

March 1, 1952

Mr. Robert W. Patterson
Bar Harbor
Maine

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Your letter came nearly three weeks ago and I am sorry not to have answered it more promptly, but what three weeks these have been, you can hardly imagine. With my husband in the hospital, an official guest and visits from the Provost of Harvard with sundry minor crises like canine surgery here and there, a whole new set of arrears has been added to those remaining from Christmas!

I asked Mr. Russell to send you a check for the bill you enclosed and am glad at least of an opportunity to tell you that unless the skies fall completely, we fully expect to build the garden pavillion.

Next week I shall be in Washington and have talks with Mr. Thatcher which will establish the mechanism for the activities to be undertaken once the Garden Endowment Fund is officially in action.

Thanks for the sketches of the three possibilities which you sent Mr. Thatcher. We shall also be able to go over those.

My husband's convalescence is most satisfactory and we expect to be back at home by the twenty-second of March.

With many kind greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss