

arrivals, "Dinsmere" (which was sent out by Peter Henderson with such a flourish of trumpets, as something beyond anything ever before produced) is a fairly good and very free blooming red rose, but I have as yet failed to detect any difference (save in name) between it and "Madam Charles Wood," introduced nearly thirty years ago.

The black spot has again seriously interfered with propagation by cuttings. The leaf, when affected with it, drops before the cutting is rooted, and then the chances are that the cutting will not root at all. I have as yet found no remedy for it, but as it has only been here two years, it may again disappear. It is not altogether confined to the rose, but affects currant and other leaves.

In spite of a few minor discouragements like these, the season has, on the whole, been a satisfactory and encouraging one to the rose culturist.

### THE CHRYSANTHEMUM CENTENARY.

THIS was the great event of the month of November in Horticultural circles in England, and was celebrated during the first week of

November at the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Chiswick, by both a conference and an exhibition. At the latter it was the aim to

collect together as varieties as possible, which may be instated that there are varieties grown in dens alone. At the uable papers were jects as the History mum, Progress in Varieties, etc. The cultivation in China antiquity, but about ago it was known in one hundred years were brought into these, a purple one nized as a valuable stant surprises have



FIG.—8. MRS. ALPHEUS HARDY.

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ward ever since, either through fresh importations, or through hybridization, until the interest in this flower has become a perfect furore, and almost every form and color may be hoped for.