



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Mr. A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Sir:--

The woman of this city have recently organized a "WOMANS CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE" here they have asked me to give them a talk or rather a lecture on HORTICULTURE either in the after-noon or evening of April first.

I am glad of the opportunity to do this but thought it would be better if you would write to them and consent to it. so I told them I would take it up with you and you would write them at once so the announcement can be made in this weeks paper

There is a chance here of getting some memberships for our SOCIETY as they are very much in earnest about the work.

Should you think it a wise plan to take it up with them I wish you would ask them to have a short program just before and after the lecture as it will make it more interesting for them and easier for me, this I know they will gladly consent to.

I have talked with some of them about getting up a club of 25 to join the SOCIETY in a body but thus far they have given me no definite answer. if they would consent to do this is there a way of giving them a better rate?

I have given several short talks to educational, park, town and city boards by request and one here to-night before the Village Board and they seem to be appreciated very much, and I never forget the SOCIETY but am not sure if you think this is the right method or that you think it wise.

Mrs. L. E. Sprague is Chairman Mrs. C. P. Rise Sec't. of this league

Hoping to hear from you at once and trust it will meet with your approval I am

Yours Truly.

*A. A. De Smidt*

Please address my mail here also

Breckenridge  
Minn.

THOS. J. DAVIS  
LAWYER  
404-406 First National Bank Building,  
DULUTH, MINN.

June 15, 1911.

Minnesota State Horticulture Society,  
A. W. Latham, Sec.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Your letter of the 9th inst. is before me, and, when the time comes for making up the roll of members for another year, it is my present intention to ask leave to retain my membership, but without any perquisite. I deem the privilege of assisting, to the extent of the membership fee, the good work the Society is doing ample equivalent for the money. It would be a pleasure to me to make your personal acquaintance.

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Very cordially yours,

*Thos. J. Davis*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

4 **W. LATHAM,**  
*Minn. State Hort. Socy.*  
*207 Kasota Block,*  
*Winnemahs. Minn*

Olivia Minn 6/16/11

Yes, I will comply with  
your request and prepare  
an article on Top-working

Resp  
Henry Dunsmore

# DUNSMORE NURSERY

HENRY DUNSMORE, Prop.

GROWER OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES  
EVERGREENS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS

Olivia, Minn., June 10<sup>th</sup> 1911

Mr A W. Satham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir: To my mind and from actual experience I am of the opinion that topworking is of vital importance to progressive horticulture in the northwest I did not come to this conclusion through the reading of articles on that subject, or the theory is presented by different men But from years of discouragement in trying to raise Jap. Plums of which I had abundance, Burbank, Wickson, Satsuma<sup>etc</sup> I have nursed those trees for eight years and no fruit Four years ago the winter nearly exterminated them, in examining them in the spring I found that only one little limb that was healthy enough to graft was left on the Satsuma so I cut it off and grafted it into the top of Aitkin plum it made a fine growth and produced.

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EVERGREENS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS

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a few plums last year when nearly all other hardy varieties were put out of business by the severe frosts of May 16-23. The present season it carries a good crop. It has never suffered from winter injury to any extent and the past winter did not kill a terminal bud. While the original tree on its own stem was killed back to within six inches of the ground, Unlike most of the Japs this variety blooms very late which is an advantage in the north.

apples fair crop

Plums loaded to the overage

Three of my original Gideon seedlings promise to produce 14 or 15 bushels each the others which were topworked 10 & 12 years ago to Wolf River and other varieties produce bountiful crops.

Resp. Henry Dunsmore

J. A. P. NEAL  
DAVID DAVIS.

THOS. J. DAVIS  
LAWYER  
404-406 First National Bank Building,  
DULUTH, MINN.

June 5, 1911.

Minnesota Horticulturist,  
207 Kesota Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen;-

I paid in advance for your publication during the current year, to be sent to me at 1601 London Road. My residence address is 2104 East First Street, Duluth, formerly 1601 London Road, up to January 7 last. Being a prepaid subscriber, I am at liberty to order a discontinuance, and you will please strike my name from your mailing list at once.

tjd-i.

Yours truly,

*Thos. J. Davis.*

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A. A. DeSMIDT

ONE OF THE MOST  
NORTHERN NURSERIES

# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota April. 4. 1911.*

My Dear Mr. Latham: -

Find enclosed a letter from the Ladies Civic improvement League asking me to meet with them on Sat. Apr. 8 and I would like you to send me to Breckenridge the Constitution for a local society which you spoke of in a former letter and I will take it up with them.

A hundred or more of folders might come handy also if you have them any information you can give me in regard to the work will be appreciated and also encouraging.

Yours Truly,

*A. A. De Smidt*

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A. A. DeSMIDT  
Vice Pres. Ninth Cong. Dist., Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

ONE OF THE MOST  
NORTHERN NURSERIES  
Home of the  
Evergreen.

# The Battle Lake Nursery

Acclimated, Hardy, Healthy, State Inspected Stock.

Battle Lake, Minnesota Feb 24-11-

My Dear Mr. Latham

I have your letter encouraging nursery men to give Horticultural Memberships, with certain sized orders, and I think too much cannot be said about it, and we will gladly adopt the plan you suggested, and will send in such names as we get from time to time.

Thanking you for the suggestion I am

Sincerely yours

A. A. De Smith

P.S.

We would like to send out 20 or 25 complimentary subscriptions now but money is not very plentiful just now but will be more so about June 1-11.

Owatonna Minn Feb 17 - 1911

A. W. Latham Secy

Dear friend

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> was received yesterday. I thank you for sending the back numbers of the magazine to Mr Stevus. He is one of the 1856 settlers of southern Minnesota and was a pioneer in attempting to grow apples. I made my home with him for five years and bought my first land adjoining his farm. He represented Steele, Waseca and Freeborn Counties in the State Senate in 1864. He is now about 85 years old. I owe him and Mrs Stevus a debt of gratitude for their kindness to me when a discouraged, homesick boy I went to live with them. There is to be a Farmers Institute in Owatonna next week (Feb 24 & 25) as I expect to be there I would like a supply of folders to distribute at that time. I agree with you about the effect of time killing I have had a taste of it this winter.

Sincerely  
S. H. Drum



Publishes a Monthly Magazine entitled "The Minnesota Horticulturist." Sent free to all members of the Society. Send for copy of the Magazine and Folder containing the "Fruit List" for Minnesota and describing the work of the Society, its publications, methods, etc. Membership fee \$1.00 per annum. Life membership fee \$10.00.

## Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

Secretary A. W. LATHAM, 207 Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

Office of

A. A. DeSMIDT,

Vice-President, Ninth Congressional District,

Battle Lake, Minn.,

Feb 18, 1911.

My Dear Mr. Latham:

I wish to thank you for this stationery, as it will add to the interest of the Vice. Presidents

I met Mr. Brackett at the Tri State Grange Convention and we had a very good time there seemed to be a good deal of interest shown along Horticultural lines.

Prof Waldron asked the writer to speak on planting and caring for trees etc, that was why I happened to be there.

Should there be a opening at any time to speak along Horticultural lines and you think I would fill the bill be at liberty to call on me.

Thanking you for past favors I am

Yours Very Sincerely

A. A. De Smith

P. S.

I had enclosed a photo which you asked to use in connection with the paper, "How we guarded our trees from frosts." 44 annual convention

# OXFORD HOTEL

J. GASSMUND, PROP.



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TINTAH, MINN., Feb 21 1911

Mr. Latham:

Find enclosed a membership fee  
I am sending my personal check  
to save exchange, should this not  
be satisfactory let me know.

The Institute met here yesterday  
but they were out of fruit lists  
books etc but even then they  
secured three new members,  
I talked horticultural here as there  
was no regular speaker for that  
line of work, there is quite an  
interest here in horticulture, and  
we had a full house.

Of course I am not supposed to tell  
you this but you being Secy. can  
keep it strictly confidential.

If I had an Amateur Fruit Grower  
and Annual to show it would add  
greatly in securing new members  
J. G. Gassmund  
A. A. D. Gassmund

# The Battle Lake Nursery

Battle Lake, Minnesota Feb. 2-11,

My Dear Mr. Latham:

I am working hard to secure members for the society and would like to know if there is any difference in clubs, as I can give a membership with certain sized orders.

You may also send me 100 fruit lists to  
Battle <sup>Minn</sup> where you may write me.

Thanking you for past favors I am

Yours Very Truly  
A. A. De Smidt

Owatonna June 20<sup>th</sup> 1911

A. W. Latham Secy  
Dear friend

I attended the meeting  
of the Southern Min Hort Society at  
Albert Lea held 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> & will endeavor  
to give you some of the points that impress-  
ed me as of peculiar interest.

If you will kindly send me some  
of our society folder I will be greatly  
obliged as I like to keep a few in  
my pocket all the time to give to any  
one that I meet who is interested  
in horticulture. I find there are many  
such who have never had their attention  
called to the work of our State Society.  
Sincerely S. H. Drum

✓ 15<sup>00</sup>

Canon Falls Minn

Nov 5 1910

Mr A. W. Latham,

Dear Sir please  
Please sign the slip  
in side & return to me  
at Red Wing Minn  
Please let me know when  
or if you received money  
order

Yours Truly

Robert L. Dancel.