FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report of the Executive Committee.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee met in Jacksonville on July 29, 1906, to consider the publishing of the report, and the appointment of the Standing Committee. This Committee instructed the Secretary to have the report published following the form of previous years. Owing to the lack of funds in the treasury, however, all half tones and the catalogue of fruits were omitted so as to bring the expense of publication as low as possible. The Committee then adjourned.

On March 4th, the Executive Committee met in the office of the secretary in Jacksonville, with the following members present: Prof. P. H. Rolfs, Gainesville; G. L. Taber, Glen St. Mary; E. S. Hubbard, Federal Point; O. W. Connor, Tangerine and E. O. Painter, Jacksonville. It was moved and seconded that the date of the next meeting be placed at May 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, commencing on the evening of the 14th.

It was also moved and seconded that Mr. J. D. Bell, of St. Petersburg, be appointed Chairman of the Local Committee with power to choose his associates and report the names and rates of the different hotels there.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary write to Mr. Jos. Richardson and secure the best rates possible for the Association.

The following committee on Necrology was appointed: G. L. Taber, Glen St. Mary, chairman; W. S. Hart, Hawks Park, and Dr. W. C. Richardson, Tampa. The secretary was authorized to get out advertising matter for business houses to send out.

The meeting was adjourned.

In St. Petersburg, May 16th, the Executive Committee met with the following members present: Mr. E. S. Hubbard, chairman; G. L. Taber, P. H. Rolfs, E. O. Painter, and W. S. Hart. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was moved by Mr. Taber that the report and bills of the secretary be approved. It was moved by Mr. Taber that the report of the Treasurer, W. S. Hart, be accepted, as same was examined and found correct. Bills presented by the secretary were audited and ordered paid.

E. S. HUBBARD, Chairman,
G. L. TABER,
O. W. CONNER.

Report of Committee on Nursery Inspection.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of nursery inspection find that the question is a very annoying one and that the only report we can make, much as we deplore it, is a rather negative one. We have had the subject under careful consideration for two days and beg leave to report as follows:

We find the inspection as now conduct-
ed is done by the entomologist attached to the State Experiment Station and is purely a voluntary matter on his part, made at the request of, and to accommodate the nurserymen, and is not required as a regular duty or in any way provided for by statute or other law.

The present Experiment Station Entomologist states that he has only made eleven inspections during the past year, and that his methods and practice, including form of certificate, are and have been in accordance with the customs and rules established by his predecessors in office.

The fee charged for an inspection is $5.00, which is turned into the Experiment Station treasury. In addition to his fee the Entomologist is paid his traveling expenses by the parties requesting the inspection, thus making him substantially their agent. It seems that the certificate of inspection is desired by the nurserymen to enable them to market their products in other states and foreign countries which require inspection, and is, therefore, unfortunately so far as home purchasers are concerned, more in the interest of the nurserymen than the planter.

We feel that this is all wrong and that this society should take such action as may lead to a more extended, legally authorized, well regulated and beneficial system which will properly safeguard the purchaser rather than the seller, and at the same time be reliable and equitable for all.

We therefore recommend that the Legislative and Executive Committees be and are hereby instructed to do all that may be in their power to secure the adoption by the legislature of requisite and specific laws for a proper, reliable and systematic method of inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Richardson,
F. G. Sampson,
H. B. Stevens.

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Statistics of Orange and Grapefruit Crops.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned committee, recommend that the State Horticultural Society take in hand the plan suggested by Dr. P. Phillips, of Orlando, to obtain statistics from all the orange growing counties of the state, the approximate number of boxes of oranges and grapefruit that will be raised during the year. This we feel will be a benefit to the grower as well as packer, and the country at large in order that the railroad companies, packing houses and box factories may make due preparations for the coming crop to handle it properly. It will also give the grower an additional advantage that he might know what price to put upon his fruit, and not be governed by haphazard and unreliable estimates that are being made, which mean considerable loss to the State of Florida annually. We, therefore, recommend the following plan: let the society appoint in each County not less than three members of this Society, or more, according to size of county. These members should be carefully selected as being conservative and responsible growers, and each one shall report to the