

honey stores—any harm in chronicling the result as we honestly found it?"

Again we say "no harm!" Nor is there any doubt as to the honesty of your conclusions for which we have every respect, but we beg respectfully to submit our equally honest conclusions, that the results were an overwhelming evidence that you had fed too little. We are quite satisfied that Mr. Byer is too bright and progressive a man to allow this matter to be settled in his own mind without giving it a further test next spring. Our duty is now performed. Feeding this spring was a most important matter. This Mr. Byer admits. We urged it. If it had been neglected what would have been the result? We honestly felt that Mr. Byer's letter would mislead many beekeepers if it passed unchallenged. We have enjoyed the debate thus far, and have said our last word. It is Mr. Byer's privilege to close the discussion next month, and we hope to hear from him. Especially is this the case since we have analyzed the amount fed.—Ed.]

M. A. A. Ferrier Gives His Experience.

I got time this evening to look over the July number of the C. B. J. and became very much interested in the discussion on spring stimulative feeding; so much so that I thought I would spare the time to give you my own experience,—and that experience is that for this locality, at any rate, spring stimulative feeding is a delusion and a snare. I used Alexander feeders under my colonies for a number of springs—started using them on the 1st of May and used them up to clover bloom, feeding a pint of syrup every night, and after all the fussing and feeding I have invariably found that a colony that came out in spring loaded with stores, and left alone, is the colony that gives the big surplus every time.

Feed them in the fall from the 1st to

the 15th of September, till they are so heavy you hate to have to carry them into the cellar, and then leave them severely alone till fruit bloom, and you can cut out the spring feeding and be a long way ahead.

I have repeatedly seen colonies come out in the spring so heavy that I would say to myself, "Well, I'll have to make room there before fruit bloom," but every time those solid frames of stores will turn into solid frames of brood, and you know what that means when the clover flow opens.

But this last spring was a corker. Was busy about some other work and was not watching the bees very closely for a few days, when one rainy afternoon about the 7th or 8th of June, when they had not been able to get out for a few days, it suddenly struck me that some of them might be getting short of stores, so took a walk through the home yard, and lo at the entrances of two or three colonies were plain indications of starvation. I chucked around the feed in a hurry and liked it for the outyards. At one yard I found one big, strong ten-frame colony completely gone and a number of others on the verge of the brink. However, all's well that ends well. Three or four days later they were fairly falling over each other rolling in the clover, and despite the fact that I had no help, except my wife to hive the swarms at the home yard, which is run for comb honey, have managed to secure an average of 125 lbs. per colony extracted honey and think I lost 25 lbs. per colony more in the basswood flow through not being able to make room quick enough. Just a word as to size of hives. Have used the 8, 9, 10 and 12-frame Langstroth, and my preference is decidedly in favor of the 10-frame size for extracted honey. I use the 8-frame for comb honey, but next season intend to try a few of the 10-frame for that also, and have a suspicion they will prove all

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[Thanks. We are your testimony. confirms the position in the matter of f

A Voice from B.

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