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My very dearest:

The days go on and before long I shall be heading Dumbarton Oakward and shall be with you in heart during all the few hours there. As far as now seems likely I shall go ahead and finish up the "odds and ends" suggested to you in the supplementary estimates: Supports for the terrior roof; Melissande Allee wall; Legs for the Terrior seat; Slimming of the Forsythia gate monogram; Revision of the D-terrace gate.

You will I know be glad to hear that the Museum tablet is nearly finished and you will lament poor Coles's accident to the historic tablet which all but cost him his life. Mercifully good Coles is uninjured except for a few bruises and hurt feelings, but it seems that the two side tablets got away from him on their trolleys and as he expressed it, "both of them fell on him". Sturdy little figure as he is I can't imagine anyone surviving such a crash. Bryce reports that he fears one of the tablets is too much broken to be possible to repair, but I am going into this with Mr. Coles and will definitely report to you when we happily meet in early December.

You will like to know that such a happy letter has just come from Miss Sweeney announcing the arrival of the Eucalyptus tree picture by Mr. Parshall. She seems so pleased, far beyond what her somewhat inexpressive countenance can express: just another one of the many understanding and enriching gifts you give to those near you.

There is more than a possibility of being able to revise the central historic tablet and before long I hope to have definite information about this which will at once be transmitted to you.

Miss Havey says she fears the cost of making the drawing for the sundial is going to seem to you rather over high as she thinks it may run to nearly \$200., but I am suggesting to her a method of having some of her calculations done which should reduce her own time and the consequent cost.

The master of the house leaves for Boston tomorrow to have a check-up made by his medicos. I truly think he is having this done as much to pacify me as to assure himself that all is as right as I believe it to be. He is definitely better and while no one at his age recovers from any intestinal ~~in~~fection with speed and light-heartedness, still he is really more like himself both as to spirits and digestion. So I have no fear for the verdict which I look forward to with a quiet mind.

