

keepers of Ontario, who no doubt will resent the implied charge of ignorance or carelessness if they believe themselves not guilty. As for Mr. Holtermann, we know that that gentleman is well able to take care of himself. We would, however, in passing, like to draw attention to a very striking feature of this report. That six inspectors out over the province looking for foul-brood, should find only forty per cent, speaks very highly of the work of Inspector Wm. McEvoy, in whose hands the whole province laid for some years past. When we consider the length and breadth of the province we can in some measure grasp the magnitude of his task, and we think it highly creditable to him to have kept the pest within such bounds. However, with the six splendid inspectors that we now have, we can look forward with confidence to a much lower percentage next and following years. The BEE JOURNAL is your paper, in which you all have the right to discuss any matter pertaining to our craft, but writers must deal with the subject in hand in courteous and gentlemanly manner, avoiding all personal reference of an offensive character.

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We are pleased to announce in our advertising columns the publication of a new book entitled, "A Study in Health Science," by M. J. Keane, M. D., M. B. (Tor.), C. M. (Trin.), published by the Telephone Publishing Co., of Brantford, price \$1.25. We have read the book carefully and can highly commend it. The Dr. is opposed to the drug habit, and

asserts that by a proper knowledge of "how to live," much of the sickness and evils resulting therefrom could be avoided. Proper diet, rest, cleanliness, the avoidance of excess, are the first requisits of a sound body and an active mind.

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Will some of our readers give Mr. Wm. L. Couper of Cannington Manor, Sask., some assistance? He writes (page 350) a very good letter, and states plainly his difficulties. We think the last plan mentioned in his letter would have been found the best for the securing of surplus. If one wants honey, increase must be retarded. If increase is wanted, however, you cannot expect big surplus. The failure of his fall flow was of course unfortunate, but this failure was very general this year. Many old experienced bee-men have failed to get good results during the past season. It says: "In a locality where there is a steady flow from May to the middle of September, sufficient to stimulate swarming [brood rearing, we would say.—ED.] but seldom to do much more. How would you manage to get the greatest quantity of (1) Extracted Honey, and (2) Comb Honey? There is generally a rather brisker flow from beginning to middle of July, then very little doing till about the middle of August, when golden-rod, our best honey producer, commences." In the above situation, we would stimulate broodrearing to the utmost, keeping down as far as possible increase of colonies, so that a strong force of bees would be on hand