

CUBAN VICTORIES.

We have general confirmation of the report that the Spaniards have been whipped in a battle. It was one of a recent series of four engagements between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe, in which the troops of Spain have been only twice the gainers, according to the coolest judgment of observers not entirely hostile to their cause. Our own advices respecting the latter defeat of the Spaniards at Sabana Nueva convey a rumor that one of their commanders, Gen. Lesca, has returned to Havana to report failure. The regular press telegram treats the story of victory at Las Minas as an exaggeration; but we are almost certain that the Cubans have been fighting in earnest, and that in four encounters can boast of having wrought their adversary serious mischief. Accepting the uniform report of the Cuban side, Spain has lost seriously in wagons, guns, and munitions, beside a considerable body of men, in her last attempt on Quesada. Proof is that her wounded brought to Havana confess defeat, and that the mute patriots of the city rejoice in their hearts.

We have no immoderate anxiety to learn the exact proportions of the late contests. It seems to be freely granted that the Cubans have made themselves felt even at such a distance from the scene of their struggle as Havana. For the first time in months, the native chief Quesada has broken out of the state of abeyance which Gen. Cespedes considered it best to insist upon as a military policy. These assurances appear to us significant enough, independently of details of battle. Perhaps the promised time has come when the Cubans, re-enforced by pestilence, were to face their foe in dread earnest, and drive him home. Contemporary with the successes described, we receive a contradiction of the report that the Cubans lately held a convention in favor of annexation; but confess ourselves still in the dark.