

The Situation in Cuba.

The desultory warfare continues in Cuba, without any decisive advantage for either side. The Spaniards are unable to get hold of the insurgents in masses, and, besieged as they are in the large towns, can only now and then show their disposition upon individuals who fall into their hands. The insurgents—who will be "patriots" if successful—have an important ally in Time, "who cuts down all, both great and small," and whose soythe is particularly active among the unacclimated in hot climates during the summer season. They look upon "Yellow Jack" as their most formidable champion, and content themselves with operations to annoy and harrass the regular troops, who are said to number about twenty-five thousand men. There is a great deal of interest felt in the Cuban cause among the American people, and there is active work going on in our ports to create sympathy and collect means for the Cubans to aid them in maintaining the war. Rumors of expeditions preparing to sail from the United States are also rife. It is impossible to tell what amount of truth there is in them. It is strange that the Cuban insurrection calls forth no more active demonstrations of sympathy in this country. The old filibustering spirit which was strong ten or twelve years ago, would have been quick to take advantage of such a complication; but that spirit seems to have been tamed down a great deal. Its stronghold was in the South, and the South has had enough of war to last it for at least a generation. The Cubans must feel that there has been a change in this country, and recognize with its full force the truth that "who would be free, themselves must strike the blow." If they win success, which they should be able to, it will be worth more to them than it would if their independence were secured by the aid of others. A baptism of fire seems to be necessary for a people who mean to be free.