

A Short Review of the Season's Work.

For the Canadian Bee Journal.

The spring opened out beautiful and about two weeks earlier than usual. Everything came on with a rush and a bound, until about the middle of May, when the cold rain began which continued for weeks, causing spring dwindling—a thing rarely seen here. The bees killed off the drones the same as in the fall of the year.

The clover appeared to yield very little nectar and with no basswood in the neighborhood. The flow of light honey was small. But during the month of August the bees were working hard on golden rod aster, bonset and other wild flowers, and at present they are building up very well; pollen being carried in as fast as I ever saw it done in the month of May or June, and there is no attempt to kill off the drones yet at this date August 27th, in fact the tendency is to swarm, as I had a swarm come of on the 16th inst., and one on the 5th.

I received a yellow queen, from the Experimental Union, and she soon became mistress of the house prepared for her reception, I shall experiment with the hive.

W. J. BROWN.

Chard, Ont., 24th August.

LITTLE KINDNESSES.

If you were toiling up a weary hill,
Bearing a load beyond your strength to bear
Straining each nerve untiringly, and still
Stumbling and losing foothold here and there,

And each one passing by would do so much
As give one upward lift and go their way,
Would not the slight reiterated touch
Of help and kindness lighten all the day?

If you were breasting a keen wind, which
tossed

And buffeted and chilled you as you strove,
Till, baffled and bewildered quite, you lost
The power to see the way, and aim and move,
And one, if only for a moment's space,
Gave you a shelter from the bitter blast,
Would you not find it easier to face
The storm again when the brief rest was past?

There is no little and there is no much;
We weigh and measure and define in vain.
A look, a word, a light responsive touch
Can be the ministers of joy or pain.

A man can die of hunger walled in gold,
A crumb may quicken hope to stronger
breath,

And every day we give or we withhold
Some little thing which tells for life or
death.

—[Susan Coolidge, in Sunday School Times.]

A letter to the Secretary of a horticultural society says: "Sir—I particularly wish the Society to be called to consider the case what follows, as I think it mite be mid Transaxtionable in the next reports. My Wif had a Tomb Cat that dyd. Being a torture Shell and a Grate favirit, we had him berried in the Guardian, and for the sake of inrichment of the mould I had the carkis deposited under the roots of a Gosberry Bush. (The frute being up till then of the smooth kind.) But the next Seson's Frute, after the Cat was berried, the Gosberries was al hairy—and more Remarkable, the Catpillers of the same bush was All of the same hairy Discription. I am, sir, your humble servant, Thomas Frost." —P. S.—I think it was the Cat, as some of the Catpillers are of a torture shell discription.

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