

Tuesday evening -
Dec 30.

Thank you my dear, you
always know, just how
things stand in heart &
mind. Of course I was sorry
not to see you this evening
as it would have meant
much, but it's a deep
happiness to be wanted &
needed by each two, as we
are -

For Berkeley, I am certain,
he felt & knew this best
decision - that the swap had
come & that he was an old
man, no longer able to call

on mind or body to carry
 out his orders - He knew
 it meant a steadily growing
 submergence in old ages &
that he minded - He was
 one of the most unvaryingly
 high minded men I have
 ever known, humorous &
 sometimes caustic, but true
 steady & straight - It has
 been a deep affection between
 us since our youth, & Max
 joined the two with his
 appreciation of Berkeley's
 work, & that made a triple
 bond - Berkeley was lonely
 but never asked for pity, or

anything but the same
 understanding outlook and
 life as he had both individu-
 ally & professionally - His
 example is a fine one to
 try to follow - For him I am
 glad it is over, as his distress
 over the war was not after
 spoke of, but it shortened his
 life -

We shall miss him
 constantly -

Yours - Trix

As to the D.O. situation,
 it would seem to me well

work while to keep a care
for the best of the plants - Are
they not objects of beauty
like gold ornaments or
enamel? The "heads" may not
know how much they mean
in keeping up spirits & giving
the hard days ahead at least
some beauty - To sacrifice them
unless necessary seems to show
lack of understanding -

Could you manage a
Saturday afternoon - Fri-
day is "eyes" again - for
tid touching up & consequent
travelling of sight - My dearest
love to Robert & my arms
around you - Yours Truly
P.T.O.

Don't forget New Year's
bench at one - unless
the Iron Tower ordains
a Command Performance!

My very friendly
& sympathetic greetings to
Mr. Thacher, please -