



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

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EDITORIAL.

A CLUB of society women in London is going to start a large poultry farm near London. Bee culture is also included in the scheme.

The Bay of Quinte Bee-Keepers' Association met at Belleville on the 29th. Full report at an early date. The report of honey yield is the poorest yet received.

The apiary of Mr. D. Auld, on Jones ave., Toronto has again been visited by a dishonest party and damage to the extent of between \$50 and \$60 done. Several hives were destroyed and serious damage done to others. A reward has been offered for such information as will lead to the conviction of the guilty ones.

The owner of some homing pigeons at Hamm bet that on a fine day twelve of his bees would beat a like number of carrier pigeons in making the distance (one hour) between Hamm and the town of Rhynern. Twelve pigeons and twelve bees (four drones and eight working bees, all powdered with flour) were taken to Rhynern, and simultaneously set free. A white drone arrived home four seconds in advance of the first pigeon, the remaining three drones and the second pigeon arrived together, and the eight working bees preceded

the ten pigeons by a length.—Tuesday's dailies.

We question whether the writer of the above knows a bee from a pigeon—if he did he would not pen such a ridiculous statement. Bees liberated as stated would simply fly around, mark the location and remain there. There is no question about the rapid flight of bees, but to train them for a race of one hour would be a big undertaking. We do not doubt that on a calm day bees could travel quicker than pigeons, but in the above clipping it seems to have been a remarkably close contest when the bees only won by "a length."

We have received a copy of the revised edition of Professor Cook's "Manual of the apiary." The work has been carefully revised, and additional matter added. The price is slightly increased. The new features will be noticed in these columns next week.

We beg to direct the attention of our readers to the advt. of Thos. B. Reynolds, of Dayton, O. By reading the advt. it will be seen that one-half the proceeds from the sale of these photographs is to go toward the Langstroth fund. The photograph (cabinet size) is very good, and represents the good old man in a standing position, leaning on his cane, with a beautiful grove as a background. Mr. Reynolds is an amateur photographer, and as such deserves credit for the very good work he has