

near them. You will understand that a bridge must be made for the front entrance and the one inch hole. (the entrance in my hives are five inches long) I generally lean a board up in front of the hives to protect them from the storm and never touch them from November till April. For cellar wintering I put an empty section case on top of the cotton quilt, first putting a few sticks across the frames, then put a small chaff cushion on, then put the flat cover on top, put them in the cellar and never trouble about the temperature. Last year I put my bees in the cellar November 12 and took the last of them out on the 6th of May. The last taken out were the best, all were good. Last winter was very severe here, and out of twenty-three hives outside I lost one by spring dwindling and one queenless out of twenty four in the cellar. I lost one by my own carelessness. If you do not quite understand this rambling description, let me know and I will try and make any of the points plainer. I have "A Year Among the Bees," and rather enjoy it, and admire the stray straws in "Gleanings." I have kept bees since 1879, and always expect to keep some. I might add a wintering case costs about \$1 and I have had mine in use ever since 1879, and they are good yet.

Yours truly,

J. STORER.

Personal.

Mr. R. H. Smith, Bracebridge, gave an address upon "Extracted Honey" at the O. B. K. A. convention, Lindsay, his name not being attached to the paper it was only indirectly mentioned.

E. T. Abbott, President, North American Bee-keepers' Association, St Joseph, Mo., is contributing apiarian literature to the leading agricultural papers. He also has out a circular of bee-keepers' supplies.

Brother York has also new headings to the various departments in The American Bee Journal. The headings are neat and add much to the appearance of the Journal.

Later—Since writing the above, the report of the North American Bee-keepers' Convention published by G. W. York & Co. 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ills. has come to hand. It is profusely illustrated, and by far the best report ever printed of this organization. We congratulate Bro. York. Bee-keepers' can secure this report by remitting 25 cents to the above address.

Word From Columbia.

Loch Levin, B. C. Mines, C. B.,
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To the Editor of The Canadian Bee Journal.

DEAR SIR.—I am very much pleased with THE JOURNAL and to my fancy it is improving in many features, particularly sticking more and more to bees. "First Steps in Bee-keeping" is a very helpful article, and I made up my mind to stick everlastingly at it, but I am beginning to think that for this out of the way place, (geographically speaking) I did not calculate close enough the difficulties to be overcome; but if I get my single hive through the winter in pretty fair condition, I shall feel very much encouraged, as this is the second attempt, the first being a complete failure. I have read much about "if the bees get a cleansing flight etc.," during the winter season. Well my bees must be a very stupid lot of Italians, quite different from other peoples'. For having them packed out for the winter, I think I have lost thousands as the result of cleansing flights on very fine days, for I never could find that one in a hundred got back to the hive, the snow being thickly spotted in a radius of a hundred or more feet (perhaps some of the old bee-keepers will have something to say about this.) Consequently I removed them about a week ago into the house cellar, where I lost a hive last winter, but acting on the principle, "of two evils choose the least," I left one set of sections on removing the cover, and piecing instead a cushion stuffed with cotton wool, about three inches thick leaving entrance wide open, protected by wire cloth, temperature 35 to 40.

I would now like to know why I lost so many bees and can I carry them out on a very fine day for the proverbial cleansing flight. 2nd, What do you consider the best (name only one) for comb honey. I have two hives (one empty), one much larger than the other, both purporting to be Jones combination. I find this inconvenient and desire a change. If so must I throw away the old supers, sections, queen excluder etc. Thanking you for former reply and kindness.

Yours &c.

J. H. L.

This will be taken up next month in "First Steps."—Ed.

"Ma, can I go over to Sallie's house and play awhile?" asked four-year-old Nellie.

"Yes, dear; I don't mind if you do."

"Thank you, ma," was the demure reply: "I have been."