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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLOCK.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15, 1898

Mr. E. H. S. Dartt,
Dear Friend:

I find on looking over my files that I failed to get your paper on "Does Experience Promise Minnesota a Hardy, Long-keeping Apple," which you read at our late meeting. Kindly mail it to me at an early date and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham, Secy

Also on "The Duchess Apple in Minnesota and How to Handle It."

Did you go to Mrs. Morris's

Dec 17th

A. W. L. (This way of addressing you may be ^{according to Wedge} undignified)

Have just returned from Ia meeting find a pile of letters to answer and must of necessity be brief you know I am not lengthy (tall) usually I only promised you a paper or a talk on the Duchess and I gave you the talk which you will among the reported transactions I also opened up the subject of Long keeping a files which you will also find A report of the Ia meeting you will get after a while It is yours to command and mine to obey but I will rebel often enough so that it can not be truthfully charged that I am ^{not} owned by any man or combination of men Yours for peace but I am ready to fight the devil and devilish schemes at the drop of the hat

J. M. UNDERWOOD, Pres't
J. COLE DOUGHTY, Sec'y.



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Friend Latham.

Yr card of a day or so ago rec'd. Don't you think it would be a good idea to change yr dress once a year?

We would like to use the same cut of space on the cover of the May & June but would like to have it at the top of the inside of the cover. As we are the biggest "space users" can't you favor us, again we would like to have our ad set over & dressed up & with that in view I have you subject matter - Have yr printer see how today he can make it & send me a proof in time for a kick & let me know about position.

We'll fire a "bill" at you in a day or so —

Yours &c

A Happy New Year to you & yours
Doughty

J. M. UNDERWOOD, PRES'T.
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DICTATED BY

TO

Mr. A. W. Latham...2.

Should you determine to make any defence of this character, the writer will possibly be able to furnish you a little information that would have the virtue at least of being true.

Yours truly,

J. Cole Doughty
Sec'y



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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA, Apr. 9, 1898.

DICTATED BY J. C. D. TO N. K. S.

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

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of the enclosed letter, which will explain itself. We want to give Mr. Brace such information as will be of value to him. I have sent him a copy of the fruit list for 1898 and have advised him to join the Society, telling him you would send him all the bound volumes of the reports (back numbers) so far as you had them. I also said that you would give him data and reference to such reports and communications as bear directly upon the subject embraced in his letter.

We regard this communication as of more than ordinary interest inasmuch as it relates to the dissemination of fruit through a large district and we shall certainly appreciate your efforts to assist us in giving him intelligent and reliable information, as I presume whatever we recommend will be widely distributed. I trust that we are not imposing too much upon you, but, as stated, we feel that we ought to give Mr. Brace's letter more than ordinary consideration. At your leisure, kindly advise me what action you have taken. I have sent him a copy of the fruit list for 1898 marked as per duplicate copy sent you. Those varieties which we have put a circle around we recommend as maturing early enough to be of value in that section. The items we have erased are scarce and cannot be recommended for the general public because of the fact that they are not grown in sufficient quantity to enable anybody to fill orders true to name.

Permit me to criticise the fruit list as usually made up in this respect. For instance, in apples the Charlemoff is recommended very highly, and yet I question if you could find one thousand of them grown anywhere in the United States in one body. Again, in plums Ocheda, New Ulm, Surprise, and Mankato are all recommended for trial and yet to save our souls we cannot get one hundred of a variety at a price at which we can afford to handle them to our customers. It is a mistake to put anything on the fruit list until we know there is sufficient of the article produced to fill all orders that are likely to result therefrom.

J. M. U. submitted Dr. Friselle's letter to me. I would like to write the answer to it, but I presume it would not be politic. I have, however, sufficient respect for the Dr.'s honesty to believe that were he convinced of the facts as they exist, he would not allow his prejudices to warp his judgment so far as to make an absolutely false statement. Why would it not be a good idea when you have your report complete and itemized to invite Dr. Friselle, Mr. Collins, Mr. May and Mr. Brand to come in and verify it. This is simply a thought, but it strikes me it would disarm them. You people cannot always afford to let them attack you without making a response. There is a general public that has something to say regarding the state institutions and particularly the appropriations necessary to maintain them, who will accept the statements that they see published as facts unless controverted in such manner as to deprive them of their influence, and they will ultimately, through their representatives, give you folks a black eye when you come to ask for an appropriation.

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W. LATHAM,
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207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Owatonna Min Oct 18th 1898

A. W. L. I can answer your question with
just one word - Yes. And I dont propose
to fool away 5 minutes in what seems to
me a useless drawing of words so
please excuse me. If you like I will
give you a five minute paper or talk
on the Duchess Apple crop in Min and
how to handle it. The law requires
that I report at your winter meeting
in person and if I am unable I will
comply with the law.

Truly
Yours
E. H. S. Dartt



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Minneapolis, Minn.

~~My~~ will endeavor to
prepare a short
paper upon the sub-
ject you have given
me, but it will be
very short and very
simple. I never like
to shirk what is really
a duty, but I am sorry
you asked me to write
as there are so many
younger members
who might write in-
teresting papers.

Yours truly

Oct. 22, 1898.

L. A. Danforth.



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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA, Nov. 14, 1898.

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

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Underwood has been consulting me concerning the advisability of making overtures toward MR. L. L. May. My judgement would be to let him entirely alone. From my conversation with him immediately after the last election, I am satisfied that he has no friendship for anyone in connection with the present management. There is liable to be a change at least in the Presidency at the next election, and I should say - make no overtures toward Mr. May until after the elction. If you give him an invitation which implies an opportunity to appear before the association with a paper, you invite him to be present, and you also place him in a position where he will renew many old acquaintances and form some new ones, and in fact you might precipitate another tow, when if he is simply ignored, he probably will not put in an appearance.

This does not deprive him of any of the rights he enjoys as a member of the association. If he has anything to say at any time, he has a right as a member, to come forward with it..

This is my judgement in regard to Mr. May, and I see no reason whatever for modifying it.

If you can see anything to gain, then you might make overtures, but he now stands in the attitude of an enemy, and is not to be converted by the extension of a little courtesy..

I should say by all means, just let the matter rock along, and it will take care of itself.

Very truly yours,

J. Cole Doughty
Sec'y

J C D-S L D

Owatonna Minn Nov 30-98

A. W. Latham Secy.

Minneapolis Minn. Dear Sir -

Enclosed find \$2.00

membership Hort. Society '98 + '99. I suppose
a County Surveyor ought to know enough
horticulture to tell a hackberry from a gooseberry
Especially when the latter are used as witness trees (?)
Please mail the '97 volume and the '98, when
ever it is ready, to me here

Yours very truly
Harvey S. Darr.

E. H. S. DARTT,

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the center of a population
of about 6,000.

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Owatonna, Minn., Aug 5th, 1898

A. W. S. I am a little concerned about
that visit - Am afraid you have
planned a "flying visit" that wont
do. you should have at least six
hours of daylight here and if more
still better you should certainly
look over my Orchards and my
Apple-house that I am now reconstruct-
ing with cold storage attachments
that will require at least 2 hours time
you will certainly need two hours
more in nursery (ought to have 5 hours)
in noting effects of girdling testing fruit
and making notes - then there is the
orchard of 800 trees and you should
spend at least an hour looking over
state school & grounds I think you
had better take your 4-30 train
over

- arrive here a little after 7 - walk up to
supper which we will have ready - visit
that evening and I will hustle you
around ^{next day} so that you can take the 4 PM
train for home I want all to come that
can spare the time and all come
together. That will be more pleasant
for you Now write me telling the day
and hour of your arrival and depart
ure, ^{and I will} fix things so that there will be no
bad break Apples going fairly well at
paying prices Have sold at least 600 bush

Yours Truly

E H S Dartt

How do you like my new envelope?
You get the first one out

Hon. Wyman Elliott. 2.

We enclose herewith copy of a letter we have written to Mr. Randall. We do this thinking that it might possibly stop his disposing of some of the space that we certainly want to occupy.

Will you kindly advise us whether or not we can depend upon having the space indicated in our diagram, as we want to know definitely, so we can perfect our arrangements as rapidly as possible, as we don't want to spend a cent more money until the matter is decided .

Thanking you for an early response, we are

Very truly yours,

Hale Doughty
Secretary

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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA. Aug. 8, 1898.

Dictated by J C D TO S L D

Hon. Wyman Elliott,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:- Our Mr. Nordine returned from Hamline very much dissatisfied and disappointed. If you will remember, last year we put up the best exhibition of fruit that has ever been put up by any individual or any firm, at any of our State Fairs. It was our desire to improve upon it this season, if possible.

Mr. Nordine advises us that he met Mr. Randall at the Horticultural Building and that Mr. R. was so anxious to sell privileges that he was disposed to restrict our space in such a manner as will prohibit our making any exhibition whatever.

Your experience doubtless teaches you that it costs a great deal of money to get up an exhibition of this character, and again, you know that all we get out of it is the advertising. Unless we can go into this in such a way as will bring us in mighty good advertising returns, we don't care to go into it.

We enclose herewith a diagram showing what we regard as absolutely necessary if we are to go ahead with it on the lines proposed. We have already been to some expense in this matter, and do not care to spend any more money until we know for a certainty that we can have the space indicated. We can cut it off now without much loss. Unless we can make an exhibit that will constitute an attractive horticultural display, and at the same time be a credit to us, we don't care to go into the enterprise at all.

I presume Mr. Randall will take exception to the 6 feet of space we have indicated as necessary in front of our exhibit. Last year, with all the space in one of the main entrances, crowds frequently assembled in front of our display to such an extent as to impede travel and make it difficult for people to get in and out. We had thought to obviate this this season, by securing space across the end of the building. There is always a disposition and desire on the part of the people to cross the hall, and with at least four feet taken up by the people who are interested in fruits, and securing information, and so on, there will be none too much room with the 6 foot space.

Mr. Nordine advises us that Mr. Randall was endeavoring to dispose of some of this space to a lot of candy fakirs, and others who desire privileges for profit. It seems to us that the first consideration should be to make a good exhibition. The Horticultural Hall is none too large any way.

We don't want to be selfish in this matter, or to crowd any other fruit exhibitors out, but we do feel that the first consideration ought to be for a decent exhibition.

We propose to use all the space we have asked for, and to try to fill it in such a manner as will be a credit and a pleasure to every body concerned.

E. W. Randall. 2.

We would therefore request that you advise us at your earliest convenience, if there is any objection to our having the space indicated.

We have written Mr. Elliott, Sup't of the Horticultural Department, in very much the same language, but we forward this communication to you, so that you will not make any arrangements that will cripple us or deter us from making our exhibition, until you have had an opportunity to see Mr. Elliott, who will doubtless confer with you in regard to the matter at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA. AUG. 8, 1898.

Dictated by J C D TO S L D

Mr. E. W. Randall,
Hamline, Minn.

Dear Sir:- Our Mr. Nordine, on his return from St. Paul lays before us the suggestions you made in regard to the disposition of the space we were going to occupy for our display in the State Horticultural Building. We had supposed that this matter was already adjusted through Mr. Wyman Elliott of the Horticultural Department. It was our purpose to make the finest display of fruits that had ever been exhibited at any of our State Fairs, but in order to do this we must have suitable floor and wall room.

You are doubtless aware that it costs us considerable money to make a display of this character, and we don't care to go into it at all unless we can do it in such a way as will be a credit to the Association, and a good advertisement for ourselves. This of course, is all we get out of it, aside of the satisfaction of knowing that we have contributed to the success of the State Fair as a whole.

We enclose herewith a diagram showing what we think will be absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of our display. We have already made some investment in this direction, but before going into the matter any further we desire to know whether we will be accommodated in the matter of space. It would be folly for us to put up a lot of fruit on shelves against the side of the wall. In order to make a fruit display where people can see it, and if necessary, examine the fruit, it must be put on shelving built upon the plan of a stairway or steps, with the lower shelves projecting into the room.

Again, we must have space in front of the shelves, not only to handle the fruit, but also to handle our catalogues, and allow people to pass back and forth in front of our exhibit. This we found very important last season, especially when we had a crowd of 40 or 50 people to be entertained by one or two persons.

Again, this space is necessary in order to protect the fruit from the depredations of small boys, and people who are disposed to lift the samples.

Again, in regard to the passage way in front of our stand, we beg to say that last season, we had full as much or more space than we have indicated, and at times it was difficult then to get through, on account of the number of people who were interested in the fruit display. By having 6 feet we can probably take care of the people who are interested, and desire an opportunity to examine the different fruits, and still leave sufficient space for others to cross the room. Our experience last season justifies us in the assertion that we shall absolutely need every foot of the space indicated. There was nothing in the Horticultural Hall that attracted so many people for so long a time as our fruit exhibit. This season we desire to improve upon it.

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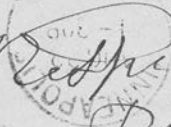
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Friend Lathern

I think I can

Show about 30 varieties of standard
apples and 20 varieties of hybrids and Crabs
and about 15 varieties of seedlings and
a few Russian varieties

Respectfully
Ditus Day



Direct to J J Davis
Dassel Minn

Dassel Minn
Oct the 13 98

Sir I sent for the
Minnesota Horticulture
last Spring and sent
for the Premiums the
numbers were 7 and 8
and 10 I got the Horticulture
all right but never
got the Premiums
and I thought that
it might be to late
in the Spring and
you would send
them in the fall
if so when shall
I look for them please
let me know and
oblige