

John, the longer you stay away the better I like you." However, we are not exactly like that. While we meet together we find there are none of us such very bad fellows after all.

Now, I hope we will have a first-class meeting at Barrie. I hope to see all the old faces and I hope to renew acquaintances. I look forward to the meeting of the Beekeepers as one of the most pleasant times I have during the year; and I know that I never attended a Convention that I did not get information valuable enough to pay me for coming.

I trust to meet you all at Barrie next year and have a good time.

I thank you for the friendly way in which you have carried on the meeting and the good order we have had and the attention you have paid. (Applause.)

12 o'clock noon, Convention closed.

Thoughts andComments ON CURRENT TOPICS

By a York County Bee Keeper.

In "Review" for September, F. Greiner has a vigorous article condemning the use of full sheets of foundation in sections.

He says that while his crop of comb honey this year is nice to look at, it is scarcely fit for culinary use, owing to his having used the full sheets of foundation.

Among other objections he reminds us that foundation is often made from old filthy combs perhaps with decayed larvae, etc. in them, and thinks that the consumer had this information is doubtful if he would enjoy eating comb honey built on foundation, or relish chewing the "gob."

After telling us how much super-

ior the comb honey is, that is built without foundation, to that which is built on full sheets, he closes with the following: "I might say that this practise of using full sheets of foundation is most objectionable and cannot be condemned in too strong terms."

While the most of us will agree with friend Greiner that comb honey is a little more toothsome without the "midrib" yet the writer for one, cannot think that there is quite as much difference in the two articles as he would lead us to believe there is. However this is a matter of individual taste and opinion I suppose.

As to the consuming public, perhaps it would be as well not to try and educate them too much as to how and of what foundation is made. As long as they are satisfied, well and good, "what the eyes do not see, the heart does not grieve over" Anyhow, who will contend that foundation made from wax thoroughly cleansed by modern methods, is not as inviting as sugar, tobacco and other articles of daily use; which no doubt if we could see in their different stages of manufacture (especially of tobacco) a little of the "relish" we have for them might be taken away.

While agreeing with Mr. Greiner as to the superiority of natural comb Editor Hutchinson, strikes the keynote when he says, "the use of foundation may be written against and condemned as much as you please, beekeepers will never give up its use, if they can make more money by using it."

SHOOK SWARMS AGAIN.

"Gleanings" for Oct. 15th, might appropriately be called a "shook" swarm special, as nearly all the reading matter is made up of articles on the subject.

This reminds me of a statement in