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The Red or Scarlet Maple (*Acer rubrum*). The flowers of the Red Maple are red on some individuals and on others pale yellow, trees with flowers of these two colors growing together over a large part of the region inhabited by this tree. On some trees the autumn leaves are of different shades of red or scarlet and on others clear yellow. If any reader of these Bulletins has noticed if the autumn color of the leaves of trees with red flowers is red and that of trees with yellow flowers is yellow the Arboretum will be glad to hear from him on the subject. On the left-hand side of the Meadow Road not far from the Jamaica Plain entrance and opposite the Administration Building there is a Red Maple with unusually dark crimson autumn leaves. This tree is interesting from the exceptionally beautiful color of the leaves at this season and from the fact that it is a grafted tree raised to show the possibility of propagating trees exceptional in the color of their autumn foliage. This branch of arboriculture has not been much practised, but when it is realized that the leaves on some individual trees or shrubs of a species assume more brilliant colors than those of other individuals of the same species, that this peculiarity is constant from year to year and that it can be preserved and multiplied by grafting, there is no reason why a demand for trees with exceptionally beautiful autumn leaves should not make possible the supply, just as the demand for trees of abnormal habit or with abnormal foliage, like a Mulberry with pendulous branches or a Beech with purple leaves, has created the supply.

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