

Now, seriously, Mr. Editor it was, and is, in my mind and heart to let the matter rest with our Canadian friends, and it will rest if nothing farther is said about it. I haven't the least doubt but our friends Newman and Prof. Cook feel just as I do about it.

At the last meeting of the Association at Columbus, Ohio, the Brant Bee-keepers Society, through Mr. Holterman, invited the Association to meet at Brantford in 1889, and the invitation was unanimously accepted, and I am confident that the feeling is, that Canada is the place for our next meeting, and notwithstanding the threats of some of you Canucks towards me, I have been anticipating much pleasure meeting with Canadian bee-keepers, and somehow I feel that we "Yanks" are to receive a royal welcome at your hands, and in the language of our friend the Rev. W. F. Clarke "I should greatly regret any disturbing element being introduced that might mar our good fellowship."

Fraternally yours

A. B. MASON,

Pres. I. B. Association.

The Doctor takes up the gauntlet, which he thinks was thrown down, in his usual pugilistic style, doesn't he? Now we are going to accept the explanation he gives in the first line of the third paragraph of his letter, and say no more about it, viz.:—"The next sentence was *rather in fun*." The italics are ours. Why try to justify it further?

Friend M.—I see considerable is being said about the holding of the coming meeting of the International at Buffalo, and that the whole discussion arose from the misunderstanding of your editorial. I didn't misunderstand it, in fact such a view as that taken by our friend of Gleanings never entered my head. You were speaking of the coming convention, and then said that you thought its next meeting ought to be held in Buffalo. I certainly thought you meant the 1890 meeting by "next," but I can see that it would be possible to attach a different meaning, and have no doubt but that friend Root really misunderstood you. When the matter was being discussed (privately) at the North Western, at Chicago, I told the friends that, although the placing of the meeting at Brantford was, in one sense, a complement to the newly elected Secretary, and that circumstances had since occurred which would render the holding of the meeting in this place of less moment to the Secretary, still, having voted to go, it would be

discourteous to abandon the place of meeting—would look as though we didn't wish to go—and I think so still. Remember, however, that when this discussion took place those engaged in it were under the impression that some of the leading Canadians wished the change. It is true that almost all of the members now belonging to the International are residents of U. S., but after the meeting has been held in Canada, it may be reversed, and the Canadians have an opportunity to say, "I don't know as it is any of their business." Let us be courteous in these matters, and if the Canadians wish the coming meeting in Canada, as they certainly do, let us have it there, and all join in with a hearty good-fellowship. Yours Truly.

W. Z. HUTCHINSON.

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I notice with regret the effort that is being put forth to stir up a feeling between our American cousins and ourselves and I hasten to enter my protest against further hostilities, and I would like the honor of waving a flag of truce between the contending parties. But then Dr. Mason very kindly intimated that it is none of our business and we admit the correctness of that particular remark and we Canucks will endeavor to "square our actions" to that rule. Nevertheless we would certainly like to attend the convention and to attend at Brantford. But if it is decreed otherwise by the men whose business it is to attend; why nothing remains but to quietly submit, and of course we will all attend at Buffalo or Niagara, that is, if we happen to be so fixed, at the time that a few dollars difference in railway fare should make no difference with our exchequer. It would of course be rather more convenient for us who are located east to attend at Brantford, while at the same time it is equally true that our friend the Dr. and the others would have the same excuse for preferring Niagara as a place of meeting. At all events we think that Brantford has it according to the law pertaining to "priority of location," and we trust that no personalities will be indulged in, and that nothing may occur to prevent the coming convention (whether at Brantford or Niagara) from being the best yet held, a grand success.

MATTHEW B. HOLMES.

Athens, Oct. 23rd, 1889.

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