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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mrs. S. T. Pettit of Aylmer, Ont., passed peacefully away January 15th, at the good old age of 74. Mrs. Pettit was a lady of beautiful Christian character, and much beloved by her children. Our sympathy is with the aged husband, who will miss her much.

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W. Z. Hutchinson, editor of the "Bee-Keepers' Review," favors us with a complimentary copy of his "Advanced Bee Culture," revised and enlarged to 200 pages, printed on toned paper and beautifully illustrated, mostly from photographs taken by himself, and bound in cloth. It is an excellent work throughout, and worthy of its careful and painstaking author, who always aims at the best. We congratulate Editor Hutchinson, and heartily recommend his book. The price will be \$1.20, post free. -W. Z. Hutchinson, Flint, Mich., or from this office.

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With all due respect for Dr. Phillips, and his efforts on behalf of apiculture in the United States' Department of Agriculture, it seems to us that he has gone somewhat out of his way to find records of "adulterated Canadian comb foundation" (see page 27), resurrecting an old matter of over 15 years ago, and the product of a small supply dealer at that. The samples referred to were suspected, and were sent to

Prof. F. T. Shutt, chemist, Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, to be analyzed. Prof. Shutt afterwards sent them to the United States Department of Agriculture, on the request of Dr. Wiley. We cannot imagine for a moment that Dr. Phillips would stoop to anything like partiality to United States manufacturers in this matter, but his bald, unqualified statement, without giving circumstances, or dates, is very unfair to the Canadian product, which we consider is equal in every respect to any manufactured in the United States.

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The joint meeting of Brant, Norfolk, Oxford and district bee-keepers' held in Brantford, January 23rd to 26th, was a decided success in every sense of the term. The attendance was good, and the discussions, which were mostly along the line of practical bee-keeping, were interesting and helpful, and many new things were brought forward. A fair amount of witty retort was indulged in, and enlivened the sessions, but the best of good-nature was exhibited throughout.

The programme, which was rather unique in its arrangement, was as follows:

"Spring Management of Bees"—Questions bearing thereon: 1st, Those wintered outside; 2nd, those wintered in repositories.

"Large Yields of Honey, and How Secured"—Questions relating thereto: 1st, Comb honey; 2nd, extracted honey.

"Implements Used in the Apilary"—General discussion thereon. What do we want—1st, In a smoker; 2nd, in a hive for comb honey; 3rd, in a hive for extracted honey; 4th, in comb foundation; 5th, in a bee brush; 6th, in a bee escape; 7th, in any other implement in the production of honey?

What can be done to improve the market for comb and extracted honey?

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