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## EDITORIAL.

**W**E have to thank Mr. Thos. W. Cowan, editor *British Bee Journal* for copies of the last revised edition, (Jan'y '88) of his "guide book." We have only had time for a cursory glance through its columns, but we find it considerably enlarged, and with many new illustrations which the author has had specially prepared for this, the ninth edition. 27,000 have been sold in six years, a sale almost unprecedented in bee literature. Of these 10,000 have been printed in foreign languages, to suit France, Spain, Russia, Germany and Belgium. We have no doubt but that with the recent additions made, this last edition will be disposed of even more rapidly than former ones.

The last number of the *Bee-Keepers Magazine* contains some rather startling information regarding the terrible extent to which adulteration is carried on by dealers in the United States. Some of the largest dealers are deeply implicated, and it behoves bee-keepers to see that their honey does not get into the hands of unscrupulous men, who will mix with it "glucose" and other adulterations. The table of analyses shows that out of thirty-one samples obtained from dealers only six were pure. All the samples obtained from farmers were pure.

We always make it a rule to notice all catalogues and price-lists received at the office of the *CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL* whether the senders of same, be advertisers and subscribers or not. We cannot carry out our motto to its fullest extent without doing this. Our subscribers pay for the privilege of knowing all that we can tell them, and if we can direct them to some queen-breeder or supply dealer by mentioning the existence of a catalogue gotten up by such dealers, we are only doing what we conceive to be our duty. It may look to some as being rather against our own private interests, but we must let these go to the wall where the general good is concerned, that is if it is against us which we very much doubt. Unselfishness generally reaps its reward.

In a private letter from Mr. Thos. Wm. Cowan, editor of the *British Bee Journal*, he advises us that he has written to Mr. Couse, the Secretary of the O.B.K.A., acknowledging the honorary membership conferred upon him at the last annual meeting.

There seems to be a misunderstanding with some of our subscribers as to the number on the address wrapper. They do not understand our mode of figuring out how each subscription stands. Let us explain briefly: On the editorial page of every issue of the *BEE JOURNAL* the whole number is given. If you will look at the top of this page you will find that the whole number is