

of increase I would shake them from the frames into a nucleus box and follow the plan recommended by G. M. Doolittle.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANSBURG, KY.—I so manage my apiary as to discourage swarming as much as may be. In my locality I prefer natural swarms—but I would prefer artificial swarms if I worked my apiary in some localities I know of, hence you see, it depends on locality in my judgment. I have made swarms by shaking the bees off the combs, and compelling them to accept a new home. But they sometimes sulk away too much time. I make "swarms" in every conceivable way, but in my location I prefer natural swarms.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKINNEY, COLLIN CO. TEXAS.—I do not *now* endeavor to prevent increase. I do prefer swarming to division. We have our "best honey flow" after the time for swarming is passed. I should *divide* as soon as queen cells were started. When I thought every new-fangled thing was the best, I divided in every (to me) conceivable manner. I now think the best manner is to fill a new hive with foundation or comb, with a frame or two of honey and brood, with a good queen inserted, set the hive thus provided upon the old stand, having removed the old hive to a new stand—do this about 8 o'clock a. m. on a warm, clear day.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—When I have all the bees I want I prevent increase, consequently get more surplus honey. I prefer natural swarms if they would swarm when I want them, but they will take their own time, and sometimes be idle for some time, if the colonies are full of bees; I prefer making artificial swarms before the best honey flow. The division moved to a new stand will not do much until the brood in the comb hatches out. Yes, I have tried drumming the bees out of common box hives, and shaking them off the combs or movable frames but not satisfactorily. If you move them to a new stand all the old bees will return to the old stand. I prefer leaving the queen and a card of brood on the old stand, filling up with empty comb or foundation, and moving the rest to a new stand and filling up the vacancy; put a board in front so the bees will mark the new location. Give them a queen or a queen cell.

BY THE EDITOR.—Do not endeavor to prevent moderate increase, considering it more profitable. Would prefer natural to artificial swarms, unless managed by experts. Artificial swarms want to be done early unless nucleus plan is adopted. Have tried drumming plan mentioned,

but do not approve of it. Prefer natural and artificial swarming early in the season.

DOUBLING UP.

QUERY No 96.—Have you tried doubling up in midst of honey flow to get comb honey?

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—No.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—No.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—Yes.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.—No.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—No.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—Only by hiving two or more swarms together.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Don't think it best; but never tried it.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—No, I get them strong and then keep them there.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—No, I have not. I think it would only increase the swarming fever.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—No; where colonies are reasonably strong, nothing is gained by doing so.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANSBURG, KY.—Yes. It has not worked well for me. Too many of these gigantic colonies will "sulk" away valuable time, and do less than either of the divisions would have done.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—I have not, nor do I intend to do so, so long as I know how to keep my colonies and hives corresponding in size; and, more emphatically, so long as I know how to make colonies strong in *anticipation* of the honey flow.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—I have sometimes when a swarm issued, hived it after securing the queen, with another full colony. The plan will work well at times, and then again it will not. When it does work well, good results will follow; but as a rule it don't work as favorably as is desirable, consequently is apt to prove disappointing in practice.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—No, I have not tried the doubling up in the honey flow to get comb honey; but I will tell you what I do occasionally, which I think is better. When two swarms unite voluntarily, determined to go