January 29, 1973

Mrs. Henry H. Bard Heather Lane Mill Neck, New York 11765

Dear Mrs. Bard:

On behalf of the Trustees of Planting Fields Foundation, the Coe Hall Committee of the Friends of Planting Fields, and the Arboretum staff, I would like to express our delight and sincerest appreciation to you and your sister, Mrs. Harrison, for arranging to give to Planting Fields from your parents' home, many beautiful pieces of furniture, handsome oriental and other fine rugs, as well as a great variety of other very useful furnishings. We are indeed grateful to you for making all of these fine and most useful things available to us.

We hope that you will be pleased to see, sometime soon, how we are using the rugs and much of the furniture, and how much they enhance Coe Hall. I can't adequately tell you how pleased we are to have these fine things. The rugs, especially, add so much to the warmth and beauty of the rooms where they have been placed. We are delighted. Many, many thanks for your most generous gift to Planting Fields.

Most sincerely,

Gordon E. Jones Arboretum Director

P. S. We were able to move everything last week except the furniture and furnishings in the servants' quarters which we will be glad to pick up whenever they will no longer need them. I hope you will find that our people have conducted the moving with care and that they left the house in a satisfactory condition. Please call me if there is anything we may not have done as you would want us to.

Oriental Merman rug 10' x 15'
Antique Oriental Feraghan rug 18' x 30' (Anderson appraisal)