



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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# THE JEWELL NURSERY COMPANY

J. M. UNDERWOOD, PRESIDENT

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

April 17, 1917.

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

My dear friend:-

You may have heard of the passing of our old friend, Oliver Gibbs. He died at his daughter's at Palatine, near Chicago, Saturday morning, and the remains were brot here and buried yesterday morning. I think he deserves a creditable notice in our Horticulturist, and you probably can say all that is necessary. If you should need any memorandum as to his family, you can get it from his daughter, Mrs. Paul A. Schmitt, 3628 Portland Ave. I always liked Mr. Gibbs. He was very intelligent, very kind, and capable. His loss of eyesight prevented him from taking an active part in our horticultural work in his later years.

I am surprised this morning to receive in the Wisconsin Horticulturist a notice of the death of our dear old friend, A. J. Phillips; and then I picked up the April Horticulturist and looked to see if anyone else had passed away, and sure enough, I find the notice of Judge Moyer's death. It almost scares me to think how our horticultural friends are leaving us. Now don't you do any such fool thing as to slip away without my knowing it. Let's you and I hang on.

Can you tell me who the committee was that was appointed last year to judge the damages done to L. L. May and Strand by the destruction of their pines, currants and gooseberries for the White Pine blister? And do you know how much damages the committee assessed in each case? I am afraid that our enthusiastic entomologist was too anxious to make a reputation, for now Minnesota is known as an infested state. It seems to me a better way would have been to have said nothing about it and simply destroyed the evidence of the White Pine blister on the Pines, and it would not have amounted to very much.

Another person that I have tried to ask you about is P. V. Collins. What ever became of him and his wife, and what was the result of his failure?

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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April 3rd, 1917.

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

Dear friend:-

Here I am - at home once more. I had a most enjoyable winter in San Diego, largely due to the fact that I was with my family, and had a chance to associate with the youngest member to my heart's delight. Julian is in what is known as the Raja Oja School at Point Loma. It is the most perfect, ideal educational institution that I have ever known. He is very well and very happy. You know it was a terrible sacrifice a year ago for me to have him taken from us, but, as Roy says, it is infinitely better that he is there, well and healthy, where we can go and see him, than that he should have been taken from us entirely, which, of course, I admit. After spending three months there, my heart has changed, and I am entirely in accord with the idea of his being placed in this school, and having the advantage of the education and growth that he will have.

Another cause for rejoicing is that Rella is much better there, and is enjoying life and the conditions. She has a flat in the city, conveniently located, which she has furnished to suit, and overlooking the Bay and Point Loma. She makes frequent visits over to the Point, and has the advantage of the associations with the people at the Point, who are truly wonderful in their lives. Men and women of great skill and ability in different directions are there. Some of them millionaires and many of them well to do - everybody giving their time, as no one receives a penny for services at the Point. It is beyond my powers of conception how they are satisfied to do this, but it is a fact, and everyone seems happy. The conditions there are marvelous, and sometime when we have time to visit, I can tell you of many interesting features that I am sure you would enjoy.

Coming home I had a delightful experience. In fact, I usually do, in making nice acquaintances, and among them was a man, and wife, by the name of Harthorn, who live at Anoka. He had been at Los Angeles this winter for his health, and they were on their way home. We had very interesting and social games of cards, and talked on various subjects, including horticulture. I interested him in our Horticultural Society, told him about it, and as he has a

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April 7, 1917.

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

Dear Friend:-

Replying to yours of the 6th, I haven't any suggestions to offer regarding the Premium List for the summer meeting. I think it is all right.

I hope that there will be someone over at the School that will have time to put the building in suitable condition to receive the exhibits before we get there.

Did you get the \$1.00 membership for Mr. Harthorn?

I am not surprised that the Appropriation Committee have refused our application for an appropriation. The air is too full of war.

We are in the midst of our spring packing, and I have no idea when I can go up to the city.

It became necessary and best for Mr. Smith to resign his position with us, and he is going to take a much needed rest.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

Mr. A. W. Latham - #2.

120 acre farm at Anoka, and a young son of 21 doing the work, Mr. Harthorn gave me \$1.00 to make his son a member of our Society. I enclose the dollar. You will please acknowledge receipt, and send him copies of our magazine. His name is: Mearl Harthorn, Anoka, Minn. I urged Mr. and Mrs. H. to come out to our summer meeting, and also the winter meeting. He said he will send his son, and I shall take pleasure in helping to make it interesting for him.

Mrs. Underwood remains in San Diego until the last of April, when I expect her home.

I trust that you and Mrs. Latham have kept well and happy all winter, and I think you must have been, with your royal retinue of grand children.

With kind regards to all, I am

Very cordially your friend,

J M Underwood

P.S.  
Smith has told me of the condition of our bill hope it will go thru

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Jan 24/17

U. W. Loathan

Dear Friend

Your letter of 19 rec'd & I heartily endorse  
the arrangement you have made with Sins  
Holsberg & Potter. I believe it will be help if we  
can get the Bd of Regents to endorse it. All I care  
for is to get the right kind of a bldg' with  
Minnesota State Horticultural Society in big letters  
on the front in some suitable way. We to have  
the use as needed. Under our present Management  
with you for our Secy. we could of course take proper  
care of the bldg' but in yrs to come we might not  
have so good Mgrs. & we will be save considerable  
work if the care & responsibility is taken from our  
Soc'y - We have just had a week of rain. Clear  
yesterday & to-day. Not a cloud & warm but a white  
frost last nite. I cant express my appreciation of  
your splendid work for the Building whether we get  
it or not. Jellian is four yrs old to-morrow  
the 25- Your friend J M Underwood

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

DIVISION OF HORTICULTURE

January 22, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

It will be possible for me to get some pictures suitable to use in connection with the article "Some Phases of Onion Growing" at a later date. Therefore, if it would be convenient for you to postpone publication of the article until sometime during the summer, I will see that you are supplied with photographs, as you requested.

If there is anything further in regard to the matter, will be glad to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

*W. J. Tapley*

WTT/D

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Lake City, Minnesota

November 27, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

Your communication of the 24th reporting your trip to Washington is received. I am glad that you had such a good meeting and congratulate you on the part assigned to you as Vice President, in recognition of the largest and most influential State Society.

Messrs. Yanish, Crosby and Cashman are to meet with us at your office on Monday, December 4th, at noon. We will all go to lunch together at some good place where we can talk over the question of a Home for our Society.

Trusting that this will meet with your approval,  
I am

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*



Publishes a Monthly Magazine, "The Minnesota Horticulturist," also "Trees, Fruits and Flowers of Minnesota," a cloth bound volume of over 500 pages; sent free to all members of the Society; also Valuable New Fruits for trial. Send for copy of the magazine and folder containing the "Fruit List for Minnesota" and describing the work of the society, its publications, methods, etc. Membership fee \$1.00 per annum.

## 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.,

11/25/16.

### IMPORTANT

Dear Friend:-

The person who will report the coming annual meeting of this society is asking for information as to who of those on the program will prepare papers and who will deliver addresses, and this information will be of material assistance to him. As all of the subjects presented at our meeting are published later in our monthly, it is of course an advantage to have them presented in writing, though even if they are written out the person presenting the subject can still talk to the meeting rather than read the paper if preferred. Will you not kindly indicate as soon as possible your purpose in this direction.

The accompanying program is marked in blue pencil at points where your name appears. It is very much to be hoped that nothing may interfere with your being with us on this important occasion.

Yours fraternally,

*A. W. Latham, Secy.*  
Over

Friend Lathrop <sup>calls</sup> Two unexpected at  
this time, and both of which are very  
important, will greatly to my regret prevent  
my being at our annual meeting as I fully  
expected to have the pleasure of. The first  
call is to Madison Wisconsin, to meet the President  
of the Board of Regents of the Wisconsin University,  
with Dean Russel of their Agricultural Dept. Prof.  
Whitson of their Soil Bureau, Mrs Campbell  
active head of the Wisconsin Improvement  
Association and other prominent men interested  
in developing the State, to ~~hear me~~ explain to them  
fully, in all its bearings, New Farming, which includes  
soil preservation, and the reversal of the now increasing  
depletion of the ground water supply in all the interior  
of the North American Continent. Their meeting is  
arranged for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of December. The other  
urgent call takes me from Madison to Cleveland  
Ohio, to earn \$1.00 a day at my Portrait work, as  
I did last Winter and it is so something I  
cannot afford to turn down when it offers.  
I earned \$25.00 in 25 working days last Winter.  
I wanted so much to talk directly to our  
people, but now must instead, if you allow  
me to write my address for future production  
in your magazine.

With Great Respect  
Freeman Thorpe.

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December 11, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

Last week was a strenuous week for me, what with Committee meetings, banquets and an endeavor to take in the excellent program, I was glad to reach the quiet of home and business.

Somehow I failed to catch the significance of the election. I have an indistinct recollection that our old friend, John Andrews, was left off the Executive Com. and a substitute chosen whose name I do not remember and do not know, but I believe that Langford Smith was re-elected. Was he not?

As I understood it, you are to make arrangements for a meeting of our Building Committee with the Board of Regents or at least Mr. Snyder the President, and with Dean Wood and President Vincent, and the same day we are to meet with the Civic Improvement Board, you to arrange with them and notify our Building Committee.

Every day brings a letter from my wife urging me to come out to San Diego at once, and yesterday morning I had a night letter from Roy asking me to be there next Saturday, but I am waiting principally to do what I can on the Committee for the Building. I hope that we can get it lined up and ready to present a bill to the Legislature as soon as it convenes.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

Lake City, Minn

December 14, 1916

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

My dear Friend:

They have received reinforcements at San Diego, and have bombarded me with letters and telegrams that force me to capitulate and surrender to their demands. I am to leave here for San Diego, ~~Saturday~~ *Monday*. I have only consented to do this after securing Mr. Smith's promise to take my place on the Committee for our Horticulture Building. I do this in full confidence that he will do as much better than anything I could do, and he will be here all winter so that there will be no break in his services on the Committee. He never takes anything to do that he does not do with all his might, and he certainly has all the intelligence and experience that equips him for the job. He thinks it will be best for Mr. Crosby to act as Chairman, but I tell him that you will practically do the Chairman's work, at least that of notifying the Committee of meetings etc.

I even wrote my wife this morning, that I could not leave here, and it was not until I talked the matter over with Mr. Smith and he agreed to take my place on the Com., and really that was all that was holding me here.

You will, I believe, be glad to think of me as united with my family. We have never been seperated during the Holiday Seasons.

If you think of any one in particular that you would like to have Mr. Smith write or see, he will be glad to do it. He will of course, take care of the representative from this district, and I believe Sen. Carley holds over and he will undoubtedly do what he can for us.

With best wishes for A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am

Most cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

# Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association

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HOWARD STRONG, SECRETARY

December 16th, 1916.

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

Dear Sir: Mr. Strong has referred to me your letter of December 12th. I have taken up the subject matter of your letter with Mr. W. E. Briggs, chairman of our Committee on Northwest Development. Mr. Briggs named Mr. T. A. Hoverstad of the Soo Line Railway Co. and Mr. N. S. Coffin of the Interior Lumber Company as a sub-committee to represent this Association at your conference. As soon as you have decided on a date for the meeting, we shall be glad to notify Mr. Coffin and Mr. Hoverstad.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence Toly*  
Assistant Secretary

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December 16, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

There was not time on the program to put in the report of the Executive Committee. I had it prepared to give to the Reporter, but he went out of the room and then I forgot it.

I enclose what I wrote, and you can make use of it or not, as you see fit.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

*121 Penna Ave*

*San Diego*

*Calif*



## Oakhurst

Dear Mr. Latham - I think  
it wd. be a good plan to keep this  
pd. as by so doing - you keep in  
touch with the many clubs of the  
state with whom there is much  
interest is felt for our Hort. Society

Kindly greetings to you + yours  
Anna Blunderwood

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Lake City, Minnesota

September 7th, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

When I received your letter of the 28th I thought that I would be up that way with our car, and surely attend the Fair, and we could talk over the place for holding the next meeting. Circumstances have been such that I could not do either, and I presume that you have already settled on the West Hotel. I think that is the best place that we can have under the circumstances. It seems to suit our President and everybody but me, and I surely ought not to raise any objection.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*  
*How is the Hunt Dept*

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Lake City, Minnesota

6 July 1916.

JMU/AA

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:

Replying to yours of the 3rd. I am inclined to think you had better help Prof. McIntosh out, and give him \$20.00 to defray his expenses.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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Lake City, Minnesota

August 18th, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

*ant*  
In regard to the vegetable list, I think you are correct in taking it up with the Twin City vegetable associations, or some good party who is thoroughly conversed with the vegetable subject and would have a pride in bringing out a nice display. If we ever get a good room for exhibits I hope that we will make a feature to have large and fine exhibits in everything that can be brought under the title of Horticulture.

Isn't this hot weather fine for corn? I am bound to think there is some good in it any way.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

*Answer to it  
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my*

The University of Minnesota

Department of Agriculture

University Farm, St. Paul

October 4, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I assure you that it will be a pleasure to take advantage of the opportunity you have presented to become acquainted with the working membership of your organization.

You asked if I would not like to contribute a paper at one of the meetings on some topic connected with vegetable growing and suggest the subject "Marketing Vegetables". It has occurred to me that, since I have been in this locality only since September 1st, I have not had time to observe marketing conditions in this state and so I would prefer to postpone a talk on that subject until some later time. I suggest as a subject, "Some phases of onion growing." If, however, this does not meet with your approval I will be glad to do my part and contribute a paper on any subject you may suggest.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Tapley

WTT/D

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Lake City, Minnesota

October 4th, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

I have intended to write you in reply to your favor of September 25th, regarding the program. It is difficult for me to concentrate my mind on the subject and develop anything worth while, although when I first wake up in the morning, I sometimes have bright ideas. They are fleeting, and by the time I get to the office my mind is a blank regarding them.

Of course it would be very pleasant to have you with me here for a day or longer, but I can't promise you any bright ideas.

Just now we are in the midst of our rush for Fall business. In a little while however, I will try and bring my mind to concentrate on the subject, and see if I can help you.

Our orchard promised to have a full crop, but the last cold wave killed a good many little apples, but we picked up about five hundred bushels. Two hundred were poor and went to the pigs. One hundred were #1 hand picked, and two hundred were #2 hand picked. The #1 handpicked apples brought \$4.00 per barrel; #2 brought \$3.00. These figures are not from the books, because I haven't had any report, and they may not be accurate, but approximately so. Too many of our Apples were small and scabby. We sprayed three times, but there was something lacking. I am wondering if our old trees do not need some kind of fertilizing. The young trees always seem to bear large fine fruit, but after they get older, the apples are smaller.

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A. W. Latham #2

I received the box of Patten's Pears from Prof. Cady. The Seckel #1 is the only one good for anything. The others were all so much decayed and the paper so wet and indistinct that I could not make them out. I have put the Seckel in our cellar, but I am afraid it is too warm for them there. The cellar is not deep enough in the ground so that the hot weather warmed it up too much and I cannot get the temperature down with ice.

My family are all quite well. Rella's health in San Diego, is much improved, and the little boy is in perfect health. Anna expects to start for San Diego the first of November. Roy and I will remain here. He will go to California for a short visit during the holidays, and when he returns, I have promised to go and bring Anna home.

With kind regards to you and yours, I am

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. M. Underwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

Oct. 10, 1916.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

My dear Mr. Latham:

Unfortunately, I have two important engagements for Thursday, December 7th which makes it impossible for me to accept your invitation to address the Minnesota State Horticultural Society on that date.

Regretting the necessity for this reply and with best wishes for the success of the occasion, I am

Yours sincerely,

*George E. Vincent*

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**NORTHERN NURSERY COMPANY**

OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. DAK.,

Oct. 20, 1916.

Mr. A.W.Latham, Secy.,

Minn. Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th. inst. at hand with statement for \$4.00 for four cuts sent us and we are enclosing you herewith draft for this amount.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

*J. B. Taylor*

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Lake City, Minnesota

October 18th, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

I heartily endorse the proposition that you ~~that you attend~~ the American Pomological Society, November 17th and 18th. Your long experience in our Northwestern Horticulture interests will have made you particularly well equipped to represent our interests. Your faithful and efficient service entitles you to receive the benefit of coming in contact and making the acquaintance of other workers, and you will no doubt bring back to our Society valuable information that will doubly repay any expense.

If you are not familiar with Washington, be sure and take time to visit all the important places. Be sure and take Mrs. Latham with you. It is the duty of everyone to visit and enjoy Washington. One ought to have three months and an automobile. Mrs. Underwood and I were there ten days last Spring, but it was altogether too short a time.

In regard to taking up the question of a home for our Society. I am willing to go ahead and do anything that I can. I am glad to know that Mr. Yanish is interested, and I hope that Mr. Crosby is. I will write them and see what we had better do. I suppose Pres. Cashman is still interested.

Our little fruit cellar is not working well. It is not deep enough in the ground so that it gets too warm in the Summer, and does not cool off so as to keep the fruit. I had a barrel of Wealthy put in that I intended to keep until our Winter meeting, and then send them up to be distributed, but they are getting ripe now and I am afraid *Moment* will be too ripe if kept in this cellar, so I will send them up to you for cold storage. My thought is that at the most opportune I would have the Apples handed out, giving each person present, a Wealthy.

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A. W. Latham,

Perhaps that the time our proposed building was under consideration, or during the Anniversary Excercise, or at the Banquet or any other time you might think most appropriate. I thought it might be nice to offer them as a toast to the discoverer of the Wealthy, Peter M. Gideon.

It makes me shudder to have you suggest my presiding, but not so much that as for me to furnish an address. I feel like shrinking away from all public positions. I am sure you can find very much better speakers to take my place. To be called out once or twice a year does not keep a person well equipped for public speaking.

Very cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

*Warrak for Hughes*

## NORTHERN NURSERY COMPANY

OF IPSWICH, SOUTH DAKOTA

JOHN B. TAYLOR, MANAGER

IPSWICH, S. DAK.,

Oct. 7, 1916.

A.W.Latham, Secy.,

Minn. Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of recent date at hand and I wish to thank you for the information given me.

Will you kindly send us the following cuts or photo engravures that is if you still have them, or send what you have and we will remit for same, or if you prefer state what cuts you have with the price as you quote, and we will remit before sending them:

Rugosa Rose, Page 66 Feb. 1916 report.

Waneta Plum, " 187 May "

Everbearing Strawberry, Page 431 1915 report.

Niobe Weeping Willow, Page 397 October 1916 report.

Thanking you, we are

Yours truly,

*J. B. Taylor*

*sent cuts*  
*10.17.16*  
*DR 1/2 00*

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November 10th, 1916

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

Dear Friend:

I am glad that you are going to Washington, and I know you will enjoy the trip. Yes, stop on your way back and tell me about it. Will be delighted to have you.

I am sorry the Apples are so ripe, but it is the best I could do. If the barrel you have in cold storage will not keep, feed them to the children.

I am distressed over the Presidential Question; disgusted with the vote of the Cities and the Republican party generally, for not getting closer to the voters and making them understand the true conditions. I cannot see how any reading, intelligent person can support Wilson. I can only think of one appropriate term to apply to him, and that is, he is a "spineless jellyfish."

Cordially yours,

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

Hubert Minors May 5<sup>th</sup> 1916

A W Latham

My Dear Friend  
your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> is one that  
goes among my Keystones  
as one of the things that  
light up and cheer a  
man's path through life.  
You have been a remarkable  
Editor in a very important  
particular, while giving  
the Society the best up to date  
information, no editorial  
word of yours has ever  
been written that does not  
leave open a clear highway  
for future research and  
undiscovered possibilities  
you have always considered the  
achievements of the Society as  
qualifying progress but never  
as the last word. No worker  
however radical his experiments  
has been in your mind a heretic  
to be crucified. The farther I  
get into the new field the more

I realize how much there  
probably is that we do not  
any of us yet know,  
I wish you could see right  
now the acres of side hill young  
on shore, here, slash cut right  
out of standing timber, without  
disturbing the stumps, apple  
trees planted by the men method  
that prevents the runoff of  
a single drop of rain, or flake  
of snow, and concentrates in the  
cavity that the tree is planted  
in, all the moisture, and fertilizing  
material that would otherwise  
run off from its share of the  
hillside, this gives the ground  
plenty of moisture without the  
possibility of wet feet for the  
trees, you will readily see there  
can be no level of standing  
water on the hillside, I expected  
that the seeping from each  
cavity would moisten the grass  
below the lower embankment  
but was not prepared for  
the fact that it moistens it  
all the way down to the

next lower cavity, and  
 the grass on this hillside  
 is astonishing to see and I  
 am now positive that the  
 grazing capacity of the  
 hillside will be more than  
 doubled although we allow  
 no grass to grow near  
 to the trunk of the tree, it  
 will make an ideal horse  
 pasture, until the apples are  
 big enough to tempt the horses  
 to eat them, when the horses  
 can be taken out until the  
 apples are gathered, the time  
 for the grass going to  
 seed will have passed before  
 the horses will have to  
 be kept out, hence the heavy  
 growth of grass while they  
 are out will be nice and  
 green for them when they  
 are turned in, after the  
 apples are gathered, the  
 grass will not take moisture  
 from the roots of the trees  
 for the roots are 4 feet below

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the grass, down where  
there is perpetual moisture  
but never in excess. If  
you want me to I will  
be glad to be on the  
programme for the December  
meeting, I think that under  
the heading of The New  
Farmer's friend. I could  
group all that I would  
need to say.

With Great Respect

Your sincere friend

P.S. Pardon this penciled letter  
my type writer is out of fix  
I am frequently asked  
why the Dept of Agriculture and  
Agricultural Colleges do not  
take up these important new principles.  
It is because Courts, Colleges,  
and experts do not like to reverse  
themselves and their teachings.

Herbert Mims May 12<sup>th</sup> 1914

Friend Latham

Please give me the address of some reliable party for me to get seed from. We have just tested over 5 kinds of seed corn grown by New Farming Methods on our Demonstration Tract here, and cured by our new method that is simplicity itself, result of test 100 per cent germination for each of the 5 kinds. I shall publish the method and the reasons for it in next No of New Farmer. You never succeed at the work I am doing and others are starting to do now.

With Great Respect  
Freeman Thompson

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Lake City, Minnesota

3rd March 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of the 29th received. I did not write you regarding the use of our membership list by these outside nurseries in a spirit of criticism but rather of curiosity to see what you would say, what position you took in the matter. Of course, this is a free country and there is certainly no reason why nurseries from any part of it should not come in here and get their share of the business. No fair minded Minnesota nurseryman could possibly have any objection to that. But, looking at the question from our standpoint and especially from that of our salesmen whom we ask to solicit these new members, it does seem rather hard to have them in a few weeks confronted by some cheap-skate catalog sent in by some nursery who plasters it all over the front page that they are out to save the buyers the middleman's profit, agent's commission, etc., etc. Does this not seem rather hard to you, Mr. Latham, and what are we going to say to our men when they come at us as they often do? Some of our men who have secured large numbers of new members have refused to do it any more just on that account. Still there is, of course, no question about the desirability of the Horticultural Society from the nurseryman's standpoint, and it is our duty to back it up. The idea of that not being the case never entered my head, and I do not believe it enters the thoughts of any of our other tree men up here, but I honestly think that if the Minnesota nurseryman were backed up and boosted by the Society and the magazine in a whole-souled way, they would get out and do a great amount of good work in extending the membership, whereas now whatever they are doing is in a very small way. I mean by this that while you could not perhaps prevent these catalog nurseries from the East and South from using our membership list as a mailing list, you could to a great extent neutralize ~~and if it is not doing so be~~ bolstering up the Minnesota Nurseries. *by*

As our society is a State society, organized and maintained for Minnesota people I should think the

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broad term, Minnesota people would cover Minnesota Nurseries also.

You have cut the nurseries all out from advertising in the magazine which I think is all right, ~~also~~ with a big membership I do not see any reason why the nurseries should not be able to contribute quite liberally in the shape of advertising. However, even without advertising, is there any reason, Mr. Latham, why the Society should not come out strong so far as Minnesota planters are concerned and recommend the Minnesota nurseries as the best places to buy for Minnesota people, and throw the hooks, so to speak, into these cut rate catalog houses, who fly by night thru the country with no guarantee of service to the people who send their money to them.

Now this is just one man's idea. I presume I stand just as many chances of being wrong as the next fellow, but you have come out with a straight forward appeal to the nurserymen, which, candidly, I do not believe will receive much response. It is my interest in the Horticultural Society rather than any business interests that prompts me to make these observations, and I certainly would like to see the whole matter put on some basis whereby the nurserymen could if they should give an hearty and active support to the Society in all it's endeavors. We certainly do need the Society as nurserymen and in the interests of a reasonable co-operation between the nurserymen and the administration of the Society, I do believe it would pay to consider some way of appealing more directly to the nurserymen.

With kind personal regards, I am as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

*R. D. Underwood*

with sand at varying depths of sand or oval  
in low ground with muck. but here it is  
mostly on top. & covered with palmetos &  
pines. The roads are all made with it. It  
is easily pounded to pieces or crushed, then  
they roll them smooth. Cars with coal tar &  
sand, it is then as smooth as the best asphalt.  
Oh my! how we feast on oranges. Grape fruit  
Avocado Pears out of season, Well in about six  
weeks we will be starting home. Mr & Mrs Crosby  
& Mrs Liggett are at Daytona. Hope they will come  
here - Come on down & go home with us  
Anna joins in best regards to you & Mrs L -  
Cordially yours -



Miami  
~~Oakhurst~~ 2/11/16

Dear Friend

I dont know where I left  
off in Correspondence -  
We had the Grippe all of  
us. Rella found she could  
not take care of Julian so  
Roy took them to San Diego  
Calif. It broke our hearts to  
have them go. but it was best.  
They only got there when the  
dear little boy was taken  
with pneumonia & for two  
weeks his life hung in the

balance, but he won out & is now  
out of danger so they say. We did  
not hear from him for ten days &  
the suspense was awful.

The skies are bright now & we are  
having a good time. My niece & husband  
from Bonville N.Y. are with us & we  
are having lovely drives. Yesterday we  
went with the leading Horticulturist  
(Mr Blackman) to visit some orchards  
of Citrus fruits & Avocado Pear. They  
are grown on what they call pine land,  
not a particle of soil, nothing but  
Coquino rock. They pick up the rock  
with a pick & make a hole sixteen ft  
in circumference a ft deep, plant the  
trees in the bottom in the crushed rock  
& it grows beautifully. Coquino rock is  
shells that has at one time been the  
bottom of the ocean or washed up by the  
waves. I dont know how. I think the  
whole peninsula of Fla is underlaid  
with this rock. In places it is covered

GEORGE E. VINCENT  
1005 FIFTH STREET S. E.  
MINNEAPOLIS

19 Feb 1916

Dear Mr. Latham:

This is fearfully rough,  
almost ~~unreadable~~ incoherent, but I  
haven't time to rewrite it.

Yours sincerely  
George E. Vincent

Mr. W. Latham  
Minneapolis



Miami  
Oakhurst 2/14/16

Dear Friend

Thank you but I have  
a quantity of paper left  
over from last year. at home  
I will not need more

We still have delightful  
weather, air 75°, ocean 74°

We hold our Minnesota  
Pic-nic to-day

Gov. Lee is here to grace  
the occasion. What's the matter  
with our state treasurer

Too much booze they say. What a  
travesty on an enlightened com-  
-munity. to be dominated by the  
breweries. Will we ever get out from  
under them = They have got such a  
hold that, good people cant shake  
them. This Co (Dade) & Miami are  
dry. No saloons, Well we wont let  
up till Minn is D.R.Y.

Cordially

W. Underwood

We are enjoying the front here & fish &  
I fun = I'd the surf & golf.

Cordially Yr friend  
J. M. Greenwood



Miami  
Oakhurst 2/16/16

My Dear Friend

In regard to the Farmers  
Institutes. The question is, of  
what value is Horticulture to the  
Farmer = or to the State

How much money is available  
for the institutes = what is the  
best use to make of it = what  
use is being made of it.  
You probably have a report of  
the F. I. & can tell by that. I have  
not seen one lately. Who has a  
right to say how the money shall  
be expended, for what & by whom

No I wouldnt give Wilson any money  
to get memberships unless you can have  
something to say who is to represent us  
& give him a fair show. What right has  
Wilson to say how the money shall be spent  
If our Executive Com have any rights in  
the matter we ought to get them defined. if  
we have not. We better go to the next  
legastature & see if we cant get enuf  
money to hire a lecture for each Institute  
We might as well have it as to let our  
State Treasurer & the Boogie Tanks have it.  
Who comprise the Institute Corps how many  
are there three I suppose =  
We are atill enjoying it down here  
but are thinking of how soon we will  
start home = . Met one of our members, a  
Mr Johnson who had a fruit farm out on  
the lake. He came with a car & brought  
his family & has bought here & is  
going to raise strawberries.  
Had a Minn pic-nic Monday, Gov. Lell  
boosted Fla & I boosted Minn  
80 or more at table