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DEAR SIR: Your favor of 30<sup>th</sup> March I find awaiting my return from an absence of some time, which explains so late a reply.

The limit of territory covered by the grasshoppers was Martin, Jackson, Nobles, Rock, Murray, Cottonwood and Watonwan, i.e. in these counties their greatest depredations were committed, resulting in almost a total failure of crops for two seasons. Nicollet, Brown, Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, and Yellowknife were some which depredated, but not to such an extent as the others. I am unable to give you the extent of the present prospective crop of grasshoppers. Last summer they deposited eggs in a large section of territory east and north of their original range, and the reports now come from various

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quarters that the eggs are hatching. In other localities they are reported as dying, but this last I have no faith in, after having learned their habits by an experience of two years, and listened to the theories of the wise acers, which have always failed. But in the localities originally devastated there are no eggs and the crop prospect is now flattering indeed and all we have to fear is that those hatching in the Minnesota river valley may drop down upon us in their migration and do us an injury. This was partially the difficulty last year. Many fields of grain were saved from the ravages of the winged grasshopper by use of rollers <sup>on the fields</sup>, and keeping up bonfires around the edges after they began their march. But large swarms came down upon these fields at various times and in less than an hour left them looking as though a terrible fire had passed over them.

The report comes from Kansas that they have already destroyed the crop this spring. There may give us a call, but our people are generous-hearted, and will give them, though unwelcome guests they would be, the last acre of crops. We will try to treat them well while they stay.

Feel at liberty to call on me for any thing further in the way of information, that may assist you in your work, and should you publish anything on the subject I should be glad to peruse it. Yours truly  
E. L. Huntington