

derived a benefit. This cannot be secured to the same extent by merely reading a report of the Convention. The more good men attend the Convention the better it will be. It is, therefore, desirable that everyone possible should attend. Those who cannot attend should promptly remit their dollars as membership fees for 1898. Send it to the secretary, Wm. Couse, Streetsville.

The financial welfare of any paper is dependent upon the subscriptions which come in. Many subscribers do not realize

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this. To them it is only a matter of one or two dollars. These small sums are too often neglected, by too many who would not owe any one a larger sum for the same length of time. We would ask our subscribers to send in their renewals at once. This is the time of year that they are getting money in for their crops. A new subscription sent with the old will be greatly appreciated.

The following appears in an editorial in the Review. "Perhaps you have not noticed it, but our apicultural journalism has somewhat degenerated in the line of criticism.

"Pussy Cat Style." It has fallen into what Mr. Heddon calls the "pussy cat style." Attempts at criticism are couched in language so apologetic and "mealy mouthed" as to nearly rob them of all force." By all means let us have done with the "pussy cat style," which too often means, that one has not the pluck to say openly, what one would say in secret.

Last winter was very favorable for outside wintering. We may not have

another season like it

A Warning. for ten years. I have heard of quite a number

who wintered their bees on their summer stands without protection, who, simply because they came through all right, are going to do the same this winter. Others who have seen their neighbors without trouble so winter their bees, are going to follow suit. I would warn our readers against such folly. You may have an unfavorable winter; prepare for the worst. Pack and prepare bees carefully and you

may be able to rejoice at your foresight when many careless bee-keepers will be called upon next spring to mourn the loss of a large proportion of their bees.

### HO, FOR GUELPH!

#### Bee-Keepers of Ontario, Attention!

A three days Conference of Bee-Keepers takes place in the City Hall, in the City of Guelph, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th, 7th and 8th of December, and every bee-keeper in Ontario and many outside of Ontario should mark across those dates on their calendar the following words in red ink "Annual Meeting Ontario Bee-Keepers, Guelph."

Every bee-keeper within a range of 500 miles should take advantage of this occasion to visit the "Royal City." A single glance at the programme in this issue should be quite sufficient to convince you.

If you cannot possibly arrange to be present at the Convention don't fail to send your membership fee (\$1 00) to the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Couse, Streetsville, at least three days before the meeting, or hand it to your representative in your district or to some one going to the meeting. This is very important, and it is your bounden duty to see to it that every bee-keeper in your locality sends the membership fee, thus showing to the public that our interests are identical and that we stand united.

All members are given a premium, which would cost (if purchased singly) as much as the membership fee, they also receive a full printed report of the annual meeting. Send along your dollar.

Railway arrangements are as follows: Delegates buy a first-class single ticket to Guelph and get a delegate's "certificate" from the agent the ticket is purchased from, and if there be a hundred delegates the return fare will be one third fare.

Owing to the Guelph Fat Stock Show, the Guelph Poultry Show, the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association, and the Experimental Union all clubbing together, it is very likely with all these attractions there will be three hundred or more delegates which will give a fair return to certificate holders, and if the cut rates are then in use they will be greatly taken advantage of as the certificates will be given on them.

Hotel arrangements as follows: The Wellington Hotel, a first-class house, has given a rate of \$1.00. A free bus runs to all trains.

Let there be a grand rally at Guelph.  
M. B. HOLMES, Pres.