Communications

Islington, May 25, 1902.

Editor C. B. J.:

Dear Sir,—I am disappointed that so little notice has been taken of Prof. Fletcher's discovery of the use of Formalin in curing foul brood. It seems to me to be one of the greatest discoveries in bee-keeping of recent date and I hoped to see the necessary utensils for its use offered for sale in Goold, Shapley & Muir Co.'s price list. Most bee-keepers have a large stock of empty combs when the honey season is over and it would be a fine thing to have them disinfected, for none of us can be quite sure that every comb is free from disease. Again, most of us lose some bees each winter and although we may make a search for the stain mark of foul brood, some may be missed. Last year I hived thirty swarms on old combs and I intend to hive more this season, but I don't feel quite safe in doing so and if I had them treated with Formaline I would.

I sold two hives last fall to be put in hot houses to a gardner who raises tomatoes in these houses. He put one in each of two houses last January and, contrary to my expectation, they both did well I thought they would fly to the glass and perish, but they did not. They flew all through his houses and fertilized his tomatoes and he is well-pleased. Now, it strikes me here is a solution to the wintering of queens in confinement. There are many number of hot houses that after this date are not used. Would it not be well for someone to test the matter in one of them? The bees, of course, would have to be fed and kept in good condition and the glass white washed to keep the houses from getting too warm.

Reverting to theFormalin question, I notice in "Gleanings" that even the Editor does not know how to use it, but in a foot note to one of Dr. Miller's Straws asks the Dr. to tell him how to administer it. Surely so well posted a Bee Journalist as Mr. Root should have read Prof.Fletcher's address. Yours truly,

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Multum in Parvo.

(By a York County Bee keeper.)

The "Review," for April, comes to hand, full, as usual,with good things. Editor Hutchinson is progressive and enthusiastic, if anything, and, what's more, seems to have the knack of imparting these qualities,in some subtle way, to the columns of the "Review" from time to time. About every issue contains some advice, in the editorial department,agricultural or otherwise, that is bound to waken up even the most taciturn.

In this "hurry up" age, when the most of us are too busy to pay attention to anything that is not associated with dollars and cents, words like the following taken from April "Review" are wholesome to say the least:—"Enjoy the little pleasures of life as they come along day by day. Don't put them aside as beneath your notice, keeping your eye on great pleasures that MAY come in the future, when you have accomplished this or that. In each life there may be a few times when joy comes in a great flood, but, as the years come and go, the great bulk of our happiness comes in little every day happenings and occurrences." And, after telling us about the different occupations he has engaged in, queen rearing, comb honey production, etc., always enjoying the work as he went along, concludes with: "Once more,