

an opposing candidate. So we have been trying that for one year and we are trying it again this year—a postal card ballot. The ones who get the largest number of votes are the candidates.

Mr. Dickinson—I just want to say a word in connection with the best interests of the society. In the government—in the Military Department, they found it necessary to make a few changes with regard to the head military men, and they were asked to retire with rank, so that other good men could take their places. Now I think

You all know that I don't wish to be a director, but I am just speaking as I feel on the matter.

Mr. Holtermann—We have an act on the subject, and unless we get that act amended we can't do anything, and it is an extremely difficult thing for this Association to do. But I think after hearing what Mr. Pettit has said and Mr. Hutchinson has said, I think there is something we might do and that is for the local associations to nominate a man. Now this matter of *men being in office* so long can be carried to extreme, and to put men out—good men—can also be carried to extreme. It is a very difficult thing for us to do the right thing, but if we come down and say that we only are willing to serve in places that we are fitted for and we will do the work that we are elected to do, and not be anxious for place, it would overcome the difficulty to a great extent.

Mr. McEvoy—Where there are no associations in these outlying districts what are you going to do?

The President—Organize one.

#### PRODUCING COMB HONEY.

(By E. W. Alexander, Delanson, N.Y.)

Although it is now about 20 years since I gave up this part of the bee business, I often think I should like to call the attention of comb-honey producers to some important points connected with this branch of bee-keeping. The natural desire to swarm has always been a serious trouble in producing comb honey. Then the frequent changes in our atmosphere, causing the flowers to stop secreting nectar sometimes for several days at a time during our otherwise best harvest is another serious trouble in producing comb honey of the finest quality; and with many the trouble of getting their sections all well filled at the close of the season is a hard problem to solve.

Now, in order to show you how these



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this could be done in connection with this Association. I am not saying we have not good men on our Board. I think we have. Another thing, we must have them from the different districts. We must have the province represented so that we shall have men from each district, but if a man has been in office for ten years I think he should be superannuated. I have in my mind good men in the different districts who should be directors once in a while.