

you could do better up here, were it not for the difficulty in wintering bees, which is a source of much loss to many in this part of North America. We are glad to say that we are gradually surmounting those difficulties which have hitherto been the principal causes of our losses. Our bees came out in very fine condition but no better, we presume, than many others, according to reports we have received, many wintering from 75 to 150 without loss. We have not the enemies to contend with in our season of queen rearing that you have; that was one of the great difficulties with which we had to contend when in Cyprus and Palestine. The bee enemies there were so numerous that it was with great difficulty we could get queens mated. We shall be pleased to meet you in Detroit at the National Convention, and feel certain that you will meet many of your Canadian friends there. Shall be glad to hear from you from time to time and can assure you that you will find something in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL besides wintering, in time for your season's work yet.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

EDITOR CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.—Some friend has sent me a copy of the last issue of the *Kansas Bee-Keeper* in which the editor of that paper complains that in my late article on Apiculture in *The Popular Science Monthly*, and recently reprinted in this JOURNAL, I ignored *The Kansas Bee-Keeper* as a weekly journal. After quoting a paragraph from my article in reference to the apicultural periodical literature of Canada and the United States, the editor remarks:

"Is it possible that our Friend Pringle is so little acquainted with the periodical literature of America as not to be aware that the *American Bee Journal* is not the only weekly devoted to bee culture now being published in the United States."

Now, in self-defence, or by way of explanation, I beg to say that when the article for the *Popular Science Monthly* was written several months ago I was not, I confess, aware that *The Kansas Bee-Keeper* was a weekly paper. The *American Bee*

Journal in an advertisement this year, and published since my paper for the *P.S.M.* was written, claimed to be the "only weekly bee paper in the world." Having seen this statement in previous advertisements of the *A.B.J.*, I took it for granted that Friend Newman *knew* what he was talking about in this matter, and I had not the slightest grounds at the time for supposing that he would make any statement contrary to the facts. If therefore, I have made a mistake in the number of weekly bee-papers it was honestly made, and if I have been misled it has been by the *Bee-Keeper's* own national contemporary. I am glad to hear that there is a second weekly bee-paper in the United States, and I cheerfully correct the error I was drawn into, and wish the *Bee-Keeper* every success. I fear there is a little too much jealousy evolving amongst our bee-papers, especially our weekly papers. Now this is exactly as it ought *not* to be. There is room for all, and all should work together harmoniously, without envy or jealousy, to the end that the best interests of bee-culture may be promoted and the confraternity of humanity be subserved. There should be neither local, national, nor international differences or jealousies amongst bee-keepers or bee-papers. In writing my article for the *Popular Science Monthly* I endeavored to do American apiculture and our American friends the strictest justice. When I mentioned the *A.B.J.* as being the only weekly devoted exclusively to bee-culture in the United States, I did so in good faith, and if the editor of that journal himself was not at the time aware of the existence of the other weekly, the *Kansas Bee Keeper* can hardly in justice or reason chide me for not being aware of the fact.

It was only when the proof sheets were sent to me for correction that I added a notice of our own CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL to the magazine article, as our journal was just starting.

To do justice all round will the *Kansas Bee-Journal* copy this explanation into its columns.

ALLEN PRINGLE.

Selby, Ont., June 1st, 1885.

We agree with you, Friend Pringle, that there should be no jealousy. If we have the good of the bee-keeping fraternity at heart, we will not be jealous of one another. As you say, there is room for all of us, as is amply proved by the large and increasing circulation of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. If the other journals choose to be jealous of us, we trust it is from no fault of ours, as we know no jeal-