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Dearest Trix:

Would that I could run up to Bar Harbor to see you; but that, alas, is not within the realm of possibilities this year. We had to attend the Conference of the Association of Museums in Canada but forego that part of the trip which would have taken us down the St. Lawrence, as we could not afford the two or three extra days. A trunk leaves for Santa Barbara on the 20th, the motor leaves this afternoon and we go noon of the 22nd to the Mirasol as last year.

The plan is to come back for three days packing and set sail on the Mauretania August 22nd, returning to Georgetown by air October 22nd to scrub and shampoo and catch our breaths before President Conant and the Corporation meet at Dumbarton Oaks Saturday and Sunday, the 25th and 26th. Holding the meeting there is, I believe, a major Harvard earthquake as they have not left the banks of the Charles for near three hundred years; so there is nothing for it but for us to be back here in time.

As Constantinople and Cairo cannot be visited before October we do these last, which is the reason for going this year, and fly back - an abhorrent prospect for me! September will be spent flying from London to Stockholm - Stockholm to Hanover - Hanover to Paris (with a day in Brussels and another in Geneva), then flying to Italy - Rome, Florence, Ravenna - thence flying to Constantinople. In Turkey we shall see naught but that great city, ~~xx~~ Basra, and only fly to Ankara if the Wilsons cannot be in Constantinople. Then we fly to Cairo and if still alive 28th and Que will be the next and last port of call.

I will send you an occasional postcard but I don't pretend I shall write you long letters dear, much as I should like to. But next year I hope to see you, Reef Point and the Azaleas. This has been a most beautiful Spring but the first heat-wave is now upon us and letters must be short.

Enclosed is the little card I had written when ordering a copy of the "Ten Centuries of Flowers" for you. Belle Greene counters that you ordered it for yourself and that on May 26th a complimentary copy was sent you. Hence only the message of affection but not the second catalogue.

Your letter of May 26th regarding the Garden Center is no surprise because Thacher had already dropper similar seeds into my mind. I agree with the general principle and hope the details can and will be wisely worked out within the coming year so that 1949 could see the construction.

Your May 26th note regarding the Botanic Garden is very pleasant reading as are the letters from Mr. Bullard and Van Rensselaer.

