

your request for contributions from me, and not ask for any more in time to come.

WM. F. CLARKE.

Guelph, Oct. 20, 1893.

Mr. Clarke, in the above letter, has certainly taken a meaning from our words, "Any of the open questions in bee-keeping," that was not intended. When we used the word "open" we meant the questions that are at present of paramount importance to bee-keepers and the subject of discussion in bee-keeping journals. As to the difference of opinion and the "little unpleasantness" apparently existing between the Oxford Bee-keepers' Association in particular, and the North American bee journals in general, and our friend Clarke, we are in a state of blissful ignorance. Mr. Clarke evidently has a grievance, and his long experience as a practical bee-keeper entitles him to a fair and just hearing. The columns of the PRACTICAL BEE-KEEPER will always be open for the fair minded discussion of questions of vital interest to the bee-keeping fraternity. The word fraternity is used advisedly, for there seems to be a large amount of good-fellowship, *bonne camaraderie* among bee-keepers, and may its shadow never grow less; The PRACTICAL BEE-KEEPER, does not propose to be muzzled by anybody or anything. Neither will it accept the responsibility of nor *father* any articles from its correspondents. All must stand alike on their own merits, if deserving, if not, they must fall.—EDITOR.

NOTES FROM LINDEN APIARY

This is another bee journal. How do you like it?

The North American Bee-keepers' Association, which met at Chicago, was well attended, and was said to be the largest meeting ever held by the Association.

The Honey exhibit at the World's Fair was a credit to the bee-keepers. Illinois had the largest exhibit, but Ontario has no reason to be ashamed of their exhibit. It was good, and the Canadians have reason to feel proud of their exhibits generally.

The editors of *Gleanings* seem to be very

enthusiastic over their success in mailing queens to Australia, but more credit is due Mr. Frank Benton, who mailed queens and guaranteed safe arrival to almost any part of the world eight years ago. Queens that were in transit forty-two days, arrived at destination in perfect condition. Are we making very much advancement in this direction? Mr. Benton is surely entitled to the honors in regard to mailing queens long distances.

The editor of the *American Apiculturist* has decided not to breed any more Punic bees. The Punic bees have made a short stay, and have found very few friends.

Bro. Alley still continues to condemn the five-banded Italians, and in the same issue claims to have bees in his apiary that will compare with any in the world in regard to beauty; and also claims the other good points that are characteristic of the five-banded bees. He is getting on the right track now, for the five-banded bees have gained friends and a good name wherever they have been given a fair trial. But why not own up and acknowledge they are of the five-banded strain?

The honey crop this year is not generally a large one, and it is hoped the price will be good.

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Rothschild's Rules.

The elder Baron Rothschild had the following rules posted upon the walls of his bank. They are certainly good ones:

Shun liquors.
Dare to go forward.
Never be discouraged.
Never tell business lies.
Be polite to everybody.
Employ your time well.
Be prompt in everything.
Pay your debts promptly.
Bear all troubles patiently.
Do not reckon upon chance.
Make no useless acquaintances.
Be brave in the struggle of life.
Maintain your integrity as a sacred thing.
Never appear something more than you are.
Take time to consider, and then decide positively.
Carefully examine into every detail of your business.