ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC ENTOMOLOGISTS.

In pursuance of the call published in the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST, in *Entomologica Americana*, and distributed by James Fletcher, President of the Entomological Club of the A. A. A. S., the following persons met in Toronto on August 28th, at 4 p.m.:—James Fletcher, Clarence M. Weed, A. J. Cook, L. O. Howard, John B. Smith, C. J. S. Bethune, H. Garman, W. Saunders, C. W. Hargitt, and others. Organization was effected by the election, upon motion of Prof. J. B. Smith, of Mr. James Fletcher as Chairman, and Clarence M. Weed as Secretary. Mr. Fletcher, in taking the chair, set out the advantages of organization, and urged the formation at the present time of an association that might be specially devoted to entomology in its economic aspect. Remarks to the same purpose were made by Prof. Cook, Prof. Smith, Mr. Weed, Mr. Howard, Dr. Bethune and Mr. Garman. After full discussion, Prof. Cook moved, seconded by Prof. Smith, that we do now decide to organize an "Association of Official Economic Entomologists." Carried unanimously.

Mr. Fletcher submitted a draft of a constitution drawn by Mr. Howard and himself, after consultation with others.

The proposed constitution was discussed clause by clause, amended and corrected, and finally adopted as a whole in the following shape:—

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Association of Official Economic Entomologists.

2. Its objects shall be : (1) To discuss new discoveries, to exchange experiences, and to carefully consider the best methods of work ; also (2) to give opportunity to individual workers of announcing proposed investigations, so as to bring out suggestions and prevent unnecessary duplication of work ; (3) to assign, when possible, certain lines of investigation upon subjects of general interest ; (4) to promote the study and advance the science of entomology.

3. The membership shall be confined to workers in economic entomology. All economic entomologists employed by the general or State Governments, or by the State Experimental Stations, or by any agricultural or horticultural association, and all teachers of economic entomology in educational institutions, may become members of the Association by transmitting proper credentials to the Secretary, and by authorizing him to sign their names to this constitution. Other persons engaged in practical work in economic entomology may be elected by a two-thirds

vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Association, and shall be termed associate members. Members residing outside of the United States or Canada shall be designated foreign members. Associate or foreign members shall not be entitled to hold office or to vote.

4. The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary, to be elected annually, who shall perform the duties customarily incumbent upon their respective offices. The President shall not hold office for two consecutive terms.

5. The annual meeting shall be held at such place and time as may be decided upon by the Association. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the officers, and shall be called on the written request of not less than five members. Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6. The mode of publication of the proceedings of the Association shall be decided upon by open vote at each annual meeting.

All proposed alterations or amendments to this constitution shall be referred to a select committee of three at any regular meeting, and, after a report from such committee, may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that a written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to every voting member of the Association at least one month prior to date of action,

(Signed) JAMES FLETCHER,

A. J. COOK,

JOHN B. SMITH,

CHARLES J. S. BETHUNE,

L. O. HOWARD,

CLARENCE M. WEED,

E. BAYNES REED,

H. GARMAN,

C. W. HARGITT.

The hour being late, Mr. Howard moved an adjournment to the 29th, after the meeting of the Biological Section of the A. A. A. S. Carried.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, at the call of the Chairman *pro tem*, at Scarborough Heights, near Toronto, at 4 p.m., Aug. 29th; the Chairman, Mr. Fletcher, taking the chair. On motion of Prof. J. B. Smith, seconded by Mr. L. O. Howard, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee organizing the Association was dispensed with, and resolved that the members present do sign the constitution as read and approved at the last meeting, and that by their action the Association of Official Economic Entomologists be, and is hereby duly organized. The following members then signed the Constitution in the order named:—James Fletcher, Chairman; A. J. Cook; John B. Smith; Chas.

J. S. Bethune ; L. O. Howard ; Clarence M. Weed ; E. Baynes Reed ; H. Garman ; C. W. Hargitt. The Secretary was authorized to transfer the signatures to the minute book of the Association, and to add the signatures of those who had expressed a desire to join in the work of the Association.

Letters were then read from Dr. F. Goding, Illinois, and Dr. J. A. Lintner, New York, expressing sympathy with and approval of the objects of the Association, and asking to be enrolled as members.

On motion of Prof. Smith, seconded by Mr. Weed, the election of officers was then proceeded with.

Prof. Smith nominated Prof. C. V. Riley as first President of the Association, stating that his recognized pre-eminent position as an economic entomologist, and his active interest in the work of establishing this Association, entitled him to the honor and recognition of the Association by election to that office. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Bethune and Mr. Weed, each stating the high claims of Dr. Riley to the position. On motion of Prof. Cook, seconded by Prof. Smith, Dr. Riley was elected by acclamation.

Prof. Smith nominated Prof. S. A. Forbes as 1st Vice-President of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Howard, and Prof. Forbes was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Weed nominated Prof. A. J. Cook as 2nd Vice-President of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Bethune, and Prof. Cook was elected by acclamation.

Prof. Cook then took the chair and the meeting was carried on under his presidency.

Mr. Howard nominated Prof. J. B. Smith as Secretary of the Association. The nomination was seconded by Prof. Hargitt, and Prof. Smith was elected by acclamation.

On motion of Prof. Smith, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of two to prepare such by-laws as may be deemed expedient, to be submitted for approval by the Association at its next meeting.

Prof. Cook appointed the Secretary and Mr. Howard as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Howard, it was resolved that the next annual meeting of the Association be held at the time and place where the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations next meets.

On motion of Prof. Smith, the Society then adjourned.

JOHN B. SMITH, Secretary.