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[September, 1923.]

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**Marketing Main-Crop Potatoes.** By Wells A. Sherman, Specialist in Charge Fruit and Vegetable Division; George B. Fluke, Investigator in Marketing Fruits and Vegetables; and O. D. Miller, Scientific Assistant in Marketing, Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Pp. 37, pls. 16. August, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1217.)

Discusses some of the underlying facts and conditions that influence prices, the sources and character of the information the grower should use, and the differing marketing problems of the producers of the main-crop. The location, shipping season, and relative importance of the heavy shipping districts are shown, with brief descriptions of the methods of marketing pursued in typical areas.

**Fumigation of Citrus Trees for Control of Insect Pests.** By R. S. Waghorn, formerly Entomologist, Tropical and Subtropical Fruit Insect Investigations, Bureau of Entomology. Pp. 59, figs. 23. July, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1221.) Price, 10 cents.

This bulletin supersedes Farmers' Bulletin 923, "Fumigation of Citrus Trees."

**Pruning Citrus Trees in the Southwest.** By A. D. Rhoads, Physiologist; C. S. Fennerty, Pomologist; and R. E. Cary, Assistant Pomologist, Office of Horticultural and Pomological Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry. Pp. 32, figs. 24. June, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1223.)

**Controlling the Gipsy Moth and the Brown-Tail Moth.** By A. F. Burgess, Entomologist in Charge of Gipsy Moth and Brown-Tail Moth Investigations, Bureau of Entomology. Pp. 28, figs. 15. July, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1225.)

**Feeding and Management of Dairy Calves and Young Dairy Stock.** By W. K. Beal and H. P. Davis, Dairy Division, Bureau of Animal Industry. Pp. 18, figs. 7. June, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1236.)

This bulletin is a revision of and supersedes Farmers' Bulletin 777 of the same title, Bureau of Animal Industry. Pp. 41, figs. 15. July, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1237.)

This bulletin supersedes Farmers' Bulletin 957, "Important Poultry Diseases."

**Pests and Poultry Wheat.** By John H. Martin, Agronomist in Western Wheat Investigations, Office of Cereal Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry. Pp. 16, figs. 3. July, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1240.)

**Mule Production.** By J. O. Williams, Senior Animal Husbandman, Animal Husbandry Division, Bureau of Animal Industry. Pp. 28, figs. 24. August, 1923. (Farmers' Bulletin 1241.)

**Clothes Moths and Their Control.** By E. A. Rack, Entomologist in Charge of Stored-Products Insect Investigations, Bureau of Entomology. Pp. 29, figs. 21. July, 1923. (September, 1923.) (Farmers' Bulletin 1253.)

Available for general distribution.

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Henning, Minn.,

Jan. 21, 1923

Dr. A. F. Woods, Pres.,

Univ. of Maryland,

College Park, Md.

Dear Sir:

Your very kind letter dated January 24th., is to hand, and the information you ask will be gladly given.

Copies of the three quarterly issues of the official organ of the Society published in August and November 1922, and January 1923 are sent herewith together with quotations from the Certificate of Incorporation, and the By-Laws of the Society adopted in July 1922. These will prove without a doubt that The National Horticultural Society is the prior society, and that the prior society has been truly national in scope from the first.

The National Horticultural Society has not a short history behind it, and it is the fruition of a spontaneous movement that has had a natural growth on American soil. The movement has never been sectional and has always been decidedly national in nature. You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that the isolated amateur horticulturists in the various parts of the United States have for many years kept in touch with each other by correspondence, usually chain letters, and this naturally led to lasting friendships and the exchanging of native plant material. The next logical step was to organize this family into a national society for which there was a distinct need since there was no national organization in the field at that time, and every possible precaution was taken to obviate just such a condition of affairs as has lately arisen by the entrance of a second society in the same field. The National Horticultural Society was incorporated after a period of discussion in the horticultural press, and after lengthy correspondence with those interested, covering the period from December 1921 to July 1, 1922. It is also possible that members of your organization committee have read these proposals which appeared in the Flower Grower in the early part of 1922. The subject was considered from all angles and the result of the movement thus started brought forth an altruistic and educational national organization covering the entire field of horticulture.

The deplorable situation that has arisen should be cleared up with the least possible delay in order to further the best interests of American horticulture, and we rest assured that you will lend your full co-operation toward this end.

Trusting to hear from you soon again, I remain,

very truly yours,

Signed: Hamilton Traub  
Secretary

Henning, Minn.,

Feb. 22, 1922

Dr. F. E. Bennett,

St. Thomas, Ont., Can.

Dear sir:

My good friend, Mr. Madison Cooper, has suggested that I write to you regarding the organization of the National Horticultural Society. The proposed organization will unite the efforts of amateur horticulturists of North America in a very effective way. The society will be a general clearing house for horticultural knowledge in North America, it will sponsor an official organ, provide for special study and research, stage national, regional, and local floral exhibitions, and will make itself useful in many other ways.

We would be pleased to know as to whether or no you will give such a project your support. Would you be willing to cooperate with us in the organization of such a society?

Hoping to hear from you in the near future. I am,

respectfully yours,

Hamilton Traub

HT:GG

Henning, Minn.,  
Feb. 20, 1922

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,  
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Dear madam:

I will introduce myself by stating that I am a life long amateur horticulturist, and I may further state that my good friend, Mr. Madison Cooper, has written to me a highly complimentary characterization of your work along horticultural lines that I feel that you will be interested in the subject of this letter.

It has been my hope for years to help start a movement that might stimulate a more general interest in horticulture in the United States, and it seems to Mr. Cooper and myself that this can best be accomplished by organizing a national horticultural society in our country.

In working out this problem, it is true, that many heads are better than one, and I come to you for your help and advice regarding the proposal. A preliminary suggestive outline was published in the February FLOWER GROWER, and a more detailed plan will appear in the March issue of the same publication.

Kindly let us know as to whether or no you would be willing to help organize the society.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this matter, I am,

respectfully yours,

Hamilton Traub

HT:GG

Henning, Minn.,  
March 14, 1922

Mr. George Wm. Veditz,  
414 N. Custar Ave.,  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear sir:

Your kind letter dated March 7th., was duly received, and it certainly was refreshing to receive your frank expression of opinion for all responses to date regarding the proposed National Horticultural Society were almost too enthusiastic.

We want you to realize that we value your opinion highly and that we are grateful to you for having expressed it. Any proposal that cannot weather the severest criticism should by all means be abandoned.

We have, however, definitely decided to organize the National Horticultural Society for the United States, and feel that such a society is an immediate necessity. Since the article you refer to was written, our ideas have changed as to the fundamental character of the organization. The article was originally in five parts, but was hastily cut down and new material added a few days before going to press, and to me it seems quite incoherent and is full of errors due to the fact that it was impossible for me to read the proof. Our idea at present is to organize a national society and not a federation or union at all. We realize as you do that a federation or union of present units is an impossibility, and would not be desirable even if it were within the range of the possible. There would be no end of friction as you suggest, and the well meant efforts in this direction would certainly be in vain. We realize the need of a central directing agency in the horticultural field, and we have cast about until we have found what appears to us the best means of gaining this end. We have decided upon a definite course of action.

In our opinion, a "National Horticultural Society" for the United States, founded on an altruistic basis with centralized authority, and which offers fellowship or membership to all interested in horticulture, should have been founded a hundred years ago. We are only doing in this late day what others have neglected to do years ago.

We are members of several of the special flower societies, and are not opposed to these. The national society will in no way compete with present organizations. We are, however, aware of the defects of such independent units for in spite of the fact that they are a financial burden to the average member, they are themselves forever hampered in their work on account of an empty treasury. Their outlook is so very narrow that they will probably never increase their membership much beyond 200% of their present showing even after a longer period than 25 years. Several of these societies have about completed their mission---they have standardized nomenclature, decided upon the cultural directions, and there is little else left to do. I predict that their membership will decline over a period of 50 years.

G.W.V-#2

As stated before, it is not our aim to organize a federation, but a national society with centralized authority following closely the National Geographic Society as a model. Original modifications will be made to take care of the more intimate problems we will have to solve. The Society will not compete with the existing societies but will make an attempt to co-operate with them by publishing material these societies cannot disseminate on account of a lack of funds. The start will be quite modest and the intention is to build up a respectable membership over a period of 10 years so that at a time when some of the uneconomical units are ready to cash in, the National Horticultural Society will be well established and will go on indefinitely.

If you should feel that you care to co-operate with us in organizing the society as outlined in this letter, we would very much appreciate it for we value your opinion highly. At any rate, we would be pleased to enroll you as a fellow in the new society even if you should not be in a position to help in founding the organization.

Thanking you again for your kind letter, I remain,

Sincerely,

HT:MEM

GEORGE WM. VEDITZ

414 N. CUSTER AVE  
COLORADO SPRINGS  
COLORADO

March, 7/22.

Mr. Hamilton Traub,  
Henning, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Traub:--I was unable to answer your interesting letter of Feb. 20 as promptly as I wished for two reasons: I had given my copy of the February Flower Grower away, and I was laid up with a mean spell of Influenza.

The March Flower Grower, however, has just come to hand, and I was able to give your scheme a careful study.

Frankly, I am a pessimist.

In my opinion the time is not ripe to push such a scheme. I am convinced that any effort to that end will be love and labor wasted. Even if instead of an "International" combination it were to limit itself to a purely "national"--an American affair--there would be an untold number of lions in the path.

To my mind it would be far more profitable and secure the same ends--a broadening scope of floriculture and horticulture--were efforts made to build up the special organizations, the Peony, Gladiolus, Dahlia and kindred societies. None of these now existing in this country ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> as much as out of ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> swaddling clothes, and not until they have reached a robust maturity, with a membership of thousands where they now have only scores, would the time seem ripe for a great union--confined to America to start with--that would embrace them all.

I have had experience in similar efforts in other lines and one and all have been failures. The human race has not learned the beauty, value and necessity of co-operation.

I appreciate and congratulate you on the spirit you show in this scheme, but I believe it is 25 years too soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Henning, Minn.

Feb. 20, 1922

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Thanking you in advance for your kindness in this matter,

I am,

very truly yours,

Hamilton Traub

HT:GG

Henning, Minn.,

March 2, 1922

Dr. Frank M. Bennett,  
St. Thomas, Ont., Can.

Dear sir:

Your valued letter dated February 27th., was received to-day, and I was much gratified to hear that you are willing to help in organizing THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. I will write Mr. Copper to that effect, and as soon as we have the matter in shape we will send it to you for your constructive criticism and approval.

I want to thank you very much for the attractive Year Book. The fame of St. Thomas has spread into the remotest corners of the United States, and all flower enthusiasts hope sooner or later to visit the "Flower City".

I may not be able to get the time to come this year, but I am figuring on a trip in another year.

Very truly yours,

HT:GG

"The Flower City"

THE ST. THOMAS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

DR. F. BENNETT  
PRESIDENT

W. H. KING  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO,  
CANADA

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1912



"THE TULIP"  
St. Thomas' City Flower

Hamilton Branch  
Hemming Main

Dear Sir - Yours of 22<sup>nd</sup> I have  
I would imagine that a National  
Horticultural Society would be a splendid  
thing. Have read the suggestion re. forma-  
tion of same some time ago in the "F. G."  
I would be glad to aid in formation of  
same to an extent. Am overworked at  
present so cannot promise too much,  
but that I am not fully in accord with  
same but there is a limit to ones endurance  
Under sep. cover am mailing our local  
Society's Year Book

Yours sincerely  
H. Bennett

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January 30, 1924.

Mr. Paul Traub,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Traub:

I have received your request for renewal and am very glad to know that you are available. I assure you that we will do our very best to secure you an excellent position at the earliest date possible.

We have changed our enrollment blank and I am enclosing our new enrollment card which kindly fill out immediately and return. You will find this card even easier to fill out than the enrollment blank. We have used this card during previous years and found it superior to any enrollment blank or card we have ever used.

Please be sure to answer every question and fill out every blank as we may no longer have your old blank on file.

Please remember that we need a sufficient supply of photographs. This will enable us to send your credentials promptly when desired. Be sure to write your name on each photograph. If you have a satisfactory photograph on hand we can have it copied for you at a cost of \$1.50 for 25 copies or \$1.00 for 12.

Kindly return the enrollment card immediately.

Assuring you of our most aggressive service.

I am

Yours for an excellent position.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. Ruffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "W" and a long, trailing "r".

Manager

Sept. 1, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,  
V-Pres., National Horticultural Society,  
Grand Forks, N.D.

Dear Madam:

I received the introductory letter of Chain No. 2, and your other letter and the picture of your beautiful home. Thanks.

I have written only a short letter as this is the first and I do not want to be too forward by writing at too great length. It is hard for me to stop when I get started.

Thanks for the picture of your home. I will deposit it with the Museum material. When I see such homes I say to myself, "This is the real America." Nothing pretentious, but a consistent home-like simplicity. It is in such homes that the real Americans are reared. One would never imagine that this was a view from North Dakota. The luxuriant vegetation suggests New England and the South. If the picture had been sent to me unlabeled, I would never in a thousand years have placed it in North Dakota. What one has done, others in the Great Plains region can and will do if the gospel is brought to them in the right way.

With regard to educational advantages, I always maintain that it is not necessary to go to school to be educated. Many that go to school never acquire any real education, and many that have gone to school for a limited period have a far better real education than those who have spent many years at school. The real test of education is to fit into the life of the present period by actually performing a useful share of the world's work. Anyone with exceptional educational advantages should be proud of himself only in so far as he makes good use of the knowledge he possesses. What you have accomplished is proof sufficient that you need never take a back seat in any gathering of Americans.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

## National Horticultural Society

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr Traub.

Grand Forks, N. D. Sept 2nd 22

I have just now remembered that there will be no mail for us Mon. so must hasten.

I am enclosing Fellowship fee for Mrs May Senn. Rotan. Texas. Her husband is the carrier of Route No 1 of that place. So I think it will be well for you to ask her to help in getting fellows in her locality. Its a burning shame that I havent more time to devote to getting fellows. Daughter says you had better send us a cook.

I am sending you some copies of Parks Magazine. They are rather dis jointed but I sent a lot of my files back to the Co. a few years ago when they were short.

We got another pretty good rain yesterday and the Phlox are coming out fine. I hope to be able to send them Tuesday. also the Sedums. &c.

I am not a "Union Man" so will have to work Mon.

Hastily and Sincerely  
Fannie Mahood Heath.

Sept. 4, 1922

Mrs. Fannie McLeod Heath,

V-Pres., National Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam: Since writing you last Miss Edwards has sent in her dues, and I have written her at length. She stated that she wanted to help the movement along and I suggested that a "Grand Forks Horticultural Society" would not be a bad idea to work on. Such as society would of course <sup>be</sup> organized under a charter from the National Society and this would give the movement quite a boost. I hope that Miss Edwards can help organize such a society.

I have written to Mrs. May Senn, Retan, Texas, as you suggested, in your letter dated Sept. 2nd and I hope that she will be successful in increasing the fellowship.

I sent you some philoxera to-day. When planted they should be cut down to about 4 or 5 inches to the ground. I neglected to state in a former letter that Ajuga reptans is a very fine plant for your new rock garden. In rich moist soil it makes a wonderful showing, but even on dry soil it gives a good account of itself.

I will appreciate the copies of Parks. Do you want them returned or are they to be deposited in the National Horticultural Library?

I will write more next time.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

August 17, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,

V-Press, National Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

Your very kind letter of August 15th., with the inclosed dues from Mrs. F. R. Stevens, Crary, N.D., was received to-day. I have written to Mrs. Stevens and have sent her a receipt direct.

Since I wrote to you, two additional whom you have nominated for Charter Fellowship have sent in their dues: Mrs. C. S. Russell, McGraw, N.Y., and Mrs. Albert Obergfell, Sidney, Mont. Messrs. C. Z. Nelson and William Issenhuth, Redfield, S.D. certainly will be valuable additions to the Society. I think that it is wonderful the way the Society is growing considering the short time. Once the Society has several hundred fellows then the growth will be even more rapid for each fellow will nominate friends and in this way the Society will have a rapid growth. The time will come in the near future when all horticulturists will want to belong to the Society because of the benefits it will offer. Of course a large share of the honor of founding the National Horticultural Society will rightfully be yours for the good work would have been much delayed without your timely co-operation. It is my ambition to finish an authoritative history of American Horticulture and I have been gathering material to that end for some years, and it was while in search for this material that I ran across your very illuminating article on gardening in North Dakota that I had my eyes opened as to the great possibilities for the gardener in the Great Plains region. And I

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Region cannot be written without an account of your pioneer work at Grand Forks, and your fine example is bound to bear abundant fruit in the years to follow. Mr. William Robinson of "Gravetye Manor", Sussex, England was horrified by the stilted formal gardening in vogue in England and the Continent of Europe a generation back, and he devoted his life to the project of teaching his countrymen to follow nature in gardening, and to-day his precepts are at the base of all sound gardening practice not only in Europe but also here in America. In the same way your practical example of beautifying the farm home of the Great American Plains will become classic and serve as an inspiration to future generations of Americans. Mr. William Robinson is still living and it seems that he should be among the first to be elected to Honorary Fellowship in our Society. Mrs. Sarah A. Pleas is also entitled to that honor for she was one of our earliest pioneers east of the Appalachian Mountains. 11

With regard to *Crinum*, I am in a position to say that *Crinum*, *Kirkii*, and *C. ornatum* bloomed for me, and these are now in a collection which I left behind when I entered the Army. Several other varieties would not bloom for me, but it may be that they were not well enough established to bloom. It takes these plants three or more years to become well established, and they must be properly rested during part of the winter season.

The Bittersweet which I have collected is a native that bears beautiful orange-red berries in abundance, and while it is a climber it nevertheless has some shrubby characteristics. It is a most beautiful vine and should be in every first class collection. The

first specimen I collected in 1916 is now the most beautiful specimen Bittersweet I have ever seen. People that see it do not realize that it is a native as it has improved very much with cultivation. The plant I will send you with the other plants is a seedling and may vary a little from type, but the chances are that it will be typical.

Our wild flower excursion of Sunday was a failure on account of the unnatural heat. We were fortunately on the shore of West Battle Lake and received the cool lake breeze, but we could not venture far away on account of the heat, and as a consequence we spent our time on the lake shore and in the water bathing. It has been uniformly scorchingly hot ever since. A cooling rain would be welcome here.

I have given much thought to the location of permanent headquarters for the Society, and with the exception of one point which always presents itself, I have come to the same conclusion that you have reached. Your reasons are certainly clear and convincing and I am always glad to abide by the will of those who have had more experience than I have had, and should it appear that the Trustees favor the Twin Cities then these should be chosen as the Headquarters. The point that has always bothered me is the fact that a National Society should rightfully be located at the National Capital. The National Geographic Society has its headquarters there. Of course, if the National Capital were located to-day it would not be put at Washington, D. C., but the City is there with all its national associations and a Society with headquarters there will have the greatest chance of being accepted as a national organization. The National Geographic Society for instance works hand in hand with the

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a truly national society and the membership has grown from 4,000 members in 1904 to 700,000 to-day. Of course, The National Horticultural Society would have extensive show and test gardens in each Regional District and the location of the general headquarters would not make so very much difference. This, however, is merely a suggestion and I make it only because this same thought recurs whenever I take the matter under consideration. I will be pleased to accept the decision of the Trustees.

Once there is a respectable showing of fellows then the Magazine will bring in considerable revenue from advertising and this money can be used by the Trustees to found headquarters, regional show and trial gardens, and any of the other activities of the Society so the matter of finances will not be an obstacle when it comes to building headquarters.

I am sending herewith two small outline maps of the United States. One shows the growth of the Society by States since its organization, and the other shows a suggestive arrangement of the Regional Districts. It was my thought that it would be a good plan to get at least one (and as many more fellows as possible) in each of the 48 United States to be published as the Charter Fellows of the National Horticultural Society, and I am checking off the States as soon as one or more fellows are nominated. The arrangement of the Regional Districts of course are only suggestive and <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ based upon the districts specified in the By-Laws with the exception that one district has been eliminated. As soon as practicable the Trustees should elect a Regional Vice-President for each of these districts.

I think that you are right about the accumulation of herbarium specimens and books, etc. We should gather together all the material available, and mounted plant specimens and books on horticulture are especially in order. The copy of Reed's "Flower Guide" would be a valuable addition, and I will credit you with the donation in the 2nd issue of the Magazine.

I have said only part of what I would like to write about in this letter, but the rest must wait until next time for I do not want to take up too much of your time.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

## National Horticultural Society

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr Traub.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1922

I won't have time to write much this time - but I must take the time to send in the Fellowship fee for Mrs. F. R. Stevens, Brady, N. D. She is a lovely woman and I consider her a real valuable addition to our fellowship.

I also rec'd <sup>met</sup> a letter from Mr C. J. Nelson of Galesburg, Ill. yesterday saying that he was sending in his fellowship dues - I am so glad he is going to be one of us for he can do much to put the new Society on its feet and his heart is in the work too - He has been one of my very best per assistants for a long time and I know he will be a wonderful help to you if you only give him half a chance.

I was glad to hear that Friend Truax had responded to the call - He is another real diamond. I have the pleasure of knowing him personally and he is one of the grandest men I have ever met. There is a Mr William Lasehuth - Redfield, S. D.

whom I think you will hear from in the near future.

My friends have given me loyal support thus far as only one to whom I have written has thus far refused fellowship & she I am quite sure will come in later. There is so much to be done on the farm at this time of the year that I get very little time for writing.

The Peony seed has been received (thank you) and they shall receive my very best attention.

If Sun. was the kind of a day with you that it was here (96 in the shade and hot wind blowing a gale) I fear you had rather an unpleasant day for your trip if you did not postpone it.

I have a Bittersweet Vine in my collection. Mine is a real (honest to goodness) vine. - Nothing half shrubby about it. It is covered with blossoms each spring - but up to date has stubbornly refused to bear any berries. - And I do think them so pretty. Yours may be a somewhat different form - so I shall be glad of a chance to try it any way.

You mention *brinnus* - Could you make them bloom?

Now about a permanent location for the N. H. S. - Personally I would like to see it located at or near St Paul or Minneapolis.

If not at one of these two, in some very near by, easily accessible suburb; And I will tell you why.

Geographically, they are very near the heart of the U.S.

There are many eastern people who get as far west as Mpls. and many westerners who never venture farther east.

Climatically it is rather cold. yet I find (in my extensive corr.) that we have far fewer losses than do people who are 500 miles south of there. Minn. I am told has about the largest variety of

native plants, trees and shrubs, of any state in the union.

They are great railroad centers. and also auto. trail centers so my vote would be for one of these two places. But listen! Hamilton Traub of Hering - is the originator of this society and he will have to take the management largely for some time to come. - He is a young man - a horticultural enthusiast. - and up to date has shown executive ability.

so personally I am going to be guided largely by what he thinks best. I am no longer young. And much of my life is in the past. yet I belong to a long lived race who

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retain their activities and faculties to the last, so I may be good for quite a stretch of time. Yet life is a very uncertain problem for either young or old, so one of my determinations is to live while I am still on earth and not be buried until I am dead.

This is Wed. morning - It looked very much like we were to have a regular (much needed) down pour of rain so the rest of the family went back to sleep and I am just letting them sleep, altho the rain was only a sprinkle - but if they get up I will have to lay this letter aside and get to work - do you get the point? But to get back to the N. H. S. Acting upon my above ideas I think it would be well for us to reconsider about only sending the rarer plants, &c for herbarium, as the more material that we can show that needs a permanent location - the more the public is going to be impressed with the real advantages of a N. H. S. and the more effort they will put forth to have it located in their midst.

I have an extra copy of (Reeds) Flower Guide. of wild flowers east of the Rockies, that I will send if you think it suitable.

The family are up now so I must close for this

time - but I am not out of things to write about.

Thank you for your kind invitation to send suggestions.

More later.

Respectfully Yours

Fannie Mahood Heath.

Aug. 11, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,  
V-Pres., National Horticultural Society,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I received your kind letter dated August 10th., with the fellowship dues for Messrs. Clarence Lown and George Dryburgh, and I have written them notifying them of their election to Fellowship in the Society. Mr. A. L. Truax, Crosby, N. D. has also sent in his dues together with a fine article on the wild flowers of Northwestern North Dakota. There are at present sixteen paid up Fellows in the Society, and quite a few others that have been nominated and have not as yet paid up dues. We are considering only those as elected to Fellowship who have paid their dues. This is quite a showing before the publication of the first number of the magazine. That the growth will be steady can easily be seen, and the Society will be a permanent American institution the same as the Royal Horticultural Society of England, and The National Horticultural Society of France (Societe Nationale D'Horticulture de France).

With regard to peony seed, it should be planted as soon as ripe (when pods turn yellow), and should not be allowed to air dry for in that case it will take two years to come up. Even then some will take two or three years to sprout. If planted in flats and kept in a cold frame over winter a goodly number should sprout the first year. You will find this the most fascinating work in the

whole horticultural field. If we plant a small crop of hand fertilized seed each year, we should be able to make a good showing in the next ten years. One variety like Lady Alexandra Duff, or Pleas' Jubilee is worth all the work involved, and the work of testing out is the most fascinating of all. Every day there is a new surprise when the seedlings begin to bloom.

It is of course understood that you will be under no obligation to me in this matter, for you can send me material from your collection which I will be glad to have in my permanent collection. Your lilacs and spireas interest me very much and I most assuredly would be glad to have them. I will send you a list of the philoxes, irises and peonies and other plants in the near future and you can mark what you can use in your collection. The peony and iris seed, however, is yours to do with what you like, and the plants are yours for I have my test plot entirely filled and would not plant this 1922 crop of seed for that reason. I will send you seed in the future whenever I can spare any, and you are willing to plant it. My main concern is to get the seed planted. I hope that you will do me this kind favor.

I will send complete cultural directions of plants that we will exchange as far as I know.

There is plenty room here for all the material to be collected for the Library, Herbarium and Museum, but it might be a good plan to confine the material to the choicest and rarest

headquarters of the Society. The headquarters will help a lot, but I thought that it would be best to wait until there are about ten members of the Board of Trustees before proceeding to establish permanent headquarters for the Society. That will make it more representative. Your suggestion, however, I most certainly a good one, and we should probably decide upon permanent headquarters just as soon as it can be done. Any further suggestions on this point are always in order. As a member of the Board of Trustees it is your privilege to offer suggestions at all times, and your advice will always be given the greatest consideration.

I shall be pleased to act upon your other suggestion, that of giving the list of names of those who send in books or specimens and this ought to act as a stimulus to others to send in material.

I am settled as much as a single man can be settled, but it seems that it might be a lot of effort wasted to assemble a permanent collection and then be obliged to move it later on, and for that reason I am doing experimental work along horticultural lines and I am specializing on that. I have done as you have---I have tried out everything I could procure from bananas, pineapples, figs, crâniums, etc and almost all the plants that are hardy in this climate. This of course is very interesting work but I am looking forward to the time when I will assemble my permanent collection which shall include all the species of plants that can be made to grow. Besides experimenting I have tested out hundreds of iris and peony seedings, and I hope to introduce some of my varieties into the trade later on.

I intend to motor to the west shore of West Battle Lake this coming Sunday and I will try to find some interesting plants and if I do I will forward some to you as I am collecting them for myself and I might as well get some specimens for you. I have ~~domesticated~~ the climbing bittersweet and one of the specimens I have collected is the finest one that I have ever seen. Have you this rare ~~half~~ climbing shrub in your collection? If not I will be pleased to send you a small plant as I have collected several last fall, and I have sent ~~some~~ to friends in different parts of the country and I have a few left which are looking for a ~~home~~ to dev~~elop~~ are so many interesting things to talk about that it is hard for me to close this letter, but I do not want to take up too much of your ~~time~~.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

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Hamilton Traub.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

August 10, 1922

Secretary, National Horticultural Society  
Henning, Minn.

Dear Mr Traub:

Your two letters of Aug. 6th and the package of Iris seeds have all been received. Little Bruce is always very much interested in the mail - and when I opened the package of Iris seeds he exclaimed "Oh see all the little Cucumbers." The seeds will be planted as per your instructions as I never planted Iris seeds but once before in my life - they were Kamfferi's and germinated nicely but all killed out the first winter. I shall watch eagerly to see how those you sent will behave -

Your offer to send divisions of all of your plants is so generous and involves so much value that I hesitate to accept it - for I hate to be in debt even for a kindness. Still my collection is large and I feel sure there is many plants

and shrubs in it that you will wish for <sup>in</sup> a permanent collection - Besides the tall white and common purple Lilacs - I have Mdm. Casimer Perier (a double creamy white), Alphonse La Valle, Emile Le Moine (double lilac) - Villosa, Josikea, Pekinsis, and the Persian (purple) and I could set plants of most of them where they would be growing into fine shapely bushes for you - In Spiraeas I have Van Houttei, Torbifolia, Opulifolia, Oblongifolia, (rare) - Arguta, Rosea, and our native white, in the shrubby varieties, <sup>I have</sup> and Spiraeas Ulmara, Gladstone, Palmata rosea, and filipendula in the ber-  
-baceous-varieties - In fact I have over 300 different varieties of hardy perennials and 50 shrubs so unless you are extremely particular there should be quite a number of desirables among them -

I have about 10 different kinds of Peonies - but very few of them are named varieties - or the name is unknown to me - And perhaps 20 different Iris - Many of them also are unnamed. I have had considerable trouble in the past in getting the choicer named varieties of Iris to winter - A correspondent told me last year that he tho't it was because my soil was too heavy so I tried putting them in a dryer location last year and they

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Came thru the winter in ~~and~~ <sup>AND</sup> FORKS, N. D. first class condition.

My greatest handicap is a shortage of water and my second greatest is a shortage of time. Still I have all the time there is - but there are so many things that I want to do that I find it hard to cut my desires to fit the time at my command. However if you wish to entrust me with the sacred keeping of your Peony seeds and other valuables I will do my best to merit the trust and will divide with you whenever you say the word.

If you could produce a large yellow Peony your fortune would be made. I am sure that you could find

ready sale for all the peonies that you raise whether they are new improved varieties or not - for most people want peonies and they don't care whether they are the best varieties or not.

Please do not put your self out to find those wild flowers I mentioned - for I am quite sure I can get them thru the exchange.

Before you send any peony seeds or roots will you please send me cultural directions for both - The best soil, location, and any other hints for their very best development.

I have devoted most of my time and energy to trying

out everything on the map to see what would and what would not stand this climate - and also how our wild flowers would act in cultivation, and have spent very little time trying to produce new or improved varieties or in trying out those which others had improved.

Enclosed you will find two dollars. Fellowship dues for Mr. Clarence Lower. 31 Forbus St. Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and George Dryburgh, Emerado. N.D.

What is our fellowship now? I sure like to see it increase. I will vouch for both of the above fellows.

Now about pressed specimens, have you a place to keep them? You see I could prepare quite a good many of them but if you havent room for them now I could confine my operations to the rarer ones. It seems to me tho that the sooner we have something of interest to attract people to the N.H.S.<sup>3</sup> headquarters the faster our fellowship will grow.

do you not think it would be well to give a list of the names of people who send in books or specimens in the Magazine, for a time at least? It might be too much of a task later on - but it might stimulate an activity along those lines in the beginning.

Please understand that you are to act on, or ignore any suggestions that I make - They are simply suggestions and I want you to feel free to treat them as such at all times.

I am sorry you are not settled in life and still more sorry that I havent any inducements to offer for your becoming such

Respectfully Yours.

Fannie Mahood Heath.

August 10, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,

Vice-Pres., National Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I picked the peony seed this morning and I am sending it to you under separate cover. The season was exceptionally dry and the crop is very small as compared with other years. Most of the seed did not set. This seed was selected for early red and yellow peonies, but of course there will be all shades represented in the offspring.

Peony seed can also be planted in flats just as Iris seed is and kept in a cold frame over winter. The seedlings can best be transplanted in the spring of the second year after planting.

Very truly yours,

HT:GG

Aug. 5, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,

Vice-President, ~~National~~ Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

Since sending off the letter to you this morning I have harvested the crop of hand fertilized Iris seed, and I am sending the entire crop to you. The capsules should be allowed to dry up until they take on a brown color, but <sup>the seed</sup> ~~the seed~~ should not be allowed to get entirely dry. Several pods are ready to be opened and the seed planted at once.

I plant my iris seed in flats and keep these moderately moist at all times, and set them in partial shade. When the plants sprout I transplant as soon as the plants <sup>are</sup> from two to three inches high. If the seed is good, most of these should sprout the first year, but some take several years or longer to sprout. I have raised many iris seedlings but as in the case of my peony seedlings I shall not introduce any into the trade unless they are superior to existing varieties.

It would be great if quite a number of the Fellows of the Society would undertake to originate superior varieties of plants, and I suppose it is up to us to take the lead in this matter.

I will send the peony seed a little later as it is not ripe as yet.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

Aug. 5, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,  
Vice-President, National Horticultural Society,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I received your kind letter dated Aug. 2nd with the interesting clipping from the Grand Forks Herald and Fellowship dues inclosed. I am sending herewith a receipt from the Treasurer, and am also returning the clipping as requested.

Your letter contained so many interesting matters that I hardly know where to begin as all these subjects interest me very much.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Yeager will join us and I am certain that he will be a valuable addition. Once we have the first issue of the Magazine published then it will be easier to explain the purpose of the Society. I am busy at the job of preparing the copy for the printer.

I am glad to hear that you will send an additional article on wild flowers to appear in the second number of the Magazine, and I hope that you will remain a regular contributor to each succeeding number. A question box or bureau of information is being put into the Magazine for the convenience of those who wish to ask questions. Another department will be open to all Fellows to exchange ideas on any subject of interest to the Fellows.

With regard to an exchange beg to say that I will be much pleased to arrange for the same. It was my wish that you should have a good

Strong division of the Peony, Lady Alexandra Duff which is my favorite. I am certain that you will be much pleased with this Peony. If you wish I will send you a division of all my peony plants that are large enough to stand division. Some of the rarer kinds I have gotten only recently and the plants were so small and weak that it will be a year or so before they will stand dividing. With regard to my irises the same is true. I am pleased to give you a strong division of all that will stand the division at this time. I also have several kinds of Hardy Phlox that will stand division at this time. Tigredias and Gladoli I have in abundance and quite a lot of other valuable plants. I am as yet a single man and I have not established my permanent collection and I shall not do so until I settle down definitely. When I entered the Army in 1917 I gave away my large collection I had at that time and the person who received it will give me <sup>divisions of</sup> any of the plants he may have from this collection when I make up my permanent collection. I will be pleased to do the same in this case. I will be glad to send you divisions of my collection and these are to be your property, and when I make up my permanent collection you may give me divisions from any of these varieties that you still grow. It is to be distinctly understood that you are not obligated to me in any way to keep growing any of these varieties. I am certain that your collection contains many rare plants that I will want for my permanent collection and we can arrange for exchanges later on. In the meantime I would appreciate it should you try out the Peonies and Irises in my collection.

I have been hybridizing peonies and irises for many years, and my main aim is to produce a large yellow peony. I have tested out hundreds of peony seedlings but have discarded almost all as not being improvements on existing varieties. I have again saved a small supply of hand fertilized seed from my best peony and iris varieties, and I will send this seed to you this year if you want it. I plant only hand fertilized seed as the trial plot becomes too large if ordinary seed is planted.

I will be pleased to try to find those wild flowers you mention and if I do succeed I will send them to you immediately.

I was much interested to read what you say regarding genealogy and this could most certainly be worked if the persons could be found to actively push it.

Trusting to hear from you again when you have time, I remain,

respectfully yours,

HT:GG

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Dear Mr. Traub.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 22

I haven't time to give titles to this morning  
Yours of July 28<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> have been received and I  
note all you say. I am very glad that Mrs. Steen  
is going to be one of us. She is surely an enthusiast.  
Mr. A. F. Yeager, (Horticulturist at our Agricultural  
College) has also written me that he too would join  
us. He will truly be a valuable addition.  
By the way he was the very first person to call  
me by my new title, as he was here the day your  
letter came telling me of my being chosen V.P.  
Daughter gave him your letter to read and when  
he came in he took off his hat and made a  
courtly bow saying Mrs. Vice President. He is fine  
and I know he will help.

I have correspondents in all parts of the U.S.  
and I am writing to them just as fast as my  
limited time will permit. This is a busy season  
however so I am making haste slowly

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GRAND FORKS, N. D.

I am enclosing a clipping from the G. F. Herald. If nothing happens to prevent I am going to attend a picnic to be given by the Old Settlers in a short time. I took the trouble to call at their tent at the fair and joined the association as they have now made it to include those who came in 1881 also. That is the year I came here with my parents. Mr. Heath came in 1877. It may not help the N. H. S. very much but I think it will help some.

I heartily agree with you about the N. H. S. being started in the middle west and I know there are many others who think the same for a goodly number have said they were so glad I had written those articles to the Flower Grower for that reason.

I hope to be able to send an additional article on wild flowers for the next number of the N. H. M.

It is no trouble to have my articles type written at present as daughter is here now and she has a machine and does my work for me. After she goes away I may avail myself of your kind offer.

You spoke of putting all of your surplus stock into

into the N. H. M.'s exchange. I have not the time  
to take on very many more exchangers but I would  
like to arrange an exchange with you if agreeable.  
My collection is rather a large one so there is liable  
to be something on my list that you would like and  
as for me I want anything and everything that I  
do not now have. Have you ever tried the dwarf  
Sedums? I am very fond of them and have a  
choice collection and as they are not entirely  
hardy here I would gladly send you some.  
I could only send small plants of some kinds but  
even the tiniest piece will grow so you could at  
least see what they are like.

You most assuredly may use anything I have written  
you about pressing flowers for publication and  
in addition you may say that for thick stemmed  
flowers or plants that it is well to use cotton batting  
I forgot to mention that before. I have pressed even  
Cactus blossoms that way and they were fine.  
Oh there is lots more to write about but it will have  
to wait till next time.

Sincerely

Fannie M. Heath.

The carrier went whizzing past  
ahead of time just as I was put-  
ting my letter in the envelope  
so I will write a little & more this  
evening.

When you go on that wild flower  
hike will you kindly tell me  
what flowers you find.

There are several wildlings that  
grew around my Minn. home  
that I would be very glad indeed  
to secure.

I am building me  
a new rock garden and I intend  
to dedicate it largely to wild  
flowers.

There was a little  
dwarf white *Cypripedium* that  
grew on rocky hill sides that  
I think I could make grow if I had  
them now.

Another was a  
*Hyssopus* or St. John's wort of  
some kind. It had metallic  
looking bright yellow blossoms

as large as a silver dollar, and  
such a lot of stamens. *Asclepias*  
*tuberosa* or plurise root, or but-  
terfly weed with its large flat  
clusters of bright orange flowers  
is another want.

There was also two shrubs that  
would be much appreciated.

One I do not know the name of.  
It had large three cornered seed  
pods about 2 or 3 inches long  
that hung on slender stems &  
contained several very hard seeds  
that rattled about in the parch-  
ment like pods. which gave  
it the common name of rattle-  
box. The other was the Wahoo  
which has 3 cornered pink capsules  
which open, disclosing 3 bright  
red seeds about as large as sweet  
peas. Its botanical name is  
*Eugenia Americana*. I think

3 Some time I will send you a list of what I have a surplus of. But if there is any plant that you especially desire name it as I may have it.

I never saw but few of the dwarf Sedums until a few years ago and I was charmed with them.

I also have 6 or 8 varieties of *Sempervivums*. (Hen & chickens) some of which are very pretty.

Some time I may ask you to come up and see my garden as it is not so very far.

I have quite a goodly number of flowers in press now for that National Herbarium. Some of them are rather rare Alpines and I am not sure that they will winter so am making hay while I have a chance.

I think it will be great.

Don't you think we should have  
a question box in the Magazine?  
I will ans. thru its pages questions  
about any plants that I write about.

Daughter is very much interested  
in Genealogy and she says that  
when we get the N. H. S. going  
right she will have us publish  
a National Genealogy Magazine  
also. One thing is certain and  
that is that people are becoming  
more and more interested in  
genealogy every day.

I am enclosing another dollar for  
Fellowship dues for Fannie S.  
Mahood Heath. if the committee  
on fellowships think her qualif-  
ied for fellowship.

It is bed time so I will call this  
enough for this time F. S. M. Heath

July 28, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I received your kind letters dated July 26th and 27th., and I was much pleased to read the article on "North Dakota Wild Flowers in Cultivation". The article is well written and deserves a place in any first rate publication. We are lucky to have such material to include in the first issue of The National Horticultural Magazine.

The Magazine to start with will be small, but as the fellowship in the Society increases, and enough material is available it will be gradually built up into a great monthly periodical such as The National Geographic Magazine now is. It is planned to make colored illustrations a feature of the Magazine as soon as it is possible to do so, and I will eagerly await the time when I can have the colored illustrations made of Mahood's Cave and vicinity to illustrate your article on that subject. Ordinary illustrations will be worked into the text of the Magazine before colored illustrations will be attempted.

It is planned to get out 500 copies of the first issue of the Magazine, and if advisable, the first edition can be 1000 copies. These copies will be much sought after in later years as the American Libraries will want a complete file of the Magazine, and private collectors will also want them.

The Society is daily growing in fellowship. During the

past week on an average of two nominations were received. I am glad that the Society was started in the Middle West so that the Easterners will know that there are real amateur horticulturists outside of their own section. The chances are that the Society, however, will soon have Fellows representing all sections of the Country. Most of the Fellows nominated so far have brought in one or more additional Fellows, and the growth promises to be steady, and we can expect to publish a fair sized list of Charter Fellows in the July 1923 issue of the Magazine. Charter Fellows will be enrolled until June 30, 1923. It was thought best to make but one charge of \$1.00 for all Charter Fellows enrolling by June 30, 1923 and allowing the \$1.00 to pay up to Dec. 31, 1923 so that all Fellowship dues will start with January 1 thereafter. If anyone joins during any other year he will receive all the back numbers of the Magazine for that year and his dues will pay up to Dec. 31st. of that year. This will greatly simplify the matter.

I note what you say regarding the style of your name on future stationery, and I will be pleased to comply with your request. There is no necessity to same on stationery, however, as it is the best advertising for the Society to use it whenever possible. And the sooner the present supply is put to good use the sooner I will be able to get out a supply with the name put as you want it. The next supply gotten out will be more artistic, but the simple appearance will be retained for nothing is so beautiful as the simple tastefully arranged.

I want to thank you for your kindness in giving the instructions regarding the pressing of herbarium material. I will use this information quite frequently myself this season and thereafter, and several others have asked for this information. May I have your permission to publish this information <sup>in</sup> the Magazine if further calls are received?

I have given the nomination of Mr. M. L. Moulton, of Thompson, N. D., the proper attention, and have sent him a receipt and a letter telling him of his election to Fellowship in the Society with a proper welcome. I am certain that he will be a valuable addition to the Society.

I am already on the outlook for material for the second issue of the Magazine and I certainly would be pleased to have you write on any subject you please, but it seems that additional articles on wild flowers would be of very great interest to all Fellows. Unless you so desire, it will not be necessary to ~~type~~ your articles typewritten as I can have it done here very easily, and I state this merely for your convenience for I want to make you as little extra trouble as possible.

It has been quite dry for the past five weeks, but the Gladioli and Hardy Phloxes are beginning to bloom any way. There are probably fifteen varieties of Gladioli in bloom and six varieties of Hardy Phlox. I enjoy them whenever opportunity offers, and the sight of the humming birds hovering around the Gladioli is most interesting. As soon as time permits I intend

to make several wild flower hikes as I enjoy wild flowers  
as much if not more than the commercial varieties.

Very truly yours,

HT:GG

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GRAND FORKS, N. D.

July 27-1922

Mr Hamilton Traub,  
Henning, Minn.

Dear Mr Traub,

Your kind favor of July 24<sup>th</sup> came yesterday.

Little Bruce also received his receipt of fellowship and was much pleased with it. I see by his receipt that it gives him fellowship until Dec 31-1923. are all who join now to be treated the same? If so I think it will be a great help in getting new fellows.

I am enclosing one dollar fellowship fee for E. L. Moulton, Thompson, N. D. P. 2. I spent part of last Sunday at his home and can unhesitatingly endorse his fellowship.

I am also enclosing article on wild flowers. We forgot to mention the length of article desired so I just had to guess. If it is too long you are at liberty to condense it. And if it

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is not up to the standard you have set for the new magazine you have my full permission to put it in the discard and I will try and do better next time. I did not have as much time to devote to it as I would have liked but I am a busy housewife and there are always so many things needing attention at this time of the year. When you get out new stationary for me I would prefer that you put my name as Fannie Mahood Heath. as that is the name I shall use in the future.

Minn. is my native state as I was born and raised near Spring Valley. The beautiful Mahood's Cave near there was named for my father as our home was only about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from there. So my people have asked me to sign my name as above.

I am waiting eagerly for the first issue of the National Horticultural Magazine. Will it have illustrations? If so. sometime I shall hope to see a cut of Mahood's Cave in connection with an article which I am writing regarding the wild

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flowers of that locality. I am quite sure that what stationary I now have on hand will last me for quite a time. I will try to be careful of it.

When gathering specimens for pressing, be sure to gather them when as free from moisture as possible, and use unglazed newspapers for pressing. If convenient it is well to lay the papers in a warm sunny place for a while before using. Then lay several thickneses of paper down then the flowers and more papers and more flowers with several layers of papers on top and then a board the size of your papers and a good heavy weight on top of that. It is well to change the papers after about a week as this insures their keeping their colors much better. I will send you a few samples shortly showing how I mount mine. Do you not think it would <sup>be</sup> wise to publish a goodly number of extra copies of the first copies of *N. H. M.* so that we can send them out to people whom we think would be interested in the proposition. I could place at least 25 copies that I feel sure would each bring a fellow.

Very Respectfully Yours

Grand Forks, N. D. July 26,  
1922

Dear Mr. Traub.

Unforeseen interruptions has prevented my getting my Wild Flower article ready for today's mail - but it is being typewritten now and I will send it tomorrow. It will contain about 12 or 15 hundred words. I received my sundays hiking companion as a new fellow in the N. H. S. I will send the money tomorrow.

Hastily Yours.

Samuel N. Heath.

July 24, 1922

Mrs. Fannie M. Heath,

Grand Forks, N. D. R1

Dear madam:

Your kind letter of July 22nd., was received to-day and I will answer immediately.

I was glad to receive the nomination of your grandson for fellowship in the Society, and he is the 15th to be nominated for fellowship. I have mailed him a receipt direct. I started my gardening activities at the age of three much in the same way as he under the guidance of my parents, and my interest has never lagged. The earlier the work is taken up the better the foundation.

Your procedure in nominating for fellowship in the Society is entirely correct in the case of friends. The Fellowship Committee will not turn down anyone who is interested in horticulture, and such a committee is retained only because it is a customary institution deeply rooted in the past. The National Horticultural Magazine will contain nominating and application blanks for the convenience of those who want to nominate or apply, but anyone can do so by letter also if desired.

The growth of fellowship in the Society will be a little slow at first, but after a year or so when all the fellows will nominate others to fellowship then the growth will be much faster. The increase in fellows will be steady and it is only a matter of time when the number will be great enough to warrant the Society in attempting other features of its great program.

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With regard to the stationery, beg to say that the same is furnished by the Society to its officers. The stationery was gotten out in a great hurry, and this was the best that could be secured on short notice. Later on we can have an even better letter-head made, but this one will probably do for quite some time.

I am accumulating books for The Horticultural Library, and I shall also keep my eyes open for herbarium specimens. I must confess that I have not the practical training in pressing and mounting this material, and any advice you could give me on this subject would be greatly appreciated. I intend to mount many of the Fall flowers.

I note what you say regarding the Board of Trustees. This provision was modeled after the Board of Trustees in The National Geographic Society which has found it impractical to work effectively with a loose organization. It will be impossible for all the fellows to come together, and the main link will be the Magazine and the horticultural exhibitions later. There must be some central authority that can effectively carry out the altruistic policy of the Society and that can best be achieved by a patriotic Board of Trustees. This provision was inserted only after much study and research, but in case the Board wants ever to make a change it can do so for it has full authority.

Thanking you many times for your kind letter, I remain,  
respectfully yours,

HT:GG

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Mr Hamilton Traub,

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

July 22-1922

Henning, Minn.

Dear Mr Traub,

It is needless to say that I received the fine box of stationary which you so kindly sent me. I was much pleased with it and think it is a long step in the right direction. It being one of the suggestions which I intended making as I think stationary goes far in creating an interest in any new enterprise.

This has been a very busy week for me, so outside of writing a number of letters to per friends whom I think will be interested in the N. H. S. I have done little to help it to its feet. altho I did gather and put into press for its herbarium a beautiful Pet alostemon or Prairie blower.

Tomorrow (weather permitting) I am going on a wild flower hike with a man who has spent

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intensely interested in horticulture as well so I hope to have him as a fellow worker ere the day is ended. The next day I hope to devote to my Wild Flower article for the N. H. M.

I am enclosing one dollar for the fellowship of Master Bruce Harold Frazer, in The National Horticultural Society. His address is Grand Forks, N. D. R.I. He is my grandson and is just 4 years old. He is very much interested in gardening and has his own garden and garden tools. I was just 7 years old when I planted my first garden under the guidance of my Grandmother and I have had a garden every year since so I see no reason why he should not do as well.

Do I pay for my stationary or is it charged up to the society? I am very willing to pay for it if so desired. I am not entirely clear in my mind as to just how I should proceed in getting new fellows.

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I have told those to whom I have written to send their dollar to you and state that I had nominated them for fellowship in the N. H. S. as it is my opinion that the Committee on Fellowship is not going to turn down any one who is interested in Horticulture. I have not had the time to familiarize myself with all of the articles of incorporation but so far as I understand it - it is sound and good.

It surely makes the Board of Trustees all powerful which is as it should be - for they are the ones who will make or mar the society - and they are also the ones who are putting their time & money into it. (my self excepted) and they are entitled to the say as to how it should be run.

You will hear from me again ere long.

Yours in Fellowship.

Fannie Mahood Heath.

July 15, 1922

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,  
Grand Forks, N. D. R1

Dear madam:

I received your very kind letter dated July 13th. Your kind acceptance of the Vice-Presidency and membership on the Board of Trustees will do much toward speeding up the Society's success. I am, of course, so intensely interested in horticulture that I will devote as much time and energy to the Society as I possibly can, but the co-operation of the enthusiastic amateurs will actually put the organization on a smoothly running basis.

I am inclosing a signed copy of the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, and this includes the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws as an integral part of the minutes.

A local committee of amateurs met on June 26th., and appointed the committee of three to incorporate the Society, and elected the three, including myself, to the Board of Trustees and as the first officers to hold over until the first meeting on July 10th at which meeting the present officers were elected.

The Board of Trustees now consists of five members, and this number is to be increased by two each year until the total number of Trustees is twenty-five. The sentiment of the

organizers was to draw up a general form of the Society using The National Geographic Society as a model, and this form is to be modified from time to time as the trustees see fit. The By-Laws cover all contingencies, but it will not be possible to put the entire program into practice at once. The idea behind all proceedings so far has been to vest final authority for everything in the Board of Trustees. All proper safeguards have been incorporated into the By-Laws and resolutions adopted so far.

The headquarters as indicated in the Certificate of Incorporation are to be understood as only temporary, and permanent headquarters are to be established after the Society has been going for a few years, and after more members have been elected to the Board of Trustees.

For the present the officers elected are those who are necessary to put the organization on its feet, but as soon as possible, the Regional Vice-Presidents should also be elected. After we have been going for six months or a year, then competent amateurs in the different sections will be available for these positions.

It is planned to publish the first issue of THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL MAGAZINE on July 31st., if the material can be gotten together in time, and if this is not possible, the issue will appear as early as practicable in August. The second issue will appear late in October or early November.

Your article on Wild Flowers for our gardens will be awaited with interest, and any other contributions that you may desire to make to the first and succeeding numbers of the Magazine.

Your suggestion regarding pressed botanical specimens for THE NATIONAL HERBARIUM strikes a responsive chord. After sufficient material of this character has been gathered, and the results tabulated and checked and published, then there will be a chance to arrive at some semblance of standardization. The material in the Herbarium is then of permanent value to all interested in horticulture.

I am sending under separate cover a supply of official letterheads, and these should reach you in a day or so.

Kindly do not hesitate to call for all the explanations that are desired regarding the Society.

Awaiting your advice, and suggestions, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

Mr Hamilton Traub,  
Henning, Minn.

Dear Mr Traub.

In accepting the high honors  
which you have bestowed upon  
me I wish to thank you for  
your kindness in so doing  
and also to congratulate you  
on the alacrity with which you  
have proceeded to put your plans  
into operation.

I was not surprised to learn that  
Mr Cooper had withdrawn from  
the Society as he had expressed  
his intention of doing so in

the letter which I received from him a short time ago.

He still retained his faith in the undertaking and thought there was need for such an organization.

His only doubts seemed to be about the best method and time for launching the enterprise and favored Dec 1st. at the earliest. I told him procrastination was not one of my strong points and that I thot. we would be no farther along by Dec 1st than we would be by July 1st. so your proceeding to organize at once was in full accord with my ideas.

I shall be very glad to receive <sup>a</sup> copy  
of the articles of incorporation,  
bylaws and minutes of the  
meeting - and also to send  
you an article on wild flowers  
for the first copy of The National  
Horticultural Magazine. - I have  
made quite an extensive study  
of our wild flowers and their  
behavior in cultivation.

When do you contemplate publishing  
the first copy?

I wish also to congratulate you  
on that B. A. degree.

As soon as I have read the articles  
of incorporation &c. I will send

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you my ideas as to how we  
can best bring the new  
Society and its benefits before  
the public.

I feel confident that there  
will be a rather rapid and  
lasting growth for the new  
society as there is surely need  
for more co operation among  
horticulturists thru out our  
great land.

I suggest that as a means  
of creating an immediate  
interest in the society that  
people be asked to send in

pressed botanical specimens  
from their various localities  
giving the botanical name when  
known and also the local com-  
-mon name. - In this way  
you would rapidly build up an  
herbarium and also learn of  
the many discrepancies in the  
common names as they now  
exist. If this suggestion  
meets with your approval I  
will send you direction for  
the best method of preparing  
such specimens.

Again thanking you for  
the confidence you have

in my ability to "make good"  
and wishing you every suc-  
cess and much harmony  
in your new undertaking  
I am

Sincerely Yours.

Fannie S. Heath.

W. Grand Forks,  
N. D.

Henning, Minn.,

July 11, 1922

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear madam: I received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota on June 14th., and I returned to Henning in time to see the last of the Irises and almost all of the Peonies in flower. Lady Alexandra Duff, Sarah Bernhardt, Mid-Summer-Nights Dream, M. Martin Cahueas, Festiva Maxima were exceptionally good this season.

Mr. Cooper has voluntarily withdrawn from The National Horticultural Society thus leaving the burden of starting the Society on my shoulders. The project had been held up so long that it was deemed advisable to proceed at once and a local committee of amateur horticulturists (Messrs. Eric B. Magnuson, Axel A. Tervola, John F. Traub, Frank Green and the writer) actually started the Society by incorporating it. The National Horticultural Society came into legal existence on July 1, 1922, and the first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 10th. At this meeting you were elected to the Board of Trustees and you were also elected Vice-President of the Society. It is hoped that you will accept. The duties of the office are not very exacting and you will be able to do full justice to it with the limited time at your disposal for your time most likely is pretty well taken up.

The Society will not attempt too much at the start. It would probably be best to make your suggestion of banding together the floral enthusiasts of the United States for

the purpose of exchanging plants, the cornerstone of which  
Trusting that you will be able to help  
Society. In this way the amateur collections all over the  
along, I remain.  
Country will be greatly enriched and a solid foundation for  
further effort will be laid. I am willing to lend all my  
respectfully yours,  
surplus stock for this purpose.

HT:GA The Society will publish four small numbers of THE  
NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL MAGAZINE for the first year. The  
expense of publication will not be very great and it is  
volunteers to carry the expenses of publication for the  
first year until the membership is large enough to meet  
the expenses of publication.  
In their magazine, the fellows of the Society may give  
detailed descriptions of the exchanges they wish to make,  
and articles on garden subjects contributed by members  
will be published. After a period of years, when the  
membership has increased sufficiently the Society can  
fulfill the rest of its program as outlined in a former  
letter to you. There is a distinct need for the organi-  
zation, and the Society is bound to have a steady growth.

It is planned to devote most of the space in the first  
number of the magazine to the Montana and North Dakota  
Wild Flowers, and it would be appreciated if you could  
furnish a short article on North Dakota Wild Flowers for  
American Gardens outlining what has been done, and what  
will be done toward bringing these natives into our gardens.  
Probably you could induce several of your friends in Montana  
and other states to furnish short articles on Wild Flowers  
also. This would be an appropriate start for the magazine.  
In the next succeeding number, those who wish could offer  
these native flowers for exchange in the Exchange column.

Francis S. Heath  
Grand Forks, N. D.

1730 Newton Av., No.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.,  
April 24, 1922.

Dear madam:

Your kind letter of March 28th was forwarded to me at Minneapolis where I am attending the University of Minnesota for the Spring Quarter. I am doing research work in Ecology and will receive an academic degree on June 14th, and I will then return to my home at Henning.

What you say regarding our native plant material certainly interests me immensely, and I am very grateful to you for your careful and instructive delineation of the work of Mr. Lown and Mrs. Wilder.

Your suggestions are always welcome and these will receive careful consideration at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees. I began reading Park's Floral Magazine at the age of ten years and have had it ever since, and I appreciate your suggestion at its full worth.

I will keep you informed of any new developments regarding The National Horticultural Society.

Trusting to hear from you at your convenience, I remain,

Sincerely

Henning, Minn.,

March 16, 1922

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,

Grand Forks, N. D. RI

Dear madam:

Your kind letter dated March 15th., was received to-day, and in reply I want to say that it is the little things that count in this world. It is an easy matter to accomplish the big things, but in most cases people fall down miserably when it comes to doing the little things that mean the most in the long run such, for instance, as creating a beautiful home by their own efforts and a home that they will really appreciate.

As the main object of THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will be to spread the gospel of practical home beautification, it seems to us that you are fully qualified to accept an office in the new Society and that you will have a greater opportunity to help others, and we have no fear that you will not do credit to yourself. It is planned to have three Vice-Presidents, and we feel that you could probably do the most good by accepting a Vice-Presidency in the new Society. You would receive the honors that are due you in recognition of your very successful attempt in solving the real problem of home making in the Great Plains region, and the duties would not be more than you can easily handle for we realize that your time to devote to this activity must necessarily be quite limited.

F.S.H.--#2

The National Geographic Society, located at Washington, D. C., is doing in the field of geography what we propose to do for horticultural advancement. Membership costs \$5.00 a year, and all members receive The National Geographic Magazine. Besides this activity, the Society publishes books on geography, charts, maps, etc. In 1905 this Society had 4,000 members, and to-day it has 700,000 members and is still growing.

Thanking you for your kindly interest in The National Horticultural Society, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

BT:GG

Henning, Minn.,  
March 25, 1922..

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,  
Grand Forks, N. D. R1

Dear madam: Your valued letter dated March 22nd and the clippings from the Grand Forks Herald were received to-day, and I read the same with much interest. The practical example in gardening set by you will certainly do much to make the home life on the Great Plains more satisfying.

We are rushing the technical part of the work along as quickly as possible, and hope to have some results to send to the Committed members for their approval by the end of May. The Articles of Incorporation are being drafted at present, and if all goes as planned the Society may come into being on July 1st, but in any event, not later than November of this year. The Organization Committee will probably be announced in the May Flower Grower, and the work will be pushed through as quickly as possible from then on.

I note with interest what you write regarding alpine and native flora of North Dakota and Montana. This is a very promising outlook. Up to recently most of our native flowers were appreciated only in European, especially English, gardens. I am not acquainted with the work of Mr. Lown, and would be pleased to know something more about his work.

I will keep you posted on all the latest developments regarding The National Horticultural Society. I think that there are now seven who have been definitely picked for the Organization Committee, including yourself and Dr. Bennett, who were the first ones chosen.

Thanking you for your kind letter, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HT:CO

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr Traub-

GRAND FORKS, N. D. Aug 31-1922

This of necessity is going to be only part of a letter. I had planned to write you very fully Sun. but that was another of those days that was crowded so full of company from early morning until late evening that there was no chance to do any thing. As you are a new beginner in the chain letter business I am writing the first one. Then you add your letter to the chain and enclose it with mine and send it to ~~Mr Moulton~~ me. I will send it on to Mr Moulton and he will add his letter and send it to Mrs. Stevens and so on until it gets back to you when you take out your first letter and keep it and write a new one and send it on again just as before. There are no rules and regulations only that each one aims to not hold the letters longer than is convenient. You can write on any subject you like and make your letters as long or as short as you like and ask as many questions as you like and answer as many as you can. We have had some very interesting letters make the rounds in the other chain and I see no reason why these should not be the same. When I get your letter I will enclose a short personal letter of instructions to Mr Moulton as he too is a new beginner.

Miss Edwards came out yesterday evening for a short time. She was accompanied by 3 girl friends. She is all enthusiasm & eagerness right now. But she is in that large class of enthusiasts who are so busy watching for the fire to burn up bright that they forget entirely to add fuel until it is cold. But.

may get into the swing of the society and become a very active and useful fellow. "Here is hoping."

Yes I am sure Mr Geager can be of much valuable assist-  
-ance.

You certainly have had splendid educational advantages. Mine were very conspicuous by their absence as all the schooling I ever had was 3 months in summer and 4 in winter in the district school until I had completed a 6th or 7th grade education. The rest has been acquired largely from various sources much of which was <sup>from books</sup> propped up in some convenient location so that I could study while I did my kitchen work. I have never been east of Illinois but have made 3 trips to that state and two to the Pacific coast. As soon as I can I will send you a list of people who might act as regional V. P. for the various districts.

I received the *Gladiolus* seeds & *Z.* bulbs safely. Thank you. I received the extra copies of the N. H. M. and am making them out again just as fast as I can get the time to write the letters. I find that I can enclose a copy and one sheet of this paper in a large envelope and it only costs the same 2 cents that it would otherwise have cost me to send my letter. We will take up the question of postage later. I also have a few suggestions to make about the Magazine but they too must wait. I have a lot of fruit that just has to be attended to right now so I will have to ask for more time. But I assure you I will write as soon as possible and also send you the Phlox & plants. We are getting a good much needed rain today so they will all be improved by the wait. I will also explain about the exc. in magazine soon.

August 30, 1922

Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,

Vice-Pres., National Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I sent out several packages of plants to day and I thought that you might want some of these varieties also and so I sent the following:

Lythrum, Rose Queen  
Ajuga reptans  
Native Bittersweet (seedling)  
Cut-leaf Elder  
Dwarf Boston Fern  
Creeper for house culture (name not known at present)

The Lythrum is a very valuable variety that is certain to give satisfaction. You probably have the wild species, and this one is as beautiful and is thoroughly domesticated. Ajuga reptans is a fine plant for carpeting the ground and has blue flowers in the spring. The Cut-leaf Elder you probably have. It is a rather rank growing variety and should be kept in the background or used for landscape effect. Probably you can give me the name of the tender creeper.

In my last letter I forgot about the pink Amaryllis. I would be glad to have a bulb as I am an Amaryllis fan.

I have acknowledged receipt of dues directly to Mr. Lee H. Mahood, Hibbing, Minn.

Respectfully yours,

ET:GG

Aug. 26, 1922

Mrs. Fennie Mahood Heath,

Vice-President, National Horticultural Society,

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam: Your very kind letter of Aug. 25th., which is filled to the brim, figuratively speaking, with interesting comment and helpful suggestions, reached me to-day and I am answering at once in order to get the chain letter started.

I have never had the good fortune to be included in a chain letter before and I assure you that I appreciate your kindness very much and I will do my best to contribute my ideas and musings to this interesting and educational form of correspondence. I have often heard the chain letter spoken of, but as I have never been included in such a chain, I am at a loss how to begin the letter. If you will tell me the rules, I will start the letter at once.

The photograph interests me very much, and I think that an enlarged copy should most certainly be preserved in the Museum. Later, I want to reproduce it in the Magazine.

I note what you say regarding Miss Edwards and I am certain that she will derive much pleasure from taking an active interest in the N.H.S., and I shall write to her fully when she sends in her dues.

Since I wrote you last, Prof. Yeager has sent in his dues with a very nice letter in which he promises his full support. He certainly is a valuable addition. I have asked him to send in an article to appear in the next number of the Magazine.

Your suggestions are always so good that I am always looking for

want to dominate. I feel the same as you do--if some one has a good suggestion to offer, I am in favor of it. Most of my time on earth was spent in school. After completing the grades and the high school( in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota) I spent over four years at the University (Harvard College, 1 year, and University of Minnesota, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  years). I have spent considerable time in travel in the Midland and East and South. I have lived for 9 months at Cambridge, Mass., 3 months in New York City, in studying at the Central Library, 2 months at Washington, D.C., studying at the Library of Congress. I spent one vacation in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, and other points in the South. As an American soldier, I traveled through Scotland, England and was stationed for over a year in France. After the Armistice, I received a furlough which I spent in Paris and Southern France; where I visited Lyons, Marseilles, Nice, Cannes, Monte Carlo and Mentone. But the longer I live the more modest I become and I realize that many heads are better than one when it comes to the organization of a national society. Your suggestions are certainly always in order, and the nominations you have made for Regional Vice-Presidents are agreeable to the rest of the Trustees and they have so much faith in your ability that they are willing to have you nominate the first Regional Vice-Presidents. Would Mr. Lown accept the post for District No. 5? If not, I may be able to find a suitable candidate if he is not too busy with other matters to accept. I have several candidates in mind for District No. 9, but have not approached any as yet. Mr. W.M. Stone, Annadale, Minn. may accept the post for District No. 2. It would be best to allow you to make out a complete roster of Regional Vice-Presidents for you have had a much wider correspondence than I have had in the horticultural field and

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you are therefore in a better position to pick out the eligible ones. Miss Sherman of Oregon and Mr. Issenhuth of South Dakota would be good choices. We will depend upon you to nominate the Regional Vice-Presidents if it is agreeable to you.

I have fully decided to include an accurate account of your garden activities at Grand Forks, and their national significance, in the contemplated "History of American Horticulture". I have gathered many notes so far and a complete outline of your work will be of great service to me. The task is a great one and it will be some years before it will be completed but it will be well worth the trouble involved. There is at present no such work to be had, and the task is so great that I do not fear that anyone will get out such a work before mine is completed.

I note what you say regarding Iris seed. On account of the drouth, which lasted from June 15th to August 23rd., the seed crop is very short, and the Iris seed especially is <sup>short</sup> ~~####~~ this year. I was not a bit surprised that very little seed had formed. The seed has a unique appearance, and <sup>one</sup> would hardly imagine that it was seed. Your treatment in planting seed is better than mine for you will then be able to let your seedlings grow several seasons before transplanting.

I am sending you some *Gladiolus* seed, and five varieties of *Zephyranthes* (belonging to the *Amaryllis* Family). The *Gladiolus* seed is also rather scarce this year, and the seed seemed to set mostly on the *Primulinus* hybrids. This seed should give a good collection of the *Primulinus* hybrids as it was selected from the finest yellows in my collection. *Gladiolus* seed is planted in the kitchen garden like onions and cultivated like onions. Some will bloom the second year, and all

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will bloom the third year. The *Zephyranthes* may be treated like summer-flowering bulbs or potted for the house. These were rested this summer.

I grew the spotted calla many years ago, and I would be pleased to receive a bulb of it again if you can spare one. I would like a root of *Peony officinalis* for my permanent collection. I could also use the *Sedums* and *Sempervivums* now if you can spare them. I am awaiting the phlox blooms with great interest.

I have raised many Dahlias, but I have never tried the *Achimenes*. I will write more next time.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. Traub.

GRAND FORKS, N. D. August 25<sup>th</sup> 1922

Your good letter of the 23 came yesterday and as usual was both very instructive as well as entertaining. I fully agree with you that quality in the foundation of an organization is of first magnitude importance and we surely are getting it in our new undertaking. Yes we had several snaps taken of our little gathering. I am enclosing the best one as it is very good of all except Mrs Obergfell. Hers does not do her justice but hers is one of those faces that owe so much to the animated expression she has and which is impossible for a photograph to catch.

We are thinking of starting a second chain as there are a couple of people who would like to join our present chain and Mrs Strong thinks the circle complete now without any more links. If this would be agreeable to you, I will start a second chain that will contain the following and they will come in in the order in which I give them here. You will start the first one then I then Mr Moulton Mrs Stevens Mr Ruess Mrs Obergfell then take in Mr Isenbuth on its way back to you. I am quite certain that you will find the letters helpful and they certainly help greatly in creating a strong

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in Grand Forks whom I am thinking very strongly of including also. She is a fine young lady, and well educated - tho somewhat peculiar in her general makeup. I am sure she would be glad to come in. I am going to ask her to send in her fellowship fee to the N.H.S. Write her a good personal letter and ask her to do what she can in behalf of the society in Grand Forks. she has both money and leisure and will be a splendid worker while the fervor lasts. She was to come out to see me a short time ago, but the weather prevented. She is eager to get into something interesting and I believe she will find this very much to her liking. I want you to become better acquainted with Mr. Truax as I think he would "make good" as a member of the board of trustees - as he seems to be a man of more than average honor and justice in his dealings. Please do not think that I am trying to dominate in the suggestions that I am going to make along these lines - for as you know and I know I am only one of the board. - as a neighbor girl used to tell me years ago when I got my first public office - "School Clerk", a position which I held for 14 consecutive years and then refused to hold longer for I was no longer interested materially in the school, so you see I have that thoroughly incorporated in my nature - that I am only one of the board. But as I understand it - You are only a young man and have not come in per contact or personal contact with any very great number of people thru out the U.S. Neither have I altho my years are many more than yours. This is a National affair so

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

GRAND FORKS, N. D.

so I am merely going to give you the names of those whom I consider best for the positions which I shall mention - I should like to see either Mrs Obergfell or Mr Essenhuth Regional V.P. of No 1 - I would favor Mrs B. were it not that she is so far from the center - Mr. L. is more centrally located - is a College graduate, an attorney, and also has a family of growing boys and girls as assistants and who may become interested in the work when he lays it aside - For No. 6 there is a Miss Maud Sherman, of Athena, Oregon who is fine - She is an enthusiast, a teacher by profession, and in every way desirable, it seems to me - She is very well informed regarding her native flora - As soon as the N.H. Magazines arrive I am going to send her one and see if I can not get her fellowship - I have exchanged with her for years - If we get her I know she will be a valuable helper and send plants for trial and also herbarium material - The parties that I have named are all that I have in mind at present for any of the vacant positions - But when the time comes to fill them if the other trustees have no choice I will do my best to help - I have my seed bed all finished now and shall plant the remainder of the seeds you sent me soon now - I am planting them in a protected frame in open ground where they will get the morning sun - I have had best luck with other seeds when planted that way - for you see owing to water short

and where they are in open ground they can keep right on growing - as I aim to not get them too thick - and I cover the frames in too severe weather - I fear you harvested the Iris seed too green as only one capsule had perfect seed - Many of them may grow but they did not look very good - I am not an Iris seed expert tho. so may be mistaken -

The Piony seed is fine and there is such a lot of it too - Thank you for it - and believe me if they yield anything extra fine you shall share in all the honors & otherwise -

I received the plants that you sent and they were all different from any that I have - Thank you for them - Do you have the Spotted Calla? I can send you a good bulb if not. I treat mine the same as Gladiolus. I also have some pink Amaryllas that are blooming fine now that I treat the same way - Want a bulb?

You never told me whether you wanted me to send you the Sedums and Semprivivums or not -

What a splendid array of Pionies and Phlox you have - I shall be glad to get such as you can spare -

I will send you a box of blossoms of my Phloxes, <sup>the blossoms</sup> and you can see if there are any that you would care for - My white Pyramidales is the best I have - Its grand!

Do you raise Dahlias and Achimenes? I have both - This is my first season for Achimenes but it is not going to be my last - Have you the early red Piony officinalis? I can send you a root of it if not also my best white one - also a very large pink one that is a beauty when it does bloom but it is ~~sh~~ shy a bloomer -

I am enclosing one dollar Fellowship fee for Lee H. Mahood, Hibbing Minn. He is my favorite Nephew and I am glad to have him with us - If the chain letter appeals to you and you will include yours in your next I will send it on and we will start it rolling at once -

Should you decide to put me in your History of Horticulture and wish me to do so I will send you as complete an outline of my work as I know how to write - I think this will do for this time - Sincerely Yours

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Mrs. Fannie Mahood Heath,

V-Pres., National Horticultural Society.

Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam: I beg to inform you that the general has been located

to have been giving much thought lately to the problem of making the National Horticultural Magazine a good advertising medium so that the Magazine will in a few years bring in a sufficient income to finance the activities of the Society. The first step is of course to build up a respectable fellowship which will take several years time. Another necessary arrangement is to include no department in the Magazine that the professional horticulturists might object to for they are the ones who will all want to advertise in the Magazine as soon as our fellowship reaches a thousand or more. I have come to the conclusion that the exchange department should be issued as a separate bulletin which is sent only to the Fellows. I am sending herewith a suggestion in the form of a Bulletin for your consideration. If you think that this is a good plan we will proceed on this principle. The rest of the Executive Committee are also in favor of this. At the next meeting of the Trustees the move can then be embodied in an appropriate resolution.

I suppose that you have received the copies of the first small number of the Magazine by this time. I have had the subject matter copyright in the name of the Society. The next number will be published in November, and I am beginning to plan it already.

be distributed in November. And I am returning to you the money.  
 better collection in the name of the Society. The next number will  
 carry number of the magazine as this time. I have had the address  
 I enclose this for you to collect the copies of the paper  
 in the subscription.  
 At the next meeting of the Executive the whole can then be arranged.  
 An article from your pen on a species of wild flower under  
 cultivation, and on any other subject is depended upon and I  
 am reserving space for the same. The articles for this number  
 need not reach me until about October 15th.  
 If you have the names of people interested in horticulture  
 I will be pleased to send them copies of the Magazine. The list  
 of those who offer exchanges in Park's Magazine should be worth  
 while, but I have given my file of Park's to friend of mine in  
 California so that I can not get access to such a list at this time.  
 It is of course understood that you are not to pay your own  
 postage on copies of the Magazine mailed out, and I will write to  
 the Postmaster at Grand Forks to have him mail you stamped envelopes  
 or you can procure them and send in an account of the amount and the  
 Treasurer will send you a check. If is of course not right to expect  
 you to pay the postage on copies of the Magazine mailed out and you  
 should not feel it an imposition to let the Society pay the postage  
 on the copies sent out. Kindly let me know your wishes in this matter.  
 If you have any criticisms and suggestions to make regarding  
 the Magazine I will appreciate them at this time so that I can  
 incorporate new ideas in the next issue. The number of pages will  
 of course be increased as soon as practicable. The January 1923 issue  
 in which the Charter Fellows will be announced, will be at least eight  
 pages or more, and this number will in fact mark the end of the  
 organization stage for then we can consider that the main foundation

has been laid. You will notice that the time limit for Charter Fellows has been changed from June 30, 1923 to ~~December~~ 31, 1922. The members of the executive committee here at the last moment thought it advisable to announce it in this way as to wait until June 1923 would be unduly prolonging the organization stage. This <sup>move</sup> must of course be acted upon by the Trustees at their next meeting. Kindly let us know what your recommendation is on this matter. My honest opinion now is that we should finish the organization stage by the first of January 1923, so that we can go ahead as a full-fledged organization. We can all do our best to get Horticulturists to join us and the total fellowship should then be announced in the January issue as the Charter Fellows.

I will write more about other matters in my next letter.

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

Aug. 23, 1922

Mrs. Pannic Mahood Heath,  
V-Pres., National Horticultural Society,  
Grand Forks, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I received your kind and interesting letter dated Aug. 20th., and I shall try to answer it as fully as possible.

In order to start an organization the quality of the founders counts for more than the quantity, and once we have everything in good running shape then the quantity will also be supplied. Did you have a picture taken of the gathering at your home in June? Such pictures should be preserved in the Museum, and as soon as illustrations are worked into the text of the Magazine, such pictures can be reproduced for the Fellows will surely be much interested in gatherings of this kind. When the Society gets a little farther along such gatherings will be more frequent at the regional horticultural exhibitions, and nothing is a greater inspiration to me than to meet people interested in horticulture for they are as a rule of a high type.

I sent back the proof of the Magazine to-day, and before many more days the same will be off the press. I will send you a supply at once as soon as received. The second issue I plan to get out during November, and thereafter the Magazine will appear in January, April, July and October of each year until it is changed to a monthly periodical.

I have checked up my Hardy Phloxes and I find that the following will stand division and I will send you the divisions as soon as get around to it:

- "O. Wittich" deep rose, white halo, carmine eye
- "Europa" White, crimson-carmine eye
- "Josephine Gerbeaux" White, large rose center
- "E.G. Von Lassburg" pure white
- "Snow White" pure white, smaller than above (my own seedling)  
not to be introduced to the trade because it  
is not an improvement on above, but worthy of a  
place in a private collection)
- "Pharaoh" lilac rose, large white center
- "Loki" salmon pink, dark carmine eye
- "Brogiant" rosy lilac shading to white border
- "Gruppengeigen" flesh colored rose, carmine eye
- "Ornament" clear rose, lilac halo, darker center
- "Ostaria" light rose pink, carmine-crimson eye

The Hardy Phloxes are easily grown, they want the full sun and a rich soil with no fresh fertilizer in the soil. The only ones I ever lost were some that were planted late in October and which did not get time to become established before the frost set in.

The peonies that are ready for division are:

- Albiflora, La Fiancee (Dessert) 8.4
- Avalanche (Crousse) 8.7
- Cavalleria Rusticana (Kelway) 7.7
- Duchesse de Orleans (Calot) 6.1
- Eduis Superba (Lemon) 7.6
- Elwood Pleas (Pleas)
- Eugenie Verdier (Calot)
- Festiva Maxima (Millez) 9.5
- Galtee Murre (Kelway)
- John Richardson (Richardson) 8.1
- Lady Alexandra Duff (Kelway) 9.1
- La Perle (Crousse) 8.5
- Lemon Queen (Japanese)
- L'Esperance
- Madame Emile Galle (Crousse) 8.5
- Madame Emile Lemoine (Lemoine) 8.9
- Marguerite Gerard (Crousse) 8.4
- Marie Jacquin (Kelway) 8.3
- Mid-Summer Nights Dream (Pleas) 8.5
- Monsieur Martin Caluzac (Dessert)
- Odetta (Dessert) 7.3
- Pottai Alba (Buyck) 8.3

Sarah Bernhardt (Lemoine) 9.0  
Solfatare (Calot) 7.6  
Whitley (Syn. Queen Victoria)

(Rating of the American  
Peony Society given at  
the right)

The following varieties have not been sufficiently tested to make certain that they are true to name:

L'Esclatante (Calot)  
Lord Roseberry (Kelway) 7.8  
Mr. Manning (Kelway) 7.7  
Bunch of Perfume (Kelway) 7.0

The above appear almost synonyms to me, kindly let me know what you think of these four varieties when they bloom.

I will check up my Irises in the near future and will send the list as soon as possible.

I note that you are now a member of the N. G. S. The N. H. S. will go a little farther in serving its fellowship than does this great and valuable society. Horticulture touches the lives of the people more intimately.

I am in receipt of the copy of Reed's "Flower Guide" and I have catalogued it with the rest of the books accumulated. I am inclosing card index cards showing author and subject index. Kindly return index cards.

I am much pleased to receive the nomination of Mr. C. Z. Nelson of Galesburg, Ill. as a member of the Board of Trustees to be elected as one of the next two. I certainly will cast my vote for him.

I fear that I have not covered all the matters touched on in your kind letter, and I will try to cover the other points in my next letter. I must confess that the subject is so very interesting to me that I am at a loss where to begin and where to leave off.

## National Horticultural Society

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr Hamilton Traub.

GRAND FORKS N. D. August 28th 1922

Secretary, National Horticultural Society  
Henning, Minn.

Dear Mr Traub,

Your good letter of Aug 17th. has been received, and I note all you say. I am glad that you wrote to Mrs Stevens. She is a very fine woman and I feel sure she will develop into a genuine helper. Mrs C. S. Russell is another good one. She is the Mc Graw correspondent to the Cortland Standard and is liable to have considerable to say about the N.H.S. She also has a very choice collection of plants of many kinds. You can judge of Mrs. Obergfell's enthusiasm when I tell you that after reading my articles in Parks Magazine she wrote to me and after we had exch. letters for some time she made the trip from Sidney, to my home to see what could be done with a piece of prairie land. She has a beautiful ranch home and in a very short time it is going to be one of the show places of Mont. In fact it is that now and it is going to be much finer. I hope to visit her next summer. Mr Isenbuth is another good one. He, Mr. Truax, Mrs Obergfell, Mrs Strong, of Walhalla N.D. and myself are in a chain or circle letter and they all came here for a visit in June. It was Mrs O's second trip



(6) compile an authoritative history of American horticulture, and biographies of chief American horticulturists.

(7) Finance and sponsor horticultural research expeditions to the different parts of the world.

(8) Popularize all valuable horticultural data (a) by sponsoring a virile illustrated official organ, special bulletins, text books, etc; (b) by promotion of national, regional and local horticultural exhibitions; (c) by popular lectures on gardening subjects, and (d) by the practical application of our ideas in beautifying American homes and the public property.

These are some of the activities and others will readily suggest themselves. Of course, this cannot be accomplished at once, but over a period of ten years or more the organization should reach 500,000 to 1,000,000 members, and cooperation on such a vast scale will make it possible to carry out what seems to us as wild dreams at present. The general method of procedure should be as in the case of The National Geographic Society, but our organization will have more intimate problems to solve and will come closer to the members. Our start will be a modest one, and as the membership grows the program the organization stands for can be carried out. Still, with THE FLOWER GROWER as official organ, and Mr. Cooper and other enthusiastic amateur horticulturists taking an active interest in the Society, it will create a distinct niche for itself at once.

The writer has done much preliminary work on the project, and he has much suggestive material relative to the same to put up to the organization committee for consideration as soon as the committee is formed.

Thanking you for your kind promise to support the movement, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HT:GG

Henning, Minn.,  
March 7, 1922

Mrs. Fannie E. Heath,  
Grand Forks, N. D. Rl

Dear madam:

Your valued letter dated March 5th., was received to-day and I was glad to hear from you again regarding the formation of THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Your suggestion regarding a national color chart is a valuable one, and this activity and still other worth while activities can be undertaken as soon as the Society has gained a good footing.

As you suggest, the main thing at the present time is to get the Society properly launched. Our idea at present is to incorporate the society somewhat along the lines of the National Geographic Society. Since the Society is not for pecuniary profit to anyone, and is for the mutual benefit of all members, there will be no capital stock. The income of the Society, after paying current expenses, will be wisely invested so that the Society after a number of years will be financially well healed and can undertake any worthy activity on its program. The Articles of Incorporation will give the main activities of the society, it will name the Board of Trustees, and the first officers. These articles are being drawn up at the present time, and as soon as completed, probably in April or May, they will be sent to you for your constructive criticism, suggestions and approval.

To be entirely frank, we expect you to help us found the Society. It is planned to appoint a committee of ten to start the organization out, and Mr. Cooper will appoint this committee as soon as the personnel to serve on this committee has been picked. When the committee is named you will hear from Mr. Cooper and I hope that you will decide to serve on this committee.

During the organization stage, you can help by giving your constructive criticism of every movement contemplated, and as soon as the Society is created, then your suggestion to get in touch with your floral correspondents will come in handy.

Of course, you will realize that the start will be quite modest, but by working to-gather the Society will grow gradually into one of the largest and most influential in the United States.

Thanking you many times for your kind offer to help in this matter, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HT:HEM

Henning, Minn.,

Feb. 25, 1922

Mrs. Fannie S. Heath,

Grand Forks, N. D. R1

Dear madam:

Your kind letter dated Feb. 24th was received to-day, and I was pleased to hear that you are in favor of the organization of THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

I am writing Mr. Cooper to the effect that you are in favor of the principle involved in the proposal, and that you will give it due consideration.

In explanation of the outline to appear in the March Flower Grower, I wish to add that it is our aim at this writing to organize only THE NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, and leave the International organization to the future. The National Society is designated "American Horticultural Union" in the outline.

Our general object will probably be "to promote a more general interest in practical gardening by establishing a central clearing house for the dissemination of horticultural knowledge". But I suggest some of its activities.

(1) Development of a practical gardening science for each climatic region in North America by establishing trial and exhibition gardens in the various climatic regions, and by encouraging members to report upon their failures and successes. Your valuable article in THE FLOWER GROWER suggested this latter to us.

(2) Establish a standard nomenclature for all horticultural plants; and publish a complete pronouncing dictionary of horticultural plant names.

(3) Registration of all horticultural varieties of plants; commending varieties of real merit; encouraging the production of valuable varieties and discouraging the production and propagation of inferior forms.

(4) Encourage horticultural research along all lines by establishing a central horticultural library; herbarium; horticultural research laboratory; botanical garden; arboretum; test gardens; national exhibition pavilion and museum.

(5) Encourage especially research on flower pests and diseases.

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November 18, 1923.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Our committee wishes to commend to the National Horticultural Magazine the nation-wide "referendum" to be conducted in January upon whatever plan is selected by the Jury of the American Peace Award, created by Edward W. Bok and offering \$100,000 for the "best practicable plan by which the United States may cooperate with other nations looking toward the prevention of war."

We hope that you will have occasion, not only in the month of January but also between now and January, to call your readers' attention to the opportunity which this "referendum" will give to the citizens of this country to express their individual opinion as to what the relation of the United States to the rest of the world shall be.

The competition, as you know, closed on November 15th last. We think the Jury will have made its selection by January first. Immediately after that, the winning plan is to be submitted to the widest possible public for consideration and for a vote. On the release date a number of leading papers throughout the country, including the New York Times, the New York Tribune and the New York World, will carry with the text of the winning plan a ballot which will contain space for the signer's name and address, a statement as to whether or not he or she is a voter, and a statement as to whether or not he or she approves the winning plan in substance.

If, in your own publication, you can print the ballot with the winning plan or a digest of it, we should welcome your participation in the "referendum".

Several hundred organizations and institutions, including the 88 great national organizations which are members of our Cooperating Council (see leaflet enclosed) will send the winning plan with the ballot to each of their members for a vote.

You will see that these organizations include the

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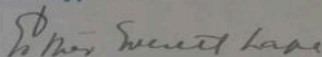
most distinguished professional, fraternal, civic and religious organizations (all faiths) in the country. The interested participation of these widely differing groups in the "referendum" is to be explained only by the fact that they realize the vast opportunity which the American Peace Award offers for crystallizing public sentiment in this country and for making articulate the interest of millions of our citizens upon a subject of vast importance to us all. Participation in the "referendum" does not involve endorsement of the plan or commitment to any program with regard to it.

We realize that some voters will wish to express themselves more fully than a "yes" or "no" vote permits. We ask in this case that they by all means send us their fuller opinions, but that they do this in some separate communication. The ballots may be sent directly back to us; we shall have them tabulated by states, with all duplicates removed, in order that the result may be a really authentic record of popular judgment.

We should be glad to have you inform your readers that any number of copies of the winning plan, accompanied by ballots may be secured from us, of course without charge.

We hope that the "referendum" commends itself to your interest, and that you will in turn desire to commend it to your readers.

Sincerely,



Esther Everett Lape

Member in charge.

Editor,  
National Horticultural Society of America,  
National Horticultural Magazine,  
Henning, Minnesota.

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November 15, 1923

National Horticultural Society  
Renning, Minnesota

Attention Mr. Hamilton Traub

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of August 8 regarding the  
National Horticultural Magazine.

In regard to your question concerning placing  
your journal on our list, you are probably not aware  
of our method of selecting magazines for indexing.

Periodicals are added to the list indexed only  
by the vote of our subscribers. About once a year we  
send a questionnaire to our subscribers for their vote  
on a list of journals that have been suggested for in-  
dexing.

We shall be very glad to place the National  
Horticultural Magazine on our next list of journals  
submitted for their consideration, and thank you for  
bringing your journal to our attention.

Very truly yours,

THE AGRICULTURAL INDEX

*Florence A. Arnold*  
Editor

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## Recommendation for Membership

Chairman Membership Committee, National Geographic Society,  
Administration Building,  
16th and M Streets, Washington, D. C.:

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In my opinion, those persons whose names and addresses are given below are eligible for membership in the National Geographic Society, and I have pleasure in nominating them.

(Name of Nominating Member)

Mr. Hamilton Traub,  
Henning,  
Minn.

**Important Notice**—If remittance is enclosed, please indicate if in payment of your own dues or for your nominee's.

In order to avoid duplication and to assure proper entry on our rolls, if possible please give the full name and business or profession of all nominees.

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