

case. Notwithstanding the loss of the colony, I feel satisfied, that my plan is a good one; only that I shall be more careful about the early packing in the fall. Two of my other colonies were afflicted pretty heavily with dysentery; I gave them a good flight in our hot-house, and brought them in the cave for the remainder of the winter. I find a green-house very handy for that purpose; for in it bees can be given a big time to clean themselves, even when the outside temperature is very low. I also tried spirits of peppermint, with good result for the same purpose. I read lately that bee-keepers of the mountain districts of Savois, use the fumes of vinegar to cure the same malady.

Perhaps some acute fellow will find a remedy more simple and more effectual among the spirits.

What shall I do with so much pollen in the combs of the deceased colony? Is it necessary to scrape off before giving to another colony in the month of April?

Yours respectfully,

H. DUPRET.

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We think that in your climate the hives should be packed not later than the end of September or October 1st. Perhaps too a better packing could be made with sawdust, which would be warmer. Sticks placed across on top of the frames will permit the bees to pass over the frames and so reach the combed honey.

We do not think it necessary to scrape the pollen in the combs of the deceased colony. The combs may be used to build up other swarms or for a new swarm, and the bees will pull out all the pollen.

#### A CORRECTION.

Editor of Practical Bee-Keeper.

Sir,—In the February issue of The Practical Bee-Keeper is an abstract of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the O. B. K. As., held

at Lindsay in January last, taken from the Lindsay Watchman. In the very brief summary given of my paper "Apiculture at the World's Fair," not ("Agriculture at the Chicago Exhibition") appears an error which I wish to correct. The report credits me with saying that "the Canadian honey was far superior to that of any other Country in color, appearance and taste."

I did not make that statement and to allow it to stand uncorrected would be to incur the just censure which I should expect from our brethren over the Lake. I said the Ontario honey was superior to all other there, with the exception of that from a few of the States of the Union and Great Britain. Some from those quarters might compare with it. The relations between our American apiarian friends and myself at the great Columbian Exposition were of the most amicable and pleasant character and I would be sorry to do them the slightest injustice.

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#### TRANSFERRING.

When and How To Do It.

N. H. SMITH.

In April all nature seems to rejoice; and unless "Winter lingers in the lap of Spring", mother earth frees herself from her chilling bonds and again puts forth her verdure. This is the season of transplanting and a little later comes the season of successful transferring. I have always found this to be the best season for this operation, owing to the small amount of honey and brood in the hive. I always choose a warm sunny day when the bees are busily engaged in gathering honey. When fruit trees are in bloom is as good a time as any. I might say here that I have