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 a.m. Sept. 11, 1907. Present: President Alexander Russell; Messrs. Evans, Bellingham, Donaldson, Scace, Clemson, and Mauldin.

The minutes of the last meeting in reference to Prof. Chamberlin were read.

Moved by Dr. Bellingham 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. Chamberlin reported that they had investigated the charges and recommended that the charges made by the President of the Board of Trustees, viz., gross misrepresentation, were not sustained; but that upon the charges made by the President of the College to the effect that Prof. Chamberlin had failed to do his work and was inefficient, and that the President could not control him if he remained a member of the Faculty, that they recommended that the resignation of Prof. Chamberlin as Professor of Entomology be asked for to take effect not before the first of September, 1907.

Motion adopted.

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

Motion adopted.

After discussion, the Board decided to invite Prof. Chamberlin to the Board of Trustees, if made the following charges:

There is no record in my possession now of any record in the possession of the Board of Trustees which shows that Prof. Chamberlin has published the results of his experiments, as an expert in the State Experiment Station, or has been connected with the institution for about seven years, and during that time altogether he has been employed constantly by the College and the Station, the fees and for the services in a tangible form, for which I have 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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Dr. McAlpin

Dr. McLain was elected by the Board of Trustees. Mr. and Dr. McAlain were conducting a Co-operative investigation on the coast of South Carolina to the eradication of the boll Weevil in the cultivation of rice. Dr. McLain has already issued his bulletin on the entomological side of the question, and nothing has come from the papers of Mr. Chalmers on the entomological side so far as I myself and the public know.

I gave Mr. Chalmers permission at his own request to visit Washington City for the purpose of consultation with Dr. McAlain in order that they both might complete the work on the rice boll weevil. I felt expected that the results of this trip would be published in bulletins, either from the two gentlemen together or from each one. Dr. McAlain has issued his publication in the South Carolina Experimantal Station Series. Nothing has come from Mr. Chalmers on the entomological side.

The Board of Entomological Control, two or three years ago asked Mr. Chalmers to Texas in order to enable them to study the conditions surrounding the boll weevil, 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 this dangerous insect; but, with the exception of a few photographs which he brought back with him, no publication of any character, so far as I know, has been issued to the people of the district of this boll weevil.

It was my duty to call Mr. Chalmers' attention to this subject, which I did on more than one occasion, hoping for a thing urging on my part that he would present to the people of South Carolina the bulletin which were expected at his hands by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Chalmers:—The last clause—"that the President could not control him"—I would like to have an instance.

President Mill:—In answer to this question, I will say that I consider a member of the College and Station force of this College beyond the control of the Constitution authorities when he declines to carry out the specific instructions giving him from time to time...
Concerning the discharge of his duties.
O. J. Chambless. 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 seven years ago, but six years ago, Aug. 28, 1914.

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. left of my appropriation and I requested them to let me go and use this money. They granted me this request. Nothing was said at all about bulletins.

I used money out of my appropriation to which I have never asked the Board to re-emburse me for.

O. J. Chambless. Explained how much of his time had been taken up in class-room work and committee work, and stated that he had never refused to do anything that Dr. Mell had asked him.

Col. Johnston. - Mr. Chambless, 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.

O. J. Chambless. Stated that in regard to his class work, that the people under whom he had been working had given him every assurance that he would 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?

O. J. Chambless. - No, sir. He would have to devote two or three years.

Col. Johnston. - Did you do any work on that this Summer?

O. J. Chambless. - Yes, sir. I have had no vacation except two weeks.

O. J. Chambless. - Now I do not like to say this but under your own rules, the President of the Institution is required to visit the shops and inquire into the work. I have been here four years and Dr. Mell has never visited my room…
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(continue)

Dr. Mull. Do you make that statement?

Dr. Chambler: Well, Sir, you have never been here but once.

Dr. Mull.: I look charge of your work once.

Dr. Chambler: When?

Dr. Mull.: During examinations.

Dr. Chambler: Now, Gentlemen, in speaking of my work.

Dr. Mull.: You must not make the statement that I have never been in your laboratory. You must not make that statement.

Dr. Chambler: Well I do, Dr. Mull.

Dr. Mull.: How long was your laboratory while your boys were at work.

Dr. Chambler: I am forced to repeat it, Sir, that you have never been in my laboratory but once.

Dr. Chambler was then asked how long it would take him to complete the work he the investigation. He stated that the great work had practically been lost on account of his illness, too, and he could not state definitely, he said, in regard to publishing bulletins, that he had never received any instructions that he was supposed to publish them, and that his work was not far enough advanced to publish one or the next, that it was still.

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.

Dr. Chambler: In the letter, you had not issued the bulletins as was expected of you and you stated that you would be the first of March, and you stated, that if you did not that you would not have any cause to complaint of the Board of Trustees asked for your resignation.

Dr. Chambler: Dear ask of time were needed. Just as soon as I could get the bulletin out, I did; I was in the hands of the Emperor. He stated that he was a young man, and requested that the Board continue him in office, as to be dropped now would.
Dr. Mill and Prof. Chambers were then requested to retire from the room.

Mr. M. that Prof. Chambers is willing to continue his work in the vine fields and to serve the Commission as a leader of the College that the Board elect him State Entomologist.

Mr. M. 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 letter or bulletin, and that he do nothing go out, except that it be in writing; that is make a record of everything.

Mr. M. that the Board of Entomological Control be requested to elect Mr. Chambers State Entomologist, provided he is 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. Chambers State Entomologist for the period as stated (12 months).

Dr. Mill and Prof. Chambers were then recalled.

President Johnstone informed Prof. Chambers 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 vine fields or wherever 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 in writing, and that nothing was to go out except that it be in writing.

Prof. Chambers stated that he was working now under the Adams Act in the vine investigation and desired to know if he was to continue his work under this Act. A copy of same...
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Mr. Chamber accepted the offer to attend some with the understanding that he was to receive the same salary as a botanist, that his traveling expenses be paid, and that he is to receive the equip.

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

Motion adopted.

Motion: that Mr. Chamber be required to make out a list of the instruments that he was requiring the same to be submitted to the Chairman of the Entomological Committee and upon his approval, that he sign a memorandum receipt for the same.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Chamber 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.

Chamber returns.

Motion: 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 tomorrow morning be requested to select a Botanist for the College and Professor of Entomology.

Motion adopted.

Motion: by Mr. Evans, that Prof. Chamber receive two weeks in which to move as much as necessary.

Motion adopted.

Motion: by Mr. Evans, that $1700.00 be appropriated to buy the salary of the State Entomologist.

All present voting "aye," "not present, and in accordance with the action" (Signed) R. W. Simpson, so do "aye" (Signed) W. B. Bradley.

Motion: by Mr. Evans, that we consider the vote by which a restriction of the Board was adopted limiting the number of students to 500.

Motion withdrawn.
Moved, by Mr. Evans, that the Farmers, Lewis, be instructed to get ready some of his stock and farm products for Exhibition at the State Fair, and that the Agricultural Department, including the Experiment 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.