

reach them, and we have in all instances sent duplicates, which we hope *have* reached them safely. When we get our addresses all printed we will print on the label, after each name the number of the JOURNAL at which subscription will expire, and when we do this and the number corresponds with the date to which your subscriptions runs, you may accept this as a receipt. Should you observe any mistake in the number please advise us and we will make it all right.

ABOUT SIZES OF GOODS.

A large amount of unnecessary trouble is often caused by orders not being sufficiently explicit. Since we began making up odd-sized goods we have often found it so, and we suppose other supply-dealers have found just the same difficulty. For instance in ordering sections the width is very often forgotten, in ordering section frames the same difficulty arises, extractor baskets come in for the same trouble, as well as lots of other things, chief among which is foundation. Lots of customers say when you write to them about it, "Well, I got some last year, and I supposed you had the size already on your books." Yes, but then how do we know but that you may have changed the style of hive, or something of the kind. If we were to make up the goods, whatever they might be, without first writing and asking about them, and *then* when they reached you, were wrong, who would be at fault? Ten chances to one you would say, "Why didn't you write to me first before making them?" Perhaps we would both be a little to blame, but that wouldn't help the matter much, because there would be the spoiled goods for somebody to lose on. When we make mistakes ourselves we do not mind and are willing to correct them, no matter what the cost, but we like to know that we are *wrong*, first. Now the best way to do is to send the exact measurements of anything you may want, be it sections, foundations, frames, or whatever else. Don't leave anything for us to do any *guessing* over, and then there'll be very few mistakes.

BEE LORE.

OCCURRENCES WORTHY OF NOTE IN THE BEEKEEPING WORLD.

The *Kansas Beekeeper* talks about adding four more pages to its present size. FRIEND J. E. Pond, jr., of Foxboro, Mass., has been confined to his bed for some time with rheumatism. May he speedily recover.

The *British Bee Journal* in its issue

of April 15th asks for the opinions of its readers as to whether it should issue as a weekly or not. We say do so by all means.

A BEE-FRIEND at Campden, Ont., Mr. Honsburger by name, fell from a building about three weeks ago and fractured both his legs. We are glad to know that he is doing well.

Western Farmer, Madison, Wis.—We omitted last week to mention that we had received a copy of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. It is a very interesting periodical, and as the system which is found most successful in that country ought to succeed in our own country, it will be particularly interesting and profitable to our Wisconsin beekeepers.

SPEAKING of the great mortality among bees throughout the country the Napanee *Beaver* says:—It is gratifying to note that Mr. Allen Pringle's theories in regard to the preservation of bees, seem to be successful in practice. Out of thirty colonies wintered outside, only three or four perished; while out of sixty placed under cover, all were alive when taken out. A good record.

Gleanings says of "stingless bees:—"The newspapers get hold of these about once in so often, for a sensation, and the item goes the rounds. These bees do not amount to anything. They have been carefully tested; and although it is true that they do not sting, it is also true that they do not gather any honey of any account. There is no rose without its thorn.

COMPLIMENTARY.

ROBERT KNETCHEL, WALTON, ONT.—Take the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL—decidedly, I like its ring, there is not much drone about it.

WM. MUTH, RASSMUSSEN, INDEPENDENCE, CALIFORNIA:—I have just received the second number of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. I like the paper very much. I wish you abundant success in your new enterprise.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—Don't send any purchasers to me, I am flooded with enquiries.

The Dr. advertised in the first numbers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and the above is the result.