

January 19, 1942

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand
Valley Club of Montecito
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mrs. Farrand,

Thank you for your letter of January 13th. I am glad that the orangery question has been clarified, and as you probably have heard from Mr. Bryce, I have given him instructions that no changes will be made for the present, at least.

I appreciate your quoting from Mr. Sachs' letter. I am sure that Mr. Sachs' statements were only made from the point of view of our inability to make definite plans and commitments for the future. It is exactly the same procedure that is used in connection with the Library, Fellowships, or any phase of our work here, so that I hope you are not alarmed. In any case, unless some unforeseen emergency should occur, there is no need for making any changes in our plans regarding the gardens until we next meet and take up the question of the coming year, just as we did last Spring and Autumn.

Mr. Sachs is coming down here the end of the week for a visit of several days, which will give us a good opportunity to talk things over.

I am sorry if you have been upset and I urge you again not to worry.

I do wish one could persuade Mr. Bliss to go to Arizona where the air and climate would be better for him than Santa Barbara, but perhaps this year you are having a dry season.

I hope that you are well and that Mr. Farrand continues to improve.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P. S. I am wondering whether you have heard anything regarding Mr. and Mrs. Bliss' contribution toward Miss Sweeney's salary. There is no hurry, except that it should be in hand before June 1st. I thought I would mention it as it just passed through my mind.