

PREFACE.

The Southern Wisconsin Cheesemakers' Association was organized about 9 years ago by a few interested friends. The Association at once was acknowledged to be a good thing for the dairy industry of southern Wisconsin. Steadily and gradually the work of the Association spread, new fields explored and opened, new opportunities offered and accepted until March 11th 1909 the Association reorganized into the Southern Wisconsin Dairymen's and Cheesemakers, Association and incorporated as such under the state laws of Wisconsin.

Today with a membership of about 450 this organization leads every organization of its kind in the State and stands very favorably with the best in the United States. It has been a patent factor in developing the dairy industry of the state. It has been instrumental in changing many cheese shanties into well equipped, modern cheesefactories. It has made land valuable by encouraging the farmer to milk—because he knows that his efforts in this line will bring prompt and rich returns. It has assisted and helped out many persons who were in trouble and thus saved these parties and southern Wisconsin thousands of dollars.

With the hearty cooperation on the part of all interested in the great dairy industry of the State the influence of this Association on the same cannot be easily estimated. The solving of such problems as the raising of alfalfa, the best dairy cow, right feeding for milk, manufacture, care and curing of cheese etc. are always uppermost in the work of the Association. To this end this Association as in the

past so in the future only with a greater determination shall endeavor to accumulate the best experience and knowledge of all successful Dairymen and Cheesemakers and disseminate it among people of southern Wisconsin, the State and the Nation.