



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Melbourne Beach, Florida,
Jan. 29, 1907.

Dear Latham: I am very much obliged to you for sending me the Report of '83, and for the letter, rec'd today.

I suppose the reason you do not see much of the Florida oranges in your market is that the all-rail routes to the Northwest are prohibitive, and our oranges mostly go to New York by the two water routes, Jacksonville & Savannah.

Note for Bryan to get your oranges Jacksonville to Minneapolis for 50 cts. per box, freight, and \$1.00 if by express. Possibly d. h.

You say right: it is astounding up there to hear of the good peaches, fruits & vegetables. Floridians are

2/
zating out of their own groves &
gardens in Midwinter. But as
you say I must not talk to you
about such things, I can only
pass the subject with the invitation
to you to come down & have
a snack with us.

I am busy just now setting
out fruit trees, ornamentals,
etc., and pruning trees set
out one & two years ago. Have a
well outfit coming this week
& put down a 4 inch wire
for me and after we get done
planting shall go all over
my place with fertilizer, and
build several lines of windbreaks
to shut off the North East winds
of October. Use ten foot hard pine
posts (lightwood, it is called) and
10 foot $\frac{3}{4}$ inch x 3 picket - 10 ft high

3) which are also lightwases
my place seems to be immune
from frosts of N. W. Wind
but the October N. E. on
unprotected trees defoliate badly.

My colored man is from
the Bahamas, where his
hindances were fruit raiser,
till the tariff killed them business;
and he is the best expert in
setting out trees I ever saw
& seems to know anything about
tropical & semi-tropical fruits.
He takes the lead & I follow
helping him what I can.

His name is Ben. Berry. Our folks
make fun of my coming into
the house so often & beginning
"Ben. Says"! Ben. is "a man of
few words" & so courteous
that he will "thank you for the
information" when you tell him
something he already knows
all about. The only thing I have

4) been able to tell him that was
new to him has been the dictum
"Never cut the thorns off a tree"
and the reason why not.

He would not cut them off
himself, but could give no
reason, except that it was according to nature
"which is all the reason there is."

Your report that he has gone
to Harris suggests the query:

When Latham came in was
he not one of the young part of the
Old Guard? — and now, look
at him! solemnly as Mr. M. as
Mr. Diggle looking back to the
flesh pots of Egypt and
forward to the promised land
and hardly knowing which
way to look for another location,
he has so many friends in both
places! And here am I whom
Wm. Eliot denounced for
extravagance as Secretary in the
year of Grace '85 for spending
less than \$250 in one year & four
days, with Latham's approval, to
get the Society out of its ruts
and on the road where it went,

5) down here in Florida, working
happily eighteen hours a day
as usual, planting groves,
growing up with the country,
and finding besides plenty
of time to read (& write plenty
journals) and catch all the fish
wanted for dinner, supper &
breakfast; also to read Lathams
report of Expenses in the Society's
Office 7/06, \$2,395.60, and
wondering why Wyman duct
jack him up for it! And who
& where is the Treasurer that he
duct come in some day when
Latham let some filching and
give the Society some crossed
receipts, or other horrible extran-
sances & tell them how this
strangest Society in the world
is going to the poverty of hungry,
homeless dogs thereby!

6) Show this to Wyman & tell
him I don't think it is fair
to be so tough on me and
so tender on Latham; and I
want him to speak right out
in meeting & then sit down
on the shirt tail of progress
that progressed a little in
'83-'84 and be off having
a good time in the Orange
groves of California. What
he been doing these eternal
years Chairman Finance Committee
allowing all this to come to
pass & no help against it
on the contrary, I expect he
promoted the inquiry and
took his little graft in trade
of seedling & chop talk. O,
Wyman, Wyman, I had other
hopes of you when Time was
young!

7) # my two women were down yesterday with a launch party to the grove where I got you box of Oranges. They report that the stems of a good many showed weakness from the Christmas freeze and the fruit now dropping too much for expected higher prices later, though some 300 boxes are still waiting to be cut. I don't know of any other grove where one could go & get a box today of cut oranges as good as yours - ~~at any~~ so many groves were frozen. I tell Haley his escape was due to the fact that he was a friend of mine. Never knew anybody to have bad luck who was! The women only permitted Mr.

I and Mrs. Forley to fill their
 lunch basket this time as
 we already had a bushel
 of them d. h. "drops" in the
 house, and cannot get
 much more than 16 to 20 a
 day, we found, then, included
 after having each a whole
 Forley d. h. grape fruit
 for breakfast. We get
 tired of them we sometimes
 go right by the open box and
 not take one "on the house."
 I don't suppose you know what
 this quotation means, nor
 do you do the meaning or
 value of "stand pat" or "a
 queen full before the spade"
 or any other vernacular of
 draw poker.
 How much spare time have
 you to read my letters?

Miss
 & quit:
 I have better
 home
 hours
 more or
 less
 every
 day

will be a good thing
 to have at least
 I think he is trying
 to improve for I
 will be glad to
 see you

P. S. My Dear Lathou: I hope you
know me well enough to know
that I have not recalled the
incident of the annual meeting
of ~~1880~~ 1880 through any resentment.
In very truth that was one of the
happiest incidents of my life.
It showed me that I was
able to receive the coldest
of revenge from Christian
hands and go on about
my business; and that such
men could revenge them-
selves and be pretty good
fellows too and become
afterwards my very best-
friends, as Wymon Eliot,
J. J. Grimes, & J. S. Harris
surely were. It was Mr.
Harris who proposed my
name for Honorary life

2-P.S. | Member; it was ~~he who~~
~~invited me to~~ Eliot who
invited me ^{to} express the Society
regard for Mr. Harris on the
presentation of the two photos;
+ I joined with others in
eulogies of Mr. Grimes when
we had buried the husk
of him; and Wyman in
a hundred + one acts of
kindness towards me has
told me the regrets his lips
could not utter; and I
have seen the Society take up
the work I cut out for
them in 82, 83 + 84, and grow
away beyond my dreams of
what could be done - grow not
so much in numbers as in use-
fulness, on broader lines, + become
~~the~~ model + pattern of all the States.

+ Insert "It was Mr. Grimes who
the last time I saw him alive
greeted me as "my old friend
Eliot Gibb" and meant it

Plenty of 'em

And they will pass the report of 85 ~~to~~
"in silence & with tears!" - unless they be
philosophers of life's blessings in disguise,
the rough whistles we get, and still then
they had better pass it for the younger
1990 members could not understand it
and the other ten forgotten all about
it - and it's a back number "too
dead to skin."

Lord Lord how we old men are given
to the Reminiscence! How long, O Lord,
How Long!

Melbourne Beach, Florida,
Jan. 20, 1907.

Dear Lillian: Hope you are
still enjoying your Citrus.

I was pretty hot when I first
read that letter of yours which
had the check in it. I thought
you ought to know that no
man could be expected to
pack against an express
thief, and I knew fully well
done his level best every
way for you - he the best
orange grower & bluffer
on the Indian River; also
friend of mine. I thought
you also ought to know
from reading the Associated
press news that the only sure
thing is buying a box of

2
good oranges from the grove
would to do it now
February would certainly
be too late. - My friend
Genl. W. H. Sebring of Jacksonville
estimates the

Florida crop is follows:

Shipped ^{Boxes} before the freeze	3,000,000
Possibly escaping injury	75,000
Frozen & lost	925,000
Total crop	<u>4,050,000</u>

But I have got over it.
All is serene between us
now. You were not to
blame for not knowing
much, and you have
got what you wanted.

Since your recent I have
sent a box to G. F. Benson,
Lake City. He is due to be
elected his today.

3/ I have entered a complaint
of the opening of your box
& one I sent to Prescott
with the Dept. of the Southern
Express at Savannah.

Peaches & pine apples in
bloom on my place & a
few winter bananas on
top. Had our first ones
of new potatoes from the
garden a week ago today
first turnip & lettuce today,
& a pumpkin will be ripe
when it please God.
(You see I am still a
pagan)

Could you send me a Report
of 1883?

Yours truly
Oliver Gibbs

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Des Moines, Iowa, January 16, 1907.

A. W. Lathan, Secretary
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have your card of the 15 instant. Do not know where to find a Report for 1878, but should I find one will send it to you.

Am down with neuralgia now and may not be able to do much for several days.

Yours truly,





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Mankato, Minn. January 12, 1907.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec'y. Minn. State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Please send us what you can spare of the 1907 Folder.
We will see to it that they are made good use of.

Yours truly,

M. L. Gjestrum

*I would like to know the rates per year
on such advertising space as carried by
the Jewell people in the Minn Horticulturist.
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Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

As I hear nothing more about the file of reports I thought maybe you have been so busy lately that you have forgotten. I would like to get them as soon as possible for reference in our office, so please attend to it as soon as you can. I would also like to get my membership certificate. When the new folders are ready for distribution we will be glad to send out as many as you can spare. Our catalogues are sent to both Dakotas, Iowa, and Wisconsin, and all over our own State and we will place a folder in each catalogue as far as they go and do all we can to get new members.

Yours truly,

M. L. Gjestrum

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11/21/07

Melbourne Beach, Florida,
Dec. 31, 1906.

Dear Latham: I have held
your request for shipment of a
box of oranges, somewhat in
abeyance for two reasons:

1st To let the fruit reach its
best fragrance & flavor, which
is after it has had some
cool weather

2^d To find out how it
stood the frost of the 24th & 25th.

My friend in whose hands
I placed the matter has sent
me half a basket for my
own family use as his report
on latter point. I can see
no injury whatever. In a day
or two I shall see him or get
a letter.

2/

Thursday leave the matter
right where it is, with me,
and no questions asked
about cost or express
charges till you get the
stuff. I shall of course
prepay both - have to the
latter or guarantee it,
and I shall have them
shipped anyway as soon
as fairly representative
unless meantime there is
another & a worse cold
spell.

No damage here at my place
E. side of Indian River - seen
bananas all right. Other side
bananas killed & I was surprised
when I heard the citrus fruit
come out unhurt.

CHARLES F. GARDNER, *Pres.*
President of the Iowa State and Northeastern
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Osage, Iowa. Dec. 22 1906.

Prof. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I consider myself greatly indebted to you, Prof. Green and Wyman Elliott and other members of the society, for making me an honorary Life Member. I want to give you my personal thanks, and hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting the old Wheel-horses of Horticulture of the State of Minn. at their annual meetings for many years to come. In the meantime if there is anything that I can do to further your interests, either personally or in the horticultural line remember I am at your service.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am truly yours,

Charles F. Gardner

Ref 1901 ord amt 12.21.06
Melbourne Beach, Florida,
Dec. 17, 1906.

Dear Latham: You will
remember my sending
you 12 ds in stamps for
postage on that Hot Report
containing my phy and
biography up to date, &
which ^{you} said in a
letter next day to me
would be mailed to a
lady whose address I
gave you. She did not
receive it. She is now
my sons wife, and if you
can find a copy will
you kindly mail it
to her changed address:
Mrs. Burton C. Gibbs, 730
South 12th St., Birmingham, Ala.?

2/
We are reveling in
beautiful weather
for comfort, though this
being the Florida dry
season gardeners would
like more rain. Groves,
under good tillth are
all right.

Oranges & Pomelos crops
fair in quantity and
prime in quality.

Pomelos in local
market are getting
cheaper - 5 cts apiece
for large ones; all you
can carry of small
for a quarter.

With best wishes for you
or the Old Society,

Yours truly
Oliver Gibbs

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Mankato, Minn. November 10, 1906.



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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 2d. inst. received. In reply would say, you may ship reports by freight. Enclosed please find check for 50¢ to pay drayage.

Yours truly,

M. L. Gjestrum

Sent 12.13.06

Plenty not got reports.

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Osage, Iowa Nov. 24 1906.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,

207 Kasota Blk.

Minneapolis.

My Dear Sir:-

When I sent you my annual report I did not know as I should be able to arrange my business so as take in the Banquet Thursday Evening and I left that part of the report blank. I shall be there so I hope you will be able to save me a ticket I will hand you the dollar as soon as I reach there. If you have not selected a delegate to our State meeting I hope you will consider the name of our mutual friend Mr O. W. Moore, of Spring Valley, Minn. among the names of the other candidates for that appointment. I write this without Mr. Moore's knowledge.

I hope this will find you and your good wife enjoying good health

With best wishes I remain

Yours truly

Chas. F. Gardner,