

## QUERIES AND REPLEIS.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

### Sugar or Honey for Spring Feeding.

QUERY 224.—Which is best for spring stimulative feeding, honey or sugar syrup?

R. McKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.—Probably sugar syrup.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I don't suppose it makes much difference.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—Honey, if produced in your own apiary.

A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, OHIO.—I don't know, but use sugar, syrup or unsaleable honey.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—I use sugar as honey induces robbing at this season of the year.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—If both are good and of the right consistency it is immaterial which you use.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—I don't think there is much difference. Honey is more likely to start robbing.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—I prefer syrup. It is cheaper, and less apt to induce robbing.

W. M. BARNUM, ANGELICA, N.Y.—It makes but little difference. Take that which is the handiest. If circumstances are equal take the honey.

J. K. DARLING, ALMONTE, ONT.—Honey every time, but there is greater danger of trouble in feeding it. Sour honey will do as well as any if it does not contain alcohol.

EUGENE SECOR, FOREST CITY, IOWA.—The best stimulative feed that I know of is natural pasturage in addition to plenty of honey in the hive. I don't believe it pays to stimulate in advance of the season.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—Honey, because it contains more nitrogen, which makes it better than sugar for spring stimulative food, for the very reason that sugar syrup is better than honey when bees are confined and cannot fly, and need sedative rather than stimulative food.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG.—In my opinion there is nothing under the sun equal to a good article of honey for feeding, or "stimulating bees." I dilute the honey, making a thin,

smooth syrup of it like brand new honey. Nothing will stir life and vim in bees like pure honey. Sugar is a near substitute when it comes to stimulating bees.

WM. McEVOR, WOODBURN.—If your bees have plenty of good stores they will do better left alone in spring. When bees need feeding early in spring feed sugar syrup and they won't rob so bad as if fed honey. Feed honey between fruit bloom and clover if they need feeding.

J. F. DUNN, RIDGEWAY.—I have done so little stimulative feeding that I will not venture to say which would be the better. Over one hundred acres of fruit bloom within a radius of a mile gives my bees all the stimulation they need in spring.

J. E. POND, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS.—Honey by all means. I dilute it a little. I do not however, think any gain is made by stimulative feeding when done only for that purpose. If there is honey enough in the hive it is best done by breaking open a few cells every night or morning.

G. A. DEADMAN, BRUSSELS.—I will not say which I think is best as either are best under some circumstances. I can tell you which I prefer and use. I believe it is better not to advocate sugar feeding in the spring—"Avoid the very appearance of evil" when you can well do so—still if you have no honey of your own rather than buy it I would feed sugar syrup. Each year save your second class honey for this purpose, or your first extracting if you cannot guarantee it free from any sugar syrup fed the previous year or in the spring, or, if it contains more or less honey gathered previous to white clover bloom. You will then have that which is superior to sugar syrup for stimulative feeding, and all you need to do is to thin it with hot water just before using it.

### Business Notices.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

Owing to some delay at the Paper mills, with a large order of paper for the JOURNAL, a portion of the issue of last week was sent out a few days late. We placed our order a month in advance of our needs, yet were disappointed. We have already told our paper-makers when we will want the next lot, and we will not likely be disappointed again.

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