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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss,
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Dearest Mildred:

As to the possible trees which you may want to think of, you have already decided on the small leaved European Linden for one of the plantations, *Tilia vulgaris* or *Europaea* (the small leaved European Lime tree).

The tree of which I am very fond is the Sweet Gum tree, *Liquidambar Styraciflua*. This is a star-shaped leaved tree, fairly high branched by nature and holding its foliage fairly late in the Autumn in gorgeous tones of maroon, pink and copper.

Of course, the Pin Oak, which you and I particularly dislike, is a useful tree and can be moved in large sizes and quite safely, *Quercus Palustris*.

A charming tree is the White Maple, *Acer Saccharinum*, such as are in Melisande's Avenue. They are graceful, easy to move, somewhat brittle however, but early in their foliage and quick growing.

Please I should also, myself, include the European ~~Linden~~, *Platanus Acerifolia* or *Orientalis*. I think you said you had definitely decided against Elms, so they are not suggested.

Red oak

A tree of which, individually, I am very fond is the Honey Locust, *Gleditsia Triacanthos*, a beautiful tree of light foliage, graceful growth and interesting Winter skeleton. Beeches are not mentioned as they do not work as avenue or formal trees, unless there is immense space in which their lower limbs can be allowed to grow.

Forgive this scrappy postscript. It was good to hear your voice at the telephone, as you know, my very dear. Perhaps I shall have the deferred hug next week.

Your ever fond,

Trix

*Would Tuesday 10 a.m. or
Wed. of next week suit?
The bubble is likely to "burst"
to-morrow or Sat.*

