

January 12, 1922

Prof. C. S. Sargent
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My dear Prof. Sargent:

After clearing up his affairs in his office, Mr. Simonds came out to the farm and spent two days with me, returning only last night.

I want, first, to thank you for the list of trees you prepared, which you think will grow with us. They will all be planted in the Morton Arboretum if it is possible to get them. I am sincerely thankful to you for preparing the list.

Our work is still going on quite satisfactorily. We have a big gang of men clearing up the forest under the direction of Mr. Gottschalk, a forester, who is working under Mr. Simonds' immediate direction and with my request to spare every tree he is not absolutely certain ought to be cut down. If too many are saved, they can be cut down later.

We planted a good many evergreens south of the lake on the hill - merely to make a border to the Arboretum.

We have not incorporated the Morton Arboretum as yet, but I think we should be able to effectuate it without having to have a special act of the Legislature. In the meantime, I have made a will which provides for 400 acres and an ample endowment in case of my death before the incorporation is completed. One reason I have done that now is that I am going next week to Hawaii to be gone until the 1st of April.

While I am away, work will go on vigorously. I think our planting plans are complete for all that Mr. Simonds feels he is ready for. I hope that when you visit us next Summer, you will be pleasantly surprised at the amount of work that has been done.

Arrangements have been completed with Mr. von Gimmel, the propagator. Mr. Simonds is in correspondence with the botanist in Germany. We have also secured a good general foreman and provided him a house; he will be busy perfecting his operating organization while I am away. Therefore, there is no hurry about getting a general superintendent.

My daughter, Mrs. Cudahy, and my son, Sterling, are just about as enthusiastic about the Arboretum as I am and earnestly in favor of carrying it out according to our plans, regardless of what happens to me. I am glad to say that my relatives and associates in business are quite in accord with our view of the thing and it is not at all likely that there will be any slacking of interest in the Morton Arboretum, so far as my own people are concerned.

Yours truly,

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