



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Sept. 25, 1914.

Pres. Geo. E. Vincent,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Vincent:-

Replying to yours of the 25th.

I am exceedingly glad to know that you are favorably disposed to help our State Horticultural Society by furnishing it a place in which to hold our winter meeting which occurs the first week in December, as I understand your letter to mean this.

As I said in my letter to Mr. Nelson, our society has been floating around without a home for 48 years. It has grown from a very small beginning to be the largest and in some respects the most influential Horticultural Society in the United States. For the past several years we have been looking for a home. The natural place for us to meet is near the Twin Cities. Neither of these have any buildings suitable for us and when Dean Wood suggested that we put up a building at the Agricultural School, it appealed to everyone of our members with whom I have talked.

Our most interesting meetings are always when the students from the Horticultural School are with us. We need the enthusiasm of the young and they will be benefited by their association with our older members, so that I am sure our interest will be mutual.

When our Society was first organized, there was very little in Horticulture that seemed to be congenial to our Minnesota climate. I doubt if any other State has had so interesting a development in horticulture, and we all feel proud of what we have accomplished.

After conferring with Mr. Nelson, I appreciate the fact that the Board of Regents were not in position to go to the Legislature for anything more than they had al-

Pres. Geo. E. Vincent.....2.

ready in hand to care for but some of us feel that the Legislature will be favorably disposed to help our State Horticultural Society since we are willing to help ourselves.

We are having an architect make a plan for a suitable building with a view to have an estimate made of its cost that we can present to our Society at its next meeting. Messrs. C. M. Loring of Minneapolis, S. P. Crosby of St. Paul, and myself were appointed a committee to report to the Society. As chairman of the committee, I am anxious to be ready to make the most favorable report that I can.

I understand that Mr. Loring has returned from California and I am sure that he, Mr. Crosby and myself will be glad to meet with you and Dean Wood in the near future and I shall try and arrange for that meeting.

Thanking you very much for your letter and your manifest interest in our cause, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Sept. 26, 1914.

Mr. A.W. Latham,  
270 Kasota Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Pres.  
Geo. E. Vincent in which he says as follows:

"Your letter of September 2nd to President  
Nelson was duly received and was yesterday laid before our  
Agricultural Committee.

The Committee instruct me to say that we are  
convinced that at the University Farm, facilities can be  
offered to the State Horticultural Society that will be  
almost, if not quite, satisfactory to that organization.  
Will you not arrange the next time you are to be in the  
Twin Cities to let Dean Woods and me know? We shall be  
glad to have you visit the University Farm and to go over  
with you personally our plant over there with a view to  
finding some solution for the problems which confront your  
society.

As to the second proposal which you mention,  
namely, to raise by private subscription and not at all  
to appeal to the Legislature for funds for buildings to be  
placed at the University Farm, the Committee asked me to  
say that this proposal is very different from the original  
suggestion that the Regents support an appeal to the Legis-  
lature for a special appropriation. I am sure that the  
Regents would be very glad to confer with the committee  
of the State Horticultural Society with reference to any  
plans it may have for raising funds through private sub-  
scription and with these funds erecting a building for the  
use of the Society."

I enclose you a copy of my reply. I don't  
think that I said in my letter to Mr. Nelson that we would  
not go to the Legislature. I meant simply that we would

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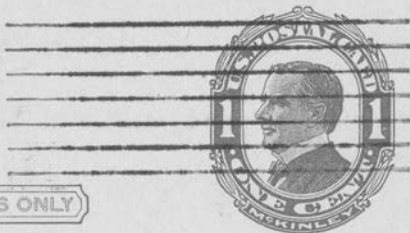
Mr. A.W. Latham.....2.

not ask the Board of Regents to ask for anything of the Legislature for us.

Now I understand that Mr. Loring is in the cities and I wish you would arrange a meeting with Pres. Vincent and Dean Wood and ask Messrs. Loring and Crosby to meet with us and let me know and I will be on hand. You have the telephone at your command and can do this easier than I can. We take it, of course, that this will meet with your approval.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

A. W. LATHAM,

*Sec'y Minn State Hort Soc'y,  
207 Kasota Block*

*Minneapolis, Minn*

Sep 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr & Mrs Nathan

Dear Sir your letter

just received Mr. Nathan is  
in the Stillwater Hospital  
no longer and broken but he  
has some entrance injury  
with more or less danger  
connected with it, but

am glad to say he is  
feeling more comfortable  
at writing and

we are hoping and

trusting for a  
speedy recovery

Sincerely yours

Mrs W J Gingley

Forest Lake

Minn



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August 28th, 1914.

A.A.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I hope you will keep after Dean Wood in the matter of the building. I have not heard from him yet. I suppose he is very busy. It may be necessary for us to have a committee meeting and get him at work. Perhaps you could see him, and talk it over.

What does this cold weather mean?

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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September 1st, 1914.

AA

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Dean Wood this morning, and he said that he sent you a copy. I did not expect the Board of Regents to espouse our cause, but I did want them to endorse a proposition of our going ahead and putting up a building. The same to be with the idea that they would have some use for it when we did not need it. In his letter he says, "They expressed willingness. Every facility which we had were at the disposal of the society for their meetings until such time required increased facilities". What does that mean? I do not understand that they have any rooms for our meetings there now. If so, where? The Dean says, "As you know the next session of the Legislature is going to be one of retrenchment." I do not know anything of the kind. It will be time enough to find that out when we have perfected plans for what we want and have gone to the Legislature with them. I enclose a copy of a my letter to the Dean.

Yours truly,

*J. M. Underwood*

*to print  
as necessary*

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A. F. Woods, Dean,  
University Farm,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dean:

Yours of the 29th received. I did not expect the Board of Regents to join us in the proposed erection of a Horticultural building or to take any part in applying to the Legislature for it. What we want to know is whether they would be willing to have a Horticultural building erected on the grounds. I do not know anything about the next Legislature. If we go to it with perfected plans, the worst they can do is to turn it down. The question is will you have your architect draw out plans and specifications for the building? This would give us an estimate as to its cost, and so we can see if we can raise the money.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Underwood

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August 18th, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Answering yours of the 12th, I have written Mr. Loring and also Dean Wood, asking the Dean to talk the matter over with President Vincent, and to see if they could unite on a plan for the building. My thought is to have a first class audience room with the best of acoustic properties, a large exhibition hall entirely separate, one that the temperature could be controlled to the advantage of the exhibits. Then, of course, we would want offices and cloak rooms, but the building to be planned so as to be available for the use of the school when we did not need it. I have not heard from the Dean and I think that he may need some help, which possibly you can give to shape the matter up and get it ready to present it to the Legislature. Mr. Nelson says that the Regents will have more to ask of the Legislature than they will be able to get, and that he does not think that he can bring our matter to the Legislature, but he thinks that our State Horticultural Society is in such good standing that we will have no difficulty in getting what we want.

*Express*  
As to Professor Washburn's talk to us on the subject that you propose, I do not see any objection to letting him ~~elucidate~~ *elucidate* his ideas. While I think that what is said and written on the subject of injurious insects and diseases is without a reasonable foundation. It may be best to scare people enough so that everyone will be on a lookout for trouble. Of course, we would not care to have the gypsey moth or the black tail moth introduced in the Northwest. I do not think that the San Jose scale will ever be a menace to us in Minnesota, but it might farther south in Iowa. No, I do not think that we care to get into any argument and controversy with Prof. Washburn. He is quite disposed *to be generous* to us, and we have no disposition to interfere with his interests. Of course, he has got to make as big a showing as he can to hold his job and get all the money and assistance he needs. It is immaterial to me whether stock is inspected or not. It is all a humbug. For it is impossible for anyone to inspect all of the stock that is shipped. I have sometimes thought that the best way to meet the subject of harboring

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injurious insects or diseases would be to make it unlawful  
and anyone doing so should be subject to a heavy penalty  
and let it go at that.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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Aug. 10th, 1914.

A.W.Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Here is a letter that I received from Mr. Loring. It has no address on it, so I do not know where to write him. If you will tell me how to address him I will write him. I thot you would be interested in his letter.

About putting anyone else in his place on the committee, I don't think that will be necessary, altho it might be well to add Dean Wood to the committee. He promised that when Pres. Vincent returned he would take the matter up with him and see what could be done about it. I think we should have some plan made by some competent architect, and I understand that they have architects there at the School who will be the ones to make the plan.

I had a letter from Mr. B.F. Nelson personally approving our proposition, but he thinks that the Board of Regents will not be able to assist us for the reason that the demands for other improvements are very much in excess of what the Legislature will allow, but he thinks that our Horticultural Society will be able to get what is needed from the Legislature.

At last our drought has been broken and we had quite a nice rain last night, the first we have had here for six weeks. I trust that you and Mrs. Latham are well and spending a pleasant summer.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. M. Underwood".

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Aug. 1, 1914.

Mr. A.W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
Friend Latham:-

Yours with copy of premium list received.  
I have looked it all over and see nothing to suggest  
more than you have already done, that of cutting out  
the display of plants and boxed apples. In other words,  
I fully endorse ~~for~~ your suggestions.

I hope you are having a good time out at  
the lakes during this protractive, hot and dry spell al-  
though I understand you have had rains up there. We have  
not had any for six or eight weeks.

Very cordially yours,

~~Die. J.M. Underwood, Pres.~~

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June 9th, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

S. P. Crosby has called my attention to the matter of our committee getting together on the subject of a home for our Society. If Mr. Loring is in the city, will you kindly arrange with him to meet us at the grounds on Tuesday? Also, please call up Dean Wood and ask him to meet with us.

It is going to be very inconvenient for me this year as our Lake City Chautauqua comes here next week. We have Mr. and Mrs. Hicks with us from London, and Anna expects other company to be here especially for Chautauqua week. She cannot get away at all, and I can be up there only Tuesday. I will go up on the Tuesday morning train.

Yours cordially,

J. M. Underwood.

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture  
Northeast Demonstration Farm and Station  
Duluth, Minnesota

June 6/14.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 6 requesting report on progress of trial station work at this point. Will state that this being our first year we have nothing to report. This spring we purchased 600 apple trees, one year old stock, and set them in nursery rows. Next year we will set them in permanent orchard plantings. In the meantime the freshly cleared ground is being prepared. Now, the varieties we secured are Hibernial, Wealthy, Duchess, Patten's Greening, Okabena and Anisim. The stock of plum secured from the state fruit farm have not done well, but are still living. Another bunch was secured this year with the same result. The difficulty apparently lay in the storage.

If I can furnish any further information of use to you, kindly call for it and I will gladly supply it.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. Thompson*  
Superintendent.

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May 23rd, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 19th received. It would suit me all right to meet 2:00 P.M. instead of 8:00 P.M. for the consideration of the prize orchards, etc.

Glad to know that the membership is keeping up satisfactorily. We have had a very busy spring, and everything is looking very favorably. Our orchard is in full bloom again.

That is right, go out there to the lake and take some rest, and have a good time. That is what I would like to do, but have got hitched up in a big business that won't let go of me.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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April 30th, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I owe you an apology for not answering your favors of the 9th and 10th, but as you surmised, my correspondence has been allowed to accumulate without attention owing to the outside interests.

I received the box of sample apples. I red ones of Aug. Essig is very poor quality, and I doubt if it has much value on that account. It is about on a par with some samples I just received from H. B. VanVliet, Northfield, which he claims was from the seed of the Long Keeping apple of Ditus Day, who used to exhibit at our summer meetings. He sent me a picture of the trees, which is very thrifty and interesting.

The green apple you sent from Mark L. Wilder, is a better quality, and may have some value. It would pay to follow this up.

I should say to have Moyer get the plants that he wants from Manning.

The applications for prizes for one acre orchards should be endorsed. I am just planting out an orchard for Mrs. McCahill. I am planting the permanent trees 40 ft. apart, and fillers in between, making them 20 ft. each way. For permanent trees I am using crab apples to be top worked.

As for the proposed premium list for the summer meeting, you have my endorsement for anything that you think to the advantage of the society.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood.

Hubert Minner April 29<sup>ad</sup>  
1914

A W Latham

Dear Sir, If I remember  
right a notice that a person  
intends to plant an acre of apple  
trees in the competition should  
be sent to you, I think I did  
write you to that effect, but  
for fear I did not I do  
so now. I now feel that  
I have perfected the true method  
of growing fruit and nut trees  
on either level or side hill land.  
Some developments I have made  
since I saw you last, go deeper  
into the elementary principles of  
fruit growing than any scientific  
Horticultural researcher has  
ever yet gone, and eliminate  
the off year in fruit growing,  
and shows how all benefits of topworking

G. L. H.

can ~~be~~ be obtained in a much  
easier and better way, and  
will I firmly believe be able to  
to grow half hardy <sup>apple</sup> trees  
in Minnesota with certainty,  
although this last is in the  
experimental stage.

With Great Respect  
Freeman Thorp

Please mail me the specifications  
for the competitive sale of Apple  
trees

Alfred Terry,

Slayton, Minnesota.

Mr. A. W. Latham  
Mpls., Minn.

Apr 16, 1914

Dear Mr. Latham

Thank you for your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> - I had sent my list in - My own idea was to offer all money prizes such apples as we would recommend to be planted & only ribbon prizes for the rest & thus educate the farmers & Orchardists for their own & the County's good, but I found the people demanded more, so for sake of the fair ass<sup>n</sup> I included others, even the Wolf River -

Again thanking you for writing me

I am sincerely yours

Alfred Terry



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President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.  
Secretary, A. W. LATHAM, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Office of

**ALFRED TERRY,**

VICE-PRES., 2nd CONG. DIST.

Slavton, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham

Jan 30 1914

I wanted to ask a favor of you when you have time - I am Supt of the Fruit Dept of our Co Fair - It was a success last Sept - but we wish to make this Dept more practical -

I have suggested increasing our prizes or rather the amount in prizes for such apples that are best for our farmer's domestic or commercial orchards & to decrease, or even use blue ribbons only, for the rest - Same with grapes, plums & pears

I wonder if you would suggest a list of apples, early - fall & winter, say about 9 in all, besides 3 but Crab & Hybrid

While we are sometimes forced to cater to the Public for sake of the Fair, we do want it to be educational & profitable to them -

Now we are willing to <sup>pay</sup> your office for expenses & trouble in thus helping to make our exhibits more advantageous & I wish you would make any further suggestions that you think of -

We are getting lots of Orchards in our Co now but between buyers who do not know what they want & peddlers who recommend every kind of apple, we have few that

can be called profitable or Commercial orchards—  
With kindest wishes

Yours truly

Alfred Perry

I am to have assistance this year & I think I can manage  
to use your folders &c & get more members for the  
M. H. Socy—

Lonsdale, Minn 4/13/1914

Mr. R. M. Latham

Sec. State Hor. Soc.

207 Karota Block, Wpls.

Dear Sir: - I am deeply interested in the new hybrid plum seedlings of Japan-American parentage originated at the State experimental station of Minnesota, and the fruit of which I have seen exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair in 1912.

I have written for some of said trees grafts or scions to the Minnesota State University, Div. of Horticulture, but have been referred to you.

I have 100 apple seedling 3 or 4 yr old on which I want to graft them and have ordered 100 smaller apple seedlings.

I have also procured a quantity of the Hansen plums. If necessary I will join the State Horticultural Society if you tell me how. I have been propagating

fruit trees many years and have originated  
some new valuable winter apples, none  
of which were ever introduced to the  
public, One is a medium sized winter  
apple that keeps well up to this time  
and does not lose any flavor. Its flavor  
and aroma far exceeds that of the Wealthy  
a heavy and young bearer.

Please furnish me with some of said  
plums and I will comply with  
all the requirements.

Yours truly  
John P. Viskla

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## Minnesota Grown Nursery Stock

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Lake City, Minnesota

A.W.Latham.

### SCORE CARD.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th years--no score.

My reasons are that when the trees are first set out there is nothing to say about them. If they are to be top grafted they will have to grow at least 2 years before this can be done to advantage.

On the 5th year I would have the orchard scored as follows:

- |  |           |   |
|--|-----------|---|
| 1st. Health of the trees-----  | 25 points |   |
| (Body, branches and leaves)  |           |   |
| 2nd. Growth and general appearance of<br>the orchard-----  | 10        | " |
| (If there were vacancies or trees had<br>not made a good growth it should be<br>scored down.)  |           |   |
| 3rd. Pruning-----  | 10        | " |
| (Trees should be pruned to produce a<br>good looking tree, and especially to<br>form a good top for sustaining a large<br>crop of fruit.)  |           |   |
| 4th. Productiveness-----   | 25        | " |
| (The object in planting an orchard is<br>to raise fruit, and what we want is to<br>find out the best way to do it.)  |           |   |
| 5th. Quality of fruit and commercial value   | 50        | " |
| (This is of the most importance. One<br>could make a better looking orchard,<br>more healthy and productive if they<br>planted only such varieties as Hiberna,<br>Patten's Greening, Okabena, N.W.Green-<br>ing, but the quality of fruit would not<br>be so good as tho they planted large of<br>Wealthy, Duchess, Okabena, N.W.Greening.<br>Of course there are other varieties to<br>choose from. A planter would have to be<br>governed by his location as to what to<br>plant.) |           |   |

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Lake City, Minnesota

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Jan. 13th, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

In regard to the prizes offered for one acre orchards.  
Let us look at the several items that make up the offer.

No. 1. O.K.

No. 2. O.K. As to distances apart, my idea is that  
we should stipulate (see No. 6)

No. 3. O.K.

No. 4. O.K.

No. 5. O.K.

No. 6. I think we should stipulate that the trees must  
be 25 ft. apart for this reason: Prizes are to be awarded  
the 7th year. I could make a better looking orchard, more  
fruit of good quality by planting 16 or 20 ft. apart, than  
if planted further apart, but in 12 or 15 years they will  
be too close, and the orchard will be ruined. I think all  
of the orchards should be planted the same distance apart,  
25 ft. The trees may be in squares or quincunx if preferred.

No. 7. O.K.

No. 8. O.K.

No. 9. O.K.

No. 10. O.K.

No. 11. O.K.

No. 12. I should not require this. My idea is that we  
are going to give competitors a chance to show how to grow  
the best orchard, which must mean that will produce the  
most fruit of best quality. I should not care to have a  
report on the orchard for the first four years. On the  
fifth, sixth, and seventh years I would want orchards  
examined by the Committee of Awards. The examination should  
be the middle of September for then the orchard would be in  
bearing. Possibly No. 12 could stand, but it should be  
understood that the value of the orchard would depend  
entirely upon the scoring by the Committee. (See score card  
enclosed)

No. 13. Should include productiveness of the orchard  
and quality of fruit.

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A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I do not see how we are authorized to pay the Art Association \$350.00. And, that raises the question in my mind,- what are we straining every nerve to make money for; What are we importuning our legislature to grant us appropriations for? The answer I suppose is,- for the dissemination of horticultural knowledge. Now if the landscaping and planting of home grounds in the city or country is horticultural knowledge, then possibly we could divert some of our money to the support of the proposition. But I don't know of any other association or commission that is contributing to our State Horticultural Society, and I don't see why the Minn. State Art. Commission shouldn't get the money they need in the same way that we do.

What I would like best is to give our money as prizes to exhibitors in our own association, and not have to bolster up some other association. With a large exhibition hall, a good program, liberal premiums, I think we would stimulate horticulture on our own hook, and it would do just as much good, or more.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood.

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A.W.Latham, No. 2.

No. 14. O.K.

No. 15. O.K.

No. 16. I would strike out. I don't think the Society ought to tell the competitors how to grow their orchard. We want to bring out the individuality of the different competitors, and if one of them failed he might say it was because he followed the information given him by the Society.

Now as to your score card, I have numbered the several items of your proposed score card.

1st. Density of trees, etc. Unnecessary; will be taken care of in another item.

2nd. Height of head from ground. It might do if only upright growing varieties were planted, to have them branched 2'6" from the ground, but with varieties that send their branches out laterally like the Wealthy, Hibernial, Patten's Greening, etc. the branches and fruit would lie on the ground so that you could not mow or cultivate around the trees. Especially on a side hill orchard would this be true.

3rd. I would add, either in squares or quincunx.

4th. It should read--balanced so as not to be lopsided.

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th, I would include in another form of score card as enclosed.

I should enjoy very much to visit you and discuss this matter, but it is not convenient for me to do so. Roy is away on business a good deal, Rella is in the hospital in New York City, and I have a good deal to do here.

Very cordially yours,

J.M.Underwood.

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Jan. 3rd, 1914.

A.W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I wish you a Happy New Year, and you are likely to have it with all your children and grand children to help.

You wrote me about a score card for the Prize Orchards. I should want one entirely different from the one that you suggest, and this is it:

1st. General appearance of the orchard	25 points
2nd. Health of the trees	25 "
3rd. Productiveness	25 "
4th. Quality of fruit	25 "
Total	<u>100</u> "

I won't take time to discuss the question by correspondence. I think it would be well if we could get together and talk it over.

Was I appointed on a committee to devise the best means of marketing fruit. If so, who were the committee? I enclose a copy of a letter I have written Mr. Crosby. It will give you an idea of what I am thinking about, relative to a building for our society. I think it would look splendid to have a nice building at the Agricultural school, with Minnesota State Horticultural Society in big letters across the front. What do you think of it?

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*  
I did not know Loring's address, so sent it to you to forward

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Jan. 15th, 1914.

A.W.Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 14th received. I guess you are right about not hearing from me regarding your correspondence on prizes for one acre orchards. As I recollect, I did not feel that I had given the subject enough attention to be competent to advise, and I had a great deal of confidence in your judgment, and that you would get things O.K. as you usually do. When the score card came up I seemed to catch on to what was wanted, and it did not look to me as tho you had it right, and in making up a score card that would suit me I found that there were some things about the rules for planting that I wished changed, and so I wrote you fully about it after considerable deliberation on my part and consultation with my associates.

If you were offering a thousand dollars in different amounts to those who would grow the best orchard in seven years, what would you look for? An orchard for home use or commercial purposes? What does a man plant apple trees for? Isn't it to get fruit? What kind of fruit? The best quality. Now in your score card you have left the productiveness and quality entirely out. As I wrote you, a person can plant Hibernial, Patten's Greening, Okabena, N.W.Greening, Peerless, and have a healthier looking orchard than if he planted any other varieties, and they would be the most productive, but the quality of the fruit would be almost worthless, except in the Okabena and N.W.Greening. Neither the Hibernial or Patten's are worth picking up. The peerless does not fruit, but it makes a fine looking tree. Then again, as I said in my former letter, a person can grow a much better looking orchard and a much more productive one at seven years of age, if he plants them 20x20 ft. apart, than if plants 25x25 or 25x30, and even 16 ft. apart would not be too close for the orchard at seven years, but when they are 12 or 15 years old the orchard would be ruined. So that it should be stipulated how far apart, or how many trees to the acre.

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A.W.L. No. 2.

But since the rules have been published governing the planting, suppose we let them stand, altho I can see no objection to changing them if it was thot best in the next magazine.

As to the score card, I don't see that it needs to be published at all until we get ready to score, or at least any time this winter or spring would be ample, and I can't believe that either you or the other members of the committee have sufficiently considered the score card. As for the Professors, without practical experience what could they be expected to know about it? You say "no two of the persons who were planning to enter into the contest wated to use the same distances". Perhaps it would not be necessary to stipulate the distances apart, but only the number of trees to the acre.

As to those planting making an annual report, I don't know that there is any objection to that, but it should not govern so far as the award of premium, only the report of the examining committee, who should examine the 5th, 6th and 7th years, in the middle of Sept. when the orchard is in full fruit, or should be.

Yes, I think I will go up to the Agricultural Society meeting to-morrow morning to help elect Sivright, who I understand they are trying to drop.

Cordially yours,

J.M.Underwood.

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Jan. 24th, 1914.

A.W.Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Replying to your favor of the 19th. You suggest that I write out my criticisms on the proposed score card for the prize orchards in time for the March number of our monthly. I don't know that I have anything different to offer from my letter of the 13th, of which I have made a copy and sent to each member of the Executive Committee, and to the President, and asked them to report.

Cordially yours,

J.M.Underwood.



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February 2nd, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I am afraid I have already written too much about the Prize Orchard. I seem to have a different idea as to what the prizes are offered for. The first thing that occurred to me was to find out how to grow apples of good quality, not trees, but from what has been said on the subject I conclude that the main object is to see who can grow the best acres of trees, regardless of variety. I thought of planting out an acre just to see what could be done, but I would not do it now, because I wouldn't care to put the money into growing trees. What I want is apples, and I would not be satisfied with Patten's Greening or Hibernial, both hardy and vigorous varieties. Then again an orchard at seven years old would look better if only planted 20 ft. apart, and I wouldn't plant an orchard 20 ft. apart, for I have had a good deal of experience and my worst mistake has been in planting.- 1st. Too many varieties;  
2nd. Too many trees to the acre.

I am told that an orchard could not be judged as to productiveness and quality of fruit at 5, 6, 7 years after planting, but I do not believe this. I am cited to the orchard of Langford Smith, which did not produce at that age. On the other hand some report heavy crops of apples at seven years. It is true that a tree five to seven years old would not bear as much fruit as one twelve or fifteen years old, still it should produce fruit, and good fruit. That is the reason that I put the largest number of points on quality and productiveness.

I don't know of what value your proposed scoring would have on your first score--15 points on Density of Trees, etc., if the fruit wasn't good for anything, or if the trees would not produce fruit. The same applies to all the items of your score card, but I am willing to drop the matter right here. Since I think you and the other member of the Executive Committee are agreed I will simply remain in the minority.

Very cordially yours,

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Feb. 19th, 1914.

A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I received your favor of the 10th and also the sample apple that you sent. It seemed to be an apple of promise and I sent Mr. Nordine down to look it up. He brought back some more samples and also one of a sweet apple. The owner, Mr. Goss, thinks that this bunch of seedlings came from the chance dropping of cattle that were pastured in the woodlot, and that they ate the apples from the orchard in the field below, Duchess and Transcendent. Now I can't believe that the Duchess and Transcendent with their yellow background and light colorings would produce a seedling fruit of such rich carmine as this seedling is, neither do I believe that they would produce an apple of such delicate sweetness and a green color like the sweet seedling. There must have been other varieties of apples in the orchard, or else they got apples from some other place to eat. It seems the seedlings are growing in a wood lot and that they are in clusters, different trees with different kinds of fruit in each cluster.

No matter what their origin they are interesting. It seems that Goss has exhibited them to you and to one of the Professors at the Horticultural School, I forget which one, and that he has entered it for the \$1000.00 prize. Have you a circular you can send me that states the conditions under which this prize will be given, or can you refer it to me in our bound volumes?

Washburn has invited the nurserymen to be his guests at Hotel Radisson Friday at 12:00. I hope you were included. I suppose he wants to talk over the inspection of nurseries, etc. You or someone ought to be there to sit on my coat tail, and keep me from exploding.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture  
Northeast Demonstration Farm and Station  
Duluth, Minnesota

2/27/14.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your favor of 2/25 in regard to making our experimental orchard a trial station of the state society. Your plan is fine and I see no reason for not accepting it.

I must state a few facts in regard to the local situation. Our plant is very new. We blasted the stumps on the first part of the orchard tract in Dec. 1913. This land will be put into cultivated crops the coming summer. The stock will be secured this spring, heeled in this summer and set in permanent place in 1915. The man in charge will not be selected until the coming fall.

If these facts do not discourage you, I shall gladly do all I can to further your work.

Very truly yours,

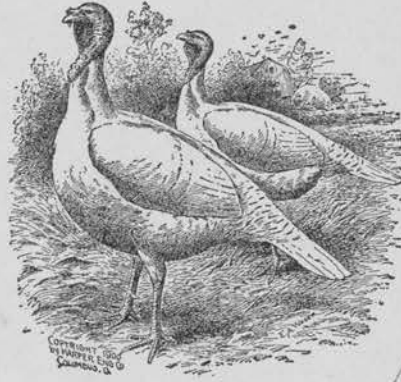
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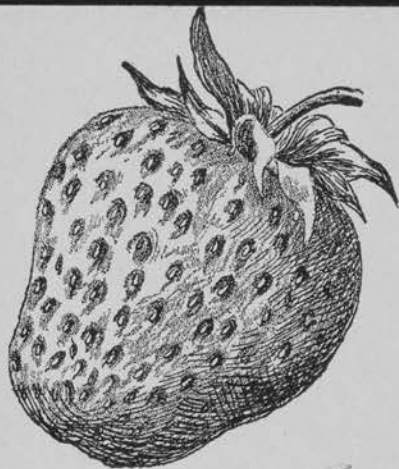
Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir

Enclosed find \$6<sup>00</sup>, Five dollars to apply on  
a life membership for myself, will send the  
other five next year, and the one dollar is for  
a new membership, will send name later when  
I succeed in getting one.

Please send me a bound volume of our  
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subscription. Plant premiums no. 5 and no. 10.  
if out of them send nos. - 6 + 2 or two of no. 2.

Sincerely yours  
Fred O. True



HENRY VOLLENWEIDER  
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La Crescent, Minn., March 27. 1914

A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir,

I would like to have you put me  
in the Contest for that one doz. Peaches. Hope you will  
get enough of them to gether to make it a good contest.

Yours truly

Henry Vollenweider