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The *Bee-Keepers Guide* for January comes out with a new frontal dress, which is rather neat.

Our list still rolls upward and onward. In truth we do feel grateful for the patronage we are receiving on all hands.

We are having a good lot of hard weather just now. Here on Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 15°, and on Friday 20° below zero.

The *British Bee Journal* came out as a weekly, January 7th. This makes three weekly Bee Journals published now, and our own C. B. J. had the honor of being the second.

Friend Muth's article on "The Honey Market," read at the Detroit Convention, appears this week. It should have been inserted last week but was crowded out.

We have heretofore been stitching all numbers of JOURNALS, but we have just added at a large expense a wire stabbing machine, with which they will hereafter be done. We will now be able to get all U. S. Journals off a day earlier.

We are asked to add in connection with the New York State Bee-Keepers' Association Convention, which is to be held at Rochester, February 16, 17 and 18, that all are welcome, no matter whether they are members of some other or no association at all.

Our friend, C. F. Muth, has formed a partnership with his son, and the name of the firm will hereafter be C. F. Muth & Son. We hope that the new firm may enjoy the same liberal patronage as was bestowed on Friend M. in the past and we know they will.

### SUCCESS IN BEE CULTURE.

Just as we go to press a copy of "Success in Bee-Culture," as practised and advised by Jas. Heddon, Dowagiac, Mich., reaches us. We have not yet had time to read it carefully, but in glancing through it, the little we have seen, proves to us that it contains within its pages

many valuable points, and is a work that every advanced apiculturist could read with profit. It is a book of 28 pages is printed on super-calendered tinted paper; the letter press reflects credit on the printer. We shall refer to it again when we have gone over it more carefully.

### THE DUTY ON WAX.

Somebody has made a mistake, as is evidenced by the following: Concerning the duty on beeswax in Canada, on page 811 Mr. Jones was reported to have said that the Canadian Government had removed the duty, but Mr. R. F. Holterman, of Fisherville, Ont., denies this, and says; "The subject was brought up and the Canadian Government was approached more or less directly; but just about that time we found, that owing to the heavy winter losses in 1884-85, that there would be no scarcity of wax for some time, and it dropped. My own opinion is, aside from all other difficulties, the idea of removing the duty on beeswax is impracticable, because, however easy to the experienced, it is no easy matter for a novice to distinguish beeswax from paraffin, ceresine, and such like. To remove the duty from beeswax, would set a premium upon frauds of all kinds, and we cannot hope or expect to remove it from all these, nor can we expect to have the Government excise men to distinguish wax from apparently similar substances." We referred to the duty as being removed from *bees*, not beeswax, and we have been misreported. Some effort was made at a late session of Parliament to have the duty taken off wax, but owing to the fact that the matter was brought before the committee appointed to revise the tariff at too late an hour the change could not be made. We hope all those who have printed the above will give this explanation the same publicity.

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