

Foul Brood - Treatment

## Notes and Comments

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March C.B.J. came to hand to-day, and when I noticed how much space was taken up with the "Notes" and that rambling homily of the Brantford Convention, I felt rather ashamed, and resolved to say nothing in the April issue. However, it is a pretty hard matter sometimes to carry our resolves into effect, especially if unusual temptations come along, and in the present case our friend Chalmers is the cause of my transgressing, so on him will rest all the blame for my taking space again. Permit me



not cure. In the one case he admits that the man did not carry out instructions, and in the other he says that "a party who had treated his bees accordingly told me last winter that his bees were not cured." How do you know, friend Chalmers, but what there may have been some little details neglected in that case? Or can you be positive that there was no possible means of reinfection by some other means outside of the hives under treatment? Have personally come across so many cases where these loop-holes have been left open, even when the ordinary summer treatment was being carried on, that I confess to being somewhat suspicious very often when I hear the bee-keepers say that the plan did not cure. Have you not come across many apiaries where the bees had all been treated for foul brood by the ordinary method, and yet, after two, three or more years, some of the colonies were still diseased? If you have not, certainly you are an exception among the inspectors. Now was the system at fault? You will say **No** emphatically, and I will agree with you.

In just the same way, the Alpaugh system, while sound in theory and practice, will not always be a success, for just the same reasons that the usual summer treatment is not always successful. We personally know that many cases have been cured by the fall treatment under discussion, and the fact of some reported failures does not change the efficacy of the system one iota. You can truthfully reply that my arguments will apply to the sealed comb plan as well, and I unhesitatingly acknowledge the truth of your contention, but when you say that the treatment is "**sure**," I reply that while it may be so in your case, yet in many cases it has not been so, and only common courtesy forbids me from giving the private opinions of a great number of the most prominent and influential apiarists of Ontario. In one respect I see where the foundation plan

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to say, Mr. Editor, that when friend Chalmers "observes" I for one am always prepared to sit up and take notice, for in him you have a man whose writings always smack of honest convictions and open-heartedness, with an entire absence of anything even bordering on egotism, misrepresentation or exaggeration, something that cannot, unfortunately, be said of all contributions to our apicultural press. Now as to the Alpaugh system of fall treatment of foul brood, as outlined in last C.B.J., I desire to make a few statements. In the first place, let us analyze the instances that friend Chalmers gives to prove that the plan will