

that I can be here after this session, so its hardly worth while to become a member.

Since the last meeting of the Association the sleepless destroyer, Death, has invaded the ranks of our fraternity and quietly and noiselessly removed many loved ones, adding their names to the long list of those who have passed from this sphere of labor and enjoyment as well as disappointment, to try the realities of "the beyond." Many of these were to us unknown, but without doubt you will all remember the name of Mrs. Chaddock, whom we expected to have met here, and who so recently passed away, while we may almost say, the ink from the pen that wrote for our entertainment was scarcely dry. The last verse of a poem written by her for the last number of the Illustrated Home Journal seems now to have been written for herself. She says:—

"I am swinging in my hammock old,
And I look away to the hills of gold;
Where the reaper binds with ruthless bold,
And gathers the golden sheaves.
'Tis meet that ripened grain should fall.
And the Heavenly Father watches all:
But o'er our lives there hangs a pall—
She sleeps 'neath the whispering leaves."

E. C. Jordan, of Virginia, who has frequently contributed to our bee literature, has passed away, and none of us know who will be the next.

It has been truthfully said that in the course of human events we all have our joys and our sorrows which are deep and abiding. It becomes us then to accept these joys, and, as best we may, modify our griefs by a more thorough devotion to the duties before us, ever thankful to the great power which controls all for the manifold blessings received.

Mr. John Little, of this Province of Ontario, in an after dinner speech at a meeting of the American Horticultural Society, said that he put horticulture and religion together, and was sorry he had not commenced earlier in life.

We can substitute bee-keeping for horticulture, or what would be better still, add it to the other, for horticulture, bee culture and religion make a trio that go well hand in hand, and if any of are laggards in either respect let us rectify the mistake at the earliest possible moment, for

This life to toil is given,
And he improves it best
Who seeks by patient labor
To enter into rest;
Then pilgrim worn and weary,
Press on, the goal is nigh;
The prizes straight before thee,
There's resting by and by.

In closing I wish to tender this Association my profound and sincere thanks for the confidence reposed in me, as shown by your having twice chosen me as your presiding officer.

I accepted this evidence of your esteem, with an earnest desire to discharge the duties of the office acceptably, but with no idea of doing it as acceptably as have the able, illustrious, scholarly, eloquent and noted men who have preceded me; but I shall ever remember with gratitude this unexpected evidence of your esteem.

With the most earnest and sincere desire for the success and happiness of you all in your chosen vocations, as the years go by, I wish you all God speed.

A. B. MASON.

The address of the President was referred to a business committee as follows:—

Prof. A. J. Cook, Chairman; E. R. Root, F. H. Macpherson, M. Emigh, Wm. Couse, J. R. Howell, Wm. Hyslop.

The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by singing of the songs especially prepared for use at such conventions.

The following ladies were present as honorary members of the I. A. B. A.
Mrs. A. B. Mason, Auburndale, Ohio.
Mrs. M. Emigh, Holbrook, Ont.
Mrs. C. P. Dadant, Hamilton, Ill.
Mrs. Geo. Sturgeon, Kincardine, Ont.
Mrs. F. A. Gemmill, Stratford, Ont.
Mrs. Jno. Yoder, Springfield Ont.
Mrs. E. R. Root, Medina Ohio.
Mrs. J. Calvert, Medina, Ohio.
Mrs. Burkett, Brantford, Ont.

Mrs. F. H. Macpherson, Beeton, Ont. and a number of others whose names we did not obtain.

Amongst the fresh arrivals at evening session were:

C. P. Dandant, Hamilton, Ill.
W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich.
R. McKnight, Owen Sound.
S. Corneil, Lindsay.
E. R. Root, Medina, Ohio.
J. Calvert, Medina, Ohio.

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CONVENTION NOTICES

The next annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers Association will be held in the city of Belleville on the second Wednesday and Thursday, 8th and 9th, of January 1890. All members are respectfully requested to be present. There will be a good programme prepared.

Railroad certificates for reduced rates will be sent to any persons desiring to attend the meetings if they will apply for them. W. Couse, secretary, Streetsville.

The annual meeting of the Oxford B. K. Association will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 1889, commencing at 10 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Woodstock. A cordial invitation to all interested in Bee-keeping. Members bring statistics for filling out annual report. J. E. Frith, Secretary.

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