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7—National Association Bulletins—  
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8—Nomination of officers.

**Miscellaneous Session** begins at 1.30 p.  
 m., August 31st, and is sub-divided into  
 the following topics:

1—Mating stations conducted by the  
 government—would they be practical?

2—Uncapping melters—Are they being  
 used extensively?

3—Steam heated uncapping knives —  
 Are they practical?

4—Uncapping machines—Are they as  
 yet a success?

5—Adulteration of honey—To what ex-  
 tent is it being practised? What can be  
 done to stop it?

6—Uniform shipping cases—If adopted  
 what size should they be? Why?

7—Question box.

**Co-operation Session** begins at 7.00 p.  
 m., August 31st, and is sub-divided into  
 the following topics:

1—What the Colorado Honey Produc-  
 ers' Association is doing.

2—Co-operative efforts in California.

3—The Michigan plan, or what the  
 Michigan Association is doing.

4—What can the National do along co-  
 operative lines?

5—Obstacles to be met with in co-op-  
 erative efforts, and how to overcome  
 them?

6—Question box.

You will notice that in the above pro-  
 gram the names of those to take part are  
 not given. There is a two-fold object in  
 this. First, we want the persons who  
 are to lead in the handling of the topics  
 to be present. Second, we want every  
 member to come prepared to take part  
 in the discussions, as we want this to be  
 a convention of live members, and not  
 have the majority sit still while a few do  
 the talking. Remember YOU may be  
 called upon to take part.

In conclusion let me say that there will

be some competent person there to han-  
 dle the above subjects. Prominent bee-  
 keepers from all parts of the country will  
 be there, and these topics will be assigned  
 to some of them before the session starts.  
 But it is expected that every member will  
 plan to take part.

E. B. TYRRELL, Secretary.

#### CHALMERS' OBSERVATIONS.

##### Indexer

Mitts.—Assistant Editor W. W. in an  
 editorial in July C. B. J. says: "He  
 scents trouble when he sees a bee-keeper  
 donning mitts." Yes, and on a recent  
 inspection trip I scented more trouble  
 through such costume than Mr. White  
 perhaps has in mind. Calling at a place  
 to inspect bees I was informed that ex-  
 tracting honey was the order of the day,  
 and was directed to the bee-yard where I  
 found the owner costumed as Mr. W.  
 W. pictures. On going up to him un-  
 veiled, he very kindly, but firmly ut-  
 tered these warning words: "You'd  
 better keep back or you'll get stung,"  
 and when he saw his visitor's disobedi-  
 ence he repeated the warning, "Now, I  
 tell you, you'll get stung." "Well," re-  
 plied I, "perhaps I'd better get a veil,"  
 and suiting my actions to my words,  
 made tracks for the buggy, where after  
 laying my coat aside, the needful was  
 donned.

Returning to the battlefield with  
 smoker in hand, I introduced myself as  
 Chalmers, the bee inspector, at the same  
 time holding out my hand, but for once  
 in my life I was glad to be refused a  
 shake, for a gloved hand was exhib-  
 ited all pasted with propolis and honey. This  
 party, however, wasn't long in informing  
 me that "he was just thinking of send-  
 ing for me as he suspected disease in  
 the yard."

Well, this proved to be a very badly  
 diseased apiary. Can a more effective  
 means of spreading foul brood be devised  
 than by the bee-keeper wearing gloves  
 or mitts all saturated with honey full