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Dear Henryk:

I very much appreciate your letter of December 10, and am pleased to know that you have circulated the letter about Miss Julia's retirement. Please be sure to remind the people who might prepare replies to send them either to Miss Ellen James or to me, and not directly to Miss Julia.

As regards the second paragraph of your letter, Miss Gardner has specifically and repeatedly requested that nothing formal be done about her retirement or birthday--no parties, no medals, no flowers. In fact, I am a little concerned that she may even be embarrassed by the letters, although I do not think so, and most of those who know her well also feel that this is the sort of gesture that we can make to her. If you insist, I will of course arrange to have flowers sent from you, but I believe it would be better not to do this. It is awfully nice of you to have thought of such a thing and I think it would be fine if I could have your permission to include your letter to me stating your desire to send flowers, along with the other letters that we give to Miss Julia. I am sure myself that though the flowers might embarrass her the thought behind your suggestion would be deeply appreciated.

Best wishes of the season,

Yours sincerely,

P. E. Cloud, Jr.