

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANSBURG, KY.—My bees never get any more honey from apple bloom than will keep brooding going briskly on. Honey from apple bloom is thin and dark, and is not pleasant to my taste.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—I never yet took any surplus from fruit bloom that I remember. I leave it all with them to carry them through to the clover season, and keep them brooding extensively.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—I have a little. It has a peculiar jelly, or quince-like flavor. We can never get much. The bees are too few, and the weather usually unpropitious. The honey is pleasant, wife says delicious, but rather dark, or amber colored.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—I have obtained a large amount of honey from apple bloom. As compared with clover, some seasons it is equally as fine, and others, decidedly poor. With me it varies so much in quality that no fair comparison can be made. My judgment is, however, that take it one season with another it is far inferior to clover honey.

BY THE EDITOR.—Have never obtained much from apple bloom.

MAKING ARTIFICIAL SWARMS.

QUERY No. 95.—Do you endeavor to prevent increase? Do you prefer natural swarms? In making artificial swarms do you do it before, during, or after the best honey flow? Have you tried drumming out a full swarm and hiving them like a natural swarm in a new location leaving old hive and combs for bees in the field? What plan do you prefer to follow?

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—(1) No. (2) No. (3) During. (4) No. (5) Nucleus.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N. Y.—(1) No. (2) Yes. (3) In the honey flow. (4) Yes. (5) Natural swarming.

O. O. POPPLETON, WILLIAMSTOWN, IOWA.—(1) Yes. (2) No. (3) During the entire season. (4) No. (5) I prefer to form nuclei early in the season, and build them up gradually during the entire season.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Yes. No, as no one is with our bees till after 1 p.m. each day. Before and during. I have often done so, and by hiving on foundation get much fine comb honey. I form nuclei and build up.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—(1) Not entirely. (2) I have succeeded best with natural swarms. (3) Before the honey flow. (4) Have not. (5) Circumstances alter cases, but I have had the best yields from natural swarms just before the main honey flow.

M. EMIGH, HOLBROOK, ONT.—Yes, and do prevent it. Yes, if I want increase. It can be done before, during or after, it all depends on what you want and the bloom of your locality. Never tried the drumming out plan, get all the bees you want, then keep down the increase.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—(1) No. (2) I prefer natural swarms. (3) The best time to make artificial swarms would be during the season of natural swarming. (4) I have tried drumming but have not been satisfied with the results. (5) I prefer to allow one prime swarm from each old stock, and prevent after-swarms.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—I do not endeavor to prevent increase. I prefer to make swarms by dividing. I make them during the honey flow and a short time before its cessation. I have never tried the drumming out process, and make new swarms on the nucleus plan, which plan, by the way, I believe I was the first to make known to the general public.

DR. A. B. MASON, WAGON WORKS, O.—(1) No. (2) Yes. (3) I don't make artificial swarms. (4) No. (5) Natural swarming with queen's wings clipped, and hives set about six feet apart each way, and so close to the ground that the bees can walk into the hive if they should alight on the ground near the hive, and the queen can crawl back if not cared for at swarming time.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—If I do not want much increase I endeavor to prevent it. I prefer natural swarms. Have not tried the "drumming out a full swarm and hiving them like a natural swarm in a new location" yet it no doubt can be done, but there are shorter methods. The plan I prefer to follow you will find stated in my article on pages 484-5 Vol. 1 C. B. J., and also briefly on page 329.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—Yes, now that I have bees enough and the price of honey is so low. No. In localities where the honey harvest is over by the first of August the best plan is to start nuclei during swarming time and build them up after the best flow is over. Never drummed any except when transferring. If I wanted bees from a frame hive for the purpose