

Secretary's Report

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of our Society will soon be a thing of the past, and I am glad to report that this meeting has not only been the best attended, but has one of the best programs and most thorough reports of any meeting up to the present time, thus showing that our Society is "improving with age".

There are very few societies that can boast of a quarter of a century's continued service, showing steadily improvements all along its different lines. Our reports are now sought for by Libraries and Experiment Stations to such an extent, that the Society can no longer furnish them free, but has to confine its reports to members only.

It may be interesting to some of the members to know that only three out of the original incorporators are still alive, Mr. H. S. Gateskill, of McIntosh Fla., W. S. Hart, of Hawks Park, Fla., and E. O. Painter of Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Gateskill has not been in regular attendance, but promised to be with us today. Mr. Hart, you know, is always with us for he loves the society to such an extent that he has never allowed it to be "Heartless". Your Secretary has missed only one session in the twenty-five years.

The membership of the society shows a steady increase. In 1910 our membership enrollment was 221, in 1911, 341

and in 1912, 478. (Since writing the above we have added 229 new members.) At this meeting we have had an enrollment of 364 members in actual attendance.

The finances of the Society have improved since last year, and we have a nice balance in the Treasury, but this balance will not be sufficient to publish our proceedings this year, with the increased papers and illustrations. Then again, our balance is increased some by the sale of the membership buttons, which have not been paid for as yet. There are a number of these buttons left which can be had for \$1.00 by the members. I am pleased to say that the ladies have been the most appreciative, as only a few of the pins are left, while there are fifty or more of the buttons.

The Secretary has been criticised by some for not issuing the programs earlier. This criticism is due to the fact that those making the criticism are not familiar with the work of getting out the program. This year a program committee was appointed, and I will ask Prof. Rolf to explain to the members why it is not possible for the Program Committee, or the Secretary to get out the program ten days or two weeks time before the meeting.

The increase in membership in a measure is due to the good work of a few

members. If all members would do likewise, 1,000 members would soon be enrolled. Suppose each member would do as well as Mr. Klemm. of Winter Haven, who sent in 27 names, and a large number of them are in attendance. I beg herewith to submit my financial report:

E. O. PAINTER, *Sec'y.*

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Reports sold for years prior to 1911	22 \$ 22.00
Reports sold for 1911	140 140.00
Reports sold to W. C. Temple	60 35.00
Dues for 1912 to May 12th	478 478.00
Life members	4 40.00
Donations: Wm. Edwards \$4.00, T. J. Nivins \$1.00	
W. C. Temple \$100.00	105.00
Checks from W. S. Hart \$125.00, \$388.92	513.92
	<u>\$1333.92</u>

Dr.	
1911	
May 18 Telegram	\$.30
May 20 Stationery	2.45
June 1 Livingston & Young	2.10
June 1 Painter Ptg. Co.	9.00
June 9 Circular Letters	1.75
June 8 Stationery	.50
Aug. 23 Postage on reports	72.00
Oct. 4 Circular Letters	4.00
1912	
Feb. 24 Postage	4.95
Mar. 5 Circular Letters	4.75
Apr. 4 Kennedy Brown Co.	2.75
Apr. 4 Circular Letters	4.40
May 1 Telegram	.25
Apr. 15 Express-Gainesville	.16
Apr. 22 Express	.34
Apr. 22 Postage	1.99
May 2 Postage	1.84
May 7 Postage	5.38
May 8 Painter Ptg. Co.	24.15
May 11 Painter Ptg. Co.	29.61
May 11 Circular Letters	3.60
May 11 Kennedy Brown Co.	4.00
May 11 Telegram	.35
May 11 Postage	1.00
Nov. 4 Painter Ptg. Co.	511.66
Nov. 22 W. S. Hart	125.00
Nov. 23 W. S. Hart	2.26
Apr. 2 W. S. Hart	47.74
Secretary's Salary	100.00
	<u>\$968.28</u>
	<u>\$1333.92</u>
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	<u>\$ 365.64</u>

Summed up as follows:

Telegrams	\$.90
Stationery and printing	602.62
Lighting	2.10
Postage	87.16
Express	.50
W. S. Hart	175.00
Salary	100.00
	<u>\$968.28</u>
Check to W. S. Hart, Treasurer	<u>\$365.64</u>

May 16th, 1912. Audited and certified to.

G. M. WAKELIN, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report

	Dr.
1912	
April 4 To Sec. Painter's check	\$ 47.74
May 16 Sec. E. O. Painter	506.64
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	\$554.38

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1911	
Nov. 23 By Balance due Treasurer ----	\$ 47.74
May 16 Balance in Treasury	506.64
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	\$554.38

W. S. HART,
Treasurer of Fla. State Horticultural So.

Executive Committee's Report

Jacksonville, Fla., March 18, 1912.

The Executive Committee of the Florida State Horticultural Society met in the Secretary's office on Monday, Mar. 18th. Those present were Prof. Rolfs, E. S. Hubbard, E. O. Painter and by proxy, Mr. Taber and Prof. H. H. Hume.

On motion the date of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society was set as commencing on Tuesday, May 14th, at ten o'clock, and to continue through the 15th and 16th.

The following local committee was appointed to work in conjunction with the Board of Trade of Miami: Mr. E. V. Blackman, Miami, Fla., Mr. M. S. Burbank, Miami, Fla., Mr. J. S. Collins, Miami, Fla., Mr. A. M. Griffing, Miami, Fla., Mr. H. S. Shults, Miami, Fla., Mrs. Florence P. Hayden, Cocanut Grove, Fla., and Mrs. P. H. Rolfs, Gainesville, Fla.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase one hundred Society pins as per specimen exhibited, to be sold to the members for the Miami meeting at \$1.00 each.

It being announced that the Florida East Coast Railroad would grant a rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip, not only to Miami, but on the excursion to Key West and Havana, it was

therefore agreed that the Secretary should announce an excursion to Key West and Havana for all members that desired to take advantage of same.

A committee on programs consisting of Prof. Hume and Prof. Rolfs was appointed. Special features for the program were considered and talked over and Prof. Rolfs was requested to use his best efforts in having as many special features added to the program as possible.

Miami, Fla., May 16, 1912.

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Halcyon Hall. Those present were Prof. P. H. Rolfs, E. S. Hubbard, E. O. Painter, and by proxy, G. L. Taber, and H. Harold Hume.

Moved by Mr. Taber that the proceedings be published in the usual form. Carried.

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to furnish copies of the report only to members of the Horticultural Society. Carried.

Moved that one thousand copies of the report be printed, or equal to 50% in advance of the membership enrollment at the time of publication of the report. Carried.