

The Williams Strawberry.

SIR:—May I correct what I said in our last report concerning the Williams. I do not mean to say it would yield two baskets to one of *any* other variety; but that, side by side with Bubach, I found it yielded twice as much as the latter. I further said that if I were confined to growing Wilson and Crescent, while others might grow Williams, I would give up strawberry growing altogether.

W. H. LEE, *Virgil, Ont.*

Pears on Apples.

SIR,—I noticed a question about grafting pears on apples. I have seen Duchess growing and bearing very well on apple stock. The Tolman Sweet is the best apple for this purpose.

HUGH JONES, *Walkerton.*

Abundance and Prince of Wales Plums.

SIR,—With respect to the Japan plums, I have grown the Abundance for three years. It appears to be perfectly hardy at Owen Sound. There has not been a terminal bud injured. It has shown no signs of black knot as yet; a very rapid grower—made shoots last year five feet long. It has not fruited yet; blossomed last year but did not set any fruit. From present appearance it will make a good record this year.

As the time for planting is at hand, I wish to say a few words in favor of the Prince of Wales plum. It is not a new variety, for I have grown it for many years. It has not been brought before the public, as I am aware of, as it should have been. The tree is a rapid grower while young, and, like many of the English varieties, it adapts itself readily to Canadian soil. It is an abundant bearer, almost to a fault, of large, even-sized plums, very handsome in the basket; good for preserving, and a good shipper, as it colors well before it gets soft. It is not quite so highly flavored as the Lawrence, Favorite or the Green Gage, but tolerable for table use.

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* Our Book Table. *

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