

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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Just before starting out to attend the Convention the conductor of this Department received a request from the editor to make a report for the C. B. J. On going over her notes she finds that many points which might have been of interest have been neglected, and little attempt has been made to report addresses other than to pick out those points which seemed to have some relationship to the Association. Doubtless Editor Hurley will give us the complete addresses later in the C. B. J.; this is little more than a gathering up of some of the ravelled ends which it is hoped may be of interest to those bee-keepers who were not fortunate enough to be able to attend the Convention. Straws show the way the wind blows, so these fragments may serve to indicate the general tone of the Convention.

This Department also wishes to acknowledge the many kindly expressions which were so generously given, and it will be an added incentive to carry on the work. It is really marvellous how quickly the months come round. Cannot some more of our women readers lend helping hand?

The O. B. K. A. Convention, 1911

The O. B. K. A. Convention of 1911 has come and gone, and bee keepers have had their annual altercation re the respective merits of black and Italian bees. Foul brood has been discussed in every lull of and during much of the regular proceedings. Bro. McEvoy has again expressed himself as unalterably opposed to the misnomer "European foul brood." But in spite of all the old manifestations there was a decided change in the pro-

ceedings, which may mark the advent of a new era in the association.

"The old order changeth, giving place
to the new

And man fulfils himself in many
ways."

President Craig, in his opening address drew attention to the difference in the character of the papers to be given; the discussion of details of general management of the apiary being left to the local societies, while the provincial association gives more attention to matters of administration and general policy. And as the convention proceeded other members noted the change and spoke of it. But if they missed some of the old topics undoubtedly they made up for it when they got together afterwards at their hotel.

Dr. Hewitt the Dominion entomologist, was present at the opening meeting, seeking information regarding the advisability of enacting a disease law to cover such cases as the province had no jurisdiction over. As it was too early in the proceedings to give a definite answer, a committee was appointed to consider the matter, and to send in suggestions to the Department. Later, the committee recommended that a Dominion law be passed which would regulate the importation and exportation of diseased bees, and also the shipment of bees from one province to another; a disease law patterned after the Ontario Act; and requested that no regulations be made that would interfere with the free importation of queens.

Considerable time was given to the discussion of the work of the county associations, the value of their organiza-

tion and educational commended, and Mr. that recommendations were more likely to than when coming from bers. As the money s ing the affiliated socie increase in these this considerable cutting do Mr. Chrysler, Chathan partment ought to b money, while Mr. L ward County, thought society's membership a bonus did not amount plause with which th received would seem t ing independence on t keepers. County associ discussion the delegat here presented the mendation from th "That the constitution b revised to make th federation of the local are now in affiliation others which may be th: local associations e each to the annual cor understanding that th should be one nominee director for the distri In support of this it that at present the affli no voice in the provinc outlying districts would terest if they had som they would have a voic of their director. Mr. any change unnecessary director was merely a practically no duties at executive performing all recommendation was har committee on resolutions Mr. Robert Thompson gave a talk full of prac on the "Co-operative pt plies." By co-operation