

Land and Syrian bees—both are very gentle. Cyprians again, are very cross, when pure, but when crossed with Italians, they make the best bee we have. Black and Italian hybrids, however, are crosser than either of their progenitors. Mr. Pettit gave his mode of hiving new swarms of bees, which, he claimed, was very easy in working, and successful, but an account of the technicalities is beyond the powers of our reporter. Mr. Almon, of Bayham, used a hoop of wood from which is suspended a cotton sack. This he attaches to a pole, with which he can reach a swarm anywhere.

How shall bee-keeping be elevated to the honorable and proud position that other professions enjoy, and be made a source of wealth to the country?

Resolved as follows;—1st by teaching the people that those who have the necessary *natural* abilities and have devoted a great deal of study, a large amount of capital coupled with experience and an indomitable determination to succeed, generally do make a living at the profession, and that as in all other professions will secure a competency.

2nd. That it requires the same amount of knowledge to handle one colony of bees successfully that it does one hundred, and a very great deal more time and labor in proportion.

3rd. Except the specialist generally speaking the people can buy their honey much cheaper than they can raise it, and get it in nicer shape.

4th. By calling attention to the fact that except the specialist every 3rd or 4th year nearly every body loses their bees, and then the market is flooded with miserable dirty dead honey.

5th. That all indications point to the fact that when our own markets, Canadian are more than supplied we may expect a considerable reduction in the price of honey.

The members, generally, thought that this was the most successful meeting the association had ever held.

The meeting adjourned, to resume the second Saturday in October, in the same place.

JOHN YODER,
Sec-Tres.

C. V. PETRY, BARRE, VT.—I think it is the best bee journal in the U.S. or Canada.

BEE-LORE.

The total product of honey for the United States for 1884, at about 70,000,000 lbs., the State of California furnishing about $\frac{1}{3}$ of this amount. Truly California is a land "flowing with milk and honey."

D. P. Campbell, Parkhill, writes us that the weather in that section is cold and wet. They had a hail storm on Sunday of last week, which broke about one quarter of the glass in the village, his with the rest.

Frank Benton's last issue of *Bees* is mailed at Beyrout, Syria, and in it he says, "In a few more days I shall start for Munich, going via Cyprus, Rhodes, Said, Smyrna, Athens," and other points.

We have to thank Mr. W. A. Pyral, of the *Pacific Rural Press*, published at San Francisco, Cal., for a copy of that excellent magazine. The copy before us is called "The Apiary Edition," and contains a large quota of bee matter.

We notice that portions of Friend Pringle's article "Apiculture," which appeared in the *Popular Science Monthly* a short time ago, and later in the C. B. J., are being copied extensively in the press of the country—truly it was an article of much value.

Mr. A. W. Humphries, the gentlemanly Secretary of the Middlesex Beekeepers' Association, has had a narrow escape from being burned out at a late fire in the town of Parkhill, where he does business in the stove and tinware line. Fortunately his damage was confined to that done by water to the stock.

We have to thank some kind friend for sending us the report of the South Wisconsin Beekeepers' Convention which appears in this JOURNAL. The paper came to us with the Convention report marked, but with no name of sender thereon. We always like to know whom to thank for these kindnesses.

Speaking of Cyprian Bees, riend Benton remarks: 'The claim that Cyprian bees are possessed of such stinging propensities as to make them nearly unmanageable, I have not found well-based; indeed, in common with many others who have carefully tested them, I prefer to manipulate Cyprians rather than Italians, and find that, while getting no more stings from them, I can get on much faster with the work.'