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## THE NEW YEAR.

Enter upon thy paths, O year!  
By paths, which all who breathe must tread,  
Which lead the Living to the Dead;  
Enter, for it is my doom  
To tread the labyrinth gloom;  
To note who round me watch and wait;  
To love a few; perhaps to hate;  
To do all duties of my fate.

—BARRY CORNWALL.

## Ontario Bee-keepers' Association

ANNUAL MEETING

The Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association held its 23rd Annual Meeting in the court house in the town of Brantford, on December 16th, 17th and 18th, 1902.

The president, Mr. J. D. Evans, in his opening address, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock p.m.

At the request of the president, Mr. K. Darling invoked the Divine blessing on the meeting.

The secretary read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at Brantford, which, on motion, were approved and signed by the President.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

FRIENDS,—

I am glad to meet you again to renew our friendship and exchange our experiences. Whilst the past year was not a record breaker in the yield of honey still the yield was fair and the quality and the price good.

One of the lessons that we have learned is that there is never a good crop in all parts of Ontario in any one year and any apiculturist who has a large crop of honey should make enquiries as to the honey yield in the whole Province before jumping to the conclusion that it is abundant and going to be cheap; the importance of correct information on this point and the influence of the association in keeping up fair prices was well illustrated in the disaster that befell the attempt of certain commission men in Toronto to break the honey market last fall, and in this connection I wish to say that the thanks of this Association is due to Mr. Byer, of Markham, for his prompt and energetic action in the case.

I am much disappointed in the slow increase in our membership; early in the year the executive prepared a circular showing the usefulness of the Association to Beekeepers and had it mailed at considerable expense to about seven thousand beekeepers in Ontario, I regret to say that the increase in membership did not justify the expense, it seems amazing to me that any bee-keeper