
At the first session, Thursday, December 26, 2 P. M., President Cope called for the reports of committees appointed at the Baltimore meeting: It was reported that two microtomes had been purchased by the duly authorized committee and placed at the Naples Station for the use of American students under appointment of the Smithsonian Institution. The Committee on Bibliography announced that their report had, according to instructions, been published in Science and the American Naturalist. The Treasurer's report was read and, after being duly audited, received.

Dr. Stiles reported that the present term of control of a table at the Naples Station would cease on June 8, 1896; that during this term eight men had been appointed to the table, and that the table had not remained unoccupied for a single month. He presented a memorial, addressed to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, asking that the control of the table be continued, and requested the Society to approve the steps already taken by him and authorize him to continue. It was so voted, and on motion of Dr. Morgan it was also voted that the President appoint a committee of two, which committee should communicate to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institu-