



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

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EDITORIAL.

OUR thanks are tendered Friend Newman of the *American Bee Journal* for advance proofs of the N.A.B.K.A.—beg pardon, the International American Bee Association—proceedings. The report is written by Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson, and had we been there in person we could not have done the work with the same justice.

Somebody whose communication we have mislaid writes to know if we ever got that wax that Daniel McFadden was to send to North Bay. Our faith in Daniel was so small that beyond sending a postal to a friend in that town, we never bothered. We did not expect to hear anything further and have not.

Canadian bee-keepers have hitherto been somewhat conspicuous by their small numbers at the N.A.B.K.A. conventions. This year the poor yield and the distance to be travelled deterred them from going. Next year, the meeting being in Brantford, we trust that some arrangements may be made to secure a good crowd. Let the O.B.K.A. and all county societies make it a point to attend in a body. The railways will give reduced rates from any station if the number of the party be given, and "a day out" of this kind will have good results. Our suggestions may be pre-

mature, but beginning in time is half the battle.

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Many local papers are sent us containing notices that the editor has been favored with a goodly sample of Friend Soandso's honey. This is a good mode of drawing public attention to your nectar, and, though written in good faith, some of the notices are decidedly amusing to the apiarist. One acknowledges with thankfulness the receipt of "eight frames of honey"—a whole hiveful, and regrets for the donor's sake that "the honey deposit was not in unison with other seasons." Another puts it this way: "The golden sweet of the busy bee stored in waxen cells encased in a pine frame, furnished by Mr. — of this place, is on our desk and thanks are due him. The bee drinks in the morning dew from Nature's flowerets, and man despoils them of their gatherings." A lower province sheet has the best: "Honey rhymes with money, money we have not but honey we have. Two nice jars kindly presented us by Mr. —, the beneficent and affable bee-keeper. His amiability must be immense when he can woo and win the affections of the stinging bee, of whom nearly all mankind has a dread. Such a mastery has he that they will not sting him though he handles them just as he pleases, wearing a veil and gloves for fear of mishaps. He has lots of honey, delicious it is too, for sale at his home." The country editor is a man