SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW ENGLAND SECTION

An interesting and well attended meeting of the New England Section of the Society was held at the Hotel Kimball, Springfield, Mass., Nov. 29 and 30. The meeting was called to order at 2 P.M., Nov. 29, by Chairman Dorsey, and the afternoon session was devoted to a consideration of experiment station work, with reports of work in progress at the various stations made by the following: Maine, G. E. Simmons; New Hampshire, F. S. Prince; Vermont, E. Van Alstine (read by the Secretary); Massachusetts, J. P. Jones; Rhode Island, T. E. Odland; Connecticut (New Haven), M. P. Morgan; Connecticut (Storrs), B. A. Brown; and Connecticut (Windsor), P. J. Anderson. Short reports were also made by C. P. Noll and F. P. Bussell.

Directors Sievers, Gilbert, and Slate, of the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut Stations, respectively, discussed the topic, “A Constructive Program of Research for New England.” Director Sievers spoke on the problem of the research worker, Director Gilbert on work that should receive attention, and Director Slate on ways of organization for the promotion of the work. Some 60 station agronomists and men with commercial connections were present at this session.

The program of the evening session, which began with a banquet attended by 55, included a paper on “The Trend of Agronomic Research in New England,” by Henry M. Steege of the Office of Experiment Stations of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; a talk by Director Sievers on his European trip of the past summer; and a “Progress Report on Pasture Demonstrations,” by J. B. Abbott. The informal part of the evening meeting was in the nature of a discussion of the points raised by the three directors in the afternoon. It was voted to continue the committee on lime with a view to better cooperation with the commercial interests concerned.

The morning session on the 30th was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by Chairman Dorsey, who briefly outlined the origin of the committee work on varietal recommendations and seed sources. The meeting was then turned over to J. S. Cwens, leader of the symposium on this topic. C. F. Noll of the Pennsylvania Station reported on “Small Grains,” D. F. Jones of Connecticut on “Corn,” T. E. Odland of Rhode Island on “Clover,” and A. B. Beaumont of Massachusetts on “Alfalfa.” Considerable discussion was aroused and valuable contributions were made by the representatives of the Eastern States Farmers’ Exchange. Following the symposium, F. P. Bussell of the Department of Plant Breeding, Cornell University, presented a paper on “Use Adaptations of Small Grains.”

At the business meeting it was voted to continue the committees on varieties with J. S. Cwens as general chairman. Chairman Dorsey announced the appointment of the following committee on cooperation and coordination of experiment station work: T. E. Odland, chairman, B. A. Brown, A. B. Beaumont, E. Van Alstine, F. S. Prince, and G. E. Simmons.

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