

the bee keeping fraternity, and his natural love for this now gigantic branch of the commerce of the world, will ensure to them his best services in the future.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

THAT TRIBUTE.

I VENTURE the conviction that the very best "tribute" and the one that will be most highly esteemed by your Commissioners, would be a large meeting of O. B. K. A. on the 5th and 6th of January next. Now in pursuance of this thought, I propose that all other forms and contemplated forms of "tribute" be dropped, and that money forwarded for said purpose be returned with thanks to those who so kindly sent it. Our time will be short and very valuable while in Toronto. There are so many subjects of vital importance to be carefully considered and dealt with by the meeting that there will be no time to squander over any body.

Begging the pardon of Dr. Thom and others who so kindly brought the matter before the people, I subscribe myself,

S. T. PETTIT.

Belmont, Ont., Dec. 8th, 1886.

This comes from one of the men whom we "delighted to honor" so our friends must take what friend P. says as from a modest man. But, friend, it is time that something was done, if anything is going to be done, in this matter. Only a few days will elapse now before the date set for the meeting and any arrangements contemplated should be under way before this time. Rev. Wm. F. Clarke, who has been asked to take the chairmanship, writes:

Owing to absence from home, I was not able to intimate my concurrence in the proposal to give the Commissioners an appropriate testimonial, but I shall be most happy to co-operate, as I think their labors well deserve a token of acknowledgment from the bee-keepers of Canada. I am, gentlemen, yours truly,

WM. F. CLARKE.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

MR. Pettit's proposal that we show our appreciation of the service rendered to the honey interest by our commissioners in the shape of a rousing meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association, comes nearer my idea of the right thing to do than any proposition yet made. There is but one feeling among bee-keepers in regard to this matter, so far as I

know. All are desirous of showing honor and gratitude to the four gentlemen who have represented us so well at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. But how to do it in some tangible and permanent form is the difficulty. We could hardly make four presentations, and the commissioners would probably be the first to object to anything of this kind. The idea of luncheon is in some respects attractive. It makes a pleasant, social, friendly gathering and affords opportunity for the expression of complimentary sentiments. But it has been estimated or ascertained that such an entertainment at a first-class Toronto hotel, would cost about \$2 per head. Well, the season has been a poor one, and very few bee-keepers would feel like spending that amount in addition to the ordinary expenses of attendance. Such an arrangement would, I fear, operate to deter some from coming, which would be a great pity. Moreover, bee-keepers are not a dining, wining and toasting class of people, and would feel out of their element at such an affair.

I think we might appropriate an evening to this object, make it a social affair, have some refreshments in the way of cake, fruit and possibly a cup of coffee, present complimentary addresses to our commissioners, and hear their several accounts of the trip, enjoy ourselves equally as well as at a luncheon, and not repel any one by the costliness. I would propose that there be no charge, or if any, a very small one, and that we invite the officers of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, and any other interested parties to be present. Whatever is done, I would earnestly second Mr. Pettit's motion that every effort be made to get up a large and enthusiastic meeting. Come one, come all. Especially let our lady bee-keepers make a point to be present, and do the honors at the Apicultural Social.

WM. F. CLARKE.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 18th, '86.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHAPMAN HONEY PLANT.

THE committee appointed by the North American Bee-keepers' Association at the annual meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, Dec., 1885, to investigate the merits of the honey bearing plant now being cultivated by Mr. Hiram Chapman, of Versailles, New York, met at that place on July 28th. One member of the committee, Mr. Manum of Bristol, Vermont, was not able to be present, but as each member of your committee was furnished with a sufficient number of plants to afford opportunity for observing their growth and habits, and also to gain some information concerning the value of the plant as