

The North American.

The articles of incorporation of this Association (which it would not be a bad idea for all the bee papers to publish in full), adopted at Keokuk, say: "This Association shall consist of its officers, life members, delegates from affiliated local associations, and ex-presidents." They then set forth the conditions on which bee-keepers may become life and annual members, and say that "Delegates from affiliated local associations shall be admitted free." It is further stated that any "State, District, Territory, or Province in North America may become affiliated upon the annual payment of \$5.00, which shall be due on the first day of January in each year, in advance."

I would like to learn now how many there are of these "affiliated" Associations at the present time. I see a list of eight is given in the Report of the meeting at Keokuk, but I find nothing in the last annual report to indicate that there were any "affiliated" associations at that time. If not, why not? Then, again, what benefit is to be derived from affiliation? These are merely questions thrown out to provoke an expression of opinion, if possible, on the part of our leading bee-keepers.

It is a truth which no one can gainsay that it is human nature not to remain "affiliated" very long when no benefit of any kind is to be derived from the affiliation. I can see how every individual who attends a meeting of the North American can be greatly benefitted, but I confess I do not see where the benefit is to accrue to those who are only "affiliated" and never attend any of the meetings. It seems to me that it ought to be possible to identify the interest of all local societies more closely than they are at present with that of the National.

I do not know just how this can be done, but I want to suggest a plan by which I think it could be brought about at our next meeting in October. I should like very much to see this the largest meeting that was ever held in the interest of Apiculture on this continent. This can be done with very little effort, if we all set about it at once in the right way.

I would suggest, first, that every county in the U. S., where there is a sufficient number of bee-keepers, organize at once a local society. Let each member pay in a fee of 50 cts. and then proceed to elect a delegate to the North American, and equip

him with money enough to pay his expenses, including the \$1.00 for the annual membership fee. Discuss thoroughly what you would like to have him present to the N. A., and send him out instructed to vote every time for the thing that comes the nearest representing what the local society desires. As part pay for the benefit this delegate will derive personally from attending the N. A. he should be required to write up fully the entire trip and the doings of the N. A. and present this to the next meeting of the local society.

Our Canadian friends should do the same in every province in Canada.

In this way we could secure a very large attendance and create sufficient enthusiasm to put the N. A. in a way to be a power in the land.

What say you? What county or province will be the first to respond to this proposition?

I am making local arrangements for a big crowd and a good time generally. The Commercial Club of the city has come to the front and tendered me the use of their rooms in which to hold our meetings, and they are doing all they can to help secure reduced rates on the railroads.

Just as soon as the matter of rates is settled, it will be published, but I trust no one will wait for this before making up his mind at once. The Commercial Club has one of the finest rooms in the city, centrally located, and near to good hotels which have made me liberal rates for our meeting.

We have been promised papers from some of the leading bee-keepers of the world; Mr. Benton is working hard to procure a good programme, one that will be both entertaining and profitable; Dr. Miller and a host of others who are a convention in themselves will be here, and the meeting cannot fail to be beneficial to all who may attend.

If you have but one colony, come and learn how to care for more.

Friend Stilson has struck the right key in the last Nebraska Bee-keeper. He says, "Let's make up a carload or more and start from Lincoln." That's the way to talk; come on with your carloads, and this city of the "Wild and woolly West" will try to do her part.

I have received a number of cards from those who expect to be here, but still there is room for more. Let them come, and come fast! Every one counts and helps to swell the swarm of bee-keepers that will be buzzing in the air in our fair city Oct. 16-18, 1894.

We will furnish the hive, if the people will only swarm.

I hope our Canadian friends will take up this matter in good earnest and make as