



Minnesota State
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The Jewell Nursery Co.

GENERAL
NURSERY STOCKS
HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN CATTLE

LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA.

8-23-00

Friend Latham

Much obliged for your
trouble & we would be glad to pay
you besides = I conclude you could
not get 14 x 16
Have tried to get them by phone to-day
but cant. No knowing if they will
ship the 32 bxs or not

Cordially JMM

WE WANT MEN
TO SELL OUR
MINNESOTA GROWN STOCK.
BEST WAGES. PAY WEEKLY.

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Lake City, Aug. 21 1900

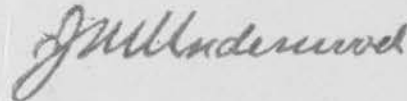
Friend Latham,-

Replying to yours of the 20th, will have John put up 3 barrels of apples and ship them so they will be at the Fair ground Thursday or Friday of next week. Will also have three bales of Evergreens shipped the last of this week, care of Ballards Exp., so they will go out to the grounds.

I didnot hear from May, so I have just telephoned him, and, as I suspected, he is off on making an exhibit this year. Says their seed business is their principal feature, and if they cannot put up a seed exhibit, they do not care to do anything: although, he says his foreman is away from home and he is awaiting his return to determine whether they will take any plants out there or not. He says they lose \$300.00 or \$400.00 every time they make an exhibit. I think that is all bosh. He says he thinks they can let us know definitely the last of this week. Now, you cannot wait or have any uncertainty about it. Go ahead and assign the space and fill it up with nice exhibits of plants and cut flowers. If you find you can accomodate May the last of the week or the first of next, why all right: but we must not miss having a fine show of plants and flowers for a farm. I told May we were not going to have anything in the building but fruits, flowers and plants and the candy exhibit, I suppose, that wasthere last year. I ruled the "Oxedoner" man out.

Yours cordially,

Sec'y A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.



P.S.--Randall can furnish you some circulars like the enclosed..



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GENERAL
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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA, Aug. 22' 1900

Friend Latham,-

We are in trouble over our glass, and I wish you would help me out. The Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., Mr. Brooks, told me last week Tuesday that they had a car of Glass on hand, and would cut out our 60 boxes of 14x14, double strength, American A. glass, and that they would ship it the next day, which would be a week ago today. They had previously written us that they would ship it the last of last week. They HAVE NOT SHIPPED THE GLASS YET, and telephoned me this A.M. that they had not received the car.

Now, what I think is that they are not playing fair with us. They have probably furnished the glass to Monson, because they told me they were furnishing him glass.

We have our Roses planted in the Greenhouse and are very much afraid that some cold night will ruin them.

These folks promised to have this glass here so we would receive it by July 20th. Now, what we would like you to do is to see if you can get us any glass in either St. Paul or Minneapolis for immediate shipment. Go to these folks and pin them down and see if they can make immediate shipment, and if they cannot, see if you can buy it of anyone else.

Now, another thing, if you cannot get 14x14 glass, get 14x16 and have a good diamond sent along, and we will cut it ourselves. John's idea in having 14x14 is that he will have four sides to use in making a good fit.

If you find you cannot get us anything there, telephone me at once, and then I will telephone to Chicago this evening for it.

We were to pay the Pittsburg folks \$3.87 per box of 50 sq.ft.. We first ordered 54 boxes and then increased the order to 60 boxes.

To make it plain, get us 60 boxes of 14x14 or 16x14 glass, double thick, American, either A. or A.A., for immediate shipment. As to price, do the best you can. If it is a little more than \$3.87, all right. They offered it to us in Chicago, f.o.b., at \$3.65 for 14x16 A., and \$3.95 for 14x16, A.A., double thick.

Telephone me what to do, and greatly oblige,

Yours,

J. M. Underwood

A.W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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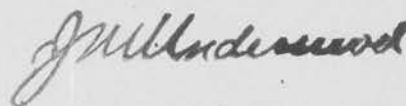
Replying to yours of the 17th, I am afraid the temperment of the Board would be against more printing. We had several propositions of that kind last Wednesday, and, by the time we got through, there was a general feeling that we ought to call a halt. Of course, if we should have a very successful Fair--that is to say, if the weather is good and there is no stringency felt owing to the failure of crops all through the northern part of the State, we will come out on top, and feel like spending money: but we all feel "ticklishly suspended between paradise and perdition" just now, and with so many laying down on us for appropriations, I am actually afraid to ask for anything more.

I will drop a line to Mr. Fillmore.

That's right! Be sure and have everybody's exhibit ready by Monday. We are advertising a 6 day's Fair (it ought to be 12 days). Unless we can have 6 full days, we are bound to go in the hole.

Cordially your friend,

Sec'y A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,
Minn.



John W. Thomas & Co.



500-510 NICOLLET AVE.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. AUG 16 1900

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.,
City.

Dear Sir: Replying to your postal of the 11th. we wish you would send the old sign to us, or if you remember the reading that would do just as well, as we wish to have new signs made.

We wish you would remember us too, in regard to passes to the Fair and grand stand privileges. We feel we are entitled to these both for Mr. Thomas' family and that of the writer.

Very Respectfully,

John W. Thomas & Co.

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Lake City, Aug. 9' 1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

I enclose herewith Mr. May's reply.

The only way for us to do is to assign space to different parties, and see how much we have for them. We might give him so much space and insist on its being used in a decorative way and not for a display of agricultural products and machinery. However, I would rather have them the way they were last year, than not to have the Hall filled up. Let me know by return mail what you think about it.

Of course, it is all right for you to have Ellicott to assist you.

I was up to the grounds yesterday, and will be up again next week Wednesday.

I received the two seedling Crabs you sent. They are very handsome, and quite good in quality. They seem to be ripenow. Too bad everything ripens so early. Let me know more regarding them, their origin, where they are from, etc.

The old wind mill you speak of was taken down last year.

In the Farm, Stock and Home for Aug. 1st, on page 295, is an article--"Nursery-stock for Minnesota." Do you agree with it? I should judge that Blanchard is a tree agent with eastern stock to sell.

Are you sure as to who are going to make exhibits and do you know that we are going to have the Hall full? Of course, if you fill it up so full of fruit and flowers that there is no room for May's seed exhibit, it will be necessary for him to have it elsewhere. Perhaps he can put it in the booths outside, if the hall was full so there was not room for it inside.

You better meet me next Wednesday and we will plan to fix up the Hall as it should be.

Prof. Hansen can probably get a pass, and if he cannot, we will help him out. I will write to him.

Have received your letter of the 8th, and have already answered part of it.

Regarding decorations, we will talk that over next Wednesday.

Cordially yours,--

Sec'y A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,
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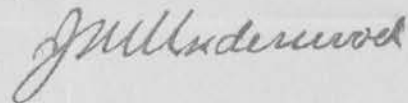
We are trying to get hold of a lot of crab apples from which to take the seed for planting. Can you suggest where we can get some Cheap. Siberian Crabs.

I think Mrs. U. and I will go up next Tuesday and look over Como and go out to Harriet in the evening. Will try and see you and we can talk over the Fair.

Cordially yours,

Sec'y A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.



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Lake City, Aug. 4th 1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

Yours of the 3rd received.

I had neglected to write to May, but will do so
now, and advise you when I hear from him.

As to our furnishing fruit: if we have anything you
need, you better say so, and there will be no trouble in
getting pay for it.

Have you written to all the possible exhibitors
and got their promise to bring out a good exhibit? There
must be lots of fruit in some parts of the state. Urge
Wedge, Richardson, Andrews, Dartt, Somerville, Keel, Harris,
Howard and others and find out if they will stand by you.

Of course, we shall have lots of fruit there in
our exhibit.

I do not think there will be any trouble in
finding a place for the tent. The upper end of the booths
on the south side of the building was not used last year,
and perhaps will not be this year. Why not take some canvass
and make a room there? Or, perhaps, better still, hitch a
tent on to the south end of the building, or over the door
so as to shut out the wind. Or if you do not want to do that
put it between the two doors.

You ask if Fillmore is going to put up the
decorations. When he was there with me, he talked as though

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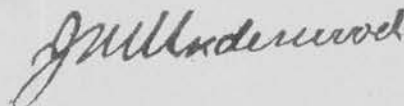
he could help us out without much expense, and gave us to understand that if he could be designated as "Chief Decorator" and have the privilege of going in and getting what business he could, there would not be much, if any, expense to the Society for the decorations they had. He thought it over and found out he wanted a couple of hundred dollars.

I wrote him that I did not think the Executive Committee would authorize any such expenditure of money, and I asked him what it would cost to fix up Hort. Hall. He wants \$60.00 for that and 25.00 for Dairy Hall. If I recollect correctly, it only cost us \$13.00 or \$14.00 last year, besides the labor. I do not think the Board would go to \$60.00 expense.

I see by today's paper that we have met with a loss by the burning of the barn, and will more than ever feel like being economical. What we want of Fillmore is to tell us how he can fix up Hort. Hall at a small expense, he to direct, and we to furnish the labor and such material as we have, possibly using some material he could furnish. See if this cannot be done.

Cordially yours,

Sec'y A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,
Minn.



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Lake City, July 25'1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

In reply to your favor of the 18th, I am afraid it would not be well received to propose a gallery in the northern end of the room, as you suggest. Could we not use the Institute Hall this year for any meetings we might want to hold? That is close by and is not in use all the while. Then, if we wanted to have something different another year, take it up in time, and have well matured plans to present to the Association. If they should do well this Fall and make a lot of money, it would be easy to get improvements another year, but with the expenses we now have in sight, I feel certain they would not want to improve our building. You know we put considerable expense into it last year, putting the booths on the outside, and now if we asked them to do more this year, they will more than ever think that the Horticulturists are never satisfied.

You may send us a dozen cold storage tags.

Yes, I should think it would be well to buy some apples, and say nothing about it. Sell enough out to pay for them, if you can.

Cordially your friend,

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Minneapolis, Minn.



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Lake City, _____ Aug. 1st, _____ 1900

Friend Latham,-

What is the status of the exhibits for the Fair? Are you getting any assurances that there will be a good display of fruit. Have you done anything yet with the Florists? If I recollect right, you said you were going to see them and find out what they would do. I have not said anything yet to May. We want to be sure to have a nice floral display, and if no one else is going to do anything about it, I want to see if he will help us out.

Regarding your Assistants. There are some parties who object to Mr. Parker, and my impression is that you had better get some one else to help you. Personally, I like Mr. Parker very much, and expect you would miss him, but think you have other good men in view who could assist you.

Our Company is not going to put in anything in competition this year. Will only have our advertising display. So there cannot be any kick coming on that score. It may be that we can have some of our help assist you.

We enjoyed a short call from Ralph very much.

Cordially yours,

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

J. M. Underwood

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A. W. LATHAM,

*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.*



Litchfield Minn.
July 26 '00.

Will send down a few
apples to the Fair & I
may make a display
if you can give me
a cover such as C.W.
Lawson had, let me
know

Yours truly

W.L. Taylor



Oakhurst.

Lake City, Minn.

May 12th

Dear Friend,-

Yours of the 10th received.

I have not heard from

Miss. White yet. If she wishes to go ahead and have a part of the program, it will be all right as far as I am concerned.

I cannot, however, be depended upon. Unfortunately, I accepted the Chairmanship of the Headquarters Committee (State Fair) and every leisure moment I can get must be put into that during the next few months.

Ask Mrs. Barnard if she won't let her article go into our pamphlet

I enclose an article from Miss. Sanford's pen, that you can put in whenever you choose. I hope to get one out of Mrs. Eiggett, and if Miss. White has none, I want one from her.

Am I asking too much?

Cordially yours,

Sec'y A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Anna Blunderwood

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Lake City, July 7th 1900

Friend Latham,-

Yes: I want you to go ahead and send out the cards and handle the fruit deal just the same as you have done. I do not know as I have any improvements to suggest.

I thought I would see you the other day when I was up to the Committee meeting, but did not have time to go over to Mpls. I expect to be up there next Wednesday, leaving on the 1:20 afternoon train, to attend a committee meeting of the Agricultural Society in the evening at the Nicollett. Will probably have time to talk over our work with you.

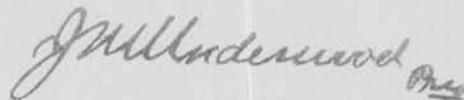
We were all feeling rather blue, owing to the drouth, feeling that we would not have as big a Fair as we counted on. It looks a little better now, however, and if the people of the cities can get enough business to make them feel like patronizing the State Fair, we will still be all right.

This dry weather, together with the injury to the roots of last winter, has caused the apples to fall of a good deal, so are not certain that there will be as big a crop as we once thought there would be.

Cordially yours,

Sec. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.





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April 18'1900

A. W. Latham, Sec'y
Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham,-

We are having a picnic here. I was sick for a week and now Mrs. Underwood and Agnes are both down with the "Gripp".

I did not get time to write up anything for the Horticulturist on my Cal. trip, which I intended to do. It is possible I can get something ready for the June number: it will not be very lengthy. Let me know if you wish it.

I have asked Miss. Manning's brother to send you her photo. It was very sudden to us, although we knew she was in poor health. Was sick in bed so could not attend the funeral.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Best Wages. Pay Weekly.

Stillwater May 5 1900

A W Tatham
Dear Sir

I did not
not get my report for
1898 & 1899 if you have
one to spare please
send me it along
I was to ^{have} Pro Green
vegetable gardening
as a premium please
send it along
your truly

W J Tingley

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Lake City, Mar. 19'1900 1900

Dear Friend,-

I hardly know what to advise. My idea was that you wanted all the material that went into the pamphlet to be printed at one time.

I am anxious to get out a pamphlet that will be "double extra," this year, and have a number on the string for articles. It is too late to have it accomplish the good we wanted this spring, but if we get it out in May, so there could be a distribution of some at our Summer meeting, and then at the Federation Headquarters and Woman's Building, we could reach many. You see if it had been printed earlier in the season, it could have been sent to all of the Federated Clubs, but now the greater part have been disbanded and anything sent to the clubs now would be so much waste paper.

The articles I have asked for will not be so very long, but I would like to have all the Auxiliary articles printed in the pamphlet. If you prefer to print any of them along at different times in the Horticulturist, before they appear in the pamphlet--all right.

In the last Park and Cemetery it gives a nice program for Arbor Day. Please print it, giving the names of the author of the pieces so they can be easily found.

Mr. Underwood will be home Thursday.

Cordially yours,

Anna Blunderwood

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Lake City, May 9th 1900 1900

Friend Latham,--

Your valued favor of the 27th ult., was duly received. I do not believe you can realize how many things I have had to do in the past 3 or 4 weeks. My correspondence has had to suffer.

Mrs. Underwood and Agnes are fully recovered and back at their posts of duty.

I do not know whether you are to be congratulated or not on the marriage ^{of your} youngest and last daughter. I should think, if I had one, that I would want to keep a bull-dog and shot gun handy, and keep every-one away. But I suppose it is the inevitable that the young folks must marry, and the old folks will have to begin "sparking" over again. I trust that your declining years will be a great long honeymoon, and that your daughter's path will be as smooth and delightful as that of my own has been, which is the best wish I can give anybody.

I had some things in my mind when I came home from California which I thought I could say that might be of interest to the readers of the Monthly. If I can find time to recollect them and dictate a few to my stenographer, I will do so, but am still crowded with work. Have not done anything in the office for a month, and all of our nursery work was left until our orders were put up, and now we are planting grafts, and every other conceivable variety of nursery stock.

In addition to that, I am putting out another side-hill orchard of 1000 apple trees, which, if I live, and everything prospers, may develop into one of several thousand trees.

Am also beautifying the grounds of our new depot, and when we get everything cleaned up around here, you had better come down and look things over and see if they suit you.

I could tell you some things of an unpleasant nature as the result of the winter, but do not care to commit myself to writing.

As to the summer meeting, we are always glad to see our friends but will not have time to be responsible for the success of the gathering. My mind is now full of other things. I would a good deal rather go to Hutchinson. How is our President getting along? I think the best way would be to meet as usual at the Farm. It is true that Prof. Green will not be there, but he will have plenty of representatives. We need not be much bother to them. If it was necessary or best, you could have somebody go down there and help on the work of preparation, but presume there are plenty there to do it. I meant to have talked with Dean Liggett about it when at the meeting the other day. Will write him, and you had better speak to him about it. Do not forget that he is the head and front of that institution now, and it is best to recognize the fact.

I am on the Committee on Privileges, and the Chairman, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Randall, talked with me some about matters when I was up there. The situation is this: it seems necessary to have privileges in some of the buildings, and if you have them in one, you must have them in all. That is to say: if you rule them out of one building,

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the managers of another building want them ruled out of that also, and so they are afraid to release any one building entirely. I told them we would like to have the Horticultural building free this year, and would make it a bower of fruits and flowers, but if it was necessary, to save the Assn. from going to the wall, that we would display our fruit in barrels and our flowers in boxes, and devote all the space to privileges. I think I will be able to fix things all right.

In regard to the program for the summer meeting, perhaps I could write or say a few things with regard to my California trip, at that time. As for Mrs. Underwood, she has a Dept. in the business here now, in this "great and only nursery," and her time is so completely taken up with that and the work she is doing for the State Fair that I am afraid you cannot count much on her.

I have no doubt Prof. Green will have a very interesting trip. Have not seen or heard from him in all winter: know he is a very busy man as well as the rest of us.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood Pres

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

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May 19'1900

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,

Friend Latham,-

I think your question blanks are all right, and will, no doubt, bring out a good deal of valuable information. I cannot see any objection to anyone filling them out, unless it would be some nurseryman who thinks his showing would not be creditable, and in that case, they could skip it.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Mr. A. W. Satham,

207 Kasota Block

Minneapolis

Dear Sir,

Yours of 29th at hand
also package of folders
which I distributed at
Watkins I also made a
few remarks as to their
great value. I shall be
very glad to put them
out at every institute. As
you suggest I think it
a good plan for them to
be shipped in large quanti-
ties by express. Your con-
clusions are wrong about
my talking horticulture, I

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am only a student and an experimenter. The only subject that I could handle with credit would be growing pine shell-belts, for I have grown one on my farm with excellent results.

Any service that I can render toward the advancement of horticulture will be gladly given.

Yours Truly
A. W. Trow

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A. D. Latham
Minneapolis
207 Kasota Bldg Minn

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Friend Latham,-

The 19th for the summer meeting suits me all right, although, the drouth has been so severe that I do not know whether we will have anything to exhibit or not. Had a good shower last night, the first for weeks.

Am not certain whether I will go down to Chicago with the Nurserymen or not.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

No. 5 South Hawk St.

Albany, N.Y.

Mr. A.W. Latham.

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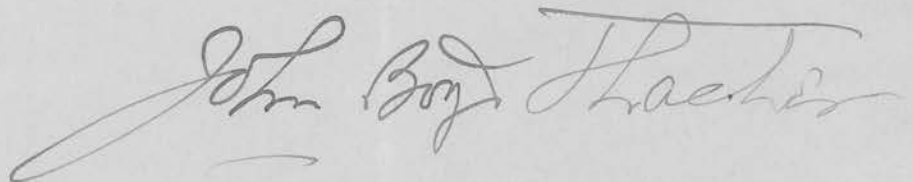
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir:-

On arriving home after a several months' absence abroad I find your communication of March 8, 1900. All the records connected with our Department are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. I have no way of answering your inquiry as I have no records.

Yours,

June 13, 1900.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Boyd Thacher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Yours,".

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LAKE CITY, MINN., Jan. 19'1900

Friend Latham,--

The Agricultural Board met the other day, and I was asked to be prepared at our next meeting to present a premium list for the Horticultural Dept.

Will you kindly take up the matter and give us your best advice?

Cordially yours,

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.

Minneapolis, Minn.

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LAKE CITY, MINN., Feb. 7, 1900

Friend Latham,-

With regard to the Gideon Memorial: no one seemed to do anything about it, and I followed up my suggestions in what I said at the meeting, and at a subsequent meeting made a motion that a committee be appointed. The motion was carried, but the Pres. did not appoint any one. I concluded he wanted to take time to make up the committee, but I have not heard anything more about it.

I thought I had said so much about it that I had better keep still and let some one else do the crowding. The Pres. did not express himself in any way about it, and I concluded that about all any one wanted to do was to talk. It may be that Uncle Peter was right and that his spirit was hovering around and got the benefit of what was said, and it will not be necessary to repeat it to future generations by any testimonial.

Your suggestions with regard to the Premium List received, and I shall make it a point to go over all the recommendations I have received from different sources, and when I get them tabulated, I will submit them to you for a final revision.

I do not know just when I will be able to see you, but will make it a point to see you before we have our next meeting.

Cordially yours,

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Friend Latham

I saw the notice of Mr Gideon's death & that at once that I would go to the funeral & when I recd yr telegram, was more decided to go. Then I got a telegram that two friends from a distance would come to stay over Sunday & leave this a.m. & so I had to give it up. Then too Roy left last evng for an extended trip East among the nurseries & I was needed here.

I feel like honoring the work Mr Gideon has done for horticulture & have been thinking how to do it. Would it not be a good way to raise money to endow a scholarship in the State School of Agriculture Horticulture

Yr friend J. M. Underwood
over

My idea is to raise a sum of money & put give
it to the school to be placed at interest & that
to be used to defray the expenses of some one
in attending the school & studying horticulture
The benefit to be known as the Peter
M. Gideens Scholarship u

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Lake City, Feb. 19' 1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

In reply to yours of the 15th: after hearing from Wedge, Harris and others regarding the sweepstakes, I am inclined to think we would make a mistake to cut that out. I will enclose Harris's and Wedge's letters to show you what they think about it.

I think Wedge's suggestion is a good one to only put in one collection of 10 varieties of apples with a premium of \$25.00.

In regard to offering the Thomas premium for Gideon seedlings, I do not believe we had better do it. It would be all right to take some measure to get them out, but won't people that have them be interested to exhibit the best of them anyway? And there are likely to be a good many of them small and worthless. The Society might offer \$25.00 in premiums to bring them out. Then if you put in only one collection of 10 varieties, that will make \$50.00 of the Society's offering, and we could put the other \$25.00 with the Sweepstakes, although, I would prefer to make it \$50.00 with the sweepstakes.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Lake City, Feb. 15'1900 1900

Freind Latham,-

I was up to see Randall yesterday and went over the Premium List with him, and left it with him to see you, and decide fully with regard to different features of it.

As we have it arranged, there is an increase of \$56.75 on apples, Plums \$52.25, Flowers \$2.50, Mushrooms \$15.00. We thought probably if we gave the Mushroom people \$30.00 they would be satisfied with it. I told Randall, however, I expect you had had some talk with them and had some ideas which prompted you to put it at \$50.00. I should think the best way would be to confer with Dr. Whetstone or Mr. Babcock and see what would be satisfactory to them.

AS it now stands, the total increase in premiums is \$126.50. I suppose you might cut off all those premiums on Thompsen's Seedlings and that would help to reduce it. If we do not show for premiums, it will not make any difference to us, but Mr. Doughty, Mr. Somerville and some others may have fruit they would exhibit for these premiums. Do as you think best about it. You may see some other things you can cut down on apples. Randall will explain to you that we thought we had better let the Thompsen Sweepstakes in, and try and get him to give it. Then put in the collections of 5, 10 and 15 plates, \$25.00 each, pro rated. If you see anything about the list you think it would be best to change, make it. As it now stands, I have left out the proposition of the Jewell Nursery Co. offering any premiums. It may be best for us to do it, for I suppose if we give the Assn. \$100.00 cash or in nursery stock, that we would be criticized for doing it. I do not believe it would pay us. We are sending out about 10,000 catalogs, and I told Randall if he would get up a boom circular to go in them, that we would enclose it. I wish you would read the proof and see that the spelling is corrected before it is printed.

Do not forget to have in mind the best way to fix up the Gideon memorial so when we call a meeting we can decide on what we want to do. I want to have you in the committee. I talked with Green about it yesterday.

Cordially yours,

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis,
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Lake City, Feb. 21'1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

I have just received a letter from Elliot, making the proposition of offering the Thomas sweepstakes for an exhibit of Gideon seedlings. I have written him that if we can do it, and still retain a good sweepstakes premium, I am willing to do it: but I think we ought to keep the sweepstakes. How would it do to offer the premium for Gideon seedlings that we thought of offering on collections?

I think you must have the revised premium list from Randall by this time, as he telephoned me yesterday that he had it made out in duplicate, and would send one to you.

Cordially yours,

Sec'y A.W.Latham,

Minneapolis,

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How much of an exhibit would the Gideon Seedlings make

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Lake City, Feb. 23' 1900 1900

Friend Latham,-

Enclosed I hand you a letter from Somerville. I think he will be satisfied with anything we do, and you must fix up the premium list as you think best.

I am sorry I cannot be at the meeting, and unless you can see Randall, and have everything agreed upon before hand, it may be well for you to go to the meeting and adjust it there. I would advise, however, that you "sweeten" on him, and get him to endorse the matter before the meeting.

I am going to take a run out to Los Angeles to see my brother, and will leave here Sunday morning.

Cordially yours,

Sec'y A.W.Latham,

Minneapolis,
Minn.

J. M. Underwood

Oakhurst.



Take City, Miss. Feb-23-1900

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Friend: Yrs. recd. & I send the article with this. Now will it be so that one can have another pamphlet similar to the one you sent out last spring? It should have the form of Constitution a short program for Arbor Day. (Miss White was to look after this) and if this article on Nature Study could be introduced also, for I feel that it is something that country people & those in small towns & villages should be urged to take an interest in the subject. I would rather not have my name to it for it may make people think that A.B.K. is occupying more ^{space} than is her due - I don't care for my connection with the subject but I do want to have it well aired - Next winter if our Women's Aux. have a session - I will agree to have some fine fine articles from some of the best women in the state for the Hort. & our pamphlet. I wish Miss White wd. write up an article showing what might be done in the way of a park for a country village - & put it in this pamphlet. I wish Mrs. M. M. Barnard, of Impl. would write abt. the flower work in ~~the~~ among the school chn. of Impl. The one she read before our Soc. a few yrs. ago was fine - And there shd. be in this pamphlet - a good ad. for our Horticultural - The Constitution shd. be just a simple form - just to hold a local town, village or country club to - gether for the improvement of their surroundings - I have had several write me for such & for lack of time had to put them off - Also in this pamphlet shd. be a notice of the fact - that all women are welcome at the Federation Headquarters ~~at~~ at the state Fair next fall & that there will be a com. from the Women's Aux. of H. S. to meet them & to talk with them upon these subjects - Excuse my not replying to yr. letter sooner - I was confined to the house for a week - In the past week have had to work very hard to catch up - Our correspondence is assuming huge

proportions -

I told Mr. A. the other day that I wished I had nothing else to do but to try to rouse the country people to an appreciation of the good things of their own homes - He settled me by assuring me that it would be a thankless task - & perhaps it - is just as well that bread & butter limits my aspirations -

Pardon my "wordiness" to-night - but it is so quiet in the Library that my pen just runs on of itself - With kindest regards -

Anna Blundenwood

Please return M. S. when you are through with it -

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Lake City, Feb. 28 1900

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis,
Dear Friend,-

Yours received. Enclosed you will find a draft of something like what I had in mind. Sand-paper it and smooth it down, add to it, etc., as you think best. You will have to be the judge as to the amount of money to put into the pamphlet. Perhaps half as many would do for this year. After sending a half dozen to the members of the Auxiliary, the balance could be kept until next Sept, and then they could be distributed among the women at the Federation Headquarters at the Fair grounds. We are going to make an extra effort to reach more of the people from the rural districts this year, and I intend placing some (if we have them) at our exhibit, and our man in charge could distribute them to the right parties.

If you cannot get the material ready for the Mch. number, which, I believe, comes out about the 15th, why not hold it until April?

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Anna Blundewood



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Dictated by

to

Mr. Lathan - Please excuse pencil - Here is a sort
of Report - Has Miss White worked up the "Constitution" &c
yet? It would be well to have that done soon - I presume she is
awfully busy - & so am I - It is hard grinding out "stuff"
when you have so little time -
With kindest regards & a Happy Year
to all

Cordially yours
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A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Bl'k

Minneapolis

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Friend Latham;

We send the photo you desire by this mail. It is marked with figures as used by the Times of Mpls. If these figures injure it in the least for your use please let me know and we will send the other, which as it is unmarked is a little prettier to keep.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Wedge

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LAW OFFICE OF
A. A. THOMAS,
100 WASHINGTON STREET.

CHICAGO,.....March 5, 1900.....

MR. A. W. LATHAM,
4th St. & Hennepin Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to know if the Library Association at Sleepy Eye became one of your regular subscribers. There is a little bunch of people under that name there who ought to get interested in what you do, and multiply your subscribers in that region in time. You use to advertise a number of bound volumes of your old proceedings, which for a nominal price could be so distributed. How would it be to have it sent to the Sleepy Eye people?

Very truly yours,

A. A. Thomas

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LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA..

3/16/0 Mr. [unclear] expects to be here Sunday

Dear friend - By some "Hocus-jocus" the enclosed never left my desk - & I have been wondering why I have not heard from you? I will tell you what I have done - I have a nice article by Miss Sampitt one by Miss White - one by Miss Prof. Sanford, one from Mrs. Leggett - one by Mrs. Geo. McGill - & one by Mrs. M. M. Barnard, to be sent in for the Host - & afterwards to be printed in the pamphlet - Miss Evans writes me that she is too busy

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis. # 12376.

Dear friend; When must you have the material
to go into next issue of Hort. I want to get two
or three short articles to go into it. - Have written
both Miss Evans & Miss Sanford - don't know whether
they will do anything yet. - Sometimes I wonder if
it wd. not be better to wait until a little later
in the season - for our pamphlet - As April is a
little late to try & organize improvement-leagues.
I wanted to get up ready for Jan'y - but - I was behind.
It is very hard doing outside business - when
yr. own work demands all of yr. time!
I expect - Mr. H. - is enjoying life to the utmost - I
only wish I was there too! Cordially yrs Anna B. Woodcock

3/6/10

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3. Oscar Wolf - premium No 14 - 4 buck thorn & No 17
4. John Hartig - premium No 10 - 4 Hibernat apple & No 17
5. Per Hoglin - premium No 11 - 4 Anisim apple & No 17

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For the procuring of new members I select for myself.

- a. Gussen's Vegetable Gardening - (for two new)
- b. Green's Fruit Growing - (for No 4)
- c. Green's Forestry (for No 5)

You can send all the books and premiums to me and I will properly labeled distribute. Post address to all parties above - Holmes City.

I would thank you for some back numbers

Yours very truly
Rev. Rudolph Vallquist

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Friend Latham,-

Enclosed find order on the Produce Refrigerating Co.
for one barrel of Wealthies, which please accept with the compliments of
the season from your friends, The Jewell Nursery Co.

I enjoyed the meeting last week very much, and think it was
quite up to the standard of our past meetings, especially in the character
of the subjects and papers. Sitting back and looking at it critically,
I think I can see how it could be improved on very much, and shall hope
to be able to assist you in making a record breaker next year.
We must have more commodious room, and there should be one twice as
large for the women next year. I believe if you can get them to
do anything, you can more than double the attendance and membership.

With best wishes to all, and a Merry Xmas, I am,

Cordially your friend,

A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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ALFRED TERRY,

SLAYTON, MINN., Dec 6, 1899

My dear Sir - I intended to be at our meeting but the death of two old friends this week prevented me - I sincerely hope you will all have a good time together. The best I could do for it here was to get a new member - George Browning of Fulda, Minn. & I herein enclose Dft \$1.00 for his membership - Send him last years report (paper cover will do)

Yours truly
A. Terry

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AMES, IOWA, Nov. 27, '99. 189

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

Sub. 12.1.99

Dear Sir:-~~Dear Sir:-~~

In looking up some notes on plums in the Hort. Rep. of Minn. I find reference to Rep. of 1890. I find that volume is not in my file. Can you accomodate me with a copy?

I am working up a paper on plums. Many varieties have been originated in your state. I should be pleased if you would put me in the way of securing the history and description of tree and fruit of any of the valuable varieties of the Americana type.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Vernon.

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J. M. UNDERWOOD, Supt. Horticultural Dept.—Police.

Lake City, Minn., Nov. 16 '99

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

Friend Latham, -

On Saturday, the 25th, the Committee on Programs for the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, of which I am a member, will meet at the Merchants in St. Paul at 10:00 A.M. I am expected to recommend some good speakers. Of course, I want Horticulture well represented. What men could you suggest that would represent our cause in an eloquent and forcible manner, and what phases of Horticulture do you think it would be the most advisable to represent? I believe last year Mr. Bush spoke for us.

They (The Agr. Soc.) seem inclined to follow a different plan from our Horticultural Society in making up the program: preferring to have some good speakers and not depending so much on the members or on discussions as we do. Would not Professors Pendergast and Green be good men to invite, and is there any one else. Who outside of the State do you think could be secured and would prove a drawing card as a speaker? - I see by program that Prof P. & Mr Bush

were in last year

Cordially yours,
J. M. Underwood

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Friend Latham,-

Here is an interesting letter from Mr. J. S. Parks.

His brother-in-law, Mr. Lorin Cray of Mankato- paid us a visit the other day. He is a lawyer there. He wanted us to write to Mr. Parks, which we did. I thought you would be interested in reading his letter. I have written him and told him he should become a member of our Society and that possibly he has the apple that will secure the \$1000.00

Well, how are you? Am glad to have something to send to you so I can write and draw out a reply.

We have had an elegant Fall to do up our work and it can freeze up as soon as it has a might to now.

I hope Prof. Pendergast is working well and that we shall have a very pleasant and successful winter meeting.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood Pres



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My dear Grand: Excuse please my seeming neglect - but it has been unavoidable for many reasons - Here is what came to me in a flash -

"Nature Study - What is it - ?"

It is something in which I am greatly interested - & something our ans. can take up & feel that they have a life work of great enjoyment before them -

Cordially yrs -

Anna Blenderwood

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A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham,—

I send you Howard's letter that you may keep in touch with that little difficulty, and be prepared to make the best of it. If I understand his letter correctly, he seems to think that Parker manipulated the collections. We probably made a mistake in having Parker as an Assistant, and allowing him at the same time to put up fruit in competition.

Cordially your friend,

J. M. Underwood Pres

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Edgewood, Iowa. Oct. 9, 1899

A. W. Latham, Minneapolis

My dear Sir,

The annual meeting of the N. E. Ia. Hort. Soc., being held (at Cresco, Howard Co.) so near ~~near~~ the border line of the State of Minn. we confidently hope that there may be a good delegation of horticultural workers from your State present with us on the 26, 27, & 28 of next mo. Please to inform me at once who your regularly appointed delegate may be & his address so that we can give him a place on our program which we are now preparing.

Most Truly Yours C. H. True (Sec)