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DISCUSSION ON MR. BINGHAM'S PAPER.

W. Z. Hutchinson.—Said he purposed giving up farming and was going into keeping bees exclusively.

R. L. Taylor.—Did not agree with Mr. Bingham where he said that everybody could keep bees successfully. He thought more care was required and more prompt measures to be taken than in almost any other business.

Dr. Higby.—Concurred with Mr. Taylor's remarks.

COMMITTEES.

The President named the committee on exhibits as follows:—F. H. Macpherson, A. I. Root and Geo. E. Hilton. The committee on essays—R. L. Taylor, Dr. Higby and W. Z. Hutchinson.

HOW TO HANDLE BEES.

This question was asked of those who had had the experience.

Prof. Cook.—There were a few leading principles which must be observed. Many people who were at first afraid to

handle bees have now no fear and can handle them without any protection whatever. The bees should not be disturbed when walking through the yard. It is said when bees are full they are good-natured. He thought that fright would cause them to sting strangers, and advises the use of a veil until the manipulator is over being nervous.

T. F. Bingham.—Suggested a veil made of brussels net. He said that if you wished to get your friends stung and the bees in your yard in an uproar, you should buy those wire hats such as are advertised by some supply dealers.

R. L. Taylor.—Emphasised the matter of confidence. If you are expecting to be stung you are almost sure to be. He did not want a comb left around the yard with any honey in it, or sweets of any kind exposed.

A. I. Root.—Thought that robbing was one of the chief causes of a disturbance in a bee-yard, and the least sweets left carelessly around was almost sure to get the bees in an uproar. He desired to emphasise the point of cleanliness in the bee-yard.

THE BEST STRAIN OF BEES.

Under this discussion the general idea seemed to be that we should not run to any particular race, but that the main objective point should be honey gathering qualities.

A. D. D. Wood, Rives Junction, Mich.—Had handled Syrians and Holylands and found them too cross and was now Italianising. Seemed to prefer Italians to any other.

W. Z. Hutchinson.—Would just as soon have blacks as Carniolans.

Dr. Ashly, Ypsilanti.—Had a first swarm from colony of Carniolans and found them cross. Liked them in some respects; they made comb somewhat yellower and the honey equally as white.

Mr. McWhorter, Ypsilanti.—Preferred Italians. Though he had found that Syrians began to breed earlier, the latter were much crosser than the former, but honey gathering qualities were not so good. Had originally purchased bees from a breeder who bred for color and gentleness; two points which were of no value to the honey producer.

H. D. Cutting, Clinton, Mich.—Thought there was a good deal in the