



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Minn State Agr. Soc  
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Dear Sir

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A. W. Latham Esq. Secy.  
Mpls

Dear Sir!

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7000 folders  
to good advantage. -

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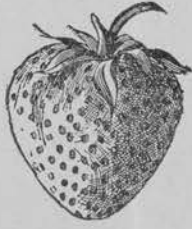
NEW ULM, - MINN.

Am offering in my catalog, for membership in Hort  
Soc. with an order of 10<sup>00</sup> or more. -

Yes you are right, all nurserymen ought to help  
to increase membership. -

Very respectfully

*Wm. Pfaender, Jr.*



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ATWATER, MINN.,

Dec 29 1914

A W Latham Secy.  
 Minn. State Hort. Society  
 Mpls Minn

Dear Sir -

With regard to yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> will say I can use some letter heads but really I dont know how many I'd need. say about 1000

Mr Latham did our County secretary send in his list of names yet. I am referring to the double for I paid this year. you will remember Mr Strand deducted one from my premiums. When convenient please look this up.

Yours truly

P. H. Peterson

1.26.15

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Charles City, Iowa.

Jan. 16, 1915.

A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:-

How are you? I hope having a happy beginning of the New Year and the best of prospects for health and prosperity all through the year, and I think that I am right in believing that prosperity and happiness with you, in a large degree, is the measure of horticultural advancement that you are able to record through your monthly Horticulturist. You have been so long devoted to that specialty that it has become a splendid reflection of your ability in organizing the forces for such large horticultural advancement in your State and the people of Minnesota no doubt are, and ought to be proud of you. It gives me very great pleasure to assure you that I am, and that every true Northwestern horticulturist doubtless is in accord with the sentiments that I express.

I sometimes feel that many persons have an idea that, from the many expression of appreciation which I have received, it has begotten in me an exaggerated feeling of superiority to many of my co-laborers. Such a view, however, is wholly incorrect, though it would be a pleasure to you, I am sure, to read a letter from Col. G. B. Brackett, written last month, comparing the value of my work with that of the <sup>our</sup> State Society as a body. It is such an endorsement as any

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horticulturist would be gratified in receiving. Of course the above paragraph is especially for you.

Down here we had three weeks of continued cold. Temperature ran in the morning from 8 to 10, 12, 15, 18, 24, hanging around and below zero in middle of many days. How has it been in your State and are there any bad effects noted?

A recent letter from one of our leading horticulturists expressed the idea that my work was of more value for Minnesota, Wisconsin and the North Quarter of Iowa than for the balance of our State. Not criticizing me, for he is a friend, but suggesting that such work ought also to be done in the South part of the State.

However others have used that as a reason why I should not receive even such support from the State as it has given me. At times I confess the uncertainty and changeable support given me through such reasoning has been most discouraging and hard to bear. Results in the fruit-breeding work are so long in coming that most men have not the patience to wait and especially if you do not happen to be on the same side of the house which they are. But on the whole I am very well content that I began my nursery and horticultural work with so much of the altruistic spirit.

It is not pleasant to note the spirit of clannishness or any unseemingly rivalry between States where interests are so nearly common to all the States as here in the Northwest. Minnesota and

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Iowa have been commendably free from it but our Sister State to the East seems to lose no opportunity to magnify the importance of the personal I into large proportions. "Our magazine is the best ever" and it might not be altogether courteous to say that, even if it was the truth.

At one time the Journal referred to gave Mr. A. G. Tuttle the credit of having produced the "Soulard Hybrid". By mistake, no doubt, but while I called attention to the error it has never been corrected in their report.

While the value of crosses between our native crab and the cultivated apple is not yet determined there are some who feel a good deal of interest in it, and seeing that Mr. Peoffer told me that he doubted if the cross could be made, as he had tried on a good many blossoms of the Soulard and could not succeed, and Prof. Bud <sup>do</sup> made repeated efforts to cross our common apple on it and failed, I have felt that as the first one to secure such a cross any fair minded man would be only too willing to accord me the credit of it. Some of the characters are very pronounced in this cross. Have had specimens 2 3/4 inches in diameter and the carpels are those of the cultivated apple, large, open, thin and soft while those of the wild crab are small, closed, horny and very compact. We have just been using one of these natural or selected crosses and find that it makes very fine sauce and the apple is good, of good size, a keeper

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and bearer. I have another from the same planting as large as the Wealthy and a good apple but these two are seedlings of the Mercer Crab, and if there has been any doubt of the Mercer being a hybrid, these apples of mine dispel it.

Many years ago when I read Downing's description of the work of Dr. Van Mons with the Pear I thought it was quite wonderful, and it was. He devoted his life almost exclusively to it and originated many valuable pears. Now when I look over my work with this fruit and consider the obstacles which had to be overcome I am not at all sure that I have not accomplished as great a work as he. When any one comes here another year, and sees the size of the trees the nine or ten places that they occupy through a stretch of eighty rods of ground, and notes the trees and the different lines of work from which they have come, I think that they will be convinced that a very large and successful effort has been made to secure so much. This Pear experiment is almost exclusively mine, wholly so in inception and almost wholly so until this year in technical work, and so far I am both surprised and gratified with the prospect which they present.

Well, Friend Latham, I have written more than I would to any one else, and maybe more than will be of interest to you.

Recently I received a letter from Prof. M. B. Cummings of

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Burlington, Vermont, Prof. of Horticulture in the State University there, inquiring for a paper which I wrote appearing in your last volume and expressing a wish for it. I am writing him that I thought you would be pleased to send him a copy of the Minn. State Horticultural Report for 1914 and perhaps receive their report in return, which I hope will meet your approval.

Most cordially yours,

*Chas. G. Patten*

Expert Breeder of Fruits.

*found that I am out of large envelopes and so use this one.*

Minneapolis Minn. Dec 22/1914

This is to certify that I packed  
a Bbl of weasthy apples at the  
winter meeting of the Horticultural  
Society for P. H. Perry  
and put therein 3 Boxes and  
1 PK good sound apples  
and at the end of the meeting  
I took of the Bbl only 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  boxes  
The balance had been stolen

P. H. Rose.



Excelsior, Minn., Dec 27 1914

A. H. Latham &  
Mpls

Dear Sir

Yours of 12/18 noted

The bbl. of apples under consideration were good Commercial apples of the Wealthy variety & had been kept in Cold Storage by the Hutchinson Co and were in good condition -

When I called at the fruit room on Wednesday just after the judges had made the awards - Mr. Harris called my attention to the fact that about half of my bbl. of apples had been stolen and he had filled up the bbl with coast paper & boards to pass the balance of the fruit - Enclosed find a statement of Mr. Roscoe Mpls who packed the bbl & unpacked it - Now you will know that any one taking our apples to eat do not take the process but always the best



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And to have half of the apples  
gone & balance all paid over  
you can well see that the judges  
could not give me a very high  
score, but as Mr. Harris said they  
have given you a prize  
if half of the apples are shown  
in fact he said they have got  
to give you the prize —  
Now you can confer with Mr.  
Harris and he will substantiate  
what I have said, if you are not  
satisfied with the status of Mr.  
Roe — Now I am entitled to  
the prize & I shall expect you  
to reconsider the matter as you  
now have the facts before you  
Again on the tables I did not  
see any plates of apples denied  
a prize on any of the matches and I  
can certify that I took both yet I  
(over)

2d & 3d premium on plates of  
apples that did not come up in  
quality to the average of the Bbl  
and I was not the only one who  
received premium on poor apples

So I consider it unjust to single  
out this Bbl that had been damaged  
thro the neglect of your hired men  
who let parties help themselves -  
and I expect the premium to be  
sent to me as in all justice  
I should have it -

Yours Truly  
A. J. Perry



Excelsior, Minn., Dec 29, 1914

A. W. Latham Esq

Mpls. dear Sir

Yours at hand -  
In regard to the packing of the Bbl-  
g apples in consideration - Mr  
Rose was over here to see me on business  
and I had him help me a little  
he unpacked the boxes and handed  
me the fruit and I put it in the  
bbl, every apple, I told him at the end  
of the meeting I should only send home  
the bbl of wealth and the balance  
of the fruit he could take home  
to his family. As he came over he  
helped he took out the apples from  
the Bbl & packed them in the boxes  
John's status is only to show how  
many apples were packed in the Bbl  
and how many were there at the end  
of the meeting - Now Mr. Latham those  
apples were hand picked and put  
(over)

into Cold Storage for my own  
use but were you good sound fruit  
that would grade up to 75 points  
But with one half taken out  
and balance packed over by the  
S&B filled up with waste paper &c  
you can well see it stood no  
show as to points, for you will  
know the judge have to take  
in consideration the appearance  
of the package also how full  
it is as well as quality of fruit  
in making up points — now  
I am entitled to the premium  
and if you wish to do the fair  
thing by me you will see I get  
it — I also should have 300 for  
the fruit that was stolen as  
I am short that amount

Yours Truly  
A. Perry

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Wayzata Jan 3. 1915

A. W. Latham.

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Friend:- In reply to your letter of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. That bbl of apples of Mr. Perry's never was full. I should think it lacked a peck. Prof badly will bear witness to this as we were talking about it after Mr Perry left the room Monday afternoon the day we were getting things in place. The students had taken about a bushel out of it before it was judged. but I told Mr Wellington to judge it as a full bbl. He said it was poor fruit. and He thought it ought not to receive a premium. these are the facts I will call and see you this week when in town.  
 Respectfully. Thomas Redpath.

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture  
University Farm, St. Paul

DIVISION OF HORTICULTURE

January 13, 1915.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of January 8th, in regard to Mr. Perry's barrel of apples, is at hand.

I feel that you are entirely justified in refraining to send Mr. Perry any prize money. Both Prof. Cady and myself noticed the barrel shortly after it was packed and the apples did not fill the barrel by several inches. My understanding was that the premiums should be awarded to a full barrel and not to partially filled barrels. If Mr. Perry had entered his apples in boxes there would not have been this opportunity for discussion. You have undoubtedly taken the right stand and I do not see why Mr. Perry should take any exception to our judgment.

Very truly yours,

*Richard Wellington*  
Asst. Prof. of Horticulture

RW/D

*Perry*

United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Northern Great Plains Field Station.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., January 8, 1915.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:-

I have received your recent letters; one informing me of the action of the executive board in making the Northern Great Plains Field Station an official trial station of the society, one inclosing notes of my talk at the annual meeting, and one inclosing a life membership certificate which I am glad to possess.

As soon as I can get a little spare time, I will go over the notes and return them to you, together with a few station photographs.

I would like to get as complete a file as possible of the annual reports of the society. I have on hand the reports for the years 1910, 1911, 1913, 1914. I would greatly appreciate any others that you may have to spare.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Peterson*



Kindly look  
up and reply  
soon

Excelsior, Minn., Dec 14, 1914

Geo W Straul Esq  
Jaylors Falls Minn

Dear Sir

Yours at hand with  
check for \$27.82 received —  
I have looked up the prices I received  
at the winter meeting and find them as follows

3 Doz Bbl Apples	10.00
Prostate " "	4.40
" on Box "	4.65
" Collector "	2.65
" Late Washed Ducky	4.50
1 Doz on Collector Grapes	8.00
2 1/2 Plate Scott's Wints	.50
" " Okabeena	.50
" " N.H. Green	.50
1 Doz " Lords L-	.75
3 1/2 " Fat Guy	.25
3 " Holy Ren	.25
2 1/2 " Christmas	.50
2 " " Autumnella	.50
2 " " Liberal	.50
Prostate 3 Pokes Apples	2.00

Total \$40.45

Please loose this matter up and send me balance  
due on same  
Yours very truly P.H. Perry

A. J. PHILIPS

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Dear Bro Latham

West Salem, Wis. Dec 18 1914

On my return from Vermouies where they had the largest and finest apple show I ever saw I found your letter here, was glad to hear from you, and surprised to hear <sup>that</sup> Waulass was awarded so much, he has not wrote a word to me even thank you, has he reced his prem 5 - now I will tell you what I propose to do - 4 or 5 years ago he brot  $\frac{1}{2}$  a dozen specimens of seedlings to show to me - they were so fine that I hitted up my horse and drove 15 miles to see them - I saw the trees and advised him to join your Soc + exhibit them that was the first he had heard of your Soc + the seedly prem since that he has taken near 200 in prem and never has thanked me and you know that that seedling prem was extended in to Wisconsin on my ac - now I shall propose for him to divide this last prem with me. I think I deserve it and more too. If he objects - I will charge him the 11.00 or 12.00 he saved in car fare + expenses by my acting as his agent, am I unfair, we have commenced on our last \$5,000 and hope that will carry us through but we must be carefull of every cent, as I cannot expect to earn much, but we dont worry any for we han 5 ad good children as any couple - ever raised they are worth from \$5000 to 30,000 each and as kind to us as kind can be, I could have been worth more if I had not worked so much for nothing but I enjoyed the work and have no regrets that I did it, I furnished Collins 24 Columns for his paper East summer then he had over

impudence to send me 3 or 4 Duns for a  
years subscription. I am now commencing my 82<sup>d</sup> year  
have decided to write no more newspaper articles  
without fair pay - and attend no more meetings  
with out a small per diem say \$2.00 per day besides  
traveling expenses, that will cause me to stay at  
home. the best place for an old man, I was urged to  
go to Iowa + was promised at least part of my expenses  
but I read my paper on the orchard then paid my  
own expenses. and did not receive a thank  
you. but am glad I went for I had the treat of  
my life in seeing + hearing Billy Sunday - twice I be-  
lieve him to be the greatest Evangelist living in  
America, to day, I could write all day about  
him. 8000 people the first night + 10000 the second  
the Choir - I got a seat 25 feet from him - they be-  
gan to come at 5<sup>30</sup> to get seats + he began to preach  
at 8. the singing is immense they are building a  
tabernacle for him in Pittsburg to seat 20,000  
he is engaged 2 years ahead - good men say he  
will visit 6 weeks stay make Des Moines dry next  
thruing. Greene did not say a dozen words to me  
while there but Gardner Patton True + Reeves were  
very sociable. Greene is a dry secretary, I wonder  
if Mayne was satisfied with my talk. If we should sell  
out, is there room for us to come and camp on some  
of your Lakes. Well is this enough for one visit  
I go to Madison to receive great honors in ~~Madison~~ July 28  
for my work in ag + horticulture presented by the state  
university - good Bye Philips

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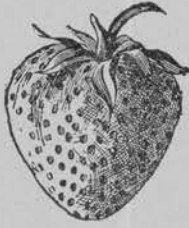
Mr. A. W. Latham,  
% Minnesota Horticultural Society,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Mr. Latham:--

We have your favor of the 15th and in accord-  
ance therewith have discontinued the service we were sending  
you. There will be no charge for the clippings you have re-  
ceived.

Yours very truly,

*Robert L. Pollock*



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ATWATER, MINN.

Dec 12 1914

Mr Geo. H. Strand

Taylor's Falls Minn.

Dear Sir -

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> at hand  
with check enclosed. I see  
that you have deducted \$1.00 for  
membership. Now the fact is I  
have already paid my fee to the  
secretary of the Kandiyoiki Co. Society  
when we had our meeting Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
I will not stand for two  
payments in one year.

Yours truly

P. H. Peterson

Kindly reply and  
oblige  
yours

United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Northern Great Plains Field Station.

Dry-Land Agriculture.

Mandan, N. Dak., Nov. 25, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham,

I had hoped to the last that I might be able to attend our winter meeting but it seems that it will be impossible for me to be present.

I am sending you my copy of the article and if you think it worth while I would consider it a great favor if you could get some one to read it for me. If my father is in attendance I am sure that he will be glad to do so and I am writing him to that effect. If he can not be there it might be possible to get Prof. Cady or one of his associates to read it or one of the more advanced students in Horticulture.

Regretting very much that I must remain absent,

I am, sincerely yours,

*Max Haender,*

Assistant Horticulturist.

Mr A W Latham,  
Munichapolis Minn

West Salem Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear Friend Latham

I went to the office this morning - I knew well when I found a letter from you that it was not an answer to the one I wrote yesterday because the mail train yesterday was late, and you would not get it until today. I soon found it was the one I sent after accepting your proposal to speak on Friday that it was answering. I opened it in the drug store with fear and trembling as I knew what it contained. I soon saw that you had some misgiving about the result of the unexpected change when you asked for leniency and I at once decided that I would be as lenient as I could and that I would forgive you for what you had done, if you would forgive me for the hasty letter and hasty decision I made yesterday - because I find a man becomes more sensitive as he grows older. When I read the die is cast and stove and those words, the die I cast rung thro my ears - time and time again then I said I will go home and answer it. I came in about 11 and wife said did you look at any clothes so you can wear them to our Frank Rogivny dinner at my sisters over

I said no the clothes deal is off I-  
recd a letter from Mr Latham yesterday  
saying he had made another change &  
I am not to talk to the students Friday &  
I wrote him I would not go. for the first  
time in many years she asked me let me  
see Mr Lathams letter. I showed the one -  
I recd to day she read and said what  
does he mean by saying the die is cast, has  
the Illinois man concluded to come or has he  
found some other man to take his place. I said  
I think not. Well she says dont be too  
hasty. Mr Latham has always been good to you  
and you need the clothes anyway. You get  
them. and I know you will go to the  
meeting I said no the die is cast. just  
then the Door Bell Rang I went to see the  
cause the agents Boy said here is a telegram  
I took it to the kitchen - wife said read  
it. I did. and soon the atmosphere -  
was different. she said I knew you  
would go - the die was busted. so we  
are going down to pick out the clothes  
this P.M. And now the desire comes  
stronger than ever. to try and say some  
thing that will benefit the students, and please  
the audience & particularly Mr Cashman Mr Latham your Philips



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*Am affraid wife can not  
Come but a son in law may Come  
have 2 Grand Daughters here going  
to school and she feels that she  
can not leave them*

A. J. Philips,

West Salem, Wis.

Dear Friend.-

I am glad you have decided to have that new suit of clothes made. I am having a new suit made too especially for this meeting as I want to shine on the twenty-fourth anniversary of my secretaryship.

By the way, what is to be the title of your address Friday noon? This being a horticultural meeting will there be something about horticulture in it, and will the title indicate it? It would be especially fitting if it did, would it not?

Of course Mrs. Philips is coming with you, I have put her name in the badge book also.

Yours cordially,  
*A. W. Latham* Sec'y.

*I hardly know what to call it will be just such a talk as I usually give them which has always pleased say mayne agriculture Horticulture and Home life to wind up with a Horticultural story which will make them all laugh and when*

*whether you laugh or not  
any difference  
it will not make  
900 laugh  
the*

West Salem Wis Nov 24 -

Dear Bro Lathams

Yours just recd written yesterday and it upset my plans. I had around you and accepted the job and had been working day + night on it to try and say something to that school which would be worth while. I had rather talk 30 minutes to those 900 students than to talk nonsense at a Banquet 100 times. I love to talk to students an Editor was here when you came and already two papers have taken and Mansell has asked me to take charge of his apples there as he cannot come. It pleased my wife - but she said you will have to get a new suit of clothes if you talk to that audience. I was going to order my room at the Hotel today. I will finish my paper on the orchard and send that - and think I can make an Excuse to stay at home - My wife says the proper place for an old man, I am buying new clothes and quit getting up at 4 AM to prep me for a job that pleased me so much wishing you a good

Just recd a letter from G. J. K. Philips I am yours as ever

No body will be any wiser as you had not  
mentioned in months that I was coming

A.P.

A. J. PHILIPS

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Nov 22 1914

Mr A W Latham  
Minneapolis Minn

Dear friend Latham

If you think I can fill the bill I will be glad to try it. It would please me far more to have a chance to talk 30 minutes than to make a fool of my self for 5 minutes at the Banquet. of course I have gone over to the school 6 or 7 times and talked to them but <sup>it</sup> is a different crowd every time and a fine crowd to talk too. I will make an effort to entertain so you and President Mayne will be satisfied. still I think it will be a poor apology for Professor Miller's Lantern talk. If it will make no difference I think I will do as Revd Harrison does - I can get a room at the Vendome I can get it about as cheap and have a room with a closet in it - as I often have to get up in the night, can go over to the west in the evenings - ~~and the~~ Banquet will be over at College. Have you heard from Mrs Kellogg his son was drowned a week ago? it is an awful accident he may not come

Yours in haste A J Philips

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1914

W. A. Matham

Dear Sir, In reply to yours of 16<sup>th</sup> I am sorry you have not recd. more applications for entry blanks. You can enter me for all the varieties same as last year and I will make as good an exhibit as I can. I have urged several of the members to exhibit but they don't seem to take the interest in the proceedings that they should and I do not think it would do much good to send out the lists as you suggest. However you might send lists to the members named on attached sheet -

Yours truly  
A. Perkins

Sec.

I refer to the Guernsey Cattle Breeders' Association and two or three years ago in New York City he was unanimously elected their President which office he has filled with credit to himself and honor to the society and this week at the greatest Dairy Show ever held in the world in Chicago, the Guernsey Cattle Club of America are going to present a Portrait of Ex-Governor Hoard for his great services to the Farmers of the United States to a Club in Chicago and I am glad to say that Mr. Hill has been chosen to make the presentation speech - he has hosts of friends on the Island of Guernsey where he has been several times for cattle and I say to my Friends if you vote for C. L. Hill this Fall you will not regret it.

Now I could sit by the fire and write on the different candidates all day, but as I have mentioned the most important officers and desire to get this type-written I will close and await results. Some say how can Blaine win and I say with the best people some of the Prohibitionists, the Progressives, the friends of La Follette, the friends of Roosevelt and Blaine's own staunch friends on his side, how in Gods name can he lose.

A. J. Philips,

West Salem, Wis.

Dear Friend I will let you see some of the foolish things I do. Can I have at your meeting 20. Minutes. 19 years ago I planted the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin trial orchard and started a valuable experiment with 6 varieties - as follows - 1<sup>st</sup> a 3 year old Virginia tree - 15 feet away a 2 year old Wealthy then 15 feet away in same Row a Wealthy root graft. The second year I top grafted the Virginia with Wealthy, then I repeated - the same, then did the same with N. W. Greening Patters + McMahan, the object was to answer questions as to the best age to plant trees at 6 years old I took the measurements, but this cranefield was elected + the experiment stopped since I agreed to write a history of my orchards + work, I wrote Cranefield asking if their Society would pay my expenses up to Wausau to write up the condition + size of these trees, Dear Soc could have it and I could use it in my paper.

2 Latham

but he answered they had got about  
through with that orchard and he could  
not agree to pay any expenses without writing  
to all the officers and as some were away it  
I thought it a valuable experiment. If it  
had been continued well. See my mutual  
Friend Father Murphy cannot promise to come  
& we will learn that until I see you -  
am feeling well and writing without  
glasses. Tuesday we will know how  
our Election is coming out I had a letter  
from Quincy Lee morrow about a  
temperance moving Picture show that  
they have started in the Temperance  
Cause in Minneapolis - I do not  
know how he got my name he  
wanted I should contribute but I  
told him I would call on him  
when I come up. Well  
close In haste  
Wm Phillips

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St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1914

W. A. Latham  
Minneapolis

Dear Sir,  
Yours of 31<sup>st</sup> Oct respecting  
the program for the forth coming meeting  
I very much regret being  
unable to furnish you with the title of  
paper from a member of this Association  
You will no doubt remember it was  
suggested that I try and get one on  
Celery growing - I consulted two men who  
are large growers of this vegetable and expected  
at least one of them would get a paper ready  
as he is well qualified to do so. I saw him last  
Saturday and was much disappointed when he  
informed me that he thought he would not have time  
to prepare same. Yours truly  
A Perkins

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A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Friend. Your appreciated letter of the 17th of last month came directly to hand, and and I had fully expected to answer it much sooner. But until quite recently I could do but little beside caring for my fruit- and the seeds for another years planting. On the whole I have not been as strong as usual since the meetings of last December. I overworked all of last year and have received unpleasant returns for it- this year. So that I had, after work was attended to little strength to write.

But now my hurry of work is over. ground well cared for. and seeds put away, I can rest, and hope to get

I had hoped that some one from your station would visit me this season. I wanted to go up to your City and farm, but it seemed that I could not get away.

Strong again. Have had a season of remarkable growth, all right <sup>Winter</sup> of season is not to severe. Very light crop of apples, both in orchards and Experiment work, and an over crop of insects so the fruit was very inferior of apples. Plum crop was a good one.

Had splendid success in cross-breeding the Pear, of which I fruited quite a number of sorts, beside the seedlings.

I am greatly pleased with the results of work so far with the pear. I have no fear of a hard winter or snow on my seedlings.

The status of my work remains the same as it has been. Was in hopes it would have been more favorable before this time. I have so much here in Apple, Plum Pear and Peach as well as Walnuts that it should receive better attention and support.

Shall hope to be able to attend your meeting. I have a sister at Madison Wis. here I intend to go in a day or two. First time off duty this year. I think no one has any of my ten Pears except your station, and one that I sent to Rev. Katzner. Sincerely Yours, G. C. Patten

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct. 12th 1914

Mr. A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 6<sup>th</sup> inst. respecting the program of the Vegetable Session -

We had a meeting on Saturday last and I read your letter to those present and also spoke about Prof. Watts' contemplated address. I will endeavor to have the two papers furnished but I would like to know from you if you have outlined any particular subjects, because it would not be well to have papers on the same subject from two parties - It was suggested at the meeting that we try and talk on growing Tomatoes and celery. Please let me know if these will be alright, or make some other suggestions -

Yours truly  
A. Perkins Secy.

Enclosed find list of members

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St. Paul, Minn.,

Oct. 6th 1914

Mr. W. Latham  
Minneapolis

Dear Sir,

Yours of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. respecting  
holding of the Annual meeting at the  
Agricultural School -

In reply permit me to say  
that in my opinion it would be an ideal  
place for such a gathering; being easy  
of access to the two cities would I  
think be very convenient for out of town  
visitors. I also think the accommodation  
for the exhibits would be of the best kind.

Yours truly  
A. Perkins

A. J. PHILIPS

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Mr A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn

West Salem, Wis.

Oct 7 1914

Dear Friend

Your letter of yesterday recd. this morning, and when a man is kind enough to send a pre paid envelope ~~is sent~~ for a reply I feel under obligation to reply at once so here goes. It was a ridiculous piece of business digging out that orchard it made me about sick had I expected any such thing I could never have sold it, but it is done & gone and men who know what I had done there are the owners. Prof Cady said it <sup>was</sup> worth thousands of dollars to show what could be done. It is hard to say I will <sup>live</sup> come life you have reason to know is uncertain, <sup>the</sup> good as well as the bad have to go. But this much I will promise. I will write up a history of my work for your meeting, and if I am all right I will come and read it and answer questions if not I will delegate my friend Long to read it - and to defend me if any one assails it, the latter would ~~be~~ the cheapest for you, about the Banquet - you never heard of me refusing a job of that kind when it was offered to me, but as you say I have been on several times and my nonsense is perhaps getting stale at least my wife thinks so. If I talked it would be the Boys & Girls in Horticulture may their attendance and interest never over

Grow less - but dont allow me to crowd any one  
else out. I will write again after I see Father -  
Murphy. So you need not fill your program  
to full. I only need a few hours to get ready - so it will  
not interfere with me either way. You know what  
you want the people want to laugh and then they  
are pleased. They had a Big apple show in Milwaukee  
but a 2000 salary and plenty of money to spend will get a  
good show at any time. It is raining to day - We have the  
greatest show of Dahlias we ever had and not a speck  
of frost yet. I had quite a crop of the Hanson  
Plums - Well this will do for the present,

Yours very truly

Ed Phillips

A. J. PHILIPS

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West Salem, Wis.

Sept 25 1914

Mr av Latham  
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend Latham

If Miss Strandberg wants me to drop everything - and send ~~and~~ a letter in answer to that card that contained a dem picture of you + not a very good one of her she is mistaken and you are too for I waited patiently too long to hear from you, to be put off with a card. If it had not been for my friend Kellogg I would for the past six or 8 months whether you were alive or not but this letter of sep 21 came all right and satisfies me that (as my good father used to say) you are still on Praying grounds and Pleading terms with your maker - and still have the welfare of the Minn state, Hort. Society at heart, as to health I am really better than last year when I saw you and have not taken a particle of medicine that would make a dose for a mosquito in five years, I returned from the Menominee Fair where I have judged the fruit for four years last Friday Evening I went on Tuesday " and for the over

past 3 days I have attended the La Cr  
Fair where I judged the apples Peas and  
Frank Harris was asst supt., and last  
year when he was in the Hospital for  
over 150 days I never expected him to be at  
a Fair again. Webster of La Crescent was  
there with a good show & took first on display  
a young chap from Tremple was there and  
said he would protest the award but I told him  
I had Exhibited and Judged apples before he  
was born, and urged him to protest but he gave  
it up. The show of apples in Both places  
was better by one half than I expected -  
The man I sold tea gave me a great shock  
this summer, and I dont feel that I Ever  
want to see my old orchard again, he got  
mad last year because he lost nearly all his  
winter apples by freezing after I had offered him  
\$150.00 for them & pick them myself. And to get  
revenge he grubbed out about 12 acres of the  
orchard which included all the best of my  
top worked trees. Some that had borne 3  
Barrells of winter apples to the tree, he even  
dug out the seedling tree that I had reserved 10,  
made me think I had spent the best of my  
Life in vain. I suppose Kellogg told you as-

it almost made him <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> sick when  
he heard it, I think if I come to your  
meeting, I will read up on the Book of  
the Lamentations of Jeremiah and give  
you a paper that will double discount  
Jeremiah - for it would throw a damper on  
Lof working to benefit Posterity. I had not  
thought much about coming, because I  
could hardly see where I could do anything  
for you that would compensate you for paying  
all or part of my expenses, when I bring  
some one wife or Daughter to look after me  
In my circumstances it is necessary that  
I earn something or save considerable to feel  
quite sure of having a sure competency  
for my wife and myself - for a very long  
life with out calling on some of our good  
children all of which are able to care for  
us - but it is better and pleasanter to feel  
independent. I always as you know enjoy  
the Banquet Especially when I can take  
part. Whether Long or others do or not  
wife says I am too impudent - I rather much  
would make a hit if he could come. I have  
not seen him for some time. I once at 7 over

a deparatu where he had been joking  
me. got off on him the same drive I  
did last year on Long, as he too is bald  
the audience enjoyed it hugely as he is  
such a joker himself. Tell Miss Strandberg  
she can atone for that Card by sending me  
a picture of herself - and the lucky or unlucky  
man she has captured... but I feel sorry  
for you. Losing my man and Green can not  
help making you feel homesome and  
of Capt Reeds accident keeps him  
away - and Kellogg does not come I  
dout know what you will do. Well.  
this is quite a long letter for a man  
who will be 81 before your meeting. they  
had some fine apples at Menominee and  
some that were nice at Lacrosse. Beautiful  
weather to day. Kind regards to you  
and yours

Yours very truly

AJ Philips