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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
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Dearest Mildred:

My wooly mind has finally extricated the name of the secretarial service of which I spoke to you telephonically a few days ago. I found the Montecito Secretarial Service in East Valley Road quite satisfactory in the one or two times I used them.

Isn't it curious that the day after we were talking about the purchase of books for Dumbarton Oaks, a catalogue came from Dulau in which I should like to ask your permission to buy the folio W.R. Dykes, "Notes on Tulip Species" price six pounds; and the J.C. Loudon "Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum" at a price of three pounds ten. Perhaps it would be wise if you would permit me to ask whoever is in charge of the garden books (not under Miss Sweeney's care) to send me a list of the rare books so that I know what is on hand - that is if you would like me to be of any purchasing use. There are three or four other small books by Farrer and Miss Jekyll amounting perhaps in all to two or three pounds which should be ordered if they are not already in the library.

A note has just come from Mr. Bullard saying that they seem to be starting on the parking space and are eagerly looking forward to seeing you and learning from you what you think of our general schemes. You are so well accustomed to seeing things torn up that perhaps you will console the agitated Mr. Van Rensselaer who mourns the loss of one or two of his dear trees and can't quite see the finished result, which I think Mr. Bullard and one or two other members of the Board understand.

Yours ever devotedly,

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