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Mildred dear:

It is good news, in which you will rejoice with me, to hear that courageous Mr. Delafield and Mr. Russell are coming to this part of the world for two days in early October. Everything apparently is arranged as they wish it, as rooms are taken for them at the Asticou Inn at Northeast Harbor, so they should be comfortable and well fed, and, as they are coming by motor, they will be independent and can come and go as seems best to them. You know without my saying it how eagerly I look forward to their visit. They will be encouraged, as I am, since we have had one or two rather discerning visitors, and one of them--the Executive Secretary of the American Society of Landscape Architects--at once saw the possibilities and feels that, when we are more ordered and our books more available, the scholars we wish to attract will find meat to their nourishment. There is, of course, still an immense amount of cataloguing and arranging to do, but we are plugging along with it, together with the outdoor work.

Within the last few days a Seal Harbor neighbor of ours who has considerable experience in large projects made a visit to Reef Point Gardens and us and, while I should not want him quoted, I think you will like to know that he felt the establishment was well worthwhile and trying to do the same sort of educational work as Williamsburg. This seemed to me full of perception on his part and reassuring.

Just now Clementine and I are looking forward to a week of real holiday, as we are expecting to start for Canada next week, to be gone for eight or so days. It will be a change and a rest, as we are taking no work with us, and as the last weeks have been heavy and straining, the let-down will be all to the good.

This letter sails out into space, as your whereabouts are so vague in my silly mind that the communication must go through Mr. Russell, but, wherever you are and whenever this reaches you, it will carry to you not only my deep affection but my equally deep gratitude for your visit here and your understanding of what we are trying to do. To you and Robert my constant love always.

Yours,

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(Mrs. Max Farrand)