

to have a lot of fruit from them this year.

Thanking you for so much space in your valuable paper,

I remain, yours respectfully,

Kirkton, Ont. J. B. SPARLING.

REPLIES.—(1) Early Victor, Moore's Early, Linden, and Worden, of the black varieties; Lady and Jessica of the white; Massasoit and Brighton of the red.

(2) The easiest and best method for most amateurs is by layering.

(3) Grape Vines require rich soil and generous feeding if they are to yield fine fruit. However, they can be overfed as well as other things.

(4) The spring of the year is the best time to layer. Lay down a cane of last year's growth. If you wish to try cuttings, plant them in the spring, but take the cuttings from the vine in the fall.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORTS OF PLANTS RECEIVED.

My report of plants received since I last wrote. I think the Hydrangea was the last noticed, which unfortunately died. I believe the Moore's Early Grape was the next, and then the Worden. They both lived, but have not made much growth. Next, the Prentiss, did not much more than keep alive, but unfortunately my sheep were let in during my absence and ate off the first shoot it made when quite young, and this winter has finished it. I found it lifted clear out of the ground with the frost in the spring. I planted Concord the same year as the Worden. They have done splendid, nearly all fruited, and all in the same row; but

one end was wet and cold. I did not know it then. I knew it was good land, and I happened to plant those three varieties on the cold end. Last year I got the Catalpa; it has done well and is living. I hope the Dewberry will do with me; I received it all right. The Burnet Grape, got some years since, never did anything, seemed all the time sickly, and at last it died. My Ontario apple is a fine tree and is full of blossom just now. There is a great show of blossom; trees and shrubs of all sorts are covered.

This winter has been rather mild; in fact the winters are never very severe in this section. I find the *Deutzia crenata* is not at all injured this year, but generally the top of shoots gets killed if not protected; and the *Bignonia radicans* I see growing up a brick wall is not in the least affected.

In looking over the March number of the *Horticulturist* (I think they are getting better and better), among the many flattering testimonials, reports and questions, there is one solitary grumbler, all the others speak very favourably of the premiums received. I find this miserable raspberry (the Saunders) that I have, an enormous bearer; a purple berry, rather soft and sour, but the quantity make up for the quality. I think, Mr. Editor, that forty-nine out of fifty would not want the change that party suggested, because the reports and plants we get are each often worth the price of the subscription to any interested in fruit-growing, besides the valuable magazine. In your reply to S. G. Russell in the April number you state that the Silver Maple does not throw up suckers. I find it the worst tree I know that way; it is worse than the common poplar. A subscriber (Walkerton), asks about the Japan Quince. It is one of the hardiest shrubs grown in this section.