The Necrology Committee regrets to report the passing of the following members:

Dr. R. M. Barnette, Gainesville.
J. C. Compton, Orlando.
R. F. Cook, Leesburg.
Dr. Theodore A. Erck, Leesburg.
John F. May, Winter Haven.
E. P. Porcher, Cocoa.
H. B. Stevens, DeLand.
R. B. Woolfolk, Orlando.

These members have maintained their membership in the Society over a long period and most have been very active taking part in the programs and discussions, doing committee work and contributing to the financing of the organization. Mr. H. B. Stevens served for many years as a vice president and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. R. B. Woolfolk, senior vice president of the American Fruit Growers has always been regular in his attendance and was always ready to help when called upon. His organization has a patron membership in the Society.

Another member of long standing and who served the Society as a member of the Executive Committee for twenty-three successive years was Mr. E. S. Hubbard of Federal Point who passed away on April 19, 1936, at the Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York.

The Society has suffered a real loss in the passing of these members, and it is to be hoped that the younger members will take up their tasks and carry on the work that they started and carried on so well during the years.

E. P. PORCHER
Cocoa, Florida

In the death of Mr. Edward Postell Porcher, 78, who passed away at the family home on Deannoy avenue, Monday afternoon, June 19, at 4:35, Cocoa and Brevard County lost a prominent pioneer citrus grower and a valued citizen. Mr. Porcher's death came after a prolonged illness and while not unexpected brought sadness to many friends and acquaintances.

Simple funeral services for him were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family home, conducted by the Rev. Wm. L. Hargrave. The remains were taken to Orlando for cremation, the ashes to repose in the Porcher mausoleum at Courtenay.

Mr. Porcher was born in Greenville, S. C., in October, 1861, and in June, 1884, came to this community, where he settled to make his home. During the first few months of his residence he lived at Sharpes, but having acquired property at Courtenay for a citrus grove, moved there to live on his grove holdings in September of the year he came here. On December 15th, 1885, he was married to Miss Byrnina Mona Peck, of Atlanta, Ga., at Charleston, S. C.

Despite the adversities of the early days of citrus pioneering on Merritt Island, Mr. Porcher persevered in his cultivation of citrus fruit, and became one of the best known growers of the entire Indian River district. He built a packing house for the handling of his own fruit at Courtenay, and in 1910 transferred his packing operations to this city, where for two years the fruit from his grove was packed in the warehouse of the old Florida East Coast Railway freight depot warehouse at the end of the dock on the Indian River on King Street. Two years later the present packing plant was built, since which time his fruit has been handled there. At the time of his death he was one of the largest individual growers of Indian River fruit in Brevard County.

Mr. Porcher was always interested in the problems of the citrus industry, and was for many years the general agent for the old Indian River and Lake Worth Pineapple and Orange Growers Association, Florida's first citrus cooperative, and aided in the organization of the North American Fruit Exchange, a national marketing organization.

As a citrus packer he was known to be the first citrus grower to wash and stamp his fruit, and
was the inventor of the first fruit stamping machine, the basic patent of which was turned over to a manufacturer of citrus stamping machines, which are now widely used in Florida, Texas and California. He was also the inventor and held basic patents for the first clamp truck for handling packed boxes of fruit in packing houses, which proved most valuable to the industry, and which is now, improved, used in every packing house. He contributed in many ways toward the advancement of the industry.

In matters affecting the future of his community, Mr. Porcher was a leader, always doing his share for the welfare of his chosen section. He helped establish the first golf course here and was an officer in the organization, and at the time of his death was a member of the Poinsett Golf Course, in which he won many cups for golfing, and the Chevy Chase Country Club in Maryland. He was well known several years ago for his interest in trapshooting, in which he was quite expert, and in the early days was interested in speedboat racing on the Indian River.

Mr. Porcher is survived by two daughters, and one son, who are Mrs. James Lawrence Walsh, of Summit, N. J., Mrs. Lewis Andrews, Jr., of Cocoa, and Arthur G. Porcher, of Cocoa. Nine grandchildren, Mrs. Frank Bowles, of New York City, Miss Katherine Porcher, Miss Nananne Porcher and Arthur G. Porcher, Jr., Lewis Andrews, and Myrtle Norris Andrews, all of Cocoa, and Mrs. Davis Earnhardt, of Port Orange, and Mrs. Chester Treadway, Jr., of Tavares, are also left to mourn his passing.

ROBERT B. WOOLFOLK
Orlando, Florida

Robert B. Woolfolk, senior vice-board of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., died in an Orlando hospital Saturday night, February 18th, following a heart attack.

Mr. Woolfolk had the attack while on a fishing trip near Orlando and was rushed to the hospital, where he lived only a day.

Mr. Woolfolk came from Goshen, Kentucky, and came to Orlando about twenty years ago. He occupied a large residence on Lake Lucerne.

His present business career began when in 1896, he and J. S. Crutchfield, a cousin, formed Crutchfield & Woolfolk, a produce commission firm with headquarters in Pittsburgh.

As this business expanded, as it did very rapidly, they began to branch out, organizing companies in other sections of the country.

In 1919, the American Fruit Growers, Inc., was organized, with the very strong established business of Crutchfield & Woolfolk as its nucleus. In New York, it took over A. F. Young & Co., one of that city's most progressive concerns. Mr. Woolfolk immediately became the senior vice-president and chairman of the board of the new company.

Soon after coming to Florida, different groves and businesses in this state were taken into the company. Mr. Woolfolk was very active in association work, and became a director of the Florida Growers and Shippers League; and was one of the members of the First Florida Citrus Control Committee. He was also chairman of the sub-committee on citrus of the Agricultural Committee of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

Aside from his duties with the company, he was president of the Deerfield Groves Co., owning and operating over 500 acres of Indian River groves. He was also treasurer of the Union Fruit Auction Co., of Pittsburgh, and a director of the Electric Fruit Marketing Co., of Los Angeles.

In 1897, Mr. Woolfolk married Miss Cleo Gregory of Whiteville, Va. He is survived by his widow and four daughters, Louise, now wife of Capt. Ira W. Blark of the U. S. Army; Mary, now Mrs. John R. Norton of Wellesley, Mass., and Margaret and Virginia of Orlando.

He was always recognized for his great experience in the fruit business of the nation, and his counsel was always sought on matters of general concern in this industry. He was a kindly man, pleasing, obliging, and his death forces a great loss upon his associates and acquaintances generally.

EDWIN SMITH HUBBARD
Federal Point, Fla.

On a hill farm at Maromas, Conn., which had been in the family since 1719, was born Edwin
Smith Hubbard, May 18, 1860, the son of Samuel Johnson and Frances Drusilla Hubbard.

In 1880 he came to Federal Point, Florida, to be with his uncle, Edwin Smith. In 1882 he married Louisa Abigail Hart, sister of Edmund Hall Hart of Federal Point, and from that time he devoted himself to orange growing. He joined the Florida Horticultural Society in 1888, the year it was formed. The next year he arranged the Society's exhibit at the very ambitious Exposition at Ocala, the largest display of citrus fruits ever shown in Florida. The decimal scale for judging citrus points which he had worked out in the newspapers, was adopted at this time and, I believe, has remained substantially the same ever since.

In 1893 he was elected by the Florida State Horticultural Society and confirmed by the state commissioners to be judge of citrus fruits at the Columbia Exposition at Chicago where he remained two and a half months judging other fruits as well.

He shared the enthusiasm of early growers for introducing new varieties, and was awarded the Wilder silver medal for the "Surprise" seedless navel. He also held the bronze medal.

Possibly his greatest contribution to citrus culture was through his interest in agricultural chemistry. He not only kept abreast of the great advances in scientific knowledge and applied them on his findings to the horticultural papers. He was also a lecturer for the Farmers Institute in many parts of the state.

For twenty-three years he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Horticultural Society, and was offered the presidency which he declined. After his retirement he was made an honorary member.

During the later years of his life he gave up active business and occupied his time with rose growing and with writing his autobiography for his grandchildren. This mine of early Florida lore was completed shortly before his death on April 19, 1936.

H. B. STEVENS
DeLand, Florida

One of the last of the pioneers in Florida horticulture has gone to his reward. A lovable character, kind in manner, always thoughtful of others, devout, a leader—he has left a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Mr. Stevens was born in Ohio January 22, 1851, and passed away October 14, 1938. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esther Stevens; two sons, Edward B. of DeLand and Robert H. of Savannah, Georgia; and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Hunter of DeLand and Mrs. Edward Davis of Berea, Kentucky.

Mr. Stevens led a very active life, and his versatility was equaled by few. He was manager of the Stetson estates in DeLand until 1934, a member of the Board of Trustees of Stetson University, and active in numerous civic and church affairs. The tributes paid Mr. Stevens by his associates and friends portray his character as a man. President W. S. Allen of Stetson University states: "Mr. Stevens was a friend of J. B. Stetson University for fifty years. His first connection with the University was in paying the expenses of worthy students who had no money. In 1888 he sent a young man to Stetson. The following year he sent two young women. This great work of helping worthy students he continued through all the years.

In 1890, he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees. Soon thereafter he was made vice-president of the Board and served in that capacity until recently when because of failing eyesight, he requested to be relieved of that office. He was also for many years a member of the Committee on Administration. Through the forty-eight years of his membership on the Board, he was faithful to every responsibility of the Institution.

"He loved Stetson University and believed in its program. He supported the Institution with all the energy he had to the very last of his life.

"He had a great spirit of optimism. He always saw the bright side of a problem. He never looked back but constantly forward. He was always constructive. He was always progressive. He was always far visioned.
“He was a great Christian. He loved his Christianity. It was shown in his conversation, in his prayers and in his happy outlook on life.”

Mr. Stevens came to Florida in January, 1874, taking a position with Mr. P. P. Bishop of the Bishop-Hoyt Fruit Company, near the present town of Citra. From that time until his retirement in 1934, he was in constant touch with developments in the citrus industry and had active part in these. In an article published in the 1918 Proceedings of the Society, entitled “Reminiscences of a Pioneer Orange Grower,” he tells of his early experiences in connection with the origin of the Pineapple orange; the discovery of the White Fly; cold experiences in 1876, 1886, 1895 and 1917; firing groves for cold protection; scale insect control and other subjects, all of which illustrates his wide experience and great versatility. There is hardly any phase of citriculture that he has not had a part in the improvement of its practices. He invented different types of packing house machinery and a method of loading freight cars to prevent slippage of the load. He was strong advocate of the control of citrus pests by means of natural enemies. He believed in non-cultivation and many of his groves in DeLand were planted in the virgin soil among the pine trees and were grown to maturity without cultivation.

Mr. Stevens always took an active part in the deliberations of the Society and served as a vice-president for many years. He was one of few growers with an enquiring mind who asked themselves questions and proceeded to try to find the answer. Mr. Stevens questioned every phase of citrus growing from the field to the market and found the answer to many that we today accept without question. Mr. Stevens’ picture appears in the frontispiece of the 1936 Proceedings.

REPORT OF SECRETARY
April 10, 1939

Balance Sheet:
Cash in Bank .................................................. $ 16.00
Liabilities:
None (transferred to Treasurer's Books).

Statement of Operations, 1938-1939:
Annual Memberships 1938 .......................... $574.00
Annual Sustaining Memberships 1938 10.00
Annual Memberships 1939 .......................... 6.00
Perennial Memberships .......................... 17.00
Continuing Membership .......................... 2.00
Sale of Proceedings .......................... 56.00

$665.00

Cash Receipts:
Balance April 11, 1938 ...................... $ 92.26
Receipts ............................................. 665.00

$757.26

Disbursements:
Returned check .......................... $ 2.00
Refund .......................... 2.00
Expenses (4 items) ...................... 132.05
Transfer to Treasurer ................................... 605.21

$741.26

Cash in Bank 4-10-39 ...................... 16.00

$757.26

Moved and seconded that the Secretary's report be accepted. Carried.