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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Reports generally say that bees are wintering well, both indoor and out.

"What are the prospects of the season?" A question much easier asked than answered. Some of our people are hopeful; others feel just a little bit despondent on account of the heavy frosts and periodical thaws, with so little snow to protect the clover.

Mr. C. W. Post, in a private letter to the editor, says: "I can say nothing officially in reference to the Paris Exposition. I understand that there is ample honey offered to make a creditable display and that it will be forthcoming when wanted."

"The Month's Work." In this issue begins a series of articles under this heading by A. E. Hoshal, Beamsville. Mr. Hoshal is well and favorably known to many of our readers and is thoroughly practical in his style, as his writings will indicate. We are sure they will be read with profit.

Dr. Howard, Professor of Bacteriology, Washington, D. C., after very careful investigation, microscopical

examinations and diagnoses of the New York bee disease, declares it to be a new disease, distinct from that of foul brood or pickled brood. He has named it "black brood" on account of its character, it beginning with a dark spot on the larvæ, which increases in size, becomes darker and finally black. We understand that the disease is not altogether unknown in Canada. We hope next month to give a synopsis of Professor Howard's report.

At the congress of the German, Austrian and Hungarian bee-keepers, which took place in the city of Cologne, August 26 to 30, Mr. Lihzen, editor of the *Bienenwirtschaftliches Centrablatt* (Hanover), mentioned in his address about forty-eight tons of honey being stored by some thrifty and clever bee-keeper against a "rainy day."—A lesson here for our Canadian bee-keepers; had we some of last year's surplus on hand we could dispose of it at good prices this year without any great effort.

Questions on bee-keeping have very often been sent to us by our readers requesting an answer by mail. We have tried to meet their wishes in this respect, although at times we have thought it a little more than should be expected of us. In opening "Questions and Answers" columns we hope to serve, in so far as we are able, those of our readers who wish for information along these lines. The answers will come from the best authorities on the subjects, as the character of the question may demand.