

Mrs. Bliss

Suggestions discussed with Mr. Patterson with regard to his first visit to Dumbarton Oaks, May 27-28-29, 1946

Bryce says only in adjacency of Front door to orangery
Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Farrand agree entirely that additional 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. These recommendations will be further discussed with Mr. Thacher on Mr. Patterson's forthcoming visit in June.

all grows S, E - N. Cult take much more of
Mrs. Farrand strongly recommends drastic pruning of the Ficus 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 east end of the orangery free of Ficus and further paving done on the west end so that some of the floor space is available for the circulation of visitors. Mrs. Farrand 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. *question of degree -*

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. Mrs. Farrand is therefore writing to Bryce asking for accurate figures on the difference of the levels between these two points. *yes*

idea on W side of Aquarias - Foreyas went to J. Th.
Certain thinning was decided upon, among other places the wall planting on the north face of the Dumbarton Oaks house and the tennis court wall, and in all likelihood to make a record of what seems desirable in the way of permanent planting and its maintenance. *that it was done in big Report -*

Additional thinning is probably required in the plantations around the border of the east lawn and possibly some thinning in the orchard north of the herb garden and the rose garden

why insist on replacing by Aquarias?

