

round again
l be happier
nd managed
rned to my
for the con-

anch of the
er small, as
and six hun-
of the Sierra
e head of a
cipal flower,
s the Rocky
of which im-
the honey.
us Hymettus
otland.

venting new
was to beat
aise all man-
ject of which
f the queen.
he queen in a
ot the slight-
oyalty among
en can never
r plebian sub-
ter. Not only
hape and bril-
as the distin-
tips of her
ne of the help-
omen have of

we have there are many instances where
a single Italian swarm has produced a
thousand pounds of first-class honey in a
season. Although the yield of honey in
California is enormous and every year
increasing, there is always a steady de-
mand at a good price.

"As an occupation I know of nothing
that has the charm of bee-keeping. The
labor is light and pleasant. When one
considers that to produce honey, flowers
or some honey-producing grain is neces-
sary, it seems to me surprising that more
women do not take it up as a business.
I have two school friends in Pennsylvania
who, on paying me a visit, became con-
verted to the business of bee-keeping, and
now make additions to their yearly in-
comes by the sale of their honey.

"They both began with a few swarms
bought somewhere near their homes, and
I supplied the queens. Of course, the
yield of their hives is nothing compared
with mine in California., neither is their
season as long, but they make enough to
pay them for their trouble. As both of
them are women with artistic taste, they
have planted pastures for their bees in
such a way that their homes are now
remarkable for their beauty as well as
for the excellence of the honey."—Ex-
change.

BRANT BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the above Association was
held in the Court House, City of Brant-
ford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. There was
a fair attendance of old reliables. Mr. C.
Amanson, President, was in the chair.
After considerable discussion it was de-
cided to hold a winter convention in
Brantford, and procure, if possible, sev-
eral notable bee men from the United
States to deliver addresses. The question
of holding a convention during the sum-
mer, which would be called a "field
convention," was also discussed and approved of.
It was decided that the gathering take
place in May next at Mr. James Shaver's
home, Cainsville. An effort will be made
to get as many farmers as possible in at-

tendance, and any others who may be
interested in bees to only a small extent.
Practical demonstrations will be made in
the manipulation of bees and hives for
the benefit of those who may be in need
of such instruction. Further announce-
ments will be made. The following are
the officers elected: President, William
Bayless; vice-president, John Clark,
Cainsville; Secretary-Treasurer, W. J.
Craig; Executive Committee, the officers
and James Shaver.

THE BEE AS A SOCIALIST

That a beehive is "a perfect example
of the equalitarian product of state social-
ism," is the opinion of Prof. Gaston Bon-
nier, of the University of Paris, expressed
in an article contributed to the *Indepen-
dent* (New York, October 8). Professor
Bonnier's anecdotes of bees and accounts
of experiments that he himself has tried
on them, are interesting, but not as orig-
inal as the conclusion that he states in
his closing paragraphs. Professor Bon-
nier's study of socialism among bees leads
him to hope that the system will not be
adopted widely in human society. He
says:

"The isolated bee is without individu-
ality. It is only the colony as a whole
which possesses any individuality. All
the bees of a hive, all the workers, per-
form the same task, because they obey a
collective order. But the hives them-
selves differ from one another. I might
give many examples of this, but I will
confine myself to one. It may happen in
a bad season that you will notice that all
the hives of an apiary are, with one single
exception, inactive. At this one hive you
will see the workers flying in and out,
'as busy as a bee.' The reason is that
the searchers of this hive have been so
keen-sighted or so lucky as to discover,
perhaps two or three miles away, a field
of *klomling colza*, which the searchers of
the other hives had overlooked.

"We may liken a bee colony to a sort
of mammal whose constituent elements
are being constantly renewed, which pre-