

D.O. Tuesday April 28. 42
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Dearest of dears -

It is the same enchanted spot, spring, birds, sun - but it is of course different - A letter as to the work will go presently - All eager for news of you both, & for the promised photographs - are they on the way?

It appears the main reason for so keenly wishing you to be here on Mr. Thacker's part is the question of nationality which is an anxiety to him, as he does not believe any of the board realize the situation - So he hopes & wishes you'll be here about May 20-25 - to see the condition of yourself - As usual with the race, it is

hard to hold, & gradually, per-
haps unconsciously, the weight
of influence is being thrown to
a drone-like type of work,
centred on what he himself
is interested in, & which, while
most useful, is of the accumu-
lative type rather than of the
larger human outgoing sort.
It is hard to hold the "enemy
alien" as he is, as he is all
smiles one day, & Kim writes
in quite a personally unfriend-
ly & unsympathetic tone about
the way the executive officer
is managing - Mr. T. sees a
slow gradual centring of interest
on himself ^(the enemy a.) & his work & a slow
growth of his dominance
in the D.O. affairs - which
of course would be bent to

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his way of thinking, rather
than the wider scope originally
intended. The situation is not
actually acute, & the Ex. Off. is
keeping his temper (no easy matter)
& all is apparently smooth. But
the definite appointment will
be made for the full year, at
the meeting on May 30. Unless
you can have seen things here &
unless you perceive the situation
as it is - A very delicate one
to be sure, but one far more risky
to the future of the humanistic
side of D.O. than the board real-
izes. It is the self-centred mind
of the race, somewhat reckless in
getting its way, competent & not
straightforward. His sessions
does not see the difficulty, but

Mr Clark is awake to it, & as
the Ex. off. has wisely kept his
anxieties & difficulties to
himself, he knows not what
other views there are. It appears
the person in question has been in
this county 10 years & is still
a subject of his native land -
It is of course hard to think
that an American would be
living in his county under like
conditions - but perhaps is
indicative of the whole situation.

Probably the answer will
come to-day or to-morrow with
regard to the proposed use of
the two thousand acres - Mr.
T. thinks the answer of the cor-
poration will be affirmative -
Then the move must begin &
a re-arrangement of officers.

worked out, as they need all 3
the basement. It would be
sensible to close the dining room
for a while - store its furniture
in one part of it, & use the other
part for offices - There are hardly
likely to be parties requiring more
than the library & except the room -
would you think it is sensible
if required? as it so seems to me.

The storm damage is "spotty"
a magnolia badly stripped
here, a maple injured here, but
no key plants have perished -
The lawns are lovely, the green
garden strangely widowed
without its "wife - tree" - The
rose garden vastly improved
with its reduced edgings &
more rose room - The flower fair
terrace promising - & the cherry

Will reported to have been lovely -
Mr. T. has quite won Bryce, a
real achievement as B says of
him, "a grand man" which is his
highest praise -

The library a fine room, book
work yet finished - The new tank
gates ask of the question for the
moment as no tank obtainable
in war time. They will be strapped
& made valid till they can be
replaced -

All are gone to Giuseppe's
funeral, such a release from suffering.
Bryce told me all you were doing
done & had done for him & his -
you are a splendid pair in
loyalty & generosity -

Harvey is here to-day & Russell
to-morrow. I hope to have news
for you as to Park work & costs -
I now to work myself!
Yours ever & always
Trix -