



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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A. W. Latham, Secy.
Minneapolis, Minn.

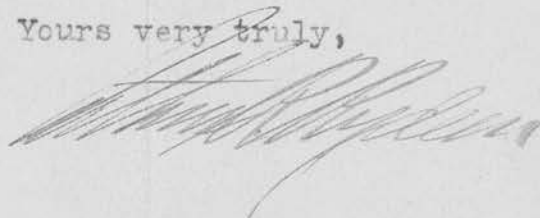
Dear sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 20th inst., but I find that I cannot be away until after Dec. 4th but I expect to be at the meeting Thursday and Friday and if I can be of some assistance in any way I should be very pleased to serve you.

I desire to become a life member of your Society, and as I understand it, by paying \$5. for two years I can become one, therefor I herewith enclose Minneapolis draft for \$5.00 being the first installment.

Hoping that if I can be of service to you in any way you will feel free to call upon me, I remain

Yours very truly,



Thursday

CHARLES H. RAMSDELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

~~512 PHOENIX BUILDING~~
812 NEW YORK LIFE BLDG.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

November 22, 1912-

Mr. A. B. Latham,
Secretary of the Minnesota Horticultural Society,
Kasota Building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

This will inform you that I intend to take up at the coming Horticultural meeting a very serious condition of tree growth which has come into my experience this past season. I lost something over 50% of a large planting of elm street trees from the elm tree borer. There were something over 60 bought of a well known neighboring nurseryman and shipped to St. Bonifacius and planted at three widely scattered points there. I am assured by Professor Washburn that these were infested before they left the nursery. In this I feel sure because they were planted in the country hitherto free from all insect pests; moreover they were planted at three widely scattered points, and at no other place in the vicinity have I been able to discover the elm tree borer.

This seems to me a serious matter, and I think the Twin City nurseries should be duly warned not to spread such infested trees over the state where they are not having the trouble from borers that we are, around the Twin Cities.

Kindly advise me how to handle this matter and I will act upon your advice. I presume likely it would not be best to divulge the name of the nurseryman, who is a well known member of your Society.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Ramsdell

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A. W. Latham Esq
Mpls
Minn

207 Kanta Beck

Amherst

OCT 24 1912

A. W. Latham

Dear Sir

I thank you for the opportunity to address the Annual Horticultural Meeting but owing to circumstances will not be able to do so this year as I leave for Illinois in a month and will not have time to prepare anything

Yours truly
C. W. Richardson

The
Agricultural Experts Association

128 WEST 43^d STREET

TELEPHONE, 2385 BRYANT

NEW YORK Oct. 17, 1912.

A. W. Latham, Secy.,
Minn. State Horti. Society,
207 Casota Bldg.,
Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of October 14th is received. While I have many appointments ahead and running close on dates and notwithstanding it will take considerable time to reach, and return from your meeting I should certainly enjoy meeting your society very much and will endeavor to make it possible to do so.

In 1893-and 1894 I attended a large number of Farmers' Institutes in your state then under the direction of Mr. Gregg. While it was somewhat pioneer work at that time I have never forgotten the interest and earnestness of your farmer's and fruit growers in their struggling under those populistic times.

I also introduced to a number of your public schools the value of the teaching of nature study to your great state. I will be very glad to give you a discussion upon some of the present problems in orchardwork. I remember with much pleasure Prof. Green in his very valuable work. I always enjoy exceedingly your winter climate.

Very truly yours,

George T. Powell

Pres. Agricultural Experts Association.

Wayzata. Oct 17. 1912.

A. W. Latham.

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Friend :- I did not save
the plan for the staging on which to
show the boxes of apples.

The boxes are 12 inches wide 20 inches long.

Respectfully

Thomas Redpath.

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UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A. H. REED, SUPT.

GLENCOE, MINN., Oct. 2nd, 1912

My Dear Mr. Latham:-

Although rather dilatory I write to inclose answers to your queries of September, which I have done in my poor way.

I am surfeited with a heavy apple crop this fall but have had fair success in disposing at home all of my Duchess, Wealthies and PEERLESS.

My Peerless trees have out-bore my wealthies by far and the most sale able apple I have. I get \$1.25, for all red apples.

Do you recommend sending Apples intended for display at December meet to cold-storage and if so when and how.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Reed

State of Minnesota

ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

St. Anthony Park,

Sept. 30, 1912

F. L. WASHBURN, A.M.
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

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

Dear Sir:-

Mr. E. C. Stakman, of the plant pathology division, has been working with me, or we have been cooperating, on spraying experiments for the last two years. We expected this year to get out a preliminary bulletin on our spraying experiments. I just called him up and he will be glad to give you a paper on some of our experiments. If you write him upon this point, I think you will have no difficulty in arranging a suitable subject with him.

Yours truly,

A. S. Ruggles

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Francis,
Americus,
Iowa,
Progressive,
Standpat

Conrad, Grundy County, Iowa, Aug. 10 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir - Under separate cover I am mailing three photos of my new everbearing strawberry "Progressive" This is the most valuable of all my productions. The plant is tough, healthy & hardy, a good plantmaker, strong staminate, nearly every blossom makes a berry, there are very few rubbings even in hot dry weather, another point - I have just noted, the fruit is well protected by the foliage, this is most valuable in preventing sunscald and injury from heavy rains. Fruit only medium sized, dark red inside & out, quality rich and sweet better than any of our spring berries, since July 14 we have picked over 6 crates of these berries from our propagating field, the prospect is good for 50 crates, we find ready sale at 20 to 25¢ per box on markets that are well supplied with peaches & other fruits, customers could be found in any city to take large quantities of these berries at the above prices, I believe the time is not far off, when the markets of the middle west, will be supplied, all fall, with strawberries, The plants are well suited to our soils that are too low and damp for tree fruits.

Yours Truly
Harlow Rockhill (over)

The berries in the box are selected specimens, the ones in the crate are large & small just-as they run from the patch, they are the second picking from the plants, the plants were set spring of 1911 3½ feet both ways for plants, on account of the severe drouth and grubs and grasshoppers about ¼ of the plants died and few new ones were grown, so we concluded to carry the patch over as a new one this year and try again for plants- fruitstems were kept off last-fall and this spring, now many plants are as large as a bushel basket and have 25 fruitstems each with ripe & green fruit blossoms & an enormous lot of buds just-coming out of the crowns now, we have secured thousands of runners, weather has been cool but too dry for them to root, a good shower last-night-will start them.

The Standpat is a larger plant & fruit & the most-productive thing I ever saw, but it is rather particular about soil, it does not make enough plants except-on very rich damp soil there it is a world beater.

I just-wish you could see these berries growing here on our place now, many people come to see them and go away full of strawberries & enthusiasm,

Opata & Sapa Plums a heavy crop, Sopa is my choice
Kaga is well loaded, fruit is showing some tendency to crack
you may return the Photos. as I want to get cuts-for printing also.

H. R.

State of Minnesota

ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A.M.
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

St. Anthony Park, Sept. 23, 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
Minnesota Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of the 20th received. The subject for the paper that you mention in your letter is excellent and if I am here I will be delighted to present a paper on this subject at the winter meeting. I have been offered a position, however, as entomologist of the Chestnut Blight Commission of Pennsylvania and may be away until next June on a leave of absence, leaving here the first part of next month. As soon as I know definitely about this will let you know.

Yours truly,

A. G. Ruggles

AGR-R

R.H.CAMPBELL, Supt. of Forestry, Ottawa, Ont.

NORMAN M. ROSS, Chief of Tree Planting Division,
Indian Head, Sask.

S.S.ADLER, Assistant in Tree Planting Division,
Indian Head, Sask.

PLEASE REFER IN YOUR REPLY TO

FILE NO. IH. 53.



Forestry Branch.

Nursery Station.
Indian Head, Sask. Aug. 29th, 1912.

Dear Sir,

I note that in the last issue of the Minnesota Horticulturist, notice was given that your office ~~would~~ ^{would} send ~~ing~~ out certain seeds of ever bearing strawberries and other good varieties of strawberries which had been raised by Mr Charles Haralson of the State Fruit Breeding farm. I would be very glad if possible to obtain seeds especially of some of the best varieties of ever bearing strawberries, also some of the new varieties of the ordinary strawberry. If you will kindly let me know whether we could get these I will forward the necessary payment.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman M. Ross".

NMR-E.

Chief of Tree Planting Division.

A.W.Latham Esq,

Sec. Minn. State Hort. Soc.,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

CHARLES H. RAMSDELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

~~511 PHOENIX BUILDING~~
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

September 12, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota-

Dear Mr. Latham:

Thank you very much for your statement for the Secretary's corner of the next issue of the Minnesota Horticulturist. It is very satisfactory to me and will correct the very incorrect impression which might otherwise be given.

I am writing Harrison & Smith in order that I may get two hundred reprints of this article.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Ramsdell

CHARLES H. RAMSDSELL
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
911 PHOENIX BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

September 10th, 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Kasota Building,
City.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

In justice to the members of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, I wish to correct the report which Mr. Long gave for the conversation at the end of my paper at last winter's meeting. He reported me as saying, that the pine trees and evergreens suffered from the cold, and I would like to have you put in a correction, if you will, in your next number, because of the wrong impression conveyed in this report.

As I remember it, Mrs. Gould asked me as to the general results of evergreen planting in cities, and I made the reply, it was extremely difficult to find evergreens which would thrive under the dust and smoke conditions of our cities in winter. I believe the deposit of coal smoke and smut, which is not washed off by any rains in winter, is responsible for our lack of evergreens in the city, and this was forcibly brought to my knowledge in Menominee, Wis. some years ago; as on the school grounds there grew a thrifty, vigorous pine tree about 14" thick. This tree grew very vigorously until the boiler-room of the school changed their plant from wood to coal burning. Each spring thereafter this tree came through in poorer condition, until it finally died a year ago and was cut down last season.

This is what Mr. Long should have reported, but I presume I may not have spoken plainly, and he may have made a mistake, because he expected a little discussion on it.

Thanking you in advance if you will correct this in your next paper, I am,

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Ramsdell

P.S.

Would it be possible for me to get re-prints of this article, if so, I should be very glad to get them at once. I do not care particularly about the reproduction of the cut, that was satisfactory to me.

Wayzata Aug 21/12
A. W. Latham

Dear Friend: There was
five boxes in a row at the
Winter meeting. I will put
up 5 boxes myself if no
storm interferes with getting
the fruit well colored. we
do no have enough sunshine
I called at your office last
Saturday, but it was the
wrong day. will you please
send me some cold storage tags
I have sent one box of early
varities. I have a nice crop
of Wealthy some of the trees
are over loaded. come over
some time. Respectfully
Thomas Redpath

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LEWISTON, IDAHO, April 27, 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec. Minn. State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Mr. Latham:

Enclosed, I send you two photos, which are probably better for the purpose of illustrating the article that I sent you than are the ones that I previously sent. If you do not need these please preserve and return. The others you can use as you see fit but need not preserve. Things are looking very promising here. All fruit trees are blooming heavily. We have had more rain and cool weather than usual. With best wishes,

Yours truly,

A. H. S. Powell.

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A W. Latham
207 Kasota Block
Minneapolis Minn.

Comrad Ia. Aug 5/12

Dear Sir, - your letter at hand. The
Photos to go with article on breeding straw-
berries will be forwarded in a few days.
Lots of berries here now and plants white
with bloom. Opata + Sapa Plums heavy
crop. Kaga has a good crop, yours Truly
Harlow Rockhill

Lewiston Orchards' Producers Association

"THE BEST THAT GROWS"

OFFICE OF
H. H. S. ROWELL
GROWER

Lewiston, Idaho, April 19, 1912.

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

Dear Mr Latham:

Your kind letter of the 11th inst. was duly received, and I thank you for your appreciative comments on the article I sent. You are welcome to hold it for the annual meeting, if you think best to do so. I would consider it an honor to be so represented, and would be glad to be there, but the chances for that pleasure are small this year. I enclose a photo of myself taken just before I left Minnesota, that is practically the same as if taken now. I send also a few other photos of scenes here, one or two of which you may find available for use. Later, I may send something that will be better for the purpose.

Our season is unusually cool and backward, which is favorable for the fruit. Most of the trees are in bloom, but we think danger of frost injury is past, though it was cold enough to snow some with the rain today.

With best wishes,
Yours truly,

*P. S. Some views that I expected to
enclose with this I am unable to get today
and will send them later.*
H. H. S. R.

W. S. SHEARER, PRESIDENT
L. A. BLACKMAN, 1ST VICE PRES.
D. H. SIPES, 2ND VICE PRES.

FRUITS
VEGETABLES
BERRIES

H. H. S. ROWELL, SECY.
GEO. E. AMES, TREAS.

Lewiston Orchards' Producers Association

"THE BEST THAT GROWS"

OFFICE OF
H. H. S. ROWELL
GROWER

Lewiston, Idaho, April 8, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Secretary Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of sending you an article dealing with matters along the line that you suggested, that is as to the application of methods used here to conditions in Minnesota. If the article is too long, you can cut it down as much as you want to, or return it, as you see fit. I took your advice about the former article and sent it to the Gem State Rural, the leading agricultural and horticultural publication in this state, and it was recently published.

We are being favored with backward spring weather, which is favorable for fruit. The apricots are in bloom, and the peaches about ready for it. With best wishes,
Yours truly,

H. H. S. Rowell.

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"THE BEST THAT GROWS"

OFFICE OF
H. H. S. ROWELL
GROWER

Lewiston, Idaho, March 4, 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Secretary Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Mr. Latham:—

Your kind letter of the 28th ult. is at hand. Your explanation makes clear to me the difficulty of using my article in your records, dealing as it does with Idaho conditions. I also appreciate your words of commendation, and thank you for your suggestion as to the kind of an article that might be used. It is probable that in the near future I shall prepare an article along the lines that you suggest.

We are having cooler weather again now, a little below ~~zero~~ freezing, which is welcomed, as it keeps the fruit buds back, preventing the danger of too early development. As things look now, there will be a fine peach crop here this season. I enclose postage that you paid in returning my article.

With best regards,
Yours truly,

H. H. S. Rowell.

Conrad Ia. Feb. 17th 1912

Mr. A. W. Latham
Minneapolis. Minn.

Dear Sir, - Your letter is at hand, In reply to your request for catalog, Drouth and grasshoppers cut my plant crop so short that I did not get out a pricelist, I am not much in the nursery business, I try to place the stock of new varieties in the hands of nurserymen, Then I go after something else for I am a regular crank on hybridizing and growing new combinations from seed. My folks all get sick and tired hearing me talk of the possibilities and what I am going to do along this line. When a variety is ready for the nurserymen, if they do not take all the plants, I fill what retail orders I get

Francis, Americus & Iowa are the three varieties I have placed on the market, about a dozen firms have stock of Francis & Americus M. Crawford Co. Cuyahoga Falls, O. has full control of Iowa, I have a royalty interest in the stocks for a term of two years, where firms took plants they paid \$20.⁰⁰ per 100 when they got the plants and 25% on all their sales for a term of two years, Where no money was paid down a royalty of 40% was charged on retail orders and 33¹/₃ % on wholesale orders, This plan is not very satisfactory to many nursery firms but it is the only thing that has saved me from heavy loss in producing these plants, I think this is an important thing and should have the attention of state societies as some plan should be worked out for the introduction and sale of new varieties, so both originator and nurseryman would have a fair

share from the sale of the new variety for a sufficient time to pay the originator for his work, I only received \$440.⁰⁰ cash on Francis & American when I sent the stock out and no firm would offer me any reasonable price for the stock, One firm did offer \$1000.⁰⁰ but did not have the money and wanted them on time, they all told me I never would get \$1000 out of the plants, I have that much now and another payment of royalty June 1st. I am in hopes of getting nearly \$2000

Mc Nallie Plant Co, Sarcove Mo. had 10000 of these plants to spare, we sold them in one order at \$75.⁰⁰ per M.

E. H. Riehl had 30 to 50,000 plants I have secured orders for 7000 of these and expect more in a few days, have 3/4 of the money on all orders, If you send orders to me I can get plants from Prof. E. E. Little Ames Ia who is growing for me, Price \$2.⁰⁰ per doz. \$15.⁰⁰ per 100,

Mr. Riehl has the only stock where plants can be had by the M. The variety we are selling is the American, it is a strong staminate, I enclose Mr Riehl's Catalog so you can see how he rates these varieties

Yours Truly
Harlow Rockhill

P.S. I forgot to say that I worked twelve years at plant breeding before I got one dollar in return for my work.

Lewiston Orchards' Producers Association

"THE BEST THAT GROWS"

OFFICE OF
H. H. S. ROWELL
GROWER

Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 14, 1912

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I enclose herewith
an article that you are at
liberty to use in whole or in
part as you see fit, or return
if unavailable, and I will
limit postage. I notice that
the Minnesota growers are
wide awake, in spite of the
low temperatures that have
recently prevailed there.
Spring work is well under
way here and fruit buds are
swelling, especially those
of peaches. The only thing

we fear here is a too early spring
season, with possibility of
late frosts, though that
danger is not great. We
enjoy the mild, easy winters
and pleasant, though warm
and dry summers. With
my ten-acre orchard and
some newspaper and other
work, I have enough to do
to keep me out of mischief.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

H. H. S. Powell,

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Had book
returned

Redwood Falls, Minn. 27, 1912

Mr. D. Latham,
Minnapolis Minn.
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Having joined the
Minnesota State Horticul-
tural Society for 1912, I
believe I am entitled to
your premium and extra-
ordinary offers, given in the
Feb. number of the Horticultur-
ist. I am interested in the
top grafting and am desirous
of giving it a trial, so ask
for the Six Valuable Apple Trees.

I promise to give them a
good chance for success.

For the premium for all
Members New and Old, I
select #1, one Beta grape vine and
#7, three Sunbeam raspberries.
Inclosed is 60 cts in stamps
to pay for express on the six
apple trees, and for full directions
for grafting and a first class
grafting knife.

Thanking you in advance
and wishing the Society success,

I am resp.

E. H. Ramsey

My membership ticket is number 980

The Battle Lake Nursery

Battle Lake, Minnesota

Jan. 30, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.

Our dear Secretary,- In reply to your letter about the Fruit Lists will say that we are very much interested in this and we had planned to get some electrotypes made which would be a sort of trade mark for our Nursery, but as they have to be made by hand first we have not had it done yet.

We enclose a clipping giving a form if you can use it we would like to have you in putting our names on the folder.

We think it a fine thing for the Society to furnish the lists and we will be glad to boost for the Society all in our power. We can use at least twenty-five hundred of these lists with our name on.

You must have received a good number of new members from the Fargo Convention they worked hard to interest their people in the Society, am sending a clipping from the Courier-News showing the write up they gave to Mr. De Smidt address. The address published was not the one he gave but which the papers had, the programme had him down for two different addresses.

We expect to begin our active canvass for Spring orders next Monday.

Sincerely yours,

The Battle Lake Nursery,

By

Martin E. Rockwell



Publishes a Monthly Magazine entitled "The Minnesota Horticulturist." Sent free to all members of the Society. Send to Secretary for copy of the Magazine and Folder containing the "Fruit List" for Minnesota and describing the work of the Society, its publications, methods, etc.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

President, SAM'L B. GREEN, St. Anthony Park.

Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Glencoe Trial Station,

A.H.Reed, Sup.

Glencoe, Minn. Jan. 23, 1912.

My Dear Secretary Latham:-

At last I inclose to you a very unsatisfactory annual report but I have faith in you that you will fix it up so as to make it readable.

You will see by my finger marks that I am shoveling soft coal now-a-days and a lots of it when it is 35 below Zero.

By the way;-having been severely crippled by a fall I got some four months I have not tried to work up any new members.

I took in the annual fee for 1912, of C.V.Cerson and H.L.Simons, when attending the annual meetings as they requested, but as to the six others of my wards that are on the Glencoe list, Tifft, Willson, McAlister, Frank and John Glasson and Tim Shanahan, I am not informed whether they have re-newed or not.

I am heartily sick of talking in vain to so many without affect, in pressing upon them the great benefit they would gain by joining the society. You seem to do better from a distance.

Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous new-year,

I remain:-

Very truly yours,

A. H. Reed.

Wayzata. 1/22 - 1912

A. W. Latham

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Friend: accept my thanks for your check received the 19th. I thought the Hort Society would have to pay the bills if they were to be paid. We had two weeks of exceptional cold weather. January 12th it was 43 below. The coldest since we came out here. but we have a fine covering of snow. I do not think it did any injury to orchards. but small fruits that were not covered. I do not think fared so well. but weather is nice now. Hope you keep well. I suppose you have been busy since the Winter meeting. I will call on you some time this winter.

Respectfully

Thomas Redpath