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Dear Mrs. Farrand,

Thank you for your two letters, the last of which written in long hand reached me last evening.

As you probably know Mrs. Bliss finally reached me on the telephone Sunday afternoon. I am extremely sorry that she was so much upset about my suggestion for moving the orchids, etc., into the orangery. I hope that I was able to assure her that they never would be moved into that space unless it was definitely decided that the orangery was deemed suitable.

I feel very sad that she was so vehement against what she believed to be the attitude of the Board, as no mention of the Board has ever been made in connection with this particular problem.

If the subject should come up again I would deeply appreciate it if you could clarify this point in Mrs. Bliss' mind.

The garden tours have dwindled down to a mere minimum, but Miss Sweeney tells me that the schools are planning to continue some of the tours in connection with their courses in botany, next month, and I am sure that when spring comes Miss Sweeney will be swamped with visitors.

I should like nothing better than to be able to come west for a visit, but unless it should be absolutely essential for me to do so, I do not see how I can get away from here just now. Should such an occasion arise I am sure you will let me know, as when you so wisely called me last spring.

With all good wishes to you both, and hoping that we may have at least a few moments of peace and happiness in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

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