

interest. Other difficulties arise that must be met and conquered, as has been practically done with wintering.

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 10, 1889.

**APIARIAN BATTLE.**—On Saturday last, in the village of Cargo, a combat of a truly novel description was witnessed. A hive of bees belonging to a professional gentleman of this city swarmed on Thursday last; after which they were hived in the regular way, and appeared to be doing well. On the Saturday after, a swarm of bees from some neighbouring hive, appeared to be flying over the garden in which the hive above mentioned was placed, when they instantly darted down upon the hive of the new settlers, and completely covered it: in a little time they began to enter the hive, and poured into it in such numbers that it soon became completely filled. A loud humming noise was heard, and the work of destruction immediately ensued; the winged combatants sallied forth from the hive, until it became entirely empty; and a furious battle commenced in "upper air" between the besiegers and the besieged. A spectator informs us that these intrepid little warriors were so numerous that they literally darkened the sky overhead like a cloud; meanwhile the destructive battle raged with fury on both sides, and the ground beneath was covered with the wounded and the slain; hundreds of them were lying dead, or crawling about, disabled from reascending to the scene of action. To one party, however, the palm of victory was at last awarded; and they settled upon the branch of an adjoining apple-tree, from which they were safely placed in the empty hive, which had been the object of their valiant contention, and where they now continue peacefully and industriously employed in adding to the stores of the common wealth.—*Carlisle Paper.*

Before the congregation in the Baptist Chapel in St. George's Place, Canterbury, Eng., had left one Sunday morning lately, a colony of bees entered by one of the windows and settled in the gallery. Mr. G. Uden succeeded in taking them. Some children, attracted by the novel sight, were stung, but no great harm was done.

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