

Lindsay, Oct. 18, 1887.

SIR,—Grimes Golden Apple grew well with me for several years. It bore fruit early, and continued to produce a moderate crop every year. In addition to its good bearing qualities, I was much pleased with the excellent quality of its fruit, especially about Christmas, when it seemed to be at its best. The colors, too, at that time, is very beautiful.

Two years ago the tree commenced to fail. Last year it gave symptoms of early death. This year will be its last. But little fruit this year.

I have made enquiries of other growers in this vicinity. Their experience is about the same as mine. All agree that the tree is not suitable for this climate.

Yours very truly,
THOMAS BEALL.

FLOWERING OF TUBEROSE BULBS.

SIR,—I have noticed at different times in Horticultural and Agricultural publications, Florists Catalogues included, a statement concerning the flowering of tuberose, that after they have flowered once, the old bulb may be thrown away, as they will never flower again, but if desired the offshoots may be planted, and may make flowering bulbs in two or three years. Being a little skeptical about the matter, and wondering who had given them a trial, I purposed to test the question for myself. So last fall I had a few bulbs that flowered, and when taking them up I allowed a little piece of the old flower stem to remain attached to each bulb, as a mark to guard against mistake. I planted them in a bed by themselves, and labeled them. The old stem by this time was crowded to one side just like that of most lilies, or even that of an onion after going to seed, and a new centre is

formed. I removed the offshoots before planting, several of which flowered the present year. My old bulbs flowered beautifully, continuing in bloom for about six weeks, until the frost cut them down the other night. In fact, neither myself nor my friends could see any difference between the old bed and the new one, growing but a little way off. Such has been my experience with old tuberose bulbs, and I intend still further trying them another year.

SAMUEL HUNTER,
Hartly, D.C., U.S.A., Oct. 19, 1887.

Question Drawer.

This department is intended as an open one to every reader of the "Horticulturist" to send in either questions or answers. Often a reader will be able to answer a question which has been left unanswered, or only partially answered by us. For convenience of reference the questions are numbered, and any one replying or referring to any question will please mention the number of it.

80. The Quince.—*Can the Quince be successfully budded on apple seedlings?*

F. G. H.

We have never tried the experiment, and know of no one who has. The Quince is propagated so readily either by making cuttings this fall, and burying them until spring planting time, or by planting the suckers, that we see no reason for budding it upon the apple.

81. Gooseberries.—*What is the matter with my Gooseberries? The leaves on the tips of the branches are curled up into tight little bunches. It affects the Houghton most.*

A. J. WRIGHT,
Lakefield, Ont.

We cannot answer without seeing samples of the leaves. Probably an insect is at the bottom of the trouble. If you observe the same thing again, please enclose us some samples.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY MR. F. NASON.

Mrs. B., Stratford, asks how to treat