



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Nemadji, Minnesota

Mr A. W. Leshome

Nov 13

1913

Dear Friend

I am returning the photos
and have marked the 2 that I want.

I am enclosing - check for 2.20 to pay
for the 2 plates and 10^{cts} for apple seeds, I should
like instructions in regard to planting. I want to
see what I can do in the line of raising seedlings
apples - 10^{cts} for Rosa Royce, ~~seeds~~ Rose seeds
enclosed find R. P. Boyington's check

Sincerely
G. E. Macomber

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February 8, 1915

Mr. A.W. Latham
 Sec. Minn. Hort. Society
 Minneapolis
 Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to have proofs of the four pictures you wish to use in the wild gardening article and if the printer can do as well as the proofs, I shall be still more pleased.

I forget whether I spoke about credit in this connection. Of course you would be sure to remember it. A form that would please us would be "Division of Landscape Extension, University of Illinois." This credit if ~~you~~ put beneath each picture would save you a charge of \$13 from the J.H. Mc Farland Co., of Harrisburg, Pa., fom whom we bought duplicate prints of all the illustrations in Circular 170 with the understanding that we could loan them for reproduction.

Faithfully yours,

Wilhelm Miller

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Combercroft Farm and Nurseries

G. E. Macomber, Proprietor

Nemadji, Minnesota

Mr A. W. Latham

Feb 1st -

1915

I am so glad you have any plates
of Iris, Peonies, ~~Hot~~ Phlox, ^{or} I am in need
of plates to put cuts in my Catalogue. I thought
I could perhaps rent something from you
and save some expense. Kindly let me know
what you can do for me if anything

Sincerely
G. E. Macomber

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

In reply to yours of January 15th, I send you the article on, "Wild Gardening," together with our numbers 545, 546, 548 and 772, for illustration. I hope this matter will be acceptable. If not, let me know.

If you wish the article on, "Foundation Planting for Farms^{er}," please give me as much notice as you can. I shall be greatly pleased if you will send me proofs of the article, illustrations and captions.

Faithfully yours,

Wilhelm Miller

HEAD OF DIVISION OF LANDSCAPE EXTENSION

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Combercroft Farm and Nurseries

G. E. Macomber, Proprietor

Nemadji, Minnesota

Mr A. W. Lusk

Jan 20th 1915

Dear Sir, referring to yours of the 15th you will I hope pardon me for my tardiness in replying, I assure you, it was not from lack of interest. I shall be very glad indeed to cooperate in any way that I can, and certainly will be only too glad to give to each purchaser of 10 dollars and upwards a year's subscription to the Horticulturist at the price of 30 cents each. I shall be glad to have 500 dollars with my cards, the same as appears on this letter head printed upon to my front page. I shall be glad to hear you take up the trial-^{subscription} matter with the executive board. Sincerely G. E. Macomber

Expense account
of Thos. M. McCall
incurred in attending
the 1914 annual meeting

R. R. Fare Crookston to St. Paul	7.84
Return	7.84
Room Dec 1, 2, 3-4	3.00
Meals 1, 2, 3-4	3.00
Total	<u>21.68</u>

Respectfully
Submitted

Thos. M. McCall
Supt.
Crookston Trial
Station

Guernsey Cattle, Registered and High Grade
Registered Large Yorkshire Swine
Hardy Ferns and Home Nursery

Seed Potatoes Grown on Contract
Importer of Danish Grown
Garden and Field Seeds

Ludvig Madsbæk

Ferndale



ASKOV, MINN.

Jan 11

1915

Mr A W Latham

Dear Sir!

I've the pleasure to have your
kind note of 500 dollars

Yours very truly
Ludvig Madsbæk

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Montevideo, Minn.

December 29, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

When you are printing up stationery for the society, you may
print 200 letter heads and 200 envelopes for me.

Sincerely yours,

L. G. Moyer

LRM/M

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

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

Owatonna Minn. 10/15/14.

Dear Sir:

Assignment for the Annual
Banquet for Thursday Dec. 3rd. is
accepted.

Very respectfully.

D. M. Mitchell.

OK: just as you say,

R. S. Mockett

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS OF



A. W. LATHAM,

Sec'y Minn State Hort. Soc'y,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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LEXINGTON, KY.. Jan. 19, 1915.

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Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,

207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 14, and want to thank you for your kind response to my inquiries.

Our Kentucky Horticultural Society does not have any state aid, and we therefore find it somewhat uphill work to provide sufficient inducements to secure a large membership list. I have been considering, however, the practice which I note that you are following, of offering to members certain new kinds of promising fruits, vegetables, etc., but have not yet been able to do this in any extensive way.

I can appreciate that the large membership you have has not been secured without vigorous pushing of the campaign. I appreciate, also, the printed literature which you have forwarded, and am going to send you two or three recent issues of our proceedings which are, however, quite modest in size.

Again thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. W. Mathews

Secretary-Treasurer.

CWM-MC

The University of Minnesota

University Extension Service

University Farm, St. Paul

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

January 20, 1915.

Mr. A. W. Lathan,
Sec'y. Minn. State Hor. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Lathan:-

If nothing happens, we should have a big crop of apples this season. We want to do all we can in helping the folks market the surplus apples. We^{are} outlining the following:

First, By press articles, circulars, lectures and demonstrations to interest the growers in pruning, spraying, thinning, picking and packing.

Second, Soliciting the aid of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, Southern Minnesota Horticultural Society, County Horticultural Societies, Development Associations, Marketing Associations or firms, farmers clubs, commercial clubs, house wives leagues and other organizations in advertising the use of Minnesota apples.

Third, Secure list of growers and groups of growers having fruit to sell.

Fourth, Secure lists of firms, clubs or persons wanting to buy apples.

You will note that this means a campaign to urge the growers to properly care for the trees and fruit, with the hope that fruit of high quality will be produced. This is along the line that I mentioned to you regarding having a page in the Minnesota Horticulturist, headed, "Eat Minnesota Apples." We shall want your assistance and help in putting this into effect. Do you suppose that the Society would help in publishing posters and illustrating some phases of pruning/spraying and packing, which could be distributed broadcast throughout the apple producing section? We found that the cheapest way to advertise some of things, is to prepare zinc etchings and plate material for distribution to the papers in Minnesota. We had Mr. Wing give us six cartoons to advertise our short courses this winter. This material is sent to the short course committee at the expense of only \$1.50 per page. A copy of some of these cartoons is enclosed. We believe that something of this nature could be used to advantage in starting this campaign. We hope that you can help us.

Yours very truly,

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION.

P. S. MacKintosh
Horticultural Specialist.

RSM/RF

Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station
State University

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 11, 1915.

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Minnesota Horticultural Society,

College of Agriculture,

St. Paul, Minn.

Attention Secretary Latham.

Dear Sir:-

I have understood for a long time that you have a very large list of members of your state horticultural society. As secretary of the ^{State Hort.} Kentucky Society, I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me any of your literature or other statements indicating how you have secured such a large membership. Our membership in Kentucky is small and I have been studying for some time as to how to best proceed to secure a wider interest and more cooperation in the way of taking out memberships and paying the modest fee of one dollar. For the past year or two, I have arranged with one of our Kentucky papers to act as the organ of the society and have sent each member a subscription to this paper at an annual cost to the society of 25¢ per member. *This has helped considerably*

I should appreciate any suggestions that you can make to me relative to your results in securing such an extensive membership list.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Matthews

CWM-MC

Horticulturist.

PAUL L. MUELLER
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

THE PINES
BRYANT AVE. SOUTH & 49TH STREET

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Jan. 5, 1915.

5.00

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Secretary, Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I enclose Five Dollars (\$5.00) as half of the payment for a life membership in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. As premiums, which you offer in the January number of the Minnesota Horticulturist, I wish to get No. 11 and No. 12. I do not know the number of my membership ticket, which is asked for in connection with the premiums; will you please find it for me?

Very truly yours,

Paul L. Mueller

The University of Minnesota

Department of Agriculture

University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

A. F. WOODS DEAN
D. D. MAYNE PRINCIPAL

Nov. 20, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Latham:-

I am enclosing herewith a menu, together with other data referring to the banquet. If you wish to make any changes please let us know, and we think we can meet your requirements.

You will notice that I ask for an estimate of the number to be furnished by December 1st. We can take the exact number, and put the amount in for the number that you guarantee, the day before. We shall allow some chance for addition, even after that, but not any very great number.

Yours very truly,

D. D. Mayne
Principal.

Excelsior, Minn. 12-29-14.

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

Dear Sir:-

I was able to spend only about half an hour, all told, at the annual meeting this year, tho there were many numbers on the program which I was very anxious to hear. If I can yet get the most important of these papers thru the Horticulturist in the next month or two, in time to help me in getting my spring campaign properly planned and begun, I will feel that I have recovered a good deal that I had lost.

The following list gives approximately the order in which I would like to have these papers published, and all of them before the opening of spring. Of course I recognize that I am not the only reader concerned, and others will want some other numbers hurried along; but I am indicating my individual preference, at whatever value it may have, and I suppose it is fairly representative of what many other readers of the Horticulturist may want.

In this list, the indicated page refers to the printed program.

Fruit breeding for the Massas. Hansen. P.10.

The top-worked Orchard. Wedge. P.9.

The top-worked Orchard. Dobbin. P.6.

Importance and Value of Dwarf Fruit Trees for the N.W. Pfaender. P. 5

— The Fruit Breeding Farm. Haralson. P.13.

Fruit Notes for the Season. Hansen. P. 13.

Some perennials worth knowing better. Mrs. Wyman. P.11.

The water Garden. Bovey and Fuller. P. 11.

or Making a Water Garden. Choate. P.11.

Shrubs and Trees for Ornament. Cady. P.13.

The Prune a successful Fruit Tree in Minn. Arrowood. P.15.

Yours truly,

J. K. McBroom

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
Northwest School and Station
Crookston, Minnesota

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

Dec. 8, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:

I find that in handing in my expense account to you that I have over-looked the exact status of affairs. However, I do find in your correspondence of March 4, 1914 this statement, "As such officer you would be expected to make biennial report to the Horticultural Society of anything of a horticultural character growing at your Station and in consideration of this your railroad expenses to and from the annual meeting of the society would be paid from the society funds." It was with this correspondence in mind that I submitted the expense account to which you refer in your letter of Dec. 5th.

Trusting that this statement is satisfactory, I will withdraw the other incidental expenses as listed upon the expense account.

Very truly yours,

Thos. M. McCall

Horticulturist.

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December 17, 1914

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

My dear Mr. Latham:

Ever since Mr. Aust returned, I have been daily hoping to write you a full apology and explanation. I was distressed to learn from Mr. Aust that even after my long telegram, you expected to see me. Theoretically, it was possible for me to get to Minneapolis in time for the first appointment, but practically, the conditions were so risky that I thought I ought not to take the chance. It meant putting off the Elmhurst people with a half-hour talk, which would have made them sore as it was an evening lecture, and then making the closest taxi-cab connections both there and in Chicago, together with uncertainty as to whether the train would arrive in Minneapolis on time. Under the circumstances I thought Mr. Aust would give you better service since he knew your audience, your climate and your plants, which I did not.

Before this I fought as hard as I could to get out of the date on December 4th at Urbana, but Professor Blair would not consent to having my paper read by a substitute and all my schemes to affect a change of dates for these special faculty papers proved of no avail. It was the most important paper I have ever read, being a review of the administration of the entire work from the beginning. This does not help you at all. It is no excuse but I feel that you are entitled

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to the explanation.

I tried to put myself in your place, as soon as I learned of my blunder. I understand that you had only three speakers from outside the state and I can imagine your feelings at having any of them fail to keep his promise. This is the sort of thing that can perhaps be forgiven but cannot be forgotten.

The trouble all grew out of my not verifying the time table before I accepted the engagement. The lesson has been taken to heart by all of us and we now have a wall chart which we hope will prevent all errors of this sort in the future, especially as we have made it a rule never to accept a date until the time table is verified. This^I/also tell you by way of penance.

I should be glad to know whether Mr. Aust's work was satisfactory and if not, if you will send me a detailed account of the matter. From the report, I judge that his talk before the floricultural society was satisfactory to that organization, but he felt that he was very short of slides for the talk on "Foundation Planting," owing to the fact that he did not receive a box full of slides which had been shipped to him.

What can I do to repair the damage so far as it is possible to do so? I realize that the failure of a lecturer to come to time, tends to damage the reputation of the person who arranges for the lecture. I shall be glad to write either or both of the papers in full if you wish them for publication, but I am told that the policy of your publication is to have very short abstracts of papers giving only three or four hundred words to each.

I am anxious that the bill of traveling expenses should also be satisfactory to you and that it should contain no improper items. I have, therefore, seen to it that the expense of the long telegram is not charged to your society.

Faithfully yours, *Wilhelm Miller*

WM/MB

Chippewa County State Bank

CHAS. H. BUDD, President
LLOYD G. MOYER, Vice-President
L.R. MOYER, Cashier

Montevideo, Minn.

December 15, 1914.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham.

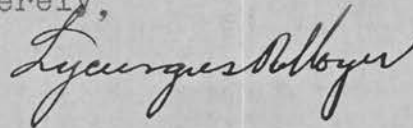
Your letter of the 14th of December is received.

You paid me my railway fare when you were standing near the desk where the girls worked in the hall, and I gave you a voucher written on one of my letter-heads. If you do not find it let me know and I will send you another. The railway fare that I paid was \$5.32.

I saw the elder Mr. Benham at the meeting just a few minutes. I did not see the younger man at all.

I thank the Board for the resolution making me an Honorary Member.

Yours sincerely,



LRM/M

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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A W LATHAM

207 KASOTA BLD MINNEAPOLIS MINN

REGRET CAUSING YOU MORE TROUBLE BUT CANNOT REACH MINNEAPOLIS IN
TIME AFTER LECTURE AT ELMHURST DECEMBER SECOND WHICH I ACCEPTED
KUNE FIRST AFTER DISAPPOINTIN THEM IN FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF ELIZZARD
WHEN I ACCEPTED MINNEAPOLIS DATE I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS ONLY
A NIGHTS RIDE FROM CHICAGO AND THAT A MIDNIGHT TRAIN WOULD DO
THE TRICK AUST WILL DO BETTER THAN I BECAUSE HE KNOWS MINNESOTA
CONDITIONS AND PLANTS ALSO HE CAN GIVE THE FRIDAY TALK WE PROMISE
PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION COMBINING BOTH VIEWPOINTS PLEASE WIRE
ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TODAY CARE MRS CHARLES W KACK TEN FOUR FOUR
ONE SOUTH SEELEY AVENUE RIDGE CHICAGO AND NOTIFY AUST AT URBANA

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WITH ABJECT APOLOGIES TO YOU AND FRIENDS

WILHELM MILLER.

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The Minnesota State Florists Association

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FAIR OAKS

24TH STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Nov. 14, 1914

Mr Latham Sany
 Horticult - Sany

Dear sir

Enclosed find check @ \$3.00 for Membership
 to the H. Sany —

H. Nielsen	Manhata	\$ 25
Max Kaiser	Merion Park Floral Co St Paul	- 25
E. J. Perl	Keith Bldg - Hemp. & Kenwood Mpls.	- 25
F. Perl	" " " "	- 25
A. Larntson	Warrendale greenhouse. Como Park St. Paul	25
John E. Steen	Red Wing Minn	- 25
Fred Busch	50 th str & Lyndale - So. Mpls	- 25
Bernh. Busch	" " " "	- 25
Henry Rossacker	19 th av & Stinson N.E. "	- 25
J. S. Taylor	932. Nicollet - av Mpls	- 25
Gust Malmquist	2607 Grand av "	- 25
		<hr/>
		\$ 2.75

Please drop my brother's name
 from your list as he is dead
 R. W. Malmquist - La Moure N. D.

Gust Malmquist

November 18, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:-

I am in sack-cloth and ashes on account of a conflict in dates. I hate like poison to ask you to make any change in your published program, but I wonder if you would be willing to allow me to combine the talk on roadside planting with the one on "Foundation Planting for Farmers", on Thursday evening, so that I can be here on December 4th, when the College of Agriculture wishes me to read a paper on "Landscape Extension" before the entire faculty.

Prof. Blair asked me several weeks ago to present this formal review of our entire work, and told me that it would be the most important paper or lecture which I would have to present anywhere this year, because it will be a complete review of a new branch of work from every point of view, and will have to be accompanied by figures and charts requiring a great deal of preparation. This is a critical year in our work, and while I think there is little doubt that it will be continued, yet the members of the faculty know very little about this new branch, and it is important that they should get a favorable impression of it not later than December. As soon as I discovered the conflict of dates I reported it to the program committee, but I have been quite unable to make a shift of dates, owing to the fact that the papers presented on these occasions require so much preparation that no substitute could be secured on such short notice as this.

I am bitterly disappointed that the arrangement I propose will knock me out of attending the annual dinner, and spending the week-end in seeing something of the University, and visiting friends in the two cities, but the only thing I can do is to leave St. Paul on the Pioneer Limited at 7 p.m., December 3d, reaching here at noon on the 4th.

I shall be very grateful if you will telegraph me at once at my expense, saying that you will release me from the talk on the morning of December 4th. There is nothing for me to do but to throw myself on the mercy of the court, and ask you to permit me to keep an engagement here which seems absolutely vital to our work.

Faithfully yours,

Wilhelm Miller

Assistant professor landscape horticulture

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1914.

Hon. Knute Nelson,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Nelson:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, transmitting a communication from Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, requesting the attendance of Professor E. R. Lake at the meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society which convenes at Minneapolis, December 1 to 4, I find that Professor Lake will probably be available at the time of the meeting and could attend without serious interference with the research work upon which he is engaged.

I have no doubt that you are aware of our general policy in such cases, which is that the State Horticultural Societies requesting addresses from Department representatives defray the travel and subsistence expense of such representatives. As the Minnesota Society has done this in the past it is assumed that it will be prepared to defray Professor Lake's expenses. If this is the case I would suggest that Secretary Latham take the matter up directly with

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Professor Lake in order that early determination of the exact date and subject of his address may be made.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Marvin.

Acting Secretary.

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September 23, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:-

I wish to do the best thing for the time and place, and I will conform to your plans. The more you tell me about the situation the better I can do for you. As I understand it you suggest two talks on the afternoon of December 3d and one on December 4th. I heartily agree to that if I can use the lantern each time for twenty minutes and ten minutes for discussion. Landscape gardening is a subject that has to be taught with pictures. If you cannot get the lantern for all three occasions and wish me to prepare two papers I will consider the proposition, but would prefer not to give a definite answer now.

How do you like the following propositions:

1. Three P. M. December 3d, speak to the Garden Flower Society and the Horticultural Society on "Wild Gardening". I presume that the Garden Flower Society is composed of wives of fruit growers, and that it would be to show how to make a border of shrubs and perennial flowers which would have more meaning and be more appropriate than the ordinary borders of popular garden favorites, because it would be composed of Minnesota flowers many of which I could illustrate.

2. Five P.M., "Foundation Planting for Farmers". This would tell how every fruit grower could plant native shrubs along the front of his house at a cost of \$10. to \$15., or less, -in such a way as to take the raw look away from the place and give some year-round beauty, -at the spot where money should first be spent in any scheme of ornamental planting. I would also tell about a co-operative plan by which neighbors could form a county improvement association so as to get more and better shrubs planted in the best possible way with the greatest certainty of their succeeding, and at the least cost.

3. On Dec. 4th, "Roadside Planting". I assume that you have a lantern available for use during the entire week, and that the room can be easily darkened morning or afternoon for showing pictures.

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Now as to publishing the talks. I find that no satisfactory printed account has ever been given, or can be given, of a lantern slide talk. However, I could furnish you with an abstract of it and of the two other talks if you could supply me with a good commercial stenographer for an hour or two during the time I am in Minneapolis. This is the way the Illinois cities usually provide for published accounts of my lectures, each one of which is different from every other and adapted to each locality.

It would be quite another matter for me to prepare papers in advance and read them without lantern slides, simply because it is so hard to get the time. I can get five cents a word for what I wish to write for the magazines, and I could hardly prepare a paper for your special needs on office time since I am a state worker, and papers prepared for you would hardly be useful in this state. Moreover, if I would write you two papers, knowing no more than I do about your conditions, they would not fit as well as the lantern slide talks made after I have gotten on the ground and had a chance to talk with you and other leaders. We have a big battery of over 1,000 lantern slides, and I might bring some 600 from which I could select just the best ones to illustrate the most practical and important things for your society.

Faithfully yours,

Wilhelm Miller

WM/HC

Assistant Professor Landscape Horticulture

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Mr. A.W. Latham,
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Dear Sir:

I accept the dates, hours and subjects mentioned
in yours of October 23.

Faithfully yours,

Wilhelm Miller

WM/MB

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