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In taking into consideration the wintering problem, and to arrive at anything like an accurate conclusion, there are many things to take into consideration not generally thought of. The bees, their age and vitality, when going into winter quarters, the stores, temperature, purity of air, humidity of atmosphere, all these

and many more points, must enter into the consideration of the careful student in apiculture. We are convinced if A winters his bees just as B, and in one locality the bees cease to breed sufficiently early to mature and have a cleansing flight, and in the other this is not the case, the results will vary and the first will secure more satisfactory results with less thorough methods, and such a case may be used as an argument against the more thorough and better methods.

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We take great pleasure elsewhere in giving an illustration of Mr. A. I. Root, Medina, Ohio, President of the North American Bee-

A. I. Root, keepers' Association for 1896. We are generally noted for expressing our

honest convictions without fear and favor. Mr. Root is well known to bee-keepers as the editor of *Gleanings in Bee Culture*. He is also at the head of the extensive supply business of the A. I. Root Co. We have several times visited their establishment and have found it quite as extensive and well conducted as we expected. Mr. Root is an extremist, or perhaps hobbyist is a better term. Such men we do not disparage. within bounds they may be extremely useful. Bee-keepers and editors of bee journals we think have much for which to thank Mr. Root. The tone of the apicultural press is good. Sometimes, we think, not quite as free and outspoken as honest candor will permit, but it is on the whole good.