

With State Committees, I foresee the freest kind of interchange of knowledge and later of meetings.

Elizabeth C. White

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I am sending you sprays of a holly which I discovered a number of years ago. The owner gave me permission to clean it up - in fact, to remove it - but it was too large to be moved. So I cut down the brush around it, removed the dead wood, and fertilized it with Bartlett Tree Food. Yesterday I saw the tree for the first time in two years and was surprised to find the top covered with fruit, although no other tree on the place has any fruit because of the May frost. The leaves are poor, because of the hurricane and the drought this past summer, and the berries are not as bright as usual, because of the salt spray the hurricane deposited on them. But I want you to note the size of the fruit, the way it is borne, and the general color. I do not care for this type as a landscape tree, as much as I do for "St. Ann" or "St. Mary", but it is a wonder for cut sprays.

Wilfred Wheeler

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I can make full allowance for the damage to the leaves and imagine how beautiful the leaves and berries must have been under favorable conditions. Your selections of holly are particularly fine, much better than mine have been. For the northern part of the country, I think they are likely to rank in importance with the work Howard Hume did for the Florida hollies.

In consequence of the handicaps under which I have had to make selections, I have come to have a keen appreciation of the opportunity offered in comparing the little trees in nursery rows side by side. Hollies are not easy for nurserymen to handle, and some are more easily handled in the nursery than others. Unless the difficult ones