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IN our November issue, friend Byer comments on the questions and answers put by the Editor of "Gleanings" in the issue of October 15th. He refers particularly to the question of sealed covers, and seems to still prefer the cushions. Our experience is decidedly in favor of the cover, and that cover, the "honey board"—(why it is called honey board we cannot understand,) but not sealed. In the late fall, just before we fill the packing case with packing, we pry the honey board up and loosen it from its "glued" position on top of the hive, then proceed to complete the packing. For this we use fine shavings. Our theory is this: Having loosened the cover—(honey board), ventilation is permitted sufficiently to keep the hive dry. The warm air passing up to the shavings warms them. The shaving-wood is a non-conductor of heat. Thus the heat is retained about the hive; it is imbedded in a mass of warmth the winter through. The air passing up to the shavings prevents condensation in the hive. The air is thus always dry and pure. Furthermore the bees have the additional advantage of crossing over the top of the frames in early spring when they begin to get active, and start brood-rearing. This we believe to be a great advantage. In some cases

we have left the propolized cloth on and packed the shavings immediately on top, without other cover. This does not permit the passage of air, nor can the bees pass over the top bars. We have found hives so packed in a poor condition and very much mildewed. We have never used cushions, but consider their effect would be much like the cloth cover. The writer cannot boast of any great success with the bees in the way of large crops of honey, but will be bold enough to say that he has had great success at wintering. The honey board on top of the bees, with twelve or fourteen inches of packing above it, has brought our bees through the winter as dry as a bone. No cloth or cushion for us.

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When Prof. Surface arrived in Toronto to attend our recent Convention, he had in his pocket two excellent papers. "Bees and Horticulture" was the paper he read, but he was good enough to give us a copy of both. The above named paper we published last month. It is with pleasure therefore that we present the other one in this issue. It is well worthy of the closest perusal.

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Mr. L. A. Aspinwall, Pres. of the National Bee-Keepers Association, Jackson, Mich., has accept-