

Had friend W. been supplied with some of our swarm-catching tents, he could have saved himself a great amount of trouble.

MACOLM THOMSON, JR.—Could you tell me through the question column of your *BEE JOURNAL* if Alsike or Bokhara clover could be sown with buckwheat about 1st July; if so, which would be the best for bee pasturage. Also, what plants—and where could I get the seeds of same,—that would do for sowing in waste places as there is a great deal of commons and unoccupied ground around me here that might yield a lot of honey if sown with seed. Also which is the hardiest and the most free from spring dwindling—the Black or Italian, as mine are Black with a dash of Italian blood in them, and more “wicked than sin” and would Italianize them for the sake of their temper if I thought they would not get less hardy. I like your *JOURNAL* very much and with its help I hope to be successful with my three hives. White clover is wonderfully plentiful here this year.

Kincardine, June 19th, 1886.

A. H.—Will you kindly give your opinion through the *JOURNAL* about a hive of bees that are not afflicted with robbers but are continually pulling and tugging at each other till the fur seems to be taken off their bodies, and at the entrance below the stand bees, are always lying dead and dying. They are pretty pure Italians, but get a black and polished up appearance after this process is gone through. Do bees that have foul brood ever throw off a good swarm? An early answer through your *JOURNAL* will oblige.

We should think that the bees which pull and tug at each other are not likely to belong to the same hive. Old or robber bees are liable to have the hair pulled off them and have a more glossy appearance. A colony may be slightly affected with foul brood and yet throw off a good swarm.

QUEEN RAISING.

When you raise queens, and you have chosen a strong colony for this purpose, but if the hive is not full of brood-frames do you add more frames till the hive is filled with them, leaving your colony to rear as much brood as it can? I followed this method this season and could not obtain early queens.

We add brood and bees till the colony is as strong as desired. Perhaps the reason why you could not obtain early queens was that there was a scarcity of honey. Or was this the case in your neighborhood?

ANOTHER SWARM MAY 19TH.

W. J. HONEYFORD.—Lest our friend and brother, Rev. W. F. Clarke, gets too jubilant over his swarm of bees on the 19th May, tell him I had a noble natural swarm on the same day at 9.30 a.m. I hived it on empty combs, and it is now preparing to swarm. I have eleven swarms up to this date from 46 colonies in spring. How is that for chaff packing?

Avening, June 11th, 1886.

It shows, friend H., that your system of preparation and packing was good. We are pleased to know that every year is adding to the number who are successfully wintering their bees.

KIND WORDS.

FOUNDATION NICE.

I received the foundation all right. It is very nice. Thanks for filling my order so promptly.

W. R. STIRLING.

Redley, Ont., June 25th, 1886.

PAID VERY WELL.

My advertisement in the *CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL* has paid very well.

S. C. PERRY.

Portland, Mich., July 5th, '86.

WILL FIND READY SALE.

The sample of glass jars I am very much pleased with, and I think I shall find ready sale for them amongst the bee-men of this district. I think they are just what is wanted.

J. N. KENDALL.

Ilderton, Ont, July 15, 1886.

LIKED VERY MUCH.

I like those glass tumblers very much, and think I may want more when I see how they take.

H. COUSE.

The Grange Ont, July 13th, 1886.

BOOK NOTICE.

Buz, or The Life and Adventures of a Honey Bee, published by Henry Holt & Co., New York, and Williamson & Co., Toronto, is a delightful and highly instructive little book by Maurice Noel, wherein many of the most interesting habits of bees and the principal operations of the apiary are described and elucidated in familiar terms, chiefly by means of conversation between *Buz* and *Hum*, two very “intelligent little bees” of an “inquiring turn of mind.” This book is very attractive and the style racy. We cordially commend it to beginners in bee-keeping confident that they will profit by its perusal.