



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Southern Minnesota Horticultural Society

Office of the Secretary

LE ROY, MINN., Dec. 5 1917

L. W. Latham.
Minneapolis.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed
please find one dollar in
payment of fees of Christ
Blythesen, P. Clausen each of
Albert Lea, and F. W. Kimball
Austin, Minn. also F. C.
Wildhagan, Waterloo, Iowa, but
is a new member. Others old.

Allow me to express my
appreciations of your circulars
pertaining to members of
auxiliary societies. This
settles a mooted question
satisfactory to me, and I
trust to all. Yours truly
L. W. Prosser

(over)

Southern Minn. Hort.
Society will meet at
Spring Valley. Jan. 17-18-12
L. W. P.

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- ↓ F. D. Prosser Hykoff.
- ↓ L. W. Prosser Le Roy.
- ↓ F. J. Peterson Albert Lea.
- ↓ G. H. Masse " "
- ↓ Martin Frydholm " (20) "
- ↓ H. J. Hansen " " "
- ↓ L. P. Highby " "
- ↓ Ole Dahlen " "
- ↓ O. N. Kjerland Northwood Ia.
- ↓ G. H. Farnsworth Albert Lea.

Please send Amateur Fruit
Grower to E. S. Washburn
Spring Valley, also one to
F. D. Prosser, Hykoff. New Memb.

I enclose 5-8 cts for these two,
+ membership fees \$5.00

Total 5.58.

Yours truly, L. W. Prosser.

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LE ROY, MINN., Jan. 27 1912

Secy. Latham
Dear Sir:—

I send you
a list of S. M. Hort. Society
members up to date as
follows:—

- ✓ J. M. Lindsay Austin
- ✓ Sigurd Austerheim Albert Lea
(Care Lake Shore Green House)
- ✓ Hans Peterson. Albert Lea
- ✓ R. C. Livingston Spring Valley.
- ✓ C. G. Washburn " "
- ✓ Jens A. Jensen Root Creek.
- ✓ C. M. Jensen Albert Lea
- ✓ O. M. Peterson " "
- ✓ H. W. Harrison Le Roy.
- ✓ Roy Vial Spring Valley

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LE ROY, MINN., Dec 25 1911

A. W. Sathan Sec.

The following subjects

will be discussed at S. M. H. Meeting

1. J. C. Hawkins "In Memoriam" O. W. Moore
2. Cooperation in Handling Fruits "L. W. Prosser
3. "Pot Shoots" C. Berthelson
4. "A New Package & New Method of Handling Apples" C. Hedge
5. "Some things that interested me the past season" C. M. Jensen
6. "Stray Thoughts on the Strawberry Plant" C. F. Gardner
7. Mistakes in Horticulture P. Clausen
8. Growing Winter Apples Successfully. S. D. Richardson
9. How to Develop a Topworked Orchard F. W. Kimball
10. Growing & Marketing Small Fruits H. Harrison
11. Melons on the Farm Chas. Coetter
12. Betterment of Farm Life Prof Kirkpatrick
13. Civic Improvement Mrs. Inerva Kalk

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LE ROY, MINN., _____ 191__

Please ship me 50 copies
Hort. Report to me at
Spring Valley. care O. W. Moore.
Yours truly,
L. W. Prosser, Secy.

ord
11.26.11

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



A. W. LATHAM,
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Jan 9th 1912

Dear friend

yours of yesterday recd.

It was at that Rochester meeting I decided to ^{to} ~~work~~ ^{work} ~~philips~~ ^{philips} Of course if you can

Keep that poetry and publish as you desire 40 Sunday morning papers it will thin out some of the tender sorts if it hangs on I supposed as talked that Long had it all. It sure ought to go in this spring if it was of any value. My talk at Brookings will be something similar. then I can I can send you something for March no by Feby 10th I recd Hansons programme last evening. he had me on for a talk wed. afternoon on Raising winter apples by top grafting on Virginia then without mentioning it to me had put me on among strangers for two months. I had no idea that they ever had a Banquet. I wrote him this a.m I must have subjects & speakers at once or I'll make a fizzle of it what I want most of you to use at Hansons is the date of the Rochester meeting when Dodge spoke on dimensions

A. J. Philips
Justice of the Peace
... Humane Agent
Wills and Other Papers Made

Do that can see the Bangout proceedings
Yes show Bangor via copies of last month

West Salem, Wis., Jan 4 1911

Mr A. W. Gatham
Minneapolis Minn
Dear Friend

I am starting in to write something similar to an autobiography for Farm Stock and Home Considerable of it will be in connection with Wisconsin and Minnesota Horticulture and as I do it largely from memory I will need some help and I will call on you some - - - the date of the first meeting that I attended in Winona Truman Smith was President and C. Y. Lacy Secy. The date of a meeting held in Rochester I think Harris was President but am not sure - the lengths of term since the meetings have been held in Minneapolis since the ag school was moved from the city to St Anthony Park the date of Jewells death, also John H Stevens - Lads Yahrke & c of course I have them but can find them so much quicker than I, give me any pointers you can that will in any way interest the 100,000 readers of Farm Stock & Home how long have you been Secy. how many members then & now & c & c. If you will do this I'll try and reciprocate when opportunity offers. Yes I think that Taylor & my self can give you a good send off I send clipping which you can return when you write regards to my man & any other inquiring friends the top work show was so big that poems were small Kellogg writes the Racine paper that my show was worth 10,000 to look at

Mrs F W Storaardt Mondoro no and Mrs
A J Philips Please send my Dary ltr

nosum? Cant find it in the
catalogues.

With best wishes for a
happy and prosperous New Year,
Nellie B. Pendergast,
29 City Hall Bldg.

THE SPACE BELOW MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.



POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis,

207 Kasota Blk.

Minn.

Duluth, 1/5/12

Dear Mr. Latham:

Will you kindly send me a sample copy of the Horticulturist-- want to do some missionary work with them. If I get a new subscriber, can I have the 50¢ premium, tho not a member?

Nearly frozen up here, but managing to rub along. So far we have succeeded in keeping Father from cutting any unnecessary caper than would land him on his back for the winter, and hope to get through by dividing up his work between us.

How is everybody down there? Hope yourself and Mrs. Latham are standing the cold weather in good trim. Don't like it much, myself.

What color and size blossom are Pyrethrum uligi-

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1477 Ashland Ave

Dec. 29, 1911.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose check for \$3.00 to cover dues for the twelve names enclosed.

- ✓ Mrs. W. S. Wingate, Excelsior, Minn.
- ✓ S. T. Hopper, Central & 26th avs, Minneapolis.
- ✓ J. J. Kadletz, Chatfield, Minn.
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- ✓ B. Algot Berntson, Bagley, Minn., R. 1, Box 34.
- ✓ A. L. Ewing, River Falls, Wis.

Yours, very truly,

C. A. Palmer,
Treasurer.

*1477 Ashland Ave
St Paul,*

*In notice by the paper that your society,
as well as ours, failed to certify as
to membership, etc., in time to allow
representation in the Agricultural
society meeting.
I knew nothing of the require-
ments - C. A. P.*

A. J. Philips

Justice of the Peace

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West Salem, Wis., Dec 25 1916

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn.

Geo W James
Forest Lake

Dear Friend

With the excitement prevailing at the annual meeting I forgot to secure a copy of your annual transactions and I went one about 1905 or 6 I found a cousin at Mpls one; George James he then owned a small farm some 16 miles from the twin cities he has not been at the meetings for two years - will you please refer to reports for those years and see where he gave his Post office. he must be still alive as his Grandfather lived to be 96. Our kitchen chamber is so crowded with Books papers & stored furniture that I can write you easier for this information easier than I can get at my Books. I know he was an annual member for 2 or 3 years. I hope to be able to go to Brookings in Jan'y. I have been well since I came home from your meeting. how much pears did Wankas get, did they make a special report on his sweet apple It is a fine seedling. Suppose I will see Song at Brookings give my regards to Wymann
Yours in haste A. J. Philips

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Sat 16. 1911

Dear Mr Latham
Yours of yesterday recd. I
think the sweet apple that
scored 95. remained in the.

Late winter and the red apple
that scored the same was trans-
ferred to the Early-winter of the
other two I know nothing and
am not sure enough about
the first two to have you base
a decision on it. a letter to
Mindoro will reach Manila

but he only gets his mail about
twice a week. If I go to Hansen's
meeting I will not go to ours
I sent 3 of these seedlings to young
Kellogg to show for the magnificent
2⁰⁰ price. Geo J says he won't
go. I'll send you his last to
me. yours in haste Philip

Highland Fruit Garden,
New Ulm, Minn.
Nov. 28, 1911.

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

Dear Friend Latham:--

Pleased find enclosed bill for
\$1.00 as payment for my membership to the Horticultural
society for the current year of 1912.

I will give you a brief summary of my occupation
for the past few years on my new location. My new
plum and apple trees that were planted five or six
years ago bore fruit this summer. The new plum
seedlings have developed beyond my expectations and
have proven a close rival to the Terry both in size
color and taste. This years plum crop was enormous
and I sold 86 bushels of choice plums at a good price.
They netted me \$135.00. // The Terry bore exceptionally
well this year on my heavy timber soil. The crop
from the Terry trees was so good and the plums were
of such quality that I have decided to discard the
Weaver, New Ulm and the Surprise and plant the Terry
in their places. I received fifty cents more per
bushel for the Terry than for the rest, which is
an item worth considering when in the plum market. //

Do you remember, Mr Latham, about four years ago
that you sent me four plum trees and four Shields
Crab? Well, one of those plum trees that I received
from you bore fruit this summer and they are extra
large, good in quality, and exceptionally good in
taste; it is hard to tell them from the Terry. I
will try and have them at the State Fair next fall,
in an effort to compete for the \$100.00 premium,
that is, if I am entitled to compete.

The outlook is good for a good crop of fruit next
year. The trees are full of strong flower buds and
went into winter quarters in fine condition.

I wish you and all my friends a successful meeting,
and am sorry to state that the condition of my eyesight
does not permit of my presents. With best regards

Yours in friendship,

Martin Penning,

A. J. Phillips

Justice of the Peace

. . . Humane Agent

Wills and Other Papers Made

West Salem, Wis., Dec 10 1917.

Mr A. G. Long
Mpls Minn

My Dear Sir

Well home again after a strenuous and pleasant week. Pres Vincent spoke to La Crosse normal students last Sunday Evening and they are loud in his praise. Well I packed my apples and Hanson found them to Brookings and I hope to be there to explain them in my weak way. When I will see you - I believe I will write up my closing speech so you need not transcribe it from the notes. I desire to change the wording in one or two places. Well I think the annual meeting sayler thrown in was quite a success. Enclosed find something to perpetuate my memory in your palpitating breast for a Long time.

Yours Cordially
A. J. Phillips

P.S. Will find above document to you at Mpls

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AWARDED TO C. G. PATTEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITION, ST. LOUIS, 1904, FOR SPECIAL
COLLECTION OF RARE, NEW AND OLD VARIETIES OF
APPLES.

CHARLES CITY, IOWA, 12/1/11.

Mr. A. W. Latham Secy,
Dear Sir:--

Replying to yours of the 29th. father wishes me to say
that he will arrive in Minneapolis Wednesday evening and will
stay until Friday night.

I engaged a room for him at the Andrews this morning
thank you for calling our attention to the matter.

He will undoubtedly have the photographs for which he
rote, with him at the convention.

Yours respectfully,
E. C. Patten.

A. J. Philips

Justice of the Peace

... Humane Agent

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West Salem, Wis., Nov. 27 1916

Mr A. W. Latham }
Minneapolis Minn. }

Dear Friend

Well the time for the mee-
-ting is approaching - and I am feeling just
rate. have the Banquet partially arranged so
I do not need to know the different places the
speakers occupy, will remember Poes Vincent as
you suggest. I sent a few days ago for 4 or 5
copies of Dec monthly as I sent mine to a man
I thought might come for fear my card mis-
carried I will say that Mr Jos Wankers P.O. is
Mindoro Wis. I also told you to send a copy of
Dec monthly to Mrs F. W. Storaardt Mindoro Wis
and one to Mrs Geo Shane Bangor Wis. in in in
the change in Gardner's toast is all right he will
take time enough any way. I suppose the apples
in cold storage will be taken to the church Monday
forenoon so we can work in the P.M. This makes me
think of the excuse the woman sent the teacher
she said please excuse Mary as she caught cold in the
A.M. and got wet in the P.M. & could not come to /over

School. please send me the Initials of Mr
Mendenhall the Florist who I think is dead
also Initials of the Elder McIntosh, Mr Leach
and Probstfield. I think I sent the Entries all
right. On collection of top worked apples also
Mr Waulass Entries of six plates seedlings will
arrange for early or late winter when we get
them. Will need about 50 plates for both places
and will need two large plates down stairs for
20 kinds of Seedlings one of a kind not for
competition but to help make a show.
This is about all I think of until I see you. I
have engage Room for myself + wife and one
adjoining for Wedge + wife. + room for Waulass
and will let Walter room with him if he is there
If anything occurs. Write to me

Yours very truly
A. J. Phillips

CHARLES G. PATTEN

EXPERT BREEDER OF FRUITS

PRIVATELY CONDUCTED EXPERIMENT STATION FOR 42 YEARS
STATE EXPERIMENT STATION SINCE 1882
NOW IN CO-OPERATION WITH STATE WORK AND DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Charles City, Iowa Nov. 25-11

Dear Friend,

The views that I
have taken are 6x8 photographs
showing the possibilities of breeding
specific characters in trees and
fruits. Only the trees are
shown in the photos.

I have 4 to 6 in number, which
which can be used in a talk
or in print, if either is desired.

I have not been up to my usual
strength of late, or should have
 gotten this off yesterday

Very Truly Yours
C. G. Patten

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Charles City, Iowa Nov, 22. -11

A. W. Latham

Dear Friend, Your very kind letter of the 15th. came while I was at our N. East meeting.

To one who has worked as I have, your appreciative words are most gratifying. I do not wish to be over estimated, and never did so wish.

I realize that I have been in pioneer work in a region where it is both slow and hard.

I have had some news taken which are highly illustrative of this fruit breeding work. Maybe you will have an absent one so that you could give me a little space to show them, and let them go into your publications. I am sure that they are worthy. It is not

an enviable position to appear on
a program where you have not
been assigned. And if it cannot
be arranged so as to make it quite
agreeable I would not wish to
appear.

The views show that by
selection of parents specific char-
acters can be surely bred. I think
it one of the most illustrative
experiments that have ever been
produced here or any where else.
I regard it as very great value.

Altogether I shall have five or
six views.

Again thanking you for your
generous expressions of favor.

May be I will
bring up a few
specimens.

Cordially yours
C. G. Patten

A. J. Philips

Justice of the Peace

... Humane Agent

Wills and Other Papers Made

West Salem, Wis., Nov. 18 1911

Mr. A. Sathau
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend

Yours of yesterday recd
your program I think is OK. If you have
to add anything or fill any vacancy
I think Gardner of Iowa would fill in
good work. Long is pretty well towards the last
Mrs. Wedge any where near middle. Wilson will
be good any where. I will write the Hotel to
day the up stairs arrangement is all right
and as I said I hope we can get a good
audience of the young men there. Well if
any thing turns up of importance drop
me a line

Yours in haste

A. J. Philips

(P.S. Sent a program to Ira Richardson Bangor ^{Wis}
and to Mrs. Storaudt West Salem Wis)

AJP

Adrian Mich. Nov. 17, 1911

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I highly appreciate the compliment conferred upon me by the invitation to take part on the program Dec 7th, and assure you that nothing but the distance prevents my acceptance of the same.

I expect to return to your city next spring and will be happy to fill an engagement under the auspices of your society

Please pardon my delay

in answering, I have been going
about so rapidly that I am
forced to seemingly neglect my
correspondence.

Respectfully

F. E. Preston

469 Monroe Ave

Detroit
Mich

CHARLES G. PATTEN
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Charles City, Iowa Nov. 8, '11.

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

Dear friend:

I am very regretful at having delayed answer to your most kindly letter of Oct. 26th. But the fact is that the large variety of new fruits which I have, in connection with the older experiment sorts, brought so much care on me that, coupled with some other annoying cares, made it almost impossible for me to write.

I very greatly wanted to come to your meeting. But I must make my best exhibit at our State Meeting and it seemed impossible for me to stand both. Had the dates of meetings been reversed I would have been with you. I feel that I am to be deprived of a great pleasure.

Am just now, at 9:06 A. M., writing this and waiting to go out and cut down the remainder of three to five year old select and cross-bred trees. When I am through with this weeding process of trees that do not come up to my idea ls of what a tree should be, I shall have cut out nearly two thousand trees; and, after the first hard winter, more of them will have to make way for the more promising. I shall make mistakes I know, there is an element of chance in nearly every undertaking.

I was pleased to have Mr. Haroldson here, wished that he might have been when the fruit was on the trees. Had it all sacked when he was here. There is no such enthusiasam in Iowa over the production of better fruits as there is in Minnesota, and, for the first time in my life work here, I have been discouraged.

Read our President's address on page '21' of the 1910 Report. His first shot was at Mr. Gardner and myself for the enthusiastic reports that we made of your horticultural progress, and continued on, so that in the board meeting no effort was made to aid, in any way, this station. No other station was doing anything that required any action.

Our state hastily went on and established eighteen stations, beside the Central one at Ames, and all put together they would not amount to a fourth of what I have. Even Ames could not exhibit one-third as much as mine at the last State Fair. And then I did not have a full exhibit.

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Charles City, Iowa

I do not know what to do. Some times I feel like withdrawing entirely from the State Society. By the terms of agreement with it, I nor my heirs can control anything, no matter how valuable, and that was the terms the society exacted when it only gave the station keeper \$10 to \$25, beside his expenses to the state meeting. And that, in my case, is not even the dimmet shadow of the expense, saying nothing of my work which crowns it all.

Some of our members say that so far my work has been of far greater material value to Minnesota than it has to Iowa, and think that Minnesota could well afford to contribute something. That phase of it has scarcely been spoken of by me.

Had I commenced to exploit some of my crosses of Grimes Golden with Patten Greening, and some others of my origination, twelve to fifteen years ago, I could have had something to work with. But I did not begin this work with commercialism as the dominant idea. I knew in a vague way that I must live as I went along; beyond that I seemed to have no care. But now in my advancing years I seem almost to have run against a wall. Have no probable lease of years to reap returns from such work, and that work has multiplied to such an extent that I am burthened with it and can not let go.

If it is possible, I shall go up for a day or so at your meeting.

Sincerely yours,
C. G. Patten.



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A. W. LATHAM,
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Red Wing Nov. 9 1911

Friends Seatham

Dear Sir

I will try and make
a report on my orchard
it want be very long
but at the point we
have moved to town
to try city life dont
know how we will
like it but we had
to get away from so
much hard work I
shal go back and forth
after to look after
the orchard We are all
real well
Yours truly
J. E. P.

A. J. Philips

Justice of the Peace
... Humane Agent
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West Salem, Wis., Oct 26 1911

Mr A W Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend Latham

After some delay
my Priest friend has consented to be
present & speak at the Banquet providing it
is on Wednesday Evening - as he has a Holiday
service to attend to on Friday & could not be with
us on Thursday Eve & get back in time. I know he
he will please Tom & all the rest. he asks me
these questions: How many other speakers, then are
to be about what subjects, will they handle, will
he be given a definite topic for a toast -
now study up something good - A Priest in a
Society or Flower Garden, Horticulture as a past
time for a Preacher, Apples as food for
thought and inspiration - I have thought of these
Can you better them we want to draw out
the best there is in him & he will be Equal
for the occasion - write so I can reply to
him - ~~kept~~ drove 12 miles yesterday to secure some
good seedlings for the meeting, and the man thinks
he will come & I am in his Society for haste Philips

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NEW ULM, MINN. 10/17/11

A. W. Latham Esq Sec'y.
Mpls.

Dear Sir!

Yours of 17th inst. rec'd. — The title
of the article in intend to prepare, "The Beta Grape
and its origin" will be satisfactory & I will confine
it to 10 minutes as you say. —

Very Resp

W. Pfander Jr.

A. J. Philips

Justice of the Peace

... Humane Agent

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West Salem, Wis., Oct 14 1911

Mr A W Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend Latham

Yours of recent date
and contents noted. My decision would be to
bring duplicates of about 10 of the most showy
varieties to be kept close to the Presidents stand
during the session they will look fine and then
when Cadys + my talk comes off to have the
Boys bring up any we want to talk about by
way of demonstration - the fruits below will prob-
ably be judged by that time. If you will
send me another cold storage tag I will
pack in the course of a couple of weeks
the balance of my show mark and
send them to the storage. then if anything
should happen that I could not be there
you could have them taken out and
make the show and Cady could explain
it. but we will not borrow trouble only
be on the safe side. I bought the balance of
the crop 200 Barrells - and have picked them +
have them here disposing of them next week it
keeps me busy sellin' the best at 3⁰⁰ in Bl. Lukasti Philips

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NURSERY STOCK

EVERGREENS A SPECIALTY

FRUIT STOCKS AND FOREST TREES

WM. PFAENDER, JR., PROP.
MAX PFAENDER, LANDSCAPE GARDENER

New Ulm, Minn., 10/10 1910

A. W. Latham Esq
Mpls.

Dear Sir!

Since about 6 years I have been investigating the Grapes originated by a Mr. Suelter of Carver Minn., including the Beta. - His grapes were "Dakota", "Beta", "Monitor" & "Suelter". I procured all of them & as they were badly mixed up, I planted all of them, keeping each kind separate. Knowing the Beta & Dakota, & from a description by Mr. Suelter himself in German I now have them so that I know, which is which. Having had fruit on all of them this year, my notes are nearly complete & I thought it may be interesting to write up a paper on this subject for the Hort. Soc. I have found two kinds of Beta even - & it seems to me they must have been mixed with some other one similar to the Beta. - There is such a big difference in the time of ripening, up to wood, losing their leaves, & fruit that the different kinds can now

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New Ulm, Minn., 19.....

be readily distinguished. - They are all perfectly hardy & the Dakota is the sweetest & best. - If you think a contribution of this kind would be desirable, let me know & I will go to work & get it up. - Will make it as short as possible. -

Very Resp

Wm. Pfaender, Jr.

P.S. I have the genuine original article written by Mr. Suelter himself & can produce affidavit that it is a correct copy of the one published in a certain genuine paper with date &c, & that it is a correct translation. - Regarding this letter I would only give a synopsis as it is quite long.

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Oct. 4, 1911

Handwritten signature and initials

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

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed money order and check are for the dues to the Hor. Soc'y
of the following persons:

Handwritten signature: B. Baker

- C. H. Mailand, Newport, Minn., R. F. D.
- C. B. Moran, " " "
- E. Baker, St. Paul, Minn., 886 Dayton Ave.

Only one of these is in connection with joining our society; so you get
the benefit of the \$1.00 rate on the other two.

I have your favor saying you will be glad to have our society meet in con-
nection with yours as is customary. Thanks.

Yours, very truly,

C. A. Palmer, Sec'y.

Handwritten flourish or mark

West Salem Wis Oct 4 1911

Mr. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

My Dear friend + well wishes
Well Kellogg has come + gone
we went to the orchard + he said he
would rather have lost 10.00 than to have
missed seeing the orchard now I expect
to show you 25 or 30 varieties of top
grafted apples that will make you
think you are on the Pacific slope
and I desire to ask you to write
whether you wish me to make a
duplicate show for the upstairs display
I can do it easily the arrangements
for the Banquet are satisfactory now
15 will be time enough and as soon
as I hear from Father Murphy I will
write again. It will please Tom to
have him there now I hope we
will all live to enjoy the winter
meeting I will write the Wendome to
reserve a room for me if that is to
be your head quarters -
Yours very truly

A. J. Phillips

Paper is scarce and you will see the
work of a 3 year old Grandson on this side

West Salem Oct 2 1911

Mr. W. F. Fatham,

Minneapolis Minn. } Dear friend

Well the La Crosse fair is over & I have rested two days after 5 days of strenuous work. Showed 24 Banquets under & 20 Fall Banquets - but Kellogg will explain all better than I can. Now about winter meeting. With what I have saved & what I can get left on the farm, I can show 25 or 30 Banquets say a space 4 feet ^{by} 5 or 5 by 6 of fine fruit & it will cost something to do it, & I have thought something of this plan - got down the and perhaps you could get some from meat merchant to give about 20.00 for the Exhibit to keep in his show window through the holidays. It would be nice at yeekmas. Is this a foolish idea. If so dont say anything about it about Banquet - I was afraid that I said something that would offend some one and would not be wanted.

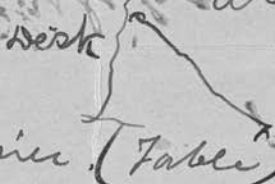
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again. If I keep well as I am
now, I think I could better than
I did last year - but I would
want to know who the speakers and
their subjects would be as soon as Nov-
10. I would try hard to get Father
Mumphy of La Crosse to come he is
a host at a Banquet - and I
would like Long to be a speaker
But I will not dictate but hope
I will be well enough to serve you
I think the Exhibit will be grand
was sorry to hear from Cody that
my man was failing in health but
he has stood up wonderfully and
I hope he is good for 10 years yet
Kellogg will talk to you send any
word you have with him he said
he would stop. In the hurry of
San Francisco I am out of
stationing. So excuse Pencil I
write when you feel like it
yours in haste Phillips

Sep 24 1911

Dear Mr Chatham

I find I am out of letter paper - dont
it seem strange that our letters both on
the same subject should pass each
other En Route. I think your suggestion
a good scheme of Educational value
& should have a good audience of
young men, and I think your
offer for all expenses very liberal and
if wife or daughter comes I can stand
that expense my plan will be to send
the fall apples from the La Crosse fair
and go to the Farm the next week &
collect the latter varieties - My idea ^{over}

will to announce it in programme
& have it come off Wed or Thursday P.M.
1st thing, arrange a square platform large
enough for at least 30 plates place it on
table with back resting against speaker's
desk something like this  about this
angle so the back seats ^{desk} can see
good. have a lunch for dinner (Table) and put
up exhibit while crowd are out & cover with
canvas, then uncover when crowd gets in
& Cady talks then I can follow & explain
conditions & varieties. It will be a grand show
wish some of you people could be in La
Croix & see the show next week G. J. Kellogg will

no 2.
Judge. I will show you plates and
some on shelf - Cady missed several
varieties. Samples but he had a
good show & seemed well pleased
I regret it goes out of my family
but such is life.

Wm. W. Phelps

Dep No. 11

Dear Latham

Suppose you have seen Cady
& have his report. Was glad
he could come will show the
show of my life in quantity
and quality, ~~from~~ 75-2000
85 of them worth many
valuable. What can you
do to induce me to save
the best and send to you
for storage for Dec. Show
will to La Crosse Care C &
van Aiken etc. so I may
save some of the best of each
sorts a specimen I would
like you folks to see them
you see I write in a hurry
ask Cady

In haste
Phillips

Mr. Ansbatham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

West Salem, Wis.,

Sept 10

1911

My Dear old Grand of former years
For the past six months the longest time in 20
years without receiving a letter with your
familiar signature - I have longed and
waited to hear from you. Didn't even receive
a program + invitation to summer meeting I
began to feel that in my declining years
that I had committed the unpardonable
Sin - against some one, well the spell broke
and last week the letter came but I
have not had time to answer, as three weeks
ago my son In saw had his Barn burnt
Hay + some stock burned to the ground
loss 3000 Ins 2000 + wife + I have been
busy there helping what we could to get
them started again 300 Bushels fine
weather on his trees but no market
so I shake some off every day for
his 75 Hogs. Well to start with I am not
out of paper to write on but I put on -
my Head by way of introduction then
took Legal Cap to spread my thoughts
on + to start with as to your inquiry
about a subject for discussion I am
not well acquainted with your young
members to select a reader but after
pondering your question in my mind
some days I conclude that the following
might benefit the young planters
of Minn more than any thing else if
they would hear read or heed it
to wit. The mistakes of nursery men
+ tree planters in Minnesota and
Wisconsin for the past 30 years. the
discussion to be led by J. M. Underwood
of Lake City - I put in Wisconsin so
I might be included in the discussion
but at present I do not expect to
hear it, as I am only a year
younger and not near as good
a man as Bro Harrison who failed to
come last year and I guess I had
better quit before my credit and
reputation which suffered a jar
last year is entirely gone. Now another
matter came up yesterday while spend-
ing a day in my old orchard, you
notice I do not follow lines but you
can get an Interpreter to read it
to you and Wymore such a sight
I never saw + a man 4 years older
than I am was with me + he said
he had visited orchards East + West
+ never saw the like. one of Darts
Seedlings the Reggist apple. Object
lessons there worth millions to the
young men of Minn - 6 to 8000
Bbls of apples + perhaps over half
will go to waste for want of market
+ hickers - a man this life picked (over

A wagon Box full yesterday mostly
 Duchess + wealthys + paid 1.50 for
 them and drove home. the owner
 has prevailed on me to make a show
 at the La Crosse fair Sep 26 to 29 -
 and if my health holds good I will
 make the show of my life. I have
 recommend wedge or underwood for
 judge at least 1000 Bu fine winter
 apples have not seen a wormy one +
 no spraying done, McIntosh as fine as
 ever grown Utter, wealthy Malinda
 Scotts winter aristu (full) after
 being 15 years Eureka full and
 fine an apple sweet that My man
 + prof Porter awarded me a 300
 prem at Rochester 30 years ago -
 Peerless loaded. Some of the finest
 specimens of top working of 10, 20, and
 30 years old. north west greening
 loaded. Dominion winter full Okabena
 fine + full and ground covered
 McMan fine + in abundance 6 to 800
 Bushels, 1000 Bu of no so rotting on
 trees, but I must stop as I just
 begining to trespass on your patience +
 + my fourth page - now for my proposition
 you send or come + bring my man if
 he could stand it, or send a young
 reliable man to look it over with me
 and take notes for your future plant
 ers and for the benefit of your society
 come via the Burlington to La Crosse as
 that Road is mostly in use + I C a mile
 still prevails. Come next wed night -
 so to go to Farm with me Thursday -
 wire me Monday night or Tuesday before 9 am
 if you come or send a man Lem Redpath
 or Howard or any one I know. If they
 get here at night I have a Bed as our
 hotels were burnt in our great fire,
 now if who ever comes dont think it
 pay. I will foot all bills for travel,
 and Sirey (no strong drink) and think
 I have repaid you for small price
 for the favors + benefits I have recd
 at your hands - many other things
 I would like to say (one I forgot - I
 saw a large jonathans tree there yesterday
 all broken down with load fruit. walk
 River Plenty + large - Longfield a sight
 I see I am getting on to my own

sheet. I could write another sheet but
 may some time if this does not kill you
 wife + I have looked anxiously for my
 picture a picture of our house + my article
 on my garden which I thought fine, but
 have looked in vain. the treatise on Commercial
 orchards I did not expect to see at point
 though it was true, am just wondering whether
 had better add another page but guess I will
 not but will hope to see some of you Thursday Philips

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Sept. 11, 1911.

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Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed check for 75 cents is to cover dues for

- ✓ A. H. Rosendahl, Stillwater, Minn., R. # 5.
- ✓ Capt. Geo. Sinclair, Minneapolis, 3045 Emerson Ave. Se.
- ✓ S. T. Hepper, Minneapolis, Central & 26th Aves. N. E.

Yours, very truly,

C. A. Palmer, Sec'y.

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PRIVATELY CONDUCTED EXPERIMENT STATION FOR 42 YEARS
STATE EXPERIMENT STATION SINCE 1882
NOW IN CO-OPERATION WITH STATE WORK AND DEPARTMENT
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Charles City, Iowa Sep. 7-11

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis.

Dear Friend,

Your letter of the 25. August was
gladly received. Since then I have
been to our State Fair with an
exhibit that attracted a great
deal attention, being three or four
times as large as from our State
Station, it was mostly made up
from the newer crosses, and several
of my new plums and several sorts
of known pears. Friend Latham I
believe I have laid the foundation
for adapted pears to this region.
Only one bore this year, an early one.

I wanted very much to go to your
State Fair, But took so severe a cold
that it was not safe for me to go, and then

thought I would write you as Mr. Latham
might not have time to
look after my
box.

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Charles City, Iowa

I receive so little help that the matter
of expense is an important one
as I have to hire a helper to put
up and help look after exhibits.
Yesterday I sent a box of plums
to Mr. Elliott - two sorts, one same
as last year, looking to the Spring
prize offer. I rough sold here
so long that I could not quite
equal the size of last year, ^{and}
perhaps not the quality. Shall
be glad if you have the chance
to sample them, both trees were
overloaded, Minnesota season was so
favorable that I shall not be surprised
to learn of a splendid showing of
new fruit of this kind. I wanted to come

all the more to your favor, as I
feel that I may not be able to
attend your Winter meeting. May
go west. Am real strong and
well save the severe cold which
I am shaking off.

Yes, your Minnesota folks
are great folks, especially when
they have you to lead, or guide
them. Of course you know I appre-
ciate the public spirit and real
intelligent work of many men in
your society. But you are too
modest, but you don't have to talk
your work talks for you.

I'm glad you are out of the
worry and care of a great Exhibit.
Hope your health is good.

Cordially,

C. G. Patten

- ✓ L. F. Sampson, Excelsior, Minn.
- ✓ F. M. Dittmer, Augusta, Wis.
- ✓ O. N. Lindh, Lengby, Minn.
- ~~_____~~
- ✓ John Armstrong, Ladysmith, Wis.
- ✓ Willard Mann, Buffalo, Minn.
- ✓ M. A. Vierling, 824 Hall Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
- ✓ A. J. Marsh, Argyle, Minn.
- ✓ J. E. Hughes, Ronneby, Minn.
- ✓ W. M. Penrod, Ronneby, Minn.
- ✓ Wm. Thorne, 214 Dakota St., St. Paul, Minn.
- ✓ J. C. Dern, Robbinsdale, Minn.
- ✓ Richard Anderson, Northfield, Minn. (R. 4)
- ✓ Mrs. Ghas. W. Dexter, Mound, Lake Minnetonka, Minn.
- ✓ G. D. Heuring, Elk River, Minn. (R. 2)
- ✓ C. Skage, 416 20th Ave. No., Minneapolis, Minn.
- ✓ K. Heuring, Elk River, Minn., R. 2.
- ✓ Norman Mondeng, 160 Newton Ave. No., Minneapolis, Minn.
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Sept 6, 1911.

Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis.

*Dear Sir:- I enclose check for \$4.50
to cover dues for the persons whose
names are on the enclosed sheet.*

*Yours, truly
C. A. Palmer.*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

L. W. LATHAM,

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

407 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Exals in
Supply:

A. W. Larkin
Franklin

I will do
all I can to
help make a
good Commercial
Exhibit at the
location meeting will
furnish a few
boxes of chocolate
Apr 24, 1894

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Our state fruit breeding farm. Mr. Charles G. Patten, the noted fruit breeder of No. Iowa, org. Charles City, Iowa Aug. 3, '11.

major of Patten's breeding other valuable fruits in a recent letter says!
Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec. of Minn. State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:

"After returning from the very pleasant tour that I made in your state about the middle of last month, visiting as I did at your state fruit breeding farm, it occurred to me that, as so many of the members of your Society know of my long continued efforts to develop improved fruits, not only they but the public generally of your state would be pleased to learn something of the impression that an investigation of the work there made upon me.

Knowing as I have, and quite intimately, of the growth and development of Minnesota horticulture for more than thirty years, and being an ardent admirer of the energy and unity with which your people have pushed forward, I was ^{nevertheless} not only greatly pleased and instructed but surprised, ^{as well} at what I saw. The magnitude of the work undertaken there, with such a large variety of fruits and with such a multitude of select seedlings and cross-bred plants and trees of each kind, would, had any one dared to predict such a result fifteen years ago as is now seen at your Fruit Breeding Station, have seriously reflected upon his sanity.

Mr. Haroldson and Prof. Cady led us over the extensive grounds, and it was a source of constant wonderment how so much could have been accomplished in so few years. But the lamented Prof. Samuel B. Green had planned so largely and so wisely that

CHARLES G. PATTEN
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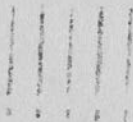
much of what is seen there now is the result of his foresight
and untiring labor. But a ^{movement} man, backed by such a ~~chore~~ of devoted
horticulturists as have led the people of your state for the
last quarter of a century (I need not name them, your Horticul-
tural Journal is widely read), could not be other than success-
ful, and especially must an organization be a successful one
when a man of such constructive ability in marshalling the
horticultural forces of a state has occupied the secretary's
chair for so many years, and who has wrought so wisely and man-
fully that almost continuous harmony has prevailed in its work
and membership. It is no wonder that the horticulture of
Minnesota has gone forward with ^{such} rapid strides.

This was my first visit to your "State Fruit Breeding
Farm" and let me assure you that I shall watch with the keenest
interest the work that is developing there. Mr. Haroldson
appears to be the right man for so large an undertaking.

Very Respectfully,

C. G. Patten/

Dict.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Charles City, Iowa.

8/17/11

Dear Sir:

I am sending you samples of my No.6 Plum. Am a little late in doing so but trust they reach you in good condition. They are a seedling of the Rockford and uniformly large. I have several sorts of splendid plums this year. I have the pleasure of having introduced the finest early plum I have yet seen. Hoping this finds you in good health, I am
Very truly, C.G.Patten.

Please remember to Mr. Elliott.