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The yellow year is hasting to its close ;
The little birds have almost sung their last,
Their small notes twitter in the dreary blast,
That shrill-piped harbinger of early snows ;
The patient beauty of the scentless rose,
Oft with the morn's hoar crystal quaintly glassed,
Hangs a pale mourner of the summer passed,
And makes a little summer where it grows ;
In the chill sunbeam of the faint brief days
The dusky waters shudder as they shine ;
The russet leaves obstruct the straggling way
Of oozy brooks which no deep banks define,
And the gaunt woods in ragged, scant array,
Wrap their old time limbs with sombre ivy-twine.

—Coleridge.

Annual
Meeting

BEE - KEEPERS'
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Question 8. Is there any safe way to increase faster than by natural swarming? If so, what is it?

Mr Sibbald : I think the best way to keep your brood chamber intact as long as you can keep all the bees of one family; keep them all working together and you get far better results than to let them swarm; and at the same time you can take out one frame of hatching brood, put it in a new hive; give them a queen cell and you will soon have a colony started there, you can add another one and so on until at the end of the season you can equalize them. You can increase almost as much as you like in the season and it costs you nothing scarcely. You have kept your bees working and your colony all together and you have the full force all

gathering surplus honey on that one stand while the other one is growing up. The brood we take out in the middle of the season would not be hatched and old enough to be in the field by the end of the season unless we have a fall flow.

Mr. Frith : When I was burned out with foul brood and lost all my bees and I was anxious to build up very rapidly, I bought a colony in the spring and I had twelve in the fall and I did it just upon the same principle as Mr. Sibbald suggests.

Mr. McEvoy : I wish to endorse what Mr. Sibbald said. In selecting this brood I like to bring the frame above the queen excluder. Every bee keeper knows as well as I do that nine days after the eggs are laid, if you take a frame of brood out and examine it you will find sometimes there are quite a few of the young that are not fed as well as they might be. That can be prevented by selecting a comb out of the brood chamber that is nearly all full of larvæ that is not capped and take that to start the nucleus. On and after that Mr. Sibbald and I will go together.

Mr Sibbald : I would do that only the two or three days you have that brood up there they will carry up any amount of pollen and store it in the next comb to it.

Mr. McEvoy : That would depend somewhat on the locality.

Question 9. What is wrong with