

customer should state whether he uses separators or not.

The Ontario Bee-Keepers Association.

THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL numbers among its readers hundreds of good bee-keepers who are not members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association. It is true we cannot expect them all to join, but certainly there should be more than 200 bee-keepers in the Province who can see the benefits to be derived from membership in the O.B.K.A. Let us consider for a moment the benefits derivable from connection with the Association as well as the good the Association has already done.

The Ontario Bee-Keepers Association was organized in 1880 for the purpose of encouraging and fostering the industry. At that time there were comparatively few bee-keepers in the country, yet these few came to the front and organized themselves into a body, with the results that we see to-day. In 1886, the association applied to the Government for incorporation, and they received what they sought together with a special grant of \$1000, which was used for the purpose of placing before the eyes of the continent of Europe samples of the honey of which Canada was capable of production.

In 1887 the association presented to each of its members a copy of Langstroth's "On the honey bee," as revised by Messrs. C. Dadant. This book in a retail way costs \$2, yet each member received one free of charge.

Each of the years 1888 and 1889 brought every member a good laying queen wherewith to assist in changing the blood in the apiary—a thing which most every bee-keeper will concede to be desirable. In each of these years each local society which affiliated with the parent association received \$30 of a money grant to be used in prizes at local fairs or to cover the expenses of lectures, etc. The large sum of \$450 has thus been distributed throughout the Province. The present year will see another appropriation of \$300 expended in the same way.

During the past two or three years foul brood has gained quite a foothold

in the Province, and it has been thought advisable that the Government should be asked to legislate in the matter so that the disease may be suppressed, or at least kept within its present bounds. The Ontario Bee-keepers Association at its late annual convention, particulars of which will be found in recent issues of the JOURNAL, appointed a committee to draft a bill, for presentation to the Provincial Government, having for its object the suppression of this fell disease. We doubt not but that the necessary legislation can be obtained by the O.B.K.A. whereas individuals would have but a poor show to obtain it.

Again each member of the O.B.K.A. for the year 1890 will receive at the hands of the association a good serviceable smoker, (the kind known as No. 2, and worth \$1.25.) We have stated here a few of the acts of the O.B.K.A., since its organization, as they come to mind. There are many more benefits which it has conferred on us, not here mentioned, but we ask, in all candor, do not these things commend the association to the respect of every bee-keeper and should not every one, who takes any interest in the pursuit assist to build up an association which not only assists its members, as this one has, but which enriches them at the same time by paying them back good value for the dollar invested. Remember that "union is strength," and it is only by concerted action that benefits can be obtained. Come, therefore, and join the association. Remit \$1 to the Secretary, Mr. W. Couse, Streetsville, P.O. and receive in return a membership card and badge, also a copy of the by-laws of the association. The smoker will be forwarded before the 1st April which will be in plenty of time for the coming season's work.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

A Brood Nest is a Brood Nest, Only When it Contains Brood.

By reading the article on page 1001, I have at last concluded that my opponent in this temperature of the brood nest question, did not intend to find any fault particularly with the use of 65° as the temperature of a cluster of bees in winter, but objected to the use of the term brood nest, as applied to the centre of a cluster of bees in winter. Had he made this clear at the outset, simply saying that brood nest was an improper term to use