

of Micanopy; W. S. Hart, of Hawks Park, and Prof. P. H. Rolfs, of Lake City, with instructions to bring it before the Legislature in the proper manner, providing that same could be done without expense to the Society.

The second meeting of the Committee was held in the Graham hotel, Palatka, Fla., on May 8th, all members being present except Mr. Hart. The Secretary presented the bill of E. O. Painter & Co. for the publication of the annual report of the 1897 meeting, amounting to \$263.30. The same was approved by the Committee and the Secretary was instructed to draw a draft on the Treasurer to cover same. The Secretary was instructed to make the usual

arrangements for the annual meeting for 1898, and May 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th were designated as the dates for the meeting at Orlando.

President Taber was authorized and instructed to appoint a Committee on Necrology and to assign same on the regular list of committees for the present year.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of auditing sundry bills presented by the Secretary for work done in preparation for the annual meeting. The bills were approved and instructions given for a draft on the Treasurer to cover them.

REV. LYMAN PHELPS,  
Chairman.

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## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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[SEE MINUTES PAGES I TO 6, ITEM II.]

Mr. O'Neal, on behalf of the Committee on Local Arrangements, made the following report:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Society: After your Local Committee was appointed, notice was given to the Board of Trade of Orlando, and they appointed a Committee to co-operate with your Committee. You will remember that last year when our Society met here, they were most cordially invited by the Board of Trade of Orlando to return again this year, and promised in advance kind treatment and the hospitality of the town. On account of the generous, open-hearted hospitality, the Society deemed it worth their while to return, and this Committee from the Board of Trade, we can assure you, has done everything that was

necessary for the proper entertainment of the Society at this time.

We regret that we have not as many attractions to show you as some of our sister cities. We cannot bring the Flying Squadron into Lake Eola (laughter), but we can tender you the entire city, for we can assure you that there are no keys to the gates. So far as this Society is concerned, the city is yours. The Board of Trade and the city government have assured us that this is the case, and I think the Mayor will give you his approval of this proposition. Now, that being true, you will see in the program that we have not interfered with the order of exercises of your Society. Upon Thursday evening an entertainment has been provided, which I know the Society will enjoy. It is one that you will be

interested in and one that is worthy of your attendance and attention. It will be in the form of a play which will be given by some Orlando talent and I assure you, as I said, it will be worthy of your attendance.

The Committee assures us, Mr. President, that if there is anything that you do not see you are to ask for it.

Mr. Gore calls my attention to the fact that the citizens of Orlando are going to give you a bicycle parade, and the Fire Department and the Orlando Guards will join. In fact, it will be quite a little parade, also for your amusement.

I want to say further, that the Commit-

tee, feeling that this Society should have a larger membership, has sent through the State something like a thousand invitations, asking the people to become members of this Society and to come to Orlando to this meeting. Every effort has been made to make this an important meeting, and no effort has been spared upon the part of any one, so that the Local Committee feel that the entire town and community have been in hearty sympathy with the work; and if you are ever able to return to the town again I think I can assure you that it will be open for you.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITRUS FRUITS.

### Methods Suggested for the Protection of Citrus Trees During Freezes.

Paper prepared and read by F. D. Waite, Belleview, Fla.

[SEE MINUTES PAGES I TO 6, ITEM 37.]

Citrus matters in general have been so thoroughly discussed before this Society in past years, that we suppose your Committee appointed for this year is expected to report more particularly upon freeze effects and the present condition of groves. Our worthy President went over this ground quite thoroughly last evening, and we deem it best not to repeat that which was embodied in his address.

Another year's work on our frozen down groves thoroughly convinces us that under like conditions as in '95, viz, a killing freeze when trees are in growing condition, the best plan is to promptly cut the trees down into the ground, draw the earth away from and expose the roots, being sure to expose

sound wood to sun and light so as to encourage sprouting. Trees up to four and five inches in diameter can often be profitably grafted at once, but with large trees one must wait with all the patience his disposition will allow until the trees have thoroughly sprouted before budding. In most cases we believe that better and finer results will be secured by waiting the following spring before budding. By that time we can select our sprouts firmly attached to the sound wood, bud a number of sprouts according to size of tree as each one will make at least as much if not more growth than a single sprout would if left alone, and you will get a bearing tree much quicker than if working to a single stem.