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We fear there will be quite a stretch between the close of fruit bloom and the opening of clover flow, during which the bees will gather little or nothing. If great care is not taken in feeding during this time there may be a lot of starved brood—or very poorly-fed brood. Brood that is poorly fed can easily be detected, and careful observation will show whether or not the bees are neglecting the brood. Well-fed brood is white, glossy and fat. Under-fed brood has a yellow cast and is dry and shrunken and lacks the white, glossy appearance. If this condition of affairs is observable, feed them syrup, about half and half. Do not feed large quantities at one time. Feed a little and often. A little precaution at this time will be worth many dollars later on.

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Mr. Byer refers to a very important matter in his Notes this month in reference to queens. We sometimes have experiences that knock some of our pet theories all to pieces. This spring we purchased some bees from a farmer in the country. We moved them on the farm of our friend, Mr. John Symington, about five miles south of Brantford. The bees had been taking care of themselves for about fifteen or twenty years. Requeening was something never attended to. The same is true of the bees owned by Mr. Symington. And yet a finer lot of brood from queens we have never seen. In our home yard we requeened last year. Every hive was given a young and vigorous queen from choice stock. We would naturally expect that the home yard would show some superiority in its brood chambers over those which had

run for so many years without care and without selection. Allowing for the better care our home bees received during the winter and spring, we can see but very little difference. We do not know for sure whether the queens are young or old, but at present writing they have five, six and seven beautiful frames of brood. The queens appear to be prolific and vigorous. The bees appear to be a cross between black, Carniolan and Italian—with black predominating. Mr. Symington put twelve away last fall in his ordinary farmer's root cellar, and brought them all out in the spring in good condition, but later lost one through robbing—and it was not a very weak one, either. Certain it is, we would not ask for better work from queens than we have seen from those under review. There must, of course, be old ones among them, and yet they have taken care of themselves for twenty years! Is it not possible that we often attribute to the queens faults that are the results of other causes?

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The C.B.J. extends its sincere sympathy to brother W. Z. Hutchinson in his illness, and hopes for a speedy recovery.

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Mr. Byer deals with absorbent and sealed covers, and brings evidence to show that in his locality Mr. Root is wrong and Mr. Cogshall right: "A few years ago, during an excessively cold winter, nearly all the bees around here perished under sealed covers, while those with absorbent ones came through in good shape." This tallies with our experience.—D. M. Macdonald, in "British Bee Journal."

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