Mid-September finds the Arboretum sadly in need of rain and although no serious damage has been done by the long continued drought its effects are very apparent. A few late blossoms may be found on bushes here and there in the Shrub Garden and elsewhere; on the trellis and walls the fragrant *Clematis paniculata* is a wreath of white; *Buddleia Davidii* in its different varieties continues in blossom; *Lespedeza formosa* is weighed down with masses of reddish purple, pea-shaped flowers and a few blooms still decorate the Pink Siris (*Albizia julibrissin rosea*) on Bussey Hill. The vines on the trellises and on the walls are a most luxuriant drapery of green and a lovely picture at the moment is afforded by *Polygonum Aubertii*, the Fleece Vine, on the fence near Walter Street Gate. This plant has been in abundant blossom since July 20 and bids fair to remain in bloom until frost. No climber could be more floriferous and for a sunny situation either on trellis, pergola or fence none could be more useful than this newcomer from western China. Fruits of many hues are more conspicuous than blossoms. The Hawthorns on Peters Hill are particularly fine. All interested in this group would do well to pay the collection a visit. Whatever may be said of the multiplicity of species due to the critical study of the genus by botanists during the last thirty years none will deny that among the Hawthorns are some of the most useful as well as the most hardy of ornamental plants. Bits of autumn color are putting in appearance here and there. The leaves of the Woodbine (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) are a brilliant red and some of the Sumacs are displaying their orange, gold and crimson tints. The foliage of the Flowering Dogwood also is assuming its autumn color and bright scarlet clustered fruits nestle among it.

Crabapples at this season show their double value as ornamental plants. The collection at the base of Peters Hill, the plants on Bussey Hill and those on the left just within Forest Hills Gate are now laden with brightly colored fruits and are well worth a visit. Not only are the fruits beautiful but after frosts they afford welcome food to birds,