

hope to be able to report results later on.

Those Corner Entrances.

Since penning those notes for December C. B. J. re Mr. Latham's claims to results of having hive entrances at one side of hive, I have received a private letter from Mr. Whiteside of Little Britain, and among other things, in telling of preparing one yard for winter, Mr. Whiteside says that he guessed if Latham saw his hives he would say that "the bees would all die sure." This reminded me of something I was familiar with but had for the moment forgotten—that Mr. Whiteside's hundreds of colonies are all prepared for winter in just the way that Mr. Latham pronounces woe upon, viz., with entrances contracted to one corner of the hive. As I can unhesitatingly testify to having seen some of the best-wintered bees in Mr. Whiteside's yards that it has ever been my privilege to look upon, it certainly would be interesting to have Mr. Latham step in some May day and be confronted with practice versus theory and listen to explanations.

Prices of Honey.

Not being present on the first day of the convention, the president's address and discussion thereon was read with much interest by your humble servant in the columns of the C. B. J. Am inclined to agree with friend Holtermann that we can hardly expect to hold prices in a good year at the figure they are now. Nevertheless, I think all things considered, that bee-keepers now have a splendid opportunity of keeping prices above what they have been in times past. Had intended giving my reasons for so thinking, but as I have already taken up too much space, will probably refer to the matter later. In conclusion, allow me to express a word of appreciation of work done by our Honey Exchange Com-

mittee. In our opinion, quite a number of bee-keepers have much to thank for this committee's work this season, and as one at least indirectly interested, I wish to pledge my support, both in word and deed, to a greater extent than has been the case in past years.

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CLEANING UP WET STORE-COMBS

I have read all the notes on the subject of cleaning up wet combs after extracting for years in both your papers. It has again been dealt with pretty freely of late, but I really did not think that bee-keepers found any difficulty over the matter, or I should have given you my own plan before now, as I got over this trouble the first year I had a hive of my own. My method is as follows: I first turn back the corner of the quilt, or leave the feed-hole open (the corner plan is best). I then put the frame of comb on the top of the quilt, bottom bar uppermost. By placing the comb so, the bees are placed at a great disadvantage, because the cells are slanting down instead of up, and therefore they cannot store honey in them without first making structural alterations, a work which bees are not inclined to take in hand in the late Autumn. I have never known this plan to fail in securing the desired object. The manner in which I discovered this fact was by laying some broken comb containing honey flat down alongside some combed sections; the result was that the sections were partly filled with the honey from the broken pieces of comb, while the latter were not only cleaned up, but torn to pieces! I then, with the object of getting partly filled combs cleaned up, experimented, and found that if wet combs are turned upside down, as stated above, the bees will clean them out, and yet not gnaw them away, unless they are hard pressed for room. Shallow frames with either broad shoulders or "W.B.C." ends can easily be balanced bottom upwards for the purpose of being cleaned up.—H. Potter, in British Bee Journal.