

To the Bee-Keepers of North America.

The North American Bee-Keepers' Association was organized in December, 1870, with the avowed object of "promoting the interests of bee-culture throughout North America." All who are familiar with its work know, and its published proceedings also show, that it has adhered to this purpose, and has contributed as much as any similar society in the world to the spread of a knowledge of practical and scientific apiculture. Reviews, translations, and citations from these Proceedings appear in the apiarian journals of all European countries. Much has in this way been done by this Society toward giving to the American system of apiculture the recognition which its great merits justly entitle it to receive.

APICULTURE PROGRESSING AND THE SOCIETY FLOURISHING.

The Association itself was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, having reached at the last meeting the highest membership it has ever possessed. But the remarkable progress made by apiculture in the United States and Canada within the memory of many who are still among the active members of this Society—in fact, the development of this industry until it has become one of considerable importance—makes it certain, when we consider the wide fields yet unoccupied, that still greater things may be expected. If all who are interested in this pursuit and are proud of the rank which the apiculture of America holds are willing to assist the objects of this Association to the extent at least of becoming members and retaining continual membership, results not merely gratifying to all but substantial benefits to every member will follow. It is not a trade union nor a sociable society to promote strikes and boycotting, but a peaceful joining of scattered forces which by numbers, interest, and enthusiasm shall command respect and recognition with those whose work in life has not made them familiar with the extent and need of this industry. The field is wide enough for all, and there should be no holding back through a spirit dictated by a feeling that one's own advancement is hindered by the well-earned progress of his fellow-man. Each should have instead a just pride in the knowledge that he has contributed to the general advancement.

WHAT THE SOCIETY CAN DO.

The North American Bee-Keepers' Association might aid in obtaining National and State legislation favorable to the interests of apiculture, both in securing and pro-

moting attention to this branch at experiment stations and in checking the sale of adulterated apiarian products. Should this body be composed permanently (as it certainly ought to be) of three-fourths or more of the intelligent apiarists of the country, its opinions, resolutions, and requests would carry with them far more weight and influence than they do at present. The time has come, in fact, when apiculture, having arrived at the dignity of a distinct pursuit and having enlisted the attention of some 300,000 of our citizens, has within itself forces worthy of much consideration—forces that should be united in order to do more effective work.

EVERY BEE-KEEPER,

therefore, whose eye falls on these lines is personally requested to ally himself with the members of our Society, whether he can be present at the regular meeting or not. The Proceedings, published in pamphlet form, are sent to all who pay the annual membership fee, and the names of members appear in the printed list.

The next Annual Convention will be held at Saint Joseph, Missouri, October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1894. To avoid confusion at the time of the meeting and just before, members or those who wish to become such are requested to forward their dues \$1.00, at the earliest date possible, to the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. George W. York, 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who will return a neat membership-card. Those who attend the convention are requested to present membership-cards and secure badges. State or local apiarian societies paying an annual affiliation fee of \$5.00 receive medals to be given to their own members as prizes, and delegates appointed by these societies to attend the conventions of the North American receive membership-cards and badges free.

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BITS OF FUN.

Office seeker—Mr. President, don't you remember me? President—Yes, but I cannot place you.—Truth.

"Did you ever try faith cure, Tom?" "Yes. It cured me, too." "What?" "Faith in the faith cure."—Judge.

Miss Trill—I love to hear the birds sing. Jack Downright (warmly)—So do I. They never attempt a piece beyond their ability. —Tit-Bits.