

Keep for me

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
1537 28th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Mildred:

This morning Mr. Russell's note came with the check for \$250. to Max's memorial fund to Reef Point Gardens. It is just like Milrob to want Max to be remembered in the place we both love so well and you will I think approve of the use of the gifts in memory of the first part of Max's purchase of enduringly useful books which will remain here in the Reef Point Gardens library for the use of students and visitors. Max is so associated in everyone's mind with books and their wise use that I am hoping the Directors will approve of putting the memorial fund aside for what I am very certain Max would have himself enjoyed using.

For instance, books like some of Mrs. Loudon's Bulb or Perennial books, the Dykes book on Tulip Species, possible one of the good rose books and rhododendron books, and so on. Each book bought from the memorial fund will have its special label saying that it comes from this fund in memory of Max.

Although this is but a minute enterprise in comparison with Dumbarton nevertheless I am much pleased that in the last five or six weeks we have had over 500 counted visitors besides others who have probably slipped in without being counted. It seems to be taking its place here in the community and now my principal job just be "readying" the enterprise so that it will continue when I too disappear from the garden. Just now the Mulleins are dramatically lovely, some of them eight and nine feet high and accompanied by waving spires of orange Turks Cap lilies which outstrip them in height and in elegance. How I wish you were here not only to see what there is but that I might have the joy and comfort of being with you even though for a brief moment.

Yours ever with deep affection and gratitude from

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