

of attending the annual meetings, are desirous to know what is being done by their representatives as soon as possible after the close of the meeting, and not have to wait until the next annual meeting is called.

Again did our annual meeting in Guelph get its proper place of prominence in the C. B. J. I again say, no it did not. A meeting of bee-keepers was held in Brantford a short time after the annual meeting of the O. B. K. A., with the idea to outshine the meeting in Guelph, and all prominence was given to this meeting in the C. B. J., in preference to the O. B. K. A. meeting. However, the management of that journal can in future make amends for past errors of this kind, and thus give prominence to where it belongs, as they well know that every member of the O. B. K. A. has paid his dollar to become a member of that society, and that society has a just right to demand for its members what is right and just. Otherwise they as a body co-operate will seek other fields and pastures new, this is my opinion given for what it is worth, and hope to meet all the old members and hundreds of new ones in Toronto on December 5th, 6th and 7th next. The headquarters for bee-keepers will be at the Albion Hotel where the rate of one dollar per-day has been secured for all bee-keepers attending the convention. Arrangements are now completed with all the leading railroads for a reduced fare. All coming to attend the meeting will purchase one first-class ticket to Toronto, and then get a standard certificate, Delegate, from the agent from whom they purchase their ticket, and then present this certificate to the Secretary of the O. B. K. A. in Toronto for his signature, and if fifty or more delegates are holders of those certificates, there turn fare will be one-third, if less than fifty the return fare will be two-thirds. There should be no difficulty in securing a one-third return fare, if all members purchase their tickets in this way. Hoping that every bee-keeper, great or small, will make one grand rally for the closing meeting of the century, the twentieth annual meeting of the grand old Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association. So come one, come all, and don't forget to bring your lady friends along.

Your obedient servant,

W. J. BROWN.

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The Companion's New Calendar.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1900 is unique in form and beautiful in design. The oval centerpiece, in rich colors and enclosed in a border of flowers, represents "A Dream of Summer" and is supported on either side by an admirably executed figure piece in delicate tints. The whole is delightful in sentiment and in general effect. Larger than any of the Companion's previous Calendars, it is equally acceptable as a work of art. An ornament to the home it will take pre-eminent place.

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Which is the Greatest Honey-Producing Country in Europe?

Germany, which has 1,910,000 hives, producing 45,000,000 lbs of honey every year. Spain has 1,690,000 hives, producing 40,000,000 lbs. of honey, in Austria there are 1,555,000 hives, producing 40,000,000 lbs of honey; in France, 950,000 hives, producing 22,000,000 lbs.; in Holland, 240,000 hives, producing 6,000,000 lbs.; in Russia, 110,000 hives, producing 2,000,000 lbs. Denmark, 90,000, producing the same amount. Belgium, 200,000, producing 5,000,000 lbs. in Greece, 30,000, producing 3,000,000 lbs. The annual production of honey in Europe is calculated to reach 40,000,000 lbs. valued at £2,200,000, and of wax 10,000,000 lbs. of the value of £1,350,000. A hive produces from 20 lb. to 50 lb. of honey yearly, according to the size of the hive, and multiplies ten-fold in five years. In order to obtain enough honey for a load, a bee requires to visit 8,000 different flowers, and makes on an average ten trips daily.—B. B. J.

Honey is especially valuable for children, both as a medicine, and as a wholesome and nourishing food.