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A. W. Lathan, Secy.

State Horticultural Soc'y.

City.

Dear Sir: Replying to your esteemed favor of the 16th. we are pleased to know that our donation to the prize fund of the society has been so generally appreciated. Will you kindly express to the society our thanks for the kind sentiments manifested toward us.

Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Thomas & Co." with a flourish at the end.

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



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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA.

DEC 16 1898

dictated by

to

A. W. Latham, Sec'y

Dear Friend,

I did not read my paper on account of a hard cold at the time. While this paper might have been all right to keep file in a program, it is not of enough practical value to warrant printing it in the magazine, & I therefore beg that you do not require me to hand it in.

Yours sincerely
Roy Underwood

ANS'D.

DEC 27 1898

J. M. U.

Milford Iowa Dec 21st 98.
Mr J. M. Underwood,

Lake City Minn.

Dear Sir: I would like to know if there will be a printed report of the proceedings of the late meeting of the Horticultural Society. If so I would be pleased to have my name placed on the list, or to receive information as to how I may secure a copy.

Yours Resp.

L. A. Tameaux.

I wrote him to send you a \$

Oakhurst.

Lake City, Minn.



Dear Mr. Latham: Yours rec'd - & it was impossible to attend to it at once - I hope my delay has not inconvenienced you - I hardly think that Miss Danforth had a paper - at least she seemed to have only a few notes. It may be too late for this next issue, but I wish you would have her write out for the next number, an account of what has been accomplished in Northfield.

I would like to have Mrs. Galis report printed - it is full of little suggestions, & also shows that work is being done in different parts of the state already - & will go to show that our work is practical - ~~Is~~ This report - Miss White has. She also has a printed slip that it might be nice to insert - as showing that the Federation of Women's Clubs as a body are also interested in this work of Improvement - They do not reach the smaller Towns & Villages, & the Country out at all, & these are what I am after - I only remember the general tenor of it - perhaps it would not be necessary to insert all - & it might be that a few prefatory sentences would be necessary - you or Miss White can attend to that.

I enclose all I think is necessary to say of the business meeting.

With kindest regards

Anna Blundenwood



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Lake City, Minn.,

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*Recd
12.28.98*

Friend Latham,-

We are getting letters from all over the country, protest-
against the proposed Legislation. They all read as though they were
prompted from a circular letter of Patton's or Sherman's. Some of
them are written by men who could not write, unless they were told
what to say, and in this case they all read alike.

m Now tell me if you think we are making a mistake in seeking
Legislation that will put an obstacle in the way of our doing business,
looking at it from a selfish point of view. Will not the requirement
of a Bond from us, and a lisenche of \$1.00 from each agent still afford
us an adequate return, by having a tendency to shut out of competition
the irresponsible tree dealer, and give the people who are willing to
try and do a legitimate business ~~in~~ the territory uneffected by the
withering condition in which it is left after "Model Orchard" and all
the schemes of the tree sharper are worked.

In writing any of the nursesmen, dont give them
any particulars, We want to say as little as we can
& let them hunt



J. W. UNDERWOOD President

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Latham #2

It seems to me that it will work as great a hardship upon us as any one in the state or out of it, and the way it looks to me is, that if Wisc. and Ia. had a similiar law, we could well afford to put up Bonds and fill the requirements in those states by the benefit we would derive from having better territory to work in. If that would be true of us, it would be the same of ~~the~~ or any other Nurseryman in the state wanting to do a legitimate business, and would only affect those Nurserymen wishing to sell entirely to dealers. I know Minn. was better territory for us when the old law was in operation, and that since it was pronounced unconstitutional that the state has been over-run by the very clas s of tree dealers of whom we complain. To be rid of them will be a blessing to us, and a much greater blessing to those who plant trees. Is this a correct position, or am I mistaken.

Hon. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis, Minn

Cordially your friend,

J. M. Underwood
own



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Lake City, Minn., Nov. 12 '98

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Friend Latham,-

I have just been talking over the matter of you seeing May, with Cole, and I asked him to write you. He knows May a great deal better than I do. I know May when I see him but I do not think he knows me. Cole feels about May the same as I do about Brand, the less you have to do with him the better.

Wedge's letter was not enclosed by mistake but was sent by the next mail and you doubtless have it now.

Friday evening suits me for the farm school.

I am afraid that we cannot get Ludlow to do anything for us on the Okabena, and perhaps it is not best. The Peerless needs to have some one write it up while the Okabena speaks for itself.

Now a word about the rooms in the new capitol: Mr. Seabury wrote me as I told you, and he thought there would be plenty of room therein in the Bldg. for us, but Mr. Graves of Duluth thinks it is doubtful, so I pitched in and stirred the thing up and I got another letter from Seabury in which he assures me that there will be no difficulty about our getting suitable rooms, that the building will not be completed for several years. Also that the legislature provided for the necessary money but that they may have to stop work on it in 1900 and board it up, so that he thinks that my solicitude of securing rooms a little premature. However, it will be agreeable to him and to the other members of the Commission for us to have a Committee meet them on the first Tuesday in Dec, which is the 6th or the day we have our meeting.

Now I do not believe that our state will allow the building to stop for lack of sufficient appropriation. They have enough to enclose the building and having done that I feel sure they will finish it up. I do not think it is too early or that I am too premature in seeking to arrange for suitable rooms for the Soc. I did not expect they were ready to enclose them but the plans are all on paper and they can just as well have it decided upon now as to wait till they have made their plans without considering our wants and then tell us we were too late.

So I wish you would draw plans just as you think desirable and let us council with Elliott and the other members of our Executive Board and agree upon them and then see the architect, Cass Gilbert, and get him to embody our wishes in the plans for finishing up the building. It would be well if you could go down and see him. If you will call on Mr. Seabury he will be glad to go down with you.

WHB-EBD

Cordially yours,



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Lake City, Minn.,

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should be a permanent home with our library and office there where we can get at it handily and always have access during business hours, the same as with you now, and with ample room for the library. The Sec'y's of the Agri. Soc and the Dairymen's Assn. could have offices adjoining if they so wish but I suppose Mr. Randall would prefer to retain his office at his home, ^{but it} and would be available for occasional use if needed.

The same is true of the Dairymen's Assn. I think an assembly room that would hold 250 or 300 would be as large as either of the Soc. would

ever want and would answer our purpose all right. Perhaps 200 would be enough. When the Agri. Soc. met last winter in the Capitol the room was larger than they needed. The Senate room would have been very much better as the people could have heard more distinctly.

I have just received a letter from Ed. Weaver in which he expresses himself favorably to the plan. You had better go down and see the architect, Cass. Gilbert and also talk it over with Channing Seabury. I have not heard from Pres/ cooper or Sec'y. Randall in regard to the matter and I do not know whether they will favor this plan though I do not see why they should not. Probably I will hear from them soon. Anyway I expect to be up there to help look after the progame for the Agri. meetings and I will talk it over with them. What we want to do is to get the plan into shape so we can present it at the winter meeting and have the Soc. approve it.

I like the idea of the papers produced by the women, and I think we should encourage the Auxiliary movement as it is likely to be of a good deal of benefit to us.

Hon. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood



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taked the matter over with Col. Liggett the other day when he was here and he told me to write to the members of the State capitol Commission. I did so and I find there is going to be room in the Capitol and that we can ^{bring} about what has long seemed to me the best thing for us to do. I enclose you a copy of a plan I sent to each one of the Commission. Of course this was only a starter to see if we could do anything or not and I presume the plan I sketched would have to be ^{improved} ~~moderated~~ somewhat. I think the Assembly room is probably not large enough and the location of the otther rooms may not be good. I wish you would look it over and if it is not right draw a plan that you think is right and let me see it. Also tell me if we have a Committee to act in thismatter. I think we have, if so, who are they for I want our Committee to meet with with the Committee of the Agr. Soc. and agree upon a plan and then at the suggestion of Mr. Seabury, visit Mr. Gilbert the architect and arrange with him for such rooms as we would like.

I think it is important to attend to this, as already, rooms have been assigned, and we might find we could not get just what we wanted if we put it off.

My idea is to have the rooms suitable for both Societies and also ~~where~~ the State Dairymen's Assn can meet. They need an exhibition room the same as we do and I prosume the Agri. Soc. could use one. I know they are required by law to hold a three days meeting in Jan. and they want us to put on a Horticultrual program for one day. What shall it be?

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Lake City, Minn., Nov. 11th 1898

Friend Laham,-

In regard to rooms for the meeting, I think Mr. Elliott will be glad to find them and help you out and whatever you do will be satisfactory to me. Do not forget to make hotel arrangements, and we ought to get the program out as soon as possible in order to let our members know about the meetings, and so they can see it early enough to make arrangements with some one to milk the cow, while they are away.

I think you are quite right about enlisting May. He is a capable business man, and while he may do some things that would not be approved of by our Soc., we would be a good deal better^{off} to have him with us than against us this winter anyway. I do not know him very well but Cole does and I will get him to jolly him up.

I was suprised yesterday to receive an urgent request from Collins to write an article for the N. W. Agriculturist for the Dec. 15th issue, in which he expects to make horticulture an important feature. I thought probably I had better comply and have so written him

I wrote friend Wedge and enclose you his reply. Please return it. And now let us decide who it is to be. If you prefer Prendergast, see him personally and arrange it. Tell him that I told you to. If you cannot do that I will write Kimball or Bush, whichever one you wish, but I want to get ready and not² make any mistakes.

As to the rooms in the Capitol building, my idea is that it should be a permanent home



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Friend Latham,-

Your favor at hand.

I should not go to Excelsior to amend the Constitution. I am sure we can take care of that anywhere, but it takes some cheek to say that in face of the very discouraging ^{election} returns we are getting. I am glad I do not live in Minneapolis or St. Paul, particularly Minneapolis, a place that will go back on as good a man as Eustis and elect a crank like Lind, and only a one-armed crank at that.

I will be satisfied with whatever arrangements you and Elliot make, but Elliot said he could get larger rooms than we had at the Court House, and it seems to me that we will need them, but we can conform to the circumstances. If we have more fruit than we can display on the table we will leave it in the barrels. I think you ought to have a good exhibition room and then have it well ornamented with plants from the greenhouse and make an attractive display. That is what we would do if we held it here in Lake City and this is only a little "one Hoss town". It is all right to leave some places on the program vacant and give us all a chance to work our chin. The ladies should have all the time they want and I think Miss. White and Mrs. Underwood are in a fair way to have a booming Auxiliary Soc. Mrs. U. Will indicate her views on another sheet.

I now have come to an important matter. You know I have been trying to have a committee provide a home for our Soc. I do not remember who the Committee was or whether I was one of them, but in



LAKE CITY, MINN., FEB 10 1897 189

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Editor "Minnesota Horticulturalist",
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

A copy of the February number of the Minnesota Horticulturalist has been handed me and my attention called to the biography and obituary of one of our old residents, Phineas A. Jewell. This sketch I wish to reproduce, with your permission in the columns of the Republican and am desirous of obtaining the cut which forms the frontispiece of this article. Will you kindly loan me this cut to run over biography in our next issue.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Von Vleck,
Publisher

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Lake City, Minn., Oct. 19, 198. 189

Friend Latham,-

I return the list of books for the library with a few additions, and also the Life Membership Certificate.

I agree with you about the girl, and I think to secure the best results, you ought to take some nice branches off an apple tree, and fasten on some apples: with such other accessories as would be necessary to make a fine picture. Then get the prettiest little girl in Minneapolis and have her in the act of picking the fruit.

I enclose you a picture from a photo we had made for our Ideal Wheat Food. I took some rye up to the Photographer's and he did the rest.

I enclose you also a certificate of the Jewell Nursery, which I think is better than yours, although the surroundings are not quite my idea. The basket of apples and the loaded branch are all right, but I think it would have been better to have shown more of the tree, than to have put in so much fence and the evergreens, still they are not so objectional.



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The woman should have had a sun-bonnet falling back off her head, for she does not look as if she had come out to pick apples.

This rain has been glorious, and I feel now as if our trees would winter all right.

Cordially yours,

Hon. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Bld.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

J. M. Underwood

Will send the Ideal Wheat Food picture under separate cover



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Lake City, Minn., Oct. 24, 1898. 189

Friend Latham,-

Have you anything on hand pertaining to horticulture in

South Dakota?

If so I should be pleased to have you mail me a copy

of same.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood



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Lake City, Minn., Oct. 25, 1898. 189

Friend Latham,-

We have no trees here with fruit on. My idea was that a person could take branches in to the photographers, and fix them by tying apples on just as wanted, or they could be wired on. Stand the pretty girl in position and then take the picture. If Mr. Long can attend it that will be all right.

I could have it done down here by having Roy take hold of it, if you do not succeed there, but it would have to be done soon or the leaves would all be off of the trees.

I suppose you have pretty girls up there but you will probably have to send a little out of the city to get them.

Mr. Hawkins is all right for for our meeting, an enthusiastic man, and would probably enjoy it.

Friend Elliot has just left me and we talked over plans for

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the winter meeting. What ever you people decide on ^{up} there will be satisfactory to me, only I was planning to have a good programe by the boys and girls of the of the school. *Jann*

I will ask Cole if he can help youmout on the December number. Anna might only she goes off to-morrow to the Federation.

I will be pleased to take care of Miss. White if I hear ffrom the Pioneer Press.

I think Mr. Prendergast would be splendid and so would Bush.

I expect to be up there soon in the interests of the three days programe, meeting of the State Agr. Society, to be held in Jan.

You got me into a pretty fix when you put me on to that Board.

Cordially yours,

Hon. A. W. Latham

J. M. Underwood

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Des Moines, Iowa. October 26, 1898.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 18th at hand and in reply will say that I have asked the president to appoint a delegate to attend your meeting and will notify you of the appointment when made.

Our annual meeting occurs December 13-16 and we trust that you will send us a delegate.

I remember your meeting with pleasure and would be glad to meet you again in annual session but do not like to ask to be appointed and it is not likely that I will be without asking. I went at my own expense last winter and may be able to do so again but it is hardly probable in view of the fact that one or two of our district societies meet at that time and may feel disposed to meet with one of them.

We have had a touch of winter and some snow on ground, but clear nice weather today.

Yours truly

Geo. H. Van Houten

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Friend Latham,-

I am sending you two photos for the design on the Life Membership Certificate.

I do not like their having left the appearance of being in the photographers room. If they had left that out it would have just suited me.

You will doubtless recognize the photographer's wife, Mrs. Rinkel, who you knew as Bertha Northfield. Is'nt she sweet?

I believe I like the one with the apron the best.

Cordially yours,

Hon. A. W. Latham,

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

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Minneapolis Minn Oct-17th

A W Latham

Dear Sir, Replying to your request, - will say that as I have had no experience whatever to speak of you will have to assign the subject to some one else, Hoping this delay (in not answering you sooner) will not discomode you & Remain

Yours truly
H B Tillotson

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

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Minneapolis, Minn.

Minneapolis Nov 11th '98

Mr Lathrop

Dear Sir

An unusual piece of
work and of cutting strength must
be, my excuse for the delay in reply-
ing to your request. I will however
attend to it today or tomorrow if not
my interests to present personally
C. A. Van Dusen



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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, 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 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 a number of members at Excelsior who are very loyal to the society, as you know.

Yours in haste,

A. W. Latham.

I think the City would be the best place to hold the meeting, for convenience to all concerned, if we can get a suitable suit of rooms. What is the program. Does it include the students of the farm school. if so could they go to Excelsior. I feel grateful to the Excelsior people for their kind invitation but we ought to go where it will be most convenient for all concerned.

Cordially yrs

J. M. Underwood

Office of the

Northeastern Iowa Horticultural Society.

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Edgewood Ia. Oct. 22' 1898

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir
Yours at hand.

We have no regularly appointed Delegate to your Socy. meeting this year but think we will send one and as soon as I can consult with our Executive Board will give you the name of the person chosen to represent our Soc. at your Soc. Meeting

We truly desire a Delegate from your Soc. at our Annual meeting to be held at McGregor Nov. 29' 30' & Dec. 11'

Very truly yours

C. H. True Secy.

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Des Moines, Iowa, November 10, 1898.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 28th of October will say that
of Waverly, Iowa,

Elmer Reeves has been appointed to attend your meeting and that
there are so many demands made upon me about that time that I may
not come, especially in view of the fact that another has been ap-
pointed to represent our society. If I can come without missing
our own district meetings will probably be with you, but as I re-
member your date is at the same time as two of our meetings.

I remember with pleasure the meeting that I attended and
am sure that I should enjoy another, but there are demands made
upon me at home that it seems best to honor.

Hoping that you will have a good meeting and that Iowa will
be represented I remain yours truly

Sney

Geo. H. Van Houten

Park Rapids Minn Nov 7th 98

A. W. Latham

Sir

Dr Sir

I am in some perplexity & have thought that you may be the right man to suggest something helpful. Hence this intrusion. I have planted ^{last spring} quite a number of apple & crab trees here & although they appear all right & have made a fine growth, the old settlers tell me that they will only live a year or two or at least that has been the Experience of others. Now if this is true there must be some reason for it. & you may think like many others that we are too far north to grow apples, but I think not. For the climate is not as severe here as

at places much farther south. as it is modified by the large bodies of timber around us. Wild fruit, berries plums etc grow abundantly here & some berry plants do well when properly cared for + if Apples will not grow it is my impression that there is some element lacking in the soil. The soil where I am located is a black sandy loam with mixture of sand & clay subsoil, but I am not well enough posted to know what its chemical elements are; have thought of sending a sample to the State University for analysis, There is a bed in the vicinity containing marl in unlimited quantities which I imagine may be useful. Will enclose a sample of same

Thanking you for suggestions in advance
I am Yours Truly

S. W. Usher
Pres. P. R. Hort Club



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Friend Latham,-

I have just been looking over the programme.

Upon my soul, I believe it is the best programme we have ever put up. I find that ~~it~~ it is chuck full of interest to me and I hope that it will seem that way to everybody.

I would suggest that you leave out the invitation to dealers in horticultural implements for I do not think there is any place for their exhibits there and it seems a weak feature of the programme.

I do not notice any hotel arrangements. Can you not get the same as you had at the V-----Hotel last year. I heard it well spoken of. Perhaps there is some other good hotel where you can get cheap rates.

I think your proof is almost perfect.

Your friend,

Hon. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

J. M. Underwood



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Friend Latham,-

Your suggestions are good in regard for the progame for the Horticultural Society but you fail to say who would be the best to call upon. Is there any one outside of the state we could get that would be a drawing card.

Your friend,

J. M. Underwood.

C. L. Smith
Kellogg, or Philip
Bush
T. W. Smith, veg.
Jaworth
Vordine, illustrated.
J. M. U.

Hansen
Pundogost.

Watertown, I D Nov 16 - 98

A W Lathrop

Minneapolis Minn
enclosed find one dollar to renew
membership

G A Tracy

Watertown

I D

I have Feb ¹⁸⁹⁸ no of Horticulturist in good
condition if you havent already received
enough write me a postal card and I will
send it I expect to canvas a little for
Nursery stock this winter there is some
things in that No that would help me
but it would not be long until I get it
in a bound vol

G A Tracy



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Lake City, Minn.,

Nov. 25 '98

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Friend Latham,-

While I think of it; do not fail to have everything ready for an amendment to our constitution, controlling the membership.

It would be well for you to write up something and send it to different members of the executive committee and get their opinion on it before the meeting.

I wrote to Wedge about the Presidency and have fixed that all right. He was very nice about it and wrote me a splendid letter.

I then wrote to Prof. Prendergast and explained the situation and told him I would like the pleasure of nominating him for Pres, and he is available, and so we are all fixed.

Your friend,

J. M. Underwood

Hon. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

What is Mr Danforth's address, the one that had charge of the Min exhibit at Omaha I want to find out who secured the butter



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Lake City, Minn., 189.....

Friend Latham,--

In reply to yours of the 19th, you suggest Prof. Hansen, while he is intelligent enough, he has a poor voice and would not make himself heard. I am looking for some exceptionally fine speaker from outside of the state. A regular Donnely in Horticulture, so try again. I know the speakers in the state pretty well. How would Van Houton do? What is his address?

How do you get on with the life-membership certificate? You have not mentioned receiving the photo and I have concluded that it was not worth using.

Hon. A. W. Latham,

Cordially your friend,

Minneapolis, Minn.

J. M. Underwood
we have 200 agts that we could send Programs to
& if you will send down 1000 we will put them

in with a Circular letter & ask them to distribute
them where they will do the most good.

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Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your very excellent program for your coming annual meeting. The receipt of your program but adds to the feeling of disappointment that I have felt because I shall not be with you. I had hoped to attend your meeting, but claims are made upon me that cannot well be laid aside and so will have to attend one of our district meetings, but remembering the very pleasant time I had with you can but regret that the date is such that I must go elsewhere. I trust that you will have a good time and that those on the program will be with you. You may expect Mr. Elmer Reeves of Waverly, Iowa and I trust that you will treat him as kindly as you did me and that he will enjoy the meeting as well as I did. It may be that there will be others of our society, but Mr. Reeves will go as a delegate and you will find him well informed and, while he is modest he can do you good, but you may have to call out of him what you want. He is so well informed and so conscientious that you can depend implicitly on what he says. He can be of much more benefit to you than I could be were I to come, but,

in view of the pleasure experienced by me when with you can but regret that I cannot be with you again at your next meeting. I trust that at some time in the future may be able to be with you.

We shall look for a delegate at our annual meeting beginning December 13th, program enclosed, herewith.

Respectfully yours

Geo. H. Van Hook



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J. M. UNDERWOOD, President,

Lake City, Minn., Nov. 29th 1898

Friend Latham,-

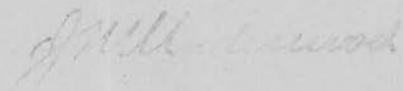
In reply to yours of the 27th inst., I should be very glad to support Mr. Bush for the Executive Committee, and decidedly oppose Underwood. Let him have a rest. Let him be retired, for a while at least. He will be willing to act as doorkeeper and to do just as much as ever in promoting the interests of the Society.

The only regret will be the severing of the present fraternal correspondence with the Sec'y. No, we had better ^{quit} Mr. Bush and Mr Moyer on the Executive Committee. John and I will, not care.

Cordially your friend,

Hon. A W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.





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that I would like the privilege of nominating him for Pres. He said that he had always thought that when the majority of an organization requested an individual member to accept a position, it was his duty to respond.

What shall we do about the Executive committee when the terms of Andrews and Moyer expire?

Hon. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Cordially your friend,

J. M. Underwood



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Friend Latham,-

The amendment governing the membership is that to which I referred in my last letter. I only wanted to be sure that it was not forgotten and that it would be placed in proper form. I had a letter from Elliot asking what recommendations we need for the Legislative Committee. You had better look after that some, particularly, that one regarding our appropriation. We have had so much trouble with that, but perhaps you are best familiar with the situation of the thing and could handle it this time without any great mistake being made.

Yes, I wrote to Prendergast that I thought that the good of the Society demanded that there be a change in the management, and

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Mr. Latham

Dear Friend: With regard to the Woman's Aux. - I think it would be a good plan to place the name on Program recognizing us in that way. - I can get some papers from the Country & Village Improvement Com. of Federation, & from them an interesting paper could be gotten up on that topic "Town & Village Improvement". Have Miss White select some feature of of the work that she would like to advance. I really have not had time to think or plan for this work. but think that with a little effort - something can be worked up that will prove attractive & beneficial to the state generally. The idea of our ^{Aux} being the only state organization in the Federation seemed to please the members with whom I talked while at Wisconsin. - Could not something be put into the next issue of the Horticulturist regarding the Aux. & its work - & invite the women readers to correspond with me regarding the work. - that I will answer all questions & perhaps in that way, I will get suggestions as to line of work for the future -

Yours truly

Anna B Underwood

See

Corner

A. W. Latham



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J. M. UNDERWOOD, President,

Lake City, Minn., 12-12-1898

Dear Friend I am back home & sobered up. I now go to Austin to smell of the butter dairying dont have the attractions for me that Horticultural does; but Im in it & so must go through. Phillip & Barns came home with me & we had a good visit. They said that they had asked to haer me appointed a delegate to Madison & they went Anna to go too. I thot at first I could not do it but as it comes in Feb I will go & keep my wife company.

& give them my latest ideas on orcharding.
I have been looking at the Life Membership Certificates
& I don't like the paper it is too thin, it isn't even
the best linen. It ought to be parchment or at least
the heaviest calendered linen. Then the printing
is poor, it looks blurred, it isn't registered perfectly
& if I were you I'd have a new job done.
Hope you are well & that all the interests
of the Soc will prosper & more than that
I hope your own interests will be fanned
by most favoring breezes

Your friend
J. M. Underwood
I rec'd a nice letter from Prof Green expressing his
appreciation of my work for the Soc. I forgot to give
you Elliotts paper

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Lake City, Minn., July 2, 1898. 189

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.
Friend Latham,-

I do not remember the man's name who handed in the \$1.00
I thought that he went to you and gave it in.

I had forgotten about our endorsing the expense of \$655.32
I suppose it was the account that we were to have Mr. Elliot to audit.
I do not know as I have time to do anything to the book list. Prof.
Green and you can probably study that out better than any body else, but I
will give it some thought if I have time and will give you a small list
later on if I do so.

Cordially yours,



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Lake City, Minn., Aug. 3, 1898. 189

Friend Latham,-

It seems like an age since I heard from you last.

How are our interests progressing and how is your family?

What about the apple crop? The indications around here are for a large crop. Can you tell me who are the largest growers of Wealthy apples in the state? Also what it would cost to store apples in barrels in cold storage.

Have you put any time on the Institute work? Has any Horticultural work been done in the Institute this summer that you know of?

I lifted on the corner stone of the Capitol the other day and wondered whether it would be best for us to make arrangements for a suite of rooms for our Society in the building. What do you say?

I know it would be nice if we had rooms in Minneapolis.

I fear we will not be able to accomplish that and I think if we take hold of it ~~in~~ now we may secure rooms in the Capitol while we could not do so later.

I would like to have rooms connecting with the Agricultural Soc. The same assembly room would do for both Societies, same library for both, that is the A. Soc. have their books in our library. Each have separate offices. With the two interurban lines it would be almost as near to the Capitol building for Minneapolis people as the court house is now.

We are having our annual camp on the lake shore now. Sleeping ⁱⁿ tents ect. ect.

Do all you can to head off the carnival in Minneapolis.

Cordially yours,



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Friend Latham,-

Your of the 9th received.

I return the order for Mr. Harrissigned.

Have just heard from Mr. Bush. He will be valuable to us in the Legislature but what about our Horticultural work in the Institute?

As for myself I shall not allow my name to be mentioned this time

We shall have to get what we need out of Mr. Greer. I am sorry that he and Mr. Doughty are not on good terms. I think that Greer will be disposed to help us.

Do not forget that I shall not be candidate for ^{re} election this winter. I do not think the interests of our Society would ^{not} allow me to hold the office of Pres. any longer. I wrote Wedge last Spring that I should favor him for Pres. and he wrote me that there would be no honor that he would appreciate as much as this but I think that you said we had better not put in any Nursery man. Bush or Kimball would make good officers would they not? I would like to make the nomination of one of these men. If we cannot have Wedge I shall have to fix it up with him some way. What shall I do about it?

I am glad our memberships are so many and wish they were a thousand.

Cordially yours, J. M. Underwood

P.S. Just rec'd a letter from Elliot about our exhibit. I was up there & looked at the space between the doors & saw it was a little less than we had last year in length, but I

did not dream we would be expected to occupy only the 3ft-10 in that was marked out on the floor Elliot suggests & I think it is the best way out of the difficulty to put the privileges on ~~the~~ both sides of the north door.

We are not entering for the Sweepstakes and I don't know but we are the only exhibitors in the building & exhibitors ought to have preference over privileges in any department. John was a good deal annoyed last year by the special man & the other privileges near him & he wants a Clean deal this time.

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Lake City, Minn., Aug. 13, 1898.

Friend Latham,-

Yours received. Also one from Randall. He wants me to come up there and look the situation over but I cannot go before next Tuesday.

Our plans for our exhibit are so different from what would be required in our old place that we feel that we would rather not make any exhibit as we had it last year.

I would like to have you and Elliot meet me there on ^{next} Tuesday.
I will come up on the early train.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood



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Friend Latham,-

You may make Sam Kennedy, Lake City, a member of our Society on the Peter M. Gideon deal if he is not already a member.

Your friend,

J. M. Underwood