

whose skins are thicker than mine
keep mum or do as they please.

W. J. Brown.

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Friend Brown.—We are sorry you do not agree with us on the points referred to above. How far you voice the sentiments of others is a question; while there were differences of opinion and argument upon certain matters at the meeting referred to, we think that on the whole there was an excellent spirit shown, and the speakers maintained their points well. Prof. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who was present during the debate referred to, said afterwards, in his address, "I am very glad indeed through these discussions, which become more or less heated, the members do not forget themselves, but that more or less of what we call gentlemanly treatment is found to wind them up. It augurs well for an Association to have active, live, wide-awake members, if you do not carry your discussions to too great a length. I am sure nothing but good will result from keen, close criticism of these questions, the one we had up this afternoon and the foul brood question which is coming up to-night".

We had no secrets to keep from the readers of the C. B. J. or the members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association, sufficient appeared in earlier issues to warrent our statement regarding a "threatening storm". Would refer you to our editorial remark in the December number, and we might also state, for you information, that on account of personalities indulged in we had to omit the publication of considerable matter that came to us from members of the Association and others previous to the annual meeting; for the same reason we have been

compelled to omit parts of your letter, trust you will excuse the liberty, and think the better of us for it, but must definitely state that we do not intend to use the Journal for the purpose of airing personalities.

It is unfair of you to associate the Journal and its Editor with individuals and circumstances over which we have no control, nor have they any over us, the Journal stands on its own merits exclusively, we have endeavored to steer as straight a course as possible unbiased and unprejudiced. We consider it was within our right and privelege to make the comments we did in the January issue. How you can read into them "reflections upon the Officers of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association" is not very plain to us, or why you should single yourself out as the object of such an imaginary attack. We certainly never intended it in this way.

We are grateful to the Officers of the Ontario Bee-Keepers Association for their patronage and trust to have a continuance of the same. We are certain they will not admire the Canadian Bee Journal any the less for being honest and outspoken in its convictions. But you must surely be aware friend Brown if you will stop to think for a moment that the O. B. K. A. does not form the sole support of the magazine; we have a FEW other subscribers outside the Association with which this "little journal issued once a month" is growing in favor as is evidenced by our monthly and annual increase. We would be pleased with the kindly and hearty co-operation of yourself, other Officers, through the Journal to induce these good people to join the Association and make it a stronger and even a more useful Organization than it has been. But we will never do this by quarreling.—Editor