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Dear Mr. Christel -

Thank you for your letter of the 15th
 also for the postal cards of San Fernando
 and San Juan Capistrano Missions
 also for small map of City -

I have thought quite a little too as to how
 we would build up our organization
 for that work - I think we all feel
 loath in taking Korkher away from
 the office - and ever since I talked with
 your brother - I have had in mind ~~the~~
~~thought~~ of trying to find some one else.
 This man Reimenter - who has been working
 at the A.F.P. grounds for Tompson - seems
 a very good candidate - he has had a
 varied experience with green house and
 nursery work - has good appearance and
 Tompson says handles men in fine shape -
 He likes to hustle - has done considerable



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landscape work such as grading and planting
for him self and for private and public
places — He declares that he is most loyal
to the people that he works for — So want
to talk more to him before I leave — He wants
to work for us and has been after me for a
year or more to place him as superintendent
of some park —

Then there is the possibility of John of
Colorado Springs — who wrote me a few
weeks ago — that the daughters of Gen Palmer
had notified him that "Glen Eyrie" was
for sale — but he was to stay there until it
was sold — Some one mentioned in Spokane
that they heard that "Glen Eyrie" had been
sold — I will write John — for particulars —
and let you know — I think he gets 2500⁰⁰ —

Then there is a man at the arboretum
assistant with my father by the name of
Thatcher whom my father says has the
best knowledge of plants of any man
he has met for years — and is especially



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Then there is Macomber — who would like to be put on the work — He ^{is} loyal — and knows plants fairly well — I think he plays a little to the client — is vain — and at times moody — but when he has lots to do — is in better shape and happy — Macomber of course has not the knowledge of propagation of plants — that the other three men have especially Thatcher and John I hardly think he is big enough man for the job compared with some of the others —

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I don't mean Blarney for
an old side man -

I think he has had better technical training than Cook - he has a ~~more~~ better knowledge of plants ~~than~~ than Cook - and has enough knowledge of plants to cause him to take notice of new things in different places - by no means as much as Kochler of course -

He is intelligent and will breed and get on well with clients - is a can work out architectural and grading details and as well as some planting - and makes an effort to carry out your wishes -

He certainly was a great help to me at the ~~of~~ a. y. P. - He also seemed to take a pride in managing my affairs in the office when I had to be out -

It may be that after the work was well along he could return ^{to office} for a year or so - ^{and then return} or it may be that after the plans were worked ^{up} and the important parts of the work underway that we could break some one else in - of less value -



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I wish I could spare time to go abroad for a few weeks to freshen up with details of things that might add charm and interest - do you think it worth while -

I have written to Blossom will also write to John ~~to~~ and may write to Thatcher - altho I know that he would be willing to consider it - I will talk this matter over with you before giving much encouragement to any of them

I was in hopes to finish here today or tomorrow - but the constant rains have delayed my outside work - will probably be able to get to Spokane the 27th

yesterday Sunday I spent all a.m. at Thorne's and P.M. at Everett G. Riggs - between Thorne's and Country Club - He authorized survey and wants propositions - I made him one before but he says he has lost it -



I guess I will try Schiffers on the survey
and hope he ~~make~~ makes a good one -
This morning (Monday 21st) I have been to W. Seattle
Playground with Thompson - it is nearly
finished and will be ready for spring planting
He has built a concrete (4') wall on the south
and east sides - Have just written letter (short)
to Park Board re. Colman Park and will hand
pre. plan to Thompson and Mr Schmitz at 11.30
will try and study this on ground the first
bit up of rain -

I must go now and explain Colman Park.
I am mighty glad that your finger is
all right again -

Yours very truly
James F. Dawson