

SPRING MEETING.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT BROOKLYN, HANTS,
APRIL 25th, 1889.

PRESIDENT took the Chair and called the meeting to order. The Secretary being absent through illness, R. W. STARR was requested to act *pro tem*. Members present were: Dr. Chipman, President; J. T. Jackson, T. H. Parker, H. Blanchard, Senior Vice-President, Prof. Hinds, Mr. Sterling, R. W. Starr, and about 40 others, mostly farmers.

President CHIPMAN made a short introductory speech, and then went on to say, "That as the splitting of the bark of bearing apple trees seemed to be prevalent in the locality, and a probability of great damage to many orchards in consequence, he thought it of the utmost importance to get all the information possible, and as Prof. Hind had made a special study of the subject, he would call upon him to open the discussion.

PROFESSOR HIND then gave a most valuable and interesting address, and we very much regret that a stenographer had not been present in order that the whole might have been preserved.

In the discussion which followed, Vice-President BLANCHARD said: I have suffered severely from this disease. I find it differs, some have a distinctly sour odour, while others do not seem to be affected in that way. It attacks all varieties, no sorts being exempt. I find great difference in the appearance of the disease in Ellershouse and at Windsor. The soil at Ellershouse is a slaty gravel, and the trees are young, the bark splits and loosens for some distance up the trunk. At Windsor the damage is close to the ground, and the soil is a heavy clay loam, tile drained.

T. H. PARKER:—I have had some experience in this matter and have been watching it for several years in West Cornwallis, and I have seen its effects in Mr. Sterling's orchard here to-day, but have not yet been able to find any theory that would exactly fit the case.

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