

the hive, there is no danger but they will give good returns. We think the above plan preferable to doubling up but it requires experience and care to do it properly.

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Rev. C. H. P. Owen of Creemore paid us a visit; the Rev. gentleman is of the proper stamp and thoroughly believes in clergymen having side lines such as poultry, bees etc. by which they can make use of any spare moments and also be able to talk practically with their parishoners.

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We are very sorry to hear from friend Doolittle, that he has been ill for some time, pleased to know that he is rapidly recovering.

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The many friends of Mrs. Jennie Atchley as well as ourselves will be pleased to know she is recovering from a severe illness which she has undergone during the last four weeks. We hope to hear of her being at her chosen pursuit as hearty as ever, ere very long.

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All moths should be carefully brushed from the hives now as they may mean death to the colony later on.—White Mountain Apiarist.

We think the best brush for moths is good strong colonies. We are not afraid of any injury from them as long as the colonies are strong.

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As a great many bees have died this year, and consequently there will be a great many empty combs, some with honey, some with both honey and pollen, and probably some with very little of either. As it will pay much better to keep them for future use than to render them into wax, unless you have good reasons for not wishing to keep them, we should like to have some articles on "Preservation of Combs for future use." For the best article on this subject we will give the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL & CANADIAN POULTRY JOURNAL for one year and \$5.00 worth of advertising; for the second best, the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL and \$2.50 worth of advertising. Mr. Allen Pringle, our late President, will judge the articles. We hope to have them in good time for next issue.

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A correspondent wishes to know if he had not better put on sections as some

of his colonies are getting very strong. The very strongest colony may be able to store some fruit bloom but as the season is so short and the majority of colonies too weak to do much in surplus, we think it would be wiser in most instances to give sufficient empty combs and remove them after they were filled perhaps before they were capped; set them in a dry place and fill the space in the hive with empty combs filled with fresh honey which will be the nicest possible way to feed your bees, during the gap in the honey flow between fruit bloom and clover (this is usually from two to three weeks unless in a favored locality where ground maple, sheep burr, dandelion and other spring flowers abound) there are very few apiaries that could not use a few of these combs filled with fresh fruit bloom honey and removed in time to give the bees an opportunity to store all they possibly could. There are many colonies that have plenty of young bees but very few old ones, as the old ones have mostly died off, such colonies with plenty of fresh honey and pollen in the hive will devote their energies almost exclusively to brood rearing and this plan of exhausting them is worthy of consideration. Many well recollect a few Nos. back in the C. B. J. where we wrote in reference to the advantage to be derived from keeping combs close together. Take a few hives leaving the combs apart in some and putting them close together in others and you will be surprised upon examination to find the difference and we shall never hesitate in recommending and urging the putting of combs close together. You will find three times the amount of brood in the hive with them packed closely and the bees do not die off nearly so rapidly. This was a splendid season to test this matter as the very unfavorable weather required the bees to give the brood every attention in order to prevent it from chilling and not extending the brood circle any more than they could protect in very cold weather.

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There is a heavy fine provided by a recent act of the Legislature for adulterating maple sugar, maple syrup, bee's honey, &c. The fine shall not be less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for each offence, and half of it goes to the complainant.

We hope that every person who finds