

February 22, 1947

Dearest Trix:

Before me are your letters of November 5th, 21st and 23rd and your note of December 1st and letters of January 8th and two of the 10th.

November 5th: The HERBACEOUS BORDER is more of a problem to me every time I study it and I am not at all sure that the yew hedges should be removed at present. Simply because I do not see the alternative. I recognize, of course, that sooner or later the yew hedges must be altered and obviously, "sooner the better while we are all alive to supervise the change, but I do not quite "see" it and the more I study the north vista the more afraid I am of a treatment by walls. Do, I beg of you, mull over this whole unit very thoroughly this winter and as you will, I feel sure, - barring illness - make Dumbarton Oaks a visit in the Spring, we should then be able to decide definitively what is to be done.

By now you, of course, know what site has been selected for the Director's house at the Botanic Garden. Mr. Bullard wrote that you had been of the greatest possible help and he was greatly interested and steadied by your counsel.

Is your strength returning as prophesied by Dr. Rag^l? I want very much to know just how you are feeling my dear.

November 21st: This letter was a particular pleasure to read; - all the news of economies - increased enthusiasm on the part of the workers - master plans - authorization of the survey - and your own confidence in the value of the Garden as a whole. Bless you for that!

November 23rd - This little note brought with it the notes which you read to the Board and which should be on file, incorporated in the Garden records as well as circularized to the Board members. Probably it has been done long since. At any rate I must tell you that I have used both it and your recommendation to the Arboretum (published in *Arnoldia* of November 1st) to great advantage in talking with the Dean of the Cathedral. Perhaps it was foolish but at least you will understand that I found it irresistible to collaborate with the Committee which is now being formed to get on with the work of Mount St. Alban. When the appeal came from the Cathedral I suggested to Robert that as the Church itself would unquestionably be finished it would be more constructive to start a Fund by contributing to the exterior landscape problem of the Mount itself. This novel procedure has achieved so far two of my many desiderata: - 1 - the creation of a small Committee which will deal with the Council and - 2 - the creation of a master plan; and - 3 - the making of a three dimensional map of the sixty acres.

56 B.
Bullard

