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Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1898.

Miss Martha Bebb,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Madam :

I am requested by our mutual friend, Walter Deane, to write you respecting your brother. At Mr. Deane's request, I wrote your brother about the facilities which are offered here for horticultural work. Mr. Deane wants to know if I would advise him to come here and to change his business. Upon that point I do not care to give advice. I believe, in general, that a young man should follow the thing which he likes best ; but, on the other hand, one should be careful about giving up an assured position for an uncertainty. I do not know whether your brother desires to go into teaching or to make a business of gardening or fruit-growing alone. My own belief is that a man with good education and good business ability can make a very good and pleasant living in the growing of fruit. He may not have so much money in the bank as some other people, but to one who loves outdoor life, there is more solid comfort in it. In experiment station and teaching work, there is always an opening for first rate men who are well prepared. I really could not give you any definite advice without knowing more about your brother and what his desires are. If he should come here, I should try to give him what personal attention I could. I should be glad to do this not only for his own sake, but for the memory of your father whom I had the honor to class amongst my personal friends.

Yours most truly,

L. H. Bailey



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