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Once more the joyous Christmas season approaches like Halley's comet. What a grand thing it is that, in a world of selfishness, contention and struggle, there is one season during which we are expected to cast aside care and self, and make cheerful our brother. Let us do it with all our hearts. We will be a long time dead. The use we make of the Saviour's glad spirit of "good will to men," will count most during that long and eventful time. To each and all of our readers, who have been so patient with our shortcomings during the past year, we extend our most hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes.

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We have received a letter from one of our oldest readers—a gentleman 72 years, and of 28 years experience with the bees. It is from Mr. G. Guyer, of Port Elgin, in a very chatty and interesting way he tells of his early experiences, and at some length explains the methods he has pursued. The methods no doubt were the best available during his time and circumstances, with results moderately successful. He had foul brood three times, and each time overcame it. He writes for the purpose of expressing his appreciation of the work done by the O.B.K.A. and the provincial government, in sending out the inspector to render assistance to needy bee-keepers. He also expresses the wish that any bee-keepers who may be in his neighborhood—be they inspectors or others—will call upon him, they will receive a right, royal welcome. Mr. Guyer's good old heart seems to be beating right after the lapse of 72 years. We hope it will long continue so.

We would like to draw particular attention to Mr. F. P. Adams' article in this issue regarding full frames of honey in the hives in the spring, when the bees have nicely started brood rearing. It is a great mistake to conclude that because these well-filled combs are there that all is well. It is a well known fact that the bees will not make the liberal use of these stores that they might or should. If honey is not coming in freely these combs should be uncapped so as to force the bees to take care of the drip and clean them up. This will stimulate the feeding of the larva. A good plan also is to take one of these combs, after uncapping it, and place it on top of the hive over the brood nest. It stimulates the bees as well as feeding and empties the comb without the bother of extracting. At the same time give the queen plenty of room to lay. If honey is coming in and there still remains some outside combs full of honey, it will do no harm to remove them altogether. This honey is fit only to be turned into bees. Make this your chief object in the spring. We trust this will not be forgotten when next spring opens up.

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Dr. Miller relates that when shaking his bees on foundation for the purpose of curing disease, many of them took flight and left, bag and baggage. He rejoices, however, that they did not take the frames of foundation with them! What a cheerful Christmas an old philosopher like that can make for those around about him. May he yet have many happy returns.