

and Frank L. Dougherty were appointed as the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported a balance of \$1.06 in the treasury after paying all the expenses of the meeting. The report was received and adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to T. G. Newman for the presentation of fifty copies of his convention history, to be distributed among public institutions and libraries.

A collection was taken up to supplement the small balance in the treasury and raise the sum of \$30 necessary to supply every member of this Association with copies of the report. About \$17 were raised, whereupon Mr. Newman generously contributed the remainder.

The Committee on Vice-Presidents reported as follows:—

The Committee would recommend that only those States, Provinces and Territories have Vice-Presidents appointed who are represented by the attendance of delegates or the transmission of reports. On this principle the following names are submitted.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Florida, W. S. Hart, New Smyrna.
Georgia, Dr. J. P. H. Brown, Augusta.
Illinois, Mrs. L. Harrison, Peoria.
Indiana, Jonas Scholl, Lyon Station.
Iowa, Eugene Secor, Forest City.
Michigan, R. L. Taylor, La Peer.
Missouri, John Nebel, High Hill.
Nebraska, Wm. Stolley, Grand Island.
New York, L. C. Root, Mohawk.
Ohio, A. B. Mason Wagon Works.
Oregon, Frank S. Harding.
Ontario, R. F. Holterman, Brantford.
Pennsylvania, Arthur Todd, Germantown.
Quebec, H. F. Hunt, Villa Mastai.

The Committee on resolutions reported resolutions of thanks to the officers of the Association for the untiring and successful efforts made by them in getting up this meeting. Thanks to Thos. G. Newman for having obtained as manager of the Bee-Keepers' Union reduced rates of fare between Chicago and Indianapolis. Thanks to Indianapolis friends for their endeavors to make the meeting a pleasant and successful one; and finally of sympathy with Rev. L. L. Langstroth in his present illness. It was moved that a contribution be made in aid of Father Langstroth, and that the chairman appoint a committee of two to attend to this matter. This was carried and O. O. Poppleton and A. B. Mason were appointed said committee.

On motion by Dr. C. C. Miller, Rev. W. F. Clarke was added to the list of honorary members in view of his early, persevering and long-continued efforts to promote the interests of the association.

The committee on the Chapman honey plant was called on to present its report. N. W. McLain gave an extempore report, which he promised to put in writing so that it could be filed. In his report he embodied a letter from A. E. Manum, who was not able to be present when the other members of the committee visited Mr. Chapman's grounds. The entire tenor of the report was highly favorable, and Mr. Manum stated in his letter that were he present at the meeting of the Association, he would move a vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman for the services he had rendered to bee-keeping in the propagation and diffusion of this plant. The report of the committee was received with thanks, and ordered to be put on file. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Chapman in terms of Mr. Manum's letter.

A paper from J. E. Pond, Jr., on "Reversible Hives and Frames," was read by the Secretary. It went against the practice of reversing, and advocated Mr. Pond's well-known views in regard to setting frames near together in the spring of the year. The hour of adjournment had been reached by the time Mr. Pond's paper had been read.

The Association resumed at 2 p.m. W. Z. Hutchinson read a paper on "Drones and Drone Comb." It was really a plea for hiving swarms in small brood-chambers without comb foundation, and aimed to meet the objection to this plan to the effect that bees thus treated were apt to build drone-comb. He had not been troubled in that direction.

On motion, a further report from the committee on Vice-Presidents recommending that E. O. Tuttle be appointed Vice-President for Vermont was adopted.

A long discussion sprung up on the policy of having essays prepared for the meetings of the association. Some wished all to be free discussions in the total absence of papers, others wished the Executive Committee to select from papers forwarded those they considered most suitable, and others were opposed to papers being read that had been sent by absentees. It was finally resolved: That the Executive Committee be instructed to select essayists, and assign topics; to have fewer and shorter essays; and to exclude, except in rare cases, papers written and forwarded by absentees.

The subject of the coming bee was taken up from the table to allow Mr. McLain to explain. He said, if he had seemed to belittle the labors of those who had preceded him he had been misunderstood.

On motion, the Association then adjourned until next annual meeting.