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WHERE does not seem to be as much interest taken in the coming meeting of the Ontario Bee-keeper's Association as is warranted. The time is short now for talking the matter up and we sincerely hope that it will be taken hold of in such a way as will insure a successful meeting. We hope to publish next week an itemised programme giving the subjects which are to be taken by the different ones whose names have been suggested by the committee and which were announced in a preliminary programme published in these columns some time since.

By the time our subscribers will be receiving the present number of the JOURNAL the new year will be here and we will write it 1888. We trust that all our subscribers have had a merry Christmas and that their new year will begin under auspicious circumstances. One way to start out right for the new year is to see that the subscriptions for the different papers and magazines for which you subscribe are attended to. The time has arrived when very many of our subscriptions fall due, and we hope that the renewals will come in rapidly. They are coming in very well but they could be increased to ten times what they are now, and yet leave many subscriptions unrenewed. As stated in another column we shall send out, each week, notices to all our subscribers whose sub-

scriptions fall due and we hope that the request which we make for renewal will be attended to promptly. It will help us the more to make the JOURNAL readable if we know that it is appreciated, and the appreciation cannot be shown in a better way than in renewing promptly for another year. We now wish all a Happy New Year.

A Visit to one of Our Muskoka Bee-keepers, Mr. Ernest Schultz of Lethbridge.

LAST fall Mr. Schultz, in a kind letter, invited us to pay him a visit, to see his apiary, talk bees, and do a little hunting, as there are many places in Muskoka which are known to be the "hunter's paradise." Mr. Schultz is one of those men who delights in the sport himself, as one can easily see when in his happy home, by the number of weapons of different kinds which he possesses, some of which are excellent. In the early part of November we availed ourselves of his kind invitation. Taking the morning train at Beeton we arrived at Lethbridge about 1 p.m. This station being only a flag station we had some difficulty in getting the conductor to stop and let us off. We were not long in getting our camping equipage and luggage stowed away in Mr. Brown's store, and securing a guide we started across the wood, one and a-half miles to Mr.