Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held at Clemson College, September 11, 1907.

The Board met, pursuant to the call of the President, at 8:00 A.M., Sept. 11, 1907. Present: President, A. J. Storke; Messrs. Evans, Bellinger, Donaldson, Sease, Elwin, and Mauldin. The minutes of the last meeting in reference to Prof. Chamberlaston were read.

Moved by Mr. Bellinger that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees be amended to read.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate certain charges against Prof. Chamberlaston reported that they had investigated the charges and recommended that the charges made by the President of the Board of Trustees, viz., more or less, were not sustainable; but that upon the charges made by the President of the College to the effect that Prof. Chamberlaston had failed to do his work and was inefficient, and that he could not control him if he remained a member of the faculty, that they recommended that the resignation of Prof. Chamberlaston as Professor of Entomology, be asked for to take effect on or before the first of September, 1907.

Motion adopted.

Moved that the President of the College seek down in writing his charge and submit the same to the Board.

Motion adopted.

After discussion, the Board decided to invite Prof. Chamberlaston to the Board. The President of the College then made the following charges:

There is no record in my possession, nor at home of any record in the possession of the Board of Trustees, which shows that Prof. Chamberlaston has published the results of his experiments, as an English in the State Experiment Station. He has been connected with the institution for about seven years, and during that time, according to his employment, he has been employed constantly by the College and the Station. He has and for the past nine or ten years has been able to get hold of the facts, which gives to the People of South Carolina the benefit of his labors.
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...for which purpose he was elected by the Board of Trustees. He and Dr. M'Intosh were conducting a Co-operative investigation on the Coast of South Carolina to the advancement of the science of the cultivation of rice. Dr. M'Intosh has already issued his bulletin on the biological side of the question, and nothing has come from the press of Dr. Chambers on the entomological side so far as I myself and the public know.

"I gave Dr. Chambers permission at his own request to visit Washington City for study before I communicated with Dr. M'Intosh in order that they might complete their work on the rice blast. I fully expected that the results of this trip would be published as bulletins either from them two gentlemen together or from a bulletin from each one. Dr. M'Intosh has issued his publication in the South Carolina Experimental Station Series. Nothing has come from Dr. Chambers on the entomological side.

"The Board of Entomological Control, two or three years ago asked Dr. Chambers to Texas in order to enable them to study the conditions surrounding the blast which was then giving such great anxiety to the people of that section in order that he might return to South Carolina and furnish the farmers of that State with valuable information concerning the sugar blast; but, with the exception of a few photographs which he brought back with him, no publication of any character, so far as known, has been issued to the people on the subject of this blast yet.

"It was my duty to call Dr. Chambers' attention to his failures in this regard, which I did on more than one occasion, forming a true cry in my mind that he would present to the people of South Carolina the bulletin which were expected at his hands by the Board of Trustees."

Dr. Chambers.- The last clause "that the President could not control time" I would like to have an instance.

President M'Intosh.- In answer to this question, I will say that I consider a member of the College and Station force if this college beyond the control of the Constituting Authorities when he declines to carry out the specific instructions giving him from time to time..."
Concerning the discharge of his duties.

Off. Chalmers, I answer to the first charge, I will say that I was not employed as an expert to issue bulletins. Nothing was said to me of issuing bulletins. I have done my work conscientiously and impartially. I came to this College not three years ago, but six years ago—Aug. 28, 1911.

In regard to my trip to Texas in July, 1914, I beg to say that I took the initiative; it did not come from the Entomological Board, it came from me. The proposition I made to them was that I had about $150 or $175 left of my appropriation and I requested them to let me go and use the money. They granted me this request, nothing was said at all about bulletins.

Defend money out of my appropriation for which I have never asked the Board to combine me for.

Off. Chalmers, explained how much of his time had been taken up in classroom work and miscellaneous committees, and stated that he had never refused to do anything that Dr. Mell had asked of him.

Col. Johnston—Mr. Chalmers, I will just state here that we do not know what he told you to do. It was not that you refused to do it but you just did not do it.

Off. Chalmers—Stated that in regard to his nice work, that the people under whom he had been working had given him every assurance that he could succeed in running down these insects, and that he hoped to be able to complete this work.

Col. Johnston—You just said that you hoped to be able to complete your work, is it impossible for no other man to take up this work and go on with it?

Off. Chalmers—Mr. Col. He would have to start back two years.

Col. Johnston—Did you do no work on that this summer?

Off. Chalmers—Yes, Sir. I have had no vacation except two weeks.

Off. Chalmers—I now do not like to lay this out under your own rules, the President of the Institution is required to make the budget and inquire into the work. I have been here five years and Dr. Mell has never visited my room.
Mr. Chambless. Yes, Sir. You have never been there but once.
Dr. Mill. I do. I look upon the State of your work once.
Mr. Chambless. When?
Dr. Mill. During examinations.
Mr. Chambless. Now, gentlemen, in speaking of my work.
Dr. Mill. You must not make the statement that I have never been in your laboratory. You must not make that statement.
Mr. Chambless. Well I do, Dr. Mill.
Dr. Mill. I have been in your laboratory while your boys were at work.
Mr. Chambless. I am forced to repeat, sir, that you have never been in my laboratory but once.
Mr. Chambless was then asked how long it would take him to complete the visa blank investigation. He stated that this year work had practically been lost on account of his work, and he could not state definitely. He said, in regard to publishing bulletins, that he had never received any instructions that he was disposed to publish them, and that his work was not far enough advanced to publish one on the visa blank and visas. He stated that he could not see why the Trustees had lost their confidence in him unless some one had gone to them and said something that was not true.
Mr. Evans. Do you remember down at the Experimental Station grounds last winter, Mr. Wamsamaker was acting as Chairman. Complaint was made that you had not issued any bulletins as was requested of you, and you stated that you would try the best of March, and you stated, that if you did not that you would not have any cause to complain of the Board of Trustees asking for your resignation.
Mr. Chambless. Yes, asked if there was need, just as soon as I could get the bulletins out. I did. Any worries in the hands of the Secretary.
Mr. Chambless stated that in regard to the visa blank that he certainly had enough matter to fill fifty pages; may be more, and that he did not wish to fail now, but desired to go on with the work. He stated that he was a young man and requested that the Board continue him in office, as to be dropped now would
Mvard. That if Prof. Schoenlein is willing to continue his work in the rice fields and to serve as Commissioner as a leader of the College that the Board elect him State Entomologist.

Mvard. That he be required to make reports to the Chairman of the Board of Entomological Control at least every thirty days whether it be in the form of a lecture bulletin and that he do nothing go odd except that it be in writing that is more a record of everything.

Mvard. That the Board of Entomological Control be requested to elect Mr. Schoenlein State Entomologist provided he meets in his resignation as Professor of Entomology of Clemson Agricultural College to-night.

Amendment. That we request the Board of Entomological Control to elect him to the position of State Entomologist with the salary he is now getting for the period of twelve months.

Adopted.

The Board of Entomological Control then elected Prof. Schoenlein State Entomologist for the period as stated (12 months). Dr. Miller and Prof. Schoenlein were then recalled.

President Johnstone informed Prof. Schoenlein that he had been elected State Entomologist for the period of 12 months by the Entomological Committee, provided he handed in his resignation at once as Professor of Entomology and that he must locate at some other place in the State than at Clemson College, either on the rice fields or whenever else he chose and that he would be expected to do the entire State work and render a written report to the Chairman of the Board of Entomological Control at least every 30 days, and that all records must be written and that nothing was to go odd except that it be in writing.

Prof. Schoenlein stated that he was working now under the Adams Act in rice investigation and desired to know if he was to continue his work under this Act. A copy of course.
Not being at hand, the Board decided, after discussion, to allow the ask the next morning.

Prof. Chambers accepted the offer to attend some sort of the understanding, that he was to receive the same salary a month, and that his traveling expenses he said, and that he be to receive for the equipment.

Mored by Mr. Evans, that the matter relating to this equipment be left to the Committee of Entomology with the exception of the Board that they be carried out.

Motion adopted.

Mored, that Prof. Chambers be required to make out a list of the instruments that he was required, the same to be submitted to the Chairman of the Entomological Committee, and upon his approval, that he sign a memorandum receivable for the same.

Motion adopted.

Prof. Chambers then extended his appreciation for the privilege of coming before the Board and accepted the offer. He stated that he felt that he could do his duty and would do his best, and that his resignation would be tendered the next morning.

Prof. Chambers retires.

Mored by Mr. Evans, that the President of the Board of Trustees, the President of the college, and any other member of the Board that may be present to morn-morning be requested to select a botanist for the college and a Professor of Entomology.

Motion adopted.

Mored by Mr. Evans, that Prof. Chambers receive two weeks in which to move, if so much be necessary.

Motion adopted.

Mored by Mr. Evans, that $1000. be appropriated to buy the salary of the late Entomologist.

All present (7 Members) Voted "aye." "Not present, and I endorse this action." (Signed) R.W. Simpson. To do "aye." (Signed) W.W. Bradly.

Mored by Mr. Evans, that we reconsider the vote by which a resolution of the Board was adopted limiting the number of Students to 700.

Motion withdrawn.
Moved, by Mr. Evans, that the Farmers, Lewis, instruct to get ready some of his stock and farm products for Exhibition at the State Fair, and that the Agricultural Department, including the Experimental Station, also prepare Exhibits of some of their crops, stock, etc., and that the Chemical, Mechanical, and Textile Departments also prepare Exhibits.

Motion adopted.

No further business, the Board adjourned.