



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL

ILLNESS has compelled "Hallan-shire Beekeeper" to refrain from business for some weeks past. Hence he has not been able to answer those articles criticising his statements.

Owing to the terrible rains of last week the Mount Forest convention was not a success and no report is forthcoming.

It has rained here almost incessantly since the 21st May and we have had terribly cold weather; so much so that the bees have had but half a day in which they could fly without danger of being chilled. To-day (June 7th,) it is warmer and bees are working.

Deeply and sincerely do we sympathise with Friend D. Anguish, of Brantford, in the loss of his beloved wife who died June 1st. She leaves six small children, the eldest eleven years, the youngest four days. It is a sore trial but He that ruleth doeth all things well.

It requires the stings of sixty healthy honey bees to kill a man in fair health.—Toronto Globe.

There is something about this we don't understand. We consider ourselves in "fair health" and dozens of times have been stung by more than

sixty bees. Possibly the bees were not "healthy," but their actions didn't prove it.

A NEW CURE FOR FOUL BROOD.

IN the Record for the current month, Mr. Robert Sproule, of Dublin, gives his experience with Formic Acid as a remedy for foul brood. Space forbids reprinting his article in full, so we condense it.

He believes with Cheshire that a queen reared in a foul broody hive will transmit the disease to her progeny. He also has implicit faith in phenol as a foul brood remedy but appreciates the objections the bees have to it, and the danger of tainting sections in supers. In his opinion Formic Acid is equally as good as phenol and free from its objectionable taste and odor.

Mr. Sproule first used Formic Acid in 1883, at a time when he had just cured his bees of virulent foul brood, on a diseased comb which he had overlooked. The comb contained hundreds of diseased cells. This comb was sprayed with the new remedy, placed between two close fitting division boards and closely covered to confine the acid. "Next May I took the comb out, and after exposing it to the sun for a few hours I inserted it between two brood combs in a healthy stock of bees. The result justified my confidence. For the first three days both queen and bees seem to have avoided the comb, pro-