

may be called a really expert master of bees. I have not yet attained to that point; and any one who really desires to become eminent in any calling must begin before he stops growing and grow into it and with it.

I think we miss the main benefit from the study of bees, by imitating them too closely in their energetic cupidity. They are it may be said avaricious of honey, just as a man is of money; and do they not like him store up a stupendous deal more than they can possibly use?

Virgil and Shakespeare have both written in their day on the bee, and compared its community to the larger and more important societies of human states and kingdoms; and have we not insensibly adapted the apiaristic ceremonies to the illustration of the industrial, commercial, military and political world.

It is to be much regretted that there should be any strife or jealousy aroused between the sister societies in the United States and our own. We are all trying to attain to perfection in all things—and why should we take any exception to a mere empty name or title being adopted by our neighbors, if they choose to use the term "national" instead of inter-national, let us have also the National Canadian B. K. A., which, with one good monthly journal, circulating from British Columbia to Nova Scotia must make a higher and a brighter goal for our social and emulative impulses than any yet attained. For the men who keep bees, whether they wish it or not, is certainly in sympathetic touch or harmony with the whole world of art, industry and politics—and yea verily religion too. Of course, it requires spiritual discernments to understand this truth and truth must necessarily appeal to the mind ere it can be of use; to those of my readers who do understand I need not quote any standard authors on the "Evidences," or the analogy between the great first cause and results.

All my bees are "Patrons of Industry," and all of course feel at once when anything goes wrong with the head of the hive, but they do work that that head or queen may fulfill her functions in the easiest and most comfortable manner to herself, and if men learned this lesson from the bees we would have much better state of things not only in Canada, but throughout the whole world. Man seems to invent and enjoy so many things not only at variance with health and comfort, but positively destructive to life and enjoyment.

That the United States of America, or whether North America form the mightiest public the world has ever seen, nobody likes to deny; but it is well to remember

that there is no limit fixed to republican growth, neither to monarchical aggression, and that while the world lasts the two principles must be opposite, and opposing each in the working out of human problems and that absolute peace would destroy them both. So let our friends and our enemies look upon us and study the best interests of man as exhibited under the monarchical system and let us look over at them with the same objective view.

There is a great battle raging just now between silver and gold, as there was a little while ago among ourselves between sugar and honey. I do not think such quarrels are anything but signs of great and alarming degeneracy in the races of the mercantile world, for it seems that the commercial or mercantile world is the whole and the only world to the people. Now this is wrong for it is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone," and the race after money and haste to get rich is the prevailing cant of the day, called the struggle for bread; while the toiling millions of workers in factories, on farms, etc., are simply too busy to be bothered with questions which cannot affect them at the most but temporarily. Righteousness, justice and honor in every state and community cannot be and must not be weighed in the balance with silver and Gold. Hence the heinousness of such an offence as feeding bees sugar to produce honey. I have never seen it done or tasted the stuff sugar honey, but the idea is repulsive and must be always repulsive to the mind of every honest man.

Again, the bee-keeper must be in full and perfect sympathy with human labor, especially manual labor, on which rests we may say as on solid foundation the whole superstructure of society.

This is something worth noting just at the present hour in this locality, say the centre of Prince Edward Co., Ont., the sun causes the mercury to show 90° in the shade, and it has been almost so for the past two weeks each day.

The ground is slippery from drouth, the trees, the shrubs, the grass, the corn, etc., all drying up. The cows running dry, everything seems to go hard against all hope and comfort; but life in the city is not so cool, neither so comfortable, and the dusty, hot streets during the great heat are ever less inspiring to business men than the half green, half yellow fields, where the air at least is pure, and the worm of anxiety about notes etc., cannot flourish.

The commercial traveller now is a bee not always mollified, but with a cheerful buzz, comes and goes through village and town, supplying wants and posting his cus-