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where Mr. Jones had selected three islands that were best suited to his purpose. How we hunted duck and deer and fished, talked bees and the great possibilities of mating queens to select drones; how we could make desirable crosses on other islands, it is not necessary to relate here; but suffice it to say we never met a more whole-souled and genial host or a more enthusiastic bee-keeper in all the 25 years that we have been at the editorial helm of this journal. The reader, if interested will find a full account of this in *Gleanings* for 1884, pages 620 and 696."

J. J. H.

"We are all in a sense beginners in bee-keeping, for no one yet knows it all. It is nothing so very strange to find an experienced bee-keeper changing the opinions that he held five years, or even a year ago."—A. B. J.

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"Clearly, for quicker returns and a greater per cent. of profit, wood-chopping is a long way ahead of bee-keeping.

"Then if you had it to do over again, you wouldn't be a bee-keeper," you say? Yes, I would. But I'll talk about that another time.—Dr. Miller in A. B. J.

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"The Canadian Bee Journal is growing better with every issue. Editor Hurley is putting some good work on it."—E. R. Root in *Gleanings*.

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"Let us be public spirited, even if it does make us some extra work, and help out the fair officials with a fire honey exhibit the coming season."—Mrs. H. G. Acklin in *Gleanings*.

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Mr. C. P. Dadant in discussing the question of the vitality of honey bees in the American Bee Journal states that "consanguinity is fatal." Is it, we ask? We think it is not necessarily so. Selection carried on along scientific principles must be as far as possible by

means of "line breeding" of which the acme is "in-breeding." If the bee-breeder have as his chief object the production of a prolific race, he need fear no evil results from in-breeding. We may, perhaps, be allowed to remind Mr. Dadant that many species of plants are self-pollinated. Wheat, one of the most vigorous and prolific of our domestic plants, is self-fertilizing. Again, in nature, among gregarious animals, the head of the herd is sire of practically all the young. In-breeding is largely practised by breeders of farm stock and many famous sires have been strongly in-bred.

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The first number of what appears to be a new bee-paper, the "Bee-keepers' Gazette," has just come to hand. The editor, the Rev. J. G. Digges, M.A., explains its *raison d'être* in an editorial which states that "recognizing our indebtedness to the British associations, and the large number of British bee-keepers who have been generous enough to support the 'Irish Bee Journal' hitherto, we now present them with a new publication, which will be more fully devoted to their interests than the 'Journal' has been." Mr. Digges concludes with the following: "Already two British associations have adopted the 'Gazette' as their official organ, while the 'Journal' will maintain its official connection with the Irish Bee-keepers' Association and the associations affiliated to it." We wish the "Gazette" well, but at the same time trust that Mr. Digges will not meddle with the English associations that recognize the "Record" as their "official organ." We are certain, however, that not a single English association will secede from the B.B.K.A. for the sake of a pretty cover such as that in which the "Bee-keepers' Gazette" appears.

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During the first week in May, Morley Pettit will conduct a "short course" for bee-keepers at the Ontario Agricultural