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III. *Note on the York and Lancaster Rose* (*Rosa versicolor*). By Mr WILLIAM GORRIE.

Parkinson, in his "Garden of Pleasant Flowers" (1656), thus describes *Rosa versicolor*:—"This rose, in the form and order of its growing, is nearest to the damaske rose, both for stem, branche, leaf, and flower. The difference consisting in this, that the flower hath the one-half of it sometimes of a pale whitish colour, and the other half of a paler damaske colour than the ordinary; this happeneth so many times, and sometimes also the flower hath divers stripes and markes in it, as one leaf white or striped with white, and the other half blush or striped with blush; sometimes, also, all striped or spotted over, and other times little or no stripes or marks at all, as nature listeth to play with varieties in this as in other flowers."

The same author states that the damask rose "is of the most excellent, sweet, pleasant scent, far surpassing all other roses or flowers, being neither heady nor too strong, nor stuffing or unpleasant sweet, as many other flowers."

The specimen of shoot with leaves exhibited, shows this to be a variety of the *Rosa damascena* of Miller, and as its flowers agree with the description, there can be no doubt but that it is the true York and Lancaster rose, which name is now generally applied to the *Gloria mundi* rose of florists, a plant of comparatively recent introduction, and a variety of the *Rosa gallica*, or French rose.

IV. *Note on the Growth of Wellingtonia gigantea*. By Mr M'NAB.

Mr M'Nab exhibited a section of *Wellingtonia gigantea*, 4 feet 7 inches in circumference, grown at Linton Park, Maidstone, and presented to the Museum at the Botanic Garden by Mr Robson. The tree was planted in January 1858, when 38 inches high. The site was a sheltered one, where many other conifers grew remarkably well. The tree was healthy till the hot summer of 1868, when it showed symptoms of decline, caused by the excessive drought at the time. Although well watered, it did not recover. The tree died and was taken down the follow-