

## U. S. B. K. ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the United States Bee Keepers' Union was held on the 13th and 14th of September in the Commercial Club Rooms, at Omaha, Nebraska, commencing at ten o'clock.

President Geo. W. York, of Chicago, Ill., presided at all the sessions.

The first session on the 13th, was begun with an invocation by Mr. A. I. Root, of Medina, O., and the first session on the 14th was opened with a prayer by Dr. C. C. Miller, of Marengo, Ill., and one or more songs were sung at the beginning of each session.

The first paper, by Mr. O. O. Pappleton Stewart, Fla., on "Honey Production in Cuba and Porto Rico," was read by the Secretary, and was followed by discussion. Mr. H. Lathrop, of Wisconsin, said the paper didn't say anything about foulbrood, of which there is said to be a great deal in the West Indies.

Dr. Miller thought that if the duty on honey, amounting to twenty-six cents on the gallon, was removed, it would not make a half cent difference per pound on honey in the U. S. Mr. E. Whitcomb, of Friend, Nebraska, doubted if the removal of the duty would affect the price at all. Mr. L. D. Stilsan, of York, Nebraska, said that a soldier from Cuba told him that we had no reason to fear Cuban honey, for it was much inferior to honey produced in the U. S.

Mr. E. R. Root, of Medina, O., said that Southern honey had a strong flavor, which is liked by some. Mr. A. I. Root had sampled Cuban honey and did not find it insipid, but strong. Most localities yielding both good and poor honey. Mr. F. Dauzenbaker, of Washington, D. C., has sold much honey in Washington that was produced in North Carolina and Virginia, that was as white and good as any honey. He found that children like strong flavored honey the best, and the older people like the light colored honey the best.

Mr. Joshua Grey, Draper, Utah, said that the people in his region prefer the flavor of sweet clover honey to any other.

Dr. Mason said that the sweet clover honey produced by his locality last season was not first class honey owing to the

peculiar flavor. Having some left over from last season I melted it in a solar wax extractor and got some first-class honey weighing over twelve pounds to the gallon, it having weighed but eleven and a half pounds when extracted, although the combs were thoroughly sealed before extracting. I used to believe that extracted honey could be ripened in cans or barrels, but I gave up that belief several years ago.

Dr. Miller has perhaps 1500 pounds of sweet clover honey on hand that was so green when extracted that he would not offer it to his customers. He has put the most of it through the wax extractor the past summer "and it is nice." He says it weighs 12½ pounds to the gallon now, but weighed 11½ pounds before going through the wax-extractor.

Mr. A. J. Root said when he was in Salt Lake City he tasted samples of sweet clover honey that was equal in looks and flavor to any honey in the world.

Dr. Mason had produced some sweet clover comb honey this season, but it was darkened some with honey dew, but it was well ripened and rich in flavor.

Some one asked the question, "Doesn't pure honey sometimes make people sick?"

Mr. Cameron had noticed that comb honey sometimes does, and didn't know but it might come from the bees crowding over the honey and depositing the poison from their stings. It might not make all sick, but presumed it would some people.

Dr. Mason said, some people can't eat any honey without being made sick, but a very simple remedy and preventative for this trouble is to drink milk when eating honey.

Dr. Miller—There is formic acid in honey, but I am not so sure there is any real bee-poison in honey. I doubt whether anything gets into the honey through the sting of the bee, and the latest investigations show that the bee-sting is entirely separated from the formic acid.

Mr. Whitcomb—Honey taken by the robbing process often makes people sick, while that taken by the bee-escape process does not, such cases having come under my observation.

At the beginning of the afternoon ses-