

benefited from inspection as above—and with grateful heart he expresses his opinion of the good work done by the inspectors and the Department of Agriculture which sent them out.

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Mr. W. J. Brown, of L'Original, is true to his promise, and sends us a contribution this month. His text is "Honey on Hotel Tables." It is a good text. We should make it a practice to ask for honey at every meal at every hotel we put up at. The hotels could not then plead the excuse of its not being asked for. Appropos of this matter the writer took dinner with a distinguished M. D. lately, at a hotel where he dined. This M.D. is an authority on foods and how to eat them. He was noticed taking a liberal supply of sugar. The writer called his attention to this and told him he should use honey in preference. He said he knew that was true, but honey could not be got in these hotels for love nor money. Those of us who are acquainted with sugar dietetics will readily admit the superiority of honey. Let us all ask for honey at the hotels hereafter.

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The letter of "Aetate Progressiens" will doubtless be read with approval. It is written with good tone and intent. Not so another letter we have received on the same subject. Owing to its strong personal tone we thought that no good purpose would be served by publishing it; we will however, give our readers a hint as to its nature. There appeared in "Gleanings in Bee Culture" of October the 1st, page 1256, an

article written by Mr. Holtermann, in which he says, in reference to the appointment of inspectors of foul brood, "It is well that the change came no later than it did, or some sections would not have any bees to inspect." The above statement is made to follow these words:—"In Ontario probably two-thirds of the apiaries visited by the six foul-brood inspectors have been found to be diseased." The writer of the letter referred to attacks Mr. Holtermann for writing to "Gleanings" as above, and calls it not only an outrageous misrepresentation, but a most unpatriotic act, and a libel upon the bee-keepers of the province of Ontario. More we will not quote. It is not written in the proper way to discuss matters of this kind. As for ourselves, we think that Mr. Holtermann's statement is a little too strong, and is hardly borne out by the facts. We notice by the report of the Executive Committee at the recent Convention of the Ontario Bee-keeper's Association, that the total visits made by the Inspectors were 733. Total apiaries examined, 663. Total hives examined, 14,993. Total apiaries with foul brood found therein, 264. From the above report we see that about forty per cent of the apiaries examined by the six inspectors contained foul brood. This is a long way from two-thirds. We of course can not judge as to why Mr. Holtermann should write to "Gleanings" in that manner, but we would prefer to assume that over-zealousness for the bee-keeping industry prompted it. It is a matter, however, to be dealt with by the bee-

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