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We have too much to see to and shall dispose of a limited number of colonies to those desiring them—we can guarantee to furnish some of the finest "bees for business" that can be found. See the advt.

The Indian and Colonial Exhibition will be opened on the 24th May, by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in person. A special poem written by Lord Tennyson will be recited and Sir Arthur Sullivan will conduct the music, which has been specially composed for the occasion.

Please examine your address label, and if it is numbered "52" or any less number your subscription is in arrears, and the favor of an early remittance is requested. It takes a lot of money to publish *weekly* such a journal as we are endeavoring to supply.

In the new price list which we are just issuing, the prices of a great many supplies have been reduced. This we are able to do, because of our increased facilities for manufacturing and producing. If you have not received one yet, drop us a card and we will send you one by return of mail.

Students are beginning to arrive—two came on the 23rd. We have had applications from a large number, and to those who have not arrived yet we would throw out the suggestion that as spring management is one of the most important factors in bee-keeping it would be well to lose as little time as possible in getting here.

We are much encouraged by the large increase in our subscription list since we added the cover, which has been so much praised. Even with this addition we are unable to find room for all the good matter which is being sent us for publication, and for the delay which has attended the appearance of many good articles we must apologise.

## EXPERIMENTS IN APICULTURE.

The above report is by Nelson W. McLain, agent in charge of the United States Apicultural Station, Aurora, Ill., a copy of which is before us and is full of good things. It treats of economy in the production of wax, devices for feeding sugar syrup and for other purposes.

wintering bees, bees vs. fruit, artificial fertilization, bee forage, improved races, importance of apiculture, etc. It has seldom been our pleasure to receive so many valuable hints in such condensed form. His experiments to prove that bees do not injure fruit are conclusive beyond question, and those in connection with artificial fertilization have brought out many new and interesting points regarding the process. Those who attended the National Convention at Detroit, listened with profit and pleasure to his explanations of his *modus operandi*. Mr. McLain deserves a great deal of credit for the efforts he is putting forth in the interest of apiculture. We shall make extracts as our space admits.

MRS. LIZZIE E. COTTON.

Well, we have heard from Mrs. Cotton, and instead of making any answer to the arguments contained in the item referring to her, page 34, she falls to and abuses us in good round terms for "slandering" her, as she terms it; and at the bottom of her letter she attaches clippings from her circular in which she says:—"All statements, from whatever source, charging me with fraud or deception in any form, are wholly without foundation. I challenge investigation. I have been in business here at West Gorham for more than twelve years. Every intelligent person knows that if I am engaged in a fraudulent business the laws would not permit me to continue from year to year." We will call attention only to the last sentence which is certainly misleading. As we understand the laws of the U.S., the word "fraudulent" means obtaining money under false pretences and giving no value therefor or not attempting to give value, and relates more particularly to such people as Dr. Hale, Dr. Sniffen, Dr. Voegeler and people of that ilk, so that Mrs. Cotton might go on for years without any interference on the part of the authorities. We repeat that if Mrs. Cotton wishes to exonerate herself from the imputations which are now resting upon her character that she must be the one to bring the matter to the notice of the authorities. Unless she does this, we must ask our readers to be particular in any transactions they may have with her.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

The officers and members of the Texas State Bee-Keepers Association send fraternal greeting to all bee-keepers' associations throughout the U. S. and Canada, and extend to them and D. A. Jones, the editor of that spicy little weekly, the C. B. J., in particular a most cordial invitation to be with us at our eighth annual meeting to be held at the bee-farm of Judge Wm. H. Andrews, McKenney, Collin Co., Texas, May 5th and 6th next. Every effort