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December 16, 1954

Dr. R. C. Allen
Kingswood Center
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear Ray:

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Dr. R. C. Allen

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Let me assure you that I have been rather thoroughly briefed on the legal aspects of the case by one of the best legal minds in the country, and I have also had some very good botanical and horticultural advice. You may be sure that I made sure that I was not going off half-cocked when I distributed nearly 600 copies of that letter at my own expense.

I shall surely be pleased if you can join us as a member and help us to restore the Arboretum to its former status, a formidable, but by no means impossible task.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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April 1, 1957

Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

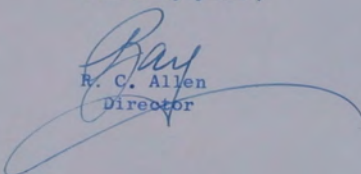
I was interested in your letter to Dr. Pusey. You certainly gave him both barrels. I can't help but feel sorry for Dr. Howard because I like him personally and his only choice seems to be the frying pan or the fire, and as far as I know, none of the controversy was really of his making.

While I have not been particularly steamed up about this controversy, I am beginning to get that way now because it seems pretty obvious that the good intentions of Dr. Howard in revitalizing the arboretum are not materializing. Whether it is because of him, the arboretum staff, or Harvard Administration, I do not know.

I shall be interested in what Pusey says if he ever replies. Undoubtedly you are quite right in the implication that he doesn't know what it is all about.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


R. C. Allen
Director

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R. C. ALLEN, PH. D., DIRECTOR

December 9, 1954

*Sent Winters Swampcroft talk
1/11/55*

Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Ave.
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear George:

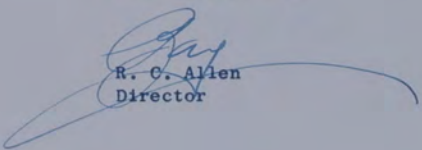
It was good to hear from you even though by a form letter arguing a point of view with which I am not fully in accord. I can understand why people are getting steamed up about the relationship between Harvard and the Arboretum, but as far as I can see there is a lot of misinformation being dispensed and things are not nearly as bad as they seem.

When I was in Boston at the time of the American Horticultural Congress I was one of a group that visited both the set-up at Harvard and also the Arboretum. I can't see where any great damage has been done the Arboretum through the consolidation of facilities. As a matter of fact, it has relieved the pressure on the Arboretum's building to the extent that it now has some public use. I have considerable confidence in Dr. Howard and I'm all for giving him a chance to see what he can do. At least I think he's an improvement over his predecessor as far as upholding the interests of the Arboretum is concerned. Anyway he isn't responsible for the original plan; it has just become his duty to carry it out. It's my belief that we should give him a chance and if after a year or two he doesn't seem to be making any progress toward getting the Arboretum back as an effective institution there will still be time enough to holler.

If you ever get out this way I hope you'll pay us a visit. We have a rather interesting institution that we're trying to develop.

I send best personal wishes.

Sincerely yours,


R. C. Allen
Director

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Encl.

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R. C. ALLEN, PH. D., DIRECTOR

January 18, 1955

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1/28/55*

Mr. George L. Slate
New York State Experiment Station
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

Thanks a lot for sending me the copy of John Wister's address before the Federated Garden Clubs of Massachusetts. I have talked with John a number of times about this matter and I know how he feels. From his point of view he is quite justified but in my opinion the situation is not all bad. I think Dr. Bailey was most indiscreet in statements made about the arboretum and the plan he was proposing. Actually I don't think Dr. Bailey was the best man to work out the plan except that probably he didn't have much else to do and it did keep him busy. Actually the finished plan probably had the ideas of many people in it.

When you come right down to it though, George, it isn't the rules, regulations, money, or anything else that makes an institution worthwhile but the people running it. The fact that the arboretum was strong and highly important during the days of Sargeant and Wilson was not the result of how the arboretum was set up, financed, operated, or whether the herbarium and library were in Cambridge or Jamaica Plain. The arboretum's prestige and value stemmed directly from the personality, knowledge, drive, and special interests of the two men. While Wilson adequately replaced Sargeant, no one has adequately replaced Wilson. Probably no one ever will but it seems to me that it would be quite possible for someone to do a job for the arboretum that in his own way would be comparable to what Wilson did.

In all this squabble the emphasis has been placed upon legal questions and such relatively unimportant details as what part of the library should be housed at Harvard, what part of the herbarium should be over there, and where the director should have his office. To me the important question is more a moral one. Are the people charged with administering, maintaining, and promoting the arboretum doing the best possible job in keeping with the intent of the founder? If they aren't then I think a fire should be built under the administration of Harvard University to see that it is. Personally I think Dr. Howard is capable of handling the arboretum to the best possible advantage of the public and he should be given a chance to try without the extra burden of being sniped at. The goal should be to run the arboretum so that it performs its rightful public service. How the minor details are handled should be strictly up to the people who do the work.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. Allen
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February 8, 1955

Please return to Slate

Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

Thanks a lot for your letter of January 28. I can see that you have given a lot more careful thought and study to this arboretum problem than I have. With all the incriminations the picture is becoming badly confused, at least for me. I thought the Massachusetts Supreme Court or at least the Attorney General had already ruled that there was no breach of trust.

We bought the Vick library from Elisabeth Woodburn who lives outside of Trenton, New Jersey. We bought virtually all of the horticultural books although where there were duplicates we merely took the best copy. At least it gave us a running start on a fairly essential library but we are continuing to add to it, of course.

I haven't been in upstate New York for three or four years but hope to get up there one of these days.

Sincerely yours,

Ray
R. C. Allen
Director

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December 10, 1954.

Dr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York.

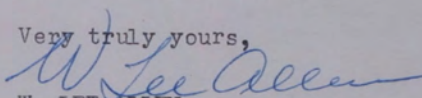
Dear George:

I showed your letter about the Arnold Arboretum to my brother, Fulton, and he immediately drew a check for \$2.00 to cover one year's dues. To this I have added my own check for a similar amount and both have been forwarded to the Association.

This is a very fine effort you are making and we are glad to assist in this small way.

WIA/P

Very truly yours,



W. LEE ALLEN.

JOHN S. AMES

96 AMES BUILDING
BOSTON

Dec. 17, 1954

Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

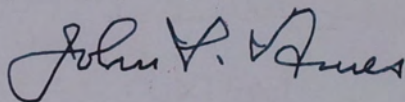
Dear Mr. Slate:

Thank you for sending me your letter of
December first in regard to the Arnold Arboretum.

I think this is a very excellent letter and I hope
that many memberships will be received.

Letters like yours, and others, are very
valuable to keep interest up and to keep boring
away at the Harvard Corporation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John S. Ames". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

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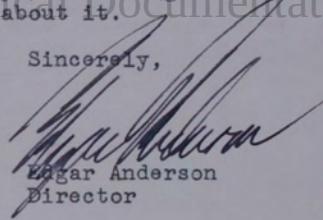
Dr. George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Dr. Slate:

I have been helping the Association for the A. A. since before they got started. Mr. Grenville Clark called me long distance from Dublin, N. H., and I spent a whole day in Boston and another one in New York City with their legal advisers, helping get the ball rolling.

I am glad that you are doing something definite about it.

Sincerely,



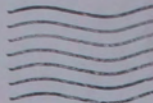
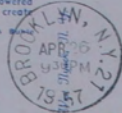
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Sincerely,

G.S.A.

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37 Highland Avenue
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December 15, 1954

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Dear George,

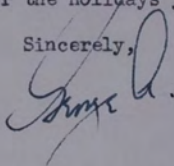
Best thanks for yours of December 1st about the Arnold Arboretum. I feel just as you do, and I am terribly disappointed with the Arnold Arboretum developments in relation to Harvard. Harvard has really muffed its entire trust with regard to the Arboretum--which should have been honored by a college of ornamental horticulture years ago. It is strange that with Harvard's many colleges, it could not have done this.

Although it may digress from its usual editorial policy, it is just possible that PLANTS & GARDENS may say something on this particular point in the winter issue.

Congratulations to you for getting out a flyer of your own on this important subject. Did John Wister by chance give you the names of any of the Garden Clubs of America people, such as Mrs. Place, Mrs. Reed, and others? They should have copies of your letter, although I believe they have already become members of the association--as I have also.

With every good wish for the holidays just ahead.

Sincerely,



Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Suggested final paragraph for REVIEW :

The greatness of the Arnold Arboretum need not and should not be relegated to the past. With the full use of its entire income, with the restoration of its library and herbarium to be used in conjunction with the living collection as they were intended to be, with leadership devoted to the interests of reestablishing it as a distinguished scientific institution of world-wide importance, and with trustees promoting rather than opposing this effort, the Arnold Arboretum should go on from strength to strength, unlimited in its future greatness. It is to this end that our Association is dedicated.

William H. Arnold

For Dr. Slatk

March 30, 1955

Dear Dr. Slate:

I greatly appreciated your sending me the copies of your letter to Dr. Wyman and your notes on Dean Bundy's leaflet. These are both intensely interesting; I have read them several times, and feel that parts of them should in some way be used. You have stressed some of the most vital points at issue. Harvard deliberately blinds itself to the fact that it is we, not they, who are working for "the best interests of the Arboretum"; blind to the fact that it is the Cambridge botanists, with no interest in the taxonomy of woody plants, who are forcing the Arboretum to function on a pitiful shred of its rightful income. I am simply appalled at the methods to which the Harvard authorities are stooping, in order to steamroller their plan through. The cruel treatment they have used with Oakes Ames, Dr. Merrill and Dr. Sax makes the recent statements of Dean Bundy in Washington sound very hollow:

Quoted from the HARVARD CRIMSON, March 16, 1955.

In reporting Dean Bundy's conference with a senate committee on research, the following paragraph appeared with quotations from Bundy:

In the University's search for men of academic excellence, "We do not worry about their politics or their manners or their team spirit... the moral standards of great scholarship are stern, but they include a deep regard for the right of a colleague to his honest convictions and his own choice of action." *

I believe this also appeared in the NEW YORK TIMES. Would it not be well if someone (you?) sent a comment?

You are exactly right on the present attempt at hiding the issue of horticultural neglect at the A.A. by the window-dressing of "high School" courses now being carried on at Jamaica Plain. Because I wanted to know at first-hand just what is going on there (also I did not want the Director to whine, as he is apt to do,

* Underlining is mine.

that our Directors take no interest in what he is trying to accomplish) I decided to join one of the courses, "Care of the Home Grounds", conducted by Mr. Williams. It is interesting, instructive, attended by about 15 or 20, and definitely on the Garden-Club or High School level. You have hit the nail on the head by comparing this to the "major scientific contributions" under Sargent and some of his followers. I wonder if Howard actually thinks he can go on fooling the public by this red herring method? As someone expressed it to John Wister, the "spreading of molasses to catch flies."

The underhanded methods used are, again, appalling. Whenever anything is going on at the old Ad. bldg., the Cambridge botanists are brought over, to appear busy but actually doing nothing, then are shuttled back to the new building as soon as the meeting is over. This was done recently when a group of Nurserymen were invited to the Arboretum (obviously to counteract the Cascio letter) and told how wonderful the new arrangements were, how well it was all working out, etc.

There is a definite effort being made to undermine the confidence of our members in the Association. I am certain that our list is being combed for important names and these are being divided between members of the "University family" and letters are written. I know of many such instances and in no case has any member of ours gone over to the other side, (with the exception of Burrage & Buttrick in the beginning.)

You will be glad to know that the long-awaited "REVIEW" has gone to press TODAY. I have had crews here addressing the more than 8000 envelopes and as soon as the material arrives we will push the work at top speed of getting them out. Mr. Clark's secretary stopped here yesterday and is taking some, nearly half, to have done by a group in Dublin. Mr. Clark has really thrown his whole weight into the editing and preparing this REVIEW and I feel that it will be impressive.

One bit of inside news which will be cheering. I cannot mention names but at a dinner party last night in Cambridge where a group of "distinguished Harvard lawyers" were gathered, the conversation turned on the A.A. controversy. A very close friend of mine was there and has given me permission to quote:

the consensus of opinion was that Harvard is becoming "panicky" because funds are dropping off, will be being changed etc. that sooner or later they will take the case to court; that H. has blundered on this matter from the first.

This sounds too good to be true.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic H. Arnold

Please excuse my poor typing.

November 2, 1955

Mrs. Helen H. Arnold
55 Edmons Road
West Roxbury, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Arnold;

I shall pass on your suggestions to Mr. Parsons. He wrote to me recently and I forwarded his letter and a copy from Dr. Howard to Mr. Rankin as I did not know that he had been in touch with Mr. Rankin. I also sent him a copy of my December 1, 1954, letter, a copy of my letter to Donald Wyman, and my comments on the Bundy leaflet.

I do not recall whether I sent these to you or not but if I did not, I shall be glad to send you copies if you wish. With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Pomology

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1-27-55

Dear George -

Just a brief reply to yours of Jan 24th. We discussed the matter of an editorial re: Arnold Arb. (in our Spec. Com.) and came to the conclusion that we had no right to stick out our official neck. However, John Wister's "Encroachments" from the AASB&A Newsletter is included, in part, and that touches on it. Unfortunately, it is more or less buried in his article - and only indirectly mentioned. It can't help much. The pounding that you people are giving them is the thing that will help most - because even a University cannot be immune from public opinion.

The sad part of it to me is that - "for my money" - Harvard has nipped its trust, as regards the Arboretum, almost from the beginning. There should have been a college of ornamental

Horticulture established long ago. It could
have brought the University millions more in
support from those who ordinarily would not
give a dime to an academic institution - but
love to give to gardens and ornamental horticulture.

Thanks for the kind words about Ply. Gard.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,
F. G. A.

June 30, 1957

Dear Dr. Slate:

Your fine, strong letter to President Pusey is coming in for many favorable comments, many think it the best thing we have put out. I think that the covering letter, especially the final paragraph also good, do you? (I had no part in composing it, so I can say that.) It is well that our members should be reminded that we intend to persevere. Perhaps if the Corporation see that we are determined to keep a bull-dog grip on this controversy until given justice, they will at last give in.

I want also to speak at this time of the valuable article on lilies in the last issue of HORTICULTURE, which I have read with keen interest. We think it particularly timely that your photograph appears, just after the letter went out. What a good likeness it is. And Dr. Sax comes in for the credit he so well deserves for his dwarfing of fruit trees. Look in the September issue and perhaps you will see my greenhouse, where Regal lilies are now in full bloom, a lovely sight.

We are still hoping that you and Mrs. Slate will stop in and see us. With all good wishes to you both,

Sincerely,

Helen H. Arnold

Helen H. Arnold

MRS. HAROLD GREENE ARNOLD
55 EMMONSDALE ROAD
WEST ROXBURY 32, MASS.

January 5, 1957

Dear Dr. Slate:

Cheers! I think your letter excellent and I hope you will get it off to Pres. Fusey soon. Even if he tosses it aside, unread, as I suspect he does everything that comes from our side of the controversy, it will be a most valuable document to pass around, especially to the Overseers.

You ask for comments and I have just a few to make: the final paragraph on page 1, last line, I would suggest that it read thus:

" These reports, Arnoldia, and the director, make much of the horticultural activities. The courses which are described, valuable as they may be in providing instruction at a popular level, cannot take the place of the important scientific work for which the Arnold Arboretum, in the past, has been renowned. It must also be remembered that for at least fifty years popular courses and field trips have been conducted for the public under the direction of staff members of the Arboretum. "

The words between the red stars are what I suggest, in place of your wording. We know that what you say is right, although I attended two of the courses, one by Dr. Sax and one by Mr. Williams, on " The care of grounds ". Both of these were serious and on a much higher than High School level. Also, many men attended, not just the " Garden Club type ". So we might get caught up on this. I think it would be more effective if we tempered what you say a bit, such as in the above way. Howard might well say that we are quick to jump on the few feeble attempts in horticulture that he is trying to do. Even if it is just window-dressing, it is at least something.

I have read this suggested change to Dr. Sax and he asks me to tell you that he thinks well of it and that it is an important point. He contributed the bit at the end of my paragraph in re. to the 50 years of work done in the past, in field trips, courses etc. Howard implies that this was all his own idea.

My only other comment for change is : page 2, last paragraph, I would have it read thus:

" The Harvard Corporation, as a self-perpetuating body, has no work in the Arboretum. " We know they are
interest in the

MRS. HAROLD GREENE ARNOLD

55 EMMONSDALE ROAD
WEST ROXBURY 32, MASS.

arrogant, but I am sure they are proud of it and we 'd best not remind them of it.

On page 3 there is one other suggestion: next to last paragraph, I would end with "... the disintegration of the Arboretum." I like that good frank sentence about the bandwagon, but I feel it has been said in the former sentence, in substance, and is stronger left that way.

I especially like the way you have got that pat dig in about the now-tractable state of the Visiting Committee. And you've handled the Washburn part well. I would like to comment on a lot of other potent points you have made, but you will not want me to go on any further.

Please let me see your final draft, which I trust will not have any of the punch deleted from this one.

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Slate, and tell her that I am more than ever enthusiastic over my green house. It was a great pleasure to see something of her at WINTERTHUR. Don't forget you are both coming here to see us sometime.

Thanking you for letting me see this strong letter,

Sincerely,

Helen H. Arnold

Helen H. Arnold

March 8, 1955

Dear Dr. Slate:

At the recent meeting of our Executive Committee the forthcoming REVIEW was discussed at some length. The general feeling was one of approval. There were a good many suggestions made, minor improvements; I would like to see a stronger ending, one that looks forward and not back. I think we have a bit over-stressed the great days of the past (knowing full well how great they were), but we want to clinch the interest of the reader in the Arboretum's future, as he puts down the review. Mr. Clark asked me to write a paragraph on these lines and I have done so, copy of which is enclosed. I thought you might like to see it.

I hope that I thanked you for sending me the extra copies of your Dec. 1, 1954 letter; if not, I do so now. It is a fine letter and I am sure has done good. You will be glad to know that our membership has passed the 960 mark, well on to 1000. My goal is also for ALL STATES OF THE UNION; we have all but seven. Dr. and Mrs. Merrill have now joined. He, as perhaps you know, is pathetically invalided. Mr. Wister seems to be recovering well from his fractured hip but frets at having to keep quiet. His pen, however is busy and vigorous as always. I think we must all gear for a long, hard pull in this struggle.

Sincerely yours,

Helen H. Arnold

Helen H. Arnold

To Dr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Ave.
Geneva, New York

P.S. Mr. Clark told us that he had talked with you about the REVIEW (or perhaps it was by letter). I know he welcomes suggestions and will edit the first copy this coming week.

HD

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WEST HONBURY
MASSACHUSETTS

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October 27, 1955

Professor George L. Slate
New York Experimental Station
Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

I have recently been given an opportunity to see copies of two letters, one to John Hemenway from Eugene O. Parsons and the other from Dr. Howard to Mr. Parsons. Judging from the tone of Mr. Parson's letter, I rather think that he will not be misled by the kind of information he is given on November 11th. But we know that the Director can be very persuasive and I rather think you have fully prepared him for this. However, since he has asked for all possible "up-to-date posting" on the Arboretum situation it occurred to me that the enclosed notes might be of help.

It seems to me that Mr. Parsons, coming from outside this area, and his help being unsolicited by us, may be of very real assistance. Mr. Rankin, I know, has sent him plenty of material for his enlightenment and if you think best, you may like to pass on to him the enclosed memorandum.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Helen H. Arnold

Helen H. Arnold



Three months with the
Greenhouse -
It is a joy! H77

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Dear Dr. Slate:

April 12, 1957

-Kodak-

STAMP
HERE

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of March 22 to Pres. Pusey. I think it a wonderful letter, one of the best yet. It is clear, vigorous, and right to the point. I can't see how he can ignore it, except that seems to be his policy; anything uncomfortable or upsetting he just brushes off and usually gets someone else to send an absurd answer. Have you had any acknowledgement? The Dr. Johnston pamphlet seems to have caused quite a stir. It is shameful, the way he has been treated. And they glibly talk of Harvard's "Academic freedom". Do bring Mrs. Slate to see us & the GREENHOUSE.

Sincerely Helen H. Arnold

Please return to Slater

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Office of the President

October 6, 1955

Dear Mr. Avery:

President Pusey has received the copy of your letter of September thirtieth addressed to Mr. Malcolm Millard. Apparently this was prompted by the recent distribution of Mr. Millard's letter to the President by the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., an organization which claims to be devoted to the interests of the Arboretum, but is instead conducting a campaign against what Harvard and the Arboretum are trying to accomplish.

While it may have been appropriate to distribute Mr. Millard's letter to President Pusey, it seems to me that the process of fair play would demand that Mr. Pusey's detailed reply to Mr. Millard, and Mr. Millard's later response to Mr. Pusey should also be circulated. I am enclosing copies of these for your information.

A real principle is at stake in this issue, not "considerable sums of money." Fortunately Harvard has been here for a long time and has time and again in its history been large-minded enough not to subject principles to the interest in money. Let us hope that the University continues to do this.

Sincerely yours,

William Bentinck-Smith
Assistant to the President

Mr. George S. Avery, Jr.
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn 25, New York

Letter to Mr. Millard

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

September 30, 1955

Dear Mr. Millard:

The copy of your letter to President Pusey interests me very much indeed.

I am not an alumnus of Harvard, and therefore not primarily concerned with Harvard's alumni relations -- and the considerable sums of money the University has received and presumably hopes to continue to receive from alumni. But, numerous are the Harvard men who have stated to me and to others, since the Arboretum affair, that they wouldn't think of entrusting a substantial gift to the University.

What concerns many of us is that the precedent Harvard has set can be serious for other institutions. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is one of these.

Interest in ornamental horticulture has long attracted gifts to the Arnold Arboretum, as it has to our institution here. Destroy the faith of prospective large donors, and support goes out the window.

It is a pity that Harvard did not long ago establish a College of Ornamental Horticulture, with its physical plant at the Arboretum -- rather than adopting its present course. It could have attracted millions in support of such a project, and performed a service that would have been almost unique in this country.

Unfortunately it is that Harvard has apparently elected to follow the counsel of one or more of its laboratory botanists. Generally speaking, this group has failed to sense the widespread public interest in opportunities for aesthetic developments in the plant field. Pure botanical research in universities has failed to attract much financial support from individuals; ornamental horticulture, on the other hand, has a good following. If Harvard could in good spirit and good conscience reverse its Arboretum policy, I feel relatively certain the University would regain the confidence of many of its alienated alumni and friends, and at the same time indirectly help numerous other institutions.

With my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Avery, Jr.

Mr. Malcolm S. Millard
P.O. Box 3305
Carmel, California

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
PLANT SCIENCE BUILDING

April 5, 1957

Dr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Dr. Slate:

Thank you very much for the
copy of your letter to President Pusey con-
cerning the Arnold Arboretum.

This is certainly a difficult
controversy to resolve, and it looks as though
it will continue for some time to come.

It was thoughtful of you to bring
me up to date on the situation.

Cordially yours,

Harlan P. Banks

Harlan P. Banks, Head
Department of Botany

HPB:s

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM, INC.

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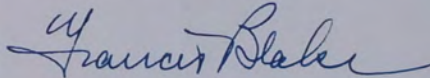
Dear Professor Slate:

I am enclosing a copy of the Treasurer's report for the Association's fiscal year ended June 30, 1957. This report was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting on July 24, 1957, and is forwarded to you in advance of the annual meeting in order that, as a Director, you may be kept informed as to our financial status.

You will note from the statement that we operated on a basis that was very close to our \$10,000 budget. For the forthcoming year the Executive Committee has adopted a similar budget.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning our financial affairs, particularly with respect to attracting additional donors, we shall be very much pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Blake
Treasurer

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Enclosure

Association for The Arnold Arboretum, Inc.
Treasurer's Report of Receipts & Disbursements
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957

Cash in Banks, July 1, 1956 \$ 4,511.61

Receipts:

(1) From dues of members	96.00
(2) From contributions of members	10,699.05
(3) From advances by members	--
(4) Miscellaneous	<u>181.97</u>
	\$10,977.02
	<u>\$15,488.63</u>

Disbursements:

Expenses:

Salaries	5,565.22
Secretarial Services	341.39
Rent	592.40
Telephone	203.57
Stationery, printing, mailing, supplies, etc.	2,313.75
Secretary and Treasurer's Expenses	461.73
Legal fees and expenses	273.82
Director's Expense	<u>43.26</u>

Payment of loan

9,795.14
<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>\$10,795.14</u>

Cash in Banks, June 30, 1957

\$ 4,693.49

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January 11, 1957

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37 Highland Avenue
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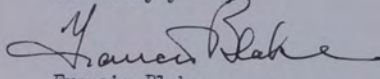
Dear Professor Slate:

I have gone over very carefully the draft of your proposed letter to President Pusey. It certainly is forceful and right to the point. It seems to me that it would be very advisable to have your letter forwarded to President Pusey, if not for the effect it may have immediately, but at least for the record. Whether or not the letter will be pigeon-holed, I cannot say, but it seems to me that they will try to ignore it as has been done in so many other cases. However, I feel certain that in due course the fact of the existence of such letters will come to roost, and they may have the effect of a delayed-action bomb. Perhaps I am mixing metaphors, but I think you know what I mean. Recently I saw a letter written by Mr. Coolidge to Mr. Clark which indicated to me that the former was leading from weakness.

In short I think your letter is good.

I hope that we shall meet again soon, and in the meantime I send you my best regards.

Sincerely yours,


Francis Blake,
Treasurer

Dear Betty: I do not look forward to the arbitration now but there are some good and stubborn fighters in this Association and we hope to accomplish something eventually.
Hope you are well. We would like to hear from you.
Sincerely
George

GEORGE L. SLATE
37 HIGHLAND AVE.
GENEVA, N. Y.

December 1, 1954

To My Horticultural Friends:

The future of the Arnold Arboretum, America's greatest and most useful collection of trees and shrubs, is seriously threatened. Until recently the Arboretum, ever since its founding in 1872, led a virtually independent existence, its endowment administered as a trust by Harvard University, with which the Arboretum is thus affiliated.

An agreement made in 1872 between the trustees under the will of James Arnold and Harvard University provided for the founding of an arboretum. Charles S. Sargent, who soon became one of the great botanists of the world, was its first Director and continued to direct the Arboretum for over 50 years until 1927. During that time he made the Arboretum a great collection of woody plants. A great herbarium and library were assembled. These collections made it possible for Sargent and the excellent staff which he assembled, to produce a series of books and scientific papers of great fundamental importance to the study of the woody plants of North America and the world. Sargent's interest in the horticultural applications of his botanical studies made many friends for the Arboretum, who, because of their interest in the type of work done by Sargent and his colleagues, endowed the Arboretum through the years in the amount of over \$4,000,000.

Now Harvard University and its botanists in Cambridge propose to take over and integrate with the University collections in Cambridge all of the Arboretum's library and collections related to research. Thus the work of the Arboretum will be dominated, it is believed, by Harvard botanists whose interest in the type of work which made the Arboretum famous is minor, or non-existent. Unless this plan is checked, the Arboretum may soon become, as Liberty Hyde Bailey, one of America's greatest botanists, has put it "a glorified part of the Boston Park Department."

Several of the Arboretum staff who have disagreed with this move have been ruthlessly disciplined.

Friends of the Arboretum have rallied to its support and have asked for Court action to determine whether this Harvard plan involves a breach of trust in regard to the Arboretum. Instead of welcoming a judicial test as it should have done, Harvard has made strenuous, and so far successful, efforts to block court action. The fight to restore the Arboretum to its previous greatness in the field of woody plants is being continued. Supporters of the Arboretum are providing funds for the legal aspects of this fight.

The Arboretum, however, needs more than funds. It needs a great body of friends scattered throughout North America, friends who will go to bat for it, who will present its case to all who are interested in woody plants, and who are keenly interested in seeing it restored to its former stature as "America's Greatest Garden."

You realize, no doubt, what the Arboretum has done. It is a place of beauty, a mecca for all who love woody plants. It has combed the world for plants that have enriched our gardens. Its publications have been indispensable. How could we get along for example, without Alfred Rehder's great "Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs," a book that must be within reach of every working plantsman?

The Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. has been organized to fight for the integrity and future of the Arboretum. It now has 650 members from all parts of the country, but needs hundreds more.

I am appealing to my horticultural and botanically minded friends and acquaintances to join this Association, and to put their weight behind this movement to restore the Arboretum to its former position of greatness in the field of woody plants. American gardeners need the Arnold Arboretum. Now the Arboretum needs their support and backing.

I enclose a membership application and hope that you can join in this effort. The dues (\$2.00) are small, but your moral support can be great. Please consider also the names of others likely to be interested and send in their names on the enclosed membership card.

Very truly yours,

George L. Slate
Have just gotten to this, on reading the recently read "Review of ... the controversy" It looks bad - but I have sent in a card of name & my contribution & suggested that you or John do an article for "Horticulture" if they will use it -
Sincerely - Betty Blomquist
June 1, 1955

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December 7, 1954

Mr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I had sent to Mr. Rankin. Having been a member for sometime of the Association I thought they might want to use some outside mail in their battle. Thank you anyway for sending your membership blank over here.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Boerner
E. S. Boerner, Research Department

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Enc.

December 7, 1954

Mr. Thomas V. Rankin, Exec. Sec.
Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.
50 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I have your notice of the annual meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum and I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend.

I am very much in sympathy with the point of view of the directors of the association and hope that this move to filch the heart of the arboretum will not be allowed to succeed.

It is inevitable that two such great institutions as the Arnold Arboretum and Harvard University would have difficulties and a clashing of interests in the carrying out of the objectives of the Arboretum. But if it becomes necessary, I for one am very much in favor of severing those two again and keeping the entity of the Arnold Arboretum which is in itself world renowned in Botany and Horticulture, and must be preserved as an honored institution, not absorbed to become a secondary auxiliary.

Yours very truly,

E.S. Boerner
Secretary and Director of Research

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(For further details, write

Dr. R. Milton Carleton, Research Director)

6 December 1954.

Dr. George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, N.Y.

Dear George:

When I view the rape of the Arnold Arboretum by the Harvard Corporation, I can't help but share your apprehension.

However, my feelings are a bit mixed. For one thing, I look upon the removal of a mass of indigestible herbarium specimens from the Arboretum to the Harvard campus as an unmixed blessing. This catharsis has been long over-due.

For years, the major barrier to a real program of service to horticulture at the Arboretum has been the time and expense devoted to justifying the collection, classification and care of this mess of vegetable garbage.

What everyone concerned must face is whether the Arboretum is actually an arboretum or a botanical institution. I have no objection to an arboretum serving secondarily as a place where plants can be identified. When, however, absorption with pure botany becomes so intense that horticultural matters are shrugged off as unimportant, the time has come for a house-cleaning.

We must give consideration to what Mr. Arnold had in mind when he established the fund which made possible the Arboretum in the first place. I am certain he had no intention of erecting a rabbit hutch for taxonomists. What he hoped to do was to create an institution for the furthering of horticulture.

I would not want to depreciate the very real contributions made by Charles Sprague Sargent to both fields. Certainly, there would have been no Arboretum if he had not done something for horticulture. I am sure you will agree, however, that service to this field has been diluted to a degree that makes the Arnold no longer an institution of primary horticulture. Instead it is a botanical institution with horticultural sidelines.

Although you and I both know a few men who are both botanists and horticulturists, you will agree that most botanists hate gardening and everything connected with it. I can remember how in my own college days (I started to be a taxonomist) the professors would scorn any reference to horticultural material, and considered any practical application of botany as crass commercialism.

With at least 75% of the Arboretum's payroll devoted to botanists and workers in that field, it has been unable to do a decent job of horticulture.

If all plants of purely botanical interest were moved to the Harvard campus, and only those of horticultural value left at the Arboretum, I feel the grounds would be cleared of considerable useless rubbish.

What I object to is the looting of the endowment funds of the Arboretum, on a pretext of providing funds for utilizing herbarium materials of no use to the Arboretum. The mistake was to collect the material in the first place. Such botanizing is entirely outside the normal province of an arboretum, unless the material is collected incidental to exploring for horticultural plants.

The Harvard Corporation might argue that without these funds, the herbarium material would be useless. If so, throw it away. To go against the expressed purpose of the founding of the Arboretum in collecting in the first place, and then wasting money to classify material outside its field to me seems ~~so~~ basically wrong that sound legal action ought to be based on the facts.

When you compare the work at the Arnold with that of an Arboretum which is doing a good job on its primary field, the Morton Arboretum, the comparison is painful. The entire Arnold plant could be placed inside the one main hall of the building used at the Morton for public education, and still leave room for herbarium material.

The herbarium at the Morton, by the way, is restricted to hardy woody plant material which occurs in areas of similar climate. In other words, the herbarium meets the needs of the institution, and is not itself an institution that wags the dog.

If by a "glorified part of the Boston Park Department," Liberty Hyde Bailey meant an institution devoted to serving the gardening public, for once I must disagree with Dr. Bailey.

All of which is a long way of saying I am not sending you my two bucks, but for a different reason than most. If the program is changed to protect the funds, and let the herbarium go, count me in.

Merely,

Milt Carleton

THE PETER CASCIO NURSERY

THE RAID ON THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM

TO NURSERYMEN EVERYWHERE:--

Paul Revere was in time. I hope we American Nurserymen are.

The Arnold Arboretum, in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts, considered the finest of its kind in the country, if not the world, is being denuded. Already the bulk of its fine library and herbarium has been moved away from Jamaica Plain. The famous living collection of trees and shrubs is, of course, intact but is endangered because financially undermanned. We hope and believe this disintegration of the Arboretum can be stopped.

Facts in the case regarding Arnold Arboretum:--

1. It was founded in 1872 as a trust under the will of James Arnold. The Corporation of Harvard agreed to become trustee.
2. Charles S. Sargent, one of the greatest botanists of his time anywhere in the world, was appointed the first Director. He served until his death in 1927.
3. Since 1872, Sargent and his successors have assembled at the Arnold Arboretum:--
 - a. Library of 46,000 books.
 - b. Herbarium of 600,000 specimens.
 - c. A living collection of trees and shrubs assembled from points throughout the world and numbering 6,000 different species and groups.
 - d. A trust endowment of about \$5,000,000.00 producing an annual income of almost \$200,000.00.

What the Harvard Corporation as Trustee has done --

Removed from the Arnold Arboretum building in Jamaica Plain to a new Harvard Herbarium Building in Cambridge, Massachusetts:--

1. Approximately 40,000 Arboretum books.
2. Approximately 500,000 Arboretum herbarium specimens.

Further, an estimated two-thirds of the Arnold Arboretum trust is now to be used not at the original Arboretum site in Jamaica Plain, but at Cambridge.

All this in the supposed best interest of the Arboretum!

Why has the Harvard Corporation done this?--

1. To integrate with the Harvard botanical collection in Cambridge all of the Arboretum Library herbarium specimens relative to research.

2. To "make more room" at the original Arboretum building in Jamaica Plain.

3. To support, we maintain, the work of the Harvard Botany Department, and to pay for maintenance of the Arboretum books and specimens taken to Cambridge.

Results as far as Arnold Arboretum is concerned:--

1. Since only about one-third of its yearly income is now being used at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, the living plants are suffering and are bound to suffer more.
2. As the late Liberty Hyde Bailey put it, the Arboretum may become a "glorified part of the Boston Park Department".
3. The original building in the Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, may now be called a shell--the former library room there is empty. Empty for the most part is the Director's Office as he has moved his principal office to Cambridge.
4. Since the ravaging of the library and herbarium, described above, thorough study and research at the Arboretum in Jamaica Plain is crippled.

Think of Kew Gardens in London. With all their wartime difficulties the English manage to preserve and watch over Kew Gardens. Unless we in America are equally vigilant, banding together for the fight, we may lose the equivalent of Kew Gardens here.

Staunch supporters of the Arnold Arboretum are rallying to its support and have asked for court action to determine whether Harvard Corporation's conduct involves a breach of trust. Instead of welcoming this judicial test, Harvard has to date blocked it.

It may take several years but we believe the controversy will be successfully brought to court and won--then the Arboretum can be restored to its former preeminence.

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Peter J. Cascio, Past President
American Association of Nurserymen

*THE PETER CASCIO NURSERY*THE RAID ON THE ARNOLD ARBORETUMTO NURSERYMEN EVERYWHERE: --

Paul Revere was in time. I hope we American Nurserymen are.

The Arnold Arboretum, in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts, considered the finest of its kind in the country, if not the world, is being denuded. Already the bulk of its fine library and herbarium has been moved away from Jamaica Plain. The famous living collection of trees and shrubs is, of course, intact but is endangered because financially undernurtured. We hope and believe this disintegration of the Arboretum can be stopped.

Facts in the case regarding Arnold Arboretum:--

1. It was founded in 1872 as a trust under the will of James Arnold. The Corporation of Harvard agreed to become trustee.
2. Charles S. Sargent, one of the greatest botanists of his time anywhere in the world, was appointed the first Director. He served until his death in 1927.
3. Since 1872, Sargent and his successors have assembled at the Arnold Arboretum:--
 - a. Library of 46,000 books.
 - b. Herbarium of 600,000 specimens.
 - c. A living collection of trees and shrubs assembled from points throughout the world and numbering 6,000 different species and groups.
 - d. A trust endowment of about \$5,000,000.00 producing an annual income of almost \$200,000.00.

What the Harvard Corporation as Trustee has done --

Removed from the Arnold Arboretum building in Jamaica Plain to a new Harvard Herbarium Building in Cambridge, Massachusetts:--

1. Approximately 40,000 Arboretum books.
2. Approximately 500,000 Arboretum herbarium specimens.

Further, an estimated two-thirds of the Arnold Arboretum trust is now to be used not at the original Arboretum site in Jamaica Plain, but at Cambridge.

All this in the supposed best interest of the Arboretum!

Why has the Harvard Corporation done this?--

1. To integrate with the Harvard botanical collection in Cambridge all of the Arboretum Library herbarium specimens relative to research.
2. To "make more room" at the original Arboretum building in Jamaica Plain.
3. To support, we maintain, the work of the Harvard Botany Department, and to pay for maintenance of the Arboretum books and specimens taken to Cambridge.

Results as far as Arnold Arboretum is concerned:--

1. Since only about one-third of its yearly income is now being used at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, the living plants are suffering and are bound to suffer more.
2. As the late Liberty Hyde Bailey put it, the Arboretum may become a "glorified part of the Boston Park Department".
3. The original building in the Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, may now be called a shell--the former library room there is empty. Empty for the most part is the Director's Office as he has moved his principal office to Cambridge.

4. Since the ravaging of the library and herbarium, described above, thorough study and research at the Arboretum in Jamaica Plain is crippled.

Think of Kew Gardens in London. With all their wartime difficulties the English manage to preserve and watch over Kew Gardens. Unless we in America are equally vigilant, banding together for the fight, we may lose the equivalent of Kew Gardens here.

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September 18, 1958

Mr. Bradford Washburn
Museum of Science
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Washburn:

The Finance Committee of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. (of which Committee I am Chairman) will soon send out a letter to the approximately 1200 members of the Association setting forth the budget for the fiscal year, July 1, 1958 - June 30, 1959 and asking subscriptions.

In this letter the Finance Committee wishes to include a paragraph referring to the recommendation adopted by the Overseers' Committee to Visit the Arnold Arboretum in May 1958 (May 9, I believe) to the effect that the Harvard Corporation should cooperate in obtaining a judicial hearing and decision on the legal issues concerning the validity of the plan for the Arboretum set forth in the Corporation's vote of January 19, 1953.

The following is a draft, subject to correction as to accuracy, of the proposed paragraph; and I shall be much obliged if you will tell me whether its statements are correct in your opinion and, if not, in what particulars:

"A significant development in the past year was the adoption by the Overseers' Committee to Visit the Arnold Arboretum at its meeting on May 9, 1958 of a recommendation that the Harvard Corporation should cooperate in obtaining a judicial hearing and decision on the legal issues concerning the validity of the plan for the Arboretum which was adopted by the Corporation on January 19, 1953. We are informed that this recommendation was unanimously adopted by the Visiting Committee and that the recommendation was conveyed by Mr. Bradford Washburn, Chairman of the Visiting Committee, to Mr. Ralph Lowell, President of the Board of Overseers, with the request that he transmit it to the Corporation through President Pusey; and we understand that this was done. We have no information at this date as to what, if any, action the Corporation has taken on this recommendation. But whether or not the Corporation sees fit to act in accordance with the recommendation, it is obviously of great importance that the Visiting Committee should have taken this action, - thus confirming the position taken by the Visiting Committee in 1952, when the Committee declared it 'incredible' that the Corporation should proceed with the proposed plan without first obtaining a judicial ruling."

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Since our Finance Committee would like to send out its letter early in October, it would be a favor if you can reply by September 25.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park
Boston 14, Massachusetts

Telephone: Richmond 2-1410

September 23, 1958

Mr. Grenville Clark
Dublin, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Clark:

I have just received your letter of September 18 regarding the Arnold Arboretum. As you know from your long experience on the Corporation, the proceedings of Visiting Committees are not ordinarily made public. It would appear, however, from your letter, that at least a part of the proceedings of the May 9th Committee meeting have leaked out during the summer.

The summary of the action of the Committee at this meeting, as described in your letter, is to a certain extent inaccurate, but it is also incomplete, in that it fails to mention other action taken by the Committee at the same time relative to the same subject.

Needless to say, if public reference is to be made to any of the action which took place at this meeting, I feel it essential that a verbatim record of the conclusions of the Committee should be quoted in toto. This material amounts to about two hundred words.

If you plan to publish something on this subject, and if you will agree to print this verbatim record in full, I shall be glad to send you a transcript immediately.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bradford Washburn

Director

BW:MM

September 27, 1958

Mr. Bradford Washburn
Museum of Science
Science Park
Boston 14, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Washburn:

Thanks for your letter of September 23 in reply to mine of September 18.

As I understand your letter, you require, as a condition of informing the Finance Committee of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum as to the recommendations of the Overseers' Visiting Committee on the Arnold Arboretum concerning a judicial hearing and decision on the legal validity of the Harvard Corporation's 1953 plan for the Arboretum, a prior commitment that some 200 words which you would furnish be printed verbatim in the Finance Committee's circular letter to the members of the Association.

In other words, you suggest, as I understand it, that our Finance Committee agree to include this material verbatim in its letter in advance of even seeing it. For reasons which seem obvious to me, this condition is unacceptable.

I do not want by silence to have you think that I acquiesce in your remark: "As you know from your long experience on the Corporation, the proceedings of Visiting Committees are not ordinarily made public."

If by "proceedings" were meant the kind of minutes sometimes kept which show what each member of a Board or Committee says and how he votes, I would agree that it isn't customary for a Harvard Visiting Committee (or most Boards and Committees) to publish such details. But if the term "proceedings," as in this context, means the action or recommendations of a Visiting Committee on anything of consequence, I would say from my experience just the opposite and that it is proper and customary for Harvard Visiting Committees to treat information concerning such action or recommendations as public property. Indeed, I have never known any Harvard Visiting Committee to try to treat as confidential information as to any of its actions or recommendations relating to a matter of policy or impose any conditions upon furnishing such information to anyone.

It is only natural and normal that Harvard Visiting Committees should make their recommendations on policy freely available to the public, for the simple reason that they are dealing with an essentially public institution. I know that institutions like Harvard are sometimes referred to as private universities. But this is only to distinguish them from institutions wholly or largely supported by legislative appropriations; and Harvard University is essentially a public institution

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in that it enjoys tax exemption for its assets and income and is largely sustained by donations from thousands of people. The Arnold Arboretum is also, of course, essentially public by reason of the fact that its property is held under an express trust by the Harvard Corporation and because of its tax-exempt status and its relationship to the City of Boston.

Having in mind this public character of the Arboretum, I assume that the recommendations of your Visiting Committee in respect of this matter of a judicial decision of the legal issues and the action of the Corporation thereon will, in time, become available without reservation to the public, - including the members of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

May 15, 1957

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

I return Ellery Sedgwick's letter. The reason I wanted to see it was that in the typed copy you sent me the word "favoring" at the end of the first paragraph seemed clearly an error in copying. It should be "preventing".

I haven't a printed copy of the Marbury pamphlet but enclose a typewritten copy. His speech is in many ways misleading. I find especially so the sentence: "The highest court of Massachusetts unanimously held that the dissenters had not shown any legal grounds which would justify the courts in interfering with the discretion of the Attorney General." That is very subtly worded but is highly misleading in that it implies that the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts reviewed the Attorney General's decision on its merits. This is, of course, not the case, since what the court decided was that the Attorney General's decision was purely a matter of executive discretion which was "not reviewable" in any court. This is all carefully explained in the memorandum of Messrs. Dodge and Farley of September 1955 which you have doubtless read, but it's no harm to send you another copy.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

Dublin, New Hampshire
May 7, 1957

Memorandum for Professor Slate:

In writing you on May 4 I meant to send the enclosed copy of my letter of April 24 to Mr. duPont. It was in reply to his request for an explanation of the January 19, 1953 vote of the Harvard Corporation, which, *as you know,* is the vote modifying the original Bailey Plan but retaining as to the Arboretum the most damaging and very likely illegal parts of that Plan.

I thought you might like to have this letter as a memorandum of the various stages of the controversy. However, if you run across Mr. duPont, I prefer that you don't mention having seen it, since it is just possible he might not like my sending a copy to anyone.

Grenville Clark
Grenville Clark

April 24, 1937.

Henry F. duPont, Esq.,
Winterthur,
Delaware.

Dear Harry:

I enclose a copy of the January 19, 1933 Resolution of the Corporation. This is the vote which now governs the administration of the Arboretum.

I think some account as to how this Resolution came about will be helpful in understanding it. The following (some of which you already know) is a brief chronology:

(1) The so-called Bailey Plan, prepared by Professor Irving W. Bailey in 1944-45, was approved by the Corporation in January 1946. I was then on the Corporation and well remember that it was then stated that a remarkable thing had happened in that all the academic people concerned with all the institutions involved had approved the Plan. This, as you know, later turned out to be a misapprehension, since whether or not there was then nominal approval by Professor Oakes Ames, Dr. Merrill and other connected with the Arboretum, it seems clear that they did not grasp the implications of the Plan for the Arboretum; and, as you know, several of them later strongly opposed the Plan as affecting the Arboretum. Moreover, the Corporation did not then know anything about possible legal questions; and I, at least, was under the impression that the legal situation had been investigated whereas it later turned out that no such investigation had been made. In other words, that original Plan was adopted, I am sure, under serious misapprehensions.

(2) So far as the Arboretum was concerned, nothing or almost nothing was done about implementing the Bailey Plan in the years 1946-48 or, as I recall it, until the late autumn of 1949. At that time it came to my attention that various people were disturbed about the effect that the Plan would have on the Arboretum, especially those features that called for the removal to Cambridge of most of the library and herbarium and the diversion to Cambridge of some of the income. In the winter of 1950 I looked into the matter somewhat and saw that important questions were involved and that I, at least, had been under misapprehensions.

(3) In early 1950 a committee of the Board of Overseers, called the Co-ordinating Committee on the Biological Sciences (Walter D. Edmonds, Chairman) was asked to make a report and later that year made a report in which they took the view that it was quite all right to treat the Arboretum as "a tool to be used in the development of botany as a whole and in the overall interests of the University." Some of the Visiting Committee were not satisfied and in June 1950 fourteen of them (including yourself, I think) retained J. W. Farley to give a legal opinion. He did so in September 1950, giving it as his opinion that the Bailey Plan would in various ways violate the trust on which the Arboretum's funds and property were held by the Corporation.

(4) The effect of Mr. Farley's opinion was to cause the Corporation

to defer the building of the new botanical building which it had been planned to go ahead with at that time, and the Corporation asked its counsel for an opinion in reply to Mr. Farley's opinion.

(5) Soon after Mr. Farley's opinion was received in September 1950, I personally consulted Mr. Robert G. Dodge whom I was told was one of the two most eminent lawyers in Massachusetts and the one best qualified to give an opinion on a matter of this sort. I did this for my own guidance as a member of the Corporation and at my own expense. I gave Mr. Farley's opinion to Mr. Dodge and asked him for an impartial opinion of his own. In about November 1950 he gave me a verbal opinion that Mr. Farley's opinion was right and that he (Mr. Dodge) believed that the carrying out of the Bailey Plan would probably involve a breach of trust. Later in January 1951, Mr. Dodge put that opinion in writing and I circulated it to the Corporation.

(6) In about May 1951, Mr. Farley and Mr. Dodge were jointly retained by the whole Visiting Committee as such to write a full legal report with reference to the opinion of Harvard's counsel which had then been rendered under date of May 1, 1951. As of March 1, 1952, Messrs. Dodge and Farley submitted their joint opinion containing views contrary to those of Harvard's counsel and reaffirming their opinion that the Bailey Plan would involve a breach of trust.

(7) On April 29, 1952, the Visiting Committee, by an almost unanimous vote, adopted a plan intended to provide a solution of the matter. This plan called for leaving most of the Arboretum's library and herbarium at Jamaica Plain and in effect offered to help raise a substantial sum for the better housing of the library and herbarium if not removed to Cambridge. This plan was ignored by the Corporation.

(8) In the latter part of 1952, final efforts were made to compromise the matter. Messrs. Dodge and Farley had a meeting with representatives of the Visiting Committee (of which Bishop Lawrence had then become Chairman) and there was a meeting also with a committee of the Corporation composed of Messrs. Conant, Coolidge, Cabot and Harbury. At the request of Messrs. Dodge and Farley, I attended two of those meetings and John S. Ames was also present, I remember, at the meeting with the Corporation committee. These meetings were, however, inconclusive.

(9) In December 1952, in a final effort to settle the matter, Messrs. Dodge and Farley wrote a long letter with a proposed enclosed vote of the Corporation as a basis for settlement. But what next followed without further consultation was the adoption by the Corporation of that vote of January 19, 1953. It took over (in what I thought then and think now) a rather tricky way some of the actual provisions of the proposed compromise vote submitted by Messrs. Dodge and Farley, but omitted the all-important provisions of the proposed compromise whereby most of the library and collections would have stayed in Jamaica Plain.

(10) Messrs. Dodge and Farley considered that the vote of January 19, 1953, while making some concessions, did not remove the substantial doubt as to the legality of the plan; and in February 1953 on behalf of a group of interested persons (of which you were one) made a formal written request that the Corporation should cooperate in submitting the legal questions to the Massachusetts courts for a decision. This request was promptly and flatly refused.

(11) In about May 1953 Messrs. Dodge and Farley, on behalf of this group, applied to the Attorney General of Massachusetts for leave to bring a "relators" suit to obtain a judicial ruling. In July 1953 the Attorney General denied this request (this denial was arbitrary and contrary to all precedents and I could say a great deal as to the reasons why he was induced to do this, but that

Mr. duPont
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would be too long a story).

(12) A legal proceeding was then taken in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts to test the validity of the Attorney General's ruling, but the Court decided in February 1955 that the Attorney General's ruling was a matter purely within his executive discretion and "not reviewable" in any court. I stress this because I believe that Mr. Pusey may try to tell you that the ruling of the Supreme Judicial Court is a good excuse for Harvard's resistance to a judicial hearing. There is absolutely nothing to this as was carefully demonstrated by Messrs. Dodge and Farley in the Memorandum which they got out on their own initiative in September 1955. The Court didn't purport to pass on the merits of the breach of trust question in any way and any effort to use its ruling as an excuse for avoiding a judicial ruling is really outrageous. *on the main branch of trust question*

Since the February 1955 ruling of the Supreme Court, we have kept the Association for the Arnold Arboretum going, the conference at Winterthur was held, etc., all with a view to getting into court eventually, either through a change of heart on Harvard's part or a different ruling by the Attorney General or, if necessary, through a new law which we might apply for to the Massachusetts legislature.

The above is quite long, but I thought it might help you to be reminded of the course of events.

The reason I stress so strongly that we ought to keep hammering on our moral right to a court hearing is that we really have an unanswerable case on that question. Harvard may try to twist and turn on it, but there is just no question at all that by all proper standards governing responsible trustees, Harvard ought to cooperate in having a court hearing instead of resisting it. What they are doing is really adopting an "above the law" attitude that is indefensible. On the other hand, if we get ourselves bogged down in discussions as to whether the Arboretum is getting on well or not, or could do better, etc., those discussions could go on indefinitely without any decision. My belief is that we can perfectly well concede that there is a difference of opinion, but should simply say: "Granting there is a difference of opinion, there is only one way in the world to settle it and that is to have a court hearing of the witnesses pro and con. If the court believes that the weight of opinion is for those who say that the present plan for the Arboretum is adverse to its interests, the court will order a restoration of the situation as best it can; while, if Harvard is right, this suit will be dismissed. Why not, therefore, do the usual and well-understood thing and collaborate for a court hearing?"

This I believe is the thing that we ought to keep saying over and over because there is simply no honest answer to it.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

P. S. I enclose: (1) "A Review of the Arnold Arboretum Controversy" and (2) the Memorandum of Messrs. Dodge and Farley about Aves v. Attorney General. You have doubtless read these, but it may be convenient for you to have them at hand.

G. C.

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

May 4, 1957.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

Thank you for your note of April 19 with the final version of your letter to Pusey. I think your letter turned out very well and is an excellent one.

I was interested also in the letter from Ellery Sedgwick calling it a "cogent" letter, which it certainly is. He is a good and severe critic and doesn't pass compliments around unless he means them. I have corresponded with him for thirty years and am very familiar with his difficult handwriting. Therefore, I want to ask if you will send me his original letter which I will return by the next mail because there are one or two words in the copy which I think must be different from what he wrote.

Tom Rankin was here recently and it has been decided to send out your letter with a memorandum to the members of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum and perhaps some others. We made a rough preliminary draft of a slip to go with your letter which I enclose. I always think it a good idea when something is written about another person to give that person a look at it to see whether the facts are right and whether there is anything he doesn't like or something he thinks should be included. So won't you take a look at what is said about yourself and make any corrections or suggestions? Since Mr. Rankin is going to stop by here on Wednesday, May 8, if you could possibly return this draft with your comments by the first mail, it would be helpful.

I forget whether I told you that our oldest daughter, Mrs. Gray Thoren, is now in Ithaca since her husband is Dean of the Cornell Law School. We are planning a trip there to stay for ten days or so either early in August or early in September. We would, of course, much like to pay you a call in Geneva and I wonder whether you have any summer plans and can tell me when you are likely to be away.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

April 19, 1957

Mr. Grenville Clark

Dublin

New Hampshire.

Dear Mr. Clark:

President Pusey's reply, which is enclosed, puts him in the position of disagreeing with facts which is rather unusual for a man in his position. He has committed himself so irrevocably to supporting the Corporation's position that if Harvard is eventually beaten in the courts he will come to the same end as Humpty Dumpty.

I have had very few replies from those to whom I sent the copy of my letter to President Pusey. One from Ellery Sedgewick was very interesting. Nothing from the enemy camp, much to my regret.

I am much indebted to you for spending so much time on my letter to the President. If it were not for your confidence that we have a good case I would be hesitant about speaking out so strongly at times.

We hope that you and Mrs. Clark are both well and that the little garden is again becoming interesting.

Sincerely yours

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

February 20, 1957.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

I enclose a marked up copy of your draft letter to President Pusey dated January 17. I hope and believe that you will be able to make out my written in suggestions. I think they are all self-explanatory except perhaps the omission of your reference to the "rebuff" to myself from President Pusey a year ago. The reason I think this should come out is that one of Harvard's tactics has been and is even now to intimate that I am the principal "devil" in this whole matter; and I've even heard one of the Harvard people say that if it were not for me all the opposition would promptly fade away. Consequently I think it is just good policy not to go out of your way to mention my name at this time.

I think your letter is an excellent one and that, with the rather slight changes I have suggested, it should be given some circulation. However, the problem remains as to the people to whom it should be sent. Of course that is largely your own affair; but I take it that you have wanted to have my own ideas on that and the ideas of the Executive Committee of the Association.

This whole matter was discussed at the Executive Committee's meeting on February 8 and it is, indeed, very puzzling. It was then decided that because the treatment of Prof. Johnston and others has been so outrageous and because so many questions had been asked on that subject, it would be best to send all the Association's members Johnston's letter and memorandum of complaint which he sent to Pusey last November. This decision was made despite the fact that all the Committee agreed that as a matter of general policy we ought not to get diverted from the main issue of Harvard's unjustifiable resistance to a court hearing. That Johnston material will go out to all the members in March and it was also decided that around June 1 there shall be sent to all the members and to 1000 or more others on the mailing list a comprehensive document in question and answer form reviewing the issues and bringing the whole matter up to date for the information of all concerned. Then in addition, it will be necessary next September to send a financial letter to ask for subscriptions to our entire membership.

Furthermore, considerable material has gone out in the past few months including Mrs. Merrill's letter of complaint to Pusey about the misrepresentation of her husband's position; and recently, of course, the ~~B~~aflet containing the Winterthur Statement; and besides all this some of Mr. Wister's material has been circulated to a considerable number.

The result of all this is that some people have complained that they have been surfeited with literature and that it is an unwise idea to send out so much. The Committee, including myself, was influenced by this and the question as to what to say to you about your letter and about some further material of Mr. Wister's was left open for further discussion. Since then I've talked about this whole problem with Mr. Rankin who has consulted with other members of the Executive Committee. As to your letter the opinion of Rankin and myself (and I assume of the other Committee members) is that copies of your letter should be sent to the

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following: (a) the Directors of the Association; (b) the members of the present Overseers' Visiting Committee on the Arboretum; (c) the members of the Board of Overseers (not to the six other members of the Corporation besides Pusey as they will doubtless hear of your letter from Pusey); and (d) to the Winterthur conferees.

There will doubtless be a number of others on your own list to whom you will want to send it and it may be that there are some specially interested donors to the Association or other members of the Association or miscellaneous people to whom Mr. Rankin will think it well to send your letter. So altogether it would in this way have quite a circulation; and yet there would not be the objection that it simply won't do just now to send another piece of literature, however good, to all our members and our general mailing list.

I'm sending a copy of this to Mr. Rankin and I suppose he may be writing you himself.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Clark

Suggestion by
H. Blank.
Feb. 20. '57

February - 1957
January 17, 1957

secret made by
chosen men who conferred as to the Arnold Arboretum
at Winterthur, Del. on November 12-13, 1956

Dear President Pusey:

As one of the signers of the Winterthur statement, I have received a copy of your letter of December 4 to Mr. Henry F. duPont, in which you state that the signers are poorly informed because they have not consulted Dr. Howard, the present Director of the Arboretum.

You do not seem to realize that with the many ^{available} sources of information about the Arboretum's work, it is not necessary to consult Dr. Howard in person to become well-informed about the situation.

To know what made the Arboretum a great institution, it is necessary to be familiar with the writings of Sargent, Wilson and Rehder, and to read the Journal of the Arnold Arboretum. Their work, not only made great contributions to the taxonomy of woody plants, but was of supreme usefulness to the professional and amateur horticulturists; and because of this latter fact it attracted the funds that make up the Arboretum's endowment. The signers of the Winterthur statement are all well acquainted with their work.

To judge the current work of the Arboretum we have three reports of Director Howard. These are filled with trivial details; in fact just about everything is there except the day to day activities of the janitor. If you will compare these reports and the publications of the taxonomic staff with the things that were done when the Arboretum was great, you will see why we think that the Arboretum has come upon hard times.

These reports, as well as the Director's other statements, make much of the horticultural activities. The courses which are described, valuable as they may be in providing instruction at a popular level, cannot take the place of the important scientific work for which the Arnold Arboretum in the past has been renowned. It must also be remembered that for at least fifty years popular courses and field trips have been conducted for the public under the direction of staff members of the Arboretum.

"Harvard's View of the Controversy over the Arnold Arboretum" is another source of information as to Harvard's plans for the Arboretum. It reads as if it was prepared by a man with his tongue in his cheek. It is evident to those who know the situation that the Dean was misinformed or was deliberately attempting to distort the facts. Those of us who have studied it have not been fooled by it.

Annals (of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences)

Since the only other explanation would be that he

Harvard's intentions were revealed in the statement of the Coordinating Committee in 1950 when the Arboretum was referred to as "a tool to be used in the development of botany as a whole and in the overall interests of the University", and again in the Bailey Plan when the living collections of the Arboretum were referred to as "the goose that lays the golden eggs". There is no evidence that the Harvard Corporation has had a change of heart in spite of finally acknowledging the trust. The Arboretum's endowment certainly was not given to strengthen the botanical work at Cambridge.

and the legal issues determined,

between

The Harvard Corporation, if judged by its actions, has no understanding of the differences ~~in~~ the horticultural work under Sargent and the present day activities. It is a self-perpetuating body. It has so far been able to keep the matter out of the courts, the only place where the full facts *can* be presented. In the light of what is happening it is hard to believe that the Corporation has any intention of managing the Arboretum in its best ~~horticultural~~ *can* interests ~~as~~ set forth in the original trust. Since Dr. Howard was installed to carry out the Corporation's plan, the attempt to silence the opposition does not alter our views. As a defense of Harvard's action with respect to the Arboretum, your statement that we should listen to Dr. Howard is wholly unacceptable to us.

and whether the protesters are to have a chance to prove it in court.

The point at issue is a breach of trust. Responsible legal authorities state that when a breach of trust has been alleged as here, the matter should be resolved in the courts. *We believe that the Harvard Corporation's resolution is a judicial hearing is unjustified and wrong.*

*Believe at
Rushmore's suggestion*

Mr. Washburn's report as chairman of the Visiting Committee ought to be weighed in the light of his experience. He is a geographer, and his biographical sketches in "Who's Who" and "American Men of Science" do not indicate any interest in plants, or of the objectives of the Arboretum as set up under the original trust and directed by Sargent for more than fifty years to make his opinion important. There is no evidence that he has made any effort to ~~hear~~ the other side of the controversy.

consider very carefully

Overseers'

The Visiting Committee, having had some of its dissenting members eliminated, should now be more tractable than in the past. A vote of confidence under the circumstances may be something to talk about in uninformed circles, but hardly ~~something~~ *can* to impress the Winterthur group, or other close observers of the controversy.

The approval of the present members of the Arboretum staff in Cambridge is not surprising in view of the pressures that have been applied to those courageous enough to voice their objections to the disintegration of the Arboretum.

I must remind you, however, that three former directors of the Arboretum, Professors Ames, Merrill and Sax, all distinguished botanists and able administrators with the best interests of the Arboretum at heart, expressed their strongest disapproval of the move. Dr. Merrill's approval, as did the early approval of some others, changed to strong disapproval when he learned what the change meant for the Arboretum.

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P You refer to a lack of information in the Winterthur statement. Now I am going to refer to your lack of information about our side of the case. There is no evidence that you have made a serious attempt to find out what our thoughts are in the matter. ~~Your rebuff to Mr. Clark a year ago and~~ Your letter to Mr. du Pont indicates clearly that you are not informed as to why we think that the Harvard Corporation is not exercising its trustee powers in the best interests of the Arboretum. You appear to have relied completely on persons who have given you only one side of the case without making any effort to obtain information from those who oppose Harvard's policy. I think that it is in order for me to ask you what outside authorities the Harvard Corporation consulted in reaching its decision.

Arnold You state that Dr. Zimmerman has "neither visited the Arboretum in recent years nor corresponded with the Director regarding its program, or the utilization of its resources". Dr. Zimmerman is sufficiently well-versed on the Arboretum to qualify as the author of the article on the ~~Arnold~~ Arboretum in the current Encyclopedia Britannica.

I feel very strongly, as do other botanists and horticulturists whom I have consulted, that the Arboretum will never function effectively unless it is a ~~separate and~~ largely autonomous institution divorced from the domination of botanists who do not appreciate the importance of the problems of cultivated plants. This means the return of most of the herbarium and library to Jamaica Plain and the continuous and vigorous development of the living collections.

May I say that any of us will be happy to call upon you at your convenience and discuss this matter with you?

Very truly yours,

GIS:par

George L. Slate,
~~Professor of Pomology~~

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

February 15, 1957.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

This is just to say that neither I nor others have forgotten the matter of your draft letter of January 17 to Mr. Pusey.

I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. in Boston on February 8 when one of the subjects was the whole question of what material should be sent out to whom. The trouble is that there is too much good material and there has been complaint that we have been swamping people with more than they want or could absorb. So, while the subject was talked over, definite decision on some points were postponed pending further consideration.

I've just now had a half-hour telephone talk with Thomas V. Rankin mostly about your letter, - as to two or three changes which might well be made in it and as to whom copies might be sent. I told Rankin that I would write you our joint ideas quite fully. I haven't time to do that today, but will do so early next week; and this is just to assure you that we have thought the matter over carefully and that you will hear from me very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

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January 25, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Slate:

I received your letter of January 17 with final draft of your proposed letter to Pusey; also yours of January 20 with Dr. Avery's comments.

It is obvious that you have taken a great deal of trouble to write this very careful letter and I am sure that, subject to a few possible changes, it ought to be used. However, I have just been talking on the phone to Tom Rankin who has been consulting with Hemenway; and Rankin and I agree that before any more material goes out, there ought to be a careful review to make sure that inconsistent things are not being said by different people; and also to decide to whom the various letters, etc., should be sent to obtain the best results. In other words, we think we need to have a better coordinated plan looking to the future.

There is to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. in Boston on Friday, February 8, which I shall attend, and at which all this will be carefully discussed and decisions made. The Committee consists of J. T. Hemenway, Francis Blake, T. V. Rankin, Mrs. H. G. Arnold and myself. It is Rankin's and my opinion that the final form and the sending out of your letter should await this meeting and we hope you will understand the reasons. We also think that in so long drawn out a matter as this necessarily is, it will make no difference at all whether your letter goes out the middle or the end of February rather than now. Rankin or I will communicate with you within a few days after the February 8th meeting.

GLS p.2.

My wife and I have been on Long Island for nearly two months following an operation I had in Boston for gallstones late in October. It was a severe operation but I have recovered very well and have been doing considerable work, mainly on my real profession of working away at the problem of "Disarmament and World Law" as I call it. I have had very little time to pay attention to developments in the Arboretum matter but I am just as much interested as ever and shall put in some time on it within the next few weeks.

The winter has been the coldest in Dublin for many years, as I suppose it has been with you. My wife has just been invited to be a judge at the Flower Show in Boston in March and if you come to it, I certainly hope we can meet there. I also hope all is well with you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

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January 11, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Professor Slate:

Mr. Grenville Clark asked me to drop you this line to say that he has received your letter of December 29 with the draft of letter to President Pusey. Mr. Clark is sorry for the delay in acknowledging your letter, which has been due to his having been terribly busy. He asked me to say that he will write you within a week or perhaps telephone you, and sends his regards and best wishes for 1957.

Sincerely yours,

G. Maloney
Secretary to
Grenville Clark

29th December 1956

Mr. Grenville Clark

Dublin, New Hampshire.

Dear Mr. Clark:

I enclose a copy of a reply to President Pusey's letter to Mr. Dupont. This is a preliminary draft for your approval, additions and deletions. Copies are going to Rankin, Sax, Wister, Lee, MacDaniels and Avery for suggestions. If suggestions from the others are extensive I shall come back to you again if you wish before finally mailing it to President Pusey. Rankin writes that Mr. Dupont has been swamped with letters and I should not bother him until the final copy is ready. Should I have his permission to answer Pusey's letter to him, or is it implied by Mr. Dupont's mailing copies to the signers of the Winterthur statement?

I wonder if it is worth going to all this trouble if it is likely to land in Pusey's waste basket.

I think perhaps that we should circulate these replies to the other members of the Corporation, the Visiting Committee and perhaps to the Overseer. You could probably suggest others. If we send our replies only to President Pusey they are not going to have much effect if previous experience is any indication. Pusey should certainly not be allowed to get away with a highly misleading letter like that he sent to Mr. Dupont.

We hope that you are now well over your operation and ready to do battle again.

With best wishes for the New Year to you and Mrs. Clark from us both,

Sincerely yours

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the President

January 4, 1956

Dear Mr. Clark:

What I said in our brief conversation last autumn was that I very much regretted that the Arboratus matter had prevented our having opportunity to discuss other Harvard business, having in mind then especially the Divinity School.

Surely were it not for this one, apparently insurmountable difficulty, my coming into the presidency of Harvard such a short time after you had left the Corporation would have ensured fairly frequent occasions for meeting and happy discussion of many Harvard matters about which I am confident we do agree. But I did not invite, nor do I see how any profit could possibly come from, further discussion of the familiar points which we have all been over so many times and which we continue to see in totally different manners.

Sincerely yours,

Nathan M. Pusey

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Mr. Grenville Clark
Dublin
New Hampshire

Copy for Prof. Slater

January 3, 1956

President Nathan M. Pusey
Massachusetts Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pusey:

When we had a brief conversation at the "Government under Law" conference last September, I think you said when the Arnold Arboretum matter was mentioned that you would like to talk it over with me sometime; and I have had it in mind all autumn to ask you whether you wished to see me for a thorough talk about the various aspects.

However, I have been so constantly occupied that there has never been a time when I could get to Cambridge, and now my wife and I are going abroad on January 6 for several months until about April 20. Accordingly, rather than let the matter drift for so long a time, I have dictated the enclosed Memorandum mentioning the principal points I should like to go over with you if you wish to do so next May or June.

In referring to the various points, I have tried to be careful and moderate. At the same time I have spoken frankly, because it is certainly futile to discuss this matter on any other basis.

I hope that you will wish to have a talk with me in the spring since I think it might be helpful. And at the least, I should hope to convince you of this much: that you have appraised and characterized the situation erroneously in saying that the opposition is actuated by emotion rather than principle or by any other reason than a strong conviction that through Harvard's opposition to a judicial hearing an injustice has been done.

I wish you well and send best wishes for 1956.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Grenville Clark

^{Wentworth, N.H.}
June 1

Dear Mr. Slat:-

These copies of
letters to J. H. M. Lawrence
& C. B. Harding (Pres. of N.Y.
Bot. Garden) may interest
you. Hope we see you & Mrs.
Slat this summer. Best wishes.
J. S. Merrill blank

Copy for Mr. Slate

June 1, 1956.

Charles B. Harding, Esq.,
14 Wall Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Harding:

I recently received your excellent letter about the "Elmer Drew Merrill Fund"; and although because of many other commitments I cannot make a substantial contribution, my wife and I do want to have some part and send a check for \$50. This should be recorded as from "Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Clark".

It is fitting that under the circumstances Dr. Merrill should have given his medals, diplomas and library to the New York Botanical Garden; and it is a reproach to Harvard University, with which he was associated in the latter part of his career, that Harvard treated him so badly in his later years. You may have heard about the ill treatment accorded not only to him but to Professors Sax and Johnston and other members of the staff of the Arnold Arboretum who were sufficiently independent and conscientious to express the view that Harvard's plan for the Arboretum (especially the removal of most of the library and herbarium to Cambridge) was adverse to the Arboretum's interests and work. It is, indeed, a very shocking story which, as a Harvard man long active in its affairs, has humiliated me. It would, perhaps, be a healthy thing if all the facts were ventilated as is being urged by some excellent people.

I am glad to see your name on the membership list of the "Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.". It has over 1100 members, is very much alive and is as determined as ever to continue the effort for a judicial hearing at which we feel quite confident that a case of breach of trust could be established with the ultimate result of a reintegration of the Arboretum's work at Jamaica Plain.

I hope that you will be able sometime to have a talk with Mr. Thomas V. Rankin who is Counsel and Secretary of the Association concerning the Association's future course.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

GRENVILLE CLARK

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

March 8, 1955.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

Many thanks for yours of March 5 and the notes and copy of letter from G. H. M. Lawrence, all of which will be most helpful.

If you'd like to send me that letter of February 4 from Donald Wyman, I'd be interested to see all he has to say and would return it to you promptly.

I enclose in confidence - for your eye only - a copy of a letter from Karl Sax dated March 5. I'm sure you'll agree with me that it reveals a sad state of affairs.

I enclose also copy of a second letter of March 6 from Karl Sax which seems to bear out your statement that: "The magnificent contributions of the Arboretum to the taxonomy of woody plants were made during the many years when the Arboretum botanists were at Jamaica Plain, isolated from the Harvard botanists, but in the main stream insofar as their researches were concerned."

Thanks again.

I'll be in touch with you again before long.

Sincerely yours,

G. Clark

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The Association is an independent organization having no connection with Harvard University and is not to be confused with the Harvard-sponsored "Friends of the Arnold Arboretum". Organized to protect and support the Arnold Arboretum in the public interest, the Association is opposed to Harvard's present plan for the Arboretum.

November 1, 1955.

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Dear Professor Slate:

On behalf of the Finance Committee of this Association, I am sending you another copy of the Finance Committee's letter of August 5 requesting subscriptions for the current budget of the Association.

Since this letter was sent out in August, it is possible that because of the summer season it escaped your attention. For that reason, and not to importune you, I am taking the liberty of sending you this second copy; and I hope that you may feel disposed to subscribe.

The response to our August 5 letter has been quite satisfactory and clearly shows that our members regard Harvard's opposition to a judicial hearing on the breach of trust question as a denial of justice which involves a true question of principle; and that they wish to support a persistent effort to resist this injustice. To do so, however, we need additional funds from more of our members. And, although we need some more substantial subscriptions, it is also very desirable that the subscription shall be a wide one; and contributions in any amount will be very welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Endicott Peabody, Treasurer
Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.
50 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

I enclose herewith a check for \$..... as my contribution toward the budget of the Association for the fiscal year, July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956.

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DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

June 6, 1955.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

Many thanks for sending me your letter of June 3 to Professor
W. B. Drew of Michigan State College. I think your letter is
first class.

I'd like to have a ten-fifteen minute telephone talk with
you this week and instead of calling you up when you may be
busy, I'm asking that you give me a ring, if you can manage it,
on this Wednesday or Thursday morning (June 8-9) between
8:45-1:00 at Dublin 42 ring 2, and be sure to make the charge
collect.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

May 20, 1955

Mr. Grenville Clark
Dublin,
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Clark;

I enclose a copy of a short article which appeared in the "American Nurseryman" recently as I thought you might like to see it.

This magazine circulates among the nurserymen.

Very truly yours,

GLS:par

George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

February 25, 1955.

Professor George L. Slate,
N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station,
Geneve, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

I enclose copy of a letter sent today to George S. Avery, Jr.; and identical letters have gone to Edgar Anderson and George Lawrence, I've written Wister to the same effect. Please consider that you are receiving the same letter.

Please write me if you wish, but instead of your phoning me, I intend to call you at your home at Geneva on Tuesday evening soon after 8:00.

I was outraged at that letter that Howard had the nerve to write about you. I only hope that it hasn't caused you any trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

Dictated but not signed
by Grenville Clark

February 25, 1955.

Dr. George S. Avery, Jr.,
Brooklyn Botanic Garden,
1000 Washington Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Dr. Avery:

I enclose proof of a "Review of the Arnold Arboretum Controversy". This is to be passed on at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. (which now has over 900 members) in Boston on March 3. If it is then approved, and subject to editing, the intention is to send it to quite a large list of people about March 20, with a short note expressing the hope that they will be interested to read it and will join the Association.

It will be most helpful if you will read this proof and send me any suggestions. But above all, I hope you will read carefully the sub-head on p. 10 "What will happen to the Arboretum in the meantime?"; and tell me whether you think it is a sound and fair statement.

Please note that this sub-head does not say dogmatically that the Arboretum will be washed up so far as maintaining its leading position is concerned if the present disintegration continues. But it does say that until the Arboretum is reintegrated, its future is "unlikely to be bright"; also that it is "impossible to see" how it "can maintain the leading position which it has had in the past" if its "principal research tools", i.e., research library and herbarium, continue to be "separated from its living collections".

Do you think that these statements should be modified to make them stronger or weaker and what more do you think could be briefly said as to the Arboretum's prospects if the present separation and regime continue indefinitely?

We want to get a consensus from a few people, ^{of authority} not now connected with the Arnold Arboretum's management as to what can conservatively be said as to the Arboretum's prospects (or lack of them) if the present arrangements remain unchanged. And to this end I'm also writing Edgar Anderson at St. Louis, George H. M. Lawrence at Cornell, George L. Slate at Geneva and John C. Wister at Swarthmore.

If you are able and willing to think about this a little and give me your suggestions and views, especially on that sub-head, I would certainly appreciate it.

If you can conveniently communicate with me by noon on Thursday, March 3, that would be helpful. I shall be absent over Sunday and Monday, but will be here in Dublin on Tuesday, March 1, and until 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 2, when I go to Boston to be at the Somerset Club,

Dr. Avery

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February 25, 1955.

42 Beacon Street, to stay Wednesday night and through Thursday. The Executive Committee is to meet there at luncheon on Thursday, March 3.

If you care to phone me rather than write, I would really prefer that. If you do so, please make a point of calling collect. You could reach me at 42 ring 2 Dublin on Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 1:00 and on Wednesday, March 3, between 9:00 - 11:00. Or if you were phoning after that, you could get me at the Somerset Club in Boston (Capitol 7-1731) on Thursday, March 3, between 9:00 - 12:00.

Perhaps I should add that for the time being this proof is for your private eye, since it has not yet been approved by the Executive Committee and may be considerably changed.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

P. S. Please understand that you will not be quoted without your permission, but I would like to be able to tell the Executive Committee what you say.

G. C.

GRENVILLE CLARK

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

December 13, 1954.

Prof. George L. Slate,
N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Prof. Slate:

We didn't have time to have a very satisfactory talk about your various excellent ideas; so I'm suggesting again that you write them out some day soon in a letter to Rankin and send me a copy of your letter.

As to your various good suggestions for lists of people to circularize, Rankin can tell you which of them are already covered by the present lists. I think that some are covered but some not. However, apart from the membership matter, I think you had several other valuable suggestions which I wish you would write out some time.

Sincerely yours,

G. C.

I think
P. S. I enclose a copy of the resolution which I offered at the members' meeting on December 9. It will go out in a week or so to the thirty-seven members of the two Governing Boards of Harvard (i.e., the seven members of the Corporation and the thirty members of the Board of Overseers) and to some 800 other people who are active in the Alumni Association, on various Visiting Committees, etc.

G. C.

Your talk at the meeting was excellent; glad you could come. I'll be greatly interested to see the results from your good letter to the 520.

Rankin's father died on the day of the meeting which is why he left early. He is in Illinois but back in Boston the end of this week. G. C.

December 12, 1952

Mr. Grenville Clark
Dublin, New Hamp.

Dear Mr. Clark:

George Lawrence has sent me a copy of his memorandum dated December 8, 1952 prepared for you, Mr. Dodge and Mr. Farley. I also have copies of his letters to you and Mr. Farley concerning relations between the Arboretum and Harvard. I discussed these matters with Lawrence yesterday in Ithaca. I am in full agreement with Dr. Lawrence's views as expressed in this memorandum.

I wonder if Harvard realizes just how much the Arboretum means to the horticulturists of the world and to the botanists who deal with the taxonomy of woody plants. To all of us who engage in research with woody plants, the collections of the Arboretum are indispensable. Plant breeders, workers in the field of plant propagation, pathologists, and entomologists find in the Arboretum, a source of material not readily available elsewhere in this country. There is no other comparable collection and there is not likely to be one for many years.

Those of us who do not often use the living collections find Rehder's Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs made possible only because the facilities of the Arboretum were available for the work of producing it, an indispensable reference book.

Those who grow plants for their beauty and those who cater to them, the landscape gardeners and nurserymen, are heavily indebted to the Arboretum.

This work, which has meant so much to plantsmen the world over, cannot go on if the Arboretum is integrated with the botanical work at Cambridge. The Cambridge botanists are not now, and have not been in the past, sympathetic to this type of work. Harvard, too, has had little interest in the Arboretum. Professor Sargent because of his commanding position and great forcefulness was able to do as he liked. His successors have not had the advantage of his strong position and they have had the disadvantage that the Arboretum's substantial endowment has tempted others, whose work does not have the popular appeal to attract funds from horticulturally minded people, to attempt to divert these funds to the support of their projects. If they succeed in this attempt the Arboretum is finished and it will degenerate into "a glorified part of the Boston Park Department" to quote Dr. L. H. Bailey.

If the work of the Arboretum is to continue at the same high level in the future as in the past, it must regain its independence and the staff

Mr. Grenville Clark

must be freed from any repetition of the present very disconcerting experience.

My feeling is that some connection with Harvard is desirable for management of the endowments and for academic reasons, but, if Harvard is unwilling to modify its present attitude, then perhaps the possibility of separating the Arboretum completely from Harvard should be explored.

There is certainly a great and growing need for the work of the Arboretum. If it can regain its resources and attract the support that a vigorous and growing horticultural-botanical institution with its reputation can attract, its future should be as great as its past.

With best regards to Mrs. Clark and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George L. Slate

GRENVILLE CLARK

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

November 12, 1952

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Ave.,
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Professor Slate:

You will remember our talk last summer about the Arnold Arboretum and Professor Lawrence; and I think I gave you a copy of the ^{present} opinion (in the green cover) of Messrs. Dodge and Farley to the "Overseers' Committee to Visit the Arnold Arboretum."

Now a Committee of the Board of Overseers of Harvard College called "The Coordinating Committee on Biological Sciences" has come up with a proposed solution of the long controversy. It is in the shape of a proposed statement by the Harvard Corporation as to the policies it will pursue in future with relation to the Arboretum. I enclose two copies of this proposal which will now be submitted to the Visiting Committee to see what they think of it.

I can see several grave objections to this proposal as a satisfactory solution and would like to discuss several points with you on the phone. So I shall call you up within the next week.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

P.S. I enclose an extra copy of the proposed resolution which you can pass on in confidence if you wish to Professor Lawrence. At the present time, this matter is confidential but I would much like your judgment on two or three questions since my advice is being sought.

G. C.

copy to Lawrence

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE ON THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

RESOLVED: That in order to accomplish the coordination of the activities of the Arnold Arboretum with those of other University activities in botany to the extent that such coordination can be accomplished consistently with the best interests of the Arboretum, the Board of Overseers recommends the adoption by the Corporation of the following statement of policy to govern the administration of the Arboretum and the use of income from endowment funds held by the Corporation in trust for the purposes of the Arboretum:

O.K.

1. The plan contained in the Bailey Report of June 1945 shall not apply to the Arboretum or to the income from its endowment

O.K.

2. As soon as is practicable, the President, after consideration of the advice and recommendations of an ad hoc committee, will nominate and the Corporation will appoint an Arnold Professor.

endowments

3. The Arnold Professor shall have the care and management of the Arboretum, subject to the ~~control~~ of the Corporation. In the exercise of such ~~control~~ and of its duties as Trustee of endowment funds held in trust for the purposes of the Arboretum, the Corporation will act through the President, who shall be assisted by such other administrative officer or officers as the Corporation may from time to time designate. The Arnold Professor shall have the right to discuss with the President any matters concerning the care and management of the Arboretum ~~and shall be responsible to the president for such care and administration.~~

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O.K.

4. In view of the fact that the duties of the Arnold Professor as defined by the Indenture of 1872 are primarily administrative, the Arnold Professor shall hold tenure in the University as an administrative officer, rather than as an officer of instruction. In connection with his additional duties under the terms of the Indenture of 1872 to "teach the knowledge of trees in the University" and to "give such other instruction therein as may be naturally, directly and usefully connected therewith," the incumbent of the Arnold Professorship shall also be appointed Professor of Dendrology and, as such, shall hold tenure in the University as an officer of instruction of professorial rank.

5. Recommendations for other appointments to the staff of the Arnold Arboretum may be initiated from time to time by the Arnold Professor (or by the President) and all such appointments shall be made in accordance with the procedures followed in connection with other Corporation appointments of like rank, including the use of ad hoc committees.

O.K.

6. The annual budget of the Arnold Arboretum shall be prepared by the Arnold Professor or under his direction and shall be submitted to the Corporation through the President and such other administrative officer or officers as the Corporation may from time to time designate, whose comments and recommendations may accompany those of the Arnold Professor.

7. The annual net income from the unrestricted endowment of the Arnold Arboretum shall at all times be expended for purposes within the terms of such endowment

Arnold Professor

and in such manner as the Corporation shall from time to time determine to be in the best interests of the Arboretum. For the present, such net income shall be first applied to the support of the living collections and buildings at Jamaica Plain, the Arnold Professorship, and the library and herbarium of the Arboretum, and thereafter, to the extent available, to the support of all other Arboretum activities, including instruction and research in fields of knowledge related to trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.

Arnold Professor

8. The activities supported by the endowment of the Arnold Arboretum shall be coordinated with other University activities in botany to the extent that, in the judgment of the Corporation, such coordination is in the best interests of the Arboretum and will promote the purposes of its endowment. Proposals for such coordination may be initiated from time to time by the Arnold Professor or by the President. The Arnold Professor shall be ex officio a member of the University's Biological Council.

9. In the exercise of its duties as Trustee of endowment funds held in trust for the purposes of the Arnold Arboretum, the Corporation determines that it is in the best interests of the Arboretum and will promote the purposes of its endowment to remove to a central building in Cambridge the main body of the library and herbarium of the Arboretum related to research, and to retain at Jamaica Plain such books and specimens as may be required to provide there a working library and herbarium. The books and specimens to be so housed in Cambridge shall be appropriately identified as a part of the Arboretum and shall remain under the care and management of the Arnold Professor. The Arnold Professor and the Director of the University Library shall recommend to the Corporation through the President what books are to be retained at Jamaica Plain. The Arnold Professor and the Director of The New York Botanical Garden shall recommend to the Corporation through the President what specimens are to be retained at Jamaica Plain. No part of the cost of the construction of the central building in Cambridge shall be borne by Arboretum funds, the entire cost to be provided from unrestricted funds of the University. A part of the expense of the annual maintenance and operation of the central building (as distinguished from the care and maintenance of the library and herbarium of the Arboretum housed therein) shall be charged to the income of the Arboretum endowment in accordance with the standard procedure of the University for allocating such costs.

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Rebate all of this

November 7, 1952.

to insure continuation of the Arboretum
as ^{an} ~~an administrative~~ ^{with} ~~administratively~~ wholly separate from
others ^{within} ~~the~~ the Corporation, and to insure that its
administrative headquarters be situated at the
present Jamaica Plain location, with no part
of its present or future staff, herbarium, library,
or other facilities be removed to Cambridge or to
other properties not now a part of its real estate
holdings. In this connection ~~it~~ it is recognized
that the ^{advantages} ~~facilities~~ of the Arboretum, ^{personnel and physical facilities,} ~~should~~ ^{be}
~~are~~ are to be available to members of all other
biological units within the Corporation and
that efforts toward construction of cooperative
programs between the Arboretum and such units
is considered essential to furtherment of the sciences.

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

December 6, 1954.

Professor George L. Slate,
N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Professor Slate:

Thanks for your note of December 4 with the copy of your letter. I think it's wonderful that you've worked this up to a list of 520 and all concerned are indebted to you for all the work you must have done apart from the expense. I still think it would be perfectly O.K. for you to send in a memo to the Association for your out-of-pocket expense on this. But, of course, that's for you to say.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

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G. C.
*I think the letter reads fine; it
couldn't be better.*
G. C.

GRENVILLE CLARK

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

November 1, 1954.

Professor George L. Slate,
New York State Agricultural Experiment
Station,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

*300 or more
copies of*
I've talked to Mr. Rankin this morning and it is
arranged to have sent you within two weeks, I should say:
(1) a short leaflet describing the organization and purposes
of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum and (2) 300
membership cards and return envelopes (or more if you need
them).

no it should be
I've just read over again the copy of your letter that
Mrs. Wight retyped and I think it is excellent. I enclose
one of the two copies I kept in order to call your attention
to two typographical errors, i.e., "proposed" instead of
"propose" on p. 1, and in the spelling of "gardeners" on p. 2.
Also, I venture a further suggestion for amendment of the
last paragraph as I've indicated. My idea about asking those
to whom you write to make suggestions of others who might be
circularized is that I believe the most effective way to get
additional members is through obtaining names from those who
have already joined. The membership card has space on the
back for filling in seven names, so speaks for itself in a
way. But I think that it would help to call attention to
this at the very end of your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

The future of the Arnold Arboretum, America's greatest and most useful collection of trees and shrubs, is seriously threatened. Until recently the Arboretum, ever since its founding in 1872, led a virtually independent existence, its endowment administered as a trust by Harvard University, with which the Arboretum is thus affiliated.

An agreement made in 1872 between the trustees under the will of James Arnold and Harvard University provided for the founding of an arboretum. Charles S. Sargent, who soon became one^{of}/the great botanists of the world, was its first Director and continued to direct the Arboretum for over 50 years until 1927. During that time he made the Arboretum a great collection of woody plants. A great herbarium and library were assembled. These collections made it possible for Sargent and the excellent staff which he assembled, to produce a series of books and scientific papers of great fundamental importance to the study of the woody plants of North American and the world. Sargent's interest in the horticultural applications of his botanical studies made many friends for the Arboretum, who, because of their interest in the type of work done by Sargent and his colleagues, endowed the Arboretum through the years in the amount of over \$4,000,000.

Now Harvard University and its botanists in Cambridge propose~~l~~ to take over and integrate with the University collections in Cambridge all of the Arboretum's library and collections related to research. Thus the work of the Arboretum will be dominated, it is believed, by Harvard botanists whose interest in the type of work which made the Arboretum famous is minor or non-existent. Unless this plan is checked, the Arboretum may soon become, as Liberty Hyde Bailey one of America's greatest botanists has put it, "a glorified part of the Boston Park Department".

Several of the Arboretum staff who have disagreed with this move have been ruthlessly disciplined.

Friends of the Arboretum have rallied to its support and have asked for Court action to determine whether this Harvard plan involves a breach of trust in regard to the Arboretum. Instead of welcoming a judicial test as it should have done, Harvard has made strenuous, and so far successful,

efforts to block court action. The fight to restore the Arboretum to its previous greatness in the field of woody plants is being continued. Supporters of the Arboretum are providing funds for the legal aspects of this fight.

The Arboretum, however, needs more than funds. It needs a great body of friends scattered throughout North America, friends who will go to bat for it, who will present its case to all who are interested in woody plants, and who are keenly interested in seeing it restored to its former stature as "America's Greatest Garden".

You realize, no doubt, what the Arboretum has done. It is a place of beauty, a mecca for all who love woody plants. It has combed the world for plants that have enriched our gardens. Its publications have been indispensable. How could we get along, for example, without Alfred Rehder's great "Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs", a book that must be within reach of every working plantsman?

The Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. has been organized to fight for the integrity and future of the Arboretum. It now has 650 members from all parts of the country, but needs more.

I am appealing to my horticultural and botanically minded friends and acquaintances to join this Association, and to put their weight behind this movement to restore the Arboretum to its former position of greatness in the field of woody plants. American gardeners need the Arnold Arboretum that has done so much for them in the past and now the Arboretum needs their support and backing.

I enclose a membership application and hope that you can join the rest of us in this ~~effort~~ ^{effort}. I hope also that you will consider the names of others likely to be interested and send in their names on the membership card.

GRENVILLE CLARK

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

November 5, 1954.

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Professor George L. Slate,
New York State Agricultural Experiment Station,
Geneva, New York.

Dear Mr. Slate:

Mr. Clark asked me to be responsible for seeing that you get the material to go out with your letter, i.e., (1) a leaflet containing some data about the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, its purposes, program, etc; (2) a membership application and return envelopes. All these together will not be heavy and I think that even with these enclosures your letter ought to go first class with a three-cent stamp.

As to the leaflet, we are sending it to the printer here today for the proof and then it will have to go down early next week to Mr. Rankin for his approval. However, I think you can count on receiving it with the cards and envelopes not later than November 20. I thought you'd like to know this so you can date your letter accordingly.

Please drop me a line to say how many of each of the items you want. I was planning to send you 300 of each, but if you need more, they will be available.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth N. Wight

Mrs. Norman B. Wight
Secretary to Grenville Clark

P. S. Mr. Clark asked me to mention that he's sorry to say that Attorney General Fingold, who made that decision against us, was re-elected by about 50,000 in a vote of about 2,000,000. He ran somewhat behind Governor Herter but ahead of Senator Saltonstall. So that particular possibility of having a new Attorney General who would reverse the decision is gone.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Endicott Peabody, was elected on the Democratic ticket as a member of the Governor's Council in a remarkable contest in which he got 118,000 against 116,000 for his Republican opponent in a district that hasn't had a Democratic since 1914. This will give Mr. Peabody quite a status in Democratic politics in Massachusetts and Mr. Clark thinks this may be some help at a later stage, even though it doesn't seem to have any immediate bearing.

R.N.W.

GRENVILLE CLARK
DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TELEPHONE DUBLIN 1

I.U. Willets Road
Albertson, L.I., N.Y.

December 30, 1952

Professor George L. Slate
New York State Agricultural
Experiment Station
Cornell University
Geneva, N.Y.

Dear Professor Slate; ~~Dear Slate:~~

The enclosed set of papers and copy of my
letter of today to Professor Lawrence will explain
themselves.

Many thanks for your help and every good wish
to all of you for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Grenville Clark

I.U. Willets Road,
Albertson, L.I., N.Y.
December 30, 1952

Prof. George H. M. Lawrence,
Bailey Hortorium,
Sage Place,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Professor Lawrence:

I don't know whether Mr. Farley sent you a set of the papers which went out on December 22 to the members of the Visiting Committee on the Arnold Arboretum. However, it will do no harm for you to have an extra set so I enclose mimeographed copies of them as follows:

- (1) Copy of letter of December 22 from Messrs. Farley and Dodge to the members of the Visiting Committee
- (2) Copy of letter of December 22 from Messrs. Dodge and Farley to President Conant with copy of proposed vote attached
- (3) Copy of my letter of December 22 to President Conant

These papers also went to Mr. Laird Bell, of Chicago, the Chairman of the Overseers' Coordinating Committee on the Biological Sciences. Extra copies were sent to the Secretary of the Harvard Corporation and to Mr. Bell, for the members of the Corporation and the Coordinating Committee, so that in all 42 sets of the papers went out, i.e., 26 to the members of the Visiting Committee, 7 for the Corporation and 9 for the Coordinating Committee.

I also enclose a copy of Mr. Farley's letter of December 22 to Mr. Bell.

At this writing I haven't heard of any reactions. The proposed vote was carefully thought out and I hope you agree with me that if it is accepted without substantial change, it would (as I say in my letter of December 22) be a "reasonably satisfactory solution" provided it is "carried out in letter and spirit over the years."

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I am sending a set of these same papers and a copy of this letter to Professor Slate.

Mr. Farley or I will let you both know of future developments.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Grenville Clark

December 19, 1952

Mr. Grenville Clark
% Miss G. Maloney
Room 1000, 31 Nassau St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Here are the names that Lawrence and I selected as possible witnesses to testify if the Arboretum matter ever comes to court. We think perhaps the best witnesses are possibly at the top of the list. Lawrence also considered whether they might get rattled or not under attack by Harvard lawyers.

John Wister, Dept. of Horticulture, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.
Henry Skinner, National Arboretum, Washington, D. C.
E. F. Palmer, Horticultural Experiment Station, Vineland Station,
Ontario, Canada
Howard E. McMinn, Mills College, Calif.
O. E. White, Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Wm. Hertrich, Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, Calif.
H. H. Hume, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
Harold A. Senn, Division of Botany, Central Experiment Farms,
Ottawa, Canada

I mentioned MacDaniels' name to you over the phone and he would be a good witness we think, except that he might be unduly nervous on the witness stand.

I have never had any experience on the witness stand myself so do not know how I would react to cross-examination.

If I can be of any further service, please feel free to call on me at any time.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

CLS:PT

George L. Slate
Professor of Pomology

Copy for Prof. Slate

October 13, 1953.

Prof. John C. Wister,
Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation,
Swarthmore College,
Swarthmore, Penna.

Dear Mr. Wister:

I have your note of October 3.

Apparently I gave an entirely wrong impression to George Slate when he was at our house this summer. I did tell him that the protestants against the plan to disintegrate the Arboretum had met a reverse, in that the Attorney General of Massachusetts had been persuaded by the Harvard Corporation to refuse assent to a law suit in his name to test the legal issues. (This refusal occurred on last July 2.) However, I didn't mean to imply that, as George Slate put it, our Committee or group had to "give up the ghost" on this account. On the contrary, our group is very much alive and has agreed on a systematic plan of campaign to continue the protest, in order: (1) If possible even at this last moment to prevent the disintegration of the Arboretum involved in the proposed removal of five-sixths of its herbarium and nine-tenths of its library from Jamaica Plain to Cambridge and (2) if this cannot be prevented, to attempt in the long run to repair this damage.

I enclose a copy of a letter to Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence (Episcopal Bishop of Western Massachusetts) who is the new Chairman of the Overseers' Visiting Committee to the Arboretum. This letter will give you a more detailed account of the present position.

Thanks for your letter and later on I will be in touch with you again. I'm sending George Slate a copy of this and of my letter to Bishop Lawrence.

Sincerely yours,

S/ Grenville Clark

January 6, 1956

Henry F. duPont, Esq.
Winterthur
Delaware

Dear Harry:

Fanny and I are leaving tonight on a round-the-world trip on the Swedish "Kungsholm", - emulating Mrs. Crowninshield. I'm writing a few last minute notes and thought I'd let you know of a new canard by Prof. Howard in the Arboretum matter.

This is that Prof. George L. Slate of Geneva and Cornell (a friend of Prof. George Lawrence of the Bailey Hortorium at Cornell) told me recently that, according to Lawrence, Howard told Lawrence last summer that you and Mrs. Crowninshield had "withdrawn support" from the pre-test, i.e., the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.

I know very well this is wholly false; it is one of a number of falsities by Howard. I thought I'd let you know, since it has doubtless been circulated. I feel sure Howard did as reported since Lawrence and Slate are first-rate men. (Slate, as you doubtless know, is "Chinese" Wilson's son-in-law and is a director of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum.) I'm having sent you copies of a recent letter and memo. of mine to Pusey and his reply.

Hope to see you this spring; we return April 13.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Grenville Clark

P. S. I'm having a copy of this letter sent to Mrs. Crowninshield.
I shan't be able to sign this letter so please excuse the lack of my own signature.

William S. Clarke Jr.
Box 167
State College, Pennsylvania

December 17, 1954.

Professor George L. Slate,
37 Highland Avenue,
Geneva, New York.

Sent sister's
Swampscott speech 11/17/55
with England letter

Dear George:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in connection with the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. I have sent in an application for membership for myself.

Your letter was read in our Department meeting last week, but I doubt whether the reading accomplished much in material results. The men in landscape work had already received literature from Harvard University stating arguments the other way.

We have certainly received benefits here from the Arnold Arboretum, and I think

that it would be a shame to discontinue the
work or break up the Arboretum, as seems
likely if Harvard University's proposed plan
is accomplished.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Clarke Jr.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

WELLESLEY 81, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND BACTERIOLOGY

December 4, 1957

Dr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Dr. Slate:

I appreciate having your comments and a statement of your opinion concerning the Arnold Arboretum.

As one who visits it frequently, taking my students there to study the collections, I cannot agree with you on the condition of the collections. I, too, have known them for twenty-five years and cannot agree that they have deteriorated.

I am sure that you are right that the reputation of the Arboretum was raised to its high level by Sargent, Wilson and Rehder, but I cannot feel that there are any taxonomic works being done anywhere in the world at the present time which are of their calibre. This is in part because there are no large new parts of the world being explored, and in part because after Rehder's work it is not easy, if possible, for anyone to surpass it. I think one must realize that Merrill, Sargent and Wilson did their work at a time when whole new areas were opened to the Western world for the first time. With so much of the world now closed to expeditions many opportunities are also closed.

I have had occasion to use their library in Jamaica Plain, and have found all the horticultural books I desired there as well as all standard botanical treatises. The herbarium which remains in Jamaica Plain is also adequate for use there. Though I am not a taxonomist, I have friends who are and they have told me that they have found it much more convenient when they came to Boston for a short period of time to work on herbarium specimens to have those which were moved from the Arnold Arboretum in the same building with those of the Gray Herbarium.

In short, we will have to agree to disagree on the matter and let it drop.

Cordially,

Harriet B. Creighton
Harriet B. Creighton
Professor of Botany

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25th November 1957

Dr. Harriet B. Creighton
Dept. of Botany
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Creighton:

This is a belated reply to your letter of April 24th in which you comment on my letter to President Pusey concerning the Arboretum situation.

I shall have to disagree with your statement that "the living collection has been improving in quality notably in the last few years." I spent considerable time in the Arboretum in 1925-26 and I have been there several times recently. The plantings have definitely deteriorated in recent years. Many plants that have died have not been replaced. Little or no exploratory work has been done since Sargent's time and there is no indication that any will be done. An arboretum that does not add to its collections is deteriorating. One of my colleagues here at Geneva who saw the Arboretum in Sargent's time and recently said that he scarcely recognized the place.

The Arboretum's greatness rests upon the taxonomic work of Sargent, Wilson and Rehder and on the plant introductions of their time. This work was of great botanical as well as horticultural value. Practically nothing is being done in this field now. The separation of the horticultural books and herbarium specimens from the botanical books and specimens and the moving of the staff to Cambridge is clear evidence that Harvard has no intentions of doing any horticultural work, other than a tiny bit of window dressing. The classes, field trips etc., reach only a very few garden club people. The work of Sargent and Rehder was of great usefulness to all who worked with woody plants. We still need that kind of work; the Arboretum has the resources to do it, but these resources which were assembled because and for that kind of work are being used for other kinds of botanical work in Cambridge which has little relation to the work which attracted them.

You wish that the people who have honest doubts of

Dr. Creighton:-

25th November 1957

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the program of the Arboretum would talk with the people who are currently involved in its activities. I have talked with Dr. Howard and Dr. Kobuski and so have others, but I can assure you that that is not the way to find out what is being done. We must judge them by what they do and not by what they say. Compare the publications of the taxonomic staff in recent years with the bibliographies of Sargent, Wilson, Rehder, Merrill and their colleagues and you will see what I mean.

It is a matter of great regret that the present controversy has to continue, but the gradual extinguishing of the Arboretum and the use of its resources for other than the purpose for which they were given is something that those of us who have followed the situation cannot accept without protest.

Sincerely yours

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF
BOTANY

April 24, 1957

Dr. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Slate:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to President Pusey.

Actually, although as a member of the Editorial Board of the Plant Science Bulletin, I recommended the publication of Mrs. Merrill's letter, I am sorry not that I did. I heartily disapprove of the request of Mr. Rankin of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum in requesting permission to reprint or publish Mrs. Merrill's letter under the masthead of the Bulletin, since its publication would make it appear that the Botanical Society of America approved of the activities of the Association.

The Society and its individual members have had no opportunity to hear both sides of this controversy and until they do they should not be put in the position of seeming to have sides with either group.

Speaking purely personally, as one who lives near the Arboretum and who uses it frequently for class work, I can't help but notice that the living collection has been improving in quality notably in the last few years. Dr. Howard, Dr. Wynne, and all of the others responsible for it are working hard and succeeding in improving the plants and in improving the services to the gardening public.

I disagree with you that the reports of the directors which I receive as a member of the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum are filled with trivial details. Certainly much of the work that is being carried on there is of scientific and of general value as it always has been. I can only wish that some of the people who have honest doubts of the program of the Arnold Arboretum would come to visit it and the faculty in Cambridge, talk with the people who are currently involved in its activities and decide for themselves on the basis of their complete observation as to whether the Arboretum is carrying on its honorable tradition or not.

In any event, thank you again for sending me a copy of your letter to the President of Harvard.

Cordially,

Harriet B. Creighton

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