



Minnesota State  
Horticultural Society Letters  
Received and Sent.

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San Diego Calif Dec-1-1894

My Dear Latham,

I had laid out so much work for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> that I can only spare a few minutes to communicate with you and the old friends of long ago, before departure of next mail

No doubt you and many others would rejoice to see me in your midst again, but you must not entertain any such thoughts for many reasons. In the first place I could not, in all probability, endure either your winter's cold or summer heat. They drove me in 1885 from the land that was dearest to me of any I have found in my pilgrimage across the great continent. Being left alone on the death of my dear companion, some wrote me if I was not inclined to return to my old home and friends, with whom I had associated so many years. I was frank to confess, that often I had told people here, that Minnesota seem really my only home in this world, and all that kept me here was the thought that I would not live very long in a climate of such extremes. The ties that bind us pioneers to each other and our dear North Star State are very, very strong, especially as we near the end of our pilgrimage here below.

Another very serious consideration is the want of time for I have been very busy, for years and there will probably be not let up as I have lately added Cacti and seeds to my business. These are mainly sold at the east and in Europe - Thanksgiving day I spent in going about among the people who grow Smilax and *Mina Lobata*. Of the latter I have two orders from Germany amounting to twenty two pounds, while an order has just come from Chicago for 15 lbs of next seasons Crop of Smilax - This is grown here largely on north side of houses, while *Mina Lobata* must have plenty of sun to perfect the seed, which is all important with me though it blooms well in partial shade. This is our most beautiful summer climber, and I have lately been thinking what a treat it would be to Minnesotians that have never been to southern Calif if they could be here while the grand Mexican climber is in its glory. This blooms here about half the year while the *Bougainvillea*, or one kind at least blooms all the year. I have looked in vain for certain ones of your society to visit us or come here to make a home, but I shall continue look and hope sooner or later to look take them by the hand as of you when our eyes were brighter and our heads less white.

L. M. Ford

San Diego Calif. Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1898

Friend Latham,

I see from last Month, that the bound volume will soon be ready to distribute. You have neglected to inform me how many I can have of these, though I made inquiry some time ago. Please let me know without delay, and also if the Prim halls have applied for any.

They gave away the last magazine, and have not shown sufficient <sup>interest</sup> in the matter of their father's pictures and sketches to call on me for anything. I am much surprised at this and I supposed they would act in quite a different manner. They may not ask for a single copy of bound volume.

I would also like to know if the volumes are prepared for mailing at your office or the printer. The reason I wish to know is owing to the fact that I am getting my poem "Thirty score Years and Ten" <sup>printed</sup> and I would like much to send you a number to be put in the Fransette to certain members, especially those with whom I am acquainted and perhaps some others. This of course depends on whether our pictures are in the volume.

Let me hear from you soon and oblige

Yours sincerely  
L. W. Ford

P.S. I do most of my writing in bed of late as it is the best place to keep my feet warm, and especially my left ankle which becomes so numb towards night that I can hardly walk. It did not trouble me so much in the summer though at times it was bad enough. After supper I now get in bed where the ankle soon gets warm and feels natural again. What will be the result of this want of circulation no one seems to know.

I have come very near going down several times since I had that attack last March. Hence I write as little as possible and take all the rest possible and carry on my business. My head has that severe pain on left side quite often, which worries me greatly.

I am trying to keep up my strength and trust in the good Shepherd for safe keeping instead of taking medicine which most people would do. I am truly thankful that I am no worse. Yours &c  
F.

General Lusk - It is desired that the  
revision of the premium list for the  
State fair be prepared and ready to be  
submitted to the Board of Managers of  
the State Fair within 30 days.

I Enclose a few notes taken at State Fair  
for your perusal - I wish you would take  
premium list and make such corrections  
and additions as you think best and  
let me have it to consider and when  
we have agreed upon what is best we  
will submit it to the other members of  
Ex Com for their approval or revision -  
We had a meeting of State <sup>aff</sup> Board of Managers at  
L. K. Hall yesterday. Elected Randall Secy. Muffit Treas  
discussed in an informal way the methods to be  
adopted the coming year. Did not go into details  
only suggestions in a preliminary way. Revision  
of Premium list will be taken up at the next meet-  
ing of board. Our department was not discussed at  
all -

Respectfully  
Wm. W. Elliott

P.S. I left some Sweet Peas - Zenith Balsam seeds  
in the office opposite your door - Mrs. White can  
bring them and give me proper credit - W.E.

OFFICE OF  
W. H. EDDY,  
PROPRIETOR OF  
VICTOR NURSERY  
and SEED FARM.  
HOWARD LAKE, MINN.

100

Jan 28-1898

Dear Mr. Latham

Enclose please find Money  
order of 1.00 for the pay-  
ment of Membership fee  
for one year by Mrs. Kruger  
New. Paynesville Minn  
You may mail same to  
his address & you may mail  
him Green's Amateur Fruit Grower  
which I would desire as a  
premium & for his premium  
he would desire the three first  
listed in Premium list;

Mr. Peterson has not recd.  
his Horticulturist yet, I am  
going to try & meet with  
you people at our summer meeting  
I remain yours truly  
W. H. Eddy

~~LIST OF MINNESOTA FARMER'S INSTITUTES FOR JAN. 1898.~~

*date side*

<del>Hutchinson, McLeod, Co.</del>	<del>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday, Jan. 11 &amp; 12.</del>	<del>✓ - 1.10.98</del>
Jordan, Scott, Co.	Friday " Saturday, " 14 " 15.	✓ - 1.12.98
Litchfield, Meeker, Co.	Tuesday " Wednesday, " 18 " 19.	✓ - 1.17.98
Willmar, Kandiyohi, Co.	Friday " Saturday, " 21 " 22.	✓ - 1.17.98
Granite Falls, Yellow Medicine, Co.	Tuesday & Wednesday, Jan. 25 & 26.	✓ - 1-25-98
Marshall, Lyon, Co.	Friday & Saturday, " 28 " 29.	✓ - 1-26-98
Sleepy Eye, Brown, Co.	Tuesday & Wednesday, Feb. 1 & 2.	✓ - 1-31-98
Redwood Falls, Redwood, Co.	Friday & Saturday, " 4 & 5.	✓ - 1-31.98

~~This is as far as the institutes are definitely arranged, but as fast as we have them established we will let you know.~~

Yours Truly.

J. C. Curryer.

*Farmers Institute*

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and SEED FARM.  
HOWARD LAKE, MINN.

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Dec 22 - 1897  
Mr C. St. Latham, Secy.  
Mpls. Minn.

Ans

Dear sir,

Mr G. P. Ekgren, of Waverly Mills  
Minn. claims the Membership of  
our good society for one year.  
Enclosed find \$7.00 by money order for  
the payment of membership fee,  
Mr Ekgren claims as premium  
4 Alder Knap, 1 Gen Jacquinet, 1 Brighton  
You may mail same to G. P. Ekgren  
Waverly Mills  
Minn

I will take the cherry for mine  
Will you please tell me how & when  
is the time to sow pine seeds,  
Awaiting your advice  
I remain yours fraternally  
W. H. Eddy

OFFICE OF  
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PROPRIETOR OF  
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and SEED FARM,  
HOWARD LAKE, MINN.

✓ 100

Dec. 18-1894

See C. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Block

Mpls Minn

Please mail H. N. Smith the  
Minn Horticulturist - for one year  
Enclose find Money order for \$1.00  
for the payment of same,

Mr H. N. Smith desires 4 Older Raspberries  
6 Hibernial grafts & 2 flowering Scourby  
as his premiums,

I will take the cherry tree for mine  
The new Member Mr Magnus Peterson

I wrote you a few days ago desired  
6 Mission grafts 4 Older Raspberries  
1 Gen Jacquard, for Premiums,

We have a heart in helping our good  
old society along & I hope to meet  
with you at our next meeting,

Yours Very truly

W H Eddy

N. G. ERNST

BREEDER OF

S. C. Brown Leghorns and Black Langshans,

Jan. 18. 1898

Dodge Center Minn. ~~Oct 10 1897~~

A. W. Latham,

~~My Dear Friend~~

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:— Enclosed you will find \$2.00 for ~~which please~~ my membership fee for '98.

and I also send a new member, Mr. F. M. Phelps.

Dodge Center, Minn.

I have selected premiums No. 2, 5 and 6.

My premiums were not sent last year. Please send them this year, and oblige.

Yours truly,

N. G. Ernst.

P.S. Please send me Green's Amateur Fruit Growing, as a premium for sending subscriber.

O. W. FREEMAN,  
Attorney at Law.

REFERENCES:  
ADRIAN STATE BANK,  
ADRIAN EXCHANGE BANK.

Adrian, Minnesota, July 5, 1898

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Gentlemen:

Minneapolis Minn.

Being a new member of your society  
in your list of premiums please send me

No 13-14 & No 1

Yours  
O. W. Freeman

OFFICE OF  
W. H. EDDY,  
PROPRIETOR OF  
VICTOR NURSERY  
and SEED FARM.  
HOWARD LAKE, MINN.

Jan 4 - 1898

Secy A. C. Latham

Mpls Minn

Dear sir

Will you please mail me a few  
List<sup>s</sup> of 1898 for the guidance of  
planters in Minn, for to distribute  
among people interested in fruit  
& will you kindly inform me How &  
When is the best time to plant  
Evergreen seed or put it in the  
Horticulturist, I asked this question once  
before, yours Fraternalle

W. H. Eddy

A complete supply of, general

Nursery Stock

Hardy; Forest Fruit, Shade  
and Evergreen trees, Shrubs,  
Plants, Roses, Etc. Forest tree  
seedlings, and Cuttings.

OFFICE OF

WRIGHT COUNTY NURSERY.

JOHN EKLOF. Nurseryman,

Stockholm  
Cokato Minn. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 1898

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis

Dear sir

I note in the Horticulturist that my  
Cuff button has been found. If it  
answers the description, please send it  
It was a lever button, pearl inlaid  
with the letter, B in center, outside,  
square with corners rounded

Yours very truly

John Eklof

sent  
1-10-98

P.S. I see all advertising space in the  
Horticulturist is taken up, will wait  
there might be a chance some time  
in the future

J. E.

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Plants, Roses, Etc. Forest tree  
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WRIGHT COUNTY NURSERY.

JOHN EKLOF, Nurseryman,

Stockholm

Cokato Minnesota Dec 21st 1897

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear sir

Your letter received to day. you may  
insert an advertisement for me in  
the Horticulturist. The space held  
by Mr. Pearce on the inside page is  
preferred (space marked \$4.50)

Will pay in installments.

Accompanying find copy of about  
what I want inserted.

Yours Respy.

John Eklof

12.24.97

Elk River, Minn

Mr. A. W. Latham. 1/4 '98.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir, - Please discontinue  
sending "The Minnesota Horticulturist"  
to my address as given below.  
I am sorry to have my name  
taken off from the list of  
members. But, I am compelled  
to do so, as I am about to  
leave here, soon, to be gone  
a year or two.

May the Society continue to do  
its good work, as ever.

Very Respectfully  
Mr. Andrew Engbreten  
Elk River  
Minn.