three to confer together and present to the Executive Committee of this Society some plans for more definite action in regard to the seedling question, in regard to offering premiums, or any other action that seems to be fitted to the wants of the Society. Motion that the President appoint a committee of three to report to the executive committee some plan on the seedling question was put to vote and carried.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO IOWA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Marshall.

The thirty-seventh annual convention of the Iowa State Horticultural Society was held in Des Moines December 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1902. As your delegate I was most heartily received and treated with every courtesy. The session the first day was held jointly with the Iowa Park and Forestry Association and some very interesting papers were read on such subjects as School Gardens, Street Trees and Parking, School Gardens and Forestry in Europe, etc.

The meeting of the Horticultural Society opened with only twenty members present, but this number increased during the session. It is a pleasure to visit a Society in its own home, with its own library and specimens about and pictures on the walls. It adds a dignity to the meetings that we lack. I hope our Society will take this matter up and carry it through. If we can not have a room in the capitol, let us have it in the next best place, but see to it that we have our own quarters before our next annual meeting. They have women in Iowa, because it is a great state and produces able men, but they do not attend the Horticultural Society meetings, and in that respect we are far ahead of them. Another thing one noticed was the absence of young men and one wonders who is to take up and carry on the work the present members have so very ably begun. Their President, Mr. M. J. Wragg, in his annual address, offered an idea that it might be well for our Society to consider. "Landscape Gardening on the State Fair grounds." Think of the added at-
tractiveness in years to come, that a small outlay of money and work in that direction would add to our fair grounds. At the same time why not have it a sort of trail ground and bureau of information, by having each variety of tree and shrub labeled. Here the people from town and country could be reached and when they saw something they wanted to put in their own grounds they could read the label and get the name and see in what parts of the state it thrives.

The Iowa program was much more varied than our has ever been, and to me it was a great relief to learn that Horticulture did not mean exclusively apples and small fruits. There appears to be a great deal of interest in Iowa in the North Western Greening and the growers are satisfied with it as a tree and with its hardiness, but the all important question seems to be as to its fruitfulness, and if I was asked that question once I was asked it a score of times and I am sorry to say I could not answer them. Can you?

The question of dust spraying was brought up and a number of members thought very favorably of it. One member claimed you could spray before breakfast with dust, as many trees as you could in a day with liquid and at less cost for material. This member told of a grower who sold $200.00 worth of Wealthies off two acres, while his neighbor's apples were destroyed by worms. He used a powder spray bellows that cost $1.00. Prof. Price said that it was the consensus of opinion at the apple growers' convention, that liquid spray was superior, but that dust was far better than no spray.

In answer to a question Mr. Patten advised nurserymen to go slow with the use of Prof. Hansen's Siberian Crab as a stock, as he had been experimenting with it. Out of seven varieties that he had tried it on, it proved a failure after four years with all except the Wealthy.

A very interesting paper on fruits in Alaska was read. The most promising of their native fruits were a very large blue berry which ripens in July and August and their currants, which are mottled and much larger than ours.

Fruit crops the past season were only fair, but with the promise of a very good yield the coming year. Nurserymen report the loss of a great deal of young stock and laid it to the cold, damp weather. I found they have had very little blight in Iowa
this past season, and that the Yellow Transparent does not blight as badly with them as many other varieties.

Buckwheat was recommended by thin growers as the very best cover crop. Their principal strawberries seem to be En-
hance sample, Manwell and Warfield with Clyde for dry places.

Among some of the most interesting papers were: Forestry in
Germany, by Prof. Greene of Minnesota; an address by Miss
Sabin, Professor of Domestic Economy at Ames; and A Kicker,
by Wm. Langham of Cedar Rapids.

Their Society offers very liberal premiums and in consequence
had a fine display of some seven hundred plates of fruit, among
them being the display which had won the Grand sweepstakes
at the Apple Growers' convention in St. Louis against Kansas,
Nebraska and Missouri. Their leading varieties seem to be Ben
Davis, Gano, Johnathan and Mekle though I saw the finest plates
of McMahan and N. W. Greening that I have ever seen.

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REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

Mr. Edwards: I was a delegate from this Society last year to
Champaign, and I did not expect to go as a delegate this year,
but Mr. Thompson requested me to come and I finally consented,
but I told him I could not stop but a short time; I got there at
one o'clock and stayed until half past three and they had a
splendid meeting there in northern Illinois; they certainly had
the largest attendance of any horticultural meeting I ever at-
tended, and you can credit this to their president, Mr. Thompson,
I think. He took charge of the Society when it was all run
down, and built it up, and he secured a good attendance and had
a program that commanded people's attention. I gave them a
paper on apples for northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin,
and I want to tell you that they treated me first rate and they
tried to treat others the same. They had a splendid display of
fruit on their tables. I hope that this Society can take some of
the measures that Mr. Thompson took to get the general public
interested in the state meetings; he certainly did credit to him-
self and to northern Illinois. The meeting was held at Ster-