

great many ideas, but I cannot describe everything on the spur of the moment, having seen so many different things; I shall, however, be able to enter more into detail in the *Bee Journal*. From Mr. Hall's I went with him to Mr. Pettitt, President of the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association. As he was not able to be present at the Toronto meeting, I thought it was only right I should go and see him, and I stayed with him from Saturday to Monday, and spent a very pleasant time there. His hives are very similar to ours, and he has adopted a frame almost the size as our standard, which he finds answers quite as well as the deep frame he had been using. He works with sections of one and three-eighths width without separators. From there Mr. Pettitt accompanied me to see two or three other bee-keepers who lived between his place and St. Thomas. One of these, Mr. Alpaugh, a young man, I found to be an advanced bee-keeper of great intelligence. He is the inventor of the machine for fixing foundation in sections, which I will show you at work here to-night, and which has been sent by Mr. Corneil. You will see it is an ingenious contrivance, but, unfortunately, I cannot show you the working of it as well as he did himself. From Mr. Pettitt's we went through New York state to Washington, and from there to Philadelphia. In Carpenter's hall at the latter city we met with a hearty reception. This hall is of great historical interest, for it was there that Washington sat, and the first Congress met, and the Declaration of Independence was signed. At Philadelphia we made the acquaintance of several scientific bee-keepers. I believe there are more scientific bee-keepers in Pennsylvania than in any other part of the states. Dr. Townsend is President of the Association. Mrs. Thomas, who goes in actively for bee-keeping there, asked if we had any lady bee-keepers in England. On my replying 'yes', she said we ought to make more of that fact in the *Bee Journal*, because such notices would stimulate other ladies to undertake the same pursuit. Although it might do in America, bee-keeping on a large scale was not suitable for ladies in England (laughter). This may appear strange, but there is, undoubtedly, a difference between the mode of life led by ladies in America and in this country. American ladies are used to hard work. In every household every lady does her share of work as much as the man does and performs her part of the household duties. There is a great difficulty in getting servants there, and she has to do cooking, sweep the rooms or dust the furniture. Gentlemen also assist in the household duties sometimes cleaning the boots. You will, there-

fore, see that what American ladies might do what ours could not. I must not forget to acknowledge our indebtedness to Dr. Townsend, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Arthur Todd for their kindness. The latter gentleman took us about and showed us everything of interest in Philadelphia. It was there I met our friend, Mr. Hooker's son, who also kindly showed us about. From there we travelled back to New York and across the ocean home. I am afraid in the foregoing remarks I have only given you a slight idea of what we saw and did and the districts we have travelled over, but the pages of the *Bee Journal* shall give you fuller particulars from time to time. Wherever I took my microscope it was a source of great interest and delight, and the preparations were attentively examined. I have already told you how hospitably we were received everywhere in the States and Canada. All bee-keepers seemed pleased to meet me, not only as a brother bee-keeper, but as a representative of the bee-keepers of this country. I assured them that the compliments paid to me would be appreciated by the members of our Association here, and I can now only repeat my expression of thanks for all the kindness I received on the other side of the Atlantic. Our trip was a very enjoyable one although travelling is not so easy there as here, and one becomes wearied by the long distances. Of course my wife could not bear the fatigue of accompanying me everywhere. Accommodation is not so good there as here; sometimes in out-of-the-way places we had to sleep on the floor owing to unwelcome bed-fellows. In conclusion let me say I shall be happy to give you any further information in my power, if you will ask me questions on any specific points. (Loud and protracted cheering.)

(To be continued.)

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