Minutes of the Ithaca Meeting, July 9-11, 1908.

The Society first gathered at the lodge of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, at a smoker given by the Cornell section. The regular sessions were held in the Agronomy Building of Cornell University, Mr. M. A. Carleton presiding.

On motion, a committee, of which the President of the Society was made chairman, was ordered appointed to consider the advisability of attempting to publish a journal. The additional members appointed were H. J. Wheeler and T. L. Lyon, and the committee was ordered to report at the next meeting of the Society.

The Society ordered that the next meeting be held in Washington, D. C., immediately before or after the meeting of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, November, 1908.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws was authorized to defer its report until the next meeting.

Mr. E. O. Fippin introduced a resolution accepting a proposal of cooperation between a committee of the Society and the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture, relative to the classification and mapping of the soils of the United States, and directing the appointment of a committee of five members, of which the President and Secretary should be ex officio members, to consider the matter and report at the next regular meeting. The President appointed Messrs. G. N. Coffey, C. G. Hopkins, and A. R. Whitson, the members ex officio being Messrs. M. A. Carleton and T. L. Lyon.

Fourteen papers were then presented, of which seven are published in the present volume. Of the remaining seven papers, listed below, the first five have since been published elsewhere.


"Some Results of Selection to Modify Certain Characters in Corn." L. H. Smith.


"Soil Sampling, with Special Reference to a New Sampler." W. H. Stevenson.

"Chemical Principles of Soil Classification." C. G. Hopkins.

"Ecological Principles of Soil Classification." L. J. Briggs.


Minutes of the Washington Meeting, November 17-18, 1908.

The meetings were held in the assembly-room of the Cosmos Club, with President Carleton in the chair. On behalf of the club, Mr. C. V. Piper extended to the Society the privilege of the club-rooms and café.

The Committee on Soil Classification and Mapping presented its report, which, after discussion, was adopted in the following form: