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THE value of honey imported into the United Kingdom during the month of January, 1888, amounted to £465.

The Rev. C. F. G. Jenyns, Rector of Kentworth, Stevenage, Herts, has lately passed to the "great majority." He has been a member of the B.B.K.A. since 1879, and a member of the committee since 1884. Two years ago, at the instance of the Bee-keepers' Association, Mr. Jenyns wrote *A Book on Bees, their History, Habits and Instincts*. The *British Bee Journal* in concluding a lengthy reference to the late gentleman says:—

"In losing Mr. Jenyns we have to deplore the loss of not only one of the best and most successful of bee-keepers, but also of one of the most true-hearted and kindest of men."

In a private letter to Mr. Jones, Mr. Thomas W. Cowan, speaking of the pleasant time he and Mrs. Cowan spent in America, says:

"We may in truth say that we met with a very warm reception in America, for the thermometer stood at 99° when we landed in New York; and that the land wept at our departure for three days before we left, and the tears followed us for three days on the Atlantic. * * * I hope to send your Association a few books for the library, and as you have members who speak all the languages, I will send some German ones too."

We observe with regret that Mr.

Arthur Todd, of Philadelphia, died on the 11th inst., and was buried on the 14th. Nothing has as yet been heard of the cause.

Mr. W. Z. Hutchinson is seriously ill having had a relapse. We hope that ere another week rolls around he may be better.

OUR OWN APIARY.

HUS far bees appear to be wintering splendidly. Many went into winter quarters scarce of stores but there has been considerable vigilance exercised on the part of the owners, as we have received many enquiries respecting the way to feed and best plan of managing them until they can be set out in spring. The colonies that have sufficient stores seem to be very quiet, and are wintering much better than usual. There have been very little stores consumed since they were put in winter quarters, but the trying time, when bees are scarce of stores, is yet to come, and all should watch and see that none die from want. Some are trying to feed the colonies that are in want a little every day. This has a tendency to disturb them, and keep them agitated. We do not approve of it. Food should be given in such a way that they can take it as they desire, without being disturbed. We have reports from many who are in high hopes of wintering every colony this season.