

plan by which the "Diamond Hive" brings the surplus honey boxes or frames into the central part of the hive could only work in connection with a hive of that particular shape, and whether that advantage may not be counterbalanced by some equal or greater disadvantage, we do not pretend to say. Hive men are generally sensitive about their pet improvements and inventions, but we have the idea that it is very much with beehives as with dwelling houses for human beings, if there be only room enough and generally convenient arrangements, niceties are not of much account. A bee-hive on the movable frame principle, that is spacious enough and easy of excess and management, will answer every purpose quite as well as one upon which a vast amount of ingenuity has been expended in little contrivances that will take the eye of a beginner perhaps, but will pass for little or nothing with an experienced beekeeper. But we must report and not discuss at present. A fertilizing cage exhibited by W. R. King, pleased exceedingly, as did a "Mel-extractor" shown by D. L. Adair. It is necessary to inform our readers that "Mel-extractor" is the genteel, stylish name for "honey emptying machine."

The election of officers for the ensuing year was made the order of the day at four o'clock of the second day of the meeting. At the appointed time this business was proceeded with by ballot as required by the Constitution. Mr. Otis, of Wisconsin, moved that Rev. L. L. Langstroth, of Oxford, Ohio, be made the first honorary member of the Association, and that the president of the meeting instructed to cast the one entire ballot of the Association, appointing him President for the ensuing year, which was carried with acclamation. The result of the balloting when completed was the appointment of the following persons as officers:—

PRESIDENT.

Rev. Lorenzo L. Langstroth of Oxford, Ohio.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. W. F. Clarke of Canada; R. Bickford of N. Y., E. Gallup of Iowa; T. B. Hamlin of Tennessee; and A. F. Moon of Michigan.

SECRETARY.

M. M. Baldrige of Illinois.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

D. L. Adair, of Kentucky.

TREASURER.

N. C. Mitchell of Indiana.

The following honorary members were elected in addition to Mr. Langstroth—M. Quinby of St. Johnsville, N. Y.; S. Magner, editor of the *Bee Journal*, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Schmidt, editor of *Beenzestung*, a German apianian periodical; Rev. John Dgierzson of Lower Silesia; Dr. L. Gertsner of Berne, Switzerland; T. W. Woodbury, Devonshire,

England, ("the Devonshire Bee-keeper,") and Mrs. Ellen S. Tupper of Iowa, U. S.

It was resolved that the Association memorialize the Congress of the United States, and the Legislature of Canada for an appropriation in aid of its operations, and that the officers of the Association be instructed to sign such memorials in their official capacity.

The President stated that he had received a telegram addressed to him as President of the Convention, which he would read. It was as follows:—

New York, Dec. 22, 11 a. m.

To the President of the National Bee-Keepers Convention, House of Representatives, Indianapolis:—

Otis, of Wisconsin, is publicly making false statements to defeat the union at Cincinnati. He is not a true friend to Mr. Langstroth. You are invited to join your brethren in union at Cincinnati, Feb. 7. I pledge my sacred word and honor that no one will regret his vote. Please answer by telegram. Charges will be paid here.

H. A. King,

241, Broadway, N. Y.

Mr. Conkin moved that the telegram be received and placed on file, and that it be replied to in terms to the effect that Mr. Otis had made no statements of the kind charged, so far as the knowledge of this Association goes, and further, that Mr. Langstroth was elected President on Mr. Otis' nomination.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Otis repelled the charges made against him by Mr. King, and promised to show the motive that prompted them fully at the Cincinnati Convention.

The regular order of unfinished business being called for it fell to our lot to introduce the subject of "Bee-forage." After enumerating the various sources of honey supply, we made reference to the fact so well known to bee-keepers, that buckwheat varies greatly in its honey yielding qualities, and raised the question whether there were two varieties of buckwheat—one yielding and the other deficient in honey; or whether the variation was to be accounted for by quality of soil, character of season, state of the atmosphere, etc.. Considerable discussion arose on this point. Some thought the variation inexplicable, others thought buckwheat would always yield honey when sown on low, rich, dry land, while Mr. Gallup of Iowa, contended that buckwheat would always yield a good supply of bee-forage if sown on well-manured and well-drained land.

His Excellency, Governor Baker, Governor of Indiana, was introduced to the Association, and invited to sit with it which he did for an hour or more.

Arrangements were made for the publication of the minutes of the proceedings of the Association, and supplying the members with copies.

By request of the Association, Mr. Roberts, the delegate from Utah, gave an account of the Austria-