On motion it was decided that a standing committee on nominations should be appointed, the same to present the names of one or more nominees for each office, these names to be published in the Journal preceding the date of annual meeting and voted upon at said meeting.

A true copy.

C. R. Ball,
Secretary.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOIL CLASSIFICATION AND MAPPING.

INTRODUCTION.

The further extension of investigations into the principles and practices of crop production and related matters has made more apparent the necessity for accurate information concerning the character of the soil in different parts of the country. To supply this information soil surveys have been organized and are progressing at an increasing rate and are being undertaken by a larger number of institutions.

Definite knowledge in regard to the nature of the soil is so fundamental that uniformity in classification and mapping is very desirable in order that the results may be as nearly comparable as possible.

With these facts in mind and in order to assist in bringing about the desired results, a resolution was adopted by this Society at its meeting in Ithaca, N. Y., in July, 1908, looking to the creation of a committee on soil classification and mapping, and an organization committee of five members was appointed by the president.

At the annual meeting, in Washington, in November, 1908, this organization committee presented a report which, as adopted, is as follows:

"Your committee recommends that a committee of fifteen persons, qualified for the work, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of this Society to assist in bringing about greater uniformity in soil classification and nomenclature. Of this committee five shall serve for one year, five for two years, and five for three years.

"The committee shall, after conference with the authorities having charge of soil surveys conducted by official institutions in the United States and Canada, draw up a report and submit the same to the action of this Society.

"The committee may, from time to time, change or amend its actions, but its reports and amendments must be adopted by a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Society, in order that such action shall be considered the official action of this Society.

"Your committee believes that, while the action of the Society in these matters will not be binding upon any of the institutions conducting soil surveys, it will carry sufficient moral force to make such action practically official, and that if the plans adopted be practicable and of general application they will be put into effect by all organizations conducting soil surveys in the United States and Canada."

The committee so appointed, consisting of fifteen men identified with soil investigations in the United States and Canada, have held meetings from time to time in connection with the annual meetings of this Society, but, because of