

tion in England. On behalf of the readers of the C. B. J. we tender Mr. and Mrs. Beaton our congratulations and wish them much joy.

MRS. COTTON'S CIRCULAR.

We observe in the last issue of *Gleanings* its editor speaks more favorably of Mrs. Cotton and her new circular. As we had occasion in the past to advise readers of the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL to be careful in this quarter, we are glad to be able to say that Mrs. Cotton has considerably improved her method of doing business. We have not as yet seen her new circular and our remarks are based upon what friend Root has said. Even though we have not ourselves seen the production, we consider that in justice to her after what has been said, we should take this opportunity of speaking more favorably. Do not think everything is right yet. There are yet many paragraphs in the circular, some of which friend Root quotes, which are very objectionable, one in particular, which is as follows: "The feed I use costs only about 7 cts. per pound, and when stored in the combs by the bees, cannot be distinguished from white clover honey by the most delicate taste," this statement we very much doubt. We feel satisfied that Mrs. Cotton cannot produce anything from this source which we cannot detect.

SEALING JELLY TUMBLERS WITH MELTED WAX.

While at the Ypsilanti Convention Dr. Mason and Mr. Cutting explained a system which they had pursued for the above purpose at the State fair. At the time Mr. A. I. Root spoke out strongly, remarking that he thought it was a valuable idea, and friend Mason was asked where he got it. He first gave the credit to *Gleanings*, and when the soft impeachment was denied by friend Root it was charged to the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL; the writer denied the charge unless proof could be adduced. When Dr. Mason went home he hunted up the paragraph and found it as he had stated, in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, page 285, Vol. II. We quote the paragraph as follows and we wish to say that Mr. Jones is deserving of the credit as the idea was his, the experiment having been tried during the absence of the writer on a short vacation: "Here is a new way to seal jelly glasses, with tin tops. Have a dish with hot wax: the wax may be kept at the proper temperature by allowing dishes containing the wax, to float in boiling water. Then take the jelly glasses, invert them, holding them inverted, and dip them into the wax, just down to the rim, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch: the wax coats the outside and top of glasses, but not the inside, for the reason that the air prevents it, besides if it is

held in the wax a short time the heat expands the air, causing the wax to settle down in the centre under the glass when the lid is warmed and pressed on. It not only makes it air tight at sides, but the wax on rim of glass fits tight against the lid, thus sealing it nicely. Try it and see if it does not please you. These packages are becoming so popular we find them in great demand.

OBITUARY.

Readers of the JOURNAL will regret to learn of the sudden demise of Mr. D. L. Wilson, of Newmarket. His death was caused by an attack of typhoid fever, to which he succumbed after a brief illness of about a week. Mr. Wilson was grandson of the late David Wilson, of Sharon, the founder of the sect known as Davidites. Until a year ago he followed the occupation of farming and bee-keeping combined. In January of 1885 he moved to Newmarket, where he since devoted his attention almost entirely to bee-culture. For some months past he had been engaged in overseeing some county works on the lake shore road west of Toronto, and while there contracted the disease of which he died on the 31st ult. Mr. Wilson was for one or two years a member of the O. B. K. A., and but a short time before his death sent in his subscription of \$5 to the defence fund in the McIntosh-Harrison law suit. He would doubtless have been present at the meeting of the Association last week had he been alive and well. Most of the comb honey which we sold at the Toronto exhibition during the late fall came from Mr. Wilson's apiary. He leaves behind him a widow and three children, the eldest of whom a bright intelligent lad of about 15, and who from our slight acquaintance with him, we have observed takes a great interest in bee-keeping, will, in a great measure, be able to look after the colonies owned by Mr. Wilson at his death. We, on behalf of the members of the Association and bee-keepers generally, extend our sympathies and regrets to the bereaved friends.

Speaking of Mr. Wilson's death, the Newmarket *Era* says, "He was a man of most excellent parts and abilities—ever ready to aid in furthering all projects of a moral and christian character. As a musician, he enjoyed a deservedly high standing, both as a vocalist and also as a bandman, having been a most valuable member of the old Sharon Band in its palmy days. In the latter village, his loss is most deeply felt, as he had been for many years, previous to his removal, actively connected with the Sabbath School as a teacher and leader of song, as well as having very extended family connections in that vicinity.

But even in the depths of grief there is joy, as his testimony given before the dread disease had finally settled upon him was most clear and assuring of his full trust and acceptance by a Glorified Redeemer. Scarcely two months ago he united with A. O. U. W., when his risk was thought by all to be one of the best: yet how truthfully has that Scripture been portrayed which says "In the midst of life we are in death."