



"THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER."

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EDITORIAL

THE next place of meeting of the N.A.B.K. Society has been definitely settled by deciding in favor of Columbus, Ohio, instead of Toledo. A lot of us folks that expected to go and quarter ourselves on Dr. Mason's hospitality will now be "left."

OUR OWN APIARY.

MORE CARE IN PUTTING UP HONEY.

WE have just received a consignment of honey in sixty pound tins, which looked very nice when the top was unscrewed; and the large four-inch screw tops did not reveal anything wrong. We set them in the dry kiln to liquify, and after the honey became liquified we were astonished to find a large number of dead bees floating on the top. While some of us might not object very seriously to eating honey that contained a few dead bees, there are others who have serious objections, and no doubt it would have a tendency to disgust these. This is simply pure carelessness on the part of those putting honey in the cans. They have probably left the screw top off to allow the honey to ripen or for some other purpose, leaving the cans where the bees could get at them, thus large numbers have been drowned in the honey, while yet liquid. It is not

very appetizing to open up a can of honey, expecting to be pleased with its delicious flavor and appearance and behold a lot of dead bees floating in it. Those who are so careless as to allow this to occur may be supposed to be slovenly in other ways, and there might a question arise in the minds of the consumer: Is it possible that this is not even fit to eat? For anyone who would tolerate such a state of things is certainly inclined to be careless, and perhaps dirty, in the management of their crop. Now, where it is necessary to leave the screw top off to allow the honey to ripen, surely it is not much trouble to cut a small square of green wire cloth, placing it over the opening, or put something over it to keep the bees out. Sometimes we do not find bees alone. It is not an unfrequent occurrence to find flies. We have thought perhaps it might be advisable to put a small fine on anyone shipping honey thus carelessly put up. As it does not only injure themselves but the thousands engaged in the business, we hope it may not be necessary to speak of this matter in future, but as it is one in which we are all so much interested that it is perhaps a good subject to dwell on. We trust more attention will be given it than was given the question of feeding colonies last fall. We said so much in reference to the matter that we were almost ashamed, thinking that many would become tired of hearing of it after they had done their work properly, yet what has been the