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Our readers will greatly regret to learn of serious illness in the home of Mr. J. L. Byer. We understand that his little son was first taken ill. Shortly after he was on the mend Mrs. Byer and a little daughter were stricken. We hope and pray that nothing serious may result. Mr. and Mrs. Byer may be assured of our heartfelt sympathy, as well as that of the entire bee-keeping fraternity.

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Inspector Armstrong, in his report appearing elsewhere, makes the suggestion that all the inspectors should meet once a year for general conference, and compare notes. The idea is a good one. The closer the inspectors get, and the more they come to understand their work and its difficulties, the better will they be enabled to perform the work assigned them.

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Bee supplies are much cheaper now than they will be in the spring. If you are a buyer thereof, now is the time to make your purchases. Buy in the flat and not in the spare time of winter preparing for the busy season. This advice concerns more particularly those who are engaged in farming as well as bee-keeping. But it might be well followed by all bee-keepers.

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We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. Edgerton Shaver, of Ancaster, a few days ago. He reports everything as well with him. He has 97 colonies in the cellar. In discussing the question of winter-celling we were surprised to hear him state that he endeavored to keep the temperature at 38°, and found that this gave him best results, both in the matter of

bringing his bees through and in low consumption of stores. How many of our readers have had experiences agreeing with this?

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Our estimable contemporary, The Bee-Keepers' Review, is as proud as a baby with a new tin rattle, and justly so. Editor Hutchinson has almost made us envious. We, too, are inoculated with the printer's microbe. The Review has a new home opposite a swell park. Accept our congratulations, friend Hutchinson. There is no bit of printing that comes to our desk that is cleaner or neater than your valuable, dainty Review. We quite sympathize with you and rejoice with you in what you have accomplished—we ourselves know something of the struggle.

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Mr. William A. Lishman, of Cayuga, Ont., writes as follows, under date of Dec. 21st:

I think it is nearly time I renewed my subscription, as I do not want to miss any editions. I have December's issue at hand, and must say it shows improvement, and I place it above ——. I enclose one dollar, as I believe in paper first and Association afterwards. My brother and myself have had unqualified success with our bees the past season. Bee all packed with shavings in winter cases as described in C.B.J.

Thanks, friend Lishman, your kind and encouraging words came to us as one of the most agreeable features of our Christmas cheer. Visions of what our Journal might be dance before our imagination, if we had upon our subscription books three or four thousand such enthusiastic men as you. We are glad to hear of your success, and hope it will be doubled during the coming season.

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