Mr. Noyes: In addition to that leave your books open where farmers can see them and explain to them.

**GIFT FROM S. A. COOK.**

The Chairman: I have a letter with a surprise in it from the Hon. S. A. Cook:

"Having in mind that it is possible the members, and especially the active ones, the officers, are having difficulties and hard work to make the convention this year just what it ought to be or just what such a representative association is entitled to, that the time to assist is when needed, the time when assistance does some good, permit me to suggest through you to the secretary, the chairs and also the enclosed check ($100) which I ask you to please present to the association with my best wishes to all; and if it will be just a little incentive to encourage the keeping up of the good name of Wisconsin cheese that I, with many others, have reason to be proud of, and also if possible to encourage the cheese makers to see that the farmers, the producers of the milk for the manufacture of cheese, that in keeping up the quality they may also plan to increase the quantity of the product without materially increasing the cost, thereby increasing their net income and at the same time reach the consumer at a reasonable price to them as an article of food. If some good can be accomplished on these lines I will feel well paid for any little assistance I may see my way clear to render. Yours truly,

S. A. COOK."

On motion of Mr. Noyes, the thanks of the association were given to Mr. Cook, and also to Mr. Bruhn for his efficient and faithful work for the association; and the association voted to purchase a chair like one of those given by Mr. Cook as a present to Mr. and Mrs. Bruhn.

**REVIEW OF SIX YEARS OF SCORING EXHIBITION WORK.**

Prof. C. E. Lee, College of Agriculture, University of Wisconsin.

In the spring of 1907 the scoring exhibition work conducted by the Dairy and Food Commission was taken over by the Dairy Department, College of Agriculture. The plan of the exhibitions, as outlined in the first letter sent to all of the creameries and cheese factories of Wisconsin, has not been changed.

The factory operators were given an opportunity to send a package of butter or cheese to the dairy department each month during the year for the purpose of having the quality judged. The men were also informed that a determination of the per cent of water in each entry would be made and that a letter of advice would be sent to each exhibitor informing them of the probable cause and the remedy for the defects found in the cheese. Each exhibit would be sold and the money refunded to the maker. At that time a plan was also suggested for granting awards to exhibitors at the end of the year.

**Great Benefit Derived from Method Blanks.**

During the first week of each month, a "call envelope" containing a method blank and shipping instructions, has been sent to the men who for the recent past months entered a cheese at Madison. These blanks when properly filled out are very useful to the men that make the cheese, because they furnish to those in charge of the exhibitions, helpful information as to why certain defects are noticeable to the judges. They are used in writing the letters to the exhibitors and in tabulating data for