

JOHN HENRY, HARRISTON, ONT.—Last year I was very busy building, and did not give my bees the attention they should have had. I put into winter quarters sixteen hives, and this spring have only nine, and two of the strongest ones are pretty bad with dysentery.

W. H. HALES, BURLEIGH.—In 1883 I started with six colonies, two of them in old box hives. I got very little honey from the latter; took 360 lbs. in all, sold one colony, put twelve in an open shed for winter, packed in chaff, took them out on the 18th of April last and found three dead with plenty of honey in the hives. The other nine are in good shape.

H. M. MOYER, HILL CHURCH, PA.—I have had good success in wintering my bees; lost only three out of forty-eight colonies, and these had not enough food. It was very cold this winter and many lost heavily. I winter out of doors on granulated sugar syrup mostly. I have Italians Holy Lands, and Cyprians. I always put four corn cobs and one cross stick of wood on top of frames on each colony, and a sheet of Burlap on these and then four inches of chaff.

WESLEY HANDY, FAIRFIELD, ONT.—Bought one hive a year ago, wintered it and increased to five last Fall by twice natural swarming and buying two queens and dividing the brood among them. Lost one colony this Winter which is not bad, considering my inexperience and the fatality among the stocks of our bee-keepers. I packed them with chaff cushions.

N. PEARL, GRAND GULF, MISS.—This is the finest country in the U. S. for bees. Feed is abundant and the climate suits them admirably, it not being cold enough in Winter to freeze them. They can work nearly every month in the year. I have twenty-one colonies working in two-story hives, nine frames to each story. All the colonies which swarmed first this season have the lower story filled.

MRS. MCKECHNIE, ANGUS.—Of our 166 colonies three were dead; of the seventy in the bee-house none were dead but all good and strong with eggs and brood now, (April 22nd). Of three that were dead, one starved, and that quite recently as I saw them flying three weeks ago, but a mouse got in and eat the honey in the hive; the others had sealed up the holes in the comb after they had been put in and died on empty combs, with lots of honey on each side of them. Have six weak colonies which will require doubling up. Sold all my honey, 5,862 lbs., by March 28th, and could have sold another 1000 lbs.

JOHN S. DONEY, TYRONE, ONT., writing under

date April 21st says:—A great many have lost all their bees, but the cedar-lined hive filled the bill. Sides and bottom filled with leaves, a lining of same on top in cushions twelve inches through, division board in centre, and two colonies in a hive. This hive, holding Jones' frames, makes a first-class two-story hive for either comb or extracted honey. The top hive is made of either half or one inch stuff, the main portion being constructed so that the top hive fits inside, space being left therefor, and is made sufficiently high so that the top hive can have its own cover, also a large cover over that, making it wind and storm proof. Bees did not consume one-half as much food as in single colonied hives.

JOSHUA THOMAS, HEREWARD, ONT.—Purchased two swarms last Spring, increased to three. Examined twenty pounds of honey. Examined and found frames full of honey and brood and thought they were doing well. Third week in October I packed them in sawdust for Winter. Found that they had only ten pounds of honey each, so fed from ten to fifteen pounds of sugar immediately. As winter drew on I banked snow all round the back and sides, keeping entrances open till January, when I allowed the snow to close all up. From January 1st to last week in February weather was very cold, below zero all the time, except a slight break when the temperature rose to 40° for a day or two. Shovelled snow from entrances and found the four colonies including the Italians I purchased from you all alive, but am afraid the Holy Lands numbered with the past. The murmur is strong showing the bees to be strong in number.

#### THE NAME OF OUR JOURNAL.

FRIEND SCHULZ, LETHBRIDGE, writes:—I saw in the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL that Friend Newman is quite alarmed about the name adopted for that new enterprise, the C. B. J. I wish to state here that Mr. Jones is not to blame for the name his journal bears; it was named long before Mr. Jones ever consented to become its editor. All the Friends here called for a Canadian Bee Journal and we have it now, in distinction from the *American Bee Journal*. However, Mr. Newman should be glad, that his labor of twenty or more years has not been in vain, and that he sees now an offspring in the C. B. J. worthy of its parentship, the *A. B. J.* The child ought to bear the name of the parent.

This letter is only a sample of dozens of others which we have on our desks. With so much testimony in our favor we cannot but believe that our actions