

in the treatment of fevers, but in the last few years it has been found that this remedy may be injurious, and it has been abandoned as of no use. That it was more harmful than helpful is now painfully plain. The poet Byron was bled for a fever not now considered dangerous, provided the patient be not bled. It is a little remarkable in history that the poets servant should have thought so at the time.

While we must be guided by experience, we have to be careful that from preconceived notions, in some cases not easily eliminated, our experience may not be leading us astray. The collective wisdom of centuries has been sometimes swept away in a few years; but the ignorance of ages may yet cling steadfastly where the greed of man is the motive which blinds him to results.

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Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Bee-Keepers' Association was held in the City Hall, London, on Nov. 28th. The attendance was very good considering that our association has been in a dormant state for about 8 years. Last spring it was reorganized.

The following officers were appointed for 1904: — President, Wm. Coleman, Birr; Vice-President, R.H. Smith, St. Thomas; Sec-Treas., E. T. Bainard, Lambeth.

Among the questions that were discussed was that of wintering. For wintering a colony outside an eight frame Langstroth hive should weigh without cover, about 55 pounds. For packing material flax, chaff or leaves were considered best, and that the packing should be kept dry by a good cover. Snow on the wintering cases was considered a benefit by some of the members, providing that it was dry and light, but a heavy wet snow should be shovelled away from the fronts of the cases. Other members thought snow should be kept away all the time.

To prevent swarming, give plenty of room to the queen and for honey early in the season, also clip queen wings to prevent loss if they die in a swarm.

Two members had tried the Carniolans but did not like them any better than the Italians. They were too much given to swarming.

Next meeting will be called for the first Saturday in May.

E. T. BAINARD, Sec.

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. — W. Holmes.