

SUNDRY SELECTIONS.

SYLVESTER JACOBS.—My season's report is not very encouraging. I began with 16 colonies, had 7 swarms, extracted 275 lbs. and fed for winter 400 lbs. of sugar. So you see I have not made my fortune this year, but I am not discouraged. I have 16 in chaff hives with cedar sawdust over them; 7 in Simplicity hives in clamp with sawdust and plainer shavings.

Ryde, Kent Co.

USE FOR BOKHARA CLOVER SEED.

W. CHRYSLER.—I would like to enquire of the Editor and readers also if there is any other use to be made of Bokhara clover seed other than for seed. If I am not mistaken red clover seed was used, and probably is yet, for coloring. I find that Bokhara clover is very productive of seed, and if all the seed could be sold at a fair price bee-keepers could then be pretty sure of a goodly share of both honey and money, as it seems to be an unfailing yielder of honey and seed.

Chatham, Ont.

JOSHUA THOMAS.—Bees came through last winter fairly. Mice got into the clamp during deep snow in winter, causing the loss of one, the swarming out of three others, two died from unknown causes with plenty of stores, and two were so weakened by these filthy vermin that they took all summer to recuperate, leaving me eight strong colonies. Of these, two swarmed at commencement of clover, the rest all preparing to do so when the cutting of clover for hay caused them to tear out the queen cells. Sufficient honey came in to keep them brooding, but no more till beginning of August when fall flowers came in with a rush, giving 500 pounds surplus honey and 11 strong colonies increased by divisions making total 23, in good condition.

Hereward.

DEATH FROM A BEE STING.

Miss Ella Baker, youngest daughter of Mr. T. Baker, of Kingscote, was stung under the eye by a bee in the garden a few days ago. She treated the matter lightly, and suffered no pain after the customary simple antidote had been applied, saying that she had been stung before; the swelling would run its course and go down again, and she continued to be quite cheerful down to 8.30 on the 14th, when she fell asleep on a sofa. At 9.15 she suddenly woke up in a convulsive fit, and died of syncope within a minute. Miss Baker, who was 29 years of age, was the author of "Bertram de Drumont," and other tales for the young people; also "Stories from old History," "The Sovereigns of England," "Songs of the Seasons," and other fugitive pieces.—*Pull Mall Gazette.*

JOHN YODER.—90 col—I have nothing to report and nothing in particular to offer for the benefit of the order. There doesn't seem to be over much zeal among the old bee-keepers. Several that I know are talking of going out, and I hear of no new aspirants. I suppose it is because of the last season's failure. Large apiaries cannot easily be closed up profitably, as

the stock-in-trade, such as appliances, is nearly worthless for anything or anyone else but a bee-keeper, and one bad year cools the ardor of the would-be apiarist. It is well that it does for while I acknowledge the right of everyone to keep bees; I know that nineteen out of twenty fail and leave it at a sad financial loss. I have 90 in the cellar, all seemingly doing well. Four of my best were put in on 29th of September—want to see how early housing will do. The others went in November 17. I like the suggested plan of putting the number of colonies a man has, after his name. It does no particular good I suppose, but we might hear some very big blows from a very small horn. By the way what a whopper that was from Alabama, by J. J. B. McElrath, but I suppose if a man is going to lie he may as well tell a big one if he does no one any harm and himself any good.

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