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Mr. Harold Hill Blossom,
Timken Building, San Diego, California.

Dear Blossom:

3427 Davenport's Palms. I am glad you attended to this. I was going to take it up on my return trip as I thought it would be risky to ship them much before the middle of May. I have held some in Santa Barbara and some in S. Pasadena but I have not committed myself in any of them so can let them go.

Rementer. I hope he is proving up in good shape and that he will be able to take charge of the entire work after a while. He always declared that he would be exceedingly loyal to us and Thompson gives him a great recommendation for handling men. He does not know plants like Donald but I think he will soon get on to the plants we shall use and will be a good executive. If he does prove good try to hold him as it will be hard work to get

another man. I do not think Donald would object at all to having another man in charge of the entire proposition and I do not think we can depend upon Donald for filling the place that Koehler did at Seattle because, as you know, there will be a tremendous amount of detail to think of and matters to act quickly upon when the work gets under way and I think we shall need Donald in the nursery for propagating. I am mighty glad to learn that Donald has been doing good work. If Rementer's work slackens why not put him in the nursery or send him down into Mexico looking up big cacti or get him started to collect palms around the city and plant them in the canyon where the palms are to be planted. If Hoover gets out of a job there is no reason why some of the roads along the north boundary of the park running east and west could not be started as it is quite important to get these in soon so that the side slopes can be planted. Rementer might go up to Los Angeles and see if he can get a lot of cuttings and plants from the park department and also look up the question of large Phoenix. In one of the parks which I think is called "Islan"? there is a long row of fine large Phoenix very close together. It may be that by correspondence and personal interview we can arrange with the park department to let us have part of them to plant along El Camino Real.

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They can do nothing more than refuse us on this matter, so I think it is well worth trying. Outside of the above suggestions, you could use Rementer to good advantage I should think right in the nursery in connection with the propagation.

I hope that by this time you have got the ground plowed up and cultivated among the small pepper trees just west of the present nursery ground as I had intended to use this for growing Calla lilies, Fresas, etc. I am going to order 1500 *Erica mediterranea* and 500 *Erica vagans* and 1000 *Calluna vulgaris*. The first two are rated at 11¢ each f.o.b. New York and are coming from Thomas Smith & Sons, Stranraer, Scotland. Please send him a requisition for same. The 1000 *Calluna vulgaris* I will pick up in the East and let you know later where we get them. You might have Richardson send a blank requisition form to this office and we will fill it out to some nursery as soon as we can locate the plants, and will have him get the plants together and make one shipment of them. Allen did this for me occasionally in Seattle. Tell Donald to propagate strong on *Ericas* for we shall use them in large quantities on the north slopes.


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I sent you last night copies of telegrams in re
Cummins.

Lath Greenhouse. I hope we can persuade Allen
to build this lath house at the earliest possible conven-
ient time because we shall have a lot of plants coming
out of the glass houses which will need to be put in this
lath house. It will also be convenient for propagating
hard wood cuttings which need a cool temperature, like
laurustinus, etc. I do not see why William or Rementer
cannot build all their own cold frames, etc. without the
aid of a carpenter.

I have received your three large envelopes with
copies of nursery stock and nursery notes, also list of
plants propagated in the greenhouse. It seems to me that
we need to propagate a lot more Grevillia thelemanniana
and a great many more lantanas and many more Cherokee roses;
in fact all of the climbing roses. You do not mention the
Romneya. It is very important to get large quantities of
lantanas. What about your Giant Bamboo and other Bamboo?

Yours truly,


W. H. R. Read