

man should be able to make himself like what it is in his interest to like. We wish Mr. Gemmill every success and hope to have him contribute to THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, attend conventions and become a prominent bee-keeper. With his father's knowledge to begin on and his own experience to add to this he should develop into an exceedingly useful member of the fraternity.

Notes and Pickings.

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Look out for some startling accomplishments and developments within the next decade of years. Aspinwall will controled the mating of queens. Prof. Cook will increase the length of bees tongues. A host of fellows are going to entirely breed the swarming instinct out of bees. Still others will extirpate the sting completely, while already we hear the habits of bees being so thoroughly changed as to actually commence at the bottom of the frames and build their combs upwards. (See question asked Mr. Gallup, 595, A. B. J.) Truly I am expecting (if I live) the honey bee to be turned into something else. Wonder what it will be called or will look like, when all the talked-of changes will be a reality?

Bee-student in A. B. J. 594 says: The best queen is not always the first to leave the cell, and here is where the selecting should be done. Immediately after a swarm issues, it is but a minute's work to destroy all the inferior cells, leaving but one or two, and I never allow a young queen to leave the hive without seeing her and believing she will prove satisfactory. What a number of fellows are ready to tell us what they know, but they seem to be very backward about imparting their knowledge to others that they might know also. I trust Mr. Bee-Master will tell us (who don't know) which cell, if the first to hatch is not always the best.

I hope he will also tell us how we may know that a young queen will prove satisfactory by looking at her. What are the points in her make-up to be observed? Is it color, is it size, is it shape or what is it that we must base our judgement on? A little more light on this question would greatly interest your humble servant.

No member is eligibl. for election for the same office of this association to succeed himself. So reads by-law No. 6 of the Central Texas Bee-keepers' Association.

Now I hope no one will misinterpret my meaning, when I say, in my opinion, a regulation something like the foregoing could be advantageously applied to the O. B. A. Why? This! The officers of O. B. A. have been for years doing the very thing which the above by-law prohibits, and the idea is very prevalent through our province that said association is being run by a clique or ring. I hear it wherever I go among bee-keepers. I have no doubt that the large falling-off in membership is largely due to this belief. Think over this matter brethren, and always remember that I'm not aspiring for office. That's flat.

Mr. G. W. York, in his very complimentary reference to this department, which I can assure him is very highly appreciated, says if I start picking at him, he will make a note of it and then I will likely be as hot as my name would indicate when pronounced in German. I just wonder how long Mr. York would reasonably expect me to subsist on the pickings of a journalistic functionary in Chicago, who is accused of not knowing a honey bee from a mud wasp, and who has already been picked bone bare by a dignitary at Washington, D. C. But seriously, I have a fault in Mr. York. When reporting any correspondence from this Province he simply gives the writer's address, Ontario, Canada. I wish Mr. York would consult his geography and note that the Province of Ontario covers an area of 220,000 square miles and, in consequence of its extent, climatic as well as a great many other changes, conditions vary greatly. Therefore, when Canadian bee-keepers correspond to his valuable publication and report certain conditions which obtain in their locality, the other fellows would like to know what PART of the Province that Canuck is situated. If Mr. York will give the full address of Canadian correspondents in the future, whenever it is possible for him to do so, he and I will be good friends again.

I am very sorry that the Editor of this journal has found it necessary to decline to appear on the programme being prepared for the O. B. K. A. Convention for the reasons stated on page 106. It is a great pity that such a course should become necessary, but I suppose the limit has been reached at which patience ceases to be a virtue. With the knowledge I possess in the premises, I am forced to admit that, in my opinion, he is fully justified in taking the course he has. But I sincerely trust that an amicable adjust-