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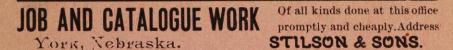
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Presidents' Address. Fellow Bee-Keepers.

Again we have met in annual con-Again we extend the hand vention. of friendly greeting. It is very proper that we, engaged in one occupation, should meet together, in order to compare varied experiences during the past the past found firm friends in these year, and to lay plans and to renew friendship for the year to come. It has been very gratifying to me that during the past two years there has been no dissentions within our ranks, and all. State, I recomend, that they be made have expressed a willingness to place his or her shoulder to the wheel and aid on the interest of bee keeping in Nebraska. The fine exhibit which you made at the state fair last year and the interest everyone took in our last annual meeting has been the subject of favorable comment throughout the whole country. Your exhibit at the Great World's Fair at Chicago is daily being visited and admired by thousauds who visit the Apiary Department. We otherwise appeared as a luxury on your excel all on exhibit of designs in beeswax.

The State Convention, held at Lincoln. Neb. plants is without pretense at competion, and is a subject of much interest with people from all parts of the Old World. The neatness in which they were put up, and the correctness of their names were also subjects for favorable comment, and for which this Association is indebted to Professor Charles E. Bessy and his assistant, Mr. Fred C. Clements, of our State University. This Association has in persons as well as in Professor Lawrence Bruner of our State University. and, as a memento of their friendship to the intersst of the Apiarist of this honorary members of this Association. and be cordially invited to take part in the deliberations of our meetings. The fact that every article of our exhibit at the World's Fair was generously loaned, is another source of congratulation and I am aware that in order to make as good an exhibit as possible at a time when the product of your apiaries was so scarce that many of you parted freely with which might own board. The fact, that we were able to show so many different kinds of nec-Our Herbarium of honey producing tar is also receiving many favorable com

who express a desire to know our State, deemed it proper that these should be and especially the honey produced there given at least a picture of how our exin, better in the future. This has in- hibit looks at the great exposition. deed been a hard year for bee-keeping continued drouth has sent the honey in this State, yet the great drouth has extended clear from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and, in the fairly good flow of full honey to the bee-keeper who is up to the times and has kept his apiary up to a working condition, here in Nebraska, we find our apiaries in better condition for the coming winter, than are our friends both east and west, who at a time appeared more favored than we. Truly the Poor Richard axiom, of "God helps him that helps himself," is as applicable to bee-keeping in Nebraska as to any other avocation. During our stay at Chicago, we have been able to gather samples of honey from England, Scotland, Greece, Russia and Siberia. The latter is perhaps as far north as any one has been able to gather a sample of the work of the "little busy bee." These samples are with us at this time and from them we hope to be able to demonstrate the superiority of Nebraska honey as compared with that produced in any country of the old world. In order to obtain these, we have exchanged samples of ours which we trust will be equally as convincing to them upon our side of the question, and at the close of the World's Fair with the permission of the bee-keepers who so generously loaned the material for the Nebraska honey exhibit at Chicago, I hope to be able to send out to foreign climes many more of these samples of the honev product of our state, as convincing arguments of the superiority of our honey both in color and richness as well as in flavor. We have at our own expense procured a fine cut of our honey exhibit premises all evidences of an apiary, apat the World's Fair, which will be used pears to be barbarous indeed, but if we in the next number of your official pa- can induce him to apply a more modper, the Nebraska Bee-Keeper. The fi- ern method for its speedy cure, we have nancial panic has placed many in a po- done him or her a kindness that at once sition where they cannot visit the fair draws them towards our association as

ments from abroad and from people and see for themselves, and I have The bee out on wide forageing expeditions, and in so doing have in many localities, in portions of the north half of Clay and Filmore, and I doubt not in the southern portions of Hamilton and York counties, carried home that dread of all bee-keepers, Foul Brood. This is mostly confined to small apiaries kept by farmers, who in many cases do not know what ails their bees. In a case visited personally a few days ago in Filmore county north-east of Exeter, we found an apiary of six colonies badly infected with this dreaded and loathsome disease. The lady who owns this small apiary expressed so much of a willingness to restore by any means to rid herself of this pest, that we prevailed upon her to give Prof. McEvoy's cure for this disease a thorough trial, and as she is a lady who is very thorough and industrious. I shall watch her application of this method with no little interest. I would recommend that this association take measures to thoroughly stamp out this disease wherever it exists, and as I have considerable faith in this new method for the effectual and speedy cure of foul brood, I would futher recommend a free and full discussion of this cure, and if deemed advisable to take measures to instruct the small bee-keepes throughout the state as to the proper method of its application in order to effect a permanent and speedy cure. To go to the small apiary of the farmer and arburn his bee hives bitrarily and thoroughly obliterate from his

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a benefactor, instead of one who under the strong arm of law destroys what ation are nearly at an end, and it is a they consider property, and whom we are not always able to convince of the danger lurking in the hive. I congratulate you on the fact, that you have during the past, patterned after the bees which you manipulate, and now that we are nearly ready to go into our winter quarters, have no drones among us. Two ammendments to our constitution will come before you at this meeting for approval or rejection, and while I have no recommendations to make regarding them, yet I have some misgivings regarding the success of a winter meeting. I would much distike to do anything that would detract from the interest taken in our fall meetings. Here we meet annually, fresh from the apiaries, with samples them. from or with appliances from our work-shops. The experiences of the season past and gone are fresh in our minds, and we have the appliances be fore us to aptly illustrate any point we desire. During the past winter this association filled for the first time a part of the program at a series of Farmers Institutes held in different parts of the state, as the lot of filling a part of this program fell upon me. I desire to state that I was agreeably surprised at the intense inerest taken in apiculture where these meetings were held, and I heartily recommend a continuation of the same. By so doing we create an interest in apiculture and also an increased demand for the product of our apiaries and supply houses. The rut, that by diffusing a general knowledge of our business, that by enlightening the masses we bring ourselves into close competition, is too narrow and deep for this day and age of the world. Not every man or every woman can become a successful bee-keeper, and there is ample room not far up the ladder, and it is to that grade in your chosen avocations that I invite you.

My labors as president of this associpleasure as I look backward at the past two years, to know that I have at all times been aided by your hearty co-operation, and that not a jar has clouded the horison of our association.

I solicit for my successor the same kind consideration, the same hearty cooperation in the future you have given me in the past. I do not need to bid you adieu as I shall be found working side by side with you in the future with the one object of building up a demand for the honey produced in our state and attempt to hold and increase its demand afterwards.

The bee-keepers of other states are advocating the establishment of experimental apiary stations at different points or in the different states. The experiments made by Prof. Cook and others have been of great benefit to the bee industry, and in order to keep pace with other branches in our state, this association should discuss this question with a view of either competing with other states, or what is far better, that of establishing one of these stations at our State University. Such a measure would doubtless be of great benefit to the people of the state, and where young men and women could obtain a practical knowledge of this industry. I am well aware that this is asumming in advance, but if as bee-keepers of this state we desire to lead rather than follow. we must assume the advance.

Yours, E. Whitcomb. Pres.,

Secretary's Roport.

Mr. President, Fellow Bee Keepers.

When I was elected to the position of secretary of this Association two years ago, I found that the society was several dollars in debt. And I at once determined that so far as I was concerned I would not incur any further indebtedness. I may have gone to the other extreme and not have done some things which might have been of benethat they use thier best energies to sefit to the society. cure for our society the same benefits

This year I have no bills to present, as I have had all notices printed where it cost us nothing. Last year I printed 1000 copies of our By Laws and Constitution and distributed them without cost to the society getting some pay for advetisements printed on its covers.

During the past winter there were held a series of Farmer's Institutes in different parts of the state at which the bee-keepers were given one session.

I have attended seven of these institutes and prepared papers for others, besides talking bees and honey at eleven other meetings, traveling about fifteen hundred miles mostly at my own expense, but with hotel bills generally paid. At all these gatherings there has been a universal interest manifested, much more than I had anticipated.

At our last meeting there was a committee appointed to look after our interests before the state Legislature. In doing this we found some difficulties in the way, 'To remedy some of these we have proposed some changes to our constitution and ask you to vote upon them at this session.'

Perhaps they may not be just right, and each year s but are the best we could think of at our handiwork t the time, and were presented at a special meeting of the society held in this city in January last, and ordered printed before this session, so that every member might know what changes were proposed, in time to vote for, or against as they saw fit, whether they attended this meeting or not. The Abuse of

During my term of office I have endeavored to encourage county and local societies. There are several such now in the state, and I call your attention to the proposed section to be added to our constitution.

I would recommend that this society appoint a committee to look after our interests before the next Legislature to hold thier position for two years and that they use thier best energies to secure for our society the same benefits by the state that are given to the State Horticultural, Dairymans Association, and Poultry breeders, and kindred societies.

Also that we ask for the establishment of an experimental apiary at the State University, and that apiculture be one of the branches taught in connection with experimental work, and, that if no state appropriation is available for the purpose, we will as individuals, help in the work until the next meeting of the Legislature hoping to secure the proper funds for its continuance.

The Professors at the State University have always extended a friendly hand and we wish for a continuance of their good will.

So far as I know there has been perfect harmony of feeling and action among the officers and members during my term of office and I believe that the better acquainted we get with each other the less of envy there will be among the bee-keepers. A friendly strife fairly conducted is one of the best of educators. We each learn from the other and each year sees a better exhibit of our handiwork than the past. Then let us keep up these friendly rivralries and grow better and wiser.

Thanking you for your courtesies in the past I remain yours to learn more of bee keeping.

L. D. Stilson Sec.

The Abuse of the Honey Extractor. By A. C. Tyrell.

Much has been said and written in praise of the extractor, little against it, and there would be no occasion now to say aught against the machine, if it were not for the fact that eastern producers and others not long since, felt that it was incumbent upon themselves to advertise and declare to the world that honey was adulterated.

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The Nebraska Honey Exhibit at the World's Fair.

We are indebted to Bro. Whitcomb for cut and something of a description of the Nebraska honey exhibit at the great Fair in Chicago. In the arrangement of the exhibit, there are sixty-five specimens of the principal honey producing plants of the State, mounted on cards, and labelled with both the common and scientific names.

of the exhibit is dark". This comment of course we take good naturedly as so few of those easterners know how really fine honey should look. Bro. Whitcomb needed a light stimulant, so shows a few bottles of Mr. Davidson's metheglin, we should like to know if the eastern men think that part of the exhibit is "dark"! As compared with some other states our honey exhibit is small, but our superin-Wax has been used in making tendent in charge did not buy white



Nebraska Honey Exhibit at The World's Fair.

figures, flowers, wreaths and fruit, honey where-ever it could be found and so skillful in its working have to make a big pile, neither has he Mrs. Whitenmb and Mrs. Stolley been obliged to sit up nights wrishown themselves that this portion ting a defense of his position. of the exhibit is beyond all compet- Taken as a whole, the display is itors. In the honey display, there a grand advertisement of our state are twelve distinct varieties shown, and our resource for "sweet", and mostly extracted and in bottles and is a credit to the presiding genius much of it granulated, An eastern and those in charge during his abwriter says, "the principal portion sence.

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"The Wiley lie" or "scientific pleasantry", as it is now called, being more euphonious, I suppose, was exploded long ago, and none but the most ignorant contend that other than pure nectar enters very largely into comb honey, but the use of the extractor has made it *possible* to adulterate the extracted article, and according to the would-be eastern reformers, little if any of the genuine stuff finds its way into the market—a very singular confession from the honest (?) eastern apiarist.

Of course those who declaimed so loudly, in season and out of season, against the adulteration of the extracted honey, were strictly honest! the other fellows were the guilty parties.

At all events, the people have been given to understand by the very best authority (the producers), that extracted honey, so called, is not honey but a vile decoction composed of glucose and other foreign matter, and very naturally the consumer refuses to buy it, if nice clean comb honey is to be obtained.

The admissions and confessions of the self-convicted criminals have proven to be more damaging to the honest producers of the country than all the scientific pleasantries ever published, and I charge the extractor with being responsible for the same, in the hands of culpable men.

Whether or not there is any truth in the charges made, and referred to above, great injury has resulted therefrom, from which we will recover very slowly, if ever public opinion again accord to us other than dishonest practices.

The foregoing is the most serious charge against the extractor, and I need not enter more into detail, as I think it will form at least a basis or topic for discussion.

Who will be the first to say: The Extractor Must Go.

We will give our version of the "abuse," next month.

During the convention, there were some papers handed to the secretary, but owing to want of time were not read but were ordered printed, one of which we publish below, others will be found in next months issue.

How I became A Bee-Crank. L. L. Allspaugh

Because of no subject given me I hardly know what to say before this intelligent body and not knowing what anyone else would have to say, I thought I would take up some subject that none other could have.

In the fall of 1886, while living in your beautiful, capital city of the state, at 2148 N st., I took the bee fever, haveing never had any desire or love for the honey bee at all before this. What caused me to have the bee fever, I will try and tell.

While working for the well known Dr. Queen of your city, I saw his bees sitting around his place, one at the rear end of my work bench and one just a little ahead of me. While I was a little afraid of being stung, I much enjoyed seeing them working so busy. There seemed to be quite a good honey flow on at that time, so I never got a single sting the whole three days I worked there. This was on 40th st., in the east part of Lincoln. He had a good many bees, the number I do not remember, but they were sitting here and yonder as they happened to be with calves, pigs and such like running amongst them. His place did not look as neat as some yards I have seen.

By the way, one morning the State bee inspector came up into the yard to inspect his bees, the doctor had business in his office that day, so he could not be at home. He wanted the inspector to wait until the next day, but the inspector refused to wait. This made the doctor a little out of fix. Alow me to say here that I think the in-

spector was a little careless and cranky divided all right, but like a good many too. When the doctor came home in others, he forgot to tell me how the evening he found a few of his hives to prevent the after swarm, which with the lids carelessly put back with a came off in about 9 days. They lit in a crack so the bees could pass in and out, tree in the street. I was away from which might result in some bad luck home, my wife saw them come out of when the honey flow ceased. This the hive and raise up over the tree tops made the doctor a little warm under and not like some women she ran and the collar, and he had to relieve himself locked the screens and looked out and of some of his wrath by abusing the in- they went over the tree tops and that spector to me and before we got was the last she saw of them. I came through with our talk, he sold me two home in the evening, I saw a swarm of swarms of bees assuring me that they bees sitting there in the street but not would make me at least 50 lbs. of sur- once did I think they were mine. My plus honey that fall and that would wife told me that the bees had swarmnearly pay me back my money. I then ed she believed. On examining the at once set about to find out something hive I found that they had and I supmore about bees. I made some in- posed they were gone. quiries where I could find some books. I then heard of the A BC of bee culture and he told me that the street car dripublished by A.I. Root of Medina, Ohio. ver got them and sold them. I then I had no peace of mind until I squan- went to the man who bonght them. dered \$1.25 for a copy of the same.

out that 50 lbs of honey that I was to have but when I went to take it off. I found 48 empty sections instead of 50 lbs, honey. This made me look down course. I could not prove them, so went my nose and I then began to think that bee men would guess at things largely especially when they had something to I thought how could a man who had sell and a green sucker to deal with.

downs in all kinds of business, I then only two. I cannot name the man or picked up courage again and took the I would. He lives in Lincoln. advice of A. I. Root and put my bees in the cellar in winter and did not seal the covers either.

Well in the spring 1887 they came out of their winter quarters strong and thrifty. I then felt quite encouraged and more determined to go into the bee business than ever.

Now swarming time came and I asked Dr. Queen, what he would charge were in a poor shape. They did not me to come down and divide a swarm swarm this year at all and made me onfor me and show me how, as he advo- ly 20 lbs, honey. I put them in a cellar cated that plan to be the best way. He the next winter and they came out the said he would come for 50 cts. and his next spring in good shape. I then

A few days later I saw Dr. Queen told him my story and he said that he Now by this time it was time to take thought probably they were mine from my story and if I could prove them I could have them but if I could not prove them I could not have them of home again thinking a good deal, not saving a great deal out loud at least but upwards of 80 swarms and then take Knowing that there are ups and the very first swarm from me who had

> Well this is enough of that. That spring I increased to seven swar.us and got 2001bs. of surplus honey. This encouraged me still more.

That fall which was the fall 1887, I moved my family and bees to Auburn put my bees into winter quarters, a poor cave, seven of them, but in the spring I only brought two out and they dinner and I said "come ahead." He thought I would go into the supply trade along with the bees. I now had only two swarms, no shop, no money. I will tell you how I got a shop. I made a bench, putting it in the back yard. That was my shop for that year. I bought my supplies from I. M. Dickerson of Hiawatha, Kansas and kept them in the cellar near by my work bench, with my apiary just to the right of me. I bought or traded for a few swarms and that year I increased to 12 swarms. I sold 75 bee hives all of the Eureka hive, made by hand, out there in the hot sun.

The following year, I rented a small building and continued business on a small scale, bought most of my goods from A.I. Root, Medina, Ohio, some from our frienc E. Kretchmer. The next year I bought most of my goods from E. Kretchmer. I then built a small shop and put in a little machinery, saw cutter head, by the way, I cut off my thumb at that kind of work which did not feel very pleasant. I have been in business since and much enjoy this kind of work though I am only a niny in the great work.

I have been looking forward to the time when I could go to the state fair and to the state bee-keepers association and meet with the prominent bee men of our state, and adjoining states, and meet them face to face and have a talk with them, but it is out of the question for me to be present this year as I have some work on hands that I could hardly leave and on the question of finance I must remain at home. Hoping to see the day when I may be able to meet with you at the state association. Should any of you pass near our city, I hope you will take a little trouble to call and see me. I have worked hard to get our couuty assosiation in running order, hoping that A. W. Saultzbaugh our secretary and representative will give us a send off and get some good pointers to bring home to us.

More papers next month.

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At the recent State Convention I was re-elected secretary and to the position of treasurer as well.

There may have been some meaning in this, as I have not made an extra good secretary, and knowing me to be a slow walker, a hint is given, as they required no bonds. I wish to speak out in meeting and say. "you" have not paid the yearly dues of 50 cents, send that along and it will give us more to go on.

Our society is out of debt, now wake up, every body, and make a success as never before. We will have regular "watch-meeting" this winter, Bro. Whitcomb's fears will be dispelled, but you wont enjoy it unless you wake up.

L. D. Stilson, York, Neb..

Hoping to spend the winter in a warmer climate, our helpers have gone southward. Charles, with his wife and year old baby, and Wm., our office foreman, have gone to Hammond, La. for the winter, and if suited, Chas. may make a future home. Their leaving has thrown extra cares upon the old gent of the shop and puts us late with this issue. Let patience have her perfect work awhile and we will soon be up with the season.

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We have no friends to reward. or foes to punish, at anothers expense, therefore all are to be treated alike, and to all our readers who will before Dec. 1st pay arrears if they are back on their subscription, and a year in advance, or to new subscribers who pay the year ahead we will send, post paid, three fine Gladiolus Bulbs, with printed directions for growing. We have all shades of color from black to white, but mixed up, so dont ask for any one color, but take what we send.

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L.D.Stilson, Sec. York, Neb.

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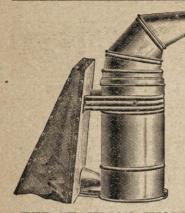
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