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Editor's Introduction.

THE simple, easy language of "The Bee People," its accurate observation, its clear thought, its orderly arrangement, and the interesting manner in which the story is told, make it specially suitable for Supplementary Reading in the third to the fifth years of school.

Most of the chapters are just long enough for one reading, and the longer ones readily lend themselves to division, so as to be taken in two or more sessions.

If she cannot show them all the processes and all the objects described in the book, the intelligent teacher will easily devise means in many cases of going with the children and the book to Nature itself, and thus aid in developing the important faculty of "how to observe."

"By means of the question," says Professor C. de Garmo, "the teacher can keep the mind of the pupil up to the growing point, making it at once alert and thoughtful. The question is, in short, the universal implement of good teaching, applicable to all ages of pupils, and suitable to all stages of instruction."

While "The Bee People" should be read as a pleasure book rather than as a lesson book, its value with the children will not be diminished by giving them oral and written review work upon the chapters, and for this purpose a set of questions is printed at the end.

CHARLES WELSH.

WINTHROP HIGHLANDS, MASS.
January 20, 1905.

Author's Introduction.

BEES and flowers belong together. We cannot understand the one without the other. For, you see, bees get their food from the flowers, and the flowers need the bees to enable them to form their seeds.

The flowers that we like best have bright-colored petals. The petals of a rose are pink or white or yellow. The petals of a violet are purple, and those of a forget-me-not are blue.

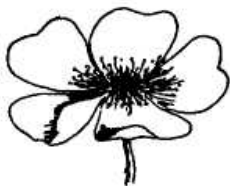
Sometimes the petals are separate, as in a rose or a buttercup, and you can pull them off one by one.

Sometimes they are all grown into one piece, like the funnel-shaped flower of the morning-glory.

The bees can see the bright colors of the flowers a long way off. They can also

smell them, for bright flowers are generally fragrant.

Flowers make a sweet juice on which bees and other insects feed. We call this



The Wild Rose, with five separate petals.



The Morning-Glory, with the petals grown together into a funnel.

sweet juice nectar, and the bees take it home and make honey of it.

- The flowers like to have the bees come and take the nectar. Why, do you suppose? If you have studied flowers, you will know; if you have not, I must try to tell you.

You know there is a yellow dust in some flowers. It gets on your face when you smell of them. Sometimes flower dust is