

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Henry Elmer, Monroe, Wis.

Mr. President and Members of the Association :

In presenting this ninth annual Report, I feel proud to say, that the year just closed has been one of the most successful ones since the organization of our Association. Since changing the name of our Association from "The Southern Wisconsin Cheesemakers' Association" to "The Southern Wisconsin Cheesemakers' and Dairymen's Association" a great deal of work was done to interest the Dairymen and allow me right here to mention the name of our Director, Mr. John Waelti, who so faithfully gave his time and influence for the benefit of our Association. Our Instructor, Mr. Peter Zumkehr, also worked very hard to induce the Cheesemakers to join our Association so that the Dairymen and the Cheesemakers will derive the great benefit offered thru our Conventions.

All of the great work done at our last Convention at Monroe, Wis., on January 30th and 31st, 1908, you will find recorded in the printed Proceedings and I trust that every one of our Members has received a copy of that excellent work and makes good use of same.

On March the 17th, 1908, the Executive Committee with the Officers of this Association unanimously voted to again recommend Mr. Peter Zumkehr to the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association to be Traveling Cheese Instructor for the Southern Wisconsin Cheesemakers' and Dairymen's Associa-

tion. Mr. Zumkehr was appointed and was doing very satisfactory work this last year. He visited Cheese Factories and any man going from Factory to Factory will find great improvements as the result of the work done by our Instructor. Mr. Zumkehr will give us a more detailed Report of his work. At the same meeting Honorable John Luchsinger, Honorable Thomas Luchsinger and our worthy President Mr. S. J. Stauffacher were elected to petition the State for an additional appropriation of one thousand dollars and the total two thousand Dollars to be expended under the direction and auspices of this Association as accepted in last year's Resolutions. Another Committee of Messrs. Joshua Klassy, John Waelti and Fred Tschudy was elected to make a list of one or two successful Farmers in each Township and to interest said Farmers in our work. It was also agreed to print the Proceedings of the last Convention and the Secretary was requested to get bids from the different publishers here at home and if possible to get some suitable cuts or photographs to make the pamphlet more attractive.

On July the 7th, 1908, another meeting was held to consider bids for printing the proceedings of the 1908 Convention. The following bids were received:

Monroe Evening Times \$1.10 per page of pamphlet to print 400 copies.

Monroe Sentinel \$1.09 per page of pamphlet to print 400 copies.

The Journal Gazette \$1.50 per page of pamphlet to print 400 copies.

The Green County Herold asked to be excused.

The Monroe Sentinel being the lowest bidder was awarded the job to print 400 copies. The cuts for the illustrations and the printing of same to be figured extra.

Again a meeting was held on September 5th 1908. The object of this meeting was to get Mr. Fred Marty, Ass't. Dairy and Food Commissioner, and Mr. Peter Zumkehr, Factory Inspector, closer together in their work in visiting the Cheese Factories so that with less time more Factories

can be visited and inspected.

On September 12th, 1908, we had another meeting and invited all the Farmers selected by the appointed Committee to meet with us and every one present pledged himself to work faithfully for the good of the Association.

On November the 9th we petitioned the Honorable County Board to grant us the use of the Court Room and on November the 12th we had a good meeting. Almost every member of the County Board was present beside some outside Farmers and again all promised to use their influence in behalf of our Association.

February the 7th, '09, we held again meeting to get ready for our next Convention. Monroe, Wis., was agreed on to be the place for our next Convention. The date shall be March 11th and 12th, 1909, at the Turner Hall. On account of the 10 days free Course at the Agriculture College at Madison and the 3 different Farmers' Institute in our direct neighborhood we could not set an earlier date. It was agreed to have a suitable Watch Fob instead of a Badge for each member; also to engage again Mrs. Wegg's celebrated Badger Girls Orchestra which gave such splendid satisfaction last year, to print Circulars setting forth the reason why we should have the help of every Dairyman and Cheesemaker and to send such Circulars to every Farmer selected by aforesaid Committee for distribution; also to give an Invitation to the different Advertisers in the 1909 Program of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers' Association. A Program was lined out and the Secretary was instructed to try and get the different Speakers.

In conclusion and in the name of the Association I wish to heartily thank every one who so freely and splendidly assisted us in making this Convention a success.

HENRY ELMER, Secretary.