XXX. Additional Note to the Observations on the British Species of Mentha, p. 171.

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On cultivating a root of Mr. Sole's Mentha pratenis, sent by himself, I have found it turn out exactly my rubra; and indeed, on an accurate re-examination of his original dried specimen, I find no reason to doubt its being truly the rubra. To this species therefore I would wish to refer it instead of gracilis; see p. 210 of the present volume.

Since the printing of this paper I have met with fresh reasons for believing the Mentha sativa and all its varieties to form one species with the hirsuta; and in the Flora Britannica, now in the press, I have accordingly united them.