

the ladies present had been reluctant to speak or give their opinions on bee-keeping, he hoped now that they had heard the paper read they would reconsider their decision and give their criticism on it.

The ladies, however, did not seem anxious to open a discussion.

The President—I do not think there will be any objection to the gentlemen criticising the paper. It is an excellent paper, and probably there may be some things brought out which would point to a better way of keeping bees.

Mr. Hershiser—There are two kinds of criticism, one that points out deficiencies, and one that points out merits. It is in the spirit of the latter that I would speak regarding Miss Trevor's paper.

There are, unfortunately, too many women who think they are not suited to take part in a convention like this.

I am glad this paper has been presented here, it shows what may be accomplished. There are a great many who have the ability who do not think they have. There was a lady bee-keeper in Buffalo, of my acquaintance, who had about 100 colonies. Her family was

rather unfortunately situated, and she kept working with these bees and made a living for herself and family. Her husband lost his sight. Before he went blind he did the heavy work, and she was the bee-keeper. After a time she grew frail and died and the bees gradually went down until there was nothing left of them. We have many lady bee-keepers throughout the country. Dr.

Miller's sister, Miss Wilson, is quite a clever bee-keeper, she understands them quite as thoroughly as Dr. Miller himself. We come across others occasionally, and I am very glad to see that ladies are taking bee-keeping up as an occupation. Here is one open ladies if they will but turn their attention to it. Of course, the lifting part

of it is an objection to their working with it, but if they will look around they will find help and let an inexperienced person do the heavy work.

Mr. Dickenson—I would recommend the lady to employ some help in the lifting. I think ladies can show excellent management in the way of keeping bees, but the problem of lifting hives is a difficult one; it would be well to have that overcome by employing some help. They would find it money well invested to pay a good price to get suitable help. I myself have tried as much as possible to keep away from hard work. Hearing such a paper read I consider the lady that could write such a paper quite capable of managing a yard.

Mr. Byer—I think that is one of the best papers I have ever heard read at our convention, and I hope we shall have more ladies on the programme next year; there is nothing in that paper to be criticized. As regards this matter of lifting, I have one of the best of helpers, but not to do the heavy work. I do that myself. Ladies can get someone for the heavy work just as I get someone for the lighter work.

Mr. Deadman—Speaking about heavy lifting, I think this can be avoided by using a proper hive. Also, if you use a small wagon instead of a wheelbarrow you will save yourself a lot. By forethought the lifting can be easily avoided.

Mr. Craig—I am very glad indeed that the executive placed this paper on the programme. We have hitherto, as an association, very much overlooked the ladies' part in our work. We know the excellent help afforded by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Scott and others, and I consider they are well worthy having a representative place on our programme.

Mr. Timbers—This point of bee-keeping for women is, in my opinion, an important one. I always make a