

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WILL our corps of correspondents please note whether they have observed any destruction of bass-wood blossoms by insects similar to those mentioned by Mr. W. Couse in this issue, and make mention of the same in their report of August 15.

We should like also to know the price at which honey (both comb and extracted) is being sold at retail and wholesale, in your locality. This will be a great aid in putting all on the same basis.

 The Bee-keepers Union.

AMERICAN bee-keepers, we regret to say, are apathetic to their own interests in many instances and noticeably so in taking advantage of the privileges offered by the Beekeepers Union. They do not appreciate the work the Union is doing in defending its members in prosecutions which if left for the private individual to defend would probably result in a verdict adverse to the well being of the apiarian vocation. "In union there is strength" is an old adage, the truth of which was never more fully proven than in the recent lawsuit, Z. A. Clark vs. the city of Arkadelphia, Ark., which resulted in a grand victory for bee-keeping solely through the efforts put forth by the Union.

In Canada, outside of the Harrison case we have had nothing of recent years compelling us to defend the industry in a court of law, and to this lack the feeling of fancied security is due. But loyalty to the pursuit alone, apart from any personal benefits to be derived, should induce every man owning a colony of bees to become a member of the Union.

The General Manager, Thos. G. Newman, editor of the American Bee Journal, Chicago, tells in a circular subjoined, how to join.

The Entrance Fee is \$1.00, and that pays for the dues of any portion of the unexpired current year, ending Dec. 31.

Then it costs only one dollar for annual dues, which are payable every New Year's day, and must be paid within six months, in order to retain membership in the Union.

If membership ceases, all claims against former members also cease, and all claims to the protection of the Union are dissolved.

From the Constitution we clip the following.

The object shall be to protect the interests of bee-keepers, and to defend their rights.

The officers shall constitute an Advisory Board, which shall determine what action shall be taken by this Union, upon the application of bee-keepers for defense, and cause such extra assessments to be made upon the members as may become necessary to their defense, provided that only one assessment shall be made in any one fiscal year, without a majority vote of all the members (upon blanks furnished for the purpose) together with a statement showing why a further assessment is desirable.

Any person may become a member by paying the General Manager an Entrance Fee of ONE DOLLAR, for which he shall receive a printed receipt making him a member of the Union, entitled to all its rights and benefits. The annual fee of one dollar shall be due on the first day of January in each year, and MUST be paid within six months in order to retain membership in this Union.

The funds of this Union shall be used for no other purpose than to defend and protect its members in their rights, after such are approved by the Advisory Board, and to pay the legitimate expenses of this Union, such as printing, postage, clerk-hire, etc.

The entrance Fees and Dues must be sent direct to the General Manager, Thomas G. Newman, Chicago, Ill., who will record the names, and send receipts for every dollar sent in. The Union needs funds now, and at least one thousand bee-keepers should each become members immediately.

Copies of the history of the Arkadelphia suit can be had on sending stamp to Mr. Newman.

 FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Novice's Experience.

WITH SWARMS AND QUEEN INSPECTION

BEING a reader of your valuable BEE JOURNAL and observing your remarks about friends forgetting to furnish items I just thought, why not scribble a few lines to let Mr. Jones know that the JOURNAL was closely read. I am a novice in bee-keeping, though have had them for over 30 years, but always in the old style hive until last year. On coming here in 1888 I got two colonies from friend Pringle, cross with Holy Land and Italians, which I think hard to beat. These two gave me four swarms, leaving me six to winter.