

Editorial.

AMERICAN BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

In our last we chronicled the formation and proceedings of the "North American Bee-Keepers' Association," and we have now to record the organization and doings of another Association well nigh identical in name and character with its predecessor. Owing partly to the misunderstandings and jealousies of Patent Right bee-men, and partly to that rivalry between East and West which crops out on every opportunity, a convention of bee-keepers was called, to meet at Cincinnati February 8th and 9th, in addition to the one called to meet at Indianapolis December 21st and 22nd. Influential names were appended to both calls. The Indianapolis convention met, was largely attended, had an interesting and profitable session, and issued, as our readers are already aware, in the formation of a permanent Association of bee-keepers. There was no power that could interfere to prevent the other convention from assembling, and it was deemed well that as many as possible of those who had taken a leading part in the gathering at Indianapolis should put in an appearance at Cincinnati also, and use their best endeavors to secure the consolidation of the entire apianian fraternity of North America into one body. Having been somewhat prominently engaged in the proceedings at Indianapolis, and elected first vice-president of the Association formed there, we were strongly urged, and felt a sort of obligation, to attend the Cincinnati meeting, and do what we could for union. Hence we went with the determination to work as actively and earnestly for the success of the second convention as we had done for the first.

At 2 p. m., February 8th, the convention was called to order, in the Sons of Temperance Hall. A goodly number of persons were present, and although the gathering was not so large as that at Indianapolis, it was evident that a respectable representation of bee-keepers was in attendance. An organization was effected by appointing Rev. W. F. Clarke, of Canada, temporary President, and Gen. D. L. Adair, of Kentucky, Secretary. After some discussion on the subject of union with the already existing Association, it was concluded to adopt a constitution and perfect an organization so that the bodies might unite on an even footing at next meeting.

The following is the

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the American Bee-Keepers' Association, and shall meet annually. Its object shall be to promote the interests of bee culture.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice-President from each State, Territory, and Province represented; a Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

ART. 3. The President, Secretaries and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ART. 4. Any person may become a member by giving his or her name to the Secretary.

ART. 5. This Association may, from time to time, elect suitable persons as honorary members.

ART. 6. No member shall be entitled to the floor more than five minutes in the discussion of any motion, resolution or petition without the consent of the Association.

ART. 7. All committees shall be elected by plurality vote, except by special resolution.

ART. 8. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members in attendance.

A committee of five was appointed to go round the room and obtain signers to the constitution.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.

Mr. King, of New York, nominated the Rev. L. L. Langstroth, of Oxford, Ohio, for the office of President. There were no opposing candidates. The Rev. L. L. Langstroth, was therefore elected unanimously.

Mr. Langstroth said that as a compliment he would accept the position, but only on the condition that none of the active duties of the office devolve upon him, as his health would not allow him to undertake them. The convention signified its unanimous consent.

Balloting for Secretary was declared next in order, when the Rev. H. A. King of New York, was elected Secretary on the first ballot.

Vice-Presidents were chosen as follows: New York, the Rev. E. Van Slyke; Kentucky, H. Nesbit; Missouri, L. C. Waite; Iowa, Mrs. E. S. Tupper; Wisconsin, A. H. Hart; Illinois, L. C. Francis; Ont. Canada, the Rev. W. F. Clarke; New Jersey, E. J. Peck; Pennsylvania, Seth Hoagland; Ohio, A. Benedict; Tennessee, Dr. T. B. Hamlin; Kansas, L. J. Dallas; Minnesota, A. D. Seward; Michigan, A. F. Moon; Indiana, Dr. John F. Wright. Assistant Secretaries were next elected. Two were to be chosen. The election was as follows: D. L. Adair, of Kentucky, and L. C. Waite, of Missouri.

The Treasurer was next chosen. Mr. N. C. Mitchell, of Indiana, was elected.

The Chairman announced the Association organized, and gave way to the President, the Rev. L. L. Langstroth, who suggested that the Vice-President from New York, the Rev. E. Van Slyke should preside.

Mr. Van Slyke took the chair, and announced the convention ready for business.

A STEP FOR UNION.

Mr. Clarke, the retiring temporary President, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association, when it adjourns, shall adjourn to meet at Cleveland, O. at 9 a. m., on the first Wednesday in December, 1871, at the same time and place as the North American Bee-Keepers' Association, when provided the other organization shall instruct its officers to do the same, the officers of this body shall resign, with a view of there and then consolidating both Associations into one."

On motion of Mr. Peck, amended by Mr. Clarke, Mr. King, Mr. Peck and Mr. Otis were appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee appointed by the North American Bee-Keepers' Association, with a view to a union of that with this organization, and report the same to this Association.