



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota* Dec. 26-11.

Mr. A. W. Latham:-  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Friend:-

Will you look on your books and see if you have the names of S. E. Taylor Fairmount No. D. and Edward Ward % Fergus Hospital Fergus Falls Minn. I do not see these name in the annual and it may be they have been overlooked by the printer.

I wish you would send the number of the Horticulturist that has the paper in on Grafting by Prof. Cody to Mrs. M. S. Free 75 Dell Place Minneapolis Minn. she wrote me in regard to grafting and if we impart to her the needed infomation she might be induced to join the society, for she attended the meetings and speaks very highly of the the work,

Is there any show of us getting a trial station here several of the boys are very much interested and we will stand the first expense of establishing the plant and have an ideal public place at or near a summer resort ground and it would be a great advertisement for the Society I should judge,

Do you not think it would encourage those who are establishing new orchards here to read my paper on keeping trees from frost and to do so. I wish you would write one or two of our County papers asking them to publish it for the benefit of their readers I think they will be glad to do so but I did not want to mention it to them as I being the writer of the article, The Fergus Falls Free Press also the Fergus Falls Journal

I do not want to be burdon some to you but want to see the Society grow and flurish and to have it do so we must put our sholder to the wheel and all help a little as I know you cannot do it alone, should they want the cut perhaps you can loan it to them and they can return it

I never attended a meeting that I enjoyed as much as the Last Horticulture meeting and every one whom I have spoken with expresses the same feeling and we are laying this mostly to you and your helper for you surely put forth an effort

Extending to you the Seasons Greeting I am

Yours Truly

*A. A. De Smit*

# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota*

Dec. 11-11.

Mr. A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Friend:-

It is useless for me to say that we had a grand convention for you well know the sentiment of all and that is on of the greatest meetings we have ever had.

Should there be any-thing I can do at any time be at libery to call on me, Prof. Waldron asked me to select a topic to present at the Horticulture convention at Fargo the third week in Jan. which I said I woud be glad to do.

Thanking you for past favors I am

Yours Truly

*A. A. DeSmidt*

Prairie du Sac

Wis.

Dec. 9, 1911.

Mr. A. W. Latham

Sec. State Ex. Society Minn.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: —

In a roundabout way I have heard that your Horticultural Society offer a large premium for the best seedling apple. I wish to inquire if it is offered to non-residents or only to residents of Minn. If "free for all" will you kindly write me particulars in regard to it. I have something which I think is very fine. Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I am

Very truly yours  
U. S. Drouse

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# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota* Nov. 20-11.

A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I have your letter and will hasten to reply. will say I will be on hand on Tuesday morning (nothing to prevent) and will aid in every way possible.

Yours Truly  
*A. A. DeSmidt*

Find enclosed the circular letter I wrote you about, am sending out 150 enclosing Program, Fruit list, etc.

# HOLM & OLSON

INCORPORATED

THE HOME OF FLOWERS

NOs 20-22-24  
WEST FIFTH ST.

FLORISTS,  
NURSERYMEN  
AND  
LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTS

PARK  
NURSERIES  
LEXINGTON AVE.  
AND  
SAINT CLAIR STREET

*Saint Paul, Minn.*  
November 22, 1911.

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

Dear Sir:

As Secretary of the Minnesota State Florists Association, I have been instructed to write you to ascertain the present standing of the members of this association in your society.

By referring to the records of the late Treasurer I find that he remitted you \$5.50 some time during the last fiscal year of our society, which ends with September, but the date is unknown.

Several of the members have received letters from you regarding their membership in the society, from which I infer that there are none of them in good standing at the present time. However, kindly let me know just what state we are in and I will then advise you regarding membership for the coming year.

As I understand it, all dues that are paid on or before the annual meeting entitle the members to membership during the coming year. Am I correct? Please let me know at once.

Yours very truly

*A. Dysinger*

SDD-G



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, in publications, methods, etc. Membership fee \$1.00 per annum.

## Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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

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

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Office of

**A. A. DeSMIDT,**

Vice-President, Ninth Congressional District,

*Battle Lake, Minn.,*

My Dear Friend:—

Nov. 20, 1911.

Please find enclosed a program of the forty fifth annual meeting of The Minnesota Horticultural Society which you will notice takes place at Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5th to 8th, 1911. In looking over its pages you will notice that there are to be more than (65) sixty five short but instructive lectures and no two subjects by the same person, so it means the opinions of that many or more minds on the subject of horticulture in Minnesota and Middle West.

You will also be interested in the demonstration and instruction in grafting and cross pollination, etc., which takes place in the fruit rooms between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoons and will be led by the most competent instructors obtainable.

The Society is offering a prize of \$100.00 for the best Seedling apple. You will find particulars on the last page of the enclosed program, besides there are Free For All discussions along the fruit line at which time we want your views.

There are many other things that will interest you but which I have not time to mention in this connection and will be well worth your time attending. So when you return to your duties you will have new thoughts to occupy your mind and thus look into a brighter Nature's future than you had ever dreamed of.

In closing I want to say do not forget to visit the Fruit Room where one will see what Minnesota is raising in the fruit line, in quality we defy the world and you will say with the rest of us Bigger, Better and More Fruit for the Middle West states.

Thanking you in advance for your attendance I am

Yours very sincerely,

**A. A. DeSmidt,**

P. S. Kindly remember We're Just Plain Folks.

# DUNSMORE NURSERY

HENRY DUNSMORE, Prop.

GROWER OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES  
EVERGREENS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS

Olivia, Minn., Nov 20 1911

Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir replying to your favor  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding Buckthorn  
It is 10 feet high 8 feet in diameter  
and about 25 feet in circumference  
It is 20 years old and never was pruned  
until ten years ago at which time I  
transplanted it, and pruned it, and it  
has been sheared every year since  
I usually shear it twice in a season  
It differs from most ornamental trees  
in that it is ornamental by night  
as well as by day In the moonlight  
it stands out in bold relief  
(my pen is so poor I have to throw it away)  
I have more than once kept strangers  
in suspense by telling them that  
it was a Balloon inflated all  
ready to ascend But they must

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stay back a few minutes or the  
ardnaut would not go up.

As I said before I refused \$150<sup>00</sup>  
for this tree. It is not unlikely that  
some will remark Yes by someone  
who had more money than sense or  
judgement as to the value of a tree.

In order that sceptics may rest easy  
I will say that had I accepted the  
offer above stated My Buckthorn  
would have been in Lincoln Park  
Chicago today. The State of Ill.  
or the city of Chicago would  
not put \$150 into a tree unless  
it had merit.

The tree is not for sale it is  
worth more to me than all I could  
get for it I gathered the seed of this  
tree with my own hands in So. Minneapolis  
Yours for more and better trees Henry Dunsmore

✓ 5<sup>00</sup>

Owatomia Minn. Nov 15-11

O. W. Sattam Socy  
Dear Sir

I hope to be with you at the Annual meeting but for fear some thing should prevent I enclose five \$5<sup>00</sup> toward a life membership fee for myself. I am trying to secure a few new members to take with me am also agitating the forming of a Cooperative Fruit growers Association in the County papers. I believe something of the sort will be started before Spring. Hoping meet the old friends in December I will still miss my friend John Hawkins who I knew I met him last at the meeting of the Southern Min. So at Albert Lea when we stopped together with O. W. Moore and Mr Livingston at the home of Mr Clarence Wedge.

Sincerely Yours  
S. H. Drumm

# DUNSMORE NURSERY

HENRY DUNSMORE, Prop.

GROWER OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES  
EVERGREENS AND PERENNIAL PLANTS

Olivia, Minn., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1911

A. W. Satham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:- I expect to be with you at the annual meeting and present an article on "Top-working"

For the past weeks I have been laid up with a severe attack of Rheumatism but hope to be able to get around before the meeting takes place. If so I will be with you.

I will send you two pictures so you can have an idea of what we look like. These I would like if you could use them to go as a cut with my topic on topworking.

I had another one taken of a Gideon seedling 23 years old. Topworked to Wolf River 15 years ago. Has a spread of 30 feet. It was loaded with fruit when the picture was taken. It would have made an appropriate picture.

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But the plate was spoiled the picture is so poor I will not send it.

Now Mr Latham while I may be considered as being in the back ground so far as getting to the front or speech making is concerned, yet if you took over those pictures carefully you will be willing to admit that I am not a laggard in putting into effect and practicing the true aim and purpose of our State Horticultural Society.

Resp

Henry Dunsmore

You will notice in the fore ground the Buckthorn for which I refused \$150.00

If this could be thrown on the canvas while they are showing others it would be a convincing argument that we have in the Buckthorn a true ornamental for the northwest

I will pay for the plate

# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota 11-12-11.*

A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have the programs and would like 150 fruit lists and 50 more programs if you have them to spare rest assured they will be well used for the interest of the Society.

I thank you for what you said about recommending my zeal for an officer of the Society, but I would like very much to have a trial station.

Any thing you should want me to help out with at the meeting in filling vacancies or other wise be at liberty to call on me at any time

Yours Truly

*A. A. DeSmidt*

# The Battle Lake Nursery

Battle Lake, Minnesota Nov. 6-11.

A. W. Lathan  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I would send out about 100 circular letters and see how many new members we can have come to the Winters meeting but in order to do justice to the letter I would like a program and I thought perhaps it was not out yet.

Do you usually send a program to each member? if so than I will send a fruit list, program & circular letter to out-siders only and I am willing to bear all the expense, if you will send me 100 programs and the same amount of fruit lists,

Yours Truly

A. A. DeSmidt

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# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

*Battle Lake, Minnesota* Nov. 1. 11.

My Dear Latham:-

Find enclosed a \$ 1.00 to pay for the membership fees of Edward Ward Fergus Falls Minn. (this was sent in some time since) and the fee of K.C. Hanson Battle Lake Minn.

I trust you corresponded with the parties I referred you to in my last <sup>letter</sup> as to being on the program it will show an interest in them even if the program was full for the coming convention,

Yours Truly

*A. A. DeSmidt*

Owatomo Min Sept 2-11

A. W. Gettman Secy

Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday is just received. I have been trying to interest fruit growers in this vicinity in an association for marketing fruit. This seems a propitious time for doing this as thousands of bushels of Apples are going to waste for want of a market. It has been suggested to me that the nurseries are urging farmers to plant commercial orchards that it is up to them to start the ball rolling.

How would this do for a subject:

"The interest <sup>nurseriesmen</sup> have in providing a market for fruit" <sup>I see.</sup> Mr. Mitchel of Owatomo would be a good man for this topic

Mr Wright gave us a paper last year I know but the subject might be discussed to advantage by some one in Southern Minn.

I would also like to hear from Mr Wedge on the "Culture" & profit in raising the "Belu Grape"

I have already prepared a paper on  
"Interesting Children in Horticulture"  
as you requested.

If I think of anything new that will  
be of interest. I will send it later.

I have been engaged lately on a paper  
on the "Resources of Steele County" which is  
to be printed in a folder by the business news  
Association for advertising the county.

I am as ever

Sincerely  
S. H. D. D. D.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

A. W. LATHAM,

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

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

Owensboro Wm  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1911

Dear friend  
Your favor is  
just received.

I will be pleased to prepare  
the paper you suggest on  
"interesting the children  
in horticulture".

I learn that the orchard  
on my farm is very full  
of ripe fruit free from scab  
and insect-pest. I attribute  
this in a measure to the pruning  
and spraying I gave it last  
season. My young apple trees  
in this place have made very  
little growth, on account of dry  
weather, but plums, grapes,  
raspberries, currants, gooseberries  
have all done well.  
Sincerely  
S. H. Drum

North St. Paul  
Sept. 18/1911.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Sectry. Minn. State Hort. Society  
Kasota Bldg, Mpls.

Dear Sir:

I mail you under  
seperate cover an apple that  
grows on trees in orchard of  
Mr. Courad Remenschneider,  
Woodbury, Washington County,  
Minn. Mr. Remenschneider  
doesn't know the name of  
that variety and would like  
to plant more of same kind.  
His trees are 17 years old - Hardy  
and good bearers. The apples  
keep until corn planting time  
and are of good flavor. Trees  
are of spreading habit with dark  
colored bark. Please to let me know  
name of same and oblige -  
yours truly - J. H. Dixon

Red Astrachan

Madelia Minn Aug 14 1911

Mr Batham Dear Sir

Send you some apples I dont  
know what variety they are  
I have asked a number of  
Nursery men but they could  
not tell me Mr Dymos said  
send them to you so I have  
sent you a sample some  
leaves from the tree all so  
hoping to hear from you  
Respe yours

A A Driggers  
Madelia  
Minn

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Evergreen.

# *The Battle Lake Nursery*

Acclimated, Hardy, Healthy, State Inspected Stock.

*Battle Lake, Minnesota* Aug. 21-1911.

Mr A.W.Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I have your letter in reply to the two subscriptions I sent in also as to the stationary.

I would like a few hundred letter heads such as you sent me before they will come very handy when I write to friends about the winters meeting and I think it is more appropriate than the ones I am now using

I will bear in mind what you said about the topics to be presented at the Winter meeting and will report later

When names are sent in as members have you a regular circular letter that you send? if so I would like one

Yours Truly

*A. A. DeSmidt*

Can you not send me a 100 fruit lists to Campbell Minn % Genl. Del.?

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# The Battle Lake Nursery

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Battle Lake, Minnesota

Aug. 14, 1911.

Mr. A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish to send in two new memberships for the Horticulture society fund enclosed \$ 1.00

C. Mahler Fairmount No. Dak. & F. J. Formanack Wahpeton No. Dak.

These memberships were given with a bill of nursery stock from The Battle Lake Nursery.

Have you any more stationary such as you sent to the vice. Pres. of the different districts? I have had quite a correspondence along horticultural lines and am entirely out of them.

I am will to pay for the stationary if you cannot supply it free.

Is there any-thing I can do to help the Society to make the Winter meeting more of a success than ever be-fore? if so be at liberty to write me your wants:

Yours Truly  
A. A. De Smidt

Owatomna Aug 3 - 11

W. Latham Secy  
Dear Sir

I just received the August number of the magazine and have been reading the paper by Mr. Bouckner on "The boy and the garden" with much interest.

I will relate an incident of my own experience that may be of interest. I gave a little talk to a rural school in which one of my daughters was teaching last winter on Horticulture and illustrated it with a lesson on grafting. The children were much interested and four of the boys from that school were among the ten from this county that attended the short course

at the agricultural School this Spring. One of them has taken such an interest that he asked for special instruction and has set about fifty plum and apple grafts. He has as he expressed it "an Experiment Station of his own". These boys are taking a great interest in all departments of farm work which will undoubtedly have a great influence on their future lives.

I wish this subject might be brought up at our annual meeting. If our older members could realize the interest that our children have in doing these simple things themselves, they would know where our successors were coming from.

Sincerely  
S. H. Drumm

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✓ 100  
North St. Paul

7/21-11

Mr. A. W. Latham

Kasota Block, Mpls.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find  
\$1.00 for membership in Minn.  
state Hort. Society for Mrs.  
A. N. Staples

565 DeCatur St. St. Paul.

Please to apply this as  
premium claim on Green's  
Popular Fruit Growing,  
which I will claim when  
I send you another new  
member. Please send  
me 1910 Society folders. I am  
selling for The Jewell nursery  
and can boost for the Society.

Box 6.

J. H. Dixon  
North St. Paul