

which the programme committee requested me to speak, may be briefly summarized as follows: In the midst of the great losses there is still abundant reason to take courage.

The thousands of colonies which I saw, and the still greater number which I did not see, in the very short season, are evidence conclusive that our beloved industry will recover and right itself from the shock and shrinkage of 1907, and develop, flourishing to an extent beyond even our wildest estimate.

I thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen for your patient hearing and indulgence, and before resuming my seat I would like to quote one verse of a sweet little poem from the pen of Dr. C. C. Miller, whom we have known only to love.

We think of the mercies un-numbered,
Vouchsafed by our Father above,
Whose watchfulness never has slumbered,
Whose banner above us is love.
As each from his field of endeavor
Has come to this brotherly feast,
May the poison of envy for ever
Be banished, and good-will increased.
We sing — — — His mercy,
Re-call we His watch-care so great,
We sing of good-fellowship, brothers,
And banish the discord of hate.

M. B. HOLMES, Athens.

THE HURLEY PRINTING CO. would be glad to hear from any bee-keepers who may be in need of business stationery or labels of any kind. It is our intention to prepare a special label for ten and five pound pails. We would be very pleased to receive a few samples of labels from those using them, in order that we may have a better idea of what may be required in this line. We can supply immediately letter heads, bill-heads, envelopes or anything in printing that you may need.

MIDDLESEX BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting was held in the City Hall, London, on Saturday Nov. 2nd, opening at 10 o'clock, with President Miller in the chair.

Mr. W. A. Hill, St. Thomas, addressed the meeting on the improved condition of bee-keeping, since he started in the 'seventies,' when he made his own hives, smoker and extractor. He considered the present high price of honey one of the best proofs of the purity of honey, as sugar was no higher.

Mr. Wm. Elliott, Springbank, gave his system of rearing queens, which was very interesting and instructive, bringing out a good discussion. Mr. Arthur Laing, St. Thomas, read a paper on the "Benefits to be derived through joining the O.B.K.A."

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. J. Craig, Brantford, on the work of the Honey Exchange.

Mr. Kimball gave a short address advising the members to introduce new blood; he had met with good success himself.

The election of officers did not take very much time, as the present ones were re-elected:

President, F. J. Miller.

Vice-President, Geo. Kimball.

Sec.-Treasurer, E. T. Bainard.

Auditors, W. A. Hill and E. M. Husband.

The question drawer occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

The Association is increasing in members each year. As a premium, each one receives a Bee Journal, and for an additional fifty cents they may become members of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association.

E. T. BAINARD, Sec.