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My dearest and my ever so near:

It is good to get back home, the familiar trees and flowers bring quiet and contentment and nearness to Max as nowhere else.

I am tired both mentally and physically but my good medico leader, Dr. Ragle, finds me sound and as he says with a grin "well-preserved" - so one must just learn to go slow.

The definite letter of appointment from Harvard has come telling me they have made me Consulting Landscape Gardener to the Arnold Arboretum. It is a great honour to be asked to come back to the place where Mr. Sargent trained and taught me fifty-three years ago. Let us hope the group that have chosen me will not be disappointed. Will you please tell good Mr. Thacher and trusty Bryce.

You know how sorry I am not to come to Oakdom this spring, Mr. Patterson is keen to go, and much pleased to have been asked. He has been a good collaborator with me and is to work at the Arboretum with me. He has been a good friend to Reef Point and will give his very best to Dumbarton. It will take him a little while to learn the tune, but he has seen the place and is "much impressed" by it!

No more today.

Your devoted

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Mr. Patterson tells me that he and Mr. Thacher have arranged for three days at Dumbarton May 27th to 29th inclusive.