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December 21st, 1940

Jack,
Just please know
now as say I'm sick at
present - as I am
then here for a card
- with.

Prof. Paul J. Sachs,
The Fogg Museum,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Please thank Mrs. Sesside
for her nice letter
of the 21st

Dear Prof. Sachs:

Your letter, postmarked December 18th, has caught us just as we are leaving for New York.

In past years Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have spoken frequently regarding their plans for the transfer of Dumbarton Oaks to Harvard University. They told me the actual conveyance would be made at the beginning of this month.

The composition of the Administrative Committee shows that the various Dumbarton Oaks activities have all been considered.

Your kind praise of the gardens should be given as freely to Mrs. Bliss as to me, since we have always worked together harmoniously and happily. The suggestion that I continue to give a few days to the garden from time to time interests me deeply. In many ways I should like to carry on my association with Dumbarton out of loyalty to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss and affection for the place itself. There is no doubt in my mind, however, that the change of ownership must make a decided alteration in the running of the gardens, as the educational interest must be paramount. I should like to talk with Mr. Thacher, the Resident Director, and hope it may be arranged. It will then be easier to see whether a tentative arrangement could be made, which would be mutually agreeable. The times and seasons for visits do not offer any problem, as our home is in Bar Harbor, and we expect, in the future, to increase the length of our stay in Maine.

We shall be at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York from December 26th to 31st, as my husband is this year's President of the American Historical Association. On the 31st I expect to go to the New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue, for the Yale work, and to remain there until January 5th or 6th. After that, I may either come back to New York

and go directly west, or there is a possibility of returning to California by way of the South, in which case I could see Mr. Thacher on my way through Washington.

Thank you for the suggestion that I continue to give some oversight to cherished Dumbarton. It would seem as though the quiet grounds might become a very real part of the life of the students, and I hope it may be possible to continue my association in the new venture.

With best regards and good wishes for the season, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand
