

aid he, "is so sure as a honey crop. In seventeen years I had but two complete failures; but this year I am threatened with another partial failure. Even if things do go wrong this season, however, the record, taking altogether, will be a very satisfactory one. What returns are to be obtained from honey? Well, 100 acres will maintain 150 colonies. And these colonies will not take anything from the soil; other crops can go on growing as usual; in fact, bees are an actual benefit to a place in assisting in the work of fertilizing fruit blossoms, &c. One hundred and fifty colonies ought to produce at least 9,000 lbs. of honey and that amount of honey, when at 6c per lb., will bring \$540. In addition to this the beeswax produced will be worth \$40 or \$50. One man will do all the work of attending to the bees.

HONEY SHOULD BE MORE FREELY USED.

"It is surprising," Mr. Overholt continued, "that so little honey is used in the average table. Even at the hotels, at which delegates to our bee conventions put up, honey is not seen on the tables unless specially asked for. People seem to look upon it as a luxury; but it is not. It is actually cheaper than butter. If parents would give their children the choice of butter or honey to be used with bread, I fancy honey would be chosen every time. And children would be healthier for the change of diet, while the parents would find the household expenses decreased rather than increased."

Class Room Humor.

No professor is more kindly remembered by the "boys" who graduated from Wesleyan University a generation ago, than Professor Johnston, or

"Uncle Johnnie," as he was more familiarly known. Besides having a profound scientific mind, far in advance of his time, he had a keen relish for a good joke, whether on himself or another.

In order to aid the students of geology in grasping the essential distinctions between the various classes of rock, he requested them to bring in specimens and place them on his desk before the recitation began.

One day a student brought in a piece of brick, secured from a building being erected near the college, and placed it on the table among the other specimens. "Uncle Jonnie" came in a few moments later, and, apparently unsuspecting the hoax, began the recitation as usual by picking up the specimens, one at a time, naming them, and remarking their peculiarities.

"This, gentlemen, is a piece of sandstone; this is granite; while this, somewhat similar in its formation, is quartz. And this," taking up the last bit on the table and gravely surveying the expectant class over the rim of his glasses, "is a piece of imprudence."—John Angus Thompson, in Harper's Magazine.

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