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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bees indoors seem to be wintering quietly and well. Those outdoors have not had a fly since about the middle of November. We have had days within the last few weeks just mild enough to make them restless and show that they were alive but no sunshine to induce them to come out.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. H. Martin, better known as "rambler" in the columns of *Gleanings in Bee Culture*. Mr. Martin died of fever in Cuba. We did not have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance but always enjoyed his bright breezy items in our exchange, where he will be much missed.

A card from Mr. Jacob Alpaugh, written from Fort Pierce, Florida, says: "I have just received word that the 119 colonies of bees I had stored in a cellar in Bruce Co., Ont, were burned with the house above them. All the bees were in the cellar and

my surplus supplies, including 200 extracting supers, were stored in the house. As I had no insurance I estimate my loss at about \$800.00. I am now in Central Florida, where it warm as midsummer, bees flying every day." We are sorry to learn of friend Alpaugh's loss.

Mr. F. L. Thompson, of Denver, Col., has taken the place of G. M. Doolittle as assistant editor of the "Progressive Bee-Keeper." He is a vigorous apicultural writer, and, as Editor Leahy says in his introduction, "hews to the line regardless of where the chips may fall. Mr. Homer H. Hyde, who takes charge of the "Texas Department," opened in the January issue, is a young man of good practical experience we believe, and will make his department interesting and helpful. We would repeat with emphasis to our readers a piece of sound advice which he gives to Texas bee-keepers as it applies here as well and particularly after the experiences of last season with some of us.

"Now is the time of year to get your hives, supers, and everything in readiness for the honey crop. You should figure out about what your needs will be and get them in and put up ready for the honey flow when it comes. It is poor policy to wait until the honey flow is here before ordering the needed supplies. You should have them now and get them ready so there will be no loss when the flow comes. A great deal more money is lost by having on hand too few empty hives and supers than there is by having too many."