

temperature would be kept up, and the dry cushions would absorb the moisture and no doubt leave the bees in nice condition.

SLOTTED HONEY BOARDS.

A. S. C.—Please answer these few questions through the C.B.J.

Of what advantage are the slatted honey-boards for obtaining comb honey?

Do you use separators with your combination hive? If so, what width?

They prevent the building of brace combs between sections and frames and leave the sections much cleaner and the queen is less liable to occupy the sections, but we much prefer the queen excluding honey board which has become so very popular of late, and as we have got a special make of perforated metal having one row of holes and two smooth edges of metal to go in the saw cuts, we consider them a great improvement on any other. We use them both with and without separators. When $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$ sections are used separators are not so essential. The width of separators depends on the height of the sections. We just leave a good bee space at top and bottom for the bees. If it is too wide the bees sometimes bulge the combs.

Is there a good bee journal printed in French?

We do not know of any French bee journal published in Canada. There are a number in France.

I was called away from home so that my bees were out through quite a heavy fall of snow and the hives and cloths were damp. When I returned and put them in I put in dry cloth cushions, with the exception of three colonies. The cellar is very dry and was at 55° when I placed them in (it has not been below 52° this winter). They kept up a constant humming for about three weeks; have been quiet since then but the strongest colonies have a good many dead bees. Is it best to take them away? Could I have done different and so prevented their dying?

You should keep the dead bees removed from the bottom-board as much as possible without disturbing the colony. By taking a rib of an old umbrella or parasol, or piece of wire with a crooked end you can remove the dead bees without disturbing the colony much. If the entrance is kept open full width and plenty of ventilation, we would advise you to leave the dead bees than disturb the colonies much. A little excitement perhaps helped to kill the bees, but no doubt they are mostly old bees, and perhaps the colony is breeding a little which seems to shorten the

lives of the older bees. The labor of taking care of the brood prevents them from taking the rest that they ordinarily do.

Is your honey-board that takes the place of skeleton crates a success? If so, price of same.

We think the honey board a great success, as we believe all do who have tested them. See our catalogue for prices.

How soon will it do to send queens from Beeton here?

Compton, Que.

We cannot tell you how soon it will do to send queens to you, all depends on the weather. Will announce it through the JOURNAL.

S. W. IOWA BEE-KEEPERS.

The second annual meeting of the Southwestern Iowa Bee-Keepers' Association will be held at the Court House, Red Oak, Iowa, March 6th and 7th, 1888. Program—Spring dwindling and how prevented. What time to transfer and Italianise. Spring management of bees. What are the most essential points in locating an apiary? What size, width and form of section for comb honey? Extracted honey; what should be its price compared with comb honey? Sectional brood chambers of bee hives. Wide frames or section cases for comb honey. The use of comb fdn. in S. W. Iowa. Should the upper story of hives be double or single thickness for the production of comb honey? Will it pay to raise bee pasture for honey alone? Opening question box. All bee-keepers are invited to attend and take part in discussing above subjects, and come prepared with questions for question box. We are anticipating a profitable and pleasant meeting. Ladies especially invited.

Hillsdale, Iowa.

E. W. PITZER, Sec.

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