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PREVENTING OF SWARMING.

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Sibbald: In my paper I did explain fully that if a swarm is during your absence it get away for a few after because the queen is dead and the young queen won't been hatched; and if you come and find them in that condition very easy matter to destroy the cells and prevent them from away again. And then there are plans too which you all know it might be brought out in the session which can be used on a hive it in condition to work again. Gemmill: How are you going now that a swarm issued unless examine the hive or someone them swarm?

Sibbald: A little further on in paper I intended that to be understood. A hive that has swarmed is swarming fever never, to me, to do anything like the work of a good hive working in normal condition will, and a glance at the

entrance will reveal the fact. Perhaps they are hanging out, not working. A look in the super will show you that the bees have not stored the amount of honey that might be reasonably expected, or that the bees in other hives along side are doing. You may not have time to go into the brood nest of every colony and you must adopt some quick method of getting over it, and if you are very observant I don't think you will miss many. You will soon catch a colony that is queenless or that has swarmed and the queen has returned after. They won't be doing anything; they are sulking, as it were.

I thank you for your attention.
(Applause.)

The President called upon Mr. Smith to open the discussion on Mr. Sibbald's paper.

Mr. Smith: Mr. President, practically I am only a beginner in running out apiaries; I have a lot to learn in that line. I have done something, however; especially this last summer. There is one point I noticed in Mr. Sibbald's paper. He spoke of putting the first super on after the fruit bloom. In my experience with a good colony that would be too late; that is, they would be so crowded they would want to swarm before I would want them to. In an ordinary strong colony I find that they need