

some of it there. I wish you could take a run over here from New Orleans, that is if you could be here this month or next.

A. W. OSBORN.

San Miguel de Jarnco, W. I.

We thank you very much Friend Osborn for the kind invitation you have extended to us to visit you. We shall not be able to do so this winter; however, we hope to visit Cuba sometime in the near future. We have been in Europe, Asia and Africa and should now like to visit the West Indies and South America. In fact, we have been planning a trip round the world, which we hope to make as soon as arrangements can be made that will permit of our absence for one or two years. My aim is to do all possible to advance our chosen profession and we hope to be able to furnish both instructive and interesting accounts to the readers of THE CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL at that time. It seems strange to think bees are gathering tons of honey when the thermometer in this country ranges from twenty to thirty below zero, and our whole land covered with snow, but your "trying time" is our harvest. I have no doubt that for Cuba the Holy Land and Syrians will far outstrip Italians, as their native climate is more like what the Cuban climate seems to be. There is no flow of honey in Palestine and Syria excepting on the top of the mountains from May until September of each year. Although there are two honey seasons there—one late in the fall or early in the winter, the other early in the spring—they breed very little or none at all during the long season intervening between May and September. I wish you would compare the races and report to us your results in a future issue. We know you did not intend your letter for insertion in the JOURNAL, but as it is interesting we feel that you will excuse the liberty we have taken.

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THE RIGHT HAND.

WE extend the right hand of fellowship to all our brother publishers, who furnish matter for the good of our beekeeping interests.

THE WINTER

THE winter has been very severe, but one good trait in its character is that it has been tolerably steady, so that the little "buzzers," it is hoped, have not suffered so very badly. Changeable winters wrought more mischief amongst them than do such ones as we have just had, but for some who had not fed their bees sufficiently in the fall, and made the needed preparation for a long winter, it would doubtless have been better for them had the winter been very mild, so that they could have fed their bees during mild spells. We hear of some very heavy losses occurring—principally from starvation.

FOUNDATION.

As there does not seem to be much chance that the duty will be taken off beeswax, for another year at least, foundation is likely to be pretty high during the season, and very many are taking advantage of the present moderate figure to lay in a stock, so that they will be sure to have it. The object is not so much to get it at a low price as to have it when it is wanted, because even at 75c. per pound, foundation is cheap, when the time saved the bees is taken into consideration. At the present time we are paying 40c. for a nice article of wax, delivered in Beeton in cash, and 42c. in trade, per pound. And we are importing large quantities from the United States too.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS PRIVATELY.

Now that we have taken upon ourselves the work of publishing a BEE JOURNAL, and as there is a Department in it for answers to questions of all kinds, we will not be able to answer questions relating to bee culture by private letter, at least only in exceptional cases. By answering through the BEE JOURNAL, you see, we can tell all its readers just as well as to tell one questioner by letter, as it only has to be written once anyway. But we will agree to do this. Any question