

We have permitted the use of the term "hybrids" when referring to crosses between black and Italians, simply because it has become generally accepted. And in the same way we have permitted the use of the term "fertile workers" when we meant "laying workers." Just the same as everybody speaks about the sun rising, when, in fact, it does not rise at all; or when we say the tea-kettle boils, when it is only the water in it to which we refer; or when we say the eaves drip, when it is only the water running from them. Even if we were to change the term "hybrid" to "cross," bee-keepers all over the country would be continually using the term they were long accustomed to. As to the term "races of bees" it is not any worse than that commonly accepted by the whole human family when it refers to "races of men." If we must stop using the term "races of bees," then our geographies and our general literature must correct themselves in the use of the term African race, Malay race, etc. The Standard dictionary, the latest and best, gives as one of its definitions of races, "a stock or strain of domestic animals or plants." "Race" as we have used it in reference to bees is correct according to this.

There is a tendency in language to give secondary meanings to words, and these secondary meanings often and even generally trench themselves in the language of the masses so firmly that strict accuracy would really amount to inaccuracy.

But in reference to *Apis dorsata*, I am willing to take back anything I said referring to the undesirability of bringing them to this country; and in view of what our correspondent has said in favor of points 1 to 5, it may be well worth our while to get them here.

In our next issue Mr. Morrison will tell of the plan he has for going through the Eastern countries, and how he proposes to carry it out, for indeed I believe he is just the man to introduce new races or species into the civilized world; and he will do it too, providing the bee-keepers stand back of him, even if he does not secure an appropriation from our own national government. He has had wide experience as a traveller, and is well acquainted with all the intricacies and difficulties of travel among semi-barbaric people.—ED.]

The Station Programme.

STATION B, TOLEDO,
Ohio, July 10, 1895.

MY EDITOR:—The fixing of the time for the meeting of the North American Bee-keepers Association at Lincoln, Nebr., has been left, by the Executive Committee, with the Nebraska Bee-keepers, so that they may be able to arrange for reduced railroad rates, and in a letter just received from Mr. L. D. Stillson, of York Nebr. (Secretary of the Nebraska State Bee-keepers Association, who has the matter in charge) he says:

"I have been to Omaha to see the railroad people who promised to let me know July 1, but no satisfaction yet as to rates or dates. . . . I will write you at the earliest moment, when I know the dates. They gave me dates for our Horticultural meeting more than 90 days before the meeting."

I was hoping to get the program for the meeting in all the July Bee-Journals but have waited so as to get the time set. So far as arranged for, the following can be announced:

The Past and Future of Bee-Keeping—Mrs J. N. Heater of Columbus Nebr.
Bee-Keepers' Exchange—Prof. A. J. Cook, of Claremont, Calif.

The Wild Bees of Nebraska—Prof. Lawrence Bruner, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Improvements in Bee-Culture—Ernest R. Root, of Medina, Ohio.

Some of the conditions of Nebraska—L. D. Stillson, of York, Nebraska.

The Union and Amalgamation—Thomas G. Newman, of San Diego, Calif.

Economic Value of Bees and their Products—C. P. Dadant, of Hamilton, Ill.

Artificial Heat and Pure Air. Properly Applied in Wintering—R. F. Holtermann, of Brantford, Ont.

The Honey-Producer and Supply-Dealer—Rev. Emerson T. Abbott, of St. Joseph, Mo.

An original poem by Hon. Eugene Secor, of Forest City, Iowa.

Importance of Watering in the Apiary—Hon. E. Whitcomb, of Friend, Nebr.

Honey Adulteration and Commission-Men—George W. York, of Chicago, Ill.

Sweet Clover as a Honey-Producing Plant—Wm. Stolley, of Grand Island, Nebr.

The President, Mr. A. I. Root, will give an address, and it is expected that "Somnambulist" will be present with one of her inimitable papers, but as she must now be asleep, I have not been able to learn the subject of it.