



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

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EDITORIAL.

WHEN a man finds that he has been beaten and foiled at every point, it is always best to accept the inevitable with the best possible grace. Gentlemen, always do this.

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The paragraph below we clip from the last issue of *Gleanings*, and for it we make our best bow:

"Our friend D. A. Jones is now writing a series of papers on 'Practical Bee-keeping' in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. The author is full of bee lore, and that of a *practical* kind. These papers will be read with interest, because the matter bespeaks experience."

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One of the foremost bee-keepers of the British Isles passed suddenly away on the 8th inst., when Mr. William Raitt, of Blairgowrie, Scotland, was summoned to his long home. Mr. Raitt was an enthusiast in his profession, a persevering student of the habits of the busy bee, and he gave his brethren much valuable information in his own and other bee periodicals; for his persistent and untiring efforts for the advancement of apiculture apiarists the world over owe him a debt of gratitude. When at the Colinderies we frequently met Mr. Raitt and afterwards spent a short but pleasant time at his home near Dundee. He was an ardent admirer of the heather, and of a box of plants given us by him but one now remains to remind us of our lamented friend. But let us not weep for him, for

he has gone to reap the reward promised to all who lead a pure life, and friend Raitt was a grand example of the real Christian.

CENTRAL FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

WE notice the remarks made in a recent issue of the *C. H. P.* with reference to the coming meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute in which it complains of the fact that delegates were not invited from the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association the same as from the Fruit Growers' and Dairy Associations. While there was no objection to asking for representation it would have shown a better spirit and been more to the purpose to have requested it in the proper quarter, instead of making petty complaint.

The Secretary of the Institute, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Professor of Agriculture, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, would have requested delegates had he known the address of either the President or Secretary of the O. B. K. A. Not knowing these, and having been for the past month constantly on the move attending meetings of the local Farmers' Institutes throughout the country, he was unable to obtain their addresses until lately. The matter is now in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Association, and delegates will in all probability be appointed. No disrespect was intended to the Association.