



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

January 18, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 3d also January 13th. I am glad you feel that I am interested in your work. I certainly am. We are not doing nearly so much regular Institute work now as we used to do a few years ago. The Board agrees with me that the old type of Institute is not quite so popular as much needed as it was at one time. There are so many other sources for general information in existence. We have felt that the best work we could do was in connection with the local farmers' club meetings and other meetings of similar organizations. A great deal of our money is spent in this way.

I was sorry not to have a suitable man in horticulture for the corps in southeastern Minnesota. Mr. Brackett, of course, will take care of the southwestern corps in good shape. I am writing Mr. Christgau and asking him to present the Society at each meeting. We are somewhat reducing the size of our corps and cannot put a man on each corps who is thoroughly equipped in horticulture. There are so many new things coming up such as drainage, farm buildings, cooperation, farm management, etc., that people are demanding, that they are not looking for the general farm topics so much as they were a few years ago. Mr. Schutz will be booked out most of the winter, but of course at special meetings. Mr. McLeran is scheduled for the northern part of the State where you have very few members and where most people are really in need of the extra dollars and are not very ready to subscribe. So I feel that you are losing very little by not having an active representative on that corps.

I am glad and willing to do anything that is within reason that we can to promote the good work of the State Horticultural Society.

Yours very truly,

A. D. Wilson
Director, Agricultural Extension.

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Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

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A. D. Wilson, Supt.,
St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Friend.-

I have your nice letter of the 18th. inst., which covers the situation fairly well, and I thank you. You speak of not having a suitable man in horticulture with the corps in southeast Minnesota. I was a little surprised to have you speak in that way when Mr. Andrews seems to have given you satisfactory service, and I have reason to think was expecting you to call upon him again this winter. I am corresponding with a couple of other members of the society with a possibility that I might suggest their names to you, but nothing definite at hand yet that I can speak of. It is not altogether easy to get the kind of material we want for this service. A T. W. Taylor was in the office today and afterwards called at your office, but failed to meet you there. I was impressed with the interesting and ready way in which he talked of growing small fruits. He is in Todd County, and has had a considerable experience of that sort, and I believe had an understanding with Mr. Welch that he would speak at the institute at Eagle Bend next week. I hope that Mr. McLeran who leads that institute will report on him as it kind of strikes me that he would be a good man to use up in the northern part of the state. He is cautious and careful and seems to be very straight forward and conscientious, an exceptionally good man I judge.

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

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Estevan, Sask. January 26, 1916.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Sec'y. Minn. State Horticultural Society,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In going through my files I find that your letter of December 17th was not answered. On the 9th of December we sent you \$5.00 payment of one-half of life membership in your Society. In your letter of December 17th acknowledging receipt of this amount you stated that a life membership when payment was fully completed entitled the life member to a file of back reports of the Society. We wish to have these back reports as soon as possible and herewith enclose our cheque for \$5.00, balance of payment of life membership. Thanking you for forwarding us the back reports at your earliest convenience, we are,

Yours very truly,

PRAIRIE NURSERIES LTD.

Per.....*T. Torgeson*.....
Managing Director

TT/S.

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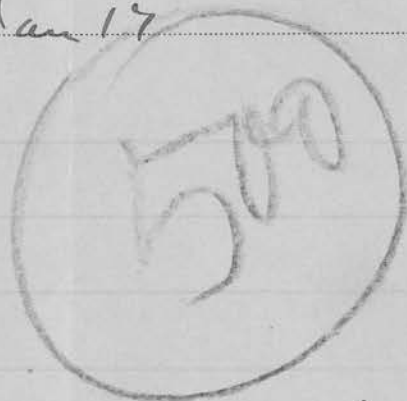
THE LONSDALE NURSERY

JOHN P. VIKLA, PROPRIETOR

"Flavor in Fruit is My First Consideration."

Lonsdale, Minnesota, Jan 17 1916

Mr. A. W. Latham
Sec. State Hor. Soc.
Mpls. Minn



Dear Sir.

Your favor relative to the Society folders in lots of 500 to nurseries received.

Please send me one of those lots of folders. I will get all members possible, and will give memberships with large orders. I would like to know whether any members can be joined outside of the state.

I would like to give the memberships to the Editor and publisher of Hospodari, Omaha Neb., a Bohemian agricultural paper, that is widely circulated among the Bohemian farmers of Minnesota.

I also wish to know whether at the rate of 50¢ per membership I would be entitled to the premiums offered for securing new members, that is two lots. If I could not then I would rather send in \$1.00 for each member.

I wish to specialize in New Varieties Originated by me as well as by the state and I need a good stock to start with. Please let me hear in regard to these matters.

Yours Truly - John P. Vikla.

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jan. 26, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Latham:

The Board of Regents at its meeting on January 20th voted to receive the report of the Committee of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society on the examination of the Minnesota Fruit Breeding Farm and to place it on file in the Supplement to the Minutes.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Vincent

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Oakhurst 1/10/16

Dear Friend

I left the date to be filled
it at Mpls

Our weather here is delightful
the air soft as velvet. The water
warm. "Come on in. We take
a dip at eleven o'clock, and
play Golf at three

Congratulations on the honor
bestowed by the Board of Regents
you deserved it. as the reward
of successful accomplishment

of important undertakings & duties
When I saw your vinniald I said there
is a man that does his work well. he
will do to tie to =

My time here is $\frac{1}{3}$ gone. wish I could
stay until May but must be home apr 1
Roy took his wife & boy to San Deigo & we
are all alone: but we have much to enjoy
good neighbors = Our cottage is only a
block from the sea. our sleeping porch looks
out over the sea & the waves sing us to sleep

The sun rises over the sea & we look
at ~~at~~ it as we lie in bed & watch the
gorgeous colorings in the sky & the ~~at~~
fantastic forms of the palm trees in the
sunlight. Miami Beach certainly is the
place to winter. Tropical trees & plants of
every kind & fruit in abundance.

Cordially Yrs J. M. Underwood

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 18, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of January 7th with the accompanying copy of the Minnesota Horticulturist, was duly received. I shall present the Annual Report of the Committee which examined the Minnesota State Fruit Breeding Farm at the meeting of the Board on Thursday. If the members of the Board desire additional copies of the report, I will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Vincent

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Lake City, Minnesota

Nov. 6, 1915.

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

Dear Sir: *Friend*

I enclose a letter from Mr. Grondahl, of Red Wing, Minn., which will explain itself, together with a copy of my reply to him.

We are greatly pleased over the continued pleasant weather, which allows us to get our fall work done up.

We haven't anything to report on the Plant Breeders Auxiliary.

The unfavorable spring spoiled our seedling fruit with Mr. Gross.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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Main File
Lake City, Minnesota

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WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT

A. W. Latham

Dear Friend

Your plan for premiums for membership is ok - only dont send out anything under a number. It is confusing, leads to mixup etc. - If it is worth propagating it is worthy of a name & names dont cost anything. Glad you had such a fine meeting. It was our loss. Id like to have been first on the list in recognition of your faithful service. More anon

Cordially J. M. Underwood

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Estevan, Sask. Dec. 9, 1915.

A. W. Lathan, Esq.,

Sec. Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We have received your Program of the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. We are sorry that you mailed this to us so that it has arrived after your meeting had commenced. We would suggest that you send us Programs of future meetings in time to reach us several days before the Convention opens.

We note that by becoming a life member and paying \$5.00 per annum for two years, we are entitled to a file of your bound reports. You describe this file as "a Library in Itself". We suppose this means that you would send us a copy of each of the bound reports issued during the past. We herewith enclose you our cheque for \$5.00 and will forward you a like amount next year. In forwarding us the bound reports, kindly state in invoices that these are free. When may we expect to receive these reports?

Yours very truly,

PRAIRIE NURSERIES LTD.

T. T. Ryerson
Per.....
Managing Director

The Monson



12/4/15

Dear Friend

Saint Augustine
Florida

While enjoying a halt on our journey I have written something you can use, or not as you see fit. We are having delightful Miami weather frost every night days clear sunshine with cool north wind. We shall hasten on further south.

Cordially

J. M. Underwood

Miami Fla Gen'l Delivery

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Nov. 26, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

I had entirely overlooked the annual report of the Executive Committee. I am obliged to ask you to make that report, or handle it any way you think best. I have too many things on my mind to be able to collect my thoughts and to make any decent kind of a report.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. If Cashman dont want to be Pres again
How would it do to put in McIntosh, if he would make
a good presiding officer. Smith suggests it might be getting
the school more closely identified with our Society - over
J. M. Underwood

Smith would take the position if he was needed
we dont want anything that anybody else wants
or to have the T.N.C. too prominent
JMM

1917

to make any decent kind of a labor
man's union on anything so as to collect all the money and
put it into the hands of the laborer. I was too
of the Executive Committee. I am obliged to you for the
I had entirely overlooked the money labor

Dear Sir:-

Wilmington, N.C.
Box 1000
N. C.

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COMPANY

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DIVISION OF POMOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 20, 1897.

Mr. W. S. Widmoyer,
Dresbach, Minn.

Dear Sir :

The specimens of Rollins Prolific apple were duly received in good condition. These are much handsomer specimens than the one previously received and we are making a new description of the variety based upon these. The discoloration of the flesh which you mention is quite evident and the specimens have been referred to the Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology for examination on this point. They will report to you in due time regarding them. Thanking you for your kindness in furnishing the specimens I remain,

Very truly,

Wm. A. Taylor

Acting Pomologist.

A.W.L.

These papers refer
to the Waas seedling
he is sending with Mrs
W.S.W.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DIVISION OF POMOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 9, 1897.

Mr. CW. S. Widmoyer,
Dresbach, Minn.

Dear Sir :

Replying to yours of Oct. 15th I would state that the specimen apples came duly in good condition. The two specimens of the variety which I reported on before closely resemble Canada Baldwin but they have kept surprisingly well for that variety and I am doubtful concerning their identity. They are of the Fameuse type however. The specimens of Fameuse sent were true to name. The specimen of Rollins Prolific I intended to refer to Chief of Division of Vegetable Physiology and pathology for inspection, but it was cut for description and destroyed before that could be done. I can not report upon the character of the rot which you mention but if the variety continued to exhibit the symptoms you will do well to forward specimens here which we can refer to the pathologist. Thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I remain,

Very truly,

Wm. A. Taylor

Acting Pomologist.

Please file these for future reference, or return to me,

W.S.W.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DIVISION OF POMOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct. 10, 1896

Mr. W. S. Widmoyer
Dresbach, Minn.

Dear Sir;

Yours of 4th inst and
the specimen apple for identification are
received during Prof. Heiges' absence from
the city. This apple is evidently of the
"Famense" type though the specimen ex-
amined lacks the characteristic flavor of
Famense. It reminds me strongly of
"Canada Baldwin" as grown in Maine but
does not agree exactly with Downing's descrip-
tion of that variety. I infer from your letter
that you have several trees of the same
kind, bought for Barloff. If so this is
unlikely to be a new seedling.

Can you not forward a few more spec-
imens of it in the boxes accompanying this
using the frank in them in lieu of postage.
This will give us a better opportunity to decide
regarding the variety. Also please inform us
from what nursery the trees came using
the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.
Very truly,
Wm. A. Taylor, Actg. Pomologist

only one tree in the lot of this kind - W.S.W.

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Nov. 27, 1915.

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

Friend Latham:-

Yours of the 27th received this morning.

I will look into the Citrus Disease in Florida. I understand it came from Italy, was allowed to get a start before the Legislature took it up and they are now destroying the orchards wherever it is found.

I will see if I can send you something of a report for the Executive Committee. You know we are not very active and don't have to be, for our efficient Secretary does not leave much for the committee to do, so that we do not get together very often and as long as everything runs so smoothly, we save time and expense.

Another word about the President. If Cashman does not stand for it and I believe he said last year that he would not, Why wouldn't it be well to put in Mr. Wedge?

That is what you must do. Come down and go in swimming with me at Miami. I think you will like it.

With best wishes for a successful program and a pleasant winter, and with kindest regards to your wife, I am

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

The University of Minnesota
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 5, 1915.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Building,
City.

My dear Mr. Latham:-

It will give me pleasure to deliver a brief address at the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. If December 9th will fit in with your program, you may count upon me for an address on that day. Please let me know the exact hour at which I am to speak. My address ought not to be longer than twenty minutes.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Vincent

FL.E

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June 29, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

In clearing up my desk, I find a communication from Max Phaender to you, dated Dec. 18th, 1914, in regard to a suitable head of the Horticultural Department and it prompts me to write what I had in mind to do after I left our summer meeting.

I know that it was a very excellent meeting. The day was delightful and the attendance all that could be desired. There was a wonderful exhibit of flowers and Haroldson's Number #3 was enough of an exhibit of strawberries.

Now, don't think me fault finding. I may be unreasonable and lack in judgment, but I haven't gotten over a natural desire to improve, if possible, in every way that we can the conditions of our Society and I think more about them from the fact that I am a member of the Executive Board and more still because I occupy the high position of chairman of the Board. If you will drop me from the Board, I think I would naturally subside and not try to impose my cranky notions upon the Society. Now this leads me to say that I rode to St. Paul with one of our Exhibitors and she expressed herself as decidedly disappointed in the way that our exhibits have to be installed. There is a good deal that passed between us that I will not take the time to inflict upon you. The facts are, however, that we do not do justice to our exhibits. When a person goes to the trouble, expense and labor of putting up an exhibit, they should have the best of conditions in which to do it. You will remember that when we used to exhibit at the State Fair, we had a good position and we made the best of it. It was at a considerable expense, but it made us a reputation and I am sometimes asked why we do not continue to make exhibits. Well, in the first place we could not have a good place and then they wanted to discriminate and make us pay for space, so we dropped out.

I do not think that the Premiums that we give

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Oct. 14, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

I hardly know whether Mr. Crosby or Mr. Yannish ought to make out the report. If Mr. Crosby was chairman, it would naturally seem that he should do it, but if Mr. Yannish is taking it to do, it may be just as well. How would it do to ask Mr. Crosby whether he or Yannish will make a report? I have not seen Mr. Yannish the past year and only met Mr. Crosby for a short time.

I received the velocipede all right and thank you very much for your attention in having it sent down. I have been waiting to see how Julian got along with it before acknowledging. He is making rather slow progress in learning to ride it, but will soon have it conquered. It is almost too long geared for him, but he is learning to stretch his little legs and I think he will soon have it so he can ride without danger.

Cordially yours,

J.M. Underwood.

VIALL, THE SHOE MAN

ROY VIALL FAY B. VIALL MRS. J. B. VIALL

SPRING VALLEY, MINN.

10 - 25 - 15

A. W. Latham Dec'r
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir -

Unable to get satisfactory picture
of our orchard. Am sorry to disappoint you
and will promise to send you one next year
if you care for it.

Yours truly
Roy Viall

The University of Minnesota

Minneapolis

Nov. 11, 1915.

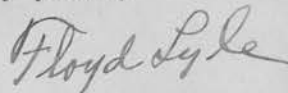
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Latham:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of two or three days ago you may count upon Mr. Vincent for an address before the State Horticultural Society at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 10th. Mr. Vincent appreciates very much your willingness to make the change from December 9th.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary to the President

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Nov. 24, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

I received the proof of the Program and liked it very much. Nothing to criticize and I am sure it will work out admirably.

No, I must go south. We have our reservations for Sunday evening. We will be in Chicago Monday morning and leave there Monday evening 10:30. Two nights and one day from there to Jacksonville. Our automobile is there now and we will drive from Jacksonville to Miami, so that if all goes well, we will be at our destination some time next week.

I shall miss the meeting a whole lot more than you will miss me, but we must get our little family out of this cold weather as soon as we can. We wish we had started two weeks ago.

I had a couple of boxes of Wealthies packed for the winter meeting, thinking to add other varieties to it, but we did not have enough really nice apples to amount to anything. These two boxes I am shipping to you by prepaid express for your own personal use.

Naturally, I have been very busy putting things in shape so that I could leave and I suppose had I two weeks more I would still be busy. It isn't easy to pull out, but it must be done.

With very best wishes to you and your wife, in which Mrs. Underwood joins me and kind regards to all inquiring friends, I am

Most cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

*Genl Delivery
Miami Fla*



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President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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Office of

J. M. UNDERWOOD,

CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE BOARD,

MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Lake City, Minn.

Sept. 18, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

Yours received. I think the arrangement for the exhibit in the dining room will be much better. I have given considerable time to thinking how to help you in making up the program. Mr. Smith and I discussed it at length and we finally concluded that the best thing to do was for you to come down here and we will talk it over to much better advantage. We have several suggestions to make and if you can come down any time after Wednesday of next week, we shall be glad to take the matter up with you. Please get the dimensions of the room for the exhibit.

We will be glad if Mrs. Latham can come with you. You ought to make us a visit and see what we are doing.

Very cordially yours,

J.M. Underwood.



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Lake City, Minn.

Sept. 15, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

We have been considering the advisability of having John put up an exhibit at the winter meeting. I regret to say that it will be impossible for him to do it for there is so much to close up our work here that it laps over into December, during which time it is impossible for him to be away.

If there was anybody to install an exhibit there, we have a man who could help about collecting fruit. We could supply some nice hand picked fruit from our own orchard, but beyond that, I do not see that we could do anything. It may be possible for me to change our plans for the winter so that I can be at the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

P.S.
John says that Mr Pence has bought the M. E. Church. opposite his block, Corner 8 & Hennepin & fitted it up to rent for holding meetings & exhibits =



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Aug. 31, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

Yours of the 30th at hand. I think, considering the fact that you prefer to hold the annual meeting at the West Hotel, that I am in favor of doing so. The more so, because we do not agree upon holding it at the Station, and still more so because there isn't anyone at the Station that comes to the front and makes suitable arrangements for it. At least not according to my ideas, and still more so because I do not expect to be in Minnesota when the meeting is held, for my plans are to go in November to San Diego. If I were going to be here and should be allowed to arrange for the meeting and program at the Station, I think I could get up a hummer.

I expect to go up to the cities next Monday and will try and see you.

Unless the meeting could be held at the University with a suitable Exhibition room, I would not care what the exhibition is. I should think that any good room out there for the exhibition, and the chapel where we met last winter with the proposed drop curtain in that back of the room and the right kind of a program in which the school had a conspicuous part would be the best thing we could do.

Very cordially yours,

P.S. Neither Vincent or Wood
Care a whoop about our Society
J.M. Underwood

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

at our Horticultural Meetings or any amount of money is worth as much to the exhibitors as a little notoriety and I think that we would do well to make the most of that feeling on the part of the exhibitors.

Now, what I say on this sheet, you are to read and tear up or burn, for it is strictly private between you and me and that is, that I do not think there is anyone in our Horticultural Department at the School who has any conception of how to prepare or arrange for a meeting, either for our annual summer picnic or the winter meeting. I do not think that either Cady or McIntosh have any originality and are absolutely without influence with Dean Wood or the President. I think that what they did for us last winter was far below their opportunity, and it was no better this summer and while you seem to be satisfied with Cady, there are a good many that think he is very inefficient and I am one of them.

I do not know that I shall be here at the winter meeting and I do not know that you will need me for you seem to be satisfied with what you have, but if you want anything better or even as good as what we had last winter, I wouldn't leave it to Cady to make the arrangements^{or} to get up the program. If you want the Executive Board to help you, I think you can have their assistance. Isn't it possible to discover or manufacture a real live wire for our State Horticultural Department?

In all kindness and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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

Dear Friend:-

In regard to the Premium List for the winter meeting, I don't see as there is anything to change. At least you are in so much better touch with the conditions and possibilities of getting out a good exhibit that it is useless for me to look it up. The main object is to get out a good exhibit. You know when we were running the Horticultural Department of the State Fair, what we used to do. Premiums for collections seemed to be the best way to bring out a good deal of fruit. I think we ought to have better facilities for displaying our fruits and flowers and if we can't have them, I must confess it is of little consequence to me whether we have any exhibit or not. If the exhibit is to be made at the Horticultural School, I think that someone over there ought to have better provisions made than we had last year, but since you don't care to discuss the matter by letter, I think I will take the same position. I still hope to be able to visit you and then we can talk it over.

I presume we will go up to the Fair in the auto.

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

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

Dear friend:

I have yours of the 2nd. I thank you very much for your kind invitation to visit you at the Lake, and if the weather dries up and the roads get good, I want to go up to Minneapolis and visit our friends at Zumbre Heights the Everetts. If I can bring that about, I shall make you good people a short visit.

Very cordially yours,

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May 11, 1915.

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

Friend Latham:-

I enclose a letter from F. J. Bernard
in regard to a membership in the Plant Breeders Auxiliary.
Please add his name to the list.

I expect to go up to the Cities Friday or
Saturday and remain there for two or three days, when I
will call on you and have a little visit.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood

P.S. Since writing the above I have recd you of 10
It suits me to meet at the Hort School as Prof
Cady can make such arrangements, as he sees fit
We will never have it right until we get "Our Home" a

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June 12, 1915.

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

Dear Friend:-

I hope to be with you on Monday evening, June 21st, if the rains keep up so that there will be plenty of water for me to swim.

We haven't any strawberries this year and it doesn't look as though we were going to have anything in the way of flowers. If the sun would come out though, I think that we may have something.

I suppose you are all more interested in the action of Mr. Bryan than anything else. I think he is too much like Ignatius Donnelly was, a flowery talker, but a very small balance wheel.

Cordially yours,

J.M. Underwood.



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COL. FREEMAN THORP, Vice-President
6th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hubert, Minn., Jan 10 1915

A W Latham

Dear Sir An explanation is due you for my nonattendance at the meeting, and for my failure to meet my own expectations in securing memberships. I had planned a regular campaign of meetings to secure new members the ~~real~~ result of the meetings I did hold you know of, but further meetings became impractical by reason of the attitude of the State Agricultural College and the county agents including the superintendent of county agents in this part of the State, which is simply a policy of freeze out and strangulation of the principle of complete conservation of the rainfall and complete prevention of the enormous waste of fertilizing material incident to the surface runoff of the rainfall, when it became ~~known~~ known that the College did not approve or recognize my work in either Agriculture, Horticulture or Forestry and that the County agents did not, and that Dean Woods to whom it was referred by the Dept of Agriculture for his opinion, had promptly turned down my new method for Apple trees, under these circumstances, Prof Mc Guire Superintendent of the State experiment station at Grand Rapids, not far from me, in last years report as Vice President of our Society said that his thorough experiments with apples had not produced any apples, and that was the experience of all others in that vicinity, and of course it always will be, by any of the methods other than my new one in this climate and on our sandy soil. Prof Spillman of the Agricultural Dept at Washington saw the beautiful apples growing on my trees and asked me to write a bulletin on my new method and submit it to the Dept for publication for the guidance of the County agents. The Dept referred the manuscript to Dean Woods for his opinion, you can imagine the shock to the College, to have the Co agents teaching the methods of an outsider whose work the College does not and will not recognize, it was promptly turned down.

To make a long story short I found that while my personal acquaintance and influence in the District would probably enable me to hold meetings and get audiences, yet as the main object of those meetings would be to promulgate apple growing by the new method and secure new members of the Society with the new method as a special reason for joining, and I could not talk at such meetings without meeting squarely the inquiry of why the College and Co agents

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Would not recognize the new Method, and direct conflict with the College would be an inevitable sequence, and my position as a Vice President would make the controversy appear as to some extent a conflict between our Society and the College, which it seems to me we should avoid the appearance of. I thought it the wisest course to wait until naturally I would cease to be one of the officials of the society, and could tell the plain truth without embarrassment to the Society whose continued prosperity is dear to me. My new principle of complete prevention of the surface runoff of precipitation and consequent

prevention of any of the enormous waste of fertilizing material involved in the soil wash incident to the surface runoff, applied to field crop production produces the most startling results. On the lightest dryest poorest sandy soil to be found in the State, 100 bushels of corn to the acre grew on a six acre field this year without any manure or commercial fertilizer, either this year or any of the nine years that it has been continuously cropped since first plowed, with every crop entirely removed and nothing put back, yet the land has rapidly grown richer and the crops bigger every year, with no fertilization other than what nature supplies when we prevent the enormous waste of soil fertility involved in surface runoff of the rainfall that has heretofore been permitted in all Agricultural operations the World over since Agriculture began. The actual results on my six acre field proves absolutely the great amount of this waste and is so startling that the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce sent a committee to examine and report and wanted me to speak on the new principle in Agriculture at the big convention and corn show in Brainerd which was scheduled for the same days as our Society meeting. The College men who had in their hands the arrangement of the program of speakers turned down the request of the Chamber of commerce that I be put on the program, and sent Prof. Bull here to examine my work Bull asked the Chamber not to report on my work until after a conference. The Chamber offered to confer conditioned that I be present at the conference the College dropped the conference idea and Bull made a report that was ingeniously, intentionally and maliciously false as every one here who has seen my work knows. I staid for the meeting here exhibited 110 ears of the corn that gave the lie to his report.

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But as Prof Bull had the selection and the instructions of the corn judges in his hands the word went out that my corn admittedly and selfevidently the biggest corn shown from any part of the State, was to be disqualified from competition because not suited to the Northern part of the State, and he put a clause in ~~the~~ the premium list he prepared that gave the judges the authority to disqualify it, this raised so much indignation that his henchmen found in their persistent preaching against my corn and that smaller eared corn was the kind to grow in Northern Minnesota, would not go down with practical men, and then they took the cowardly course of giving my corn the biggest there was on exhibition, fourth premium to enable them to discredit with people who did not see it. I stayed with my exhibit and held such crowds there with my explanations of how the corn was grown on the poorest land without manure, that to get enough men into the room where the speeches were to be made they sent men to ask the people to defer their examination of the corn until after the speeches were over and these men could not get the attention of the crowd to make the request until at their suggestion I stopped the explanation, and in spite of their knocking all the seed corn I could spare from my wonderfull crop was engaged by the farmers present including one man to whom they gave first premium on a much smaller eared exhibit. He stood by my corn and praised it throughout the convention. The last day of the Convention when I knew that my term as an officer of our Society was ended I moved for a committee of three to examine and report on the new Principle in Agriculture that had produced the corn they had seen. One of the College adherents evidently thinking that an old Farmer would only be able to make a lame and embarassed explanation suggested that they ought not to spend time with such a proposition unless some satisfactory explanation was made why such a committee was wanted. The chair suggested that I make the explanation which was of course exactly what I ~~want~~ wanted, but in the vigorous speech I gave them I made no attack on the College. Until an indiscreet adherent suggested that the College had already examined my work and reported on it, asking me if they had not done so. Then I cut loose and showed the convention that they had done so and how radically the facts differed from the report of the Prof., not naming him, that was sent to examine,



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it. The vote for the committee was so strong that the noes did not care to appear. You may be surprised as I was that Prof Full should stultify himself in reporting what he found, but he was in a tight place, he was there representing a policy of suppression and strangulation of the new Principle that is radically different from what they have been teaching, if he reported the Truth the Position of the College that has determined ~~not~~ not to take up or recognize the new principle, would be untenable, and so he reported that my corn was not ripe and it would take two or three weeks more to ripen it and that my land had a dressing of 80 loads of peat (Black muck) and 12 loads of manure to the acre when in fact nearly all of my six acre field of corn was husked and cribbed when he came, only enough left standing to prove that it actually grew in that soil on which not one load of peat or manure had ever been put as he well knew, and 110 ears of this corn he said was not ripe was on exhibition as firm on the cob and ripe as any corn they gave ~~premium~~ premiums to. I wanted you to know the facts as you have believed from the first that there were possibilities in this thing worth developing and have encouraged me to persevere in it. I will as soon as I can get the time write out my report for 1914 and send it to you with my membership fee, in my report I shall make no reflections on the College and any public controversy with them has not been and will not be initiated by me.

With Great Respect

Freeman Thorp

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OAKFIELD, WIS. Mar 25 1915

A W Gothman

Secy Minn Hort Society

Dear Sir

Regarding experience with the delicious apple
as per your request in a late issue of the Horticulturist
I will give you mine. It is straight grade & here
the trees to show. In the spring of 1909 I planted
20 Delicious apple trees & I had them still to show &
last season they fruited. In the winter of 1911 & 1912 I
can not tell exactly which we had the thermometer register
as low as 38 to 40° below zero for 4 days at a time & they
never have killed back an inch & two years ago I planted
a hundred Delicious & this last winter the thermometer
stood as low as 32° & I examined my trees this spring
& I fail to find a particle of winter-killing.
They have made a splendid growth with me & I
believe they have come to stay. We have nearly as
severe a climate as you have in Minn. I believe
they are safe to plant. Yours Very Truly
Everett G. Tullidge

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A W Latham

207 Desota Bldg

Minneapolis Minn

OAKFIELD, WIS.

Apr 12

1915

Dear Sir

In replying to yours of Apr 8 will say that Oakfield is situated in the southern end of Fond du Lac Co my orchards are just across the line in Dodge Co the nearest body of water is Lake Winnebago which is about 17 miles or about 40 miles from Lake Michigan but my orchards receive practically no benefit from the lakes as they are too far away. The only fault I have to find with the delicious apple tree is that it is inclined to be a bushy tree & unless care is taken in judicious pruning when the tree is young the tree is inclined to be scraggy. Any other information that I can furnish you in regard to this apple I will be pleased to do so

Yours Very Truly
Everett G. Tullidge

P. S

If you wish to know more definite where Oakfield is located it is situated about on the 44° of N. latitude

ZUMBRO VALLEY ORCHARD

SAM TONDER, OWNER

HARDY MINNESOTA APPLES

R. F. D. No. 2

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all

Wabasha, Minn.,

April 2 1915

Mr A W Latham

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly enter me into your Life Membership
in the Minnesota State Horticultural Society:

And oblige

Sam Tonder

R.R. 2 Wabasha, Minn.

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Nov 11-15

Mr A W Latham

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plumber
give me all
it will
make

Dear Sir I will chose No 11-12 for my plant premiums

Now say friend Latham you beat me to a set of premiums last year and I am telling you about it those plumb are fine and I hated to loose out on them I sent you A Mc Stepp of Spooner and to you direct But no good come of it Hoping you are willing to rectify this I wish to remain your truly
W J Thompson
Pitt

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Had made up my mind to loose this

and say nothing
seeing you
and pretty constant
about up my
mind you
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March 8th, 1915

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

Dear friend:

Yours of the 6th. Thank you for your suggestions. I think the ninty-six trees will be just about what we will want, as it should give us in the neighborhood of one half dozen trees of one dozen or fifteen varieties. We will, of course, leave it to Mr. Harlason to make the selections the best he can.

Cordially yours,

R. D. Underwood

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DEAN A. F. WOODS

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C. P. BULL, Plant Breeding
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Duluth, Minn., March 6/15.

Sec. Latham,

Minnesota Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are putting on a short term of two weeks beginning March 8. One Day, March 17, has been designated as "Fruit Day". In this connection could we secure a membership or a subscription to the "Horticulturist" as a premium for some contest to be arranged in connection with this day's work? We are giving the Farmer, the "Farm Stock and Home," the "Guernsey Breeders Journal," 1 registered pig, 1 bu. disease free potatoes for winners in competitive judging and scoring contests, on live stock, potatoes, swine, general farm practise. We will be willing that you designate a contest if you desire and will give due publicity to anything you may suggest as well as feel very much indebted for the aid in making the course popular and successful.

Very truly yours,

M. J. Thompson
Superintendent.