

its member, and for the advancement of the pursuit of bee-culture.

ARTICLE VIII.—VACANCIES.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the Executive Committee; and any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX.—MEETINGS.

This Union shall hold annual meetings at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the Executive Committee, who shall give at least 60 days' notice in the bee-periodicals, of the time and place of meeting.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote of all the members, provided notice of said alteration or amendment has been given at a previous annual meeting.

Secretary Mason has written out the changes proposed at Buffalo, and forwarded them to us for insertion in these columns. He presents them as follows:

Mr. Editor:—At the recent meeting of the United States Bee-Keepers' Union, held in Buffalo, N. Y., the following amendments to the Constitution were proposed by A. B. Mason, in accordance with article X of the Constitution:

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES RECOMMENDED.

That Article III, section 1, be amended so as to read: "Any person who is in accord with the purpose and aim of this Union, and will work in harmony with the same, may become a member by the payment of one dollar annually to the General Manager or Secretary; and said membership shall expire at the end of one year from the time of the said payment, except as provided in Section 8 of Article VI of this Constitution."

That Article IV be so amended as to read: "Section 1.—The officers of this Union shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Board of Directors, which shall consist of a General Manager and six Directors whose term of office shall be for three years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, except that the term of office of the two Directors having received the smallest number of votes at the time of voting for Directors in March, 1897, shall expire Dec. 31, 1897; and that the term of office of the two Directors having received the next largest number of votes at the said time of voting shall expire Dec. 31, 1898; and that the term of office of the two Direc-

tors having received the largest number of votes at the said time of voting shall expire Dec. 31, 1899."

"Section 2.—The Board of Directors shall choose their own chairman."

That Section 2 of Article V be amended so as to read: "The General Manager and the two Directors to succeed the two whose term of office expires each year, shall be elected by ballot during the month of December of each year by a majority vote of the members voting; and the Board of Directors shall prescribe how all votes of the members shall be taken."

That the words "at the annual meeting" in section 8 of Article VI be substituted by the words, "Whenever requested by him; to make a report at the annual meeting of the Union, and whenever requested to do so by the Board of Directors, of all moneys received and paid out by him since the last annual meeting."

That Section 5 of Article VI be amended so as to read: "At the time of sending the ballots to the members for the annual election, he shall also send to each member a list of the names of all members, and an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures of the funds of the Union by the Board of Directors, and a report of the work done by said Board of Directors."

That the words "altered or." in Article X, be erased. A. B. MASON, Sec.

The amendments are now before the New Union's members as they will be presented to be voted upon later on. As all of them were almost unanimously approved at Buffalo, they will doubtless be adopted and become a part of the Constitution in December.

The Shipping of Comb Honey.

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Man never gets too old to learn, proves true to many of us. Although I had shipped tons of honey prior to 1893, it was during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, whilst in charge of the Iowa honey exhibit, that several heretofore unnoticed changes in the packing of comb honey, presented themselves and which during the second installment of honey for said Exposition, was put to practical test.

Prior to the time named, although we packed the honey with due care, I had no knowledge of the actual condition in which it arrived at destination.

Although the first shipment of honey for the Columbian Exposition was packed with great care; many of the cases, when unpacking them at the fair grounds, were not in as good condition as we desired they should be; in some of the cases it appeared