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Dear Dr. Kennedy,

I am exceedingly sorry that a Botanic Garden engagement with Mr. Ames, on Saturday prevents my going over to Hal's Japan Cherry- and Appleblossom Tea. We had invited the Ames²ses to take luncheon on that day to meet Professor Moore who is much charmed by Mrs. Ames's beautiful drawings. He says that they are really the finest drawings he has seen in this line of work, and he is not apt to be uncritical in his praise. Thinking that it would be a pleasant thing to let Mrs. Ames meet Moore, we have arranged this luncheon for Saturday.

And, so, I am prevented from seeing Hal's new house and you and Mrs. Kennedy in your house then. I have sent Hal a note of regret which he will get, I hope, in time.

There is nothing very new to report here, except the rather satisfactory budget of the Garden for the fiscal year. I shall be able to close the year in July, it now appears, with only a small deficit. (over)

Of minor funds, we have still some available for special purposes; for instance, your gift towards binding and continuations, which doubtless you have forgotten, is not yet all spent, and we have ~~one~~ two other unexpended funds of small amount.

I was very sorry that you didn't come over to the meeting of the instruction committee. Mr. Nash presided well, and the meeting was good. He will probably show you the report of proceedings.

Just now I am waiting for the meeting of our University Botanical Club which is to hear a paper this afternoon by Dr. Chrysler on certain morphological characters of Gramineae. It ought to be good, for he is a clear expositor. He has been selected as instructor in Botany for the coming year and we expect great things of him.

It is now time for me to go down stairs and take my seat before the magic lantern, without which, now-a-days, no talk appears to be complete. With best wishes to you and yours, I will shut up this machine with au revoir, hasta la vista, and auf Wiedersehen, just as if you were here.

Yours faithfully
G. L. S.



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