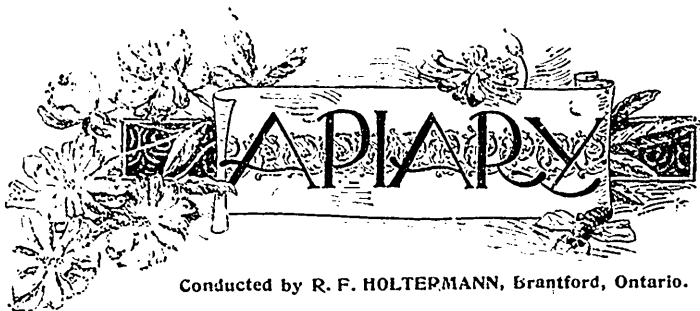




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THE Rev. L. L. Langstroth, the inventor of the movable frame hive, who attended, at the age of eighty-five, the North American Beekeepers' convention at Toronto, died suddenly of apoplexy while preaching at Dayton, Ohio.

THE mild days during the early part of November offered an opportunity to careless beekeepers to prepare bees for winter. As there was but little swarming during the past season, it will pay beekeepers to give their bees every attention during the coming winter.

BEEKEEPERS should attend farmers' institute meetings, and assist in the discussions which take place on beekeeping.

North American Beekeepers' Convention.

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Thursday afternoon opened with an address from S. T. Pettit, upon "Introducing Queens." Mr. Pettit stated that many queens, when introduced, were accepted under protest, and later on put to death or superseded. He recommended the preparation or selection of a weak hive. Take the queen and put her in a clean cage, and place her in a clean, sweet, airy place (not in the pocket). As soon as the weak colony manifests its loss, place her within about a foot of the entrance, and let her run in. Placing a valuable queen with combs of brood just hatching selected for the purpose is the surest way. A number disagreed with Mr. Pettit, and it was rather strange and amusing to hear the opposing testimonies of various members, and from the discussion the novice could derive a little benefit. Next on the programme was the question of amalgamation of the Beekeepers' Union and the North American Beekeepers' Association. The Beekeepers' Union was organized by Thomas G. Newman, 145 South Western Avenue, Chicago, Ill., at one time

editor of the *American Bee Journal*. Its object is to protect the rights of beekeepers, members of the union, and to prosecute those who adulterate honey. Dr. C. C. Miller and Mr. Newman took the subject in hand, and from the discussion which followed it is very likely that the amalgamation will take place. The following were the committee appointed to carry on the negotiations: Dr. A. B. Mason, Toledo, Ohio; T. G. Newman, Chicago, Ill.; F. A. Gemmell, Stratford, Ont.; J. T. Calvert, Medina, Ohio; M. B. Holmes, Athens, Ont.; Eugene Secord, Forest City, Iowa; R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, Ont.

Mr. G. M. Doolittle, Borodino, N.Y., followed with an address, "Something of Interest to Beekeepers." Amongst other things he spoke as follows:

"Another thing I shall say (and I may step on some editors' toes here), they have said altogether too much regarding the adulteration of honey. We have said a good deal, and were able to accomplish but little; our thoughts and our actions have been right, but it has tended to throw back on our own heads. The secular journals have taken our papers, and it has gone forth in the world that there was great adulteration in the honey, so that people who should consume honey have failed to consume it because they said it was an adulterated article. Now, if we had gone to our state legislature and you to your legislatures and quietly demanded that laws be passed to make it a criminal offence to adulterate honey, then, after these laws were passed, quietly gone to work and captured the individuals, and sent out through the land that such a man was in the penitentiary, being punished for a crime he had committed, we should have accomplished something. Last spring, in my own neighborhood, a mail carrier who was carrying mails began to use cancelled stamps on his letters. It was ascertained by the postmaster what was going on, and so he