

was reported in the magazines all over the country and the people who did not understand the matter believed him. The fact is there has never yet been a pound of comb-honey manufactured; it is beyond the art of men to do it. A year ago last fall the editor of the Popular Science Monthly found out for the first time that slander in his magazine had done our industry great harm and wrote to me asking me to correct it. I did so through his own paper challenging the statement and we have heard nothing from the professor since. We offered \$1,000 to any man that would bring forward one pound of this manufactured honey or tell us where it could be had, and I myself offered 100 colonies of bees, but they have never come to claim my bees or the money because the thing cannot be done. In regard to wintering bees my opinion is that the cellar for the common farmer who keeps a few stocks is the best place if it is fairly dry. I can winter mine outside on the summer stands by properly packing, but I would not advise any one inexperienced in bees to attempt them outside. I generally winter my bees in my cellar, where I pack 100 or 150 colonies in together and my average loss is from 2 to 5 per cent.

On retiring from a second term of office as president of this society, I may say that I have faithfully endeavored to perform its duties one and all, and I hope to your satisfaction. I thank you for the honor you forced upon me against my inclinations, and for the uniform kindness, courtesy, consideration and good feeling shown towards me personally at all times by you all.

ALLEN PRINGLE.

It being six o'clock, meeting adjourned until 7 p. m.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

At 7-15 p. m. meeting called to order.

The president's address was discussed. The matter of quarantining bees was discussed. W. F. Clarke would prohibit the importation of bees by the pound but wanted to be able to get queens and colonies when he desired. Mr. Frih said the importation of bees by the pound was the cause of his losing 120 colonies by foul brood, he thought that bees should be quarantined. Mr. McKnight thought that quarantining bees would be impracticable. Moved by F. F. Hall, seconded by W. F. Clarke that the thanks of this meeting be tendered the president for the very able address.

Mr. S. Cornell, delegate for the North American Bee Keepers Association, reported.

## REPORT OF DELEGATE TO N. A. B. K. A. AT ALBANY.

MR. S. CORNEIL.

To the President and members of the Ontario Bee Keepers Association.

GENTLEMEN:—Pursuant to previous arrangements, the 32nd annual meeting of the North American Bee Keepers Association was held at Albany, N. Y., from the 8th to the 11th of Dec. last. If in selecting a place of meeting, the object were to get together the greatest possible number of the largest and most successful honey producers in the world, Albany was well chosen. Within easy reach of that city are several bee-keepers who number their colonies not only by hundreds but by thousands, and their products, mostly comb honey, are reduced by tons. It was a real pleasure to have an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with such men as P. W. Elwood,; Capt. J. H. Hetherington, Mr. Doolittle, Julius Hoffman, W. E. Clarke, W. W. Carey, J. E. Crow, J. A. Barker, W. D. West, J. Vanduse and many other bee-keepers of note belonging to that part of the country. Eleven States were represented and there were three representatives from Ontario. In accordance with instructions given to the officers at the annual meeting in 1890, the association has been incorporated under the law of the State of Illinois with head quarters at Chicago. Besides the right to hold property and to appear in court, it is expected that incorporation will assist in obtaining state aid for an exhibit at the approaching World's Fair. The opinion was expressed that in as much as our Ontario Society is affiliated with the North American, our Canadian producers should unite with those of the United States, in making one grand exhibit; but the Canadian delegates replied that it will be found that the products of all the different countries will be grouped by themselves, and that for this reason Canadian honey cannot be staged with that of the United States. At previous meetings Dr. A. B. Mason had been nominated on behalf of the United States, and Mr. R. McKnight on behalf of Canada, to take charge of the honey exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition. At the Albany meeting it was stated that Dr. Mason and his committee had interviewed the officials on the matter, and they were informed that since the position to which the Dr. had been nominated will be one of emolument, it will be a matter of patronage. In consequence of this information Dr. Mason does not now expect to receive the appointment.

During the discussion, which followed the reading of Dr. Miller's paper on the