

## Editorial.

### NORTH AMERICAN BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

An interesting and important convention of bee-keepers, was held in the city of Indianapolis, December 21st and 22nd, 1870, which resulted in the formation of a Society, bearing the name at the head of this article. As we had the pleasure of being present at the meeting, we are glad to be able to lay before our readers a somewhat full account of the proceedings.

The convention was organized by the appointment of A. F. Moore, of Michigan, as temporary President, and M. M. Baldrige, of Illinois, as temporary Secretary. It was found that representatives were present from fourteen States, and from the Dominion of Canada, and a committee of one from each State, and one from Canada, was chosen to report upon permanent organization. A committee was also appointed to draft a programme of business. While these committees were putting things into shape, the President, *pro tem.* addressed the meeting on the object of the convention, and on a number of points connected with practical bee-keeping. Miscellaneous questions, answers, and remarks from several parties present followed. In due time the committee on business reported an order of procedure, as follows:—

1. Opening address by Dr. G. Bohrer of Alexander, Madison county, Indiana.
2. Remarks on the general management of the apiary in the spring, summer and winter, by D. R. Allen, of Syracuse, New York.
3. Remarks on foul brood and other bee maladies, by R. Bickford, of Seneca Falls, New York.
4. Remarks on the Italian bee, by Aaron Benedict, of Bennington, Ohio.
5. Remarks on natural and artificial swarming, and on the increase of stocks, by E. Gallup, of Orchard, Iowa.
6. Remarks on Queen raising, by Dr. T. B. Hamlin, Edgefield Junction, Tennessee.
7. Remarks on Bee Forage, by Rev. W. F. Clark, President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association, Ontario, Canada.
8. Remarks on transferring, by Dr. G. Bohrer.
9. Remarks on the best methods of securing surplus honey, and of marketing the same, by A. Grimm, of Jefferson, Wisconsin.

The committee on permanent organization, reported the following constitution and list of officers:—

#### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. Name, "North American Bee-Keepers' Association."

Art. 2. Its object shall be to promote the interests of bee-keeping throughout the North American Continent.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, to comprise the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, all to be elected annually by ballot.

Art. 4. The condition of membership in this Association, shall be the annual payment of one dollar to its funds.

Art. 5. The Association shall meet annually..

The Committee would recommend the following officers to be elected to hold the offices for and during this meeting:

President—A. F. Moon, of Michigan.

Vice-Presidents—E. Gallup, of Iowa, and G. Bohrer, of Indiana.

Secretary—M. M. Baldrige, of Illinois.

Assistant-Secretary—W. F. Clarke, of Canada.

Treasurer—N. C. Mitchell, of Indiana.

Both reports were adopted, and at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, the constitution was amended by fixing the number of Vice-Presidents at five instead of two, by empowering the Association to alter the constitution by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting, and by making provision for the election, from time to time, of suitable persons as honorary members. Prior to the adoption of the report on permanent organization; a communication was read from Mr. H. A. King, of New York, relative to a similar convention to be held at Cincinnati, on the 8th and 9th of February next expressing a desire for united action, and requesting a reply from the convention. After the Association had organized itself, Mr. King's communication was referred to a committee of three, who subsequently reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried:—

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as we have been unable to find anything in the conduct of parties concerned in the call of this national convention which has been calculated to prevent a bond of perfect union among the bee-keepers of America, a cordial invitation be and is hereby extended to Mr. King, and to all others to attend the next meeting of this Association and identify themselves with its history and operations.

A delegation was also appointed to attend the Cincinnati convention, and endeavour to secure united action. This delegation at first consisted of three persons appointed by the chair; but was afterwards made to embrace all members of the Association who might attend the Cincinnati convention. This matter occasioned considerable discussion, in the course of which, strong things were said by prominent members of the Association, in regard to the decisive, sectional, and self-interested course which they considered had been taken by Mr. King. A very general desire was, however, expressed for conciliation and union, and the idea of two rival organizations coming into being was