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A. W. Latham, Sec'y

Minneapolis

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207. Kasota Blk -

Sept 12-98 THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Friend Latham -

If you have a place for house in winter I would like to send you a few ovals, especially of a popular sort here, such as I am sending to John Lewis Childs, who is sending it out with a big name and high price. It blooms here all winter, and is very showy, with large pink blossoms. With you it must be valuable as a house plant, and Childs gave me an order for 20,000 bulbs, but I could only get 6000, as many have thrown them away not knowing their value east.

The 25 Magazines came duly to hand for which please accept many thanks from yours
L. W. Ford

Eureka, March 31, 1898.

A.W.Lathum,

" Dear Friend; Having just returned to my cottage, I find among other accumulated mail matter your circular of Feb 25, asking " for whom you voted for Pres, " at Hort Society Election. In view of the fact that the last election of the Hort Society was a consummate farce, made such by the conduct of its officers, especially that of Wyman Elliott, I am surprised that you should propose to still farther extend the farcical performance by asking a recount: for, to my positive knowledge many of those who voted (who were dragged in by Mr. Elliott from the corridors and offices of the Court House) did not know for whom they voted. You probably have not forgotten that at the mid summer meeting at St Anthony Park a few years since, a highly indignant and virtuous(?) resolution, (drawn up by Prof.Green, seconded by Underwood and presented by the "self sacrificing and unselfish" Wyman Elliott and voted for by yourself and friends,) condemning the conduct of O.F.Brand for a previous effort to elect his son as secy of the Society. If I remember rightly that resolution contemplated the disciplining of Mr. Brand to the extent of expelling him from the Society. What has become of that resolution? And how would it do to apply it to Mr. Elliott who with his son-in-law, brought to the poll on the occasion of the Hort.Election, a large number of the employees of the Court House to vote for J.M. Underwood, some of whom at least, did not pay any membership fee and I doubt if any of them did. I am with many other members convinced that Mr. Brand would have been elected if only legal members had voted. One more fact relative to the election is that C.W.Sampson was not legally elected treasurer by your single vote, for the constitution declares " that, the treasurer shall be elected by ballot personally cast by the members". Since you with three others conspired and secured a radical change in the constitution, with the direct object of making your position as secretary practically permanent and the executive Board the same, questionable practices have crept into the doings of the Society much to its damage, and if persisted in will negative its usefulness. A Board of officers who practically elect and reelect themselves for five years are liable to fall into the error of thinking that they own the society, and appropriate to themselves its benefits and emoluments. It is a significant fact that nearly every official of the Society is either a Nursery man or a Florist and that they use the Society to advertise their wares. Another suspicious fact is that these officers (who by the new constitution control the funds) increase at pleasure their salaries. The Pres. salary was doubled last year and yours increased by \$200. When you were first elected secretary, your salary was \$500, and you furnished your own office room. Last year you drew as salary \$800 besides having all your office expenses paid. your zeal in securing a large membership is readily accounted for by the corresponding increase in your salary, and this fact if published would make our efforts to increase the interest in horticulture appear absurd and selfish. you already know my opinion of the official Board securing a large amount in premiums last season and I need not enlarge on it, but I was very much surprised (as well as many others) when the matter of premiums being taken by the officers of the Society was under discussion, to hear you say that "I did not take any premiums" when it was generally understood that you were a member of the firm E.Nagle & Co., which firm took \$67.50 and of course you took a part of that amount.

One more item: I understand that you are not paying Smith & Harrison for printing the Horticulturist, but incurring a debt to be paid by the Society in future. Would it not have been better to have used the money that you and the Pres. appropriated in increased salary to pay these bills in part at least? But I will not discuss Hort. matters further at present and you must excuse me for taking so much of your time in telling you for whom I voted at the last Hort. Society Election. Fraternally Wm W. Fisselle

Osaka Apr. 21. 1848.

A. M. Satham

Dear Sir.

I have your favors of the 4th + 5th inst^s before me with your solicitation to come to your office to receive "pointers" and a general correction of views relative to the official conduct of affairs connected with the State Hort. Society, and to explain from your records the many apparent discrepancies which are exciting some comment in the Society and the community. I sincerely thank you for this generous offer, but as I am very busy and have no explanations to make nor apologies to offer I cannot consistently go to your office to hear your explanations or to secure a correction of my views or even to get the pointers you kindly offer; but shall be glad to receive you at my cottage and to respectfully hear your explanations

In the second edition of your reply I note with much surprise your statement and "pointer", "that every person who cast a ballot for president at the late election was a fully qualified Member and his fee had been paid and name registered before he voted"

This statement I positively know is not true for one person at least who was an old member whom I saw vote told me that they had not paid their fee.

In your financial statement published in the Horticulturist you charge the Treas. acct with 50\$ Pres. Salary. Now you state the Pres. did not have any salary. Which statement is true? And if the Pres. did not have any salary where does the 50\$ appear in the acct?

I suspect that your famous account and other records are about as reliable as the above. You seem to have two methods of arguing a point, either

to carry a point^(3.) by a sort of
Sweet-Milk blamey or by a bluff.
Why do you not tell me what became
of that virtuous resolution Censuring
Mr. Brand which the pious(?) Elliot
opposed and you voted for? And why
do you not condemn the infamous Con-
duct of Elliot at the last election. Give
me that "point" please. I want you to
understand that though I am friendly
to Mr Brand I do not necessarily indorse
every thing that he says or does and you
also want to bear in mind that when a
person is persecuted as the present officials
of the Hort. Society have persecuted Brand
there will likely be a good many who
will befriend and defend him.

I think the explosion between Prof. Green and
Mr Brand at the Annual Meeting was disgrace-
ful to both especially to Prof Green who called
Mr Brand an old member ^{a liar} - one who was his
peer in attainments, intelligence and integrity
and his superior in age.
(over)

I understand that you have said
that "there would probably be some
changes next year in the Official Board"
It is a pity that such change had
not taken place years ago.

You are right when you think that I
have the real interests of the Society
at heart but when I note that you
retain a scheming, pot-house politician,
an Alderman - one of a company who
are charged with offences against the
public good - several of whom have been
tried for criminal conduct, I say when
you keep such a man on the Board I
shall seriously if not publicly object.
One more bit of conduct on which I should
like a "pointer". It appears that there are
16 officers of the Society whose expenses are
paid to attend the Annual Meeting and
a few others who have Voluntary Experiment
Stations (I don't know how many) who of course
are expected to vote with the combine. This with
a large amt. of premiums taken by officials has a
bad look - I shall be pleased to see you soon
here. Please let me know when to expect you
Respectfully Yours W. H. Triselle

Cobden Minn

Oct 20-98

Dear Sir

In regard
to yours of the 15, will
say that my father
is dead, that I have charge
of the place. I have not
had much experance in
nursery yet. I have 500 trees,
have not ben here over
two months the trees are
all to young to bear.
I will prepor a paper
in a nuther year.

Yours Truly

S. C. Fredericksen.

Brown, Co Cobden, Minn.

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The Minnesota Horticulturist
A. W. Latham, Editor
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Minn.

Austin Nov. 10-98

Please send to my address
ten (10) numbers of

"The Minnesota Horticulturist"
of the issue of November 1898.

I wish them for distribution. If
any remuneration is desired, please
tell me amount, and I will remit.



Jonathan Freeman
Box 9, Austin
Dec 11. 11. 98 Minn.

L.A.F.

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A. W. LATHAM,

Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dodge Center Minn, Oct 21. 1898

A. W. Balham,

Minneapolis, Minn. —

Y^{rs} Dear Sir: — In answer
to your letter I will say that
I have begun the preparation
for the paper.

I am not sure I
meeting but hope
Yours truly,



attend the
N. C. Orust.

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A. W. LATHAM,

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207 Kasota Block,

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Burley Nov 14-1898

Mr A W Latham Minneapolis

Dear Sir You have asked me to prepare
a paper on growing seedling apples. I am not
prepared to do it this fall. I will try and
do it in the future. am sorry you
should have so much trouble for my sake

P J Ferris



Send to the Secretary for folder describing the Society and its work and copy of its Magazine.

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLOCK.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 4, 1898. 189

Dear Friend:

A petition has come in from Excelsior, signed by about one hundred citizens there, accompanied by a similar one from the town and village boards, asking us to hold our winter meeting there. They have very suitable hall accommodations, and we can find places to stay there at \$1.00 per day. Will you please let me know at once what you think of this, as the decision must be made without delay? There are a large number of members at Excelsior who are very loyal to the society, as you know.

Yours in haste,

*This is agreeable to me if the rest of the board
desire to go there - get a full Expression from
the other members - It would please me very
much to go out there*

Respectfully

Wynnan Elliot

OFFICE OF

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south west from Cokato,

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Cokato Minn. DEC. 2- 1898..... 189

Mr A. W. Latham
Secy. Minn. State Horticultural Society
Minneapolis Minn

Dear sir

Enclosed find my paper on "strawberry
growing. I do not expect to be as
fortunate as to attend the coming
meeting of the society. My best wishes
is with you. Hoping you will elect
good men as officers. I am which
we were successful last year although
the enemy did their utmost
Enclosed find \$1.00 my membership fee

Yours fraternally
John Ekblom
Stockholm
Minn

One ✓
1.00

Dodge Center Dec 1. 1898.
A. W. Batham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:—

I am sorry
that it happens so I
cannot attend the Annual
meeting of the Horti-
cultural Society.

I enclose my paper, which
can be read by or some one
else.

Yours truly,
N. C. Conant.

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State Fair of 1898, September 5 to 10.

Div. "G," Horticulture and Floriculture—WYMAN ELLIOT, Supt.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 25, 1898

Friend Latham

Envelope is over you
left at my office several days
ago - I think it is all right
I want to see you about arranging
the hall. I spoke to Randall about
the stairs a week or so. We should
decide how we want hall fixed
soon - Is it best to go out next
month and discuss the price
question? I am in a hurry
of Synthesis now every day.
am home only 9 to 10 in office
in forenoon. sometimes in P.M.
I am free -

Respectfully

Wm Elliot
on horticulture are by a J. Wilson, and
my good will

San Diego Calif Nov. 30th 1897.

My Dear Latham

Yours of 24th came to hand yesterday, and you will help help matter very much. You speak of putting my picture opposite of my wife's. Would it not be better to have it come in just after her sketch? If we can get a few of those slips which I sent you, most of which you printed in last volume, and place in loose by our pictures, for her relatives and mine a great want will be supplied in regard to several facts. By referring to what we printed in connection with her picture, nothing is said about her age, time of death &c. It tells however when we were married. I may have mentioned these things, but if so you left them ^{out} as they had already appeared in North's obituary of first notice of her death. In writing about Mr. Pringle I was careful to bring out something that had already appeared in your paper.

Most I care about myself and future, is to be recorded as the "pioneer nurseryman and florist". Being long and prominently connected with these interests of the state and having much to do with papers of various kinds I am pretty well known by all old settlers, hence there is not
over

so much importance attached to my biography at this time.

You can make a note as you suggest about where to find more about me, in connection with our pictures or put it in your "Corner" or both.

I have a few copies left of the 200 printed here, and I can no doubt collect some from friends who rec'd their share. Or in case of necessity the slips could be reprinted.

What I wish to know is in regard to number of bound volumes we can have, and how to get the same. If necessary some would be willing to pay rather than not to have them, as the same will have picture of Primhall and all I wrote about him and some attacks.

By reading this over several times you will I think learn just what I want. The Primhalls will want a few copies, and I want enough to send my nearest relatives and a very few others, like the Newsoms and Cavendishes of Saint Paul - Let me hear from you soon, and especially if you can have picture appear as suggested. It should be without fail. None murderer and for at three score years and ten. This I am certainly entitled to, and I wish you to see that justice is done me, and the record for preservation is simple correct.

Your sincere

S. W. Fox

P.S. I write this in my little granboon as I have time and strength, but the latter is mostly gone. I dare not write till midnight in my room as I did before that had attacks in March last.

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Friend Gathain

Enclosed is a circular letter
from Minneapolis fireworks co
I see they have all sizes of flags. and
quite cheap - What do you think would
be the best size to decorate the hall
Had cultural hall. and how many
would it take to give it a lovely
appearance - are you sending out
any circular letters to the county
members if so I wish you would
call at my office and get some
Circular State Fair cards. and
Enclose 1 2 or 3 to each envelope -
I wish you would visit Seth Kenney
and select a barrel of his sweet
Mentha ~~and~~ apples. He has a
very fine quarry orchard - urge
him to make an entry of all the
varieties he is growing -
Respectfully
Wyman Elliot

THE FORD TROPICAL NURSERY,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

My Dear Latham.

Aug. 16th 98

The Aug. No. has just come to hand & found me alive, though I had another attack on Saturday and could not walk for a short time without help.

Can you not send me some extra copies? I need them much for editorial friends and others very much - I want them especially for papers that I have lately become connected with in this country and Europe in a business way.

Let me know and oblige.

Your old friend,
L. M. Ford

Sent
25 copies
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St. Louis Park Minn. Sept. 1 - 1898

Mr A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Blk

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I have some new Red Raspberries, that I would like to exhibit at the State Fair, I will pick them next Monday Sept. 5th, and send them in Monday evening or Tuesday the 6th. What I wish to know is this, where & to whom do I have to send them, to have them exhibited by our Society.

Yours Respectfully

F. J. Empenger

St. Louis Park

Minn

St. Paul, August 2. 1898.

A. W. Latham!

Dear Sir! Your note of yesterday
at hand. In answer: We shall
exhibit, but how many square
feet our exhibit will require,
I am not able to say. We will
need a little more room than
last year and we will leave
this to your judging, how many
feet it will be.

Yours respy.

John C. Fleischer.