

National Botanic Garden,

WASHINGTON, D. C. February 19th. 1904.

Mr. W. L. Davidson,  
Sec. American University,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of February 5th., I would like to make the following corrections to conform with the little book you sent me. Value of the Botanic Garden at the present time is \$1,280,000. Annual appropriation for maintenance is \$20,893.75 The value has steadily increased by appropriations and green-houses. It is not generally known that the Botanic Garden site was selected by George Washington, so I was informed by James Alfred Pierce, the distinguished senator from Maryland. Trusting this is the information you desire, I am,

Yours respectfully,

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Supt. U. S. Botanic Garden.