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Christmas, with all its joyous festivities, is again upon us. We have endeavored to commemorate it by giving you a Christmas Journal "greater than has been." To one and all of our readers we extend the compliments of the season, and trust that this Christmas may equal or surpass in cheer and abundance any that have passed. We believe, on the whole, that this must be true, as the world is steadily making for moral improvement and righteousness. The great Laymen's Missionary Movement and the temperance and moral reform wave are indicative of a higher moral standard. Some homes may be made desolate by an absent one, but it is not fitting that we should make Christmas sad on this account. We must submit to the will of an over-ruling Providence, who doeth all things well, whose will and whose purposes are inscrutable to man. This world would indeed be a sad one if we mourned over our difficulties and losses. At this season of the year let us rather think of the things we have to be thankful for, and endeavor to make this, for all about us, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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The death occurred on December 5th of Mr. B. Davidson, Uxbridge. The C.B.J. extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

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We extend congratulations to our new officers of the O.B.K.A., and particularly to our new President, Mr. Couse. He has received a well-merited reward for his services through many years as Secretary. That he will preside over the Association with ability and fairness goes without saying. The watch presented to him was a well-merited gift. Long may he be spared to use it.

The meeting of the Ontario Bee-keepers' Association was a great success. It was well attended and was sustained by a lively interest throughout. Mr. McGill's paper was a very valuable and interesting one, as were also all the other papers. In this issue we are presenting many of the papers and reports, and have no doubt they will be read with much interest.

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The Brant Bee-keepers' Association will hold a convention on or about the last week in January, 1909. Definite date will be announced in the January C.B.J. A special effort is being made to make this an interesting and profitable convention. We trust that as many of our readers who can possibly make it convenient will attend. Mr. Craig, the Secretary, and Mr. Bayless, the President, assure us that a splendid program will be presented.

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Mr. J. W. Clarke, of Cainsville, who combines bee-keeping with a large poultry business, left the first of December for Pennsylvania State College, where he will be engaged on the teaching staff as expert in poultry. Mr. Clarke occupies an eminent position as a poultry-man, and we congratulate the College on securing his services. On the first page of this number we show a view of Mr. Clarke's apiary. Mr. Clarke's specialty in poultry is Buff Orpingtons, on which he has won many prizes.

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Mr. E. D. Townsend, in Gleanings, says: "The size of a hive is much more important than the shape. A well-shaped hive is important only because it is more convenient for the apiarist. In outyards every hive should be the same, for a variety of sizes and shapes is an abomina-

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