



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Ludvig Mosbæk

Ferndale



ASKOV, MINN.,

4/26

1917

Mr. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir: I beg to enclose a Postal
Card from J. F. Bartlett Excelsior Minn
There seems to me to be something wrong
about that, the Mammote Vursurus were offered
supra of these Raribornis from the State
Fowl Breeding Farms and I got one half
of the number I wanted, but Mr Bartlett
really receive more than his allotment
to sell at \$4- per 100. ? or is he a fraud ?

Yours very truly
Ludvig Mosbæk



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Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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

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Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn., 4/8/17.

J. T. Mannix,
Capitol,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Mannix:

Will you kindly remit in settlement of the enclosed bill?

We are asking the Legislature for \$5000 this year for our printing, and to pay up for what we shall be in arrears at the close of this fiscal year. Don't you think that ought to be sufficient?

Yours truly,

A. W. Latham

Secy.

*Dear Mr. Latham: Should say this
amount is reasonable. You are doing
fine things ahead. Mannix.*

Box 3
John W. Murray,
APIARIST.
R. D. NO. 1.

Excelsior, Minnesota, March 9th 1907

A W Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend.

I desire hereby to acknowledge the receipt of the Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Minn. Horticultural Society, sent me, and most gratefully to thank the Society, its officials, and Mr. Cashman and yourself for it. And especially to thank you for I have no doubt you were the "Instigator". Its receipt was a complete surprise, and all the more gratifying on that account. So long as I sojourn, ~~sojourn~~ on this side of the silent river I shall preserve and cherish it

Box 3
John W. Murray,
APIARIST.
R. D. NO. 1.

Excelsior, Minnesota,

Mar 1907

With both pride and pleasure,
I have always entertained a great liking for the U. S. Am proud of its accomplishments, and greatly pleased with its growth and success.

I have also been very deeply saddened by its losses of invaluable men; Harris, Green, Elliott, Nagle, and only too many more.

Their loss makes me feel lonesome here. . . And you will pardon me if I take advantage of this favorable opportunity to most sincerely congratulate you upon the splendid work you have accomplished in

Box 3

John W. Murray,

APIARIST.

R. D. NO. 1.

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Excelsior, Minnesota,

1907

The growth, and upbuilding
of the Society, and keeping up
its interest through the variety,
value, and excellence of its programs.

And permit me heartily
to congratulate you upon the
fact that you have been per-
mitted to live to see your work
a noble success, and to see it so
deeply, and heartily, and widely
appreciated, by a host of grateful
and appreciative people.

And please do me the favor
to believe that every word written
above means just exactly what it says,
And further believe me
Ever Fraternally Yrs. J. W. Murray

IOWA STATE COLLEGE
OF
AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS
AMES, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF
HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY
S. A. BEACH, CHIEF

February 7, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec'y. Minnesota State Hort. Society,
207 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

At Professor Beach's request I am sending you herewith a corrected copy of his speech before your society. I have found it rather difficult to get any appropriate photographs to illustrate his talk but will send you not later than Saturday morning a photograph of a portion of the orchard in which the breeding work is being carried on.

Very truly yours,

David Mc Kay, Jr.
Instructor in Horticulture.

DM:HN

Enc.

Combercroft Farm and Nurseries

G. E. Macomber, Proprietor

Nemadji, Minnesota

7/7

1917

5m G. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

Send me 500 of
the folders and have care
them. ^{NO} Long^{to} get the
mail around this winter

Yours Truly

G. E. Macomber

28.17

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

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

January 24, 1917

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have been wondering if the State Horticultural Society has been doing any institue work under society direction, and the reason I ask is, that we would be very glad to get a speaker such as Mr. Brackett to address our Horticultural Society meetings here on February 6th. There is an excellent opportunity for missionary workⁱⁿ the growing of small fruits and some one from the Lake Minnetonka region around the cities with experience such as Mr. Brackett's could do us a great deal of good. Of course, at present we are not in a position to handle the railroad expenses of a speaker. We could, however, provide entertainment out here. In case you could give us some assistance in the securing of Mr. Brackett or some other good man, I am sure that definite good will be accomplished. I would welcome any suggestions that you may wish to give which will help us to build up a strong organization here in the Red River Valley.

Very truly yours,

Thos. M. McCall

TMM:KB

Horticulturist.

Combercroft Farm and Nurseries

G. E. Macomber, Proprietor

Nemadji, Minnesota

Jan 15 1917

Mr A. H. Lathum
207 Kanota Bldg
Minneapolis Minn
Dear Sir:-

In regards to the folder I am
in favor of your idea you may send me 1,000 of
the folders changed my card a little on the
folder Combercroft Nurseries. G. E. Macomber
Prop. Specialist in hardy perennials Nemadji Minn
I will be very glad to equate in the plan to secure
new members and will do all I can I ever looked
this letter never the delus Yours truly
G. E. Macomber

Combercroft Farm and Nurseries

G. E. Macomber, Proprietor

Nemadji, Minnesota

1.18.17

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P.S. In regards to the folders when
they are ready you may send them to
513. W-Sup. St - Duluth Minn To Hall Hotel
as I came in the city this winter
selling goods. I hope 1917 will bring
in lots of new members and make the society
very much larger.

G. E. Macomber

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

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

January 23, 1917

Mr. A.W.Latham

Secretary of Minn. State Horticultural Society.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

We will be needing quite a quantity of the Society folders which contain the list of plant premiums offered members for 1917. A vigorous membership campaign for the Red River Valley branch of the Society is being launched and we want to bring the campaign to a close with a meeting and luncheon Feb. 6th. It would aid us very materially, if we had a number of copies of the last years bound reports to give new members. I still have some of my last years Horticulturists that I can use for distribution.

If I remember correctly auxillary societies send in to the State Society \$.25 membership fee for each member and \$1.75 additional for copies of the annual report and such members are entitled to plant premiums. Am I right?

I believe that we can distribute fifty copies of the annual report and personally will assume the responsibility for that number.

Trusting that I may hear from you at your early convenience, I am

Very truly yours,

Thos. M. McCall

Horticulturist.

The Glenwood
Riverside, Cal.

July 3 1917

Dear Mr Latham:

I found one of your envelopes in my desk this morning and it reminded me of how often the past year I have felt like writing to you.

For the past fifteen months I have been very ill most of the time and when I could write business affairs required the time I could give.

Yesterday I arose from my bed where I have been confined for four weeks unable to move on account of an attack of muscular rheumatism. I hope it is letting up for good. I have suffered very much.

I have often thought of you and of the good work you have done for so many Jews and I hope that many years will be spared to you to continue it.

When the notices came for the meeting I felt a great longing to be with the members who like myself have been connected with the Society for fifty years. Many have gone

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The Glenwood
Riverside, Cal.

But there are many left yet whom I would like to meet.

The Minnesota Horticultural Society has done a great work and it has a fine reputation in all sections of the country. I meet many people here who are interested in horticultural matters and all know of our great Society and the work it has done especially in apples and Small fruit.

We were fortunate in getting Bear Woods I meet representatives of the ^{Horticult} Department who visit So California and all enquire about him and praise his ability. Will you kindly extend to members of the Society my kindest regards and assure them that my interest in their work is as great as ever but that old age and illness prevents me from doing much work. I have done something here but my working days are over.

Mr. A. W. Luther

Minneapolis
Minn

Sincerely yours friend
C. McLooney

Ludvig Mosbæk
Ferndale

Askov, Minnesota, $\frac{1}{8}$ - 17

Mr A W. Latham.

Dear Sir: Yours of '928-16 just received. I will be pleased to have
500 of the folders with my name printed, and I shall be pleased
to cooperate with you in securing new members - also in giving
memberships; with \$20: worth of Nursery Stock bought from my
Nursery.

Yours very truly
Ludvig Mosbæk



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Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn., 12/29/16

E. Miller,

Amery, Wis.

Dear Sir.-

Replying to your favor of yesterday would say that I think the best thing for you to do is to send me fifty cents to pay for a book by the late Prof. Green entitled "Amateur Fruit Growing". This in a general way will give you the information you need. Of course you will find a great deal in our monthly on these subjects also. Hope you may be able to come to our meeting another year; it is always great.

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

✓ 50
1.10.17

*Amery Wis -
Mr Latham Sec'y
inclosed find 50¢ - for which
please send me Amateur Fruit Growing -
and. Oblige.*

*Respy yours
E. Miller*

The University of Minnesota
University Extension Service
University Farm, St. Paul

July 2, 1916

Secretary A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir.-

Mr. Cranefield, Secy. Wisconsin Hort. Society, has written Mr. R. S. Herrick, Extension Department, Ames, Iowa, about a conference of the state leaders interested in the marketing of apples in the middle west. Mr. Herrick has asked if I could attend such a conference at Ames, Iowa, in July. I find that our expense funds are exhausted for this year. I respectfully ask that the Minn. Hort. Society pay my expenses. It is estimated at about twenty dollars. I hope this can be allowed because I am very anxious that we can work with the other neighboring states in assisting our growers in marketing apples.

Yours very truly,

R. S. Mackintosh

Iowa State College of
Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
Agricultural Extension Dept.

Ames, Iowa

June 27, 1916

R. L. Mackintosh,
Agricultural Experiment Station,
University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Mackintosh.--

I have had some correspondence with Hon. Frederic Cranefield, Secretary of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society in regard to having a meeting of Hort Extension men interested in the better marketing of Horticultural products, namely, apples and potatoes. Mr. Cranefield suggested that I write to you and see if it would be possible for you to attend a meeting here at Ames sometime in July, with men from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Wisconsin. Besides talking over better methods to be used in the prospective College Clearing Houses for the marketing of apples and potatoes, we could discuss some important phases of Horticultural Extension work. Prof. S.A. Beach of the Horticultural Department, and Director R.K. Bliss of the Extension Department heartily favor a meeting of this kind here at Ames.

I will be pleased to hear from you in regard to such a meeting and also in regard to the time when it would be possible for you to attend such a meeting. I believe that we need closer cooperation among the various Horticultural Extension workers here in the middle Western States.

Very truly yours,

R.S. Herrick,

Extension Professor of Pomology

DEVILS LAKE NURSERY

[INCORPORATED]

NORTH DAKOTA GROWN NURSERY STOCK
DEVILS LAKE, N. D.

Aug. 17, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

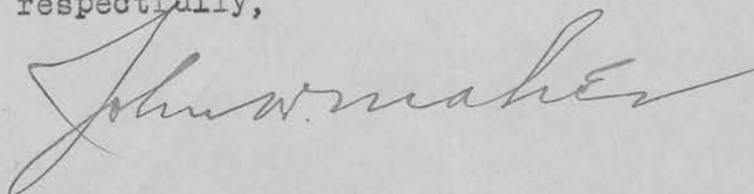
Under separate cover I forward you five photographs of windbreaks, of which you may have cuts made and use all or any you wish in illustrating the quiz on Windbreaks and Shelterbelts. I have indicated the smalling of the Norway Poplar and Mountain Ash cuts, but if not agreeable to the electrotyper, it ~~can~~ of course be left to him. I believe the others should be made full size as shown by the photo. When you are through with the cuts, the Devils Lake Nursery will pay their cost and ~~own~~ the cuts.

You will notice **how** different the Mountain Ash grows in our dry climate with its intense sunlight from what it grows with you. See how thickly it is limbed and leaved to protect itself against our burning sun and burning winds. This row is from seedlings planted in the open for a windbreak.

Probably it is only the amateur horticulturist who would set a row of young apple trees in a stubble field as a windbreak to apple grafts, but this has been done here and the windbreak is satisfactory. I think it a good way to demonstrate the hardiness of the apple tree. I believe that the apple is more hardy in this climate and soil than it is generally considered to be throughout Minnesota, judging from the discussions at the Horticultural meetings.

We have not lost a great number of any of the reasonably hardy varieties on account of severe weather, I mean freezing or cold, or any other of the weather manifestations except sun-scald. If the apple tree is properly limbed so as to shade its trunk and larger limbs, it as a rule succeeds.

Yours respectfully,



P.S. Since dictating the above, I have decided to add two other windbreak photos, namely: ~~One~~ White Willow and one American White Elm. The White willow is shading some transplanted Blue Spruce, while the Elm windbreak shelters a planting of currants. Please include those with the five above mentioned. J.W.M.

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From [unclear]
this check to
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10.17.16
October 18th 1916

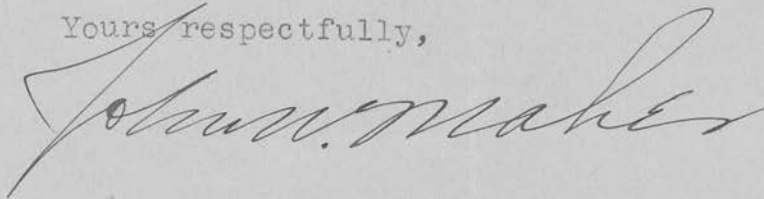
Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 12th with reference
to engraving ordered through you and enclosing
invoice for \$19.20 as cost for the same and I
herewith enclose you check for that amount and
thank you for your attention thereto.

Send the plates to Devils Lake Nursery,
Devils Lake, N.D. and oblige,

Yours respectfully,



JWM:BC

DEVILS LAKE NURSERY

[INCORPORATED]

NORTH DAKOTA GROWN NURSERY STOCK
DEVILS LAKE, N. D.

Aug. 14, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 9th, and I thank you very much for holding the publication of the "Shelterbelt" discussion until I would send you cut. I can send you cuts of almost any and every kind of a windbreak.

On receipt of your letter I went to the nursery and took several Kodak views of the various windbreaks we have in the nursery, but only the White Willow cut is good enough from which to make a cut. I will take the photographer out today and get some exposures from which to make cuts and I will send them to you. You may have the cuts made and the Nursery Company will pay for them and own them, and you can use such as you wish of them. They will show the following varieties used for windbreak: Norway Poplar, White Willow, Mountain Ash, Caragana, Elm, Silver Maple, Laurel Willow, Bull Pine, and Apple.

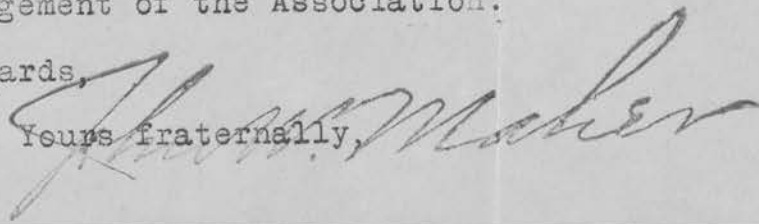
I presume you will smile at the fact of our using apple for a windbreak, but I did plant one in the open to shelter a planting of small apple and they stood splendidly. There is Hibernial, Pattens Greening, Okabena, and some crabs in each row, and each is intact. If there were any losses, they are not apparent.

I will be able to send you the photos in a few days.

I thank you very much for your reference to Mr. Charles Sheldon. I believe his home is at Lally, south of Minnewaukan on the N: P., but I think he operates an elevator now at Minnewaukan. He is a very nice gentleman. I met him several times at Chautauqua several years ago. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Chautauqua, and we had a very good one, until the sporting element of our population succeeded in creating dissention in the Chautauqua ranks and eventually took over our grounds and organization after we had built it up and expended a great deal of money thereon. I held the purse-strings of the Chautauqua for fourteen years, and took occasion to make myself very unpopular with all the grafters of every description that sought to raid its treasury, and as soon as the Chautauquans were voted off the Board of Directors, I resigned. This was some eight or nine years ago. Mr. Sheldon was one of the good supporters of the Chautauqua, and I have not seen him here since the change in management of the Association.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours fraternally,



Ludvig Mosbæk

Ferndale



ASKOV, MINN.

500
1/24

1916

Mr A. W. Latham

Dear Sir: I will be pleased
to have about 500 of your folders
for distribution:

Yours very truly
Ludvig Mosbæk

RED ROCK NURSERY,
NEWPORT, MINN.

Newport, Minn., May 3rd, 1916.

A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

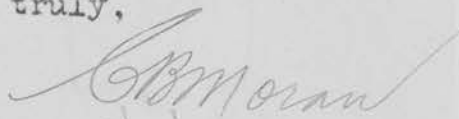
Your letter of the 1st inst. at hand and noted.

I recognize that mistakes will happen, and perhaps my choler was unduly exercised under the circumstances. I do not wish any more strawberries now, as I have used the ground reserved for them, and do not care for any other premiums for myself.

However, Mr. H. A. ^{4.}Leyde, Newport, Minn., one of the names sent in by me has not received anything as yet, and he would like very much premium No. 9, (2 Hybrid plum trees by express). And will you please notify me if you can send same to him. Any flowering tree or shrub would be acceptable for the other premium.

You know how people always expect a little more for nothing than if they were paying for it, but Mr. Leyde is a new member, and will make a good member, and I really think he is entitled to something.

Yours truly,



RED ROCK NURSERY,
NEWPORT, MINN.

Newport, Minn., April 29, 1916.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.


Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 26th inst., answering mine of the 25th, just came to hand yesterday.

I was disappointed in not receiving the permiums as advertised by you, and I am much more disappointed in your letter. You pay no attention to the specific questions which I asked, and then add insult to injury by saying that I paid for the new subscriptions "for only fifty cents each." I am enclosing you the two canceled ~~the~~ checks sent you this spring: one for \$1.00 Jan'y 22, paying my own subscription, and one for \$2.00 March 27, paying for the subscriptions of Mess. Leyde and Schlemmer.

Now, if you will kindly explain what you mean by fifty cents each, I shall be much obliged. And further, while I believe the Horticultural Society a great institution, I do not believe that the treatment some of its best members are getting this spring is going to add to its luster or glory.

Yours very sincerely,





Minneapolis, Minn.

4-4-16 ✓

A W Latham

Dear Sir

Enclosed find Check
for \$10⁰⁰ for life membership
& oblige.

Respectfully
E. H. Maze

3029 Irving Ave.

9.14.15

The University of Minnesota
University Extension Service
University Farm, St. Paul

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

April 17th, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 14th is received. The notation at the bottom of the list means that Mr. Hoyt wants the strawberry plants sent to him c/o the Anoka & Cuyene R. R. Co. This means that they will be delivered to his station "Coleman" promptly.

I endeavor to call on you when I have a chance, but find the door locked occasionally. I was there last Friday morning at nine o'clock, but did not see you. A little later I shall have more time to visit you.

Yours very truly,

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION,



Horticultural Specialist.

RSM-R

A. W. Salham - Secretary
Horticultural Society

Please send 100 plants of
1017 Everbearing strawberry
at proper planting season to

W. L. Munn
Forest Lake - Minn

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WARREN H. MANNING,
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER,
1101-1104 TREMONT BUILDING,
BOSTON, MASS.
(BY APPOINTMENT)

EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND DRAFTING ROOMS AT
NORTH BILLERICA, MASS.

March 13, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

On looking over my letters which I have moved from Brookline, I find one from you dated 8/25/15 which apparently has been overlooked.

In this letter you asked for a book on shrubs which I have published. I have no such book, but have a pamphlet which I am sending to you that probably is the one to which Mr. Loring made reference.

I do get up there occasionally, but it is the same old story of a very busy day with a client, and then a night train to meet the next appointment.

I shall be very glad to call on you at some time when I am in your vicinity to have a word of personal greeting.

Yours very truly,
Warren H. Manning

WHM/GMS

✓ 500 ✓

Lafayette, R#1/B468 Minn. Mar. 17, 1916
Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir, your letter of the inst. at
hand and note that our members hip
fee is not paid. I have decided to
become a life member and
will Enclose Five (⁰⁰ ✓) Dollars
as first payment of same. and
want the name changed from
C. J. Jonson
Lafayette Minn
to

Miss Anna M. Johnson
Lafayette
Minn.

R#1. B468

Premiums, we would like
to get are as follows

No. 16, Eubearing # 1017

No. 1,

Hoping to hear from you
I am

Your Truly

Anna M. Johnson

DIRECTORS:

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Buffalo Lake, Minn., Feb. 27 1916

Mr. A. W. Kathman
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I send you by today's mail two new names & two dollars for The Horticultural Society.

We are doing our part for 'The Society' at this place. This makes 10 new names I have sent in this year.

Replying to yours of the 16th inst. will say that we will send a report of our "Local Horticultural Society" in a day or two

Yours very truly
N. L. Monson

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C. A. Mellinger

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Dealers in
Furniture and House Furnishings
Licensed Embalmers

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A W Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Pine Island, Minn., Feb 24th 16

Dear Sir enclosed find ~~####~~ \$ 2.00 you may enter order for
this amount of #1017 everbearing strawberry I have an order for ## 25
plants of the same you may ^{sent} them all at the same time ~~my~~ membership
number is 447 yours truly T S Mellinger,

*Kindly acknowledge the
recd of this amt*

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

Feb. 14, 1916.

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Secretary of the Minn. State Horticultural Society,
Dear Mr. Latham:

In reply to your letter of Feb. 10, I can say that I have only four annual reports of the state society. They are for the four following years: 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915. The remainder of the file if shipped in the near future, may be shipped by freight.

Yours very truly,

Thos. M. McColl.

Horticulturist.

TMM/geg



Gates Hotel

FIREPROOF

SIXTH & FIGUEROA STS.

Los Angeles

Feb'y 7th 1916.

A. W. Latham Esq
 Minneapolis

Dear Sir

I received word from my office that you had requested me to attend the Winnipeg Horticultural meeting for which please accept my thanks. Am sorry I was so situated that I could not comply.

I see by the Mpls papers that your life long and splendid efforts in behalf of Horticulture + Agriculture has been recognized by the Minn. University in a very appropriate manner.

Please accept my sincere congratulations. You are certainly worthy of the honor. The University does honor to itself and to the people of Minnesota in this recognizing your worthy efforts. May you live long and continue the good work.

With kindest personal regards

Yours fraternally
 J. M. Overman