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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A very attractive and useful addition to present day bee literature has been compiled and contributed by Rev. J. G. Digges M. A. Editor of the Irish Bee Journal, Dromod, Ireland, in the form of a manual or guide for Irish Bee-keepers. Its title "The Irish Bee Guide". The Author has favored us with a specimen copy and we are delighted with its neatness, its style and the general excellence of its composition and matter. The book contains 220 pages, clearly printed, and with numerous illustrations, many of which are reproductions from photographs by its author. We welcome the new volume and wish it a wide and large circulation.

We are grateful to the directors of the different districts of the Association for their prompt and kindly response to our inquiry for reports of the condition of the honey crop. So far as we can learn there is not going to be any great surplus from clover, and while basswood is promising great things, weather conditions have so much to do with it, it is very un-

certain whether there will be much of a yield from that source. In our surrounding district and in the districts south and east of us towards the Lakes, bees have been gathering little more than what they required to feed themselves and their brood.

There will probably be little difficulty in disposing of the honey crop this season.

Replying to the subscriber enquiring re. right of property in swarms would say that the Act of Parliament covering such reads as follows:

2. "Bees reared and kept in hives shall be private property.

3. Where a swarm of bees leaves a hive the owner may reclaim them, so long as he can prove his right of property therein, and shall be entitled to take possession of them at any place on which the swarm settles, even if such place be on the land of another person, but the owner shall notify the proprietor of such land beforehand and compensate him for all damages. If a swarm settles in a hive which is already occupied, the owner of such swarm shall lose all right of property therein."

Reports from the Districts

The season has opened good for the bees that are still alive; plenty of clover, but the honey crop will not be very large.

District No. 1. W. J. Brown.

Bloom very abundant, honey flow very light, bees built up fairly well, swarms galore, had three to-day which makes my increase 100 per cent., lost all but 16 during the winter and spring. Some others have