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THE North American Bee-keepers' Society began its seventeenth annual convention at Pfafflin's Hall, Indianapolis, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 12th. The Northwestern Bee-keepers' Society and the Indiana State and Eastern Indiana Associations meet with it this year. Among those at the opening session were Dr. C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill.; C. F. Muth, Cincinnati; C. P. Dadant, Hamilton, Ill.; Professor N. W. McLain, Aurora, Ill.; T. S. Bull, Valparaiso, Ind.; A. M. Gander, Adrian, Mich.; T. F. Bingham, Abonia, Mich.; T. H. Keder, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. A. Cox, White Lick, Ind. Captain H. Chapman, Versailles, Ill.; G. W. York, Chicago, representing the *American Bee Journal*; T. G. Newman, also of Chicago, manager of the Bee-keepers' Union and editor of the *American Bee Journal*; T. Van Dorn, Omaha, Neb.; Dr. A. B. Mason, Wagon Works, O.; Mrs. Libbie Michael, Mrs. Cooper, Thorntown, and Mrs. M. A. Jones, Indianapolis. Displays of apian products are made by Mrs. Cox, F. S. Bull, H. D. Cutting and Ora Norton, New Brunswick, Mo.

H. D. Cutting, Clinton, Mich, is President of the organization; Frank L. Dougherty, Indianapolis, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Irwin Robbins, Indianapolis, Corresponding Secretary, and C. F. Muth, Cincinnati, Treasurer.

Governor Gray was expected to deliver a welcoming address, but could not be present, and Mayor Denny did that duty in his stead, a brief response being made by President Cutting. Mr. T. G. Newman made a short address, stating the object and work of the society, which concluded the exercises of the morning.

The President's address was the first thing on the program for the afternoon. Mr. Cutting said the thanks of the society were due to Mrs. Robbins, the Corresponding Secretary, for her thoughtfulness in preparing for the meeting, and then said:

"During the past year I have often thought: 'What could be done that would be of material benefit to this society?' I should like to have this society publish each year a volume of at least 300 pages, containing the best writings of our many contributors. If we, as a society, could do this, our membership of 125 would be soon increased."

"The State and county fairs held by the different societies are a great help. I sometimes think many of us do not fully understand or realize the importance of a bee-keepers' union. I look for some action on the part of its managers at the meeting that will properly place the union before the society that they may fully understand its objects and requirements."

A. I. Root, Medina, O.; C. F. Muth, Cincinnati, O.; and C. C. Miller, Marengo, Ill.; were appointed a committee on President's address.

A contribution from John Aspinwall, of Barrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y., one of the proprietors of the *Bee-keepers' Magazine*, was read. It stated that America is ahead of all other countries in bee-keeping, and that we have more papers devoted to the subject in this country than all others combined.

Mr. Newman then read an interesting and instructive paper on "Bee Literature." He said that the writers of the Bible tell us of the early races of bees, and describe the "land flowing with milk and honey." The records of the Egyptians and Chinese, cut in stone, show that