

draw-out combs in standard frames spaced with the new "wide ends," eighteen of these filling the upper chamber. They got well to work in this super, and I was obliged to add another eight on frames above, and this was very soon filled with bees. The roar in front of stock hive at night was something tremendous, and the hive looked like a gigantic dog kennel with its three tiers of frames and roof. The weight of honey from the first super taken off, when extracted, was 120 lb., and from the second super, 63 lb., making a total of 183 lb. Not having touched the honey in brood-chamber, I call this not a bad "take," Messrs Editors, and I think you will say the same, considering this season. I have compared notes with my single hives, and my best hive yielded 73 lb. The "Wells" has not swarmed, and is at this time in splendid condition. I mean to go in more for Mr. Wells' system, and tender him many thanks for introducing it to us bee-keepers and the public. It matters not a jot to me whether the hive is called one or two stocks, if (as I have proved) it works well. I think it answers better for extracted than sections, as the bees are less likely to swarm.—A Nicholls, St. John's Wood, Hazlemere, Bucks, England.

Change of Date N. A. B. A.

The following letter from President Abbott will explain itself:

"In order to let all bee keepers who can take advantage of the "Harvest Excursion" rates which will be given on October 9th, we have concluded to change the date of the meeting to October 10-12. The rate will be one half fare plus \$2.00. These rates apply east of the Missouri river only. Ask your railroad agent about them. Special rates of one and one-third fare will no doubt be secured in the territory covered

by the Western Passenger Association. These will be announced later, if secured. Agricultural papers will please call attention to the change of date.

EMERSON T. ABBOTT, President.

St Joseph, Mo., Aug. 25, 1864.

It will be noticed that the above rate favors those at a distance, while those living near St. Joseph will receive little or no benefit from it.

"Expenses are sometimes profitable—saving is sometimes extravagance." This is another of Bro. Hutchinson's epigrammatic sayings, given in the July Review. He has been guilty of such things several times lately.

Honey=Bees and Horticulture.

American Bee Journal.

BY H. C. FINNEY.

The honey-bee is made the scape-goat for a good many ills that horticulture is heir to, as well as depredations from the numerous and natural enemies of fruit. The honey-bee is one of the greatest benefactors and friends the horticulturist has, fertilizing bloom that would otherwise remain unfertilized. It has been frequently and fully demonstrated that in districts where there were large orchards unvisited by the honey-bee, they were much less productive than orchards in close proximity to an apiary, all other conditions being equal. In a Massachusetts town, some years ago, a number of citizens petitioned the council for an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of bees within the city limits, because they sucked the honey from the bloom, causing injury to the full and perfect development of the fruit. The prayer was granted, and the bees had to go. Result: The next year the orchards were filled with bloom. The wise ones predicted an unprecedented crop, now that the bee was disposed of.