

God's wonders, and try to emulate their persistency, constancy and patience, and in this way, and in no other, shall we merit and gain success.—MRS. J. M. NULL.

—*Missouri Bee-Keeper.*

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Foul Brood.--The McEvoy Method not a Success.

NOW that the honey season is over, and the bees safely housed for winter, the bee-keeper will be at liberty to write to the Bee Journal. I do not think it would be out of place to have a little discussion on the above subject. I would like if all bee-keepers who have had this disease in their apiaries would give us their experience through the columns of the C. B. J., particularly those who have been visited by the Inspector, and let us know if his method of treating the disease has been a success or a failure.

Now that we have an Inspector, I would like to see more of his doings published in the bee journals. Of what use is an Inspector unless his work which is being done is laid before them once in a while. I am led to believe that foul brood is still quite prevalent in Ontario. I think it would be well to have the law more strictly carried out and endeavor to stamp this much dreaded disease out of existence as soon as possible. A great many small and inexperienced bee-keepers are not aware that they have the disease. Such bee-keepers are a great annoyance to the apiarist who has from fifty to several hundred colonies.

There is not the slightest doubt but what Mr. McEvoy has endeavored to fulfill his duties to the best of his knowledge during the season just closed. However, I am sorry to say his method has been a complete failure with me. Last June Mr. McEvoy called and examined my bees; he found the most of them more or less affected with foul brood—85 colonies in all. So he laid down his instructions to me, and said I would have no trouble in curing the disease. I did according to instructions, and was very particular in all my work, nevertheless it proved useless. Mr. McEvoy was so crowded with orders that he could not stay with me but a short time. He promised to call around in September, but has not turned up yet. Out of 85 colonies treated as laid down by the Inspector, not over 20 have been cured. I have lost the whole honey season over the transaction; also a great number of colonies, and still have foul brood to the good. Now if other bee-keepers have shared the same fate and to the same extent as I have, is it not time we were trying some other

method. What do you think, brother bee-keepers?

A. FYFE.

Harriston, Nov. 26th, 1891.

Will friend Fyfe give us a full description of the manner in which he treated his colonies, and tell us if the hives were thoroughly scalded before he put the colonies into them the second time. We would like all particulars in reference to the way the bees were handled, and whether under a tent in the absence of the honey flow. During honey flow if bees will not rob, it is not necessary to use a tent; also how the combs were treated, how close the clean bees were to the foul ones, and how long after he shook the bees out of the foul brood hive did he keep them on combs, or without combs, until he placed them in a clean hive to remain. Now, it is important that the most minute particulars in reference to these matters should be fully understood; because it is the finer points in bee-keeping and in management that seem to determine the difference between success and failure; but we must say that Mr. Fyfe while here as a student, was most intelligent, painstaking and thoroughly reliable, and we are sorry, indeed, that he should not have had success. This being a bad fall for robbing, if any foul brood honey was used about the locality, there is a possibility that many bees may have got the disease a second time from such a source; and then the scalding of the hives is one of the principal points in the cure. We know of some who have cured their bees without scalding, but it is an exception to the rule.

Distinguished Visitors.

PROFESSOR A. J. COOK, of the Michigan State University, well-known as author of a valuable work on bee-keeping, entitled "Manual of the Apiary," and A. I. Root, of Medina, Ohio, widely known as a veteran bee-keeper and publisher of *Gleanings on Bee Culture*, have arranged to come to California together and may be looked for in Los Angeles about the first week in January. We trust their visit may prove pleasant and profitable to them. We understand that they propose to make an extended trip and visit points of interest on this coast.—*Rural Californian.*