

DR. A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, TOLEDO, O.—I don't know what will be your best plan to get rid of the disease. If you are careless and slovenly I think you had better burn everything infected with the disease. If reasonably neat and careful in your manipulations, you can succeed with the starvation plan. A modification of this plan has been adopted by some, with perfectly successful results. Put the bees in clean hives on empty frames, and melt the infected combs and boil the frames, hives, etc., and don't let any healthy colonies get any of the infected honey. Some report having succeeded by putting the infected colonies on foundation, but I should expect a failure. A pamphlet of 32 pages by D. A. Jones will tell you how to cure it. Only costs ten cents; send for it.

COMPARING SWARMS FED ON CLOVER AND BUCKWHEAT HONEY.

QUERY No. 128.—Early in September if I was to take ten good large swarms and put each swarm on seven empty combs, then feed five of the swarms on clover honey and the other five on buckwheat honey, all to be fed until every comb was sealed, and all to be wintered in a good cellar or chaff hives. About how much better in the spring would those be that were wintered on the clover honey and about how much more honey would they gather in the honey season than those wintered on the buckwheat honey?—WM. McE.

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—My experience says none.

H. COUSE, CHELTEMHAM, ONT.—I don't think there would be any difference.

DR. DUNCAN, EMBRO, ONT.—There would be no difference if the honey was well ripened.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—From my experiments, I should say not a whit better.

DR. A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, TOLEDO, O.—No better, and would gather no more honey and would not raise any brood till they could gather pollen.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILL.—I should not expect much difference, but have never tried it. When you make the experiment, please report the result.

H. D. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—I will answer this "Yankee fashion." If you should take two pieces of chalk, one in each hand, and make a mark, which one would be the largest?

JUDGE ANDREWS, McKENNY, TEXAS.—I never

had any clover honey and but a few drops of buckwheat honey. If I had to bet on either side, I would, of my own accord, hunt for a man that is fool enough to bet on the other.

J. E. POND, FOXBORO, MASS.—In the first place there is a great doubt in my mind as to the success of the feeding experiment. Assuming that it all comes out as stated, I do not think any difference in the colonies could be referred to the difference in food used.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—No better, and consequently no more honey, is my answer, based upon my experience, observation, and reading. Let us call swarms "swarms," and established "colonies," colonies. It will prevent misunderstanding.

ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.—In wintering results I have never been able to see any difference in favor of the clover honey. I always winter on buckwheat when the bees can get it, and with good results. This winter perhaps about 80 per cent. of the stores is buckwheat, and I have no fears as to the result. My bees are all quiet and apparently healthy.

G. W. DEMAREE, CHRISTIANBURG, KY.—In my climate you would see no difference whatever. I have noticed that when my bees are wintered on "weed" or fall gathered stores, I always get a good honey crop the following season, but I account for this on the grounds that a seasonable fall gives a good white clover crop the following season.

S. T. PETTIT, BELMONT, ONT.—I don't know. I have but very little experience in wintering on buckwheat honey, not enough to decide me that there is any difference; but there may be. It may be out of place here to throw out the caution that extracted honey when fed to bees for winter stores or for comb honey either, sometimes granulates and thus becomes a poor article to winter on.

S. CORNEIL, LINDSAY, ONT.—It is quite probable they would be no better. In the disastrous winter of 1880-1 a neighbor purchased 11 stocks having mostly late gathered buckwheat honey for stores. Every one came through in good condition and they were the only lot in the neighborhood which wintered without loss. If honey were fed back it might candy in the combs as it often does, and the bees might all die of starvation. Then both lots would be equal.

DR. J. C. THOM, STREETSVILLE, ONT.—I can answer this question better perhaps after the close of next honey season, than I could now,