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There is a wide field for the bee-man in the West, and nearly all of the projects of the Government offer opportunities which are worthy of consideration.

J. J. H.

J. E. Hand's enthusiasm is something to be envied. He describes in "Gleanings" a system of bee management which is to reduce our craft to "mere child's play." "We have at last discovered principles," he says, "by which bees may be controlled with the same precision that the expert engineer controls his engine, and with an economy of labor that renders the new system well nigh automatic in operation. Results that formerly necessitated an almost endless routine of shaking and brushing bees, interchanging hives and brood chambers, clipping wings, etc., are now obtained in the highest state of perfection in a much easier manner." "The only problem that I can now think of in connection with bee-keeping is, 'what are the writers upon apicultural subjects going to do for subjects to write about?'" Optimism such as this is characteristic of bee-keepers generally and it is very pleasing to witness the spirit in which the man who thinks that he has discovered "a good thing" gives his idea freely without thought of any personal benefit to himself. We take off our hat to you, Mr. Hand.

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The executive of the O.B.K.A. are alive to the importance of the matter of Co-operation. We were unable to attend the recent convention, but have before us the stenographer's report of the proceedings. We notice that two lengthy speeches were delivered on the subject, and regarding the matter as one of vital interest to bee-keepers generally we will re-printed them in full in the February

number of the C.B.J. The late president of the Association, Mr. W. Couse, spoke on: "May We Co-operate Further in Selling than Through the Crop Report." Mr. Couse informs us that the starting point of co-operation is the co-operation of the individual bee-keeper with his grocer—supplying and keeping him supplied with honey! Again, arranging with some wholesale firm in "the West" to handle the combined produce of a number of bee-keepers and "not fretting very much about the markets" is said to be co-operation "in every sense of the word!" Mr. Couse appears to forget that the word "co-operate" carries with it a specialized significance. Perhaps he knows more about the subject than he tells us.

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The special committee on Co-operation were instructed to perfect their plans and present at the next annual meeting a definite scheme upon which the members could vote. They were granted \$50 for the purpose of enabling them to form themselves into a provisional directorate for the purpose of taking out a charter. We believe the committee intends to make things move a bit now.

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We understand that the Secretary raised some question as to whether the grant of \$50 could properly be made from the funds of the Association, inasmuch as the Government contribution was made for educational purposes. The Government would apparently claim the right to exercise a sort of veto in these matters.

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The second of the two speeches referred to above was that by our Editor. Mr. Byer in the American Bee Journal refers to it as a "most masterly address," and states that Mr. Hurley "clearly showed that he had given the matter a lot of earnest study."

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Mr. Pyer's own views are given as follows: "As stated in the past, while thoroughly in sympathy with a co-operative

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