

care of bees and the production of honey quite full and helpful. We give some of the most important points brought out in the discussions.

At the opening session, some business matters were disposed of, the chief of which was the choosing of a committee to recommend some changes in the by-laws of the society. Messrs. J. Pike and J. B. Mason were named as this committee.

The merits of the new Maine Bee Journal were discussed and favorable opinions expressed regarding its usefulness and its claims upon bee-keepers to help sustain it both by subscriptions and practical articles for its columns.

At the evening session the question-box furnished material for discussion. The first question presented was: "Will juices from apple pomace kill bees?" The general opinion expressed was that it would.

"What causes bees to desert the hive after the swarm has been hived therein?" The reasons were numerous. To make a safe thing of it, Mr. Mason recommended that a frame of brood be placed in the hive at time of hiving the bees.

"Can a queen mate with the drone in the hive?" The unanimous opinion seemed to be that she could not.

"Will bees do as well on a hill as in a valley?" Valley preferable.

"What is the best method of getting bees out of the sections?" Turn back the quilt and with a *new* smoker quickly fumigate all parts of the case, then turn it up on edge and smoke again then remove the case from the hive.

"How can two new swarms of several weeks' difference in age be successfully united?" Sprinkle both colonies with peppermint water, mix the bees of both swarms together and close the hive.

"How early in the season will it do to commence division of swarms?" Depends on the strength of colony.

"How small swarms of bees will it be safe to try to winter?" Colonies which are quite populous on five frames in the fall is as small as will winter safely.

"Is it safe to winter bees with enamelled cloth over them?" Yes, by giving proper ventilation from below.

Next meeting to be held at North Paris with W. W. Dunham, May, 1887.

#### THE HEDDON HIVE SUCCESSFUL AGAIN.

At London the Heddon secured another victory, being granted a diploma as the best hive for comb honey. We are going to winter quite a large number of colonies in these hives, some of them on single sections of the brood-chamber, so that we will be able to speak positively on their wintering capabilities another spring.

#### HONEY IN GLASS.

There seems to be a much larger quantity of glass sold this year than ever before, at least such has been our experience. The one-pound glass with tin screw-top has had a large sale, and the new "gem" jar with glass top is going well. The glass in both is clear and sets off honey to the best possible advantage.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

#### INCREASE YOUR HONEY SALES.

By a judicious distribution of our leaflets, "Honey, some reasons why it should be eaten" you can sell every pound of honey you have. Customers who used them last season speak very highly of them. Prices with name and address, per 250, \$1.25; 500, \$2; 1000, \$3.25. Send for samples.

#### REDUCED PRICE OF SECTIONS.

We have a good many thousand sections cut and stacked up in boxes ready for shipment, and if there are any who feel like laying in a good lot of sections for the season of 1887, we will give them a specially low quotation, so that after counting the interest on the money for eight or ten months, there will still be a good margin of profit in their favor. Of course these quotations will only apply to regular stock, unless where orders are for over 10,000 in odd sizes. Regular sizes are  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  and in widths of either  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches. The prices we quote are, per 1,000, \$4.25; 10,000 or over, \$3.75. By the way, we didn't mention that these prices are for one-piece Linden (formerly Basswood) V groove sections. Dovetailed and spruce sections, we will furnish at 10 % off price-list rates.

## CONVENTION NOTICES.

#### MICHIGAN STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

—The next annual convention of this association will be held in Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1886. H. D. CUTTING, Sec., Clinton, Mich.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION will hold its second annual meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Cowansville, Missisquoi Co., Oct. 19th, at 10 o'clock, a.m. It is to be hoped