



Minnesota State
Horticultural Society Letters
Received and Sent.

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Minneapolis Minn
Oct. 31-1918

Dear Mr. Latham

I am so glad you
were able to fill Mr
Shepherd's place so well.

I am sure Mr
Christensen will be
much more interesting
than any local
person. We can hear

danger now, and will
be well we hope in a
week or 10 days -

Thank you very much
for your good opinion,

it is mutual you know.

Very truly

Lundesa Peterson
(Mrs) H.B.

them any time.

Perhaps you could get
him to speak twice,
as long as he is here
on the spot.

I think Mrs Gould
will see to the music,
you might drop her
a line if you don't hear
from her soon

My patient is out of

The Jewell Nursery Co.

J. M. UNDERWOOD, President
B. J. LOSS, Sales Manager
G. V. ERICKSON, Auditor

R. D. UNDERWOOD, Secretary-Treasurer
JOHN NORDINE, Supt. Propagation
E. G. FLADWED, Credit Manager
IRA SEVERANCE, Accountant

Lake City, Minn.,

Sept. 24, 1918

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Friend:

I haven't anything more to suggest in regard to Miss Rittle. I am sure you will be able to handle the matter satisfactorily.

In making improvements on our bungalow that I bought last winter, I find that it is necessary for me to go over there. We have our reservations for next Sunday, so that we will soon be in the land of sunshine. I shall be glad to hear from you there often.

With very best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

JMU-ECL

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

September 28th, 1918.

Mr. W. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I shall be very glad to be with you on Wednesday December 4th and to speak on the topic which you suggest which as you know is uppermost in our thoughts at the present time.

I regret that this year has been so full of war work that I have not been able to be more closely in touch with the work of your society. It is not because of lack of interest but because the army work which we have had to do has absorbed every available moment of my time. When once the war is won we shall be able to work together in the utmost of harmony for the reconstruction of the work and plans in which we have all been so much interested in the past.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Glattke

Dean and Director.

RWT-HK

Cleveland Ohio Oct 5th 1918

A W Latham

Dear Sir Yours of Sept 27th
to Hubert mission was forwarded to me here,

I do not think it possible that I can
meet with you this year, much as I
would like to do so, I'm carrying
out my experiments at Hubert, which
were done at my expense, I spent
considerable money, I expected and
had good reason to expect, substantial
financial help in promulgating the
methods, fully proven to be correct,
and that if put into general use
would be of immense benefit to
Agriculture, and material benefit
to Horticulture and timber growing

Growing timber four times as fast as ever grows before, Doubling and ultimately quadrupling the grazing capacity of dry lands, enormously increasing crop production on all sandy and dry lands, without the use of any other fertilizer than that which nature puts onto every acre of land and farmers have been allowing 80 per cent of it to run off from their lands in flood waters, But when we found that the Dept of Agriculture and the Agricultural Colleges of the Country would not promulgate the new principles nor recognize them in any way I with the apparent backing

of prominent wealthy men ³ decided to enter upon the promulgation of the New Farming principles, and started an extensive and expensive campaign of promulgation, which for a time promised success, but when the Bureaucracy of the Dept of Agriculture and the Agricultural Colleges and the county agents of the entire country who are creatures of the above, viciously assailed and grossly misrepresented New Farming methods, which we were trying to give to the World at our own expense, my financial helpers dropped the undertaking leaving me ^{in the lurch} with a large indebtedness.

which I can only meet by devoting
 my self entirely to my portrait work
 that yields me a large income, and
 I cannot ~~do~~ now give any
 time to trying to have the World
 benefited by my New Farming
 work. I still know that my methods
 were absolutely correct and
 common sense, not visionary
 in any sense, but it is not my
 duty to ruin myself financially in
 further attempting to get it into
 general use. As to the Apple Tree
 part of my experiments, it succeeded
 splendidly until Winter before last
 the influences that were fighting me,
 during my absence here in the
 east made the man in charge

at Hubert believed^s that my methods
with apple trees were all wrong
and he disregarded my instructions

to put water enough into each
tree cavity to form an ice blanket,
to prevent the severely cold air
from penetrating the dry porous
sandy soil and freezing the
moisture out of the roots, and
the result was that all my
beautiful and much admired
apple trees were killed except
a few that one of my day laborers
had properly watered in freezing
weather before the man in charge
stopped him, the trees he properly

treated were doing fine when I was
home last, and I shall replant the
others but it will be some years
now before I can make convincing
showing, of the Apple tree
part of my work, the timber
part is a complete and indisputable
success, except by shameful false-
hood, that, one Prof in Minnesota
Agricultural ^{College} and one county
agent to my certain knowledge
resorted to, The grazing and
permanent improvement of
the producing capacity of
the soil, is proven absolutely
on my land

503 Huron With Great Respect
Road Cleveland Ohio Freeman Thorpe

PALMETER AND TUTTLE

GROWERS

CRANBERRIES AND VINES

VALLEY JUNCTION, WIS.,
R. F. D.

Oct 14 1918

A. K. Latham

Dear Sir,-

I wrote to
Cranfield about going as a
delegate Will let you know
as soon as I get a reply-

Did you get the box of apples
sent you the Sunday called
his cousin.

They were packed & were
two weeks before sending
being so busy with cran-
berry harvest they were forgotten
He shall commence tomorrow
chaining up Cranberries for
Stacy and Jones of your City
Yours Respt
E. K. Tuttle

✓
St. Cloud, Minn. R.R.#3

Oct. 9, 1918

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec'y Minn. State Horticultural Society,
207, Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find five dollars in payment for Life membership in the Horticultural Society. I did not receive the last three issues of the Horticultural Magazine, and it seems that I can not get along without it, and hence this application for life membership. I have always been very much interested in Horticulture, and I appreciated the magazine very much. We had a very good harvest up here this year, and the Malinda apples were especially good this year. However, the honey crop was rather poor, and we hope that next year we will have more. I only received three hundred pounds of honey, a small amount in comparison with other years.

Very truly yours,

Math Schmidt

Sank Rapids April 16th 1918

Dear Mr Latham

I am back too. I suddenly felt I must run away, so let the fire go out. put the cat out to board and started, first for International Falls first to see Inez, and then over to Canada, you see when I get started I am a regular tramp, was so glad to find Inez has made a good Mother (her little girl is six months old) and house-keeper and with a husband who is very much thought of up there, and who thinks Inez the one woman, He is very busy as he has three ~~business~~ stores, before we went in the war he belonged to a co of fifty Young Men of whom he ^{or} club was the head. The Saturday night before I went away last of the fifty started for the war, and left him disgruntled because just

now he could not go with them.
I intervined most every one in
the falls, looked over the immense
Paper mills and Lumber industries
and Jack, my spose, took me to their
Bungie on a ten acre piece of timber
land covered with Evergreens. Birch,
and poplar, and only two hundred
feet from Lake ~~the~~ Rusier. These
Churches are gone, and most of
the people up there are young. If
I had been ten years younger would
have bought some land near Jacks
myself. When I went back on my
way home. He took me out again
and as I had filled a trunk with
canned stuff, Jelly and Etcetera
why I pulled up. (For they grow
just under leaves, Enough little
Evergreens about two feet long to
fill my trunk, I was asked to
speak at the Cong Church which I
did. The super of the High school
turn over

Who was there, then ^{2,3} asked me to repeat at the school. The idea of asking one who just talks without notes, to repeat. Well I went and talked, and a Mr Malone who is one of the Men from the big Lumber Mill over the River, (if he had knower I was just an unimportant Old woman who hoed potatoes and incidentally other things for a living) was at the meeting told Jack and me that he would send his Car over and entertain me if I would go over and talk so I went, while there I also talked Horticulture and got him to join so please find a dollar Bill and his Card for which you will send back numbers of this year Magazines and the bound book. As it was to late for him to get the plants premium. and as I sold him ~~turn over~~

about fifteen dollars worth of plants for around his big office I said I would send him a dollars worth for premium. I also got my Boy at Winnipeg to become a ^{Life} ~~English~~ member, with the toll of Prof Broderic But he said it was out of love for me. What do you know about that. Also Mr Edger Hermance joined a couple of years ago and still keeps it up so when you think I have got enough. Members to pay for Mr Philips Queen Vashti why let me know I want it as a remembrance of one I very much liked and respected.

I have just received a note from Mr Haralson that some Straw berries are coming, Mr Latham would you ask Mrs Ray Cady to send me some flower plants
turnover

would like Harrison rose yellow,
a hardy white perpetual, some
white shades of German Iris if
he has them to spare and any
thing else he likes to send. I have
no perennial larkspur. You see
I only got here Saturday, and
yesterday I burnt both sides of the
road when a Neighbor came along
and said Mrs Steyer you are all a fire
well I had luckily, an old all wool
one on and all around the bottom
was on fire. well Of course I laughed
as I sat down on the back of
the fire while putting out the front.
Now life is too short to look over
a letter so you will have to take
this with mistakes and fill from

Send Folders
am all out

Yours Truly

Jennie Steyer

TAYLOR'S EAGLE BEND NURSERY

T. W TAYLOR, PROPRIETOR

ALL KINDS OF HARDY NORTHERN SMALL FRUIT PLANTS
EVER BEARING STRAWBERRIES, A SPECIALTY

EAGLE BEND, MINN., Feby 12 1918

✓ 1.00
✓ S

A.W.Latham, Minneapolis Minn,

Dear Sir, Enclosed please find \$1.00 my Membership fee, for 1918. please print me 300 Folders with my Card. I send them out with my correspondence, and what are left I distribit at the Todd Co Fair. I also give a free Membership to each patron ordering \$15. or more.

send me the report. and six each of the "new Fall Bearing Rasp"

yours Fraternally

T. W. Taylor

Order folders
Feb. 15, 1918
Dent 3.6.18

ACCLIMATED TREES

HARDY ORNAMENTALS

PERENNIAL FLOWERS

NORTHERN NURSERY COMPANY

OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. D., *ob*
Mch. 12, 1918. *5*

A.W.Latham, Secy.,
Minn. State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

As per the enclosed statement we are handing you herewith draft
for \$3.00 We have never received these cuts yet and hope you will be
able to locate them.

Yours truly,

J. B. Taylor

The Jewell Nursery Company

J. M. UNDERWOOD, President
Bj. LOSS, Sales Manager
G. V. ERICKSON, Auditor

R. D. UNDERWOOD, Secretary-Treasurer
E. G. FLADWED, Credit Manager
IRA SEVERANCE, Accountant

*Founded by Dr. P. A. Jewell
and J. M. Underwood*



*Established 1868
Incorporated 1884*

Lake City, Minn.,

1-MK.

March 15th. 1918.

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.
Minn. Hort. Society,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Latham :

I have just received a letter from Dr. Freeman, in regard to the Berberry matter, also a telephone call from Mr. Ruggles, who says that this matter is to be taken up with the Safety Commission next Saturday. Dr. Freeman wanted either Father or me to write you in regard to the matter. I suppose he wanted to feel that all the members of the Board of Managers, of the Horticultural Society were interested. I feel quite sure that Father would take the position that if the Berberry is the cause of wheat rust, no steps should be left untaken, that will help to exterminate it.

Yours very truly

R. D. Underwood

NORTHERN NURSERY COMPANY
OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. D.,

Jan. 30, 1918.

A.W.Latham, Secy.,

Minn. Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Last year we purchased from you some cuts and if you are still selling your used cuts will you kindly send us by parcel post the following:-

~~Black Hills Spruce, page 73 February issue.~~

✓ Peony plant, page 131 March issue.

✓ A branch of sand cherry, page 157 April issue.

~~A vase of Jubilee peonies, page 254 June issue.~~

✓ Ideal Seed Potatoes, page 314 August issue.

Would appreciate it very much if you could send these or whatever of the cuts you have left by return of mail and notify us of the expense and we will mail you draft.

Thanking you, we are

Yours truly,

J. B. Taylor

Mgr.

Sent bill

3.7.18

3 ad

10
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↓

Ostrander, Minn.,
Mar. 22 '18

Dear Sir.

Inclosed find my
check for Ten dollars
+ 10 cents \$10.10

For life member in
Society

Please send me the book
Trees, fruits and flowers

Yours truly
Mr Ole Vikste
Ostrander,

R

Minn.,
Box 47 Route 1.

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NORTHERN NURSERY COMPANY

OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. D., Feb. 9, 1918.

A.W.Latham, Secy.,

Minn. State Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In my letter to you of this date I failed to ask you what were the subjects of the cuts you sent, so that if they fail to arrive and have been lost enroute we can try and get some others elsewhere.

Yours very truly,

J.B. Taylor

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OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. D., Feb. 9, 1918.

A.W.Latham, Secy.,

Minn. Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor at hand and I note that you have sent the ~~four~~^{three} cuts by parcel post. As these have not arrived will you kindly make inquiry at the postoffice and send a tracer after them. We need these at once.

Thanking you and trusting this will not inconvenience you, we are

Yours truly,

J. B. Taylor



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Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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(Office and Library of)

A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y

207 KASOTA BLOCK

Minneapolis, Minn.

2/12/18.

Mr. J. B. Taylor,

Ipswich, S. D.

Dear Sir:

Your favor at hand stating that the three cuts have not as yet reached you. It seems that they ought to be there by this time. Perhaps you have received them since you wrote us. If they have not come to hand as yet kindly drop me a card and I will take the matter up with the post office authorities. The cuts were sent the same day as the letter we wrote you.

In regard to titles to these cuts, they are as follows: "Beautiful White Peony Plant on Home Place of A. W. Richardson, Howard Lake"; the second one, "A Branch of Sand Cherry in Fruiting, a Wonderfully Prolific Bearer"; the other was "Ideal Seed Potatoes".

Trusting the cuts are at hand before this, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Sec'y.



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Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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(Office and Library of)

A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y

207 KASOTA BLOCK

Minneapolis, Minn.

3/19/18.

Mr. John P. Vikla,
Lonsdale, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Replying to your note would say that the three plates of your plum we have we would let you have for \$5.00. That would be two dollars apiece for each of the large ones and a dollar for the smaller one.

Let me know as soon as you can if you want us to send these to you.

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

I accept your offer you may send said plates to me. Yours truly - John P. Vikla.

The Lonsdale Nursery

JOHN P. VIKLA, Proprietor

Grower of Hardy Nursery Stock

Everbearing Strawberries a Specialty

Lonsdale, Minnesota, Jan 10

1917

Mr A. W. Latham

Sec State Hort. Soc.

Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request I am sending herewith an order, from Mr. Wasejka the person on whose said plant tree stands, for the payment of the Loring prize to me.

I would like to get a few new folders, premium lists and order blanks for new members as soon as you have them ready as I expect to get several new members.

Yours truly

John P. Vikla

THE JEWELL NURSERY COMPANY

LAKE CITY, MINN.

J. M. UNDERWOOD, PRESIDENT

FOUNDED 1868 BY P. A. JEWELL
AND J. M. UNDERWOOD

LAKE CITY, MINN.

1-MK.

November 28th. 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y.
207 Kasota Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :

We will exhibit specimen of our Seedling
No. 51 at the Winter meeting. This is the Winter
Apple originated by Mr. E. A. Grosz, which we are
growing under contract with him. And desire to enter
in the one thousand (\$ 1,000.00) dollar prize competition.

Yours truly,

The Jewell Nursery Co.

R. M. Underwood

Underwood Bungalow

Point Loma

11/24/17

Cal

My Dear Leatham

I have added a little to the Chins Report & sent it to Roy to have type written & sent to you - Thank you for your help - We are having the best time of our lives. In the midst of incomparable beauty unsurpassed weather, the finest of music & lectures. Our Bungalow is surrounded by roses violets geraniums, strange (to me) flowers palms & the Hibiscus & trees too numerous for me to make their acquaintance yet, On a hill in front of me as I write is the beautiful Academy & in the foreground a lovely setting of fruit & ornamental trees.

I spend considerable of my time cultivating & watering the roses & other flowers. - Its what I have always that Ed like to do & this A.M. as I was

working among them I think of how
our dear Wyman Elliott passed away
& wondered if I would eventually make
the transfer in that way - How lovely
it would be

If I can find time I'll jot down a
few notes for you to present to the
Society, - Our car is a great adjunct
to our pleasure, Come & have a ride -
Went to Ft Resencrans last evening with
the orchestra & Chorus. They gave
the soldiers one of the finest concerts
I ever heard. The Society give a
Turkey dinner Thanksgiving to 60 to 100
soldiers. In the evening "Midsummers
Nights Dream" & then a dance,
Have been to two dances already, how
that for an old man.

Kind regards to all injuring friends

Cordially
J. W. Medswood
Point Loma
Cal

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR MINNESOTA
A. D. WILSON
UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Dec. 17, 1917.

Mr. A.W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

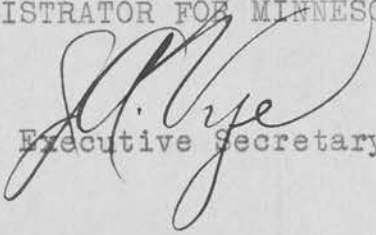
Dear Mr. Latham:

It is with gratitude that we acknowledge receipt of yours of the 13th inst., containing the resolution adopted by your Horticultural Society in favor of food conservation, and offering the Society's service at any time.

Be assured of our interest in you, and your Society, and with thanks, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATOR FOR MINNESOTA


Executive Secretary

JAV:K

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1917.

My dear Mr. Latham:

The President has received your letter of December 13th and has read it with interest and appreciation. He asks me to assure you and all concerned that he is very grateful to you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to the President.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Lonsdale, Minn Dec 13, '17

Mr. A. W. Latham

Seey State Horticultural
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir:

Check for \$100 Loring prize
received, Thanks, Receipt
Enclosed.

Send me a few folders, and me
about 20 or 30 blanks (applications
for new memberships, I expect
to get 20 or 30 new members.

As soon as the weather is suitable
I will have a picture taken with
the new plum, - I have written
to Mr. Loring asking him whether
it would be agreeable to him to
name it Loring Plum and he con-

sented to it, so I will call
it the Loring Plum or Loring
Prize plum, which do you think
would be better?

If you get any more inquiries
about said plum you would
do me a favor if you refer the
parties to me for complete des-
cription. I also got some
inquiries. I do not know just
how I will handle it but
am thinking that the best
way would be not to introduce
it until I have a stock of
about 20,000 trees and I can
raise that many in two years.

Then I would probably sell
them thru the nurseries.
~~Yours truly~~ - John P. Vicks

Mr. C. M. Loring wrote to me that he will probably make an award for an apple that will be as good a keeper and as good as the Baldwin or few other varieties he mentions.

I am going to give him for his son six trees of the plum with restrictions as a token of appreciation of his philanthropic works.

The apple I brought to you Dec. 3d is really good apple.

Samples of it fully developed free from blotches is far superior to the wealthy much better

than the one you tasted, I think

It will take the prize also.
Yours truly - John P. Vekla

WM. TOOLE. SR.
COZY COTTAGE
PANSY HEIGHTS

WITH
WM. TOOLE & SON
PANSY HEIGHTS

PANSY GUIDE FREE

Baraboo, Wis. *July 10th 1918*

Mr. W. W. Latham

Minneapolis
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Latham

Yours of 8th^{inst} received yesterday
and I am taking the first chance to comply
with your request. The only picture I had
on hand taken in recent years was the double
picture of myself and wife. I think a picture
could be taken separately from that,
but that might be too bothersome I borrowed
the Cabinet picture from my son that is a few
years younger than the first mentioned

I have ~~no~~ no good picture of the home
but I send a couple of little Kodak views
taken by my stepson. They show the house from
different angles and perhaps you can use one
of them. The lawn is quite extensive and a view including
it in full would make the house look small

I often think about your winter meeting

and among the many impressions fixed in
my mind are two which come forward very
strongly. The great work you people have in
hand in developing new varieties of fruit
and the manifest - practical patriotism
of the members of the Minnesota State
Horticultural Society. If I was rich enough,
I would promise myself more than one
future visit - at your future meetings.

Yours Cordially

William Toole Sr.

P.S. Please have the two larger
pictures returned

Lonsdale, Minn. Jan 10, 1917

To the State Horticultural Society &

A. W. Latham Sec'y,

Please pay to John P. Viskla
of Lonsdale Minn, the One Hundred
red Dollar Loring prize.

The new seedling plum
which took said prize is
on my property -

Respectfully

Albert Koszjka

(Not Roseville)

Point Loma 12/27/17

Ch. W. Latham

My dear friend

The activities here have kept my time so occupied that I have got behind in my correspondence & it will take the new year to catch up. - I rec'd yr favors of 12 & 15 & was pleased to know that you had such a successful meeting. - I have sometimes wondered that the same topics & practically the same kind of a program should keep up the attendance, but it is like a symphony the more we hear it, the better we understand it & the more we like it.

We have been here two months

Every day sunshine & beauty. The usual rainy season is slow in coming & when they get six or eight in. they are fortunate, as for me I dont need any I prefer to turn on the hose. We are living in an octagon bungalow overlooking the Academy & grounds, it is a beautiful view west of us and at the East we can see the City which at night with its thousands of electric lights on a side hill is charming. If we were a few ft higher we could see the bay & North Island with the air ships. I cant imagine a City so delightfully located as San Diego & I hope you and Mrs Latham will come out & let us show you. You notice that I dont say Can but will

Dont get the idea that you must keep your nose on the grindstone" & let all the good things of life go by. you have earned a vacation & the Soc ought to give you one & pay your expenses - Our B. (which means Bungalow) is surrounded with trees, palms, shrubs, roses, geraniums, violets carnations, &c. so closely planted that none do well I have put in some hard work, digging cultivating & watering & I begin to see good results. I didnt know I could stand so much work & while at it I thought of dear old Wyman & his transition, & I wished that when my time comes to go, it might be in the same way. I think when I go home I will set aside two or three hours each day to work among the flowers, & learn how to grow them as well as to sell them

THE JEWELL NURSERY COMPANY

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

30 May 1917.

JMU/AA

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Blk.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:

I have received copy of the Horticulturist for 1915. It is a large volume of very interesting articles, excellently compiled and of which I am justly proud because I have been a conscientious supporter of the work.

Do you remember that we had on the program last winter Mrs. Louis M. Glenske of Hopkins who spoke on home canning. I would like very much if I could have a copy of her address. I want to get ready to do some of that work here this summer and if you can send me a copy soon, I will be greatly obliged,

Very cordially yours,

J M Underwood

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

7 June 1917.

JMU/AA

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kascto Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:

So far as we can judge, either Saturday the 16th or Saturday the 23rd would find conditions here best for the summer meeting, but that should not make any difference for we will not have anything to exhibit. Our roses are all in the field as nursery stock and will not produce anything for exhibit.

All the strawberries we have in fruiting are Progressive. It will depend on the weather when they are ripe. If it should warm up and become dry they ought to be in condition the 16th.

I think you will have to be governed by the condition of things up there and not pay any attention to us down here.

I thank you very much for the article on canning.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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JMU-AS

July 24th, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I have just received your favor of the 23rd and I will at the earliest opportunity look it over and see if I can suggest anything to vary the program.

I was quite well pleased with last years program, as it was to me both interesting and brief enough to avoid making it seem tiresome. I think you know that I have always tried to avoid having the same persons appear on the program. You can remember the time when a few of our oldest and most prominent members did about all the talking and that we changed the style of our programs so as to bring out members who seldom, if ever, had anything to say. I don't know any better way to get up a program. Have short, spicy addresses from resident members and then if you can find some prominent speaker outside of the State, introduce that feature. You remember how interesting it was when we had Mr. Powell with us. I would make all I possibly could of the help from the Horticultural School. The young blood over there are always interesting to me, and they must take our places in the years to come, so why not interest them now.

We have been making more use of the vegetable growers and I think that is a good thing. They must have some good speakers in the Ramsey County Men's Garden Club, and I think there is a Garden Club there in Minneapolis. Then, you know I am always strong for having the women given a prominent place on our program.

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If we carry out our present intentions, Roy expects to ship his mother and I out to San Diego to keep his wife and boy company, leaving here the first of November. I shall be very sorry to miss our annual meeting, but our lives are full of joys and sorrows and I seem to have my full share of both.

Most cordially and affectionately yours,

J. M. Underwood

TREASURER'S REPORT 1916.

Geo. W. Strand, Taylors Falls, Minn.

RECEIPTS

Dec. 1st, Balance on hand		\$4906.00
" Farmers Mechanics Bank Int. to Oct, 1st,	85.94	
Feb. 23rd, Semi-Annual Allowance; State Treas.	1500.00	
June 22d, A. W. Latham Receipts 11/30 to 6/15	4112.82	
Aug. 29th, Semi-Annual Allowance State Treas.	1500.00	
Oct. 1st, Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Int. to date	160.90	
	<u>7359.66</u>	
		\$12265.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Dec. 17th, Order 245 Premiums Annual Meeting	604.00	
Jan. 3rd, " 238 A.W. Latham Revolving Fund	800.00	
Mar. 1st, " 239 " 1st, Quarter Salary	450.00	
June 3rd, " 240 " 2d, " "	450.00	
" 22d, " 241 " Exp. Secy Office		
	11/30 to 6/15/16	4112.82
July 1st, " 244 Premiums Summer Meeting	178.75	
" " 242 Minn. State Forestry Assn	65.00	
Sept. 1st, " 243 A. W. Latham 3 rd, Quar. sal.	450.00	
Dec. 4th, " 246 " 4th, " "	450.00	
	<u>7560.57</u>	
Balance on hand	4705.09	\$12265.66

Security National Bank (open 7c) 582.10
 Farmers & Mechanics Bank (savings 7c) 4122.99
\$4705.09

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H. L. WRAY, Ass't Cashier

PARK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

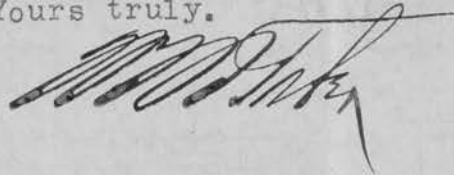
July 31st, 1917.

A. W. Latham, Secty.,
NO. 207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

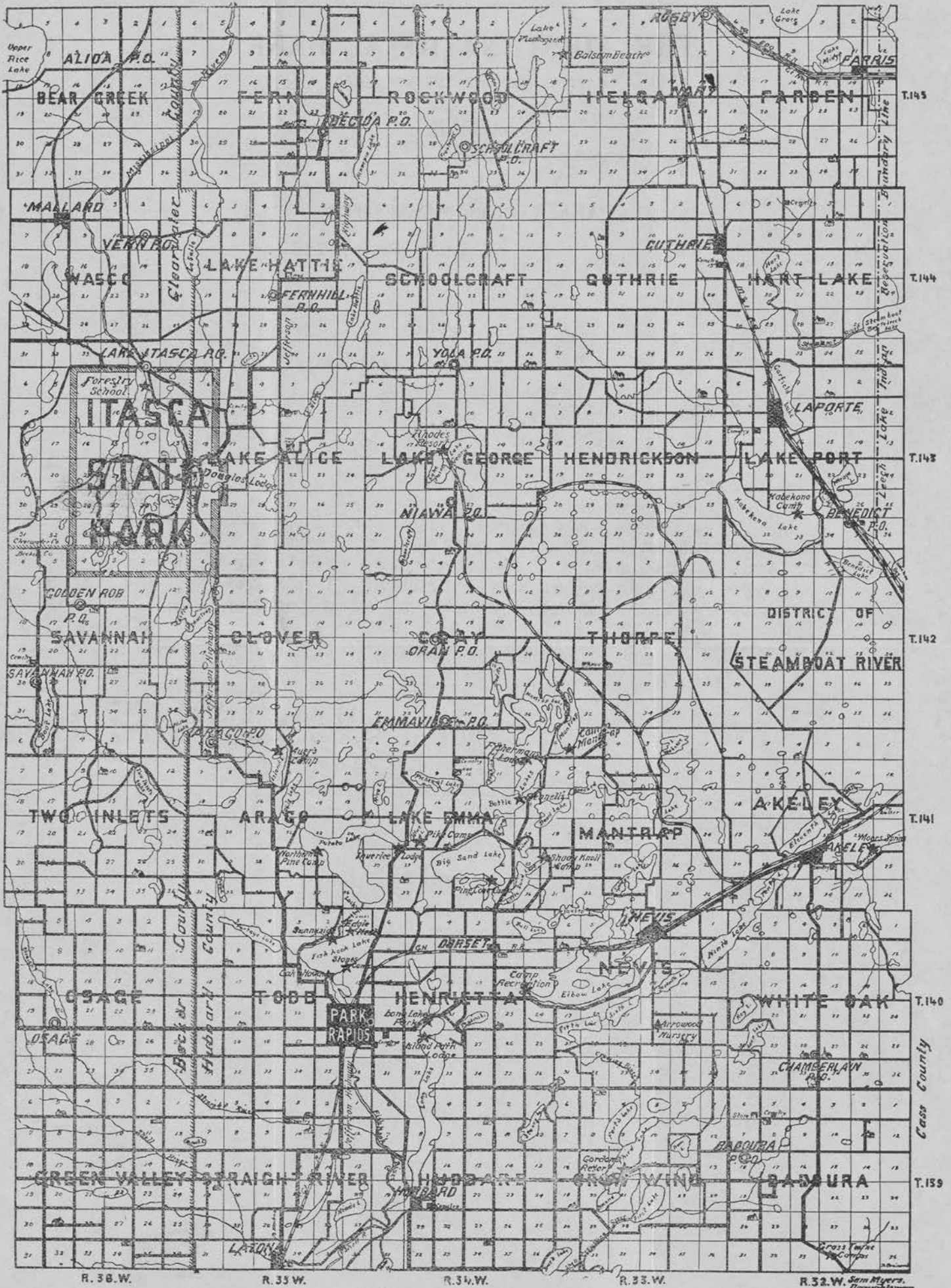
I have yours of July 30th and note that I have been recommended by your society as a member of Forestry Board. I had heard this in a round about way before but as yet have had no official notice. I am however, enclosing an application for membership and wish to thank you for your interest.

Yours truly,



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Lonsdale, Minnesota, Sept 15 1917

Mr. A. N. Latham

207 Kasota, Block, Minneapolis, Minn
Dear Sir:

There is a party here that has a seedling plum and would like to try to get the \$100⁰⁰ premium as offered in the premium folder of 1916 (I have no folders of 1917 on hand)

Please inform me how to proceed or to whom to apply. This premium is the contribution of Mr. C. M. Loring, Minneapolis, also please state whether the party would have to dispose of the original tree to the State or the State Horticultural Society, or give away to the State its control. He would not care to dispose of the tree or any scions buds or roots and he is not a member of the State Horticultural Society.

Please let me hear from you soon and oblige.

John P. Vikla

P.S. - See enclosed Marked folder.

Mr. Latham,

I understand from Mr. ~~Father~~
Loring that he would be in
favor of awarding the prize.

I am of the opinion and im-
pression that he would make
another offer of prize again.

I would suggest, that in
order to get from him another
prize offer it would be a good
idea, as a matter of courtesy,
to confer with him before a
final decision is made, whether
~~whether~~ the ~~the~~ award of prize is
made or denied.

He however feels that it is left
at the disposal of the State Horticultural
Society. (over)

This is a confidential communication and I request you to treat it as such.

If possible convey my ideas and suggestions to the committee.

J. P. Vilela

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Oct. 1, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota, Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

The sample plums received. I do not see anything in the Harrison plums to be of value. We have plenty of varieties that are better. No. #30 of the Patton plum, I do not like at all. The flavor is not good, but #45 I think is very excellent. I would like to have a half a dozen trees in our orchard. The size is medium and texture of the fruit good for handling and shipping, but its chief quality is its excellent flavor.

Very cordially yours,

J M Underwood

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Sept. 29, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your letter of the 24th inst. and shall be very glad indeed to attend the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society and to speak on the program.

If satisfactory to your program committee, I shall be glad to speak on the topic "The Value of Experimental Work". As soon as the program is finally arranged, I shall be glad to have you notify me of the exact date and hour when I will be expected to speak so that I may avoid conflict of dates. I am making this request by reason of the fact that I have been asked to speak at the annual meeting of the Northwest Development Association at Brainerd on December 6th and 7th. I will appreciate therefore if you can arrange to have me appear on the program on the 4th or 5th.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Hatcher
Dean and Director.

Dict. R. W. T. - D.

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OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Oct. 3, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your note of the 2nd inst. Twenty minutes will be ample time for what I have in mind to say at the meeting of the Horticultural Society.

I always prefer to speak informally but will have a typewritten abstract of the substance of my remarks ready for publication in the minutes or journal of the society.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Thatcher
Dean and Director.

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MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Lake City, Minn.

Oct. 8, 1917.

JMU-AS

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Your suggestion of leaving out the names of the annual members from our Magazine is excellent. I think it would have been eminently proper for you to have done so without referring it to anyone.

I have just had a communication from Rev. Harrison, that shows how active his mind and how appreciative he is of able service rendered. You may, or may not know of it, but he suggests that our Society give you "a vacation of two or three months this winter and cash enough for expenses." I have written him my hearty endorsement of it, but suggested that it be taken up by the Executive Committee rather than the Society, for the Committee hires you and it would be proper for them to act in the matter. I am writing you about this for the reason that I shall not be here at the winter meeting and I want to see that the matter is well taken care of. Roy has promised to attend the meeting and he will be my worthy representative in any way that he can be of service.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

Aug. 28, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Yours of the 27th received. Under the existing circumstances, I don't know any better arrangement that the West and it has my approval for the winter meeting.

The "conservation of natural resources," is on everybody's tongue and there should be much to say on the subject. I believe that it has stirred people up so that it has done a great deal of good and will last in the future. I believe that people are taking less interest in orcharding and while of course we want to promote the best features of orcharding, it won't do any harm to let it rest for a while and emphasize plums, small fruits and ornamentals. A great deal of the country is getting into a condition where they can afford to ornament their grounds and protect them with windbreaks which add greatly to their comfort both in summer and winter.

Mrs. Underwood and I expect to go up to Minneapolis next Sunday and go out to Zumbrae Heights to visit the Everetts. Some time during the week, I shall try to see you. We will probably be at the Fair one day at least.

Do you know that the Jewell Nursery Company has an office in the McKnight Building, 1242-1244? M. H. Harman and J. F. Highberger are there in charge, although Mr. Harman does not expect to be there regularly until after the first of September. We will be glad to have you meet these gentlemen and make yourself at home in our office. I haven't been there myself yet, but I hope to make its acquaintance next week.

With kindest of regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Lonsdale, Minnesota, Oct 13 1917

Mr. A. W. Latham

Sec., State Hort. Soc.

207 Seasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 10 inst relative to the prize on the prune-go plum is at hand. Mr Underwood had never written to me in regard to the prize, he had however written to me in regard to buying of said tree or to grow it on royalty plan. Three men came down here from Lake city and examined the trees. At first I thought they were the committee to report on the tree but I have learned that their sole and only purpose was to secure the tree for propagation and made me an offer that the Jewell nursery would either buy it outright right or on royalty plan. I do not think, concerning such circumstances, that the prize will ever be awarded. as long as I have the control of it, I am now negotiating for its sale to one of the large Iowa nurseries, and I think I will close the deal in a few days and then I will withdraw my application for the prize.

Yours truly
John P. Vikla



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Lake City, Minn.

15 October 1917.

JMU-AS

Mr. A.W.Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I have a letter from John P. Vikla, Lonsdale, Minn., in regard to his plum. He is very anxious to have it decided one way or the other whether he is to have the prize. I have written him that it is up to the Executive Committee to decide and that I would ask you to see if you could have Mr. Yanish, or Prof. Cady or Mr. Wright visit the tree and get all evidence they can with regard to its productiveness and they could very likely tell with regard to its hardiness. My impression is that it is all right. Two of our agents were in that neighborhood this fall and saw the fruit on the tree. They were favorably impressed with it. There was every evidence of there having been a large crop, although two-thirds had been picked off. So much for productiveness and there was every evidence of its being hardy. ||

I have forgotten who you said the new member of the Executive committee is. I believe you said he lived in Farmington, Minn. I don't find anything in our Annual Report with regard to last winter's election, or any list of the present officers. I understand that Mr. Yanish took the place of Langford Smith and someone else the place of John P. Andrews.

What report did you get from the other members of the Committee with regard to the fruit?

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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#2 A.W.Latham,

I enjoyed the meeting yesterday very much, but having to go so far, arrive so late and then act as a judge on roses with Mr. Swanson, I did not have a chance to meet the dear old friends that I would have liked to spend some time with. The day was altogether too short. Then I had some friends with me that I must entertain and so I did not get a chance to visit with you or with but few of the friends. I expect to be up in Minneapolis though and I shall make a special effort to see you.

We are opening an office in Minneapolis, in the McKnight building. We have hired Mr. Highberger, a landscape artist and a Mr. Harmon, who will have charge of a certain class of agencies. They are both of them very fine gentlemen and you will be glad to meet them. Mr. Harmon comes from Geneva, N. Y. and in days gone by has been a member of our society. He showed me a membership ticket signed by Prof. Green as President and you as Secretary.

The arrangement of the room yesterday was very much better than a year ago and showed the flowers to advantage. Now, if we only had an assembly room adjoining, I should be satisfied. Why wouldn't that be a good thing to do?

|| We came around yesterday on the Spurr line, that brought us to the grounds. There was a large number of women on the car and some of them carrying exhibits. The conductor put us all off at the place where he said it was the nearest to the gymnasium, but say, it was a horrible way to get there. No good landing place and you had to immediately climb a high hill, as steep as the roof of a house and as soon as you got to the top you had to slide down on the other side and then climb another

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hill equally difficult. I could not see any way to help the poor women to do this and as long as I could not help them, I thought best to sneak away and let them solve the question themselves. There should have been steps cut in these hills, some posts driven in and a rail put up to take hold of. It would not have cost more than \$5.00 to have fixed it. I would suppose that there were enough young men around the school that could have done it, but there was no one to notice that it needed to be done. That is where I think our resident member falls down. After I got there, I was sorry that I did not insist upon our man, Chas. Nordine, taking up an exhibit, for we could have made a much better one than I saw there, especially in roses and perennials, but Chas. thought that our flowers were not good enough and so argued me out of it.

I have taken to riding horse back this summer and it makes me feel many years younger. It takes outdoor exercise to keep me in a normal condition. Of course Mr. Smith's leaving us gives Roy and I more to do, but we enjoy it and everything is moving satisfactorily and the prospects are that we will have a good business.

I haven't anything to say about the war, except that I feel more disgusted with the administration every day. I predict that it is up to the United States to stop the war, but it can't do it under a Democratic administration. I guess I better not say any more because I get madder every minute.

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#4 A.W. Latham,

How I wish when it stops
raining that you were down here and I could drive
you over the Nursery. I think you would enjoy
it.

Very cordially yours,

J M Underwood

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June 28th, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I am sorry that I could not be with you Tuesday night, for I know you had important features to talk over and decide upon, especially that of how to keep up our publication. It occurs to me that there are two ways to do it. One is, to tell the membership that owing to war conditions, it is going to cost more to get the magazines printed and in consequence we will have to charge more for them. Everyone who wishes the magazines continued must forward an extra 50¢ and so cut down the number of magazines printed, for a good many would not put up the extra price. Then there are quite a good many that do not need to receive them. For instance, in our family we only need one copy, but Anna, Roy and I are each getting one. Another way, would be to notify the membership that as a war measure we could not keep up the standard of the publication and cut it down until the cost of printing would come within the amount that we get from the Legislature. I think it would be well anyway to emphasize the condition of the country by putting on each number in bold type, "WORLD WAR EDITION," or something similar. It may be that you already decided in your minds Tuesday evening what to do, but I would, if possible, avoid cutting into our surplus, hoping that we may still see the time when we can use it to equip a new home. I am not expecting that under the condition that our country is in, that we will want to take up the matter of a home until after peace is declared at least.

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Lonsdale, Minnesota, Oct 18 1917

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 16th inst relative to the prize on the Prunego plum received.

You state that you will try to get Prof Cady to come down here, I believe he is the right man to come because he had sampled the fruit. I left one of the plums with prof J. S. Washburn and prof Washburn showed it to him and they tasted it together.

It will however be necessary for him to notify me of the date of his coming so I will be at home. Now I am making trips into the country as often as I can.

The original tree is 3 1/2 miles out of town. The grafted trees I have in town.

I will be at home Saturday and Sunday this week.

yours truly

John P. Vikla

P.S. He can phone to me at my expense and I will also pay the messenger fee.

JMU-AS

Lake City, Minn.

23 October, 1917.

Hon. Thos. Cashman,
Owatonna, Minn.

Friend Cashman:

I just received the enclosed letter from Secretary Latham. He thought that as Chairman of the Executive Board, I might have some suggestions as to who to appoint, but my mind is so full of going away, that I can do nothing about it. I expect to leave for California Thursday.

I think if Latham would feel like attending this meeting, it would be well for the Society to send him. He would meet prominent Horticulturists there and probably see and hear a good deal that would be of value in his work as Secretary of our Society. You may be able to go or have someone else to suggest. Whatever you conclude in the matter will meet my approval.

You have had some correspondence with Harrison in regard to giving Mr. Latham a vacation, to go to California this winter. I talked with him about it and he has written me a letter. He thinks that he should not be away from the office very much in the winter, but could possibly get away for a month. I would like it very much if he could come over there to San Diego and visit me. I would like to show him some of the beautiful things there and if he can not take both trips to Boston and San Diego, send him to San Diego.

I will meet my car in Los Angeles and drive down to San Diego.

I hope you and your family will all be well and happy and that your interests may prosper. You may break away from this cold climate and come out west. If you do, be sure and visit me at Point Loma.

Cordially yours,



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Lake City, Minn.

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18 October, 1917.

A.W.Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I think it will be all right to have Prof. Cady visit Mr. Vikla and satisfy himself with regard to the value of the tree, and I don't see that it will be necessary for anyone else. At least I will recommend it for the prize if Prof. Cady is satisfied.

Very cordially yours,

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23 October, 1917.

Mr. A.W. Latham,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I enclose you a copy of my letter to
Cashman, which will explain how I feel.

If you think best to elect Roy this winter, you will,
of course, drop me from the Executive Board. I shall
never cease my interest in the Society or neglect to
do everything I can to back you up. I think about our
Horticultural Society very much as I did about the
Agricultural Society. I used to come home and tell
my wife that it was a one man society; that ~~Ramsdell~~, *Randall*
as Secretary and General Manager, was the whole push
and the rest of us were just helping. But, that was
just as it should be and was what made our Agricultural
Society a success while I was on the Board. The same
thing was true when Cosgrove took the reins as Secretary
and Manager. Just think of it, the last year that we
had charge, if my recollection serves me correctly, our
net proceeds were \$85,000. The next year with the new
management, they went in the hole \$77,000. There was
no friction on our Board until politics crept in and
some of the members began throwing mud at Cosgrove.
I think with regard to the Horticultural Society, that
you are the Secretary and Manager and the rest of us are
helping and it is a success, and I hope may continue so.

This weather makes me glad that I start for California
Thursday.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF HORTICULTURE

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Secretary, Minn. State Hort. Society,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Latham:

I have your letter of October 11th
in regard to the topic of a talk to be given by
me at the Horticultural meeting. The topic which
you suggest, "How the strawberry sets fruit,"
should cover the points which I will speak of
and will be satisfactory to me.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Valleau

Research Asst., Fruit Breeding
Investigations.

WDV/MH

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LAKE CITY, MINN. 9/20-'17

My dear Mr Latham:

I have yours of the 18th
and in response thereto will say that
I will do the best I can with
the subject you have assigned me.

We all wish that temptation
would assail you a little harder
— as regards making the drive
down here, — and assure you we
will welcome you if it does. You
will find a good road all the
way down now.

Yours cordially

Ray S. Underwood

LC Cobalt

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LAKE CITY, MINN.
27 October 1917.

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Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 25th. I will cover the topic as best I can. You do not say how much time, but I suppose you do not want more than ten minutes. Please advise me about this.

I have been looking thru the reports and think I can get along without bothering you about citations from them. On reflection I can readily see if you go that length, you might just as well write the paper yourself as to get me to do it. I know it would be better done, but I suppose we all ought to respond with our share of the work when we are called on, and I am willing, as Barnes said.

Father left for the Coast day before yesterday, and I am glad to say that for the first time he has ever gone away for the winter, he seemed to really enjoy the idea. I know the only regret he had was in not being able to attend the meeting.

I realize that I have not been a very active member of the Society so far as the annual meetings are concerned, but it has not been because of lack of interest but rather because family affairs have made it impossible. I am glad to say things have shaped themselves this year so I can attend the meeting and try to make a good job of it this time.

Yours truly,

J. M. Underwood
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Mr A. W. Sathum

My dear Sir

yours of Sept. 28th in regard to a delegate
from the N. E. Ia. Hort. Socy' to your
State Meeting at hand and I am
forwarding your request to our
Pres. Mr Earl Ferris of Hampton
for his action as he has power to
appoint delegates to other Societies—
So you will probably hear from him
or myself in a short time regarding
this matter. I should very much like
to attend your Meeting again but
can scarcely see the way open for me
to do so at present— Will write you
later concerning delegate from your
Socy. to our N. E. Ia. Meeting in Nov.
Yours truly
C. H. True

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF HORTICULTURE

October 10, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Latham:

Dr. Dorsey has informed me that you would like me to give a talk before the Horticultural Society on the strawberry. The following topic, "The Relation Between Flower Parts and Fruit in the Strawberry," is the one which I have selected. I think this is a topic that will appeal more or less to the growers. If you would like to have it put in some other form, it can be readily arranged.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Valleau

Rsh. Asst. Fruit Breeding
Investigations.

WDV/MH

*Caught in the act—
How the Strawberry sets fruit.
Chinking.*

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Mr A. N. Latham

Dear Sir.

Replying to yours of the 31st Oct. will say that for some time I have been absent from home in Illinois, and did not know but what Mr Ferris our President had already given you the name of some one to represent our Society at your meeting. He had suggested some weeks ago that I should accept the appointment as delegate but I wrote him saying that I could not do so. He said that he intended to be at your meeting one day but did not care to be on your Program as he might not have time to write a Paper. It seems it has been difficult to find a delegate for some reason, and since you already have your Program in Press. Perhaps for

this year we had better omit exchange
of delegates under the circumstances
existing. However I will say that our N. E. Socy.
meeting will be held on
Wednesday & Thursday Nov. 21-22 in
the city of Manchester, Delaware Co.
and a delegate from your society
would be gladly accepted & appreciated
should you choose to send a man-
of your own choice preferably from
the Southern part of Minn. requesting
him to send me by return mail
his subject on which he is to prepare
a paper for our Program -
I regret that matters have thus shaped
themselves and caused you delay any
unnecessary anxiety -

Truly yours

C. H. True

Secy.

A. W. Harrison, Rochester.