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EDITORIAL.

HE serious illness of the wife of the assistant editor prevented the attendance of are presentative at the late North American Convention. We however have been able to present a good report of the same, thanks to the courtesy of the American Bee Journal. We felt however, that some explanation was due our readers, for our own non-attendance.

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We have to extend our congratulation to Mr. H. F. Hunt, of Villa Mastai, Que., upon his joining the ranks of the benedicts. The following notice of marlage appears in the Quebec Morning Chronicle of Nov. 1:—

At St. Matthew's, on the 31st instant, by the Rev. Lennox Williams, Herbert F. Hunt, second son of the late Weston Hunt, Esq., to May, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Gugy, of Beauport.

Mr. Hunt was vice-president of the North American Bee Keepers Association (now Inter-National) for the Province of Quebec, for 1886-87.

In the last bulletin of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, dated Nov. 1st., Mr. Blue thus reports for the summer on bees and honey:—The season has been very discouraging for apiarists. The loss of colonies in the winter has hardly been made up by swarming, and the flow of honey in most cases was

barely sufficient for the actual need of the bees, as there was a scarcity of nectar, especially from clover, owing to the The wet, cold and cloudy drouth. weather also kept the bees confined to their hives many days during the fall. Much of the honey is of poor quality, being dark in color, as the greater part of the surplus was procured from buck-While a few bee-keepers claim a surplus varying from five to forty pounds by far the greater number report an absolute deficit, and state that ten or twelve pounds of honey, or its equivalent, must be fed back to the bees during the winter to keep the colonies from starving. However, no disease is reported.

OBSERVATIONS.

WAS quite pleased with R. Knechtel's article in your JOURNAL last week—p. 637-8. What would Mr. K. call the last half of 1888? Rather damp, eh? I think if you start to count from Oct. 15 it has been slightly on the wet side. Will there have been sufficient rain stall to do away with the implied caution which has been suggested in the last paragraph of his letter?

Do you know it made a lot of the readers of the JOURNAL happy to read that gentlemanly letter from Mr. Havind, wherein he so fully and ably vindicates the character of Mr. Ivar S. Young. I couldn't believe that Mr. Y. would so treat those who had honored him in so many ways while he was on this side of the water. I