

On Tuesday of last week we received an anonymous letter bearing the Campbellford postmark. It contained four dollars, and the note simply said; "See last part of 8th verse in the 19th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke for explanation." This reads: "If I have taken anything from any one by false accusation I restore him fourfold."

INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN BEE ASSOCIATION.

BEST CONVENTION IN THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THIRD SESSION.

The third session was called to order at 9, a. m. on Thursday. The first paper given was by Miss H. F. Buller, of Campbellford, Ont., entitled

Bees-Keeping as an Occupation for Women.

The question may be, and no doubt often has been asked, is bee keeping a suitable or desirable occupation for women? And after having given it a pretty fair trial for the last eight years I am of the opinion that there is no reason why any woman of moderate strength and intelligence should not be able to take charge of an apiary of from 30 to 50 colonies, with very little assistance, and derive both pleasure and profit from the employment; at the same time I doubt whether there are many who would succeed very well carrying on the business alone, though of course there are some few who would.

In reading the numerous bee papers that are published now a days one frequently meets with articles on the subject of, whether it is best to make a specialty of bee-keeping or combine it with some other occupation. Some writers say every farmer should keep bees as well as farm.

Now I do not believe that the farmer can carry on both farming and bee-keeping successfully himself, but if he has either daughters or sons who will make a specialty of this department, bee keeping may advantageously be combined with farming, and I do not know of any reason why girls might not make as great a success of the business as boys. The wife is supposed to have her hands quite full enough with household work and I may say her head too, and for any one either boy or girl, man or woman, to do any good with bees they must give them their undivided attention and be really interested and enthusiastic over their work.

Eternal vigilance is the price of success in any business, and in none more than bee-keeping.

It is not only labor but a science and will make constant demands not only on the patience but bodily strength and intelligence of those who engage in it, at the same time there is a fascination about the business which relieves it of all tediousness. A woman will think of her bees, study about them and become so interested as to be almost paid for her work by the love of it.

I believe it would be well worth while for any who has not been in the way of learning the management of an apiary to spend one season with a skilful bee-keeper before embarking in the business on their own account as they would then find out not only the best methods of working but also whether the kind of work suited them. However even with this preparation all will not succeed for I know a lady who took this course and afterwards failed entirely when she was working for herself, while others who have only learned what they could from books and papers, besides the suggestions and instructions given them by more experienced bee keeping friends have done very well.

In conclusion I may say that a great deal of the work in the apiary is quite as well adapted for women as for men, and also in the care of the honey and preparing it for market.

Where they are most likely to feel their deficiency is in lack of skill in the various carpentering jobs that seem to be inseparably connected with bee-keeping. I imagine it is the exception rather than the rule to find a woman who knows how to handle carpenter's tools though even this they may acquire enough of to answer the purpose where there is a necessity for doing so.

HENRIETTA F. BULLER.

DISCUSSION ON MISS. BULLER'S PAPER.

Prof. Cook,—Thought that boys and girls should be encouraged and suggested that a colony of bees be given them and that the children be told that they are their's. Don't take the money made from them yourself but allow the boys and girls to keep it.

Rev. W. F. Clarke,—Emphasised Prof Cook's remarks.

R. L. Taylor,—Thought that it depended mainly on the strength of women who undertook bee-keeping, and it was his idea that women should handle bees more on account of health than money.

O. L. Hershiser,—said that after all, money was the main object and in-