

THE HOMING BEE.

—E. Pauline Johnson, in the January Canadian Magazine.

You are belted with gold, little brother
of mine,

Yellow gold, like the sun
That spills in the west, as a chalice of
wine

When feasting is done.

You are gossamer-winged, little brother
of mine,

Tissue winged, like the mist
That broods where the marshes melt into
a line

Of vapor sun-kissed.

You are laden with sweets, little brother
of mine,

Flower sweets, like the touch
Of hands we have longed for, of arms that
entwine,

Of lips that love much.

You are better than I, little brother
of mine,

Than I, human-souled,
For you bring from the blossoms and red
summer shine,
For others, your gold.

A subscriber sends us the following in
reply to the above:

The Worker Bee's Reply to the Poet.

Written for the Canadian Bee Journal.

He is laughing at me, that brother of
mine,

Whom you have mistaken for me,
And says, "I work hard to be brother of
thine,

Though brother I never shall be."

He is belted with gold, that brother of
mine,

But gathers no nectar for you.
I bear my three bands, in an honest bee
line,

Returning well laden, 'tis true.

The gossamer wings of that brother of
mine,

Have never been sullied by work,
That has torn into shreds my gossamer
fine,

Though I was never known to shirk.

Remember, Pauline, 'tis the sisters of
thine,

Who've done all the work of the hive,
And won all the palms in the honey bee
line,

Whether they're dead or alive.

(Signed) WORKER BEE.

FEEDING BEES IN WINTER.

I am a beginner. I got 12 colonies last
fall from some farmers who used to kill
their bees in the fall to get their honey.
I made four strong colonies with them
by uniting and gave each one a comb of
brood, and filled the hives with extracting
combs. I fed them with syrup made
with equal parts of granulated sugar and
water, but I am afraid that I did not
give them quite enough. I would like to
know if it will be all right to give them
granulated extracted honey. If I have
good success with these four colonies I
intend to make a large increase next fall.
as you understand the bees do not cost
anything but the trouble to go and get
them from the farmers.

GEORGE WADDELL.

Laurentides, P. Q.

[Glad to welcome you as a new addition
to our bee-keeping fraternity. You will
find it pleasant and profitable. What you
did when you got your bees was, doubt-
less, about the best you could have done
while? You do not say what time in the fall
was; but we suppose it was after the last
honey flow. If this was the case your
feed was too thin. It should have been
at least two of sugar to one of water.
One-to-one is all right in the spring when
fed for stimulative purposes—and the
only in small quantities. You do not say

how you are wintering
therefore, difficult for
to feeding at this
bees should not be dis-
in of the year. If t
outdoors you cannot do
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