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Dearest Trix:

Excuse brevity and uninterestingness; I merely want to thank you for your letters of September 1st, 4th and 8th and to tell you that Robert abandoned his leave and we shall be here when you come. The congestion of winter is already making itself felt, but I suppose one will survive somehow.

September 1st: - A note received from Ann Fithian yesterday tells me you are unanimously elected to the Board of Trustees; proposed by Mrs. Thorne, seconded by Mrs. Gould. This gives me the greatest satisfaction and relief.

It is also comforting to know that VanRenssalaer thinks the condition of the Guadaloupe Cypress and the Sequoia good.

Congratulations to the Burdens as well as to the landscape gardener that you are going to help them at North East. Extremely pleasant pair they are and she has a good deal of taste. I should think collaboration would be enjoyable.

September 4th: - The article for landscape architecture has, I assume, gone forth, as I returned it to Thacher three days ago. It is

certainly anodyne! I think you could have afforded to be a little less "mousey".

The suggestion of Mr. Judd in regard to a California publication similar to Rehder's Manual appeals to me. There is a certainly a wealth of material and, as you said, participation in the project would redound to the credit of our Botanical Garden. And it is the type of work which VanRensselaer does particularly well. I am retaining the memorandum, unless you wish it returned *to you*.

September 8th: - Already covered.

Au revoir until soon. The dogwoods are turning and autumn is in the air. No damage was done by the storm. Some of the roses are first-rate but there is a dearth of colour in the garden at this season.

Love to Max from us both.

Devotedly

*W. B. S.*

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