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 Alex. H. Sturtevant; Messrs Ernes, Bellingr, Donaldson, Sears, Elwin, and Mauldin.

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

Moved by Kent, Bellingr, 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 recommend that the charges made by the President of the Board of Trustees, viz. that said recommendations 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 on or before the first of September next.

-Motion adopted-

Moved, that the President of the College file down in writing his charge and deliver the same to the Board.

-Motion adopted-

After discussion, the Board decided to invite Prof. Chamberlin in. The President of the College there made the following charges:

There is no record in my possession, nor at this time 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 Entomologist in the State Experiment Station. He 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. He has and for the past three years in a tangible form &c. &c. have been able to get half of the facts, which give to the people of South Carolina the benefits of his work.
Dr. Metcalf

Dr. Chambless. 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 Constitute Authorities when he declines to carry out the specific instructions giving him from time to time.
Concerning the discharge of his duties.

Col. 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 eleven years ago, but six years ago. Aug. 28, 1901.

Mrs. 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 own pocket for which I have never asked the Board to re-emburse me for.

Col. Johnstone. Mr. Chambless, I will just state here that we do not know what he tells you to do. It was not that you refused to do it, but you just did not do it.

Col. Chambless stated that in regard to his rice work, that the people under whom he had been working had given him every assurance that he would succeed in running down those insects, and that he hoped to be able to complete this work.

Col. Johnstone. 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.

Col. Chambless. No, sir. He would have to devote at least two years.

Col. Johnstone. Did you do no work on that this Summer?

Col. Chambless. Yes, sir. I have had no vacation except two weeks.

Col. Chambless. I now 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 five years and Dr. Mell has never visited my room.
Chambless Case (continue)

To pay an official visit but once.
Dr. Wull - Do you make that statement?

Chambless - Yes, Sir. You have never been there but once.
Dr. Wull - I do not charge if your work once.

Chambless - Where?

Dr. Wull - During Examinations.

Chambless - Now, Gentlemen, in speaking of my work.
Dr. Wull - You must not make the statement that I have never been in your laboratory. You must not make that statement.

Chambless - Well I do, or Wull.
Dr. Wull - Have you been in your laboratory while your boys were at work.

Chambless - I am forced to repeat it. Sir, that you have never been in my laboratory but once.

Chambless was then asked how long it would take him to complete the nice test investigation. He stated that the work had practically been lost on account of the worry, and he could not state definitively. He said, in regard to publishing bulletin, that he had never received any instruction that he was supposed to publish them, and that his work was not far enough advanced to publish one on the subject and results.

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 do the best of March, and you stated, that if you did not think you would not have any cause to complain of the Board of Trustees called for your resignation.

Chambless - Dear Sir, if you were not, I could get the bulletin out, I did. Any worry in the hands of the Emperor.

Chambless stated that in regard to the nice work 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.
Concerning the great hardship on him. Dr. Mill and Prof. Chamberlin were then requested to retire from the room.

Moved, that Prof. Chamberlin be willing to continue his work in the vine field and to serve his Cornell as a leader of the College that the Board elect him State Entomologist.

Moved, 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 else, except that it be in writing, that is make a record of everything.

Moved, that the Board of Entomological Control be requested to elect Mr. Chamberlin State Entomologist provided he quits in his resignation as Professor of Entomology at Cornell 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. Chamberlin State Entomologist for the period as stated (12 months). Dr. Mill and Prof. Chamberlin were then recalled.

President Johnston informed Prof. Chamberlin that he had been elected State Entomologist for the period of 12 months by the Entomological Committee. He was requested to have his resignation at once as Professor of Entomology, and that he must locate at some other place in the State than at Cornell College, either on the vine field 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 written, and that nothing was to go on except that it be in writing.

Prof. Chamberlin 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
Chambers Case (continued)

Mr. [unnamed] presented a letter to the Board, recommending the appointment of Mr. [unnamed] as the next morning.

Mr. Chamberlain accepted the offer, subject to some additional conditions, including the payment of a certain amount and the assurance of continued funding for the equipment.

Mr. [unnamed] moved that the matter relating to the equipment be referred to a committee of the Board for further consideration.

Motion adopted.

Motion adopted -

Mr. [unnamed] moved that Mr. Chamberlain be asked to make out a list of the equipment that he had recommended, and that the list be submitted to the Chairman of the Entomological Committee, and, upon his approval, that he sign a memorandum regarding the same.

Motion adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain then expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to present his work to the Board and accepted the offer. He stated that he felt that he could do his best and would do his best.

Motion adopted.

Mr. [unnamed] moved that Mr. Chamberlain be given two weeks in which to move, if necessary.

Motion adopted.

Mr. [unnamed] moved that $1,500 be appropriated to buy the [equipment/animal].

All present (7 members) voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] seconded the motion. Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Mr. [unnamed] voted "aye". Motion adopted.

Mr. [unnamed] moved that the Board reconsider the vote by which the resolution of the Board was adopted limiting the number of students to 500.

Motion withdrawn.
Moved, by Mr. Evans, that the Farmers Lewis, in instruct 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 more, etc., and that the Chemical, Mechanical, and Textile Departments also prepare exhibits.

—Motion adopted—

No further business, the Board adjourned.