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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

February 12, 1964

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

Dear George:

The Master's Report was filed October 1, 1963. On November 29, 1963 the Respondent, President and Fellows of Harvard College, filed a set of motions asking that it be recommitted because of alleged errors and other short comings. The Petitioner, Attorney General, on January 3, 1964 filed a brief and affidavit opposing the foregoing motion. On January 22, 1964 arguments were heard by Judge Spalding of the Supreme Judicial Court, and on January 24, 1964 the Judge denied the Respondent's motion.

Next will be a hearing on our motion requesting confirmation of the Master's Report.

Enclosed is a letter which I have today discovered among our files, dated February 4, 1955 from Professor Lawrence to you.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Slate.

Sincerely,

Tom

TVR/bm
Enclosure

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

July 9, 1963

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

Dear George:

Under separate cover I am glad to send you a photostatic copy of the report of the master, Henry E. Foley, Esq., in the Arboretum case.

I do not believe one could list the report as light summer reading, but you are one person who is uniquely equipped to follow the report from start to finish with real understanding.

Karl Sax was in the Boston area yesterday and telephoned me. He and Mrs. Sax seem to be in fine health and active on various fronts, including the horticultural front.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Slate,

Sincerely,

Tom Rankin

TVR.ew

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
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June 4, 1963

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

Dear George:

The current status of the Arboretum case is represented by the Order recently entered by Judge Spalding, a copy of which I enclose.

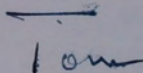
Several weeks ago the master circulated his draft report of some one hundred pages. As you will notice from the Order, he has to put the draft in final form (settle the draft as the expression goes) or or before June 19th.

There has been no recent word from Mr. Clark, but indirectly I understand he is well. I suppose you may see him this summer.

I would be happy to have a visit from you and Mrs. Slade. Please let us know if you are in the Boston area.

With kindest personal regards to you both.

Sincerely,



TVR.ew

5/16/63

F. 5-20-63

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

Supreme Judicial Court
No. 68735

ATTORNEY GENERAL ex rel. JOHN S. AMES, et al

v.

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

ORDER

At the request of the parties and the Master in this matter it is ORDERED that the Order of this Court entered on October 30, 1961 be further amended to provide that the Master shall finally settle the draft of his report and give notice thereof to the parties on or before June 19, 1963, that twenty days shall be allowed for bringing in written objections to the report, and that the Master shall file his report, together with any objections thereto, on or before September 1, 1963.

By the Court (Spalding, J.)

Assistant Clerk

Entered: May 17, 1963

The entry of the foregoing
order is hereby assented tos/ Thomas H. Mahony
Attorney for Plaintiffs/ Warren F. Farr
Attorney for Respondent

THOMAS V. RANKIN
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84 STATE STREET
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Sent 5/31/62

May 28, 1962

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

Dear George:

Supplementing my letter of earlier today, I am going to ask you to look in your file and see if you have my letter of October 31, 1955.

On October 30, 1955 you wrote me enclosing two letters from Dr. Avery, asking me to return them. I did so on October 31, 1955 stating as follows:

"Thank you also for sending us copies of the letter from Bentinck-Smith dated September 6 and from George S. Avery, Jr., dated September 30. I had seen the latter but not the former."

If you find the Bentinck-Smith letter and the Avery letter I would appreciate your sending them to me by return mail.

Sincerely,

Tom

TVR:fnm

Cc. Mr. Mallory
Mr. Hulbert

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
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June 6, 1962

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

Dear George:

Thank you for responding so promptly to my letter of May 28th, asking for copies from your files of Mr. Bentinck-Smith's letter (of October 6, 1955, I see, not September 6, 1955, as I indicated to you) and George Avery's letter of September 30, 1955. The copies which you lent me are returned herewith.

Prof. MacDaniels testified on last Thursday, May 31, as you may know. On Friday Messrs. Avery and Teuscher took the stand for us. Taking of testimony was concluded Friday. September 5, 1962 was set as the date when requests for findings must be submitted to the master; and September 12, 1962 will be the date of argument before the master, who will then prepare his report. According to the present time table, ninety days will be allowed for preparation of the report.

Under separate cover I am returning The Garden Lover, by L. H. Bailey. The chapter on "The Botanic Garden Idea" is one of the best discussion of the subject which I have seen. Incidentally, I don't think this volume is in the library of the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain. I shall check further as to this and we can take it up in future.

Kind regards to you and Mrs. Slate.

Sincerely,

—
Tom

TVR/r
enc.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM, Inc.
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The Annual Meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 1959, at 11:30 a.m., at the Harvard Club of Boston, 374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, for the election of Directors, reports by officers, and for any other business which may come before the meeting.

JOHN T. HEMENWAY
President

Dec. 15, 1959

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December 18, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Slate:

Under separate cover you will receive a Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Association, to be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, 1959, at the Harvard Club of Boston, 374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Upon adjournment of the above meeting of members, the Board of Directors of the Association will hold their Annual Meeting at a luncheon, also at the Harvard Club of Boston beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend both meetings, but we would ^{posi-} particularly hope that you would find it possible to come to the luncheon meeting of the Board.

For your information, a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR:mlh

Enc.

P.S.. Please phone me collect as to your plans. I do not want to have you make a needless trip.

Association for The Arnold Arboretum, Inc.

Treasurer's Report of Receipts & Disbursements
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959

Cash in Banks, July 1, 1958

\$ 5,773.74

Receipts:

(1) From dues of members	46.00
(2) From contributions of members	4,372.00
(3) From advances by members	-
(4) Miscellaneous	<u>185.05</u>
	\$ 4,603.05

\$10,376.79

Disbursements:

Expenses:

Salaries	6,265.34
Secretarial Services	125.00
Rent	804.00
Telephone	299.93
Stationery, printing, mailing, supplies, etc.	1,094.46
Secretary and Treasurer's Expenses	215.26
Legal fees and expenses	-
Director's Expense	-

8,803.99

Payment of loan

500.00

\$ 9,303.99

Cash in Banks, June 30, 1959

\$ 1,072.80

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THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

January 11, 1960

Personal.

Professor George L. Slate
Cornell University
Department of Pomology
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

Thanks for your phone call of a couple of
weeks ago and for your letter of December 21.

I appreciate your advising us of Mr.

MacDaniels' possible trip abroad and I shall write
him.

You may want to see the minutes of the
Board Meeting and a copy is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

Tom

TVR/cy

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December 19, 1960

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Under separate cover you will receive a Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Association, to be held at this office at 11 a.m., Friday, December 30, 1960.

Upon adjournment of the above meeting of the members, the Board of Directors of the Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the same office. We realize that it will be impracticable for you to attend these meetings. Please do not feel that an acknowledgment of this notice is necessary.

For your information, a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR:jmp

Enclosure

P.S. - Thanks for your greetings. It would be an imposition to urge you to come on at this time. Program is being made on the case. We wish it were more rapid. I talked today to Greenville Clark: he's had samples! T.V.R.

Association for The Arnold Arboretum, Inc.

Treasurer's Report of Receipts & Disbursements
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1960

Cash in Banks, July 1, 1959 \$1,072.80

Receipts:

(1) From dues	2.00
(2) From contributions	1,755.00
(3) From advance	-----
(4) Miscellaneous	<u>30.16</u>
	<u>1,787.16</u>
	\$2,859.96

Disbursements:

Salaries	852.24
Secretarial Services	520.72
Rent	469.00
Telephone	218.66
Stationery, printing, mailing, supplies, etc.	166.61
Legal fees and expenses	-----
Secretary and Treasurer's Expenses	215.00
Director's Expense	<u>38.35</u>
	\$2,480.58

Cash in Banks, June 30, 1960 \$ 379.38

Dec. 21, 1959

Atty. Thomas V. Rankin
61 State St.
Boston 9, Mass.

Dear Tom:

I have no immediate plans for being in Boston but I may be going through in late March on my way to give a couple of talks in Orono, Maine. We were in Barnardston for Thanksgiving week and intended to come to Boston, but it rained most of the time and we did not like the idea of slopping around in the rain in the city so gave it up. I would surely like to see you and have a chat about arboretum matters.

Are you coming out this way? As you know, you could come to Ithaca and see Lawrence MacDaniels and myself all at once. There is a possibility, but it is not definite yet that MacDaniels may go to Yugoslavia for six months some time after February 1st.

If you do come out here, I shall be pleased to furnish your transportation. You could fly to Syracuse where I could meet you, and there still may be the possibility of overnight rail service to Lyons or Newark north of here.

Best regards from both of us.

Sincerely yours,

George L. Slate
Professor of Pomology

GLS:es

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

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December 11, 1959

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

Dear George:

I note you are on the program of
the New York Botanical Garden, January 14th.
Is there any prospect of your being in
Boston before then, for example during
Christmas holidays?

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Tom Rankin

TVR:FR

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July 2, 1959

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

Dear George:

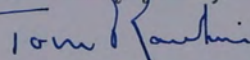
Thanks for your letter of June 28 and for your kind offer to provide transportation if and when I get up to your country.

I won't be able to go for the time being, but when I do make the trip I shall contact Professors Lawrence and MacDaniels as you suggest and then let you know my plans.

It is gratifying to know Professor Lawrence's timetable with respect to the move to Pittsburgh.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Slate,

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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June 24, 1959

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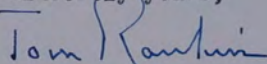
Dear George:

I was at Dr. Sax's home last evening and heard from him the sad news of the death of John S. Ames, who was a great fighter in our cause. I thought you might like to have the enclosed clipping from today's BOSTON HERALD.

We have filed a Revised Information in the pending suit against Harvard and appeared this morning before the Supreme Judicial Court, single justice sitting, on a motion to substitute this document for the one previously on file. The judge reserved his decision, and it will be ten days or so before we know the outcome, but I understand that Mr. Clark will probably send you a copy of the Revised Information.

I assume Professor MacDaniels is home now and that Professor Lawrence has not yet moved to Pittsburgh. I would like to come out to your neighborhood for a visit with you and with Professor MacDaniels and Professor Lawrence. It is difficult to plan a time, but perhaps you could drop me a note as to what might be convenient in the next while.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR/ia
Enclosure

Wm A. Coe, Oyster Bay, Pres. Nat. Soc. N.Y.
Warren Corning, Cleveland.

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
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December 12, 1958

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

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter. I visited Mr. Clark the other day in Dublin, & he told me of taking with you. If you have any thoughts on expert witnesses please let us hear. I would like to get out to see you and perhaps have a talk with Professor Lawrence and Professor MacDaniels, but I'm tied up for the time being.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Tom

Wm H. Frederick Jr.
Hobbsassin, Cal.
Lawyer & nurseryman
married a Babcock
Southgate, California.
A greenbelt son in law
good witness, won't rattle.

TVR/1a

Elmer B. Clark.

Dr. J. F. Styer
Concordville, Pa.
won't rattle.

Albert B. Flemer.

F. F. Mer, Springfield, N.J.

ask O. E. White to pass on suitability of flora, ask Sapientia
whitesands.

Ray Allen?

R. P. White. V. good. cannot be rattled, in many court cases.

John Sieberthal, Payton. O. good with briefing
widespread.

Brian Mulligan. New brand.

Dr. Wm A. Stewart. Director Los Angeles State & County
cannot be rattled. arcadia, Calif.

Erty Went. Director Mo. Bot. Garden. Saw him out first.
might be reliable, temperamental.

W. R. Roffin, one to consider.

Wm Steere. Took him up.

W. H. Camp.

E. P. Christopher. one testified in past against Howard and
Mark Miller. Won't be rattled.

Fletcher might do a good job of talking to Taylor - close friends.
Very pro. horticulture.

December 30, 1958

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Assoc. for the Arnold Arboretum
84 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Tom:

George Lawrence was here recently and we discussed possible witnesses. The names and comments are mostly from Lawrence.

Wm. H. Frederick, Jr., Hockessin, Del. Lawyer and nurseryman. Law school graduate who later studied horticulture. Good witness who would not get rattled. He is Crawford Greenewalt's son-in-law.

George R. Clark, Mr. Clark's cousin, president of Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and a very good horticulturist.

Dr. J. F. Styer, Concordville, Pa. Nurseryman and a leader in that group. Will not get rattled.

Albert B. Flemer. F. & F. Nursery, Springfield, N. Y.

Dr. Richard P. White, now executive vice-president of American Association of Nurserymen, Southern Bldg., Washington, D. C. Good witness, cannot be rattled, considerable experience as a witness.

John Siebenthaler, Dayton, Ohio. Nurseryman with wide experience, might be good if briefed.

Brian Mulligan, Director, Univ. of Washington Arboretum. Trained at Kew. Better check him first as to his position.

Dr. Wm. A. Stewart, Director, Los Angeles City and County Arboretum, Arcadia, Calif. Cannot be ruffled.

Dr. Fritz Went, Director, Missouri Botanic Garden, St. Louis, Mo. Sound him out first, might be temperamental.

Dr. Wm. Robbins, just retired as Director of N. Y. Botanical Garden. One to consider, very level-headed.

Dr. Wm. Steere, new Director of N. Y. Botanical Garden. Look him up.

Dr. E. P. Christopher, Head of Horticultural Department, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I. Will not get rattled. Once testified against Harvard on a park matter and was an important witness in that case. I believe Harvard lost the case, but am not certain.

Dr. W. H. Camp, Head, Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. Is bitter against Harvard, but dislikes Robbins. Considerable interest in cultivated plants.

Dr. H. R. Fletcher, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland. Very pro-horticulture. A close friend of Dr. C. M. Taylor of Kew who is in the enemy camp, but we might use him to work on Taylor. Probably would not want to face Taylor in court.

Dr. R. C. Allen, Director, Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio. Once pro-harvard, but Lawrence thinks he may have changed. Might pay to investigate him cautiously.

Dr. W. S. Flory, Blandy Farm, Boyce, Va. Dr. C. E. White might pass on his suitability as a witness, but you had better ask Sax where White stands. I just noted that he is a member.

Wm. R. Coe, Cyster Bay, N. Y. President of Horticultural Society of N. Y.

Warren Coming, Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to these names you will, of course, have the members of the Longwood Symposium group. We believe that Frederic P. Lee would undoubtedly be one of the best, if not the best, witness you could get. P. W. Zimmerman has since died.

Henry Skinner, if he would do it, would also be very good. Dr. MacDaniels is in the Philippines, but is due back here about July 1. If you want to write to him, an airmail letter will reach him in three days.

Lawrence would, of course, be a good witness, but he knows how vindictive the Harvard botanists can be. However, if Dr. Taylor of Kew is on Harvard's side, Lawrence is wondering whether his standing at Kew would be impaired. This apparently disturbed him more than anything Harvard might do to him directly. Lawrence will, of course, be glad to join a group of witnesses in a briefing session or to advise you in any way possible. He did not say that he would not be a witness, but I think that he was squirming a little at the prospect.

It was good of you to write me the good news and also to send me Hemenway's statement. I assume that it will be available before long.

Sincerely yours,

GLS:pac

George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

THOMAS V. RANKIN
COUNSELOR AT LAW
84 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

December 5, 1958

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

Dear George:

I wanted to let you know that the
Arboretum test suit was filed yesterday afternoon
in the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth, by
permission of the Attorney General.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Slate,

Sincerely,

Tom

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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Please make a reservation for me
at the luncheon meeting of the Board of
Directors of the Association to be held at
the Harvard Club of Boston at 12:30 p.m.,
Monday, December 15, 1958.

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The Annual Meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., will be held on Monday, December 15, 1958, at 11:00 a.m., at Horticultural Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, for the election of Directors, reports by officers, and for any other business which may come before the meeting.

THOMAS V. RANKIN
Secretary

Dec. 1, 1958

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December 1, 1958

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the notice for the annual meeting of this Association, to be held at 11 a.m., Monday, December 15, 1958, at Horticultural Hall, Boston.

Upon adjournment of this meeting the Board of Directors of the Association will hold their annual meeting at a luncheon at the Harvard Club of Boston beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m.

If you can be present at the Directors' luncheon kindly return the enclosed postal card to help us in arranging reservations for the luncheon.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
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P.S. - We hope very much to see you again this year. TVR.

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November 5, 1958

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

Dear Mr. Slate:

I thought you would be interested to know that in yesterday's election Edward J. McCormack, Jr., Democrat, was the successful candidate for attorney general of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
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September 24, 1958

Prof. George Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

I was in Philadelphia a few days recently and talked for some time by telephone with John Wister. He told me that he was having lunch on Sunday, September 28th, at Henry F. duPont's place and that Dr. Taylor, of Kew Gardens, was to be there also.

As the Visiting Committee meets within the next couple of weeks we suppose that Dr. Taylor has come on that account.

Perhaps you will be seeing Taylor, or it may be that Dr. Lawrence expects to make contact with him.

We have a new attorney general in Massachusetts, Mr. Edward McCormack, as you may know.

Sincerely,

Tom

Regards to both you &
Mrs. Slate.

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July 15, 1958

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

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th. On that day I had a very pleasant visit with Dr. and Mrs. Sax, who kindly had us out for dinner. Since then I have been out of town a good part of the time.

We are greatly cheered by the Visiting Committee's May 9th action. As yet there is no report as to what effect it has had upon the Corporation.

It should be of significance to any new attorney general, for it serves to bring the whole issue up to date.

The Massachusetts Democratic Convention finally nominated McCormack, but Peabody had pledged a race in the primary notwithstanding and he is going ahead with that. It will be September 9th (or more accurately the day after, September 10th) before we know whether Chub is successful. Naturally we hope that ~~either~~ ^{that} candidate, Democrat ~~and~~ ^{and} Republican, will be open-minded about our cause.

Thanks for the invitation to visit Geneva. I don't expect to do much traveling this summer. I go up to Maine with my little daughter in August.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Slate.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
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June 3, 1958

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

Dear George:

Under separate cover I am sending you several extra copies of the "Question and Answer Review".

The response to this has been the best yet, we feel. There are indications that the other side cannot ignore the arguments put forth.

Please let me know what reaction you have heard.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin,
Secretary

TVR/asm

84 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts
February 20, 1958

Dear Professor Slate,

Mr. Rankin has asked me to write and tell you of the very sudden death of his wife who passed away last Thursday morning as a result of a heart attack eight days after the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Mr. Rankin's sister was with him at the time and I assume she is still there. Several of his friends have told me he is doing very well although it was a tremendous shock, being so sudden and unexpected.

I don't expect to see him at the office at all this week or the first of next week.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Dickersgill
Secretary to Mr. Rankin

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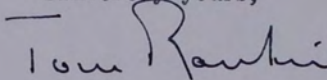
February 11, 1958

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

Dear George:

For your information I enclose a memorandum from Theodore Chase, Esq., reporting on a conference with President Pusey, and a copy of an Executive Committee memo relative to the minutes of the fall meeting of the Arboretum Visiting Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR/ap
Enclosures 2

20 LOUISBURG SQUARE
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 7 1958

Dear George -

Personal intelligence:

we have another better
girl, born Feb. 5 at
5 A.M. weight 7 lbs 7 oz -

All well -

Sincerely,
Tom

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February 7, 1958

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

Dear George:

Thank you for letting us see Dr. Taylor's letter of January 27th, which is returned herewith.

My reaction to it is that he is very guarded in what he writes to people on our side. He seems to protest too much that his position is not one of arbitrator. Doesn't he contradict himself when he says he felt it a duty as a member of the Visiting Committee to read all the material while later in his letter he says there was no obligation for him to pay any attention to the controversy. None the less we feel he may exert a good influence; for example, Dr. Sax says Taylor went out of his way in a public lecture at Harvard to pay tribute to Dr. Johnston. A lesser man would have avoided that hot potato.

Bear in mind that Taylor may feel Harvard will call upon him to act as an expert witness in a court hearing. If so he may not want to commit statements to paper which would possibly embarrass him on cross-examination. In personal conversation he is less circumspect.

As to enlightening him regarding the prospect of compromise, I am sure that he is learning that Harvard has been obdurate. I think he may cherish a secret hope that he can unlock the door to an acceptable compromise and to me it seems unwise to disillusion him. For if he loses his amateur standing and lines up unequivocally against us he would be a fairly formidable enemy. Moreover, who knows, Taylor may effect the impossible and cause the Harvard authorities to acknowledge they went too far.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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January 24, 1958

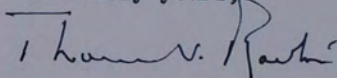
Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

You will recall my sending you a copy of my letter of January 10th to George Taylor, Director of Kew Gardens. I am this morning in receipt of Dr. Taylor's reply dated January 20th and send you a copy herewith in confidence.

However, I should think it would be entirely proper for you to relate to Dr. Lawrence the gist of Dr. Taylor's letter.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR/ap
Enclosure

January 10, 1958

Air Mail

Dr. George Taylor, Director
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond, Surrey
England

Dear Dr. Taylor:

We recall with pleasure our talk with you
at the Somerset Club, December 11, 1957.

At that time Mr. Hemenway stressed that the
Arboretum Visiting Committee had for some years prior
to the formation of the Association carried the bur-
den of opposing the Harvard Corporation program for
the Arboretum. Mr. Hemenway has asked me to send you
the enclosed memorandum dated May 5, 1952, together
with the appended minutes of the Visiting Committee
for April 29, 1952. You will be interested to see
that the constructive statement contained in the min-
utes was adopted by the Committee with only one dis-
senting vote.

During the past three years, as Mr. Hemenway
said, several Visiting Committee members who opposed
Harvard's plan (including Mr. Hemenway) have been
dropped from membership on the Committee with the re-
sult that such members no longer comprise a majority.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

T. V. R.
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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January 9, 1958

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

Dear George:

Many thanks for allowing us to see your letter of January 7th from George Lawrence. I am sure you will approve of my sending copies to Mr. Clark and Mr. Hemenway. The original is being returned herewith.

Theodore Chase had his conference with President Pusey on January 3rd, but the results were those predicted by Mr. Clark at the December 20th meeting which you attended.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
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Dear George:

You may be interested in the enclosed notes on Marbury's speech, prepared in connection with the Question and Answer document.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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P.S. - As I sign this, Mr. Theodore Chase of our Board is in conference with Mr. Pursey.

Thanks for copies of your Jan. 1st. letter to Dr. Taylor, just received. T.V.R.

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December 30, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear George:

It was good of you to take the trouble to drive into Boston for the Executive Committee Meeting December 20th, and I hope you felt repaid for this special effort.

Apart from the formal minutes of the meeting, I drew up a list of some of the topics discussed as follows: Dr. George Taylor's recent visit and his point of view; absence of legislative activity; the Harvard Corporation petition of April, 1955, relating to the Gray Herbarium Building; the cy pres petition by the Corporation in 1948 relating to the Botanic Garden; the special approach to a group of lawyers either by means of correspondence or through a conference convened for this purpose; the Francis Blake trust plan; a possible publication with the tentative title "The Future of the Arboretum," based on constructive plans for raising money and for adding to the facilities at Jamaica Plain; newspaper and magazine publicity; the Harvard Alumni Bulletin (emphasizing the need for a new approach to the Bulletin); the forthcoming conference between Mr. Pusey and Mr. Chase.

If you have any specific suggestions on any subject discussed at the meeting, I would be glad to have them.

Professor George L. Slate

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December 30, 1957

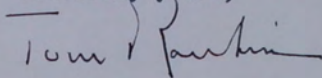
You probably showed my memorandum of December 11th to Dr. Lawrence. We would be interested to hear whether or not he saw the Director of Kew on his recent trip abroad.

Last Friday, December 27th, at Mr. Clark's suggestion, I sent Mr. Chase an extra copy of your exchange with Mr. Pusey.

You may be interested in seeing a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting, December 10, 1957. The Board meeting which followed was concerned primarily with the Chase-Pusey conference, about which you have full details.

With best wishes for 1958, to both you & Mrs. Slate.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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1st January 1958

Dr. George M. Taylor, Director
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew
Richmond, Surrey
England.

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Mr. Thomas Rankin, Secretary of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, has asked me to send you a copy of a letter which I wrote to President Pusey of Harvard University in reply to a letter of his to Mr. H.F. du Pont, a member of the Visiting Committee.

It was evident from President Pusey's letter that he was not correctly informed about the situation. He has refused to discuss the matter with us and has apparently relied for his advice on those most interested in shifting the emphasis from the field of botany which made the Arboretum famous and attracted its endowment to other aspects of botany at Cambridge.

I believe that you have received some publications from Mr. Rankin and Dr. Sax which present our ideas on this controversy. If you desire additional information please feel free to call upon any of us.

Sincerely yours

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December 13, 1957

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

Dear George:

Enclosed is a memorandum of a conference with Dr. George Taylor, December 11th. Please return to me or perhaps you can bring it with you when you come on for the meeting next Friday.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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P.S. Taylor saw Johnston to buy -
heavier my air for London to -
move. P.V.

P.S. (#2). Dr. Sax reports Taylor now clear that Johnston was in fact denied a proper office and that Taylor expressed indignation that Johnston as Harvard's outstanding taxonomist should not have access to tools of his trade. etc.

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Nov. 30, 1957

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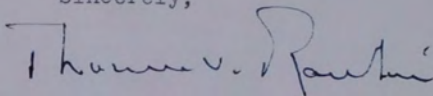
Professor George L. Slate
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Dear George:

Enclosed is of interest. Luncheon
is set for 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 11.

Thanks for your postal card of
December 7. I am glad to know that your
mother is better and that we shall see you
December 20. Please give me a call when you
arrive in Boston.

Sincerely,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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C O P Y

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

3rd December, 1957

Dear Mr. Hemenway,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 29th November, conveying the invitation to meet you and the officers of the association for the Arnold Arboretum during my forthcoming visit to Boston.

I should of course be very pleased indeed to accept this invitation but until I get to Boston I do not know what programme has been arranged for me. Will you therefore kindly leave it that I shall get into touch with you once I get to Boston.

Sincerely yours,

S/ G. Taylor

(Dr. G. Taylor)
Director

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Mr. John T. Hemenway,
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Dear George:

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Upon adjournment of this meeting the Board of Directors of the Association will hold their annual meeting at a luncheon at the Harvard Club of Boston, beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m.

If you can be present at the Directors' luncheon, kindly return the enclosed postal card in order to help expedite reservations at the Harvard Club.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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P. S. Although I realize you have been here fairly recently, I hope that you may tentatively plan to come on for the annual meeting. I may write you further about this.

A copy of Dr. Sax's paper of September 30th is enclosed.

T. V. R.
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P.S. Above prepared before your long distance call. We have written Dr. Taylor as you see from enclosed - many thanks - Tom -

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December 2, 1957

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Dear George:

I return to you herewith the original of Professor Lawrence's letter dated November 26. We shall treat this as confidential, of course, and are very much indebted to you for letting us see it.

As you will see from the letter sent under separate cover, dated November 29th, Mr. Hemenway wrote Dr. Taylor, November 29th, inviting him to meet with us to discuss the Arboretum situation. Mr. Hemenway's letter was sent air mail Friday, and it is to be hoped that this letter would arrive at Kew prior to Dr. Taylor's departure for the United States.

If there are any developments of particular interest in the next several days, I shall let you know, as this may affect your plans for coming to Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

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P. S. I understand from Mr. Clark, who phoned this morning, that he had a nice visit from Dr. Lawrence at Ithaca.

T. V. R.

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November 18, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear George:

I appreciate your sending me Professor Lawrence's letter of November 11th, which I am returning herewith.

As a member of the Visiting Committee, Dr. Taylor will have received the minutes of the fall meeting, October 4, 1957, in which Dr. Howard is quoted as saying, "Two thirds of our payroll is wages for the services which keep the Arboretum in shape." I have done some computation, based on estimates prepared by Dr. Sax and have come out with a figure of 30 per cent of the annual budget devoted to the following maintenance expense at the Arboretum, Jamaica Plain: labor staff (nine permanent, six temporary), superintendent and propagator, equipment and supplies, upkeep of the buildings.

Of course I am not in a position to claim that my figures are accurate, but the divergence between 30 per cent and 66 2/3 per cent indicates that we are very far apart as regards our approach to the budgetary problems of the Arboretum.

Another example of the conflict in interpretation is afforded by the statement in the minutes regarding the program of introducing new plants, as follows: "Quite contrary to some reports, this program is as active as ever, with over one thousand new plants having been introduced in the last ten years." Dr. Sax tells me

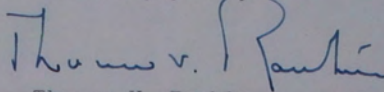
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that the one thousand new plants referred to are largely, if not entirely, new variants developed by botanic gardens, nurserymen and private horticulturists. He states that new introductions from the wild have not been made during the past ten years, and I assume it is such latter introductions which have given the Arboretum its fame.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas V. Rankin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Rankin" being more legible than the middle initial "V.". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

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October 3, 1957

Professor George Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

Thanks for your letter of the 29th. Mrs. Arnold and I went down to Cohasset for Herbert Stoddard's funeral and both of us were very deeply impressed by the fine garden he had designed. He was a gifted and modest fellow.

In answer to your inquiry, the annual board meeting will probably be late in November, about the same time as last year. We had an Executive Committee meeting September 30th, to which a few local Board members were invited. This was in line with a theory held by Mrs. Arnold that we probably need to give our local Directors more activity. The highlight of the meeting was a paper by Dr. Sax, outlining the Arboretum Controversy on the basis of the present-day developments at Jamaica Plain and stressing that the Arboretum had deviated from its true purpose.

There is very lively response to the Finance Appeal of September 27th.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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September 6, 1957

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

Dear Professor Slate:

In reorganizing our filing system we have discovered that we have an extra copy of the list which you prepared, and we are therefore returning it to you herewith.

I expect to call on Dr. Sax this afternoon to hear about his trip to the West Coast. If you have any special comments on happenings out there, I wish you would send them along for our Executive Committee.

You may have heard that Horticulture refuses to carry a letter from our President, John Hemenway, correcting what we believe to be a false impression left by the recent Wyman article.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Rankin

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July 23, 1957

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

Dear Professor Slate:

The August issue of Horticulture has just arrived, and I note that the first article therein is written by one of our directors.

John Wister was here last week, and he and John Hemenway and I visited the Arboretum, under the direction of Dr. Sax.

I am sorry that you won't be in Boston during the summer, but I know you will enjoy your trip to the West Coast the last of August.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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P.S. - We had few if any returns from the membership solicitations which you sent out earlier this year. Did you have any response there?
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July 3, 1957

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Dr. Sax states today that he would like to send out about 100 copies of your letter to his botanical associates.

We have about 75 copies, and I am going to ask you if you would supplement our supply by sending Dr. Sax (380 South Street, Jamaica Plain 30, Massachusetts) some 25 or 50 copies, depending on your needs.

Sincerely yours,

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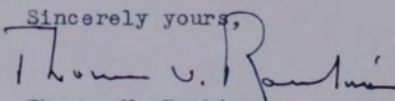
Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

You have probably received by now approximately one hundred copies of your March 22nd letter. I have been hearing some good reports on the reception of this letter among our membership. It seems a happy coincidence that your article in the July issue of Horticulture appears at this time.

I would like very much to see you, but there is no immediate prospect of our being in New York State. Please let me know if you should be coming this way.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin

TVR/ap

June 27, 1957

Mr. Thomas V. Rankin
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston 9, Mass.

Dear Tom:

Thanks for the extra copies of the Pusey letter. I have had two or three letters about it and shall send them on to you sometime. I have no prospects of coming to Boston this summer as I have more things here than I can take care of and I am going to drive to the West Coast early in August and be gone four or five weeks. Perhaps we can get together this fall as I would surely like to talk things over with you.

I believe Mr. Clark is coming to Ithaca to visit his daughter but unfortunately I shall be away at that time.

Sincerely yours,

GLS:par

George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

THOMAS V. RANKIN
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6/10/57

Memorandum for George Slate:

Enclosed go to our membership of
well over 1200 this week. We have quite
a few extra copies of your letter and
shall try to ship you a supply.

T. V. R.

P.S. I was in your
country last week-end:
went to E. North field,
Greenfield, Shelburne Falls,
Conway -

T. V. R.

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May 23, 1957.

Memorandum to John C. Wister
 George L. Slate
 Herbert T. Stoddard

The current (June) issue of Horticulture

carries an article on The Arboretum by Donald Wyman.
It is on p.312 and is entitled "Whence Came Our
Shrubs and Trees."

T.V.R.
Thomas V. Rankin
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June 6, 1957

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

Dear Prof. Slate:

Mr. Hemenway has asked me to send
you the enclosed copy of his letter of
May 29th to Mr. Bentinck-Smith.

Also enclosed is a copy of the
Plant Science Bulletin, April, 1957, with
an interesting letter to the editor from
Mrs. Elmer D. Merrill.

Sincerely yours,

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May 29, 1957

Mr. William Bentinck-Smith
Assistant to the President
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bentinck-Smith:

We have received your letter of
April 8, 1957.

We regret that Mr. Pusey neither retracts his statements nor gives his assent to circulating the correspondence. We regret also your remark that the Association has "willfully" continued to misunderstand the motives of the Harvard Administration, a remark made without evidence.

The Association has always attempted to substantiate its assertions, something that Harvard has not always seen fit to do in this controversy. For example, we took pains to investigate what we considered to be a most unfortunate misrepresentation in Mr. Pusey's letter of December 21, 1954.

The Association will continue to demand a court hearing on the question whether or not Harvard's plan for the Arboretum involves a breach of trust. If the Harvard position is sound, why should the Corporation fear this test?

Very truly yours,

John T. Hemenway
President

JTH:mlh

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May 29, 1957.

Mr. G. Flipppo Gravatt
U.S. Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Md.

Dear Mr. Gravatt:

Prof. Slate, who is a director of this Association, kindly forwarded to me yesterday a list of the Directors and Officers of the Arbor Day Association. It would be a pleasure to send each of them a statement on the Arnold Arboretum controversy. However, in several instances, there is no street address, and in our experience the postal authorities will not now deliver mail where it is necessary for them to search their city directory for the correct street and number of the addressee.

Perhaps you could forward the enclosed list of Directors and Officers to your Secretary for insertion of the local address in the cases marked with red pencil.

With thanks to you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

T.V.R.

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cc: Prof. Slate

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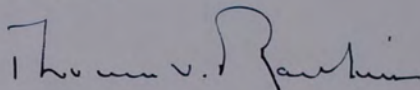
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Prof. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York.

Dear Professor Slate:

We are going ahead with your letter of
March 22, now that Mr. du Pont has given his
consent.

Sincerely,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary.

TVR/c

P.S. Harvard prepared a "Memorandum"
on the Arnold Arboretum controversy
and sent it to Mr. du Pont. We
have heard of no other copies. They
also have a printer speak by
Wm. Morbury, of the Corporation, the
distribution of which is limited so far.
Have you seen them? T.V.R.

COPY

H. F. du Pont
Winterthur, Delaware

May 22, 1957.

Dear Mr. Rankin,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th
and for the changes you made in Mr. Slate's
letter.

Sincerely yours,

s/ H. F. du Pont

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May 20, 1957

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

Dear Prof. Slate:

On May 8th I wrote Mr. duPont stating that the Executive Committee proposed to send out to our members copies of your letter of March 22nd. I said that it ought to be referred to his attention since your letter was a comment upon a letter that he had received from Fred. Pusey. I stated that I assumed he would have no objection.

Today I am receipt of Mr. duPont's reply, dated May 18th. A copy is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. duPont, dated May 20th.

I think this is self-explanatory and unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall understand that you approve of the changes in your letter indicated on the enclosed copy thereof.

Sincerely yours,

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May 20, 1957

Mr. Henry F. duPont
Winterthur
Delaware

Dear Mr. duPont:

Thank you for your letter of May 18th, stating that you would prefer to have your name omitted from Prof. Slate's letter of March 22, 1957.

We shall accordingly send out the Slate letter as shown by the copy enclosed, omitting your name on page one thereof and substituting "one of the other Winterthur conferees." Similarly on page two, your name will be dropped and the letter will be identified as a letter dated December 4, 1956.

Mr. Hemenway and I have discussed your letter of the 18th and believe that the above should clear up the problem without putting you to the trouble of further correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

C O P Y

H. F. duPont
Winterthur
Delaware

May 18, 1957

Dear Mr. Rankin,

Yours of the 8th instant came in my absence and inasmuch as I am still a member of the Visting Committee I will stay on it as I am anxious to see all that is possible is done at the Arboretum. I would prefer to have my name left out of the correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Henry F. duPont

37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York
March 22, 1957

Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, President
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear President Pusey:

As one of the signers of the unanimous statement made by eleven men who conferred as to the Arnold Arboretum at Winterthur, Delaware, on November 12-13, 1956, I have received a copy of your letter of December 4 to ~~Mr. Henry F. duPont~~. In that letter you state that the signers were poorly informed because they had not consulted Dr. Richard A. Howard, the present Director of the Arboretum.

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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.

Winterthur conference.

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 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.

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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 Dean Bundy of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was misinformed since the only other explanation would be that he was deliberately attempting to distort the facts. Those of us who have studied it have not been fooled by it.

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

President Pusey:

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.

The Harvard Corporation, if judged by its actions, has no understanding of the differences between 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 and the legal issues determined. 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 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 defence of Harvard's action with respect to the Arboretum, your statement that we should listen to Dr. Howard is wholly unacceptable to us.

The point at issue is a breach of trust and whether the protestants are to have a chance to prove it in court. 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 resistance to a judicial hearing is unjustified and wrong.

The Overseers' Visiting Committee, having 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 anything 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 original approval, as did the early approval of some others, changed to strong disapproval when he learned what the change meant for the Arboretum.

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 letter to Mr. duPont 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

of December 4, 1956

President Pusey:

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.

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 Arnold Arboretum to qualify as the author of the article on the 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 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,

George L. Slate
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May 10, 1957.

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Replying to your postcard of May 7th, we have only one copy of the Marbury talk. They have not been distributed widely as far as we know. A copy was sent to Mr. duPont. He also received a careful legal memorandum of seven or eight pages (copies not yet available.) When Marbury pamphlet is available I shall send you a copy. It is not a strong document, but we shall, of course, answer it, probably in a proposed Question-Answer pamphlet now being prepared. Since our members have not seen the Marbury pamphlet there is no point in reprinting it immediately.

Mr. Clark turned over to me for acknowledgment your correspondence from Dr. Creighton and Dr. Styer.

Mrs. Merrill's letter in the Plant Science Bulletin is said to have attracted widespread notice. I wrote the Editor, Dr. Fuller, to ask if they would permit our re-printing the letter and the masthead of the Bulletin. The reason for the latter inclusion was that the comment upon the letter states that the letter had the approval of the editorial board; the simplest way of explaining who was on the board would be to reprint the masthead.

Dr. Fuller replied as follows, stating the majority view of the Editorial Board:

1. That, on the basis of the non-copyrighted nature of articles in Plant Science Bulletin, you are free to reprint

Mrs. Merrill's letter or any other material from any number of Plant Science Bulletin as you desire.

2. That you do not have our permission in your proposed reprinting of Mrs. Merrill's letter to publish our masthead or to include the statement "published with the permission of the Editor and Editorial Board of Plant Science Bulletin."

I replied that I understood their point of view and that the Executive Committee would have it in mind as this matter was being considered. The Executive Committee is not disposed to send out the reprint from Plant Science Bulletin as the letter is largely a repetition of Mrs. Merrill's letter of October 29, 1956, which we did distribute to our members. The above, sent to you in confidence, shows the preliminary negotiations about possible reprinting.

Now regarding Dr. Creighton's comment in her letter of April 24th (returned to you herewith) the simple answer would be that if we decided to reprint the letter we could use the masthead if we chose since it is not copyrighted. However, we do not wish to agitate this matter. It is quite apparent from the response of Dr. Fuller that the question has caused soul-searching in Plant Science quarters. I had a good talk by phone with Mrs. Merrill about the question yesterday.

As to Dr. Styer's report dated January 15, 1957, I received a copy of this on March 12, 1957 and replied the same day that Dr. Styer was apparently misinformed regarding certain items therein and that I would welcome a chance to discuss it with him. He later refused to send copies for our five-member Executive Committee, stating that the report was confidential.

John Wister, upon seeing the report, prepared a critical analysis. I encouraged him to send it to Styer, but do not know whether he has done so. Dr. Sax drafted some comments upon it, too, and I am asking his permission to send these on to you.

Returned
herewith

An example of the misinformation that is compounded by such a report; 74% expenditure on horticultural work is specified. According to my computations 56.8% of the last year's budget could be said to have been expended upon horticulture. I cannot guarantee my figures as no one in the opposition has access to accurate data in this respect. Hence, please do not quote me.

Styer did write congratulating us on the Winterthur Statement. He makes no secret of the fact that he tries not to antagonize the present Arboretum administration. I do not think he was fair in submitting his report in draft form to Howard and not sending a copy to us for suggestions. I talked with him in Pennsylvania last July and found him amiable enough toward our position. It seemed to me I would achieve more if I saw him personally about this report. I immediately called it to Mr. Cascio's attention.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 1957.

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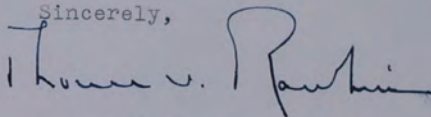
Dear Professor Slate:

It was a disappointment to miss a visit with you last week when we came by Geneva on return from a trip to the Midwest. As we were not sure of our schedule we made no effort to book a time in advance. Your office said you could not be reached, but from Mrs. Slate I learned you were tied up in the plant science conference in Ithaca.

From the enclosed you will see that my itinerary led me to various midwestern institutions. I had a fine visit in Cleveland with Mr. Corning and Mr. Lipp. What a magnificent place the Holden is going to become.

We are contemplating further distribution of your letter to President Fusey, but shall have to confer a little more about it. His reply was not a model of understanding and courtesy. I have distributed the same to our Executive Committee.

Sincerely,



Thomas V. Rankin,
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Copy to
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April 29, 1957.

Professor George Lawrence, Director
Bailey Hortorium
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Lawrence:

I phoned your office from the Thruway last Thursday, but was told you were on vacation until today. I had been out in Midwest at Missouri Botanical Garden, Morton Arboretum, Whitnall Park, and the Holden Arboretum; and expected to drive down to Ithaca for a visit with you had you been available.

I found George Slate was tied up on Thursday in a conference. It was a disappointment to miss seeing you both.

Sincerely yours,

T. V. R.

Thomas V. Rankin,
Secretary.

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April 19, 1957

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is a copy of President Pusey's reply. It is very chilly and I assume that I am supposed to be squelched. However, I am amazed that he is determined not to hear our side on a matter where there is such a great difference of opinion. I would say that his letter puts him in the position of disagreeing with facts, something rather unusual for a man in his position. He has committed himself so completely and irrevocably to supporting the Corporation's stand that if this matter is ever litigated and the Corporation loses, President Pusey will come to the same end as Humpty Dumpty.

Best regards,

Sincerely

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March 26 1957

MEMORANDUM TO GEORGE SLATE:

Your Pusey letter of March 22 reached me yesterday. I think it looks fine.

Could you give me a few extra copies
and a general list of those to whom it was sent
(i. e. Overseers, etc., not by individual names).

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* Later. Just received a number in
later mail. Thank you. - Full

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March 25, 1957

Mr. John Rick
428 Penn Square
Reading, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rick:

We are very glad to learn from Professor George L. Slate that you wish to become a member of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.

George Slate has forwarded your check for \$5 which we wish gratefully to acknowledge. We are accordingly enrolling you as a member effective today.

The most comprehensive statement of the Arboretum dispute is to be found in the enclosed "Review of the Arnold Arboretum Controversy." You may also be interested in seeing the pamphlet entitled "A Denial of Justice," also enclosed, and in having a copy of the Winterthur Statement.

Also enclosed is a membership list, as of January 1, 1956. There have been several changes in membership since then but not sufficient to warrant printing a new list.

Thank you for adding your support to the Association's cause.

Sincerely yours,

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January 8, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO MESSRS. SLATE AND WISTER RELATIVE
TO PRESIDENT PUSEY'S LETTER TO MR. DU PONT

It might be well worth noting that Dr. Zimmerman is sufficiently well-versed on the Arnold Arboretum to qualify as the author on the article on the Arnold Arboretum in the current Encyclopedia Britannica.

Also, in connection with the charge that our authorities are not informed, would it be appropriate to ask point blank upon what outside authorities the Harvard Corporation relied in reaching its decision? My understanding is that these outsiders were Constance Keck and Haraar.

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MEMORANDUM TO MRS. ARNOLD

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your suggestions for Professor Slate, with each of which I am in agreement. I think your first suggestion, relative to the final paragraph, is particularly important.

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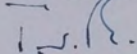
Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

Your letter of December 28 reached me on the 31st, and I am very much interested in your draft letter to President Pusey, copies of which I am sending to Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Hemenway and Mr. Blake with the suggestion that they write directly to you should they have any revisions to propose.

My suggested revisions are enclosed herewith. If you decide to send copies to the Corporation, Overseers and Visiting Committee, please let me know so that we can supply you with the addresses.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
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January 4, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO MR. WISTER

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Mrs. Crowninshield

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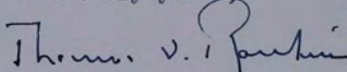
Dear Professor Slate:

I appreciate your letter of March 16 enclosing a check from John Rick for \$5. I shall not write to him directly as there may be some special reason why he has made the check out to you and you have endorsed it over to us. Please relay to him our kindest thanks.

You state that Mr. Rick is a member, but we have no record on him in our membership files. Perhaps he is just now becoming a member as a result of your circular letter.

This morning we had a response from one of your friends who joined the Association, E. F. Palmer, Vineland Station, Ontario, Canada.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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March 11, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO PROFESSOR SLATE:

Your letter dated March 5 to Dr. Fogg was one of the best to come along recently, and several members of the Executive Committee enjoyed seeing it, as we met with John Wister in the last several days.

There seems to be apparent a new and definite line on the part of our opponents, stressing a split at the Arboretum between horticulture and science. At the Flower Show yesterday the exhibit referred to eighty-five years of service to horticulture and science.

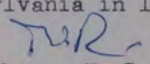
This is in line with the letter that Mr. Henry Cabot wrote Mr. du Pont, stating, somewhat naively we thought, that under the present program horticulture was well-provided for at Jamaica Plain, while science could best be promoted at Cambridge. In spite of what Fogg says about there being no dichotomy, it does look as if they were trying to create one.

Mrs. Slate would be amused at the caption on the Flower Show exhibit of the Arboretum: "Plant Hunting Expeditions on Seven Continents." This appears along with a lighted globe and creates the impression that there were currently such expeditions in the field.

The March 2 issue of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin carries a "Profile" of the Director and speaks of his systematic teaching schedule. I understand that he started to teach a couple of courses this current semester, but for three years prior to that he had no classes in the University. I wonder if you agree with me that this creates a somewhat misleading impression.

I wrote Mr. du Pont recently that there was an apparent error in President Pusey's statement regarding the total income of the Arboretum being \$202,000. The Treasurer's report states that the total income was \$250,000, which would indicate that some 56.8% of such total was spent at Jamaica Plain and Cambridge, according to their figures.

As to Dr. Fogg's defense of the new program, I felt it worthwhile to point out to Mr. du Pont that Fogg headed the only other Arboretum in the United States with its library and herbarium in a separate location from its living collection. The reason, as you know, was that the Morris consisted of an estate which was tacked on to the Botany Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1933.


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March 5, 1957

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I thank you for your letter of March 2, enclosing the final version of your letter to President Pusey. The latter I return herewith having made a few minor corrections in red.

We are sending you herewith a list of the Overseers and would ask that you return this list to us as it is the only typed copy we have. Also enclosed for your use is a list of Visiting Committee members excluding the Directors of the Association.

I have excluded the Directors above because I believe you will want to send copies of your letter to the Association's Board, and their addresses you have, of course, in the membership list.

You will also wish to send copies to the Winterthur group, whose addresses you have.

We don't expect to see Mr. Clark at the time of the Spring Flower Show (March 10 - 16), but John Wister is arriving for the show tomorrow, and Mr. Teuscher is also coming on I understand. The Executive Committee expects to have some sessions with Mr. Wister while he is here.

Perhaps we ought to have twenty-five extra mimeographed copies of your letter to Pusey if that is convenient.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Slate,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
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Feb. 15, 1957.

Memorandum to George Slate.

I have been talking by telephone to Mr. Clark today and I understand he is writing you about your letter to President Pusey.

I have already made a number of suggestions about this letter, and you have been nice enough to incorporate them. I shall risk becoming a nuisance to you by sending now one more proposition, namely, that you omit the paragraph about Washburn. As soon as you attack the background of one person, the matter becomes to an extent, ad hominum, and every one tends to get his back up defending good old Brad. I don't think you are too rough on Washburn, but he really has never posed as an expert. He is acting as a public relations agent, in effect, and that covers a multitude of sins nowadays.

With best regards to you & Mrs. Slate

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February 27, 1957

MEMORANDUM TO GEORGE SLATE:

Mr. Clark sent me a copy of his letter to you, dated February 20, and I am more or less standing by awaiting your instructions. When you have your letter to Fusey prepared, please let me know.

Professor Johnston was in the office this morning and reported sending out 250 copies of his "correspondence." A copy has been sent to you, as I understand it. I shall not elaborate on the situation.

Unfortunately we used up so many Winterthur Statements in our recent mailings that we had nothing left over for the mailing proposed by Professor MacDaniels. At this time the Executive Committee has no plans to have more printed.

John Wister will be in Boston March 6 to 11; he is judging at the Spring Flower Show.

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February 1, 1957

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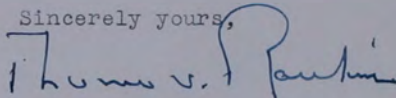
Dear Professor Slate:

Thank you for your letter of January 29 which reached me yesterday. Under separate cover we are sending you 100 copies of the "Review," 100 membership cards (marked with an "S" to identify them as going to your prospects), and 100 return envelopes. Please let us know if you need any additional material.

It is easy to pin-point the date on which you received a copy of the "Program" as it was the afternoon of our Annual Meeting, November 23, 1956. You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter from Professor Johnston to John Wister on this subject.

I doubt if President Conant will occupy himself with the Arboretum controversy now that he is resigning as Ambassador to Germany. Mr. Clark will probably be in touch with him and will keep him informed about the arguments on our side.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
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January 28, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear Professor Slate:

I have your note at the foot of my letter, January 22, and hasten to reply. As to checking the 103 names to deem whether or not they have received the "Review," we can make a cursory check by means of our files, but the "Review" went to so many different organizations (a total of about 10,000 copies went out, as I recall) that it is a big job to check each of the hundred names against the many lists involved. We are well-supplied with copies of the "Review." My recommendation would be to go right ahead and send out the copies, because even though someone has already received it, they may have not read it or may have misplaced their copy. Therefore please let me know if you would like us to mail you a hundred copies of the "Review."

You enclosed a prospectus dated November, 1954. We appear to have thirty or forty copies of this, but it would not be proper to use it now as it lists certain persons as Directors who have since resigned, and it has an incorrect list of officers and counsel. I am sorry there is no publication which fills this need. If, however, you are sending out the "Review," you hardly need anything additional, unless it might be the "Denial of Justice" (copy enclosed).

We shall await word from you as to just what publications and supplies you need.

Yes, indeed, I have seen Professor Sax's letter of January 20 to Mr. du Pont, and I think it is very strong. Mr. Washburn's attitude seems to have shifted a good deal in the past several months.

Sincerely yours,

T.V.R.

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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January 22, 1957

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear Professor Slate:

Thank you for your letter of January 17 enclosing a final draft of your letter to President Pusey. I showed it to Mrs. Arnold as you suggested, and she was very outspoken in her approval. (We are doing a large mailing to the membership at Mrs. Arnold's house this week.)

I liked the final version and had only one or two small alterations to suggest. On page two, fourth paragraph, last sentence: "There is no evidence that he has made any effort to hear the other side of the controversy." Mr. Washburn has met twice with John Hemenway and myself, and while he has insisted that he wasn't prepared to discuss the controversy, he did show a certain open-mindedness. I think that in fairness to him that sentence might be omitted. To you I would say, confidentially, that I don't think he really has made a serious effort to understand our side, on the contrary, I regard him as a spokesman picked to promote the Administration viewpoint without too much regard for the equities.

Page three, Britannica was misspelled.

Please hold your letter to President Pusey until Mr. Clark gives the o.k., as he has a special point of view about it which I will not try to develop here.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
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P.S. We are checking to see if membership cards are available.

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January 16, 1957

Dear Prof. Slate,

I had a long telephone conversation with Mr. Clark this afternoon (he is at his Long Island home now, as I think you know and will be there until about February 1). In the course of our talk Mr. Clark said that he wanted to give some attention to your Pusey draft but had not yet had time to do so. I suggested that I might get from you the current revised draft. For example, I and others have made suggestions which you may have incorporated in one form or another. I kept no record of my suggestions.

If you would send me along a revised version it would be helpful. Then I shall be in touch ^{with Mr. Clark} about it. He thinks it would be wise to have the letter carefully studied all around before it goes off to President Pusey. Mr. Clark thought your letter very good.

I have written Mr. duPont today asking for a copy of his reply to Pres. Pusey. I pointed out to him that you would not want to repeat Mr. duPont's points in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM TO MESSRS. SLATE, WISTER, AND LEE

Dr. Sax has sent us the following notation from President Eliot's inaugural address, October 19, 1869, from page LXXIII in Morrison's book "The Development of Harvard University 1869-1929"

"The real function of the Board of Overseers is to stimulate and watch the President and Fellows. Without the Overseers, the President and Fellows would be a board of private trustees, self-perpetuated and self-controlled. Provided as it is with two governing boards, the University enjoys that principal safeguard of all American governments--the natural antagonism between two bodies of different constitutions, powers and privileges. While having with the Corporation a common interest of the deepest kind in the welfare of the University and the advancement of learning, the Overseers should always hold towards the Corporation an attitude of suspicious vigilance. They ought always to be pushing and prying."

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January 4, 1957

Professor George Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear Professor Slate:

Thanks for your card of December 31. I have sent along the Lawrence analysis to Mr. Lee with admonition to keep it confidential as regards identity of author.

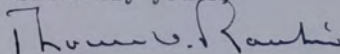
Our next membership mailing is the Winterthur Statement, held up so as to not come too closely on the heels of Mrs. Merrill's letter. We are mailing Winterthur Statements daily to various persons, of course, and expect to cover a wide range of persons and organizations before we are through.

After this membership mailing, we have an interesting comment on the Director's writings done by John Wister. We may ask the Director for extra copies of the last Report and send it out with Wister's comments. Wister in addition has done comments on the Horticulture article and on the Merrill obituary.

There is a Question and Answer piece in the works for future mailing.

John Wister phoned yesterday, and today we are preparing the envelopes for his analysis of the "Program" -- for our Board, the Winterthur conferees, and each member of the Visiting Committee, some sixty or seventy persons.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. Merrill's memo was dated May 20, 1946.

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December 26, 1956

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear Professor Slate:

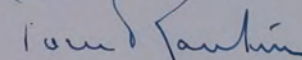
Your letter of December 21, with enclosure, arrived this morning, and we are today sending copies of the annotated "Program" to our Executive Committee (Arnold, Blake, Clark and Hemenway).

I appreciate your forwarding this material along to us. John Wister has also done an analysis of the "Program," and I have asked him whether we can send it on to the Visiting Committee.

Your idea of a letter of comment on President Fusey's communication to Mr. du Pont is a good one. Mr. du Pont has been so swamped by correspondence in the last couple of weeks that I believe I would suggest sending him only the final version. The reason, of course, is that if you send him a draft, he may feel that he is required to make suggestions and thus devote still more time to the aftermath of the Winterthur Conference. I would be interested in seeing what you propose to send, although I do not want to edit it unless you insist.

We shall be sending you additional copies of the Winterthur Statement as you suggest.

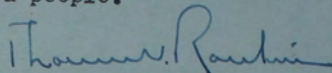
Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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Dear Professor Slate:- You may be interested
in the attached photo-offset of a letter from
Mr. Hemenway to Mr. du Pont, copies of which
Mr. du Pont is sending to some six-hundred
Garden Club of America people.



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December 17, 1956

Mr. Henry F. du Pont
Winterthur
Delaware

Dear Mr. du Pont:

I am delighted to know that you are taking the initiative in sending copies of the Winterthur Statement to a number of your friends, particularly to officers of the Garden Club of America.

After reading the Winterthur document, some of them may wish to join the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. By way of inviting them to join the Association, I should like to suggest that copies of this letter, together with the Association's membership card and a reply envelope, be sent to your friends with the Winterthur Statement.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Hemenway
John T. Hemenway
President

Frederic P. Lee
Bethesda, Md.

L. H. MacDaniels
Ithaca, N. Y.

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December 28, 1956

MEMORANDUM TO PROFESSOR GEORGE L. SLATE

Thanks for the card regarding John Hemenway's December 21 letter. We did not send it to the Harvard Corporation at this time because it seems more fair to give President Pusey a chance to investigate the problem and make reply. If we were to send it to the Corporation simultaneously, it would constitute a pretty serious insult to President Pusey's integrity.

Mr. Lee wrote this morning concerning the "Program," and I should like to send him a copy of Professor Lawrence's analysis if this has your o.k. I shall await word from you. John Wister has also done a study of the "Program," and I am asking his permission to duplicate it for the Visiting Committee.

T. V. R.
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*Wm. S. Joyland
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December 7, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Your letter of December 4 reached me yesterday, and I find it extremely interesting. Your implications seem to jibe with those reported by Dr. Sax and John Hemenway.

I think Dr. Sax feels that Woods' work, while meritorious from the botanic standpoint, is not sufficiently related to the objectives of the Arboretum to qualify as a part of the Arboretum program.

We are having a large printing of the Winterthur Statement prepared for distribution, and if you will drop me a post card as to the number of copies you want, we will be able to ship them to you about the first of the year.

The mailing of the statements, being conducted by Mr. duPont in accordance with the directions contained in the statement itself, covers principally the officers of the several organizations involved. Individual copies, however, are being sent to Corporation members and Overseers, members of the A.A.B.G.A., and some seventy active members of the American Horticultural Council. It is hoped that Professor MacDaniels may wish to send individual copies to the members of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

If individual copies were sent to the Botanical Society of America, it would involve mailing about two thousand copies, and that is not contemplated at the present. A mailing to a large Harvard group is planned and of course distribution to the Association's membership.

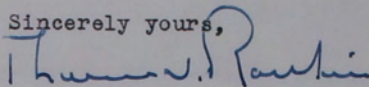
Professor Slate

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December 7, 1956

In addition, Mr. duPont is planning a mailing to six-hundred persons in the Garden Club of America with an accompanying letter suggesting that the recipients may wish to join the Association.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas V. Rankin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Rankin" clearly distinguishable.

Thomas V. Rankin
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November 27, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Dr. Sax mailed me the document entitled "The Program of the Arnold Arboretum" which you received during your visit to Cambridge, Friday, November 23, and I am returning the original herewith, having made several copies.

When time permits I wish you could summarize your interview so that our Executive Committee might have your impressions. Also, we would be interested in your reactions to the enclosed program.

Don't forget to send me a memorandum on your travel expense in connection with the annual meeting. It was a great pleasure to have you here, and I only regret that I was so involved with various things that day that I had no more opportunity to see you. I am passing on to Mr. Clark your proposal regarding a symposium of lawyers.

A copy of our press release is enclosed. You may have noticed the substance of it in the Sunday New York Times (page 140, news section). Boston coverage was disappointingly slight which confirms our feeling that it is very difficult to present our story coherently in the Boston press.

Sincerely yours,

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November 16, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

This note will thank you for taking the trouble to drive down to Wilmington for the Winterthur Conference and for contributing so forceably to its endeavors.

Enclosed you will find the newspaper account which appeared in the Wilmington Morning News, November 14.

As you know, the annual meeting of the members is scheduled for Horticultural Hall, 11:15 a.m., Friday, November 23. One hour later, at 12:15 p.m., the Board of Directors will meet for luncheon at the Harvard Club. I shall look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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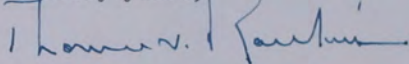
Dear Professor Slate:

I was glad you called long-distance last night and shall be looking forward to a visit from you the end of next week.

Enclosed are the three papers which will be presented by MacDaniels, Sax and Wister, respectfully, at the Winterthur Conference.

As you know, the participants will arrive at the Hotel DuPont on Sunday evening, November 11, and the conference will take place Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13. Monday evening we are to be entertained at Longwood, and Tuesday noon Mr. DuPont has asked us to be his guests at luncheon at his home.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. Please plan to take a meal with us when you are in Boston, N.Y.

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November 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM TO PARTICIPANTS, WINTERTHUR CONFERENCE

As you know, it was planned to terminate the Winterthur sessions on Tuesday afternoon, November 13. This morning I learned by long distance that the participants and their wives may be invited to dinner at the home of Mrs. Francis Crowninshield, near Wilmington, on the evening of Tuesday, November 13. Therefore, I am sending this notice to each of you, and we hope that your plans may be sufficiently flexible to include dinner Tuesday evening if arrangements materialize as we now anticipate.

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October 29, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Thank you for writing me about Mr. Corning. I shall without fail call upon him in Cleveland. I am turning over your comments to Mr. Clark.

I heard this morning from our friend Mr. Lee that he and Mrs. Lee will arrive in Wilmington on Sunday evening, November 11.

Mr. Teuscher, Curator of Montreal Botanical Garden, has been invited to the conference, and we hope that he will be able to attend.

As I mentioned in an earlier letter, we are holding a room for you and Mrs. Slate at the Hotel DuPont, Sunday and Monday, November 11 and 12, and we hope nothing will interfere with Mrs. Slate's joining you there.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

T.V.R.

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October 11, 1956

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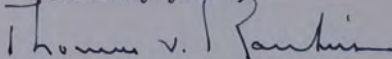
Dear Professor Slate:

I went to Washington late last week and saw Dr. Erlanson, Dr. Skinner, and Mr. Frederic P. Lee. I send this note to thank you for suggesting that we get in touch with Mr. Lee. I spent two hours at his home discussing the controversy and found that very few people have a better grasp of its details and a clearer idea of what the Arnold Arboretum ought to accomplish. I reported on this to Mr. Clark in Dublin on Tuesday, October 9, and he agreed that we should, by all means, urge Mr. Lee to attend the Winterthur Conference.

I hope that Mrs. Slate will be able to join you at the Winterthur meeting. I was in Wilmington on Sunday making a few arrangements for the meeting, and unless you notify me to the contrary within the next week, we shall hold a double room at the DuPont Hotel for you and Mrs. Slate, Sunday and Monday nights, November 11 and 12. The conference sessions will be held Monday and Tuesday, as you know, and on Monday evening the conferees and their wives will be guests at Longwood while on Tuesday morning the ladies will have a guided tour of the Winterthur Museum. Tuesday noon Mr. DuPont is giving a luncheon at his home at Winterthur.

I have been hoping to make a trip to Cleveland to the Holden Arboretum and have intended to try and stop in and call upon you on route. It doesn't appear that I will be able to do so before the Winterthur meeting. I shall look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Slate at the Hotel DuPont, Sunday, November 11.

Sincerely yours,



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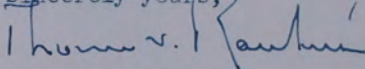
Dear Professor Slate:

Mr. Clark told me in a long distance conversation a few weeks ago that you had visited him and said that you had expected to attend the Winterthur Conference. Will you please return the enclosed postal card letting us know whether Mrs. Slate can accompany you and whether you expect to arrive at Wilmington Sunday evening, November 11th.

Do you have in mind presenting a paper at the conference? Professor Lawrence writes that he has discussed issues with you and Dr. Sax and that he finds himself in accord with the views of both of you.

I am glad to know that you will be able to make the meeting and shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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Dear Professor Slate:

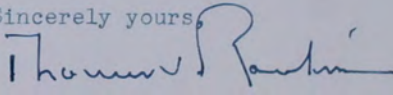
Thank you for your letter of
September 17th, which will have crossed
mine of yesterday in the mail.

I am glad to know that you will
definitely be in Wilmington and I shall
make reservations on the assumption that
Mrs. Slate can attend, as we very much
hope she will be able to do.

Thank you also for the information
regarding Kew Garden.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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August 13, 1956

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

Dear Prof. Slate:

We should like to invite you to participate in a conference of horticultural-botanical authorities under the auspices of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., at Winterthur, Delaware, November 12 and 13, 1956.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the future of the Arnold Arboretum. Some of the conferees may wish to present their views in the form of papers to be circulated in advance and the Association will be glad to have copies made and to arrange for circulation of the same. It is hoped a set of important suggestions will emerge from the meeting.

Most participants will arrive in Wilmington, Delaware (about six miles from Winterthur), on Sunday evening, November 11, 1956. Hotel and other expenses of participants while in Wilmington will be paid by the Association. Wives of participants are also invited, and since it is not expected that they will attend the sessions of the conference, other activities are being planned for them by way of entertainment.

Conference sessions will be held at the Winterthur Farm Club House, through the courtesy of Mr. Henry F. duPont.

On Monday evening, November 12, the conferees and their wives are invited to attend a dinner at Longwood Gardens, as guests of the Long-

Prof. George L. Slate

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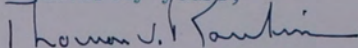
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wood Foundation and through the courtesy of Dr. R. J. Seibert, Director, Longwood Gardens.

Mr. duPont has kindly invited the conferees and their wives to be his guests at a luncheon at his home, Winterthur, Tuesday, November 13.

It will expedite the planning of this conference if you would kindly let us know within a week or two whether you will be able to attend, and if so whether you expect to bring your wife. Accordingly we would make reservations for a double or single room at the Hotel duPont, Wilmington, for Sunday and Monday nights, November 11 and 12, 1956, unless you instruct us to the contrary.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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August 15, 1956

Prof. George L. Slate
37 Highland Ave.
Geneva, New York

Dear Prof. Slate:

When I visited you in June you very thoughtfully let me borrow some notes on the Arnold Arboretum and related subjects. I have now had these typed up and return to you herewith your original notes with one typed copy. I am taking the liberty of sending copies to Mr. Clark and Dr. Hemenway.

Thank you for writing about the Kew Gardens situation. I have a nice letter from Dr. Lawrence in response to your suggestion to him. Mr. Blake did see Dr. Bor at Kew in the spring. If you will send me Dr. Bor's first name, or initials, I would like to mail him some of our publications. Also, is you know the name of the incoming Director, I shall send him some material.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

cc: Mr. Clark
Mr. Hemenway

August 14, 1956

Mr. Frederic P. Lee
7401 Glenbrook Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Lee:

One of our directors, Professor Slate, has thoughtfully suggested that you might like to see the brief in Ames vs. the Attorney General, and I am, accordingly, mailing it to you under separate cover.

As you probably realize, the purpose of Ames vs. the Attorney General was to try to obtain a review of the Attorney General's refusal to lend his name to a test suit. However, a substantial part of the brief, portions of which I have marked, deals with the essential breach of trust issue which is the heart of the Arboretum Controversy.

Sincerely yours,

T. V. R.

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR:h

✓cc: Prof. George L. Slate

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Dear George:

Francis Blake, our Treasurer, was in London for about two weeks on his return trip from Beirut recently. We had written Sir E. J. Salisbury, Director of Kew Gardens, that Frank was coming through London, and stated that Frank would call upon him. Frank found the secretary very stuffy when he called for an interview, and in spite of the fact that he courteously pressed the matter he was not granted an opportunity to talk with the Director.

I thought I would pass this on to you in confidence. It may be that the Director is really not well and that they are trying to protect him. Lawrence might know the facts. I recall that the Director is retiring soon. Is he aged?

Plans are now proceeding for a symposium in November. Mr. Clark has been very active on it. The Executive Committee met in Boston, June 25th.

Kind regards to you and Mrs.

Slate.

—Yours,
Tom Rauh.

July 17, 1956

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Tom,

If you still have left any of the big briefs about the Association's case against Harvard, I wish you would send one to Frederic P. Lee, 7401 Glenbrook Road, Bethesda, Md. Mr. Lee is a Washington lawyer who has a keen interest in horticulture and he is active in some horticultural associations. I believe he is a member of the Association and much interested in our case. I am sure that he would make good use of this brief. If you do not have an extra copy, perhaps you have one that you could lend him for a while. Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

GLS:par

George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

George Slate:

I am today in receipt of
a letter from Prof. Freeman S. Howlett
as follows: "Thank you very much for
your letter of May 6 together with the
information which it contained. I trust
that you will pardon my failure to acknowledge
your communication until this date."

T.V.R.
TVR

June 15, 1956

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Professor George Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear George:

I want to thank you and Mrs. Slate for your very cordial hospitality of the other day, particularly for providing transportation over a portion of New York state. The air line schedule was as good as its word and I was in Boston in one hour and twenty minutes after you put me aboard the plane Tuesday evening.

Mr. Hemenway was very much pleased by the results of our conference at Ithaca. I reported briefly to Mr. Clark by telephone and shall give him further details when I see him in Dublin, June 20th.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR:mlh

P.S. "Portion" is supposed to be
factions - you are familiar
with it in another context, I'm
sure -

May 7, 1956

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Tom,

I enclose two letters from Dr. Howlett which I think are rather important. If he is confused, then others may be. Dr. Howlett is secretary of the American Society for Horticultural Science, an organization of nearly 2000 members working in the experiment stations and agricultural colleges. He is also head of the Horticultural Department of Ohio State University and is widely known in horticultural circles. It is very much in our interest to make sure that he is well-informed as to our side of the matter.

I have sent him copies of my letters to Wyman, Yeager, Drew, Allen and my comments on the Bundy leaflet which pretty well represent my thinking on this matter. Perhaps Mr. Clark would be interested in seeing Howlett's letters. After you have finished with them, I should like them returned for my files.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

GLS:par

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April 16, 1956

Memorandum to Prof. Slate.

I was delighted to receive today your letter of April 13. As to the trip to Mentor, I have by no means forgotten it. If it is possible, I should like to go out with you, but I had better take stock of my future plans before giving a definite answer.

Certainly appreciate your calling it to my attention.

Yes, I'm in touch with current developments at the Arboretum.

Mr. Clark was scheduled to return April 13. I have not heard from him, and may not hear for some time, as I suspect he will have at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of mail to digest. When I see him I shall mention what you have to say regarding Lawrence's schedule this summer.

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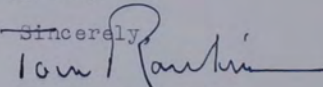
Dear Prof. Slate:

Your card reached me yesterday. I appreciate your effort to smooth out arrangements for this trip. It now appears that I will not be able to go at this time. I have a meeting here May 14th which I cannot well miss and on May 7th I may have to see Mr. Clark, who was in touch with me by phone today for the first time since his return from the trip around the world.

However, I can assure you that a trip out your way, and to Holden, is high on my priority list and I shall not forget about it. When I go I want to leave sufficient time for a stop-over in Ithaca to talk with Prof. Lawrence. And I would hope to have time also to stay in Cleveland a day or so and see Mr. Corning and perhaps one or two others who are interested.

Have a pleasant trip, and when my plans permit you'll hear from me as regards at call at Geneva.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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February 7, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

You will remember President Pusey's letter dated December 21, 1954, a copy of which I enclose. There were legal negotiations regarding the question he raised about changing our name. I made some investigations over a period of several months myself and was able to run down several of the factual points raised by Harvard's counsel, Mr. Shaw, as a consequence of President Pusey's letter above.

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum I recently prepared on this subject and forwarded to Mr. Shaw. He replied that he was sending it on to Professor Howard. I understand Professor Howard is in the Caribbean for about 6 weeks.

Item 5 is of particular interest in the light of President Pusey's letter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

T.V.R.
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the President

December 21, 1954

Dear Mr. Hemenway:

I am writing you on a point which is troubling the Harvard Corporation.

From time to time various groups have been organized for the purpose of raising money for the support of specified Harvard activities. There are, for example, Friends of the Fogg Museum, Friends of Music at Harvard, Friends of the Library, and many others. The Corporation takes the position that it cannot sanction the use of Harvard's name or that of any department or institution of the University in connection with any such appeal unless it is in a position to control what is to be done with the money contributed.

I think you will readily understand why this policy has been consistently followed, even though at times it has been necessary to go counter to the views of those who felt that what they proposed to do was in the best interests of the activity might very well find themselves subject to conflicting appeals, and the resulting confusion could not fail to be injurious to the University and to the activity they wished to benefit. Moreover, funds which might be available for purposes which the responsible administration believes meritorious could be diverted to other less desirable activities.

The Corporation now finds itself faced with this problem in connection with your Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. Your association is using the name of the Arboretum in raising money which is to be spent without the approval of the director of the Arboretum or of the Corporation, its Trustee. Furthermore, I understand that a very large part of this money is to be used in aid of the current litigation in which your Association seeks to upset the Corporation's decision as Trustee of the Arnold Arboretum to remove a portion of the library and specimens from Jamaica Plain to Cambridge. I am informed your goal for the current year is \$35,000. To date the Arnold Arboretum has received only \$1,050, so far as I know.

The Corporation feels that it has a duty to protect the Arboretum against this unauthorized use of its name by your Association. The need for this protection is emphasized by a number of instances which have come to my attention where donors have given money to your Association under the mistaken impression that your Association is acting on behalf or with the approval of the Arboretum administration or that the appeal has been made by the administration itself.

We think we should do what we can to correct the present situation and request that your Association discontinue the use of a name which has been associated since 1872 with an institution for whose administration and endowment Harvard is responsible.

Sincerely,

Mr. John T. Hemenway
Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.
40 Green Street
Milton 86, Massachusetts

/s/ Nathan M. Pusey

Nathan M. Pusey

MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO EXAMPLES OF ALLEGED CONFUSION
CITED IN MR. SHAW'S LETTER OF MAY 19, 1955

1. Photostat of letter from 18 Trask Street, Danvers, Mass., post-marked February 18, 1955, and addressed to Mr. Hemenway. Mr. Hemenway could not recall receiving this letter, but after investigation, I telephoned Mr. William J. Abbott, who lives at 18 Trask Street, Danvers, and obtained the following information. Mr. Abbott stated that he had no particular interest in the Arboretum or in the controversy concerning it. He explained that his interest was in acquiring stamps from foreign countries for his grandchild's stamp collection and that he must have written the letter to request that foreign stamps be saved from incoming mail and forwarded to him. He said he assumed that he had noticed Mr. Hemenway's name in the Boston Herald article, which appeared February 16, 1955. Mr. Abbott, therefore, was the victim of the careless journalism by the Herald, against which Mr. Hemenway protested in a letter to the Herald immediately following publication of the article of February 16, 1955.

2. I called upon Miss Harriette R. Halloway, 832 Madison Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey and read to her paragraph two of Mr. Shaw's letter of May 19th, which states in part "At the end of his [Professor Howard's] talk a Miss Halloway from Plainfield, New Jersey, came up to him and said she was a member of the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum and was working hard to help him save the Arnold Arboretum."

Miss Halloway informed me that at the time of the above incident (which took place in January, 1955) she spoke to Professor Howard after his lecture, stating that she was an "Associate" (or a member of the "Associates") supporting the protection of the Arboretum. She told me that at the time of the meeting she assumed that

Professor Howard, as Director of the Arnold Arboretum, was opposed to Harvard's plan for the Arboretum. She was, therefore, considerably surprised when he stated that he favored the plan.

Miss Holloway informed me that she never at any time told Professor Howard or anyone else that she "was working hard to help him"-- or anyone else -- "save the Arnold Arboretum." She further stated that she was not under any confusion at the time of the January, 1955, meeting, or at any other time, regarding membership in the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum.

Miss Holloway showed me a copy of a letter to her from Professor Howard, dated January 24, 1955, and she gave permission to copy the second paragraph thereof, as follows:

"As you know your statement to me that you were an 'Associate' of the Arnold Arboretum by membership in the Association and therefore a supporter of our fight was a bit perplexing. I hope in the brief conversation we had that I made myself clear that with two exceptions the Arboretum staff is fully in support of the reorganization that has been carried out and that we look forward with enthusiasm to working with the facilities we now have."

3. With reference to Mrs. Fergus Reid, Jr., President, The Garden Club of America, this may raise a question similar to that covered in the preceding paragraph. Perhaps it would suffice to say that on October 14, 1954, Mrs. Reid wrote me stating that The Garden Club of America as an organization was remaining neutral on the Arboretum controversy and that her letter made it quite clear that she was subject to no confusion. She is a member of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum.

4, 7, 8. I have no documentation regarding these three cases, but I observe that they might fall under the heading de minimus. However, it should be pointed out that in none of these cases was there any evidence that a contribution was erroneously made. There were references in items 7 and 8 to the Association's dues (\$2).

As will be shown below, at the time Mr. Shaw's letter was written, May 19, 1955, no general appeal for contributions had been made by the Association.

5. Regarding the Milton Garden Club, the Association's books have never shown a contribution on behalf of that Club. The Association issued no appeal for funds for repair of the hurricane damage at the Arboretum.

The current Treasurer of the Milton Garden Club, Mrs. William Goodale, has verified the fact that no contribution has been made by the Milton Garden Club to the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. In response to inquiry by Mr. Hemenway and myself, Mrs. Goodale checked her ledger and reported the following pertinent entries:

- (1) October 28, 1954, \$15, Hurricane Tree Fund Trustees of Public Reservations.
- (2) October 28, 1954, \$25, Donation, Arnold Arboretum.

As you see, therefore, the Milton Garden Club gift relating to the hurricane was made to the Trustees of Reservations, not to the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc.

I wish to dwell on this a little further because among the various examples of alleged confusion cited in the letter of May 19th, 1955, example No. 5, that concerning the Milton Garden Club is the only one which concerns an alleged contribution to the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., which might supposedly have been made under

misapprehension. N o. 5 is the only example supporting the following paragraph in President Pusey's letter to Mr. Hemenway, dated December 21, 1954:

"The Corporation feels that it has a duty to protect the Arboretum against this unauthorized use of its name by your Association. The need for this protection is emphasized by a number of instances which have come to my attention where donors have given money to your Association under the mistaken impression that your Association is acting on behalf or with the approval of the Arboretum administration or that the appeal has been made by the administration itself."

It would certainly appear that the President was misinformed when he made the above statement and it is to be hoped that he will retract the erroneous allegation therein.

The Milton Garden Club matter may have been the basis of a statement in an article by Professor Howard in the April, 1955, News Letter of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, as follows:

"The Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., has used the name of the Arnold Arboretum in raising funds without requesting or obtaining approval from the Harvard Corporation, which is solely responsible for the administration of the Arboretum. Of the Association's announced budget of \$35,000 for the current fiscal year, only \$1,050 has been given to the Harvard Corporation for the purposes of the Arboretum. This was raised, in part, at least, by a special appeal, not authorized or sponsored by the Arboretum, to garden clubs and Association members for repair of hurricane damage at the Arboretum."

In a circular letter to members of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, dated May 6, 1955, Mr. John C.

Wister, Director of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, challenged Professor Howard's statement regarding the alleged special appeal for funds as follows:

"Aside from the questionable taste of publicly criticizing a gift or its amount, Dr. Howard is in error in stating that in order to make the gift the Association sent out a special appeal for funds. This is not true as any member can verify."

Commenting on the above, Professor Howard in a letter to Mr. Wister dated May 12, 1955, stated: "Regarding Item 4, I would not have made that statement had I not the facts to prove my point. Perhaps you would be interested in seeing the official records of checks received and of having a list of the garden clubs which were solicited. Your informants are not telling you the truth, and you might find it wise to be more careful in your statements. Erroneous statements such as you made can be checked and only you stand to lose your reputation in the checking."

In the light of the above facts, doesn't Professor Howard owe Mr. Wister an apology?

6. The letter dated April 18, 1955, from Science, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, addressed to me and received by me April 23, 1955, was in response to a telegram I sent which bore no return address beyond Boston, Massachusetts. The incorrect address on their letter to Professor Howard, May 4, 1955, was obviously, it seems to me, a secretary's error.

In the letter of May 19, 1955 no distinction is made between the following issues: (a) the question of possible confusion between the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum and the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., and (b) the question of possible confusion in the minds of donors which was referred to by President Pusey in the paragraph quoted above.

The Association has been eager to avoid any confusion with the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum, and since the middle of April, 1955 has used on its letterhead and on all publications emanating from the Association the following legend:

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.

It is difficult to see how anyone exerting any attention whatsoever could confuse the two organizations (the Friends and the Association) since the above precaution was taken.

With regard to the raising of money, there is enclosed, as stated above, a copy of the Finance Committee's appeal, dated August 5, 1955. Prior to this, while dues had been required for membership, no general solicitation of funds had been made. I think it will be found upon examining the August 5, 1955 letter that there would be no confusion in the mind of anyone who read it as to the purpose of the Association, nor could any donor responding thereto be "under the mistaken impression" that the "Association is acting on behalf or with the approval of the Arboretum administration itself."

It is my opinion that with regard to both the above questions, namely, alleged confusion between the Friends and the Association, and alleged confusion on the part of donors, the various questions raised by the letter of May 19, 1955 are satisfactorily answered herein.

THOMAS V. RANKIN

January 11, 1956.

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January 13, 1965

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

Dear George:

In response to a request which John Hemenway recently received concerning the Arboretum suit, I wrote today a letter outlining the procedural steps, and I thought you might like to see it to refresh your recollection of the progress of the case.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

TWR

TVR/bm
Enc.

January 13, 1965

Mr. Robert Wheelwright
Goodstay
Wilmington 6, Delaware

Dear Mr. Wheelwright:

I want to respond to your recent inquiry of John Hemenway concerning the progress of the Arboretum case.

As you will recall, the case was started by the Attorney General at the relation of Mr. John S. Ames and others, in late 1958. The respondent, President and Fellows of Harvard College, demurred, but the demurrer was overruled, and in late 1959 an answer was filed by the Harvard Corporation.

Various legal steps occupied the next two years, then in the fall of 1961 the Single Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, to whom the case had been assigned, referred the case to a Master, Henry E. Foley, Esq., who had been selected jointly by the parties.

The Master held hearings during the spring of 1962, heard final arguments in the fall of that year, and presented a draft of his report on the case in the spring of 1963. Various objections were filed by the respondent and various legal steps intervened, and in the fall, on October 1, 1963, the Master filed his report in its final form in the Supreme Judicial Court. The report consisted of 97 pages and had a set of appendices, "A" through "F", numbering 126 pages.

The petitioner moved to confirm the master's report on November 4, 1963. The respondent, President and Fellows of Harvard College, moved on November 29, 1963 to recommit the report. Motion papers, including affidavits in support of the motions, comprised 265 pages of material. Mr. Justice John V. Spalding, the Single Justice, heard arguments on the motion to recommit on January 22, 1964. On January 24, 1964 he denied the motion.

On March 24, 1964 Mr. Justice Spalding heard arguments on the Motion to Overrule the Objection to the Master's Report and to Confirm the Report. Papers filed in connection with this procedural step in the case numbered 225 pages of material. On April 22, 1964 the Judge entered his rulings and order on the motion and on May 7, 1964 was entered an interlocutory decree

Mr. Robert Wheelwright

January 13, 1965

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overruling the respondent's objections (with one minor exception) and confirming the master's report with only the slightest amendment. On June 1, 1964 both parties, petitioner and respondent, filed motions for the entry of a final decree in the case.

Instead of deciding the case and entering a decree, the Single Justice determined he would report the case to the Full Court, and on September 28, 1964, his "Reservation and Report" was entered.

The record in the case has been in preparation during the past few months and is expected to be in final form soon. Thereafter the case will be formally entered in the Full Court and after a period of several weeks, during which briefs will be filed on both sides, the case will be heard by the Full Court, probably before the Court adjourns for the summer.

Your interest in the litigation is appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas S. Rawlin

TVR/bm

cc: Mr. Hemenway

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October 5, 1964

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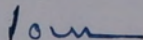
Dear George:

Here is a copy of the Reservation
and Report signed by Judge Spalding on
September 28, 1964.

Argument before the Full Court
may be anticipated this winter.

It was nice to have a telephone
talk with you last week, but next time you
~~are here~~ please come out and stay with us.

Sincerely,



TVR/bm
Enc.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

Supreme Judicial Court
No. 68735 Equity

ATTORNEY GENERAL, ex rel.
JOHN S. AMES, et al.

v.

PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

RESERVATION AND REPORT

This case came on to be heard before me upon the Master's Report, Respondent's Motions With Respect to Master's Report, Respondent's Objections to Master's Report and the respective Motions of petitioner and respondent for the entry of a final decree. I now reserve and report the case for the determination of the Full Court upon the following:

1. Revised Information In Equity, except the allegations stricken therefrom by Order of November 12, 1959;
2. Answer to the Revised Information In Equity;
3. Master's Report, including Appendices A through F thereto;
4. So much of Respondent's Motions With Respect to

Report of Master, filed November 29, 1963 (numbered as document 57 in the files of the Court) as is set out under the headings numbered 12A, 25-26, 34-35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 55-56A and B, and 78 through 84 of said Motions;

5. Such portions of the Affidavit in Support of Respondent's Motions with Respect to Report of Master as relate to those portions of said Motions referred to in paragraph 4 above;
6. Such portions of Petitioner's Appendix- Affidavit In Opposition To Respondent's Motions To Recommit The Report of The Master as relate to the portions of Respondent's Motions referred to in paragraph 4 above;
7. Order dated January 24, 1964, on Respondent's Motions, filed November 29, 1963, with Respect To Report of Master;
8. The Interlocutory Decree Denying Respondent's Motions, filed November 29, 1963, With Respect To Report Of Master, entered January 24, 1964;
9. Respondent's Appeal filed February 12, 1964, from Order and From Interlocutory Decree, Denying Respondent's Motion, filed November 29, 1963, With Respect To Report of Master;
10. The Rulings and Order On Motion To Overrule Objections To Master's Report and To Confirm the Report entered April 22, 1964;

11. The Interlocutory Decree Overruling Respondent's Objections To Master's Report and Confirming Master's Report entered May 7, 1964;
12. Respondent's Appeal, filed May 11, 1964, From Order and Decree Overruling Its Objections To and Confirming the Master's Report;
13. Petitioner's Motion For Entry Of A Final Decree, together with Exhibit A annexed thereto; and
14. Respondent's Motion For Entry Of Final Decree.

S/ John V. Spalding
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court

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9th February 1956

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Assoc. for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Tom:

The idea of a symposium on the arboretum appeals to me. I shall discuss it with Lawrence. Summer is a very busy time with me. I could not come in June, but could probably make it after mid-July. Lawrence may go to Europe again this summer on botanical work, but I am not sure.

There is something to be said on both sides for the tropical specimens. From the standpoint of public relations and the limited facilities the tropical specimens are probably better in Cambridge. But if the whole field of botany is considered then perhaps there is an opportunity for the arboretum to make a contribution in that field. Sargent's "The First Fifty Years of the Arnold Arboretum," has his plans for the future and they included all the woody plants of the world, a tremendous job, but one that might have been done well if Sargent had been immortal. There are, however, enough problems for the Arboretum without taking on the tropical material.

I had an opportunity to visit Lewis Lipp and see the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, Ohio, a couple of weeks ago when I was near there on other business. Lipp is very bitter about the treatment he got from Howard, and he is very much on our side. There are some very wealthy men associated with the Holden Arboretum and some are Harvard men. I believe that it might be well for you to see them sometime. One is Warren Corning, who is the administrative director of the Holden Arboretum. I am sending Lipp copies of several of my letters to various persons to give him my ideas and he will show these to Mr. Corning. I think, however, that the legal aspects of the question should be set before him. Lipp thinks that he hopes to eventually be a member of the Harvard Corporation, but I do not know whether that is wishful thinking, but if there is anything to it we should cultivate him. This is of course confidential, but when Mr. Clark re might be well to see what he knows about it.

Mr. Rankin:-

The Holden Arboretum is mostly land surrounded by big estates and more is being acquired as rapidly as possible. The current budget of \$50,000 is mostly from gifts and memberships, but eventually it will inherit properties said to be worth 35 - 40 million dollars.

Not a word from Parsons.

Best regards

Sincerely

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February 3, 1956

Professor George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
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Dear Professor Slate:

We were fortunate in having Dr. Edgar Anderson, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden here for three days last week for conferences on the Arboretum problem. He is very heartily in accord with Dr. Robbins' suggestion of a two day symposium of experts who are favorable to our point of view. He recommended that you and Professor Lawrence participate. I hope you will speak to Professor Lawrence about it.

I think I told you that Mr. Styer was here some weeks ago representing the American Nurserymen and that he stressed the point that tropical specimens did not properly belong in the Arboretum. Dr. Anderson was very much of that opinion. I do not recall whether you had expressed yourself on this question, but it is something that we ought to seek to clarify. As I understand it Sax would waive the issue regarding the tropical specimens, and of course Wister is of the same view.

Have you heard anything further from Parsons since he made his visit to the Arboretum on November 11th?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

T.V.R.

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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January 6, 1956

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I am awfully glad to have your letter of December 22nd just before leaving for a trip to New York on December 27th. In New York I conferred with Mr. Clark, who starts on his round the world trip today (returning in mid April). Unfortunately, he did not have time to run through the memorandum you so thoughtfully enclosed, as his time was extremely limited. However, it will be of great value to us in the months to come as it definitely points toward the subject matter of a two-day symposium on the future of the Arnold Arboretum as suggested by Dr. Robbins.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

TVR:hwn

9th December 1955

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Assoc. for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Tom:

Mr. Clark asked me to send you a memorandum of my
expenses for attending the Association meeting.

They total \$55.12.

It was very nice of you and Mrs. Rankin to take me
in for dinner and the evening. I certainly did appreciate
it.

Sincerely yours

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December 16, 1955

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

Dear Professor Slate:

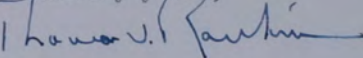
In response to your note of the 9th, we are enclosing a check for \$55.12 to cover your expenses in attending the annual meeting.

Dr. Franklin Styer who heads the Committee on Arboretum and Botanical Gardens for the Association of American Nurserymen spent a couple of hours at our office on December 13th discussing the Arboretum Controversy. He had interviewed Professor Howard and Mr. Wyman prior to coming here.

We have had no further word from Parsons of Worcester. If you should hear from him kindly forward his comments along.

Best wishes of the Season,

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary

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October 31, 1955

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Dear Professor Slate:

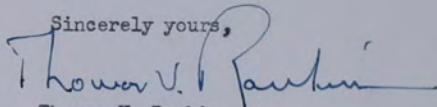
Thanks for your letter of October 30th with reference to Mr. Parsons. I believe you now have in your hands an independent briefing for him.

Thank you also for sending us copies of the letter from Bentinck-Smith dated September 6 and from George S. Avery, Jr., dated September 30. I had seen the latter but not the former.

You may be interested to know that we wrote President Pusey agreeing to cooperate in mailing out copies of his letter in response to Mr. Millard and we specified quite reasonably that this should not be done at the Association's expense. President Pusey did not acknowledge this letter, but Mr. Bentinck-Smith told me on the telephone that our proposal was "preposterous."

I am returning herewith two copies that you loaned us. We are planning to meet here on the afternoon of November 30th. I hope this will be a convenient date for you.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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October 4, 1944

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Thank you for returning the supplementary membership list and for your letter of September 30th. I do hope you have an opportunity to see Mr. Clark; I was up there yesterday and had a fine conference with him. He is full of constructive suggestions for the continuance of the fight.

I would like to have any specific reactions you may have to our recent mailings. Have you discussed the Arboretum controversy with Professor Lawrence recently? If so, I would be interested in having his views.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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November 21, 1955

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I have mailed you under separate cover an announcement of the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., to be held at the Harvard Club of Boston at 3:00 P.M., Thursday, December 1, 1955.

At the conclusion of the membership business meeting there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of election of officers and such other business as may be appropriate.

I very much hope that you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting, and enclose a return postal card for your use to indicate whether or not you will be able to do so.

We are fortunate in having as the speaker at the Annual Meeting, Dr. George S. Avery, Jr., Director, Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Hemenway
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August 30, 1955

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

Dear Professor Slate:

While we do not have a new membership list and perhaps will not have one for several weeks, we do have a supplementary list showing those who have joined the Association since November 30, 1954. The supplementary list was prepared for the Executive Committee's use. I am sending you a copy herewith on loan thinking that you would be particularly interested in the names of those who have joined since our last printed list was issued.

On July 19th, we sent you a list of those members who joined in response to your letter of December 1st, 1954. I believe you have your original mailing list for the December 1st letter. As you know, we sent all of those who did not join copies of the "Review" and membership cards in April. Would it be wise to consider a follow-up letter from you sometime in the next few months to stimulate membership interest among many who may have overlooked the matter?

Membership has tapered off during the summer and I think we should have in mind future membership drives because unless people are actively approached they do not get around to joining.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

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September 30, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Rankin;

Thanks a lot for letting me see the supplement to the membership list which I am returning herewith. Before I commit myself on another letter, I should like to talk with Mr. Clark. I expect to be in western Massachusetts for about a week early in October and perhaps I can run up to Dublin and see him at that time. Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

GLS:par

George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

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June 8, 1955

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

Dear Prof. Slate:

I am glad to have a copy of your letter of
June 3rd to Professor Drew and have discussed it with

Mr. Clark and Mr. Hemenway, both of whom agree it is
very good. I am also glad to know you will be with us
next week.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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P.S. - I am just leaving for Philadelphia
where I will confer with Mr. Wister

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May 23, 1955

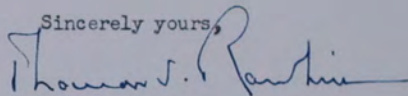
Prof. George L. Slate
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Prof. Slate:

Thank you for your letter of May 20th and the copy of the article from the "American Nurseryman" of April 1st enclosed. When this article first appeared I think it was Mr. Wister who telephoned me long distance to call it to my attention. I wired the Editor and have written him twice since and I trust we will receive space in the "Nurseryman" correcting the implication that the controversy over the Arnold Arboretum has been judicially determined.

I appreciate your keeping in touch with us and trust I will see you at the meeting of the Board of Directors June 14th, 1955.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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April 26, 1955

Prof. George L. Slade
37 Highland Avenue
Geneva, New York

Dear Prof. Slade:

Thank you for sending your list with names checked to receive the "REVIEW", and I find on going through the list this morning that a good many of those checked have already joined. As soon as we have made a thorough cross-check, we will send out copies of the "REVIEW" with membership cards.

All together about ten thousand copies of the "REVIEW" are being mailed. All those mailed subsequent to the first mailing of approximately three thousand on April 15th, carry the newspaper photo offset, enclosure herewith.

With kind personal regards

Very truly yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
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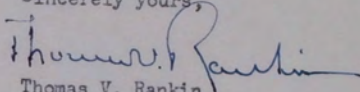
April 14, 1955

MEMORANDUM TO Professor Slate

I am enclosing a duplicate copy of your December 1st list. A good many of these people have already joined the Association, but unfortunately we have not had a chance to cross their names off the list.

As you know, we are releasing copies of the "Review" tomorrow, April 15th. These go to our members, the Harvard leaders, to the American Society of Landscape Architects, American Nurserymen, The Botanical Society of America, and others. I am going to ask you to please run through the enclosed list on a selective basis, checking the names of those most likely to benefit by receiving a copy of the "Review" and a membership card. I think you will agree it probably would not be profitable to send copies to everybody on the list. When you return the list we will eliminate present members from those checked.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

February 23, 1955

Mr. Thomas Rankin, Secretary
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rankin;

I enclose a list of horticultural organizations of the United States and Canada. I thought that you might like to have this copy for your files in the event that you wanted to expand your mailing list.

It is the most complete list of horticultural organizations that I know about. Best regards.

Very truly yours,

GLS:par

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George L. Slate,
Professor of Pomology

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February 25, 1955

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

Dear Professor Slate:

This will acknowledge with my thanks your letter
of February 23, enclosing the list of Horticultural Organ-
izations of the United States and Canada. It will be of
great value to us especially in connection with the forth-
coming statement, a copy of which you will have received
by now.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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P. S. - Under separate cover I am sending
you a few extra publications. Please let
me know if you have need for any particular
item and in what quantity. TVR

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December 23, 1954

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I am sending you herewith a letter from Mr. Carl Grant Wilson, dated December 9th and a copy of my acknowledgment thereof.

If you should care to have us send the publications to the officers of the American Delphinium Society just return his letter and we will do so. However, he intends for you to send them your December 1st letter, I believe and in my opinion this would be very effective.

A copy of my letter of even date to Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Schaefer is also enclosed. Again I understand that they would like additional copies of your material but should you prefer that we handle this please let me know.

Thirty or forty new members have come in as a result of your December 1st mailing. We would be glad to send you their names but it would be more efficient perhaps to check their names off the over-all list which you stated you would send. If it is not too much trouble, please send us two copies of the list.

Thank you for sending us an account of your travel expenses in connection with the recent annual meeting. A check in the amount of \$58.04 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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January 14, 1955

Memorandum to Professor Slate:

Mr. Charles F. Irish of Cleveland, who is on your list responded with a membership card received December 8th and a check for \$10.00 dues (instead of the usual \$2.00)

We have acknowledged his card and check on December 22nd but now have a letter from him dated January 8th from which it appears he did not receive our acknowledgment.

He also makes reference to payment of dues in 1953 and April, 1954 but we seem to have no record of his name prior to receipt of the membership card you provided. If you know Mr. Irish personally perhaps you could send me a note explaining his apparent confusion.

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January 10, 1955

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

Dear Professor Slate:

Thanks for endorsing Mr. Stark's check and re-
turning to us. I note the check proudly states that the
nursery is the largest in the world. If it came from
Texas one might ascribe this to "local pride." However,
since it hails from Missouri I think we can take it at
face value.

Would you please send us two copies of your form
letter of December 1.

Sincerely,

sent
1/16/55
Thomas V. Rankin

Thomas V. Rankin
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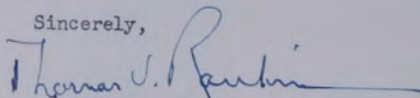
Dear Professor Slate:

I want to thank you for your long and informative letter of December 20th, which reached me today. At an Executive Committee meeting next week your proposals will be discussed. They are good practical ideas, and I am grateful to you for putting them on paper.

You refer to Mr. Wister's letter. He had copies made of his letter to Pres. Pusey, but our supply is exhausted. Do you perhaps mean his recent letter to a group of friends, asking them to join the Association? We do not have copies of this either, but a note to him would bring some. We do have copies of his Swampscott speech and his study of the botanical gardens, with special reference to the location of libraries and herbariums.

I shall write you further about your very comprehensive letter when the Executive Committee has had time to examine your suggestion.

Sincerely,



Thomas V. Rankin
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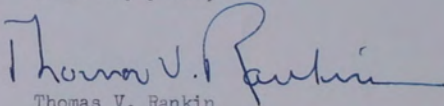
Professor George L. Slate
New York Experiment Station
Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

I am forwarding herewith a letter dated
December 4th and received today, December 4th, from
the Secretary to Senator Desmond of New York State,
and directed to you here in care of the Association.

Looking forward to seeing you again at the
luncheon at 1 P.M. next Thursday at the Harvard Club
of Boston.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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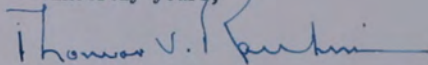
Dear Professor Slate:

We are sending you the original letter of December 28th from Mr. Paul Stark, Jr., together with his check for membership dues in the amount of \$2.00 payable to your order, upon which we have netered an endorsement to the Association. Would you kindly endorse the check and return to us.

You will note also is enclosed an acknowledgement to Mr. Stark. We have asked permission to list him personally as a member because we have no provisions for nursery memberships.

If you do have Mr. Stark's position as an officer of Stark Bro's Nurseries, kindly note it for us when you return the enclosed check.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Slate

January 4, 1955

Mr. Paul Stark, Jr.
Stark Bro's Nurseries
Louisiana, Missouri

Dear Mr. Stark:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of December 28th, addressed to Mr. George L. Slate. The letter is being forwarded to him today along with your check for 1955 dues which he will endorse to the order of the Association.

Since we have no provisions for organization membership we are going to suggest that instead of the name Stark Bro's Nurseries we list you personally as a member and we enclose a membership card with this notation. If this is agreeable to you will you kindly initial the enclosed card and return it in the business reply envelope enclosed herewith.

I know that upon reading Mr. Slate's letter you are pretty well familiarized with the controversy over the Arnold Arboretum. However, I am taking the liberty of sending you under separate cover publications of the Association which spell out the Association's position and opposition to the present Arboretum operating plan.

Your support for our side of this issue is very much appreciated and I trust you may be able to interest friends and business associates in joining the Association, helping to restore the Arboretum to its former status.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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December 20, 1954

Mr. Thomas Rankin
Association for the Arnold Arboretum
50 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rankin;

On the day of the meeting I made some suggestions to Mr. Clark, but we did not have time to discuss them so I am setting them forth here for your information and sending copies of this letter to Mr. Clark and Mr. Hemmway. Some of them have probably been considered before, but at any rate they represent my present thinking.

We need a covering or introductory letter to accompany any literature that we may be sending to persons not previously approached. Possibly it could be set up so that it could be signed by the person suggesting the name to give it a personal touch. To prevent duplication letters could be signed and forwarded to you for mailing although duplication would not matter if sent to one's friends with a personal note.

The leaflet is rather hard to read and might be simplified and set up for easier reading. It will go to many people who do not know very much about the arboretum and the reasons for opposing integration. We must make it as easy as possible for them to read it.

There are a number of groups we should approach and you have already made arrangements to reach some of them, but I shall list all that occur to me.

The mailing list of *Arnoldia*. It is probably impossible to get it, but it would be a choice group to reach. There are 2200 subscribers.

Advertise in *Horticulture*. If this can be done it would reach a select group, many of whom have heard about the Arboretum through the years. I would suggest a half page ad. Only those interested would reply and we could build up a choice mailing list. Mailings to various organizations might take considerable postage for every member we would get. *Horticulture* might not be interested as the staff is very sensitive to Harvard pressure, but certainly the idea should be explored through Mr. Ames and any other friendly directors of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. I do not see what Harvard could do after the ad appears except to sputter.

Garden Club of America: A select group if we can get to them through some of their prominent members and officers.

State Federations of Garden Clubs. One in every state and they head up all the little clubs so they represent a multitude. Probably better to go after the nearby states first and see how they respond. I sent my letter to

the presidents of most of them. Mrs. Cascia^{or} is active in the Connecticut group.

The professional botanists. The Botanical Society of America represents them. The taxonomists may have their own organization and they are a better group for us as the other botanists are more likely to be friendly to the Harvard botanists since they have similar interests.

The taxonomists may be friendly to us, but they are in a difficult position and vulnerable to pressure from Harvard. The taxonomists borrow each other's herbarium specimens and since the collections at Harvard and the Arboretum are so extensive many botanists are dependent on Harvard for the loan of material, of they may come there to work over the specimens and use the library. They most certainly would not want their names in a membership list even though they might agree with us.

I think we should start a list of names of those who are friendly and see that they get our literature even though they are not members. It need not be long and could be built up carefully.

Harvard alumni who may not be plantsmen, but who think that Harvard should permit the matter to go to the courts:

Men's Garden Clubs of America

American Association of Nurserymen. Mr. Cascia is a past president and is well-known and highly respected in nursery circles. I believe he intends to get out a letter.

The big horticultural societies - Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Horticultural Society of New York. An ad in Horticulture would certainly reach most of this group.

The special plant societies dealing with woody plants. My letter went to the secretaries of some of these, but an appeal from a prominent member to his friends and others that he though interested might be worth trying.

Arboretum and park directors: I tried a few, but like the botanists, they would not like their names in the membership list as they might want favors from the Arboretum.

Are copies of the Wister letter available or will there be a printed answer to the Bundy pamphlet? If you have extra copies, I can use a few.

Should there be another committee to wait on President Pusey? If Buttrick and Burrage were easily converted by President Pusey they did not represent the association. M. S. Arnold must have been so disconcerted by this unexpected development that she could not have done as well as if the three had presented a united front. There certainly must be persons who could press the Arboretum's

case vigorously into the President's office. Perhaps it is not possible to make much progress there as he is no doubt unable to oppose all that has been done so far, especially as his predecessor pushed the thing through. However, if he has not listened to the Arboretum's case presented in a vigorous manner by someone who knows that he is right I think that he should hear it.

There is one more matter that I want to mention briefly. I may develop it more fully in a late letter. The return of the library and herbarium to Jamaica Plain is not going to solve the problem. I feel that some are thinking of the Arboretum as a horticultural institution. The Arboretum under Sargent made great contributions to botany and somewhat incidentally to horticulture. Yet the value of his botanical work was so great to horticulturists that they gave the Arboretum \$1,000,000. If the Arboretum is properly staffed it can again make contributions in both fields. It can not, in my opinion, regain its former greatness if it is a purely horticultural institution. The problems of the taxonomy of woody plants are not all solved. Only the Arboretum has the resources to do the work that should be done in this country.

I am sorry to learn of your father's death, but at least he was spared a long and painful illness.

Sincerely yours,

GLS:par

George L. Slate
Professor of Pomology

cc: Mr. Clark
Mr. Hemenway

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I am going to take up some of the points suggesting in your very thoughtful letter of December 20th which has been referred to the Executive Committee at their meeting of December 27th.

1. As to an introductory letter, we rely on suggestions of prospects on the reverse side of our membership card and send out the letter of invitation, usually mentioning names of persons who suggest the prospect. We are glad to have others forward along copies of literature but have held to a pretty strict policy of not using out letterhead except for more or less official communications. For example, Mr. Wister, who has been very active in corresponding in behalf of the Association never uses the letterhead. Perhaps I don't fully grasp your suggestion but I should think perhaps a mimeographed note stating that one was enclosing literature of the Association would do the trick. In the alternative, a note or card could be mailed to prospects stating that one was requesting the Association to send the material and a membership form.

2. I agree with you about the leaflet and we hope to revise it accordingly.

3. The mailing list of Arnoldia was taken up at the Executive Committee meeting, December 27th. If it can be obtained in a proper and straightforward fashion we would gladly make use of it, of course. We will see what can be done about that.

4. Advertising in Horticulture magazine. This was explained at the Executive Committee meeting and the decision was negative for the time being. I made contact with Horticulture regarding an article on the controversy but they told me they carried such an article as recently as January 1954 and felt it inappropriate to give the controversy additional space now.

5. Garden Club of America. We used their list of officers in member garden clubs in our mailing. Miss Mabel Choate personally sent a form letter to all those people last summer.

6. State Federations of Garden Clubs. In the first place you know Mrs. Walters, President of the National Council of Federated Garden Clubs is one of our Board of Directors. Mrs. Vosoff, who head the Mass. Federated Garden Clubs is also on the Board and quite active.

December 30, 1954

We have obtained the list of officers of all the local garden clubs of Massachusetts and have sent letters to the Presidents. If we had unlimited funds I think we might pursue this quite extensively but it has not been particularly productive of new memberships.

7. Botanical Society of America membership is scheduled to receive our Reply to Harvard along with a membership card.

8. As to taxonomists, Harvard alumni concerned about legal issues and Men's Garden Clubs, - I have no immediate action. I would like to discuss with you.

9. Nurserymen. Mr. Cascio is getting out a letter to this group and we have already addressed envelopes to each of them for mailing to projected Reply to Harvard.

10. The Horticultural Societies. The Mass. Horticultural Society is a very large organization I understand and while many people prominent in it are associated with us already it would probably be outside our budget to solicit membership from the others even if we could properly obtain the list of members of the Horticultural Societies.

11. Special Plant Societies. I would appreciate further suggestions from you along these lines.

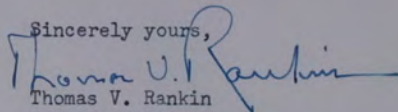
12. Arboretum and Park Directors. Mr. Wister has, I believe, pretty well canvassed this area.

13. A visit to President Pusey probably would not be beneficial while the present case is pending before the Court. However, we would appreciate any of our friends who know Pusey personally to take the trouble to discuss it with him on their own initiative.

14. I am especially grateful for your comment on the balance of botany and horticulture at the Arboretum.

You will note the new letterhead. We will forward on to you from time to time letters sent to us in the business reply envelopes mailed out by you.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

TVR/k

P. S. The above was dictated before we had your letter of the 29th with two copies of your mailing list enclosed. We are grateful to you for this material. Would you want us to return one copy in due course noting the name of the persons who have joined as a result of your letter of December 1st?

We are sending you under separate cover 25 copies of Wister's Swampscott speech.

T. V. R.

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November 26, 1954

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Annual Meeting of the Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc., will be held in the Library of the Harvard Club of Boston, 374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, at 3:15 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 1954, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business of the Association. It is anticipated that the meeting will adjourn not later than 4:45 p.m.

If you are within reasonable distance of Boston, we hope that it will be possible for you to attend. A return card is enclosed. Kindly mail it to us if you expect to come.

Our membership has doubled in the last three months and is now approximately 700. A complete new membership list is being prepared for distribution at the Annual Meeting. Those members who are unable to attend will receive a copy by mail.

Enclosed you will find a preliminary printing of a current prospectus of the Association. We would welcome your suggestions as to its revision and improvement.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
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November 29, 1954

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

Dear Professor Slate:

I am delighted to hear from Mr. Clark that
you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors of
the Association.

We will expect you at the luncheon at the
Harvard Club, 1 P. M., Thursday, December 9th.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

TVR/k

P.S.

Many thanks for your letter of Nov. 24.
I have followed with great interest Mr.
Clark's & Mrs. Wright's reports of your mailing
to prospects. We are sending you extra
return envelopes and membership cards under
separate cover today, having consulted with
Mrs. Wright by long distance - T.V.R.

24th November 1954.

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I have checked the quotation from John Wister's letter with George Lawrence and would like to modify it so that it reads as follows:

"It certainly seems to me that Harvard is violating the terms of the original trust, and that it is determined to ride roughshod over the Arboretum supporters. I gathered from Harvard's statement that Harvard is always right and that what it thinks is best for the Arboretum must be right. Harvard has demonstrated no interest in horticulture and very little in the taxonomy of cultivated trees and shrubs in recent years. None of the Harvard botanists has any interest in the Arboretum except to get its endowment, library and collections for their own research. Unless the matter gets into courts that can resist the pressure that Harvard is capable of applying, I think that the Arboretum as conceived by Charles Sargent is finished."

I prefer that this quotation be referred to as "from an experiment station man and horticultural authority."

I am working on an address list for my letter and have about 300 names on it. I expect to add another hundred or so and hope to have the letter ready to go about December 1st. I am having 600 copies printed.

As soon as I have mailed this material I shall send you the list of names for checking the returns.

Sincerely yours

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Professor George L. Slate
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Geneva, New York

Dear Professor Slate:

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I am going to ask you in the alternative if you object to your name being used or if you approve the quotation in the exact form as follows:

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas V. Rankin
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Executive Secretary

TVR/k

— You may use above quotation with my name.

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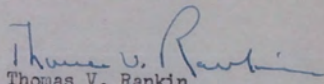
Dear Professor Slate:

I thought you would like to have a list
of states in which as yet we have no members, so that
you might extend your campaign into these areas.

They are as follows:

West Virginia
Mississippi
Indiana
North Dakota
Nebraska
Wyoming
New Mexico
Idaho
Nevada

North Carolina
Alabama
Iowa
South Dakota
Montana
Colorado
Arizona
Utah
Oregon


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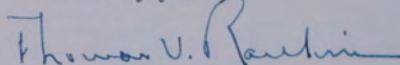
October 6, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Slate:

Mr. Peabody has referred to me your letter of October 1st. I am delighted to have your interest and co-operation and I suggest that you send me, in advance of your visit to Boston, a draft of the proposed mimeographed letter. Then, when you are in the City, if you will give me a ring I will be glad to meet with you and discuss this further.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas V. Rankin
Executive Secretary

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August 5, 1954

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

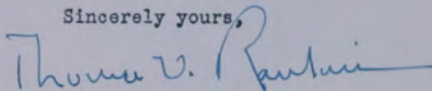
Enclosed you will find a report on the purposes
and activities of this Association.

I do not need to reiterate the various points
covered by this report, but I do want to draw your
attention to a matter not mentioned in it. The
Association for the Arnold Arboretum needs your
help in obtaining new members.

With cooperation from our present three hundred
members, we can largely increase our membership with-
in the next few months.

I enclose a list of our members as of July 31,
1954. Please examine this list and see whether there
are friends of yours interested in the Arnold Arboretum
(and in Harvard) who are not now members and who you
think might wish to join. Then please send us their
names on the enclosed card in the enclosed return
envelope, and we shall see that they promptly receive
an invitation to join the Association.

Sincerely yours,



THOMAS V. RANKIN
Executive Secretary

TVR/rm

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To Members of the Association:

Since the attached letter was prepared for mailing to the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum, it has come to our attention that the Harvard statement, referred to in this letter, was presumably also sent to all members of our Association. I think you will be glad to know that the Harvard statement will not go unchallenged. The Association's reply will be sent to you.

July 26, 1954

Thomas V. Rankin,
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July 26, 1954

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM:

You have probably recently received by
mail a copy of "Harvard's View of the Controversy
over the Arnold Arboretum."

We believe that this Harvard statement is
misleading in various ways, and that it gives no
adequate explanation for Harvard's obdurate resist-
ance to a judicial test of the legal issues.

You will be interested to know that the
Association for the Arnold Arboretum, Inc. is
preparing a reply to the Harvard statement. A
copy of our reply will be sent to you in due course.

TVR:ds

THOMAS V. RANKIN
Executive Secretary

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50 STATE ST. RM. 808

BOSTON, MASS.

Dear Professor Slate:

Mr. Hemenway has asked me to send you the attached copy of a letter dated April 8, 1957 which he received from Mr. William Bentinck-Smith, Assistant to President Pusey.

Thomas V. Rankin
Secretary.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the President

April 8, 1957.

Dear Mr. Hemenway:

President Pusey has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter to him of February twenty-eighth. He has asked me to say that he finds unconvincing your line of reasoning regarding confusion from the use by your Association of the name of the Arnold Arboretum. He sees no advantage in circulating copies of the correspondence on this subject and declines to give the permission to do so for which you ask.

It is distressing to find that your Association continues--willfully, it seems to us--to misunderstand the motives of the present administration of the Arboretum and its trustee.

Sincerely yours,

s/ William Bentinck-Smith
Assistant to the President.

Mr. John T. Hemenway
50 State Street
Boston, 9, Massachusetts