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Oct. 17, 1907 (Thursday) an Executive Committee meeting was held at the College. Present: Messrs. Palmer, Pierpont, Storrs, and Stimson. Voted that:

1. Messrs. Davis & Brooks be, and hereby are, appointed architects in connection with the erection of the new horticultural building and florist's cottage.

The contract with Messrs. Davis & Brooks provides that in case the lowest bid, including the architects' fees, exceeds $25,000, the architects will, without extra charge, make such changes in the plans and specifications as may be necessary to bring the cost of erecting these two buildings within $25,000, including the architects' fees, unless the positive direction of the Committee is opposed to what the architects know must be done to keep the cost within the limit set. The other terms of the contract are substantially the same as those found in the contract for the designing and supervision of the erection of Storrs Hall (See minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, pages 80 and 81), excepting that the present specifications of the architects will not cover furniture, shelves, or cases.

2. The President shall advertise for bids for the erection of the horticultural building and florist's cottage in The Commercial Record, The Hartford Courant, The Willimantic Chronicle, plans and specifications to be seen, and bids to be received at the office of Messrs. Davis & Brooks, 49 Pearl Street, Hartford, Conn., up to 5 P. M., November 2nd.

3. Mr. D. W. Patten, treasurer of the Board of Trustees,
shall receive, and on warrant of the Committee, shall disburse the appropriation for the new horticultural building and greenhouses.

4. The new piggery shall be completed as soon as possible.

5. Grove Cottage and the fronts of Gold Hall (or "President's House"), the Main Building, and the Chemical Laboratory, shall be painted this fall; but further painting shall be deferred till next June.

6. Two-thirds of the piggery shall be placed temporarily at the disposal of Professor Clinton for sheep, objection having been raised by Mrs. Whitney to the keeping of sheep in the Whitney barn.

   It is understood that when the new dairy barn has been erected, the basement of the present farm barn is to be used for sheep.

7. The College has no available funds for participating with the colleges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in the operation of a "Better Farming Train."

8. The President shall designate what stone shall be furnished the contractors for the foundations of the new buildings.

9. The President is authorized to approve requisitions for the purchase of cows to such an amount as may be realized by sales of undesirable cows and young cattle, end of the Ayrshire and Guernsey bulls.

Professor Trueman advises, and the Executive Committee agree, that in view of our limited stable room and pasturage, it is not advisable at present to try to maintain pure-bred herds of four breeds, but that it
will be better to continue pure-bred herds of Jerseys and Holsteins only, a few representation cows of the Ayrshire and Guernsey breeds to be kept for illustrative purposes, these to be replaced from time to time by purchase.

The Committee has been informed that the Lord & Burnham Company has awarded the contract for the foundations for the new greenhouses to the H. Wales Lines Company, Meriden, Conn.