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Bees have wintered well. The spring, although not cold enough to chill larvæ in the brood chamber, has

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been too cool and wet to allow the bees to fly

much, brood rearing has not gone on rapidly.

In our own apiary we have fed every colony, the first time since we have been engaged in bee-keeping. The honey season promises everything that is good. Plenty of moisture, clover good, and in spite of last year's heavy bloom, blossoms of all kind, including linden, are plentiful. The demand for bee-keepers supplies has been heavy. The large factory of the Goold, Hopley & Muir Co., (Ltd), has been taxed to its utmost capacity, and to avoid disappointment every one should order goods as early as possible.

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On another page will be found an article from our well-known friend, Doctor A. B. Mason, Station B, United States Beekeepers Union, Toledo, Ohio, U. S. This article is written in reply to an enquiry from a subscriber. I am certainly of the same opinion as Doctor Mason and Ernest who is a member of the Unions Advisory Board. After urging bee-keepers to pay their membership fee, \$1.00, he adds, "I entitle you to all the privileges of membership, and allows you to have a say in certain matters at the annual meeting whether present or not." We do not doubt that the organization is called, and we have every confidence in the officers

of the Union. I am a member of the organization and intend to continue to be. Those preferring it, can send their fee to this office and we will see that the general manager receives the amount.

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Queens By Mail.

A gentleman conversant with mail matters informed E. T. Abbott, ex-president of the N. A. B. K. A., that the government was "talking of excluding queens from the mails." This would indeed be a calamity to the bee-keepers of the United States. The sending of queens by mail has grown to be a large and important industry. Anywhere from five to ten thousand dollars' worth of queens are sold in a single season in this country alone. Great good results in the interchange of stock, and without this interchange there would very soon be in-breeding.

The above is from Gleanings in Bee Culture. We can scarcely think it possible that the United States Government contemplates such action. It would be a reflection upon the intelligence of the people of that country. Of course, should such a change be made in the United States postal law, those of us who are queen breeders need not regret it from a financial standpoint, but such an act would be a blow to progressive and advanced bee-keeping.

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I have the following letter :

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

GUELPH, ONT., April 28th, 1897.

DEAR MR. HOLTERMANN,—Would you kindly put a conspicuous note in your Journal to the effect that I shall be most pleased