

cap, being careful not to incur risks of chilling brood or robbing (our bees are no honester than yours). Some of the more meddlesome, may uncap stores once a week during March, but most of us prefer to let them alone, having once given them a start. In most districts there is natural pollen by the end of February, but when there is not, we place artificial pollen out in the open, in the form of pea-blow or rye-meal. By April 1st we can usually risk stimulating by syrup, as the weather is suitable for bees to take occasional flights, we then commence to spread brood, but of this more anon.

Our British B. K. A. has a very nice library, which is being continually added to; some of the books are very old and rare. I am sure if you think of acting on your President Pettit's suggestion, there are many in England that will be happy to contribute an odd volume or two to it, if you will accept of them. In this you can practice reciprocity also, to the mutual advantage of all. Don't throw away the advantages to be gained from the friendship commenced through your visit to the old country. Pardon me if I talk straight, it is a way of mine that was born with me. Fraternally.

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### THAT SYNDICATE.

On page 1, No. I., Vol. 3, it is stated that I was chairman of a proposed syndicate, its object being the shipment of honey to Britain. I know of no such meeting, and have not occupied the chair at any such meeting.

J. B. HALL.

Woodstock, April 5th, 1887.

We must apologise for having, unintentionally however, placed Friend Hall in a false position in our remarks which he refers to above. What we meant to have said and what we should have said was that after the Directors had adjourned their meeting, Mr. Hall was then appointed chairman of a meeting for the purpose of forming a syndicate to ship honey to England. We are glad to place the matter as it should be, and sorry that we made the misrepresentation.

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## QUERIES AND REPLIES.

UNDER THIS HEAD will appear Questions which have been asked, and replied to, by prominent and practical bee-keepers—also by the Editor. Only questions of importance should be asked in this Department, and such questions are requested from everyone. As these questions have to be put into type, sent out for answers, and the replies all awaited for, it will take some time in each case to have the answers appear.

### BEST FOOD AND MODE OF FEEDING LIGHT COLONIES.

QUERY No. 141.—In looking over my hives I find several colonies light in stores, I fear they will not have enough to carry them through. (1) How can I feed them most successfully? Some of them are on their summer stands, others are in the cellar. Can I feed those on their summer stands without removing them to the cellar? (2) What kind of food should I use? (3) I have some sealed honey, would it do to put that in, or would it disturb them too much to do so?

G. M. DOOLITTLE, BORODINO, N.Y.—Yes, use the "Good Candy" or your sealed honey as you prefer.

JAMES HEDDON, DOWAGIAC, MICH.—I would put in the sealed honey but not until I was sure they needed it.

JUDGE ANDREWS, MCKENNY, TEXAS.—(1) If I had them I would open their hives and insert frames of sealed honey. (2) See answer 1. (3) See answer 1.

DR. C. C. MILLER, MARENGO, ILLS.—Put frames of sealed honey in or close to the cluster. Be sure the bees will reach it. Attend to the outside ones on a warm day or else take them in the cellar.

PROF. A. J. COOK, LANSING, MICH.—Insert a comb filled *a la* Dr. C. C. Miller (see "A year among the bees") or feed Good candy in hive above frames. The latter could be placed on frames outdoors.

H. W. CUTTING, CLINTON, MICH.—If you have sealed honey place it on top of frames, place the quilt over it good and tight. You can feed those on summer stands as well as if they were in cellar. Disturb them as little as possible.

DR. A. B. MASON, AUBURNDALE, TOLEDO.—If you have sealed honey, use it, putting it to one side of the cluster, but so the bees will get it. Should prefer to have them in a warm cellar. If you have not enough sealed honey, feed them the "Good" food.