

Of course, being merely a novice at the bees—in fact, I have not yet quite entered the ranks of the beekeeping confraternity)—I can offer but few suggestions of a valuable character beyond expressing my admiration of the work generally by the amount of honey I have consumed ever since. But I have acquired so high an opinion of the resources of beekeepers generally in regard to the manipulation and education of their pets that I have made up my mind to believe that they can train their bees to do anything they desire. I am so satisfied of this fact that I intend to try an experiment or two myself this summer. You see, Mr. Editor, unless I do something—and it must be something remarkable enough to make the beemen open their eyes, and congratulate themselves upon making me a life-member,—they will continue to regard me with indifference. When I have concluded my experiment the feeling will probably be—“How glad we are that we made a life-member of that old fossil, Clement. We all thought he had the appearance of a man that had only a few days to live, and our making him a life-member was only a joke. But now see what he has done for us beemen!”

Well, Mr. Editor,—if you will only promise not to give me away—I'll tell you what I intend to do. You see bees generally have but a very short season for their work, only a few months out of the twelve, and only a few hours out of the twenty-four. I have a neighbor who has thirty or forty hives, and he has been kind enough to give me two or three for my experiments. Consequently, next June I intend to gather all the lightning bugs I can get hold of and graft them on to a good queen, and see if I can't raise a progeny that will gather honey by night as well as by day whilst the weather continues to keep warm and dry.

After I get things working in good shape I will keep your bee boat well posted; but don't give me away on any account.

Yours truly,

A LIFE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

## Bees And Honey.

REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BEE-KEEPER'S ASSOCIATION.

During the past year there has been a feeling amongst the bee-keepers of Kings and Hants counties that an association for the promotion of bee culture was very much needed in Nova Scotia. Believing that by advertising an association could be formed, W. C. Salcom, of Hantsport, the chief promoter in the scheme, issued a request calling the bee-keepers together Jan. 5th. at Wolfville, to which call a number came. The start for an association commenced by the appointing of officers and other preliminary work. The association then adjourned to meet again at the call of the secretary, E. T. Beeler, March 1st, when twenty-two responded to the call of the first annual meeting, which was held at Harris' rooms, American house. The meeting was called to order by the president, J. B. Davidson, of Wolfville, Prayer was offered by Rev. P. S. McGregor, of Hantsport. The minutes of last meeting read and approved, after which the report from the committee on constitution and by-laws was received and adopted by the association.

After the order of business had been taken up and gone through with, discussions took place on various subjects. The subject of foul brood was taken up and discussed at considerable extent. By careful research it was shown that for several years a vast number of bees had died in the country, while Ontario and the western U. S. suffered much more. large apiaries being entirely destroyed, being the result of foul brood. In looking for this fatal disease great care should be taken by careful observation during the summer season. A small dent in the cell in the summer season is the most sure sign. It is then the only safe thing to do to destroy the hive, although some claim a medicine for its cure. As a protection against it, those buying queens and foundation, should exercise great care in buying only from responsible parties, and at present these and supplies can all be got in this province.

The care of bees during the winter season was taken up and discussed to considerable extent by Rev. P. S. McGregor, J. R. Woolaver, Hantsport; A. J. Woodman, Wolfville; J. W. Hutchinson, Morristown; E. F. Beeler, Berwick; A. L. Etherington, Kentville, and others, showing how bees should be kept and fed during the winter—a good indoor tempera-