for future sale.

Please do not think that silence on my part has meant either a lack of manners or interest but I found myself rather battered after the anxiety over my Chiefs illness,

And my own troubles with inner ear and gout have taken much out of me and I fancy it will be slow work to get back again.

My Chief is better but naturally I am making <sup>a</sup> no plans for the spring until we see how things go.

A recent letter from Bryce says you have both wisely and kindly arranged for a Florida holiday in February for him and his wife <sup>as</sup> he must have been pretty miserable with his New Years day cold.

If you can give me a word of news of Mr and Mrs Bliss I shall be grateful.

Bryce says Mrs Bliss seems fairly well and she hopes to go to France whenever it may be possible.

How do things go with you? I trust you are escaping the miserable influenzas most people seem to be having.

It was interesting to hear from Bryce that you have decided after all to try another year of vegetable growing.

With friendeest regards from us both

Ever sincerely yours..

*Beatrix Farrand*