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EDITORIAL

WE are having statistics of the honey crop, and other information of an interesting character collected, and we hope in the course of three weeks or a month to be able to present them to our readers.

We regret very much that we could not be present at the Michigan Convention, which was held on the 7th and 8th inst. Our Mr. Jones is away up in Muskoka on a deer-hunting expedition, and the time of the writer is so taken up with the other branches of our business that it is impossible to spare the time it would take to go to Saginaw. We regret it because we shall miss the treat we have looked forward to ever since our meeting at Ypsilanti, where we met so many friends last year.

In our last issue the article of "Amateur Expert" promised you an engraving of the "grandmother's apiary" from a sketch made by the senior editor while in England. We are sorry to tell you that the sketch was so that our engraver could make nothing of it, and we are therefore reluctantly compelled to forego the pleasure.

From all reports they must have had a grand time at the convention in Chicago. It only adds the more to our regrets that we were not personally present.

We congratulate Dr. Mason—that "sinner"—on his elevation to the Presidency of the North American Bee-Keepers' Association, and also the latter on its having for president one of its most "weighty" members. Long may this International association flourish!

The next meeting will be held at Toledo, O. Date to be set by the executive committee.

HEATHER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

On page 719 Mr. Jas. Baptie, Springville, states that he understood through some one that there was a bee-keeper in York Co., N.B., who had some 300 acres of heather under cultivation. We called on our subscribers in that province to learn the facts of the case, but we have not heard from any yet on that point, excepting Mr. John M. Swan, of Tweedside, York Co., N.B., to whom we wrote. We quote his postal card:

TWEEDSIDE, NOV. 17.—I do not know of any large bee-keepers in the whole Province of New Brunswick, nor have I ever heard of heather growing in America, but I should like very well to try it. I am very much afraid your correspondent has been wrongly informed.—JOHN M. SWAN.

It seems likely that Mr. Swan would know something about such a thing as the above, so that we incline to the opinion that Mr. Baptie has been wrongly informed. Perhaps, however, he can give us some further information