

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

BEES STOPPED WORKING.

W. J. G. WEBSTER, PARIS, STATION, ONT.—Would you tell me through the JOURNAL what to do with my bees, that is if you answer questions through your paper. On the 20th of April I brought home two colonies, one absconded the next day. On the 28th I looked at the other but could not find a queen; there was capped brood but no eggs. In about two weeks they stopped working. I looked at the frames and saw three queen cells, two empty and one pierced. They do not work at all, although there are lots of flowers and the weather is fine. There are no drones out and no bees kept within a mile or two. What will I do with them?

Unless they are very strong it will not pay to put the queen in with them, but by uniting another colony with them you will make one good colony.

BEE SPACE ABOVE FRAMES.

THOS. RAMAGE, RICHVIEW, ONT.—Kindly publish in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, as soon as convenient, the best way to clean the dead bees out of your hives, also the time it ought to be done. What should the bee space be between the top of the frames and the bottom of sections in your hives, and if I find it to be more than you say, what is the best way to reduce it. I refer to your single-walled hive.

You will see by Friend Pringle's article on page 131, No. 9, just how it should be done.

NORTHERN OHIO BEE-KEEPERS.

THE Northern Ohio Bee Keepers' Association held their annual meeting in the Court House at Norwalk, O., May 9, 1885, President S. F. Newman in the chair.

Secretary's report of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$11.45.

Election of officers resulted in the election of

President—Dan. White, New London.

Secretary—H. R. Boardman, Townsend.

Treasurer—E. R. Gibbs, Norwalk.

REPORTS ON WINTERING.

H. R. Boardman reports: wintered a large stock of bees in doors in three different localities; wintered with as

good success as usual. Bees in good condition now.

Winter stores consisted largely of dark poor honey called honey dew. I do not consider this honey dew necessarily fatal to the bees when used as winter food. I wintered several colonies fed up on entirely it late in the season. They wintered as well as the best.

My bees were set in the bee-house about the 20th of November, where they remained until the first of April, when they were carried out upon the summer stands and fed common wheat flour as a substitute for pollen.

S. F. Newman reports: our (Newman Bros.) loss has been very heavy. I am satisfied that the loss resulted principally from a failure in having them properly prepared for winter, or in proper condition. I divided them late in the season, leaving them destitute of the necessary stores for winter, and many of them, I am satisfied, perished for lack of food.

I carried them out upon the summer stands on the 19th of April, but think they would have been in much better condition now had they been set out on the first warm days in April. I use chaff and simplicity hives; wintered part in doors and part out. I think those out doors wintered best.

The Association adjourned for dinner, to meet again at half-past one p.m.

At 2 o'clock p.m. the Association was called to order by President White in the chair.

President White reports: My wintering has not been successful, although I have not lost as heavily as some of my neighbors. I have lost many, and some of those left are not in as good condition as I would like to have them. I use the chaff hive; wintered out doors. I have not lost confidence in the chaff hive to winter in yet.

J. A. Darling, of Hartland, reports: I lost about 20 per cent. of my bees. I wintered out doors. Those left are in fair condition at the present time.

Mr. M. I. Todd, of Wakeman, reports: I wintered in chaff hives out doors. My loss had not been very serious, certainly not as compared with the success of my neighbors. The loss in my vicinity has been unprecedented.

E. R. Gibbs reports: I had 56 col