

operate. Yet, our ability to choose wisely in the matter of a location is in proportion to the diversity of our observations and experience. Causes and effects in different localities are hardly less different in bee-keeping than are the varieties of vegetation and soil. The difference between a Canadian snow-bank and a Florida "snow-bank" will be illustrated in the next number of *The Bee-Keeper*, showing how bees are "snowed under" in the latter country in winter.

As I leisurely wait for a turn of the tide to transport a few choice colonies of our breeding stock to our mating grounds on the island, in full view of the original of the second scene, I study with absorbing interest, the details of the picture of Mr. Newton's home and meditate upon the performance of his regular yearly duties. It revives memories of the past—fond memories—when youthful ambition in brilliant hues painted upon the canvas of the future pictures that are revived by this study. Long years have passed since "John and Harry" comprised Mr. Hall's corps of assistants—since boyish enthusiasm gave no place to the weightier cares and responsibilities of life.

"Was e'er a man with soul so dead"
When warmth of winter's sun is shed
On shady palm-leaves overhead,
And bees by fragrant blossoms led
To bring the honey that I spread
With butter on my daily bread
"That never to himself hath said,"
From snow-banks, thank the Lord, I've fled?

If there was, patriotism had a monopoly of his being, and gratitude for the truly beautiful things of life had been crowded out and frozen to death.

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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Publishing Bee Journals—and Publishing Reports of Big Crops and Big Failures.

I see by the last two numbers of *THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL*, that there is talk of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association "taking over" and publishing *THE BEE JOURNAL*; but, for a wonder, the members don't all seem to think alike about the matter, and J. D. Evans says:—

There is a danger of its falling under the control of some "goody goody" blatherskite, whose chief aim in life is to induce every man and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts to keep bees.

He then goes on to tell "what a good bee paper should be;" promising his information with the statement that "perhaps few of the members of the O. B. K. A. would agree with him;" and I believe he is right. He says:—

1st. It should strictly exclude from its columns all reports of big crops; they are seldom true and always misleading. * *

2nd. I think that a bee journal should honestly publish failures. * *

My! but what will become of those of us who don't produce good yields? Who will "whistle" for us to "keep our courage," if the journals don't do it; and publish "reports of big crops," which I believe are generally true, and seldom mislead one who does his own thinking?

I perfectly agree with Mr. Evans in his second proposition; and I believe all other honey producers do the same. Failures should be published, just as honestly as big crops.—Dr. A. B. Mason in *The Bee-Keepers' Review*.

In the case of a horse attacked by bees, as speedily as possible throw buckets of water over bees and horse.
—Australian Bee Bulletin.