

REVERSING QUEEN CELLS.

CHAS. MITCHELL.—Will bees winter as well when combs are solid to the wood above and below, or will the queen travel as readily from one comb to another when extending the brood chamber in Spring? What kind of queens do you get when reversing frames? We all know that queens are raised with their heads down; now suppose that you reverse about half the combs in your apiary when queen cells are in full blast, can you get this outward absorption of "Royal Jelly" which takes place with the head down?

We have usually found about as much brood in box hives in proportion to their size as in movable comb hives where the combs were not manipulated. We think there are always passages or openings to allow the queen to go back and forth as easily as they do in movable comb hives. We think the queens would travel from comb as readily in such hives as in movable comb hives. It was decided at the National Convention at Detroit by many of our best bee-keepers that reversing the combs would cause the bees to destroy the queen cells. Would advise you not to reverse your combs with queen cells on, if you wish to keep them, as we do not imagine that combs reversed with queen cells would produce as good queens as it left in their natural position, even though they are not torn down.

Have you seen any well developed queens with their heads up? or is this the outcome from reversible bee-keepers.

We do not know that we have raised any up side down.

CONVENTION NOTICES.

MICHIGAN STATE BEE-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.—The next annual convention of this association will be held in Ypsilanti, Mich., Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1886. H. D. CUTTING, Sec., Clinton, Mich.

The Central Michigan Bee-Keepers' Association will meet on May 18, 1886, with Capital Grange at their Hall in North Lansing, Mich., to hold 3 sessions, viz: Forenoon, afternoon and evening. All interested in bee-culture are invited to attend and bring articles of the apiary for exhibition. For any special information address the Secretary. E. W. WOOD, N. Lansing, Mich.

You are requested to attend a meeting of the North Middlesex Bee-Keepers' Association to be held in the Ailsa Craig Town Hall, on Thursday, May 20th, at 2.30 o'clock. It is expected that a large number of prominent Bee-Keepers will be there and that the meeting will result in much profit to all interested in apiculture. A. W. HUMPHRIES, Sec.

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BEETON, ONTARIO, MAY 5TH, 1886.

A cage containing some living bees—Italians—and very nice ones too, came to us the other day from Thos. Horn, Sherburne, N. Y. whose advt. appears in our columns.

Without binding we will furnish Vol. I complete for 75 cents—or Vol. I and II for \$1.75. We are now having Vol. I bound in a handsome cover, and titled on back, and we offer it at \$1.25, or clubbed with Vol. II at \$2.00.

Reports from all over lead us to form the opinion that, on the whole, bees have been pretty well wintered, and the orders for supplies are coming in rapidly—our letters average 70 to 75 per day, and the majority of them contain orders

The season for discussion on other subjects than the "Pollen Theory" are at hand, and as we think most everybody has had their say, we will "give the theory a rest" for a while, i. e. as soon as what articles we now have on the subject have appeared.

I again forward my subscription for the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL. I have had many copies of the different bee-papers, and I don't see why I would leave the one that put me in the right road, though I have nothing to say against the others.

F. D. TESSIER.

Mount Oscar, Que., April 24, 1886.

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The first number of the second volume of the C. B. J. is received, and all dressed in its new clothes "is a thing of beauty." It has outlived the experimental stage and takes its first steps in its new suit with columns filled with the best talent among the honored members of the bee-keeping fraternity. It has come to stay, there is no doubt. Long may it live and hold the position it has so justly earned.

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