

THE CRANDELL CURRANT, AND THE JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

SIR,—I see in the January number of the *HORTICULTURIST*, Mr. A. G. Heaven is afraid that his "Crandell Black Currant" is the old yellow flowering currant. Two years ago this spring I bought some bushes from a nurseryman in the States. Last year they fruited, and some of the branches were so heavy with fruit we had to prop them. The first currants on the branches were large, some of them as large as a Clinton grape, growing smaller towards the end of the bunch. Had I trimmed my bushes, I think very likely I would have had still more and larger fruit. I let them grow as they would, because I wanted to propagate from them. As it was they were admired by all who saw them. At the time I bought the Crandell Currant I also bought the Japanese Wineberry: it fruited last year, and was very much admired. The fruit is beautiful, and is as good to eat as it is to look at. It bore quite as heavily as I expected for the first year. It I also let grow as it would in order to propagate from it.

H. J. BRYAN, *Mohawk P.O. Ont.*

RIBSTON PIPPIN.

SIR,—I see in the appendix to the last year's report that the Ribston Pippin apple is placed where it ought to be, although, in all the discussions it seems to be almost ignored. I find it the most regular bearer of all the sorts I have, and it can't be beat for quality, and as to keeping, if it is gathered early, not left to ripen on the tree (like the pears) I can keep it well until March or April. I gave Mr. Allan a few years ago some good ones, the latter end of April. I have kept them until June. The Ontario is classed much too high as a dessert apple.

I find my question on the apple scab asked last April, brought out some good answers in both April and May numbers of your journal, and it was taken advantage of by a number of fruit-growers, but, as it happened, the fruit was very free of scab last season.

WALTER HICK, *Goderich.*

PLANTS TESTED IN ONTARIO COUNTY.

Sir,—This is a report of plants, trees, etc., from Association Swazie P. G. is a better bearer than Golden Russet.

Salem, Brighton, Burnet, Prentis, have done well and been free from disease; Burnet improves with age; also, Lindley, Agawam, Worden, and Champion, have done well in all respects—little difference in ripening. Glass Seedling Plum gave its first good crop last year is healthy. Saunders' raspberry is hardy and bears well. The Gregg and Hilborn do well. This is hard limestone soil, not very rich, being burnt by forest fires. Trees ripen their wood well, and are hardy. Grapes ripen early.

WM. E. TAYLOR, *Beaverton.*

LITTLE KNOWN FRUITS.

SIR,—I send you by mail some scions of some extra good varieties of plums, which are both heavy croppers and of first quality. They are called the Rocky Mountain and the Greely. I also send you some cuttings of the White Holland currant. This is a good variety, the heaviest fruiter, I think, I ever saw, besides being of good quality. I also enclose you some scions of an apple called "Bon Homme," of which I know nothing, only that it comes recommended as a good winter apple.

A. A. ROLPH, *Orono.*