

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office, College.

Tuesday, January 12, 1909.

4:00 o'clock P. M.

Present, Messrs. Doherty, Waterbury, Marston, and President Snyder.

No quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bennett House, Mt. Pleasant.

Wednesday, February 24, 1909.

2:00 o'clock P. M.

Present, President Graham, Governor Warner, Messrs. Doherty, Waterbury, and President Snyder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Snyder presented the following communication from Professor Shaw in regard to field work:-

East Lansing, Mich.,

February 23, 1909.

President J. L. Snyder,

East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,-

About one year ago the State Board of Agriculture authorized the establishment of extension work along Animal Husbandry lines. The efforts during a part of this time consisted in presenting a plan to stimulate live stock improvement in the state through the establishment of co-operative breeders' associations. In this work a field agent has been employed for about five months at a cost not to exceed a few hundred dollars. The results as given in circular 4, have been simply amazing, and it seems as though a wave of reform in improved cattle breeding has begun to sweep over the state.

I hereby recommend that extension work be established also along the lines of soils, crops and horticulture. I am satisfied that the work of the College and Experiment Station can be placed before the people of the state in an impressive manner that will produce speedy results in the improvement of our agricultural conditions in general.

If possible it seems desirable that these lines of work be started immediately. It should be undertaken in a very moderate way for the first year at least without involving the expenditure of unduly large sums of money till the plan is tried out.

Communication from Mr. Shaw in regard to field work.