

7 Aug '17

THE ROUND HOUSE,
HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER,
ESSEX.

Dear Mr Bentall,

I had yr letter of June 24th & was pleased to get it. Yes, the yellow rose, a rose at Scotchman, Howard been at the tips of the long shoots, but nowhere else: - that's the drawback, & the old plants in the Dairy bed did just the same. Unless I can find out the way to treat it, the rose will be no good to the general public. However Mr Bentall has budded 500 of it at Scotchman, so perhaps by the year then will flower, 1919, we shall know its real value. We have a lot of heaps in the Tucker house fertilized from it.

The rose for next year is "Pax", the White spray. We showed a few stems of it at the R.H.S fortnightly meeting on July 3, & put up a pole & vases of it on July 17th R.H.S meeting, when the N.R.S judged seedling roses. It got a certificate, but was really worth a gold medal, as they will see in years to come. I am certain this rose has a future & will be in every body's garden. It caught the public's fancy & we have taken addresses to let them know when it is sent out. If the war is over we will send it out in the autumn of 1918. but it will be useless to do so whilst the war lasts; there are no buyers now. We have budded 1700 of it at Scotchman. It bids fair to be a good

Autumn rose, because after cutting down the old plants for buds, it has thrown up strong growth from the base, bearing large clusters of buds, - good heads, - which will be flowering in September.

Of the seedlings budded last year there is one especially promising, a bright red cluster fine single with fine golden stamens. I budded 10 plants, & from these I have budded 150 at Scotchman and the autumn growth is strong, bearing good buds. I think we can get at least another 100 buds from these few plants.

We are in a muddle for stocks for autumn & Spring plantings. I ordered a lot from Orleans as last year: they have looked the order, but the export of them to England is prohibited from anywhere, & I hear they will stop all nursery stock from coming in for at least 12 months after the war. Added to this the severe winter killed all our cuttings.

I had a week ago I could not get any. Then I found that there were some at looking and went down to see. I got 4,000 manetti, but the price was more than double the usual figure. I am saving some of the stocks planted for budding this year. I shall lift them & lay in by heels until the spring in the hope they will not be too large. We will not bud ordinary roses now, but get a few plants from the trade. I do not expect many orders this year, so perhaps we shall tide over the difficulty. Irish growers are just as badly off for stocks as English growers.

The stocks we are budding this year, especially the briars at Scotchman are very good, the best we have had for years, not more than 2 in a 100 dead. I enclose a list of scots budding; it may interest you. Now we are budding the briars at Island. It is a job to get through it all: only 1500 to cut myself.

Yours faithfully J. St. Pemberton

Scott's Budding. Seedling Brins 70 L & row.

Row 1-4	"Miriam"	The salmon yellow rose
5-8	97/14	Red, full, pointed
6-7	120/14	Bright red cluster: the brightest of last year
8	265/13	The pointed coppery bud of Daisy bed
9-10	76/15	The new red cluster
11	124/13	The small bright yellow of Daisy bed
12-14	131/14	"Double Moonlight" It has not been good this year
15-17	52/14	"Sawney" A fine upright pink cluster of last year
18-26	153/14	"Vera Gifford" White cluster. Very good this year
22-28		"Callisto"
29-30		"Thirbe"
31		"Moonlight"
32		"Clytemnestra"
33		"Galatea"
34		"Danæ"
35		"Daphne"
36-60	181/13	"Pax"
61-68	72/12	"Star of Persia"
69-71		"Hawking Rambler": a pink multiflora
72-74		Left over for next year