

the shores of Georgian Bay. Please don't think that I am anticipating the weather reports; I am only dealing with the fact as to whether the flowers will contain nectar or not. I want you to understand that I have discovered the true cause of flowers failing to have nectar at blooming time."

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Our readers will probably remember that a few weeks back we referred to the fact that it was claimed as a compensating condition for the sting of a bee, that it was an effective agent in the cure of rheumatism and chronic neuralgia. In the last issue of the A.B.J., on pp. 307 and 312, two instances are given by correspondents to that effect. A Mr. W. Stover of Atlantic, Ia., says he has been cured of rheumatism of the hand or arm by a bee sting. A Mr. Barnwell of Cerro Gordo, Ill., who had been "very severely afflicted with rheumatism," was accidentally but thoroughly cured of the complaint by an attack of bees which had got hold of him. About six months afterwards he cured another incipient attack of the disease by submitting himself to the stinging operation. The cure appears to be effected on the principle of *similia similibus curantur*—the pain of the sting being so much greater than that of the rheumatism as completely to efface the sensation of the latter on the part of the patient.

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We are in receipt of 1893 catalogue from the Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., of Brantford. It contains considerable information for apiarists.

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Friend A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, writes us—"My bees had a fine cleansing fly during the past few fine days. They are all in excellent condition excepting two colonies."

Mr. Gemmell writes under date March 28th, as follows:—"Went into winter quarters with seventy-two colonies, all alive to-day. More anon."

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