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A Letter from Chatham.

MR. EDITOR.—I received a card some time ago, asking me for something for the C. B. J. I had fully intended to answer it immediately on receipt of the same; but a rush of business has prevented me from taking an earlier opportunity.

I see a marked improvement in the C. B. J., of late, and am so well pleased to find many new names attached to really good articles that I feel disposed to say to the authors—"Let us have more of them."

There are many bee-keepers who are experts, and acquainted with many short cuts that we do not always find in our Bee Journals, but whom we seldom see in print. Now I have been talking as if I had been an old writer for these JOURNALS myself, although that is not the case, and this is almost my first letter. I will therefore give you a short report of the honey crop in this section, which is good.

The honey flow about here did not amount to anything of value, except during the few days of fruit bloom, or until about the 1st July. Clover then commenced to yield abundantly; basswood came in about the 10th. and by the 20th a good crop of honey of the best quality was secured. Very little was gathered after that until buckwheat began to yield its nectar. Some of our bee-keepers report nearly as much from this source as from the basswood and clover crops. At the present date (September 12), goldenrod and other fall flowers are furnishing great quantities of nectar; and if the weather continues at all favorable, the probability is that our bees will go into winter quarters with hives full of honey and plenty of young bees, which is one of the best conditions for safe wintering.

For a few seasons past, I have been putting comb honey up in sections holding a quarter pound or less—or, rather in sections two inches square. As these find a ready sale at our fall fairs, I am taking a quantity of them to the Western Fair at London. The operation of filling them is different from that usually practised; and at some future time when I have more leisure than I have just now, I will fully explain the *modus operandi*, should you desire it. I have mentioned my device to Mr. Awrey, our Commissioner to the World's Fair, and he seems very much pleased with the idea of sending a number of the packages to Chicago.

W. A. CHRYSLER.

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