



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

2/18/07

Mr. A. N. Latham,
201 Karsta Bldg.
Mpls., Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

The following have
renewed their membership in our Society.

L. W. Jaspersen, Albert Lea, Minn. R.F.D. #3.
v. Peter Larson " " " " Box 208.

Please charge about 50¢.

I have handed them their book (annual report).

Very truly

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

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Albert Lea, Minn., Feb. 20-07

Mr. A. W. Lachman,
Mpls. Minn

Dear Sir:-

The following party has
re-newed his membership in our
society.

S. Clement, 620. W. Park av. Albert Lea, Minn.

He desires ^{plant} premiums No. 3 and 4.

I have now used up all the Annual Reports
(60) that you sent me, and I think I will need
anyway 5 more copies. Therefore kindly
send me by Express 5 more books &
oblige, Very truly yours.

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

Feb. 21, 07

Chas H Pratt

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Marshfield ^{of}
~~Neillsville, Wis.,~~ Feb 8 1907

Mr C, in Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir. As you are the Sect.
of the Minn Horticulture Society
possibly you are pretty well acquainted
over the state, I want to find
a city or thriving new town where
there is a good opening for a
greenhouse and market garden
I want to get in a new place that
is going to grow in a city of
5 to 8 thousand where there is a
good opening for a greenhouse
and market garden.

I am 29 years have a family, I have
been in the garden business all my
life, my father was a gardner.

I have a farm of 40 ac near at
Marshfield that I want to trade

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Neillsville, Wis., 190

for the town property, with 500. or
1000. dollars cash and house and 5 ch
or more. My farm is worth \$4000.
it is really worth \$4500. with the
improvements I have compared with other
farms and the price they sell for.
I would like to get in the Southern
half of the state and the Eastern
part of Iowa. If you know
of a place would you please tell
me about it. I inclose a stamp for
reply. If you don't know of any place
would the president of the M. H. S. know
of any, or give me the address of one
one else that would know.

I think I would like to become a
member of the M. H. S. Society.
Could you send me Sample

copy of your monthly Magazine
what is the cost of membership and
what are the benefits to be had as
a member of the Society.

I want to find a place and make
the third shelf Spring. so I can
get this year.

I thank you in advance for any
pardon or help you may be able to
give. and expect a reply by return
mail.

I am yours very truly
Chas H Pratt
Maishfield

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

JAN 29 1907

Mr. A. W. Sathorn,

207. Kasota Bet,
Mpls Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please add to membership list,

for our Society:

1. O. J. Hermanson, Albert Lea, Minn. (R. 1)
2. Frank Skinner, " " "

I have given them their books. Please charge
about 50¢

Inclosed also please find balance of
papers read at our meeting,

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson,

Well, I have written a book. I have tried to say nothing wrong, but much; that if heeded will be helpful, especially to the young. The printers are busy working on it. It will be illustrated with about one hundred illustrations, consisting of two great horses, two great seedling apple trees, the balance friends, both male and female; and noted cattle, both male and female. The book is the Autobiography of a Great Cow with great records and reminiscences that I hope will make it interesting. If you desire a preface of it, send me a postal. At present send orders to me or Alex. Johnson, West Salem, Wis.

A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis., Jan 28 1902

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn
Dear Friend

Yours of Saturday last recd and contents noted. I would like to know how you found out I was in your state - doing good &c. I did not go to Fargo as I expected Waldron engaged me to come but found himself short of funds and I did not care to pay my expenses for fun or glory. at Forest Henry's solicitation Gregg unexpectedly wrote me to attend Institutes at Lake City Leuston and Dodge Center. I did my best for better cows Brackett gave good talks on Horticulture and Henry paid his respects to Hog Corn & Clover. I also attended the Dairyman's convention at Onatonna at the Banquet I made the Hit of the Evening on a young Lawyer on way home at Minn. I chatted over phone with Bro Yalike ^{at home}. The week before I spent 2 hours at Hospital with him. Oh how I pitied him he wanted to go home so bad. he is very poorly & weak yet and must be very carefull his stomach is so weak & his vitality so low that a little overfeeding will bring him down. I cautioned the Family all I could about his care (over

Will write to Reuben Robinson some time - as to
the Books, do as you think best some may come
in that would want one and you can let it go
for 75¢ with membership or 1.00 if they just buy Book
alone But if you have to send one away have
them send you 10 or 12 cents for Postage you can
speak of it in Secyo corner, you manage it so I
get 75¢ and if I send Book from here I must
have 75¢ besides postage as that about covers cost for
1st Edition - It is going considerable into Libraries of
Wisconsin + a good prospect in Penna. as a Cousin
of mine has been President of state normal school
system for 20 years and he talks quite favorable
our friend H. V. Poore is quite favorable to it - I think
I shall be up to Maynes School before Spring of 20
will surely call to see you. Owen has given me
some good notices but they buy quite slow
still I am very proud of the class of people that
buy the Book they are well above the average. I go -
to Barron Co this week Friday + from there to our
state meeting - with best wishes

I am yours truly
A. J. Phillips

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A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis.,

Jan'y 21 1907

Dear Latham

The Fargo trip fell through for want of funds up there and I go to Dairy Concentration at Onatonna instead. Mr. Gregg has invited me to a few Institutes - Minniska Lake City Leunstow & Dodge Center when I talk on better Cows and at Onatonna Banquet on Minnisota's Progress good Subject for me wish you could be there. Brackett is doing well yahnke is a little better they were planning to take him home from Hospital Saturday last well who in the world is so taken with my Book dont you dare tell his name. Wyman did well he sent 5 for Christmas presents & Bot 3 others I will send 6 Copies to you as 6 goes as cheap as 3. you can work them off if many feel as that man does. Lyman has one extra one & I will write to him to send that to you too I did not see in Magazine any thing of the offer I made you I wrote you that I would send Books from here at 75 c if they sent Postage making Book & members but 1.75

Yours
A. J. Philips

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Jan. 19-07

Mr. A. W. Latham:-

207 Kasota Bldg,

Wyo. Minn

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed please find

my report of our meeting at Austin,

I will send you next Monday, the

new names added to our roll & remittance

for same, also the papers read at
meeting,

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson

Secy.

OFFICE OF
WM. PFAENDER, JR.
INSURANCE.

New Ulm, Minn., 1/11. 1907

A. W. Latham Esq
mpls.

1,740.07

Dear Sir!

Your circular letter regarding the Soc Folder came to hand. - I can use 500 of these folders. - Also recd Bill for Post for 1907. It was my intention to inclose the \$1⁰⁰ when I wrote you accepting the U. Pres. of 2nd Dist. - Will you kindly refer to my letter & advise me if I did not send the amt. - Thanking you for an answer I am
Yours very Resp

W. Pfander, Jr.

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Jan. 5th 07

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Wppls Missn

Dear Sir:-

Please ship 60 Books, - Trees,
Fruits & Flowers for 1907, to Austin, Minn.,
for our annual meeting there, Jan. 16-18, th

Ship by freight and consign to -

J. M. Lindsey,

Austin, Minn.

I will see to that all members whose
names I have already sent to you, will get
their books from me, out of above number,
Also send me some Fruit Lists,

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

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Mr. A. W. Latham

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec 20 06

My dear Sir:

Our So. Minn. Hort. Society will hold meeting at Austin, Minn. next Jan. 16-17-18th. Program is not yet printed, but following are most of the papers to be presented:-

- Shelter belts & Timber lots by E. F. Peak, Austin
Spraying by J. M. Lindsay "
Squash Culture " J. D. Smith "
My Berry Garden " Jess A. Jensen, Rose Creek
Fruits for the Home " J. O. Share Albert Lea
Selection of Seeds " Rolt. C. Wedge "
Apple Orchards " Mrs E. Cashman, Oustonna
New and Better Fruits - Clara Wedge, Albert Lea
Improvements of School Grounds, Mrs. A. W. Massee "
Planting & care of Shade Trees. L. P. H. Highby "
Impressions on Forestry & Horticulture, Chr. Berthelson "

Will mail Program, as soon as

printed. Very truly,
O. M. Peterson
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an Latham

A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis., Dec 11 1906

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear friend

In order to make the train for Onatonna with Cashman I cut of connections with your good meeting rather abruptly. I paid 50¢ for my share of the room at the Brunswick paid 40¢ Monday 75¢ Tuesday 60¢ Wednesday 50¢ Thursday 75¢ Friday 10¢ Street Car fare total for grub^{3.10} making a grand total of 8¹⁰/₁₁. I busted my Pants Thursday Evening laughing at Mrs Farrars good paper & Miss Lathams Recitations. It cost me 50¢ for repairs, but that was my fault and yours combined. So I will not chg it up. My Pants failed me again Friday Evening when starting for Onatonna so I borrowed a Pair of Mike Cashmans to wear home - Sherman in his hurry leaving Cashmans - took my hat & wore it home & I had to wear his 1/8 too small wife put in the Boys Collar 1 inch too small so Mrs Cashman kindly donated to me one of Toms that he wore during the Campaign that is now 1/2 inch too large for him. I started to tell you that I came to Yankers sat
over

-evening I took yanket a nice Boquet from
cashmans which he enjoyed so much. I was
much encouraged that night at seeing him so
cheerfull, and so free from pain - but was discourg
in the morning to see his tired look and to hear
that he suffered all night with pains in his Bowels
he ate a dish of oysters for his supper which he thought
the cause he is in quite a critical condition. his -
daughter celestia is coming here to day to help me -
some in my Book work, as I am very busy - have
promised Waldron to go to Fargo again in jany
if I go will stop & see you - Book is going all
right sold all I took with me & took orders for
more. you may say that all who join your -
society during the next year will get the
Book for 75^c or 1.75 for Both - which gives mag
your report and my Book, a lot of cheap
reading for Farmers, one of Loms agents came in sat
and reported a sale to 1 man of 1200 for apple trees -
I am going to make same offer to the ag school, 75^c
during this term. I dont care so much to make money as
I do to scatter the Book where I will be remembered -
for what little good I have done, am I right -

In haste
A. J. Phillips

Tell Elliott to bring the three Books that he has
that he did not order to your office and I ordered
Lyman to bring one he has extra to your remind him of it
yours affly

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

DEC 1 1906

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A. W. Latham,

Impls. Minn

Dear Sir:-

Please add to 1907 membership in
Hort. society, following members:-

J. O. Share, Albert Lea, Minn.

Clint L. Luce, " "

L. W. Prosser, Le Roy, "

O. N. Kjerland, Northwood, Iowa.

Enclosed find \$1.⁰⁰ payment for above.

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson

Secy.

Valent Dec 31

Grandfather

I rec'd a telegram from Mrs Macpherson last night saying they were quarantined by Dypt River. I expected while I was down there to get out to the meeting and settle up our accounts. I cannot afford to come down there so I will have to postpone my trip till they are well again. Then I will try and come down. Now say to m's the meeting and seeing you all. We are all as well as usual.
Yours very truly
W. H. Burdick

Duluth Dec 11

A. W. Leathers

Dear Ben's

I am very
glad that you had so good
meetings, when I sent down that
list, I was in a hurry and I can
not recall Mr Youngs first name
but as I would hire or having
his office in the Salacia
Building I thought you might
be able to locate him.
Yrank S. Young is the one
who paid me for his removal.
Tommy Y. is his brother. If Mr
Hauchoir's folks get well so I can
go then, I shall try and come down
Christmas week, and will be sure
to come and see you.

Best regards to all the family.

Your truly
W. H. Leathers

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

✓ 5.00

OFFICE OF
WESTERN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION.

Washington, D. C.,

Yuma, Arizona, December 6, 1906.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Enclosed please find check for \$5.00 as
first payment of annual life membership in the Minn. Horticultural
Society. Send me the last report but hold back reports until
later. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Peterson.

Red Wing Dec 2 1908

Friend Latham Dear Sir

I wrote you a while ago
that I would be up at the
winter meeting but I have
decided not to go for several
reasons first reason is I have
hardly any winter apples to
bring and another is I have
a gathering in my nose and
it looks red if I went up they
would think I had been drinking
hard so I thought it would
look better for me to stay at
home this time although I would
like very much to be there and
shake hands with old friends

I will send my membership
fee soon. I would had some
winter apples but for a very
heavy wind that shook them
all off and bruised and scratched
them so badly they do not keep
so well as usual. I guess this will
let you know why I am not write
you this time

Yours truly
J. E. Perkins

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Duluth Dec 7

Friend Gathorn

Enclosed 3

sent you Money order for \$5.00
for subscriptions.

✓ Dr H C Bowman (Calvinia Bellings)

Dr^N Bowden " "

✓ Dr^M Young " "

✓ R H Condergast 4327 Belknap St

these are renewals

✓ also to

580 M Fleunter Exchange Buildings

this is a new subscription

Yours truly

Jas L. Young } Duluth
Frank L. Young } R H Condergast

Ernest M. Prasser

Sully Minn. Nov. 30 1906

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir!

Your letter of Oct. 30th
received.

The apple seed, which
I received from you, I planted
the same on April 17th in
boxes filled with black loam
taken from a valley. After

some disturbance by some kind of bird or squirrel about 1 Doz. started to grow, when some had the height reached from $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, they commenced to die off. Some times the bigger leaves turned yellow or the top got dry.

There were several where it looked like the leaves had some holes or parts of the edges of leaves were eaten off although I could not see any insects near it. June 13th I transplanted the last 3 in the garden, but the result was the same.

I didn't want them to plant direct in the upland ground on account it is all

clay and planting them in the valley, I was afraid a frost might kill the young sprouts, because in cold nights there is a difference of 10 degrees between high and low lands.

That is was a failure instead a success is the reason why I did not make any entry for the offered prizes.

Yours fraternally
Ernest M. Prosser

Ambay Min
Nov 27-09

Friend Leathan I find it will be impossible for me to attend the annual meeting of the Society & I very much regret it. I am on my back under the doctors care from heart trouble & have written what I enclose in that condition - My heart will be with you as in the past 30 or more years - I don't know when I first joined the Society I know I joined the horticultural society & Forestry association as soon as I heard of their existence & the best part of my 72 years of strenuous life has been spent along those lines & hope for years to come to do yeoman service in my favorite theme

yours truly
J S Parks

Enclose a -

Snapshot of J S Parks about to treat his friends to his favorite Wolf River Apples