an early period of my life, but in proper time I was weaned and lost my interest temporarily, at least.

We have in this county as you are well aware, very large dairy interests which have been a source of great revenue. I presume that no sixteen mile square in the state of Wisconsin can show as many cows and as large dairy interests as we can in Green county, largely in the hands of the Swiss-Americans.

Gentlemen, there are only a few of you here, but where there are a few earnest men engaged in a good cause, there is nothing to fear. I trust your sessions will be profitable and result in great good to this community, and I trust that the community will show its appreciation by its attendance. I trust your exercises will be satisfactory and agreeable, and again giving you the most hearty welcome on behalf of the city and speaking for the mayor who is out of the city, I bid you welcome. If I knew where the keys of the city are, I would present them to you; I do not know where they are, but I think Governor Hoard will find them if anybody can.

RESPONSE.

CHARLES L. HILL, Rosendale.

Mr. President, Mr. Clawsen, speaking on behalf of the city of Monroe and Green county, and Gentlemen: It gives me great pleasure to respond to this address of welcome given by Mr. Clawsen of this city. It is indeed a great pleasure to me personally, and I am sure it is to those who have been previously interested in this Dairymen's Association to once a year gather in this annual meeting.

We come to Green county realizing that we are in one of the pioneer dairy sections of this state. Driven perhaps to dairying, the citizens of this part of the state, because of the rather rough character of the land as compared with some of the parts of the state, it proved to be their salvation.

I note on the back of this program that the banks of the city
of Monroe have upon deposit, $1,800,000 of farmers' money, probably pretty nearly all derived from milking the old cow, and that in other banks of Green county there are deposited a million and a half dollars of these same farmers' money.

In some other section of the state, older sections than this, where the land was more nearly level, they proceeded at once to raise grain and they did it because they could easier gain a livelihood upon that kind of land, but later on it became necessary in those sections of the state and of other states to do something to bring back the fertility of the soil which had been sold out by the bushel to feed the inhabitants of Europe with white flour. They were wise enough to turn to the cow, and nobly did she respond, and if the cow has responded to the demands of Green county, as we know she has, she stands ready to respond for every other one of the counties of the state.

Wisconsin, I believe, stands second only to New York in the value of its dairy products, and of all the states of the Union, if she stands second now, she must stand first some day because of the large amount of undeveloped territory that is in the northern part of the state, to say nothing of the year by year increase of the dairy business in these southern counties.

It was my pleasure to spend nearly all the month of January in New York state, and comparing that state with our own, I see that the dairy sections of that state were first driven into dairying as was this section of this state, because of the rough character of the land, but that we have the advantage of them in this race for supremacy in the dairy industry, because of the fact that we have yet so much undeveloped territory that is bound to be some of the very best of the dairy sections of the state. We have with us at this time, I am glad to see, some farmers who have come from the far northwestern part of the state in the hope that they will gain for that section of the state the next meeting of this Association, and I must say, from recent visits in that part of the state, that my sympathies are with them, and I hope that they will be given the next year's meeting of this Association there.

There are also with us dairymen from Illinois on the south and Minnesota on the north—we ordinarily speak of Minnesota
on the west, but in this case the men who come here to enjoy these sessions with us are from the northernmost part of Minnesota, and they too are interested in the development of the dairy industry in the northern part of Minnesota, and doubtless, when they go from this state to their own state, they will tell their people, as I am telling you, that Wisconsin won't be in it when Minnesota has developed her dairy industry.

But perhaps I am wandering from the subject. I want to thank Mr. Clawson for his welcome to us here. I am sure we all come here not as instructors, but as learners. If any person is so well posted on any business that he cannot go into a meeting and learn something that he did not know before, he is in a hopeless condition, and the more a man knows to begin with, the more readily he learns from his fellow man, and I hope we are going to learn much from the men who will later on be here. These dairymen of Green county, who have built these fine houses and great, large, red barns, could undoubtedly tell us very much of the things that tend to the prosperity of the people. It has impressed me this year as never before, because in the fall I took a daylight ride across the state of Missouri, from Kansas City to St. Louis, without practically seeing any buildings that would be considered buildings in Green county, until you get within a few miles of St. Louis where you will see some fine big barns and some good alfalfa.

Now, without taking more time, I will repeat the thanks of this Association to Mr. Clawson and the city of Monroe for this welcome.

C. H. Everett, Racine.

Mr. President: It is a pretty hard matter for me to talk to anything but an audience of farmers, and these gentlemen here are nearly all professional farmers, and this is a pretty hard place to put an old hayseed who can't talk anything but cows, silage, etc.

I have been to Green county a good many times in Farmers' Institutes and other kindred meetings, and have always met with