Mrs. Bliss

Suggestions discussed with Mr. Patterson with regard to his first visit to Dumbarton Caks, May 27-28-29,1946 Broke sono only madelpery A. Fortovor Worante Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Parrand agree entirely that addimionel paving while perhaps not immediately needed is desirable to provide near the orangery where the garden visitors congregate. Additional space is now or will be needed both south and north of the middle doors. X These recommendations will be further discussed with Mr. Thacher on Mr. Patterson's forthcoming visit in Ame. all grows S, E. N. Carl take much more & Mrs. Farrand strongly recommends drastic pruning of the Figus in the orangery so that it may again be a decoration rather than an envelopment to this lovely little building. Mrs. Farrand would like to see almost the whole of the cast end of the orangery free of Figus and further saving : done on the west end so that some of the floor space is available for the circulation of visitors. Mrs. Ferrand has long felt that the covering of the beams and the "eyebrows" of the windows were too heavy and feels that restraint in the growth of the creeper would show the charming lines of the building. Justien of defel Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Farrand also agree completely that safe and comfortable steps are essential between the north gate of the rose garden and the south entrance to the herbaceous border. Ers. Farrand is therefore writing to Bryce asking for accurate figures on the difference of the levels between these two points. let one side of agrarias. Voreyas ment to of cortain thinning was decided upon, among other places the wall plenting on the north face of the Dumberton Cake house and the tennis court wall, and in all likelihood to make a record of what seems desirable in the way of perpanent planting and its maintenance. The has done ha bis Roperto -7 Additional thinning is probably required in the plantations , around the border of the east lawn and possibly some thinni

they insist on replacing by aquairas?

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A most constructive suggestion was made by Mr. Patterson with regard to the trestment of the herbaceous border and its surroundings. As a result of their agreement the two consultants therefore suggest that instead of building walls on either side of the berbaceous border as had been previously suggested, that a heavy border of deciduous and evergreen shrubs be planted on either side of the border in order to replace the two You hadges which are difficult to maintain and which will become increasingly unsightly es they become more aged. Instead of a long wall down the steep slope this border of shrubs will give an informal line to the border and will mereover narrow the space quite considerably for the planting of berbaceous and annual plants. This should decrease the cost of upkeep materially. Around the two Yews at the top and bottom of the walk low stone walls might be constructed of approx mately the height of the Yew hedges and low stone wells across the east end of the upper kitchen garden. The construction of these low walls and the replacement of the hedge on the sloping ground will allow the eli ination of all the Yew hedges by either permanent and easily replaceable plantations or I con a tone wells. Kup Some your hedge

The plenting on either side of the herbaceous border could well be made harmonious with both the orchard on the south side and the stone walls on the north side of the steps.

Juste North Vista

The temporary wooden rail fence should be much more thoroughly covered with evergreen creepers such as honeyauckle or ivy, so that the rail fence would disappear and become more like a section of the well. The re-planting and restudying of the planting in the north vista seems a necessity as clearly the two Yew clumps on either side of the north entrance do not look well. These should be removed, casibly two big Box clumps from the rose garden might be placed in the northeast and northwest corners.

As the exaless in the Star are magnificent as plants but overgrown as accents to this space, it is suggested that the largest of these plants be taken out and used on the bank north of the swimming pool and that the overgrown plants be replaced by smaller ones of the same sort.

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At Dumbarton as in most other places one of the serious problems concerns the parking of motor cars. The space in front of the south door is clearly inadequate for crowds and as chauffeur-driven cars are the exception rather than the rule in these days it would seem necessary to find a parking space more or less adjacent to the grounds and to keep the small parking area in front of the front door for cars of invalids.

From Mr. Patterson's report it is also quite clear that creepers have been allowed to grow to undue size and that they hide the views which used to be attractive from the box terrace to the rose garden and that they over-encumber the walls and steps leading from the box terrace to the rose garden. It might even be wise to clear a space where a view of the rose garden could conveniently be seen from both the south and the north borders in the box terrace, and to restrain the creepers in their uncurbed enthusiasm.

On Mr. Patterson's next journey many of these details will be discussed and further studies made of individual areas and consultations as to the walk widenings seem also desirable.

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