

Mr. Geo Henderson, for many years, the assistant editor of the *British Bee Journal* has just passed away after a short illness.

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It does us good to see bee-keepers elevated to positions of trust. Martin Emigh, Esq., an ex-president of the O. B. K. A. has been elected reeve of Norwich Tp. by a large majority, Shake Brother E.

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A Christmas wish as found on a card, is nicely set forth in the following :

The joys of years to comb excell
Each pleasure that is spent;
The Queen of Fortune guard you well,
And give you all content.
From every sting your life be free,
As in this buzzy hive
We swarm, each striving first to bee,
And may you always thrive.

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At the recent International meeting a vote of censure was passed on a bee-keeper who lived near Brantford for having disposed of crates of comb honey the outside sections of which were good white honey, while the inner sections were inferior, dark, buckwheat honey, the whole being sold as a prime article. Whether or not it was wisdom on the part of the association to undertake to regulate the morals of its members, it certainly was not wise to condemn a member publicly for a crime on the evidence of one side only. It was not only unwise but it was most unfair. The member was not present when the matter was up for discussion, and when the vote was passed neither was he as far as we know given any chance to explain matters, but was condemned forthwith on the evidence of the parties who bought the honey. It now turns out that the honey was sold for "dark" comb honey and the outside sections were "thrown in" all at a reduced price. We have not heard from the party most deeply interested but we shall be very glad to have his version of the case. Our information comes from a gentleman totally disinterested. A curious part of the performance is that the parties who bought the honey did not tell the price which they paid, which as a matter of fact was some cents below the market price for a bright prime quality of comb honey.

, Ontario Bee Keepers Association.

CONTINUED REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

WE continue the report of the proceedings of the O. B. K. A., this week, by first giving the report of the Directors as read by the Secretary :

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Bee Keepers Association, beg leave to report as follows :

Three meetings of the Directors have been held during the year ; and one meeting of the Executive committee, to arrange for the supply of premiums to the members.

At the first meeting, held at Owen Sound, Jan. 9th, 1889, W. Couse was re-elected Secretary, and R. McKnight, Treasurer ; R. McKnight and A. Picket were appointed delegates to represent the Association on the Industrial Exhibition Board. The sum of \$300 was appropriated for distribution amongst affiliated associations, no society to receive more than \$30.00.

On the 20th June, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary met at Guelph to arrange for the supply of queens as premiums, and the tender of R. E. Smith was accepted. The queens supplied have given general satisfaction.

The second meeting of the Directors was held at the city of Brantford Dec. 6, 1889, when the programme of the present meeting was arranged and the question of a premium to the members of 1890 was discussed. At this meeting a complaint regarding the representative on this Board from District No. 12 was heard, and, in view of what was heard, a resolution was passed to the effect that no representative be recognized for that District for the balance of the financial year.

The third meeting of the Directors was held at Belleville on the 7th inst, for the purpose of winding up the business of the past year.

A special general meeting of the Association was held at Brantford on the 5th and 6th December, in conjunction with the International American Bee Keepers Association, at which time a resolution was passed affiliating with the I. A. B. A.

The membership of the past year (1889) was not as large as that of the year 1888. This falling off was no doubt due to the fact that the season of 1888 was an exceedingly unprofitable one for bee keepers, also because the selection of the premium for the members was left too long in abeyance.

Seven local societies affiliated with the O. B. K. A. during the past year being one less