lost a flower-bud. If the flower-buds of *Azalea lutea* were hardier this would be one of the most delightful of all Azaleas as the flowers are charming in color and more fragrant perhaps than those of any other Azalea. The plants of this Azalea are growing on the lower side of Azalea Path below the group of Enkianthus.

Rhododendron (Azalea) Vaseyi is the earliest of American Azaleas to bloom with the exception of the Rhodora, and one of the best introductions of recent years. It is a tall shrub with slender stems and open irregular habit. It grows naturally only in a few isolated mountain valleys in South Carolina where it sometimes reaches a height of fifteen feet. The flowers appear before the leaves in small compact clusters and are pure pink in color, white flowers occasionally appearing. There are large clumps of this Azalea near the end of the Meadow Road which are just now opening their petals. The Rhodora (*Rhododendron canadense*), which is also in flower, is probably the least ornamental of all the North American Azaleas. The small flowers are rose-purple in color but when this shrub covers, as it sometimes does, hundreds of acres of swampy ground in extreme northern New England and eastern Canada it makes an attractive show.

Chaenomeles. This is the generic name now given to the red-flowered Quince which was formerly known as *Pyrus japonica*. It has been in American gardens for many years and at one time was one of the most popular plants here, especially in the middle and southern states where it is still common. It is not rare in New England, although perhaps less common here than southward. Occasionally the flower-buds suffer here in severe winters and the plants need constant attention to protect them from the San José scale which commonly infests this Quince. Although first introduced into Europe from Japanese gardens it is not a Japanese but a Chinese plant, and the correct name for it is *Chaenomeles lagenaria*. There is a collection of garden varieties of this Quince, chiefly raised in Germany, in the Shrub Collection, and it is several years since the plants have been so full of flowers. The varieties differ in the color of the flowers and in the size and shape of the plants. The most conspicuous when it is in bloom is the var. *Simonii*, of dwarf habit and with intensely scarlet flowers. The white flowers of var. *nivalis* attract attention, as do the red flowers of the var. *cardinalis*. These varieties are little known in the United States and plants are difficult to obtain. Another species of the so-called red-flowered Quince, which is a native of Japan and a smaller and hardier shrub than the Chinese species, with smaller flowers and fruits and often semiprostrate stems, often called in gardens *Pyrus Maulei*, is rightly named *Chaenomeles japonica*. There is a dwarf variety of this plant with smaller flowers and fruits which is an excellent subject for the rock garden. *Chaenomeles japonica* has been growing in the Arboretum since 1893 when it was raised from seeds collected by Professor Sargent on the mountains of Hondo. A hybrid of the Chinese and Japanese species raised in Switzerland several years ago has received the name of *Chaenomeles superba*. There are several named varieties of this hybrid in the Arboretum differing in the color of the flowers. Of these those named *rosea*, *perfecta* and *alba* are perhaps the most interesting.

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