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WE note Rev. W. F. Clarke's remarks on our new departure and very glad that he has been a poultryman, and if the "Buffs" were his pets no doubt at all but he will be there again.

Since wording the above we have had time to read his interesting letter in full, and sorry to learn from it the cause of his not writing so frequently as wished. And as we have had some awful experience of the dreadful agonies of sciatica, the rev. gentleman will know that, in expressing our sympathy, we speak feelingly; (that is almost a joke isn't it?) We trust that Mr. Clarke may enjoy the blessing of restored health very soon, and hope to see more of his work with the pen. Well sir, that is just how bees behave with us—when we are near they don't share their stings with the crowd, but favor us entirely and only, and we are, oh! so very sensitive to their pointed remarks, but we intend going in, at an early date for bee-keeping, and only that we have had to go a year behind, on account of being on the new place, we would be in it now. A new place for a poultryman is a trial in many ways; one is almost afraid to do things in a hurry or till thoroughly acquainted with the possibilities and plans of the future. We should have built our brooder house last fall but as it was late did not, and then thought that we had better wait to see how the incubator worked, &c., so that if it was a failure we would not have the

expense of the house to a loss as well, but this fall, all being well, "up she goes." And next fall up goes the beehouse as well; so we hope at any rate.

Going Into the Chicken Business

DON'T start if you are not naturally disposed to like such stock. If you feel like going into it just because it is a paying concern, but just hate fowls, you will not succeed. He makes it a success who follows the pursuit for pleasure and profit combined, whose delight is in attending his stock, and who can find positive enjoyment in spending hours with them, even when the duties of the business do not oblige him to do so, and as you see such a man looking over his flock to pick out the likely winners, you cannot fail to be struck by his evident close acquaintance with each individual bird. They are not an indiscriminate flock to him, but a beloved family, each member of which is known to him by form and feature, just as he knows the cherished inmates of his own home. He misses one of those feathered pets from the yard just as quickly as he would miss the face of a child, when the family are gathered at the home fire-side.

Do you think that the men who have given us much valuable works as Tegetmeier, Wright, Felch and other works abounding in scientific research; men of great mental attainments and well stored cultivated minds; do you think for one moment that they could have compiled those valuable works on poultry if they had not devoted a very great deal of their time (and please remember it was valuable time) to the study of the birds themselves, and yet we hear men possessing not one fraction