

bees they contain, are now placed on the new hive. This concludes the first operation.

The field bees will return to their old stand, having been robbed of nine-tenths of their brood and their queen (but with bright prospects of having a new queen), and having very little brood to care for or cover, the bees in the new hive very soon lose their swarming fever, work very well, and as long as there is room in the supers they are not likely to build much, if any, comb in their lower hive or brood chamber. The two empty combs serve to store any pollen, preventing it being carried to the supers.

The old colony set aside will soon lose all its field bees, as they return to the old stand, and as no new honey will be coming in the bees in this old hive will conclude that there must be a famine in the land, or that the season is over. It is no time for them to swarm. They soon remove the larvae from, and destroy, every queen cell. The swarming fever has been knocked on the head here, and both hives are safe for ten days, or even a longer period.

The next operation will depend on what may be desired; if increase, move the old colony to the opposite side of the hive or old stand, thus again giving the lately-acquired field force to the colony, with the supers.

This may be repeated until we finally decide to set it away upon a new and permanent stand. Colony No. 2 (on the old stand) will requeen without swarming, as it has very little brood, and has lost all desire to swarm. It may require a few more combs, or full sheets of foundation, but even if left as it is, it will build all worker comb and be in good condition for the winter.

If increase is NOT desired, and the old queen is satisfactory, destroy the queen cells on the one frame of brood on the old stand, put it back in the old colony, remove the empty hive, and set the old

hive or colony back on the old stand, thus uniting all again, when, with plenty of super room, they will not attempt to swarm again. If it is desired to requeen and reunite, wait until the young queen is hatched, kill the old queen, then unite.

"To increase by the nucleus plan, set hive containing the one frame of brood to the opposite side from the old hive, and return the old hive to its original stand."

In concluding his article, Mr. Sibald says that no shaking is required by this system; that there is absolutely no chance of absconding swarms; no looking for queens unless we wish to requeen; that it does away with destroying queen cells and after-swarms are unknown.



THE NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

We are in receipt of the following from the secretary of the National Bee-keepers' Association, U. S.:

"For years Texas has been asking that the National Bee-keepers' Association hold its convention within her borders, but there has always seemed to be some reason why the meeting should be elsewhere. There is now no reason why it should not be held in Texas this year, if it is ever to be held there. Texas is the largest State in the Union, and stands at least second, if not first, in honey production, while she has a good list of members in the National Association. Considering all of these facts, the Executive Committee has decided upon San Antonio as the place for holding the next convention. The exact date has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be the latter part of October, after the busy season is over with the bees, when the weather is comfortable, even in the South, and when cheap excursion rates can be secured.

"W. Z. HUTCHINSON, Sec."