

PREFACE.

THE Third Annual Meeting of the WESTERN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION, held in the City of London, on the 18th, 19th and 20th of February, 1880, has been perhaps as interesting and likely to be as useful as any of the previous meetings; the attendance of dairymen was large and the interest manifested was kept up till late in the afternoon of the third day. The various papers presented by the different speakers were of more than ordinary interest, and the discussions arising out of them were of a most interesting and practical character, evincing a degree of intelligence on the part of the dairymen, that proves the benefit of these organizations. The experience and progress of each year comes up prominently in the discussions, and those who are in the habit of attending them regularly prove the benefit that is derived by this way of disseminating knowledge. The Directors have aimed to have a very full report of the proceedings placed before the dairymen, and trust that the matter contained in the report will find its way to every one interested in the production of our dairy products and stimulate them to profit by the many practical hints set forth therein. The business of the past year need be no discouragement to the dairymen. In intelligent hands it will always be a profitable branch of agricultural industry, adding to the wealth of our country, not only in gold or silver dollars, but in renewing those lands that may have heretofore been too much exhausted by grain