

little frayed. But still she flies short trips to the honey fields, or, if one places a saucer of sweet at the door, she will go no further. She often sips water at a puddle or a city trough. One with a kind heart will not frighten her away, but will watch the frail tongue sip the water eagerly as if she were thirsty, as indeed she is. Without water she could not live.

A few more days and she can fly no longer. She has literally "worked herself to death." She still goes out to the door and smells the flowers, but her wings are jagged and broken with her long flights. Her body has lost its gloss of brown and gold, though but two or three short months have passed since she was a baby in the cell cradle tucked in by an old nurse bee. She still strives to make herself useful among the little ones, but she is slow and "in the way," and the younger bees do not want her. She creeps out to the door step for one more whiff of the fragrance she loves, and falls in her attempt to fly.

When the time comes that she is too weak to creep to the door and is but a cumberer of the ground, then the strong bees, two or three of them, take hold of her, and, pulling her from the door, drop her over the edge of the platform upon which the hive rests. She falls among the grass or in the dust, and the workers go back to their duties, to take their turn at old age and decay not many days hence. In her fall from the house doorstep, our bee may have slipped into a crevice between foundation boards, and there she lies buried, as I have seen a Kiowa Indian in a natural cleft of his native rock. She is but one of many hundreds in a summer time from the same hive, who ask no favor of any unless it be a kind thought when the honey-comb is broken at the tea table.—*Young People's Weekly.*

## Literary Notes.

### "Modern Bee-Keeping"

is the title of an unassuming little publication forwarded to us by its author, Mr. Gilbert Wintle, Como, Que. To use the authors introductory—

"This is not a bee-keepers' hand book. It is not even an amateur bee-keepers' hand book, but in a modest way is an attempt to explain to outsiders something about what is a most interesting and if systematically and properly pursued a very remunerative county industry."

Mr. Wintle is a practical bee-keeper and he handles his subject neatly and correctly. It is published by the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. Price 10c.

"ATLAS OF CANADA AND THE WORLD." Chicago, Rand, McNally and Company; Toronto, The Harold A. Wilson Company. Price \$1.00.

At the present time, when the eyes of the world are turned towards Great Britain and her colonies, almost any publication giving particulars of the Mother Country or her colonies is of interest, and a book filled from cover to cover with reliable information such as this contains is sure to be welcomed by the public. As its title indicates the work is an atlas of the world in every sense of the word, and contains all information with reference to the various countries, their areas, cities, population, etc., arranged on the margins of the maps, to which forty-eight pages of the book are devoted. Although a bureau of general information of the world this book is essentially Canadian. The first page is of a map of Ontario, giving in the margin the area, population, electoral districts