



"The Greatest Possible Good to the Greatest Possible Number."

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GENERAL.

FOR THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL.

Ernest Root on the situation.

DEAR EDITOR—I read with much interest the reply, by Mr. R. McKnight, to my editorial remarks regarding the action of the O. B. K. A. with reference to further affiliation. I am pleased to observe his friendly and cordial spirit; and I am sure that, on my part, while I felt that the committee were laboring under a big mistake (and I think so yet), I had only the kindest intentions towards them.

It will be necessary to refer to only two points in reply to Mr. McKnight; and one is, I am certain that the purposes of incorporation, while they may not have been stated in open convention at Keokuk, were freely talked over in private conversation among the bee-keepers. I know that Capt Hetherington was not the first one to do this. Mr. Newman thoroughly explained the matter shortly after the Keokuk meeting, in an editorial—see page 6, Jan 1, 1890. of the American Bee Journal. As to what I meant by "available" matter, I will make an extract from a letter just received from Dr. Miller, which fully explains;

"DEAR ERNEST—I don't believe McKnight looked up available in any common dictionary or he would find a definition that would make your statement all right. Moreover, it seems that McKnight is not familiar enough with newspaper terms to know that the word "available" is a word constantly used to mean, "For reasons satisfactory to ourselves we do not think it desirable to publish."

C. C. MILLER.

Marengo, Ills.

I might go on and reply to other points; but I

believe that further discussion is ill advised and unwise, and I have already made myself sufficiently plain in my original remarks on the subject. I believe that, if we cannot agree to agree, the best thing for us to do is to pleasantly agree to disagree as brothers and let the matter drop.

I am glad that Mr. McKnight feels that the N. A. B. K. A. is elastic enough to permit him to remain a member, as it surely is. In the same way, I hope the O. B. K. A. is elastic enough to permit me to become a member when I may find it convenient to cross the line. If we can not affiliate in name, we can, I am sure, associate in heart and spirit. Those of us in the United States who have felt the cordial entertainment from that fine body of Canadians while the N. A. B. K. A. has been in session on their territory would not willingly break loose every tie of fellowship.

Ernest R. Root.

Medina, O., Feb. 25, 92.

From The Progressive Bee Keeper.

Planting For Honey.

OTTO J. E. URBAN.

MANY bee-keepers will say "what is the use of planting for honey, when the prairies and the forests abound with wild flowers that furnish all the nectar our little pets can possible gather?" Yes you are right friends! But there is an IF, and a big one at that, in the matter. IF the prairies were not turned under and the forest rooted out and turned into farms, yes, then we might have plenty of pasturage for our bees always. Every year that comes brings about extensive changes