

grave by twelve young men, one mile and a quarter. He was aged 56 years and one month. Patient and moderate, temperate and kind, Ever faithful, hopeful and traits well defined, Theme of his life, good will to mankind, Ever fearing the Lord his mind was inclined. Rippling sweet laugh, so gentle and kind.

Many his virtues, will long be remembered,
 Offence unto any, never was tendered,
 Refined was his converse, well tempered with love
 In knowledge profound, you could mark every move,
 No blot to his name can any one prove.

GEO. BROWN.

Molesworth, Ont.

QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear each week, Queries and Replies; the former may be propounded by any subscriber, and will be replied to by prominent bee-keepers, throughout Canada and the United States who can answer from experience, as well as by the Editor. This Department will be reserved for the more important questions, others will be answered in another place. We hope to make this one of the most interesting departments of the JOURNAL.

COVERS FOR HIVES.

QUERY No. 26.—Which do you consider the best cover for frames in summer, a cloth or board with proper bee space above frames?—Buttonville, Ont.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—I use a board. Don't think there is much difference.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS. O.—A cloth is much the most convenient with me.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—Honey board with large cover above it to keep off sun and rain.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—I use a cloth cover or quilt, which is made like a pillow case with cotton batton put in.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—The style of frames I use require no covers of any kind, therefore I cannot answer this question.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I prefer enamelled cloth for summer and winter use. I have used it for about eight years with good success.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—If working for extracted honey, I like oil-cloth enamelled surface down. If for comb honey I believe Meddon's slotted honey board the best by far.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—A cloth is so much more convenient than a board, that I voted the boards out long ago. Sail-cloth, enamel,

"duck," or factory will answer very well, and they are named in the order of their merit.

R. MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND, ONT.—I have used both cloth cover and honey board. The cloth cover I consider the better of the two. At present I use a cloth cover under the honey board, the latter only to keep the frame in its place.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I use a thin cloth over frames and board above cloth prevents the board being daubed with propolis, which would render it more difficult of removal. The board however is used over a case of sections without the cloth, bee space being necessary between board and sections.

BY THE EDITOR.—We use cloth almost exclusively. Are trying boards on a few to experiment, side by side.

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

WM. LEONARD, WOODSTOCK, ONT.—I had four colonies of black bees last Fall. I lost three of them in the Winter. I bought a Holy Land queen the 1st of June, and divided my colony, putting the queen with them. About four weeks after I found the queen dead at the entrance of the hive. The hive was full of brood and young Holy Land bees, but the black bees began to drag out the young Holy Land bees that were just hatched out; they took out about a teacupful, then I placed a bee guard over the entrance and killed some of the bees that were busying themselves taking the young out, when they quit. Please inform me what was the cause?

There may have been moth webs in the combs, which often happens with black bees, and when moth webs were about the cappings or cells the bees usually cut the cappings and drag out the young bees, even if they are alive and perfect, as the webs are usually attached to them more or less. If the bees, when they hatch, have imperfect wings they are usually taken out by the old bees. Without close observation these might be mistaken for perfect ones. It is not unusual this year to find queens dead in front of the hives. We hear many complaints from good beekeepers about difficulty experienced in getting their queens mated, and their