

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report:

Our expenses for the past year have been somewhat larger than usual. The Menomonie convention was continued through four days, one of our cheese instructors was in the field nearly two months longer than usual, and the creamery instructor approximately three times as many days as his predecessor.

The expenditures for the current year may be classified as follows:

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| Expenses of officers and speakers and reporter at the Menomonie convention | \$523 36 |
| Premiums | 200 00 |
| Taking Dunn county cow census | 50 00 |
| Paid Cheese Instructor Aderhold for 202 days, \$1,010, less received from factories, \$190..... | 820 00 |
| Paid Cheese Instructor McCready for 167 days, \$835, less received from factories, \$122..... | 713 00 |
| Paid Creamery Instructor James G. Moore for 171 days, \$855, less \$52.50 received from creameries... | 802 50 |
| Paid expenses of meeting of Executive Board..... | 16 80 |
| Paid miscellaneous expenses | 33 94 |
| Total paid to date..... | <u>\$3,159 60</u> |

There remains to be paid:

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| Secretary's salary | \$250 00 |
| Expenses of secretary's office (including postage, \$48.33, freight, \$10.75, stenographer, \$52.00).... | 119 08 |
| Printing programs, score cards, etc., | 30 95 |
| Total expenses of the year to date..... | <u>\$3,559 63</u> |

There has also been paid from the reserve of \$1,000 annually for the Swiss cheese industry to:

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| Mr. Fred Rubin, instructor, for 55 days..... | \$255 00 |
| And he collected from factories \$20. | |
| For a curd test outfit..... | 4 00 |
| Total | \$259 00 |

Just why Mr. Rubin did not devote more time to the work I am not informed. Certainly it was not from lack of co-operation on the part of this Association or its secretary for he was repeatedly urged to do so. Had he been employed by this Association and under its direct supervision he, or some other competent instructor, would have been kept in the field the same as our other instructors, and thus have accomplished much more good. In my judgment it was a serious mistake to add a proviso to our annual appropriation directing that any part of it should be expended under the direction of some other organization. This association has always responded to every call for help from the Swiss cheese makers, and with its increased appropriation, if unhampered by restrictions, would have inaugurated systematic work in that branch of Wisconsin dairy industry.

Our creamery instructor has rendered excellent service, for the details of which I beg to refer to his report. Much of it might appropriately be termed pioneer work, for butter makers and creamery managers are not as a rule cognizant of their own limitations and defects. Mr. Moore was instructed to go from creamery to creamery, introduce himself as employed by this association and offer his assistance. If accepted, as it was in almost every instance, he made such an inspection of the plant as his long experience in the work enabled him to do, and pointed out the particulars in which improvement was possible. In some instances the conditions were such that he took hold with his own hands and assisted in cleaning pipes and churns and butter workers, preparing starters and acid tests, and testing the glassware. In other instances he only submitted suggestions, and in others he was able to report everything in good order and methods correct. This work should be continued.

The work of the cheese instructors has been carried on much as heretofore, and it is noticeable, and confirmatory of the benefits conferred, that those factories which have had their service in former years are the ones most anxious to have them come again and are more and more willing to assist in defraying their expenses and contributing to the payment of their salaries.

I thank the association for its continued confidence and remain, its obedient servant,

GEO. W. BURCHARD,
Secretary.

The report of the auditing committee was submitted, and on motion accepted.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Feb. 12, 1903.

The committee appointed to examine the vouchers and accounts of the secretary and treasurer have examined such accounts and find them correct.

STEPHEN FAVILL,
H. C. TAYLOR,
Committee.