

association to affiliate with the International American Bee Association. Ontario has cause to be proud of this, and the I. A. B. A. should be proud of its first offspring—a child that is greater than its parent. The Michigan State bee-keepers met in solemn conclave at Lansing a week or two ago. Have they followed the lead of their young brother? I am quite curious to know. Where, too, is New York, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and all the other States. Why not make the International in character what it is now only in name.

Well, I've seen Henry Alley's patent "catch-em-all-alive," "never-lost-a-swarm" hive. That is, I've seen an engraving of it. It's just about what I expected, and I just shouldn't wonder if he gets upset in getting his patent. That scheme (the principle of it I mean) is as old as the hills. A leading Canadian bee-keeper when looking at it a few days ago, remarked that he had tried the plan almost 20 years ago. It looks pretty on paper but don't work out just that smoothly. I wish it would with all my heart.

I'm watching patiently to see how long it is going to take some of the American bee papers to find out that the Canadian Honey Producer is out of print. I notice some of them are still clubbing with the Beekeepers Magazine which has been defunct now for nearly a year.

Say, what kind of bees do you say are best? Haven't you about decided that it makes very little difference which kind of bands or how many a fellow's bees have, as far as gathering honey is concerned. I don't care if all my bees are cross-eyed, wear goggles, have hair of terra cotta and stingers a foot in length so long as they gather lots of honey and the sooner beekeepers get imbued with these ideas, the sooner will they have the balance on the right side of ledger.

You shall hear from me more regularly in future.

OBSERVER.

CONVENTIONS.

- Feb. 5, 6, 7, 1890—New York State—at Rochester N. Y. G. H. Knickerbocker, Secy.
 Feb'y 5, 1890—Wisconsin State—At Madison Wis.—Dr. J. W. Vance, Sec., Madison, Wis.
 May 3, 1890—Susquehanna, at Hop Bottom, Pa; H. M. Seeley, Sec., Hartford, Pa.
 May 19, 1890—Northern Illinois at Rookford, Ill., D. A. Fuller, Cherry Valley, Ill.
 Jan'y 9-10, 1891—Ontario Beekeepers Association, at St. Catharines; W. Couse, Sec., Streetsville, Ont.

Feb. 19, 20 '90—Ohio State, in conjunction with North Eastern Ohio, Northern Pennsylvania and Northwestern New York, at Cleveland Ohio.

CIRCULARS RECEIVED.

G. B. Lewis & Co., Watertown, Wis.—32 pages,—bee hives, sections, etc.

J. Van Deuson & Sons, Sprout Brook, N. Y.—4 pages—and samples of brood and section foundation.

Geo E. Hilton, Fremont, Mich.—eight pages and cover—apiarian supplies.

INTENDS TO KEEP BEES INSTEAD OF COWS.

Mrs E. PENEK.—I like the JOURNAL very much. I am a farmer's wife, and have eleven colonies of bees. The JOURNAL is a great help to me. First swarm came June 9; took 1050 lbs of honey. I intend to keep bees instead of cows, for they pay better, and save labor.

St. Thomas, Jan. 20, 90.

Here is some refreshing intelligence from one who has tried both bees and fowls. We hope that no ill-luck may overtake you, and cause you to feel that your confidence in bee-keeping has not been misplaced.

200 LBS. OF HONEY FROM THREE COLONIES.

ISAAC Z. WISNER.—I put away eight colonies in the fall of 1888, lost all but three, increased to ten and took 200 lbs of honey.

South Cayuga, Ont Jan 20, 1890.

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