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EDITORIAL.

THE readers of the BEE JOURNAL will please excuse us if the JOURNAL is not as interesting as it should be. Both the editors are absent attending the different exhibitions, and they will endeavor to make up for any shortcomings in later issues.

We hope to see a large turn out of bee-keepers at the Industrial Exhibition during next week. There will be much of interest shown and many new things will be learned.

We are making arrangements at the present time for doing our own engraving and as soon as these arrangements are completed we will be able to give a number of illustrations in every issue of the JOURNAL. We feel that in this one department we are somewhat behind hand. It adds much to the value of an article if the subject under consideration be nicely set forth in an engraving. It is much more easily understood, and a journal that is in a position to do this, will, we feel, be the journal in demand. We are quite satisfied that considerable of the success which attends the publication of *Gleanings* is due to the excellent engravings which are in each issue.

The *Australasian Bee Journal*, Vol. I No. 1, came to hand some time since, and we must apologise for not having noticed it sooner. We were reminded

of our tardiness by seeing the notice in other journals. We read the initial number with very much pleasure, and from what we have heard of the editor, we feel satisfied that he will be able to produce an interesting journal, if he receives proper support from the Australian bee-keepers. His former attempt at the publication of a journal in New Zealand did not meet with the success which it deserved, but it was not the fault of the editor nor of the contents of the journal; there did not seem to be the proper support given to the enterprise. Mr. Hopkins now believes that a journal can be supported and he has decided on again trying his luck. We wish it every success.

OUR OWN APIARY.

THE BEST MATERIAL FOR A BEE-YARD.

FOR this purpose we have tried almost every kind of soil, clay, loam, light and heavy, and sand. We have one yard covered with sand taken from a deep cellar. We just spread it on the sod about 6 to 10 inches deep. In another of our bee yards we have both sand loam and sod, but we find that leached ashes give us the best satisfaction. After it becomes wet and packed it keeps down all grass and weeds. It will get as smooth as a floor and almost as solid as cement while damp. We first used the material in front of the hives to prevent weeds and