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## SALUTATORY.

The advent of a new candidate for public favor in the field of bee-keeping literature necessitates a few words of explanation. Although well aware of, and under exceeding obligations to, the present apicultural journals of North America, we are of the opinion that there is room among them for our modest quarterly.

THE PRACTICAL BEE KEEPER will be devoted solely to the best interests of the bee-keepers of the country with a department intended for amateurs and beginners. Its aim will be to inculcate among the people a greater interest in apiculture, and indirectly to increase the number of apiculturists in the land.

It will be the aim of the management to conduct a journal of a high estimate, and at the same time make it as its name suggests, practical.

The months during which THE PRACTICAL BEE KEEPER will be issued—November, February, May and August—will make it particularly acceptable to its readers, and at the same time will be the best seasons for advertisers to make their announcements. Among its most salient features will be articles from successful bee-keepers of the United States and Canada, current items of interest to bee-keepers, and practical hints for beginners. Communications from our read-

ers on anything pertaining to bee culture will be gladly received, and "Answers to Correspondents" will be a column requiring our best and earliest attention. The low price of subscription should place THE PRACTICAL BEE KEEPER in the homes of all the apiculturists in Canada.

## DIFFERENT KINDS OF BEE CULTURE

Bee-keeping may be practised in different ways, according to the end in view; that is to say, more or less time and capital will be devoted to the industry according to the manner in which it is considered as a distinct business or as a means of increasing an income.

It may be considered in the same light as other branches of agriculture, cattle raising, fruit growing, etc.

A raiser of fine stock will devote much more time, care and money to ensure the finest breed than the small farmer who raises cattle only for his own use. The professional gardener will take more pains to work and feed his land than he who raises but a few vegetables for his own consumption.

Cultivation of the soil is of two kinds, that which spares neither expense nor labor to produce from a given piece of ground products at once the best and the most abundant possible, and that other cultivation which works a piece of ground by the cheapest and simplest methods. Bee-keeping may be conducted in either of the above ways, with this difference, that the trouble and expense is a great deal less, and one runs